

THE SHERIFFS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY

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SHERIFFS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY WITH APPROXIMATE YEARS OF SERVICE

1. Jacob Westfall (1787-1789)
2. Cornelius Westfall (1789-1792)
3. Edward Jackson (1792-1793)
4. Uriah Gandy (1793-1796)
5. Cornelius Bogard (1796-1798)
6. John Wilson (1798-1800)
7. Matthew Whitman (1800-1802)
8. Asahel Heath (1802-1806)
9. John Currence (1806)
10. Samuel Bonnifield (1806-1808)
11. George Rennix (1808-1810)
12. John Chenoweth (1810-1813)
13. Isaac Booth (1813-1815)
14. John Crouch (1815)
15. Benjamin Hornbeck (1815-1818)
16. William Daniels (1818-1820)
17. Andrew Crawford (1820-1822)
18. Ely Butcher (1822-1824)
19. John Currence (1824-1827)
20. Robert Chenoweth (1827-1829)
21. John M. Hart (1829-1830)
22. William Marteney (1830-1833)
23. George Stalnaker (1833-1837)
24. David Holder (1837-1841)
25. Levi Ward (1841-1847)
26. Peter Conrad (1847-1848)
27. Jacob W. See (1848-1850)
28. George McLean (1850-1856)
29. William C. Chenoweth (1856-1857)
30. Solomon C. Caplinger (1857-1858)
31. Hoy McLean (1858-1860)
32. Jacob Phares (1860-1862)
33. Jesse F. Phares (1862-1864)
34. Hoy McLean (1864)
35. Archibald E. Harper (1864-1866)
36. John M. Phares (1866-1870)
37. Francis M. White (1870-1872)
38. Lorenzo Dow White (1872-1877)
39. Joseph F. Harding (1877-1880)
40. Jacob G. Ward (1881-1884)
41. Zachary Taylor Chenoweth (1885-1888)
42. Warwick Hutton (1889-1892)
43. Andrew Jackson Long (1893-1896)
44. Abel W. Hart (1897-1900)
45. Francis Piatt Marshall (1901-1904)
46. Floyd McDonald (1905-1908)
47. Thaddeus Pritt (1909-1912)
48. Augustus J. Crickard (1913-1916)
49. Stewart L. Marsteller (1917-1920)
50. William H. Keim (1921-1924)
51. Zan F. Collett (1925-1928)
52. Charles M. Marsteller (1929-1932)
53. Arling Chesley McGee (1933-1936)
54. Charles M. Marsteller (1936)
55. Dale Wilson Crawford (1937-1940)
56. Floyd G. "Jeff" Whetsell (1941-1942)
57. Virgil Hamrick (1942-1948)
58. John B. Chenoweth (1949-1952)
59. Frank Piatt Marshall (1953-1956)
60. Orris Brown Wilmoth (1957-1960)
61. Thaddeus McClellan Pritt (1961-1964)
62. Phil W. Ware (1965-1968)
63. Paul Green Raines (1969-1972)
64. Phil W. Ware (1973-1980)
65. John Arbogast (1981-1988)
66. Willard Herron (1989-1996)
67. Paul Brady, Junior (1997-2004)
68. Jack Roy (2005-2012)
69. Mark Brady (2013- )

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(1) JACOB WESTFALL - On 28 May 1787, the first day that the Court of Randolph County convened, Jacob Westfall, Gent., produced a Commission for Sheriff of Randolph County from the Governor of Virginia dated 17 April 1787. He was then sworn in as the first Sheriff of Randolph County. The process for selection of a sheriff was different then than it is today. The County Court would send the Governor a list of three members of the county's Commission of Peace. He would choose one of them and issue a commission, usually for one year. It was not determined which Jacob Westfall this was since four men of that name that lived in the Randolph County area were old enough. The most likely choice would have been Jacob Westfall (of Jacob) who was born about 1755 and died in Putnam County, Indiana, in 1835.

(2) CORNELIUS WESTFALL - This was the name of the second Sheriff of Randolph County. This was either Cornelius (of John) or Cornelius (of Cornelius). The latter is the more likely candidate. He is probably the Cornelius Westfall who married Elizabeth, the widow of Jacob Springstone, on 5 April 1787. He became sheriff about 1789.

(3) EDWARD JACKSON - This was the third Sheriff of Randolph County. He was born about 1759. He married Mary Hadden in 1783. They were the grandparents of Stonewall Jackson. Edward Jackson died in 1828 at Jackson's Mill in today's Lewis County. He became sheriff about 1792.

(4) URIAH GANDY - This was the fourth Sheriff of Randolph County who served from about 1793 until 1796. According to his Revolutionary War pension application he was born in Philadelphia in 1753. Some sources suggest that Uriah Gandy was a Tory but no reliable documentation supportive of that was found. He moved to the Dry Fork area about 1787. He moved farther west to Wood County in 1797. He probably died in Jackson County, Virginia (now WV), about 1836.

(5) CORNELIUS BOGARD - There are several men of that name in the Randolph County area. The most likely candidate is the one born about 1750, a son of Gasper and Elizabeth Bogard. He served as sheriff from about 1796 until 1798. He probably died in Ross County, Ohio, in 1800.

(6) JOHN WILSON - John Wilson was Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1798 until 1800. This was probably the John Wilson who was born about 1756, a son of William Wilson and Elizabeth Blackburn. In 1788 he and his brother Benjamin were delegates to the Convention of Virginia which ratified the Constitution of the United States. John Wilson was married two times, first to Mary, the widow of Joel Westfall, Senior, and second in 1796 to John Warthen's daughter Mary. John Wilson died about 1827 near Philippi in today's Barbour County.

(7) MATTHEW WHITMAN - He was born in 1759, probably in the Brock's Gap area of today's Rockingham County, a son of Charles and Catherine Whitman. He served in the Revolutionary War and moved to the Tygart's Valley about 1780. About 1781 he married Catherine, the widow of John White of the Becky's Creek area. Matthew Whitman served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1800 until 1802. He died in 1836 and is buried in Brick Church Cemetery.

(8) ASAHIEL HEATH - He was born about 1754, probably a son of Jonathan Heath who was Sheriff of Hampshire County during the 1770s. In 1796 Asahel Heath purchased land in Tygart's Valley above Becky's Creek adjacent to Matthew Whitman. Asahel Heath served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1802 until 1805 when he and his wife Eunice sold their land and moved to Ohio.

(9) JOHN CURRENCE - He was born in 1757, a son of William Currence who was killed by Indians during the early 1780s in the Becky's Creek area. John Currence married Nancy Friend about 1784. They were neighbors of Matthew Whitman and Asahel Heath. John Currence served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1805 until 1806. He died in 1849 and is buried in the Wamsley-Currence Cemetery above Becky's Creek.

(10) SAMUEL BONNIFIELD - He was born about 1750, probably in Maryland. Fought in Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774 and believed to be one of its last survivors. In Hampshire County during 1780s. To Randolph County about 1791. Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1806 until about 1808. Served in Revolutionary War but his pension application was rejected. He died in 1848 in what is today Tucker County. May have served as Sheriff of Randolph County briefly on three other occasions.

(11) GEORGE RENICK - He was probably born on the South Branch of the Potomac during the 1760s, a grandson of Thomas Renick. To Randolph County during 1790s. Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1808 until 1810. Had moved to Montgomery County, Ohio, by 1819. In 1809 his deputies were John Chenoweth and William Daniels.

(12) JOHN CHENOWETH - He was born in 1755, probably in what is today Berkeley County of West Virginia, a son of William Chenoweth. Moved to the Cacapon Valley in Hampshire County in 1770s. Served in Revolutionary War. Married Mary Pugh in 1779. To Randolph County in 1795. He lived on Chenoweth Creek. Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1810 until 1813. Died in 1831

(13) ISAAC BOOTH - Born in 1776, a son of Daniel and Jane Booth. Reached rank of General in 1812 War. Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1813 to 1815. Local representative in the Virginia Legislature. Lived with Christina Carr for many years. Died in 1858 and buried near Belington in Barbour County, West Virginia.

(14) JOHN CROUCH - Born about 1773 probably in the Tygart's Valley, he was a son of Andrew Crouch and Judith Westfall. In the 1790s he married Mary Nelson. Served in 1812 War. Was Sheriff of Randolph County in 1815. He died in 1859 and is buried in the Brick Church Cemetery.

(15) BENJAMIN HORNBECK - Born about 1754, probably on the South Branch of the Potomac, a son of John Hornbeck and Sarah Vannoy. Served in Revolutionary War. Family believed to have been killed by Indians on Leading Creek in 1781. Married Lydia Currence about 1782. Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1815 until 1818. Died in 1827 and buried at Dailey, West Virginia.

(16) WILLIAM DANIELS - Born in 1773, he was probably a son of William and Mary Daniels of Hampshire County. He married Catherine Stalnaker in Randolph County in 1795. He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1818 until 1820. He died in 1858 and is buried next to his wife in the Mount Vernon Cemetery near Beverly.

(17) ANDREW CRAWFORD - Born in 1775, he was a son of William and Margaret Crawford who lived in what is today Highland County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Stephenson about 1799 and moved to Randolph County. The Tygart Valley Presbyterian Church was founded at his home in Valley Bend on 1 March 1820. He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1820 until 1822. He died in 1856 and is buried in the Brick Church Cemetery.

(18) ELY BUTCHER - Born in 1779 in Loudoun County, Virginia, he came to Randolph County with his parents in 1800. In 1804 he married Elizabeth, a daughter of Edward and Nancy Hart. Ely Butcher was the son of Samuel Butcher and Hannah Drake. He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1822 to 1824. He died in 1862 and is buried in the Butcher Cemetery at Beverly.

(19) JOHN CURRENCE - This was either John Currence or his son John G. Currence. On 25 October 1824 in the Court of Randolph County, John Currence, Gent., produced a commission from the Governor to serve as Sheriff of Randolph County "until the first quarterly term of 1826". After he was sworn in five men were sworn in as his deputies. They were William Daniels, John Snider, Ely Butcher, William B. Currence and Henry Steinbeck. Former sheriff John Currence (See #9) would have been 67 years old while his son John G. Currence would have been 31 years old.

(20) ROBERT CHENOWETH - Born in 1782 in Hampshire County, a son of John Chenoweth, a former Sheriff of Randolph County (See #12). In Randolph County Court on 26 March 1827 he was sworn in as Sheriff of Randolph County until the first quarter of 1829. He may have served as sheriff in 1826 as well. By the 1840s he had moved to Braxton County. He died in Calhoun County in 1862.

(21) JOHN M. HART - Born in Hopewell, New Jersey, in 1778, John Montgomery Hart was a son of Edward Hart and Nancy Ann Stout and a grandson of the John Hart who signed the Declaration of Independence. His sister Elizabeth was the wife of sheriff Ely Butcher (See #18). John M. Hart served as the Sheriff of Randolph County in 1829 and 1830. He died in 1865 and is buried in the Hinkle Cemetery in Elkins.

(22) WILLIAM MARTENEY - Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1830 until 1833. Could be either William Marteney (1770-1847) or his son William S. Marteney (1793-1863). The elder of these was the Postmaster at Beverly in 1806 and represented the area in the Virginia Legislature for many years. The younger of these was the first Postmaster at Leadsville in 1822.

(23) GEORGE STALNAKER - Born in 1777, he was a son of Valentine and Catherine Stalnakar. In 1796 George Stalnakar married Susannah Hart, a sister of sheriff John M. Hart (See #21). He served as the Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1833 to 1837 when he moved his family to Cass County, Indiana. He died there in 1857.

(24) DAVID HOLDER - Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1837 until 1841. There are two men of that name in the region that are old enough to serve as sheriff. Both are listed in the 1850 Barbour County Census. They are probably related. The most likely of the two that was sheriff was the David Holder born about 1787 or 1788 who was a son of James Holder. He married Eleanor Kittle in Randolph County in 1816 after having served in the 1812 War.

(25) LEVI WARD - Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1841 until 1847. He was born in 1788, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Ward. In 1812 he married Catherine Whitman, a daughter of Matthew Whitman (See sketch #7). Levi Ward died in 1870. He is buried on Georgetown Road about a mile west of the spillway bridge.

(26) PETER CONRAD - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1847 until 1848. There are two men of that name old enough to serve as sheriff. They are Peter Conrad (1777-1856) and his son Peter (1822-1897). Both lived in the Valley Head area in the southern part of Randolph County. The elder of these two was probably the sheriff. In 1802 he married Ann Currence, a daughter of John Currence (See sketch #9).

(27) JACOB WARWICK SEE - Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1848 until 1850. He was born about 1798 near near Huttonsville, a son of Adam See and Margaret Warwick. In 1825 in Lexington, Virginia, he married Mary Ann Baxter, a daughter of Reverend George A. Baxter, a prominent college president. Jacob W. See served as a Private in the Confederate Army. He died in 1862 and is buried in Fishersville, VA.

(28) GEORGE McLEAN - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1850 until 1856. George McLean was born in 1792, a son of Daniel McLean and Ann Elizabeth Marstiller. In 1822 he married Susannah Hart, a daughter of John Montgomery Hart (See sketch #21). He was a carpenter and an officer in the local militia. He kept a journal for many years, part of which has been published. He died in 1880 and is buried in Arnold Hill Cemetery.

(29) WILLIAM C. CHENOWETH - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1856 until 1857. He was born about 1827, a son of Gabriel Chenoweth and Elizabeth Currence. In 1848 he married Caroline Collett, a daughter of Thomas Collett and Nancy Petro. She died in 1855 and is buried with her parents in Arnold Hill Cemetery. William C. Chenoweth served in the Civil War as a Private in Company I, 19 Virginia Cavalry, CSA. He was a cattle buyer. He moved to Custer County, Nebraska, in the spring of 1880. He died there in 1894 and is buried at Tuckerville.

(30) SOLOMON COLLETT CAPLINGER - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1857 until 1858. He was born in 1811, a son of George Caplinger and Sarah Collett. He was a first cousin of the wife of Sheriff William C. Chenoweth and in 1835 he married Nancy C. Chenoweth, a sister of William C. Chenoweth. He served as a guide for the CSA during the Civil War. He died in 1891 and is buried in Caplinger Cemetery-North on Georgetown Road.

(31) HOY McLEAN - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1858 until 1860. He was born in 1810, a younger brother of Sheriff George McLean (See sketch #28). Hoy McLean died in 1883. He and his two wives are buried in Arnold Hill Cemetery. Hoy McLean also served briefly as Sheriff of Randolph County in 1864 (#34).

(32) JACOB PHARES - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1860 until 1862. He was born in 1831, a son of William Phares and Anna Stalnaker. In 1853 he married Jemima Wilmoth, a daughter of William Wilmoth and Mary Taylor. They had 11 children, all but one of which reached maturity. Jacob Phares died in 1909 and is buried at Gilman.

(33) JESSE FRANK PHARES - It is estimated that he served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1862 until 1864. There were two Randolph County Courts during the Civil War, one loyal to the South and one loyal to the North. Jesse Frank Phares served the court that was loyal to the North. He was born in 1835, a son of Benjamin Phares and Catherine Slaughter who lived at Valley Bend about 10 miles south of Beverly. On 25 June 1862 the Northern Court paid his brother John R. Phares to take the deed books to Buckhannon. On 26 February 1863 Jesse F. Phares was a deputy U.S. Marshal (Randolph County Deed 23-385). On 24 April 1863 Imboden captured Beverly. Jesse F. Phares was shot in this raid. Known as the "War Sheriff" he survived the war. He died in 1903 and is buried at Valley Bend.

(34) HOY McLEAN (See sketch #31)

(35) ARCHIBALD EARLE HARPER - He was elected to serve as the Sheriff of Randolph County in 1864. He took the oath of office on 27 May 1864. He served until about 1866. He was born in 1834, a son of Daniel Harper and Sallie Anna Earle. In 1863 he married Phoebe C. Ward who died the following year. In 1866 he married Amanda Virginia Hinkle (1847-1875) who was the heir of the land where downtown Elkins is today. In 1879 he married Cordelia Phares, a daughter of Sheriff Jacob Phares (See sketch #32). Archibald Earle Harper died in 1909 and is buried at Gilman.

(36) JOHN M. PHARES - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1866 until about 1870. He was born about 1823, a son of William and Anna Phares and a brother of Sheriff Jacob Phares (See sketch #32). He was elected Sheriff of Randolph County on 25 October 1866 (Randolph County Law Book 8, page 108). He apparently was sympathetic to the South since the Board of Registration disenfranchised him on 20 August 1867 (Randolph County Law Book 9). He was not allowed to vote but he continued to serve as sheriff. John M. Phares married Sidney Ann Rennix in 1844. They lived in the New Interest District in Northern Randolph County. She died in 1880 and is buried in the Israel Church Cemetery. Some sources suggest that he died in 1899. He may be buried with his wife but no marker was found.

(37) FRANCIS MARION WHITE - Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1870 until 1872. He was born in 1838, a son of John B. White and Mary Reger. Francis M. White was a second cousin of Stonewall Jackson. Their common ancestor was David Hadden whose daughter Mary (1764-1796) married Edward Jackson (Stonewall's grandparents) and whose daughter Margaret (1779-1862) married Isaac White (the grandparents of Francis M. White). Isaac and "Peggy" White, Stonewall's great uncle and aunt, were still living during the Civil War on their farm just west of Beverly. Francis M. White had other noteworthy connections. His mother Mary Reger was a daughter of Philip Reger who was the first Sheriff of Lewis County. Philip Reger's first wife, Sarah Ann Jackson, was another great aunt of Stonewall Jackson. Also Francis M. White's great-grandmother Catherine, the widow of John White, married Sheriff Matthew Whitman (See sketch #7). Francis M. White died about 1908.

(38) LORENZO DOW WHITE - Served as Sheriff of Randolph County from about 1872 until 1877. He was born in 1834, an older brother of Francis M. White. In 1855 he married Emeline McLean, a daughter of Sheriff Hoy McLean (See sketch #31). He died in 1901 and is buried in Arnold Hill Cemetery.

(39) JOSEPH FRENCH HARDING - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1877 until 1880. He was born in Maryland in 1838, a son of Joseph Harding and Alice Elliott. In 1860 he was a student at the Huttonsville



(39) JOSEPH FRENCH HARDING (Continued) - Academy. In 1861 he joined the Confederate Army and became the Captain of Company F, 31st Virginia Infantry. After the war he represented Randolph and Tucker Counties in the State Legislature and was a delegate to the West Virginia Constitutional Convention in 1872. He married Luceba E. Wilmoth in 1869. He died at his home on Boundary Avenue in Elkins in 1919 and is buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

(40) JACOB GEORGE WARD - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1881 until 1884. He was born in 1844, a son of Washington G. Ward and Christina See. In 1860 he was a student in the Huttonsville Academy. In 1861 he joined the Confederate Army and became a Lieutenant in Company I, 19th Virginia Cavalry. In 1866 he married Virginia Crouch. In 1894 he moved to Vilas, Baca County, Colorado. He died there in 1901 and is buried in Springfield.

(41) ZACHARY TAYLOR CHENOWETH - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1885 until 1888. He was born about 1847, a son of Lemuel Chenoweth and Nancy Ann Hart. In 1861 he joined the Confederate Army and served as a Private in Company A, 18th Virginia Cavalry. He died in 1893 and is buried in the Baker Cemetery at Beverly.

(42) WARWICK HUTTON - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1889 until 1892. He was born in 1850, a son of John Adams Hutton and Dorothy See. His mother was a sister of Sheriff Jacob Warwick See (See sketch #27) and Christina See, the mother of Sheriff Jacob G. Ward (See sketch #40). In 1860 Warwick Hutton was a student at the Huttonsville Academy. He was elected to the West Virginia Legislature in 1905. He died in 1926 at his home in Huttonsville. He is buried in Brick Church Cemetery.

(43) ANDREW JACKSON LONG - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1893 until 1896. He was born in 1847, a son of Washington J. Long and Mary Hutton. He never married and lived on his father's farm in Valley Bend above Beverly his entire life. He died in 1932 and is buried in the Long Cemetery.

(44) ABEL W. HART - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1897 until 1900. He was born in 1850, a son of Reverend Ezra P. Hart and Jerusha Kelly. He died in 1917 at his home near Beverly. He is buried in the Hart Cemetery at Hazelwood.

(45) FRANCIS PIATT MARSHALL - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1901 until 1904. He was born in 1869 at Mingo, a son of Jacob W. Marshall and Georgianna See. Jacob W. Marshall was the Captain of Company I, 19th Virginia Cavalry, CSA. Georgianna See was a niece of Sheriff Jacob Warwick See and a first cousin of Sheriffs Jacob G. Ward and Warwick Hutton (See sketch #42). Francis Piatt Marshall was a Pres-

(45) FRANCIS PIATT MARSHALL (Continued) - byterian and a director of the Bank of Mill Creek. He died in 1926 at his residence in Mingo.

(46) FLOYD McDONALD - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1905 until 1908. He was born in Pendleton County about 1873, a son of Peter McDonald and Mary A. Hedrick. About 1891 he moved to Harman where he married Jemima Cooper in 1893. He was considered one of the youngest sheriffs in the state in 1906. He maintained a residence at 115 Elm Street in Elkins but lived in the St. Louis, Missouri, area for many years where he worked at the Pension Bureau of the Veteran's Administration. While serving as sheriff his deputies were Thaddeus Pritt and Charles M. Marstiller. Floyd McDonald died in Columbus, Ohio, in 1938. He is buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Elkins.

(47) THADDEUS M. PRITT - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1909 until 1912. He was born in 1873, a son of John B. and Rose Pritt. In 1915 at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, he married Mary McClellan. They lived at 117 Graham Street in Elkins for 50 years. He was a member of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church and served as the President of the Davis Trust Company from 1929 until his death in 1959. He is buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

(48) AUGUSTUS JONATHAN CRICKARD - Known as "Gus", he served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1913 until 1916. He was born in 1875, a son of Peter Crickard and Virginia Bennett. About 1896 Augustus J. Crickard married Georgia Phares, a daughter of Jasper N. Phares and Sally Pritt and a niece of "War Sheriff" Jesse F. Phares (See sketch #33). Augustus and Georgia Crickard had a son Owen who married Madeline Whiteman in 1934 and were well known local historians. Augustus J. Crickard died in 1950 and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, now known as Elkins Memorial Gardens.

(49) STEWART L. MARSTILLER - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1917 until 1920. He was born in 1880, a son of Page Campbell Marstiller and Sarah Catherine Collett. His father was the Chief of Police in Elkins on 11 April 1902 when he was shot and killed by Wilfred Davis whom he had arrested and was attempting to place in the South Elkins lockup. Stewart L. Marstiller was married in 1904 to Mollie G. Ramsey. He was a member of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church. He died on 10 February 1927 and is buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

(50) WILLIAM H. KEIM - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1921 until 1924, the only Republican to ever serve as Sheriff of Randolph County. He was born in 1869 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, a son of Silas C. Keim and Annie Arnold. William H. Keim was one of five brothers who were businessmen in the early history of Elkins. His brother Noah G. Keim was closely associated with Stephen B. Elkins and was a private tutor for his children in the early 1890s. William H. Keim

(50) WILLIAM H. KEIM (Continued) - married Eva Rees in 1894. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a founder and director of the Citizens National Bank. He died in 1951 and is buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

(51) ZAN FULTZ COLLETT - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1925 until 1928. He was born in 1867, a son of Parkinson Collett and Anzina Chenoweth. He was a nephew of the wife of Sheriff William C. Chenoweth (See sketch #29). Parkinson Collett had served as a Lieutenant in McClanahan's Battery in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Zan F. Collett was the editor of the Tygart's Valley News in 1898 and served in the Spanish American War. He married Nora Wilson in 1923. He died in 1946 and is buried in Beverly Cemetery.

(52) CHARLES MAY MARSTILLER - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1929 until 1932 and he filled the unexpired term of Sheriff A.C. McGee when he was appointed Postmaster at Elkins in 1936. Charles M. Marsteller was born in 1859, a son of Nicholas Marsteller and Amanda Taylor. In 1880 he married Agnes J. Gilmore. They lived at 238 Elm Street in Elkins for many years. Charles M. Marsteller was a former owner of the Tygart's Valley News and once served as Mayor of Elkins. He was a member of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church. He died in 1945 and is buried with his wife in Maplewood Cemetery.

(53) ARLING CHESLEY MCGEE - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1933 until 1936. He was born in 1894 at Huttonsville, a son of David L. McGee and Letha Bell Simmons. In 1922 he married Devier Bell. They lived on Vine Street in Elkins for several years. He was an elder in the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church and a veteran of World War I. He was the Postmaster at Elkins from 1936 until his death in 1960. He is buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

(54) CHARLES MAY MARSTILLER (See sketch #52)

(55) DALE WILSON CRAWFORD - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1937 until 1940. He was born in 1887 near Mill Creek, a son of Rush Crawford and Melissa Chewing. He was a member of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church. After his term as sheriff he worked for the State Road Commission and the Weights and Measures Division of the West Virginia Department of Labor. He died in 1968 and is buried in the Mill Creek Cemetery.

(56) FLOYD GEORGE WHETSELL - Known locally as "Jeff", he served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1941 until he joined the U.S. Army in 1942. He was born in Elkins in 1907, a son of Benjamin Franklin Whetsell and Bettie Goddin. In 1938 in Monterey, Virginia, he married Georgia Natalie Coberly. He was a member of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church and a partner in the Dornblazer & Whetsell Block Co. He died in 1987.

(57) VIRGIL HAMRICK - He served as the "Acting" Sheriff of Randolph County when he filled the unexpired term of "Jeff" Whetsell from 1942 until 1944 when he was elected to serve as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1945 until 1948. He was born in 1907 at Mingo, a son of Jerry Hamrick and Margaret Ruckman. He was a member of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church and after his term as Sheriff of Randolph County he served as Randolph County Circuit Clerk. He was appointed Randolph County Clerk on 1 January 1968 and was elected to that post for two terms, retiring in 1985. He died in 1999 and is buried in Elkins Memorial Gardens.

(58) JOHN BARTLETT CHENOWETH - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1949 until 1952. He was born in 1914 on Chenoweth Creek near Elkins, a son of Fred Chenoweth and Virginia Bartlett. In the early 1930s he was the Captain of the D & E College debating team which was coached by Jennings Randolph. In 1936 he married Elthadora Pence. In 1941 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and became the Captain of a machine gun company. He was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He served as a State Senator from 1955 until 1959 and was a commander of H.W. Daniels Post 29 of the American Legion. He died in 1966 in Martinsburg and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery now known as Elkins Memorial Gardens.

(59) FRANK PIATT MARSHALL - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1953 until 1956. He was born at Mingo in 1913, a son of Sheriff Francis Piatt Marshall (See sketch #45) and his wife Mary Beaty. In 1932 he married Ruth Wilmoth. He worked for the State Department of Highways and was a member of the Mingo Presbyterian Church. He died in 1989 and is buried in the Mingo Cemetery.

(60) ORRIS BROWN WILMOTH - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1957 until 1960. He was born in 1900 at Montrose, a son of Jacob Morgan Wilmoth and Mary Elizabeth Gainer. In 1922 he married Amanda M. Ferguson. He owned the Wilmoth Nationwide Insurance Agency in Elkins for 25 years. He died in 1967.

(61) THADDEUS McCLELLAN PRITT - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1961 until 1964. He was born in 1917, a son of Sheriff Thaddeus M. Pritt (See sketch #47) and his wife Mary McClellan. In 1942 he married Mary Elizabeth Gatewood. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was Postmaster at Beverly from 1967 until 1981. He was a director of the Davis Trust Company and a member of the Beverly Presbyterian Church. He died in 1985.

(62) PHIL W. WARE - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1965 until 1968 and again from 1973 until 1980, the only person to serve three four year terms as Sheriff of Randolph County. He was born in 1912 and resides in Elkins.

(63) PAUL GREEN RAINES - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1969 until 1972. He was born in Virginia in 1905, a son of Christopher Raines and Dicie Deal. Moved to Elkins in 1936 and was a printer of the Inter-Mountain. He became the owner of the Randolph Review which he sold to Frank Palavido in 1956. He maintained a print shop called Raines Printing Company. He sold his equipment to Sam Price in 1959. He died in 1979 and is buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

(64) PHIL W. WARE (See sketch #62).

(65) JOHN ARBOGAST - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1981 until 1988. He was born in 1940 and resides in Valley Head.

(66) WILLARD L. HERRON - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1989 until 1996. He moved to Elkins in the late 1950s as the Manager of the National Auto Store. He was the owner of the Men's Shop for many years and was Mayor of Elkins during the 1970s. He and his wife Loretta have lived at 201 Alexander Avenue in Elkins for over 50 years.

(67) PAUL BRADY, JUNIOR - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 1997 until 2004. He also served as a police officer for the Town of Mill Creek. He resides near Pickens.

(68) JACK D. ROY, JUNIOR - He served as Sheriff of Randolph County from 2005 until 2012. He was formerly employed as a welder for the Western Maryland Railroad and served as an officer for the Elkins Police Department for several years. He resides in Roy Hollow just east of Elkins.

(69) MARK BRADY - He was elected Sheriff of Randolph County in November of 2012 and has served in that capacity since 1 January 2013. He has worked in law enforcement for many years. He resides in Valley Bend.

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