



Graves Service Station on Hwy 67 North at the corner of Springlake Road

intersection. It was located just south of the Graves' filling station and home at that intersection. Jim Graves and Ralph were cousins.

GRAVES – James Wesley "Jim" Graves was born Dec. 28, 1894, in Sciota, IL and was raised there. He served in the US Army during WWI and returned to Sciota after he was discharged. He opened a store there where he sold groceries and had an ice cream parlor.

On Oct. 23, 1932, he married Eva "Lucille" Lester in Rushville, IL. In 1934, they bought property three miles north of Macomb, IL, at the corner of Spring Lake Road and US 67, where they built a gas station/grocery store, which was known as Graves Service Station and sold Texaco gas and oil. In 1936, while living in the basement of the gas station, they built their home just to the south of it, and raised two daughters, Audrey and Rita, there. Jim also built a large garage on the north side of the station where he also did mechanic work.

Jim passed away in 1962 and his wife continued to work at the station until 1975, at which time it was closed, as US 67 was going to be made into a four-lane highway, and that part of the property was needed for the highway renovation. The station was then moved behind the house and converted into a two-bedroom home by Lucille's brother and nephew, and served as a rental property. The garage was sold to another family and also moved.

Lucille passed away in 1992, just 19 days shy of her 91st birthday. *Submitted by Rita Patrick.*

GRAVES – Jane Adams Lovely Long (Webster) (1797 – Jan. 21, 1868) drove a one-horse cart with her Long children in company of an emigrant train from Virginia to Kentucky. The Long children: James, Resin, Wash, Mary and Selina.

Mary married Felix Graves – Oct. 25, 1839. Felix Graves was born Jan. 13, 1815 in Kentucky. Mary Long was born May 25, 1813 – Kentucky - died Jan. 5, 1886. Felix's father was

John Graves - born Aug. 19, 1775 - died May 16, 1839. John married Margaret -, born Aug. 17, 1775 – died - June 20, 1836.

Mary and Felix had children: Jimmie and Willie (twins - died young), John, Sarah, Woodford, Margaret and Marietta. Selina married Nathan Graves.

Felix Graves had brothers, Nathan and Hardin and four other siblings.

John Walter Graves married Mollie (Mary) Cotton on Nov. 22, 1860. John and Mollie had children: James, William, Edward, Paulina "Lina," Fannie, John, Betty, Oscar, Ida, Albert and George. John Walter and Mary Graves celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 22, 1910 in the home of Wm. Tatum, a sister of the bride in Washington County, KY.

James married Nellie Post. William married Sallie Post. Edward married Flora Johnson. Paulina "Lina" and Robert died in Kentucky before the family came to this area. Fannie Graves married Butler Newell. Betty married Ira Hainline. Oscar married Edna Johnson. Ida married Arthur Landsdown. Albert Morton married Lavenia Mae (Mitchell) and George married Cora Wheeler.

Albert Morton and Lavenia Mae had children: 1906 - male infant – died at birth, 1907 - Harley Laverne - died 1983, 1909 - Mabel Vivian - died 1993, 1911 - Asa Delbert - died 1912, 1913 - Leo Walter- died - 1982, 1916 - Floyd Cecil - died 1999, unnamed male - born and died 1921, 1918 - Myrtle Geneva - died 1976, 1923 - Harold Albert - died 1998, 1926 - Frank Marvin – died 2007, 1929 - Ivan Dean - died 1993.

Harley married Mina (Sims), Mabel married Homer Haulk, Leo Walter married Anna

Mae (Gorsuch) and Bonnie Beddoe, Cecil married Garnet (Reed), Myrtle married Haskins, Reynolds and Rich. Harold married June Ford, Glessie _____? and _____? Porter. Marvin married Lola Gregory and Marge Anderson Elwess. Ivan Dean never married.

Harley and Mina - their children: Barbara, Shirley, and Joan. Mabel and Homer had Harley Dean, Vada, Mary Kathryn and Alberta. Leo and Anna Mae- their children: Ronald, Gloria, Judith, Susan Jane and Lois Kathleen. Leo married Bonnie Beddoe - one son, Brian Graves. Cecil and Garnet - their children: Eugene, Larry, Connie Diane and Allen. Allen died of appendicitis in 1958.

Myrtle & Haskins children: Ray, Janice and Albert Wade. Myrtle & Reynolds children: Viola "Vicky" and Melburn Harold. Myrtle and Rich children: two girls - Becky and ? Harold had three wives - a son, Michael - mother (Glessie?). Marvin and Lola - one son - Steven Graves - died 1963. Marvin and Marge - one son, Todd Graves. *Submitted by Judith Ann (Graves) Ashton.*

GRAVES – John Walter Graves was born Sept. 8, 1840, Washington County, KY. He was the son of Felix and Mary (Long) Graves, plantation owners. He married Mary "Mollie" Emaline Cotton (born in Nelson County, KY on Feb. 10, 1843 to Mr. and Mrs. William Cotton) on Nov. 22, 1860 in Mackville, Washington County, KY. They established their home in a log cabin near the banks of Long Lick Creek outside of town. He was a farmer, tall and standing erect. Just a year after their marriage, the Civil War broke out. They were not far from the Perryville Battlefields and years later, John told his grandchildren about the frightening sounds of cannons all day long. Later in the day when the firing ceased, he and some other men went to the scene. In the middle of the field stood a cabin which had once been a home. It was riddled with holes, and limbs were shot from surrounding trees. They carried water to the wounded and dying, using different vessels, even their caps. The next morning he helped dig a long trench and buried the dead. One other day he started to town during the War and suddenly found himself in the middle of a battle between the Confederate Army and the Yankees. The captain on one side saw his predicament and helped him through.

They moved to Hire Township, McDonough County, IL in November 1884 with all nine surviving children. A year later they moved to nearby Emmett Township's Spring Creek settlement and remained there. John Walter continued farming here and was assessor for Emmett Township.



John Walter and Mary (Cotton) Graves wedding photo, November 1860, Kentucky.