

*A Collection of Photographs
of the
Wolfsville, MD Family
of
James Aaron Grove (1834-1913)
and
Harriet Hays Grove (1834-1906)*

*A family, on the mother's side,
descended from**

*Thomas Hays (Scotland to Maryland 1670's?),
Thomas Hays (1678-1747) and Mary LeMaistre,
Jeremiah Hays (d. 1783) and Sarah Brice,
Levin Hays, Sr. (d. 1819) and Amelia Forrest,
Levin Hays, Jr. (1803-1892) and Julianne
(Hatherly) Hays (1804-1876).*

** Hurley, William Neal, Jr. Our Maryland Heritage,
Book Thirty-one: The Hays and Gott Families.
Bowie, MD. Heritage Books, Inc. 2007.*

*and
Obituaries of Levin Hays, Sr. and Levin Hays, Jr.*

These photographs of the family of our g-g-grandparents, cared for over the years and passed on to us, were assembled in 2018-2019 for the Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society by JoAnn (Shank) Byers and Paul Davis.

We donate this binder containing information about Grove family members along with two beautifully-framed and well-preserved original portraits of James and Harriet Grove.

The first photograph (opposite) of Iva Elizabeth (Powell) Davis (1887-1941), our grandmother and daughter of Mary ("Mollie") Susan (Grove) Powell is seen with two of her children: Frances Mary (Davis) Shank (standing), the mother of JoAnn, and George L. Davis (on her lap), the father of Paul.

We are not geneologists. We simply want these photographs cared for by the M-WAHS and made available to interested related families and others. Any corrections, additions or more information concerning this Grove-Hays family of Wolfsville would certainly be most welcome.

JoAnn Byers and Paul Davis



*Iva Elizabeth (Powell) Davis
(1887 - 1941),
daughter of Mary ("Mollie") Susan (Grove) Powell
with two of her children from her first marriage to
Alvey L. Davis (1887 - 1914).*



*JoAnn Byers, Babs Savitt (President M-WAHS)
and Paul Davis*

*Grandparents and Parents
of
Harriet (Hays) Grove*

Levin Hays, Sr. (1758-1819)

“Levin Hays, Esq. [son of Jeremiah Hays and Sarah Brice] “died on Friday evening last, at his residence in Frederick County, in the 61st year of his age after a lingering illness. He was an old and respectable inhabitant of that county.” (The Torch Light and Public Advertiser, Hagerstown, Maryland on Tuesday, 28 September 1819)

*Burial: Body lost or destroyed. Specifically:
Levin was buried on his property and the burial site has since been destroyed.*

Son

Wilson Hays (c. 1786-1856)

*“Wilson is the son of Levin Hays, Sr. and his first wife Miss Hilton”
(obituary of Wilson Hays). Buried St. Mark’s, Wolfsville.
Spouse Mary (1776-1853) buried Brandenburg Family Cemetery,
Wolfsville.*

Children of Levin, Sr. and Amelia Forrest

Levin Hays, Jr. (1800-1892)

Isabella (Hays) Stottlemeyer (1806-1870)

Wife of David Robert Stottlemeyer

(married 1825)

Buried Salem U.M. Wolfsville



Wilson Hays (d.1856), Brother of Levin Hays, Jr.

Levin Hays, Jr. (1800-1892)

Levin Hays, Jr. [son of Levin Hays, Sr. and Amelia ("Millie") Forrest] "died in the West on Saturday, February 6th, 1892, at the residence of his son, Denton C. Hays, Esq., of Noblesville, Indiana, after a sickness of three weeks, aged 91 years and 3 months. The funeral, which was a large one, took place on Sunday at 2 o'clock, the remains being interred in the cemetery there, Rev. C. Hudson officiating, and Mr. Locke undertaker. The bearers were Captain Boone, Messrs. Caylor, Ruedal, Dill, Hare and Wright. Deceased was formerly a resident of Wolfsville neighborhood, and three sons, John O. Allen and H. Clay and two daughters reside in that vicinity." (The Daily News, Frederick, Maryland, 15 February 1892)

Spouse

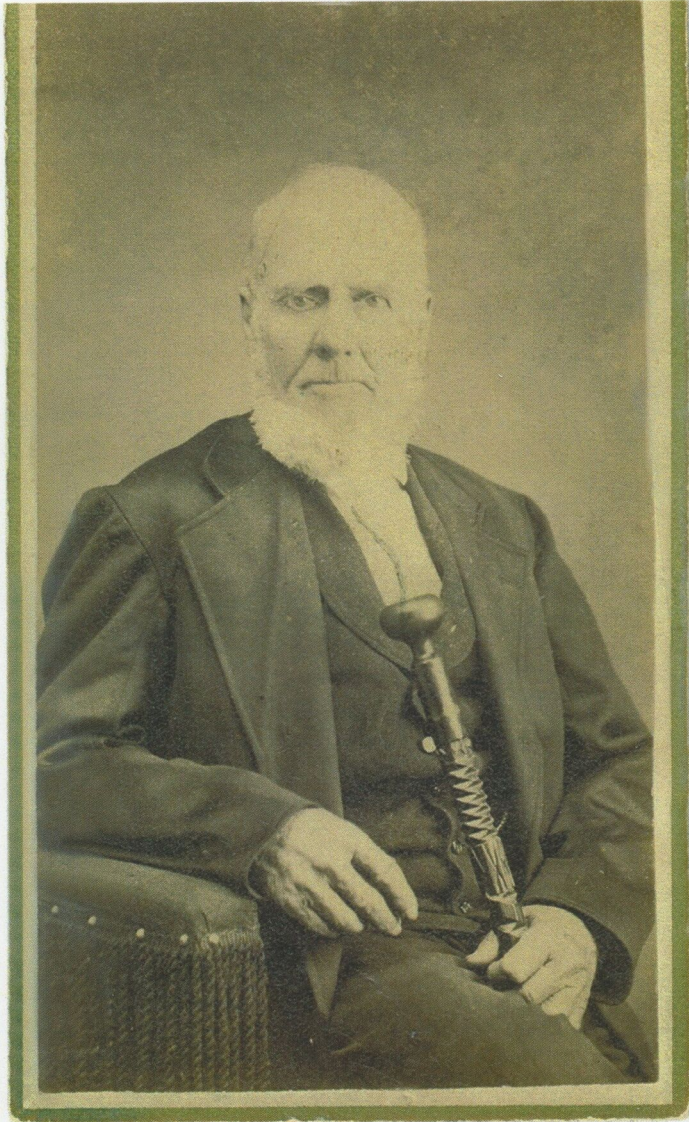
*Juliann Hatherly Hayes (1804-1876) Buried St. Mark's Wolfsville
Daughter of Joseph and Sarah Hatherly.*

Siblings

*Wilson Hays (d. 1856)
Isabella (Hays) Stottlemeyer (1806-1892)*

Children

*John Otho Hays (1828-1905)
Cordelia (Hays) Grove (1832-1917)
Harriet (Hays) Grove (1834-1906)
Allen Hays (1836-1919)
Henry Clay Hays (1838-1908)
Susan E. Hays (1841-1861)
Amanda Melissa (Hays) Rice (1844-1920)
Denton C. Hays (1846-1895)*



*Levin Hays, Jr.
(1800 - 1892)*

*Photo: Allison & McGuire
Noblesville, Ind.*



Julianne Hatherly Hays (1804-1876)

John Otho Hays (1828-1905)



John Otho Hays, the oldest son of Levin Hays, Jr. and Juliann (Hatherly) Hays, was a beloved teacher at the Forrest school in the Garfield area for 50 years (1851-1901). Two of his nephews Samuel E. Grove and Charles L. Grove were also well-known teachers in Frederick and Washington Counties. They were the sons of Otho's sister Harriet (Hays) Grove. John Otho and his wife Catherine Sophia (Fox) Hays are buried at St. Mark's very close to Harriet and James Aaron Grove.

50 YEARS A TEACHER.

Interesting Career of John O. Hays, of Wolfsville.

HE HAS LED AN ACTIVE LIFE.

Besides Teaching Every Winter for Half a Century. He Has Done a Great Deal of Work in Surveying, Conveyancing and Other Lines.

John Otho Hays, of Wolfsville, Md., who on the first day of March, 1901, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the first day he taught school, was born June 17, 1828. At the time of his birth his parents, Levin and Julian Hays, resided on the top of Catoctin Mountain, about midway from Wolfsville to Catoctin Furnace, but soon afterward removed with him to the northern part of Catoctin district, [where he grew to manhood, being the oldest of a family of nine children, six of whom are still living. As the public schools in this part of Maryland were not established and opened until the autumn of 1840, he was in his thirteenth year when he first attended school. His mother had taught him to read a few verses from her testament, and also a few familiar hymns from her old Methodist hymn book, with which small start he entered the first public school, two miles north of Wolfsville, then called Mountain school No. 1, now called Forrests No. 2. His first teacher, was Mr. Geo. W. English, of Frederick.

At the end of three years an event occurred that came very near ending his career in the public schools; his father being so dissatisfied with the successor of Mr. English that he compelled him to stay from school. Being now under the stern necessity of helping himself, and being anxious to grow in knowledge while growing in stature, he invested all the money he could spare in the purchase of needful books, which he used to good advantage, so that by the time he was in his twenty-third year he was fairly well versed in book-lore, having acquired knowledge from books in the higher branches which he was required to and did teach in his first school, and thereby he was enabled to retain the reputation of being a good scholar, especially in arithmetic.

In February, 1851, the school at Foxville, three and a-half miles north of his home, closed for want of attendance. Soon afterward his father met a trustee of the school, who said to him: "Our school has broken down—wonder if Otho can't get a certificate and start it up again for us?" When he heard what that trustee had said it caused him to think for the first time of becoming a teacher. After mature consideration he made the venture and on the first day of March 1851, he reopened the school with about 35 pupils present. When the time arrived for the meeting of the School Board he was there too and received the wished for certificate, and also his salary for the two months teaching with out one. The salary he invested for more education by attending school at the academy in Thurmont, then in the charge of Frederick White, under whose wise and kind tutorship, he, as well as others, learned many moral, useful and practical lessons. The following fall he again took charge of the school at Foxville and continued in charge for three successive years, with the school room crammed to overflowing, and with text books of almost every known variety at that time, besides making and mending quill pens by the score each day, for which he received the handsome salary of one dollar per day, out of which he paid \$5.50 per month for his boarding, &c., and never complained, for at the end of three years he had saved at least \$4.50, which he then invested in a marriage license for himself and Miss Catharine Sophia Fox. They were married May 27, 1854.

Soon after marriage Mr. Hays and his wife removed to the vicinity of his old tramping ground and took charge of the school in which he had formerly been a pupil. In April, 1857, he removed to a home which he had purchased, near Wolfsville, where he still resides. Previous to 1867 he was a member of the school board for about ten years, being school inspector from Catoctin E. D. No. 6, and often being one of a committee of three selected by the president of the board to examine applicants for certificates, thus enabling him to help many young persons go on their way rejoicing, with a teacher's certificate carefully stowed away for future use. For about forty years he has practiced the profession of surveying and conveyancing and probably has surveyed more land and written more deeds of conveyance than any other one person in Frederick county.

Mr. Hays and his esteemed old friend, Mr. Henry Stokes, of Emmitsburg, are the only two men still living who served on the jury that convicted Philip Hawkins, who was hanged January 8, 1853. He was one of the first directors of the Valley Savings Bank, of Middletown, and after helping purchase the lot on which the banking-house now stands and after seeing the bank fully and securely established upon a solid foundation, he resigned on account of the long distance he had to travel to attend the monthly meetings.

Punctuality in all things used to be his motto, but since the fall of 1864, when he saved more than seven thousand dollars for the people of Catoctin district by being a little behind time, his views on that point have become somewhat modified.

The matter referred to was as follows: In the fall of 1864 a draft was to be

made. The quota of Catoctin district was 26 men. He was one of a committee of three who were selected by the citizens of the district who went to Baltimore and contracted with men there to furnish men at three hundred dollars apiece. The committeemen were to deposit \$7,500 in a bank and whenever they obtained credit of 10 men on the quota they would be entitled to draw \$3,000. After contract they went home, called a meeting, collected the money and selected Mr. Hays as a committee of one, to take it to Baltimore and deposit it according to contract. On his way he learned that there was a credit of 10 men on the quota, but how it was obtained he did not learn. But by seeing the provost-marshal he learned that the man with whom they had contracted had nothing to do with obtaining the credit, so instead of depositing the money in bank, he kept it himself and finally took it all home again having obtained credits until the quota was reduced to two men which were obtained in Frederick for about \$300 each. Hence, by not having the money on deposit, as some had, he saved over \$7,000 for the people at home.

A strange feature of Mr. Hays's career is that, while his start as a teacher was prompted by sickness and the dislocation of his wrist, which enabled him to start to school early in the fall, and get a start, he has enjoyed unflinching good health while engaged in teaching. For about forty years he has been a member and officer of the Lutheran church at Wolfville and also of the Sands school.

*The
Groves*



James Aaron Grove
(1834 - 1913)

James Aaron Grove (1834-1913)

James Aaron Grove, formerly of Wolfsville, Frederick county, died Thursday morning at 5:15 o'clock, at the residence of his grandson, R. Grove Powell, of Hagerstown, of paralysis, aged 78 years, 9 months and 2 days. Mr. Grove was born at Graceham Frederick county, September 3, 1834. Early in life his parents moved to Greensburg, Washington county, and Mr. Grove learned the trade of cabinet maker with Cornelius Peese, in Smithsburg Md.

On September 20, 1855, he married Harriet Hays, daughter of Levin Hays, of Garfield, Frederick county, after a residence of two years in Smithsburg, he moved to Wolfsville, in 1857, where he started in cabinet making and undertaking business. On November 23, 1912, he moved to Hagerstown. Mr Grove was a member of the Lutheran church at Wolfsville, and was a lifelong Republican.

Six children survive: Samuel E., of Oakland, Cal.; Charles L., of near Boonsboro; Denton C., of Dunsurr, Cal.; Mrs. Annie Rice, of Church Hill; Mrs. Mollie Powell, near Downsville, and Mrs. Ida Ludy, near Hagerstown. Two children, John and Elizabeth, died in infancy. Thirty grandchildren and seven great-grand children survive. His wife died October 23, 1906 from cancer and was buried October 25, 1906, in the Lutheran graveyard near Wolfsville.

A short funeral service will be held at Hagerstown Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, by Rev. Ott of Hagerstown. at 11 a.m. the funeral will leave for Wolfsville, where the services will be held in the Lutheran church, Rev. Burke, assisted by Rev. Charles Ausherman, officiating. Interment in the graveyard adjoining. (The Daily News, Frederick, Maryland on 6 June 1913)



Harriet Hays Grove
(1834 - 1906)

Harriet (Hays) Grove (1834-1906)

Mrs. Harriet Grove, wife of James A. Grove, died at her home, near Wolfsville, Tuesday morning, October 23rd, in her 73d year. The funeral took place from the Saint Mark's Lutheran church yesterday morning. Her husband, three sons and three daughters survive her. They are Samuel E. Grove, Oakland, Cal; Chas. L. Grove, Boonsboro, Md; Denton Grove, Densmore, Cal; Mrs. Anna Rice, Myersville, Md; Mrs. Molly Powell, near Hagerstown; Mrs. Ida M. Ludy, near Williamsport. She is also survived by two brothers and two sisters: Messrs. Allen Hays, near Wolfsville; H. Clay Hays, near Garfield; Mrs. Cordelia Frey, in Kansas, and Mrs. James Frey, near Wolfsville.

(The Daily News, Frederick, Maryland on 26 October 1906)



