

Many pioneers settled and opened western Ohio during 1810 and 1820, and in 1820 the County of Mercer was formed in the westernmost tier of counties. Two of these prominent pioneer families were united by the marriage of Corbin Tullis and Frances (Fanny) Roebuck on May 14, 1835. By the 1840 census they had two children under five: Leonard Benjamin Gurley Tullis, 1836, and Mary Elizabeth Tullis, July 17, 1839.

This Tullis family was religiously inspired by Frances who was a very devout woman. Her father, Benjamin Roebuck, had hosted the Methodist Circuit Ministers at his farm as they came to preach. One of the ministers was Leonard B. Gurley, for whom Frances' son was named.

After her husband died in 1840, Frances is said to have gone to the cemetery often and would fall weeping upon his grave. On November 6, 1847, seven years after becoming a widow, she remarried to William Cain, of Virginia, who had been a laborer on her father's farm for about a year.

Leonard Benjamin Gurley Tullis, known to all the family as "Gurley" Tullis, married Anna Bolton February 22, 1857. (He had to obtain guardian consent as he was under twenty-one years of age.) Leonard and his wife settled on twenty-five acres in Section 34 of Union Township in Mercer County, Ohio. He and Anna had three children: Mary Frances Tullis, born 28 Aug 1859; Mark Tullis, born 2 Feb 1861; and Joshua Leonard Tullis, born 26 Jan 1864. Family tradition says that about two months before Joshua was born, Leonard Tullis went to war and his wife stayed with her parents at Neptune, Ohio.

The records of the United States Army Quartermaster's Office state that Leonard was hired by the Army at Camp Nelson, Kentucky, as a teamster December 1, 1863. One month later, December 31, 1863, Leonard was captured by Confederates. Between the time of his being hired and the date of his capture, he must have written home as Anna received a letter in which he asked that the coming child, if a boy, be named Joshua Leonard Tullis, which he was.

After his capture, Leonard was shipped to the infamous prison camp at Andersonville, Georgia. There he died of "bad treatment" June 1, 1864, and his grave can be seen as No. 1531 at the Andersonville Georgia National Monument.

Anna applied for a pension October 20, 1866 but it was denied because her husband had not been a soldier. She then remarried to John Wesley Merrill March 7, 1867. Her father-in-law, Richard Merrill, apparently became guardian to the children as he petitioned for the sale of his wards' property: 21 acres appraised at \$500.00. This petition was in court from February 13 to March 7, 1871, when final sale was approved. Shortly after this, both the Merrills and Tullises migrated to Kansas.

They settled on the Blue River, eight miles upstream from Manhattan, Kansas. There Anna died January 14, 1875, after bearing four children for her second husband. On November 22, 1879, J. W.

Hall, guardian to the Tullis children made application on their behalf for their father's service pension. This was also rejected April 10, 1880, on the grounds that "Tullis was a citizen employee and not a soldier nor a temporary volunteer in the military service of the U.S. at the time of his capture by the rebels in whose hands he subsequently died; the law making no provisions for such class of cases."

In 1874, Mary Frances Tullis had been sent by her mother to her grandmother, Frances (Roebuck Tullis Cain), in Celina, Ohio, where she was in 1880 and where she subsequently married. Mark and Joshua farmed around Manhattan, Kansas, and eventually married in that area; Joshua on April 29, 1886, and Mark November 28, 1894. Both these men became prominent and active in their communities and represented the calibre of pioneers evident in the Tullis family.

+William TULLIS; b. ca 1774, Hedgesville, Berkeley, WV., son of Moses TULLIS and Mary Elizabeth VAN DYKE. d. Mercer Co., OH, m. 22 May 1793, Berkeley Co., WV. Mary Tabetha TEANIS (Little's record says m. 1 Feb 1793).

Children: (unsure of #1 Amos being William's)

- \* 1. Amos TULLIS; b. ca 1795, WV, m. 12 Jan 1815, Warren Co., OH. to Mary EPPERSON (not sure of parentage)
- \* 2. Elizabeth TULLIS; b. ca 1799.
- \* 3. William TULLIS, Jr., b. ca 1801/2, Warren Co., OH. m. 17 Sept 1822 to Sarah POPE.
- 4. Dau. TULLIS; b. ca 1804., Warren Co., OH.
- 5. Tabitha TULLIS; b. ca 1806, Warren Co., OH., m. 6 Feb 1828 to William CASKEY, Darke Co., OH.
- 6. Isabelle TULLIS; b. ca 1809, Warren Co., OH. m. 5 Aug 1828, Darke Co., OH to Thomas BALL.
- 7. Son TULLIS; b. ca 1810.
- 8. Son TULLIS; b. ca 1812.
- 9. Dau. TULLIS; b. ca 1815, Warren Co., OH.

## GENERATION III

## AMOS TULLIS

Amos TULLIS; b. ca 1794, son of William TULLIS and Mary Tabitha TEANIS; m. Warren Co., OH 15 Jan 1815, Mary EPPERSON.

Children: (several names not known)

- \* 1. Corbin TULLIS; b. ca 1816, OH (Circumstantial!)

## GENERATION IV

## CORBIN TULLIS

Corbin TULLIS; b. ca 1816, OH., son of Amos TULLIS and Mary EPPERSON; d. summer of 1840, Mercer Co., OH.; m. 12 May 1835 to Frances ROEBUCK, Mercer Co., OH.

Frances b. 6 Oct 1812, Ross Co., OH. d. 19 Jan 1883, Celina, Mercer, OH., dau. of Benjamin ROEBUCK and Elizabeth RUSSELL.

Children:

- \* 1. Leonard Benjamin Gurley TULLIS; b. 1836, Mercer Co., OH. d. June 1864.
- \* 2. Mary Elizabeth TULLIS; b. 17 July 1839, Mercer Co., OH. m. 11 Aug 1857, Celina, Mercer, OH. to John SILER (1836-1909).

## GENERATION V

## LEONARD BENJAMIN GURLEY TULLIS

Leonard Benjamin Gurley TULLIS; b. 1836 near Celina, Mercer, OH., d. 1 June 1864, Andersonville Civil War Camp in GA, bur. Andersonville National Cem. #15, son of Corbin TULLIS and Frances ROEBUCK. m. 22 Feb 1857, Celina, OH. to Anna (Mary) BOLTON.

Anna b. 1839/40, Center Twp., Mercer Co., OH; d. 14 Jan 1875 near Stockdale, Riley Co., KS. Dau. of John BOLTON and Magdalena ? She m. (2) 1867 John Wesley MERRILL.

Children:

- 1. Mary Frances TULLIS; b. 28 Feb 1859, Neptune, Mercer, OH. m. Valentine GRIM and had 2 children.
  - 1. Lacey GRIM, b. ca 1883 (had 4 sons)
  - 2. Cora GRIM, b. ca 1888.
- \* 2. Mark TULLIS; b. 2 Feb 1861, Neptune, OH.
- \* 3. Joshua Leonard TULLIS; b. 26 Jan 1863, Neptune, OH.

+See Marriage Register 1781-1854, Vol. I p. 10, 14, 173 line 5.

## GENERATION VI

MARK TULLIS

Mark TULLIS; b. 2 Feb 1861, Neptune, OH. d. 1 Oct 1835, Leonardville, KS. son of Leonard Benjamin Gurley TULLIS and (Anna) Mary BOLTON. m. 8 or 28 Nov 1894, Manhattan, KS to Martha Josephine QUINN.

Martha QUINN; b. 9 Aug 1875, KS. d. 30 July 1934, Leonardville, KS.

## Children:

1. David TULLIS; b. near Keats, KS. (no children)
2. Maud TULLIS; b. near Keats; m. Mr. RAETHER (has 2 sons and 3 daughters).
3. Forrest TULLIS; b. 28 Aug 1903, Keats, KS.; d. 20 Sept 1906, Keats, KS.
4. Dewey TULLIS; b. ? d. age 6, Keats, KS.

## GENERATION VI

JOSHUA LEONARD TULLIS

Joshua Leonard TULLIS; b. 26 Jan 1863, Neptune, OH; d. 18 Mar 1948, Topeka, KS. Son of Leonard Benjamin Gurley TULLIS and Anna (Mary) BOLTON; m. 29 Apr 1886 in Manhattan, KS to Verbena FREEMAN.

Verbena b. 10 Apr 1867, Weener, Hannover, Germany, dau. of Obbe FREEMAN and Martha OKKENS. She d. 2 Feb 1950, Topeka, KS.

## Children:

- \* 1. Anna Martha TULLIS; b. 18 Mar 1888, Sedalia, KS. m.(1) Carlos CROWL, had 3 children. (2) ? . Anna d. 20 May 1974, Topeka, KS, m.(3) Richard HENDERSON.
- \* 2. Mary Lena TULLIS; b. 24 Feb 1890, Sedalia, KS. d. 10 July 1971, m. Perry Franklin NELSON. They had 5 children.
- \* 3. Cora Etta TULLIS; b. 2 May 1892, Sedalia, KS. d. May 1943, Talaquah, Cherokee, OK., m. Raleigh TRENT, they have 4 children.
- \* 4. Nellie Belle TULLIS; b. 8 Jan 1895, Sedalia, KS. m. 3 Mar 1914, Manhattan, KS to Arthur Edwin OLSON. They has 3 children.
- \* 5. Pearl Emma TULLIS; b. 2 Nov 1900, Sedalia, KS; d. 29 May 1947, Miles City, MT., m. 19 Dec 1927, Manhattan, KS to James MOYCE. They had one son, James Leonard MOYCE.
6. Frances Lucille TULLIS; b. 8 June 1907, Sedalia, KS. m. Renwick H. WILSON. They had 2 children: Leona WILSON and Daniel WILSON.

## GENERATION V

ANNA MARTHA TULLIS

Anna Martha TULLIS; b. 18 Mar 1888, Sedalia, KS.; d 20 May 1974 Topeka, KS. m. Carlos CROWL.

## Children:

1. Mabel CROWL; b. 18 Mar 1909; m. Thelmer DOWNING, 1929. No children.
2. Frank CROWL; b. 29 July 1911; m. had 1 dau.
- \* 3. Emily CROWL; b. 1913; m. Eddie DEAL.

## GENERATION VI

EMILY CROWL

Emily CROWL; b. 1913; m. Eddie DEAL, Emily dau. of Anna Martha TULLIS and Carlos CROWL.

## Children:

1. Darlene DEAL
2. Charlotte DEAL
3. Frank Carl DEAL

## 4. Robert DEAL

## GENERATION V

MARY LENA TULLIS

Mary Lena TULLIS; b. 24 Feb 1890, Sedalia, KS. Dau. of Joshua Leonard TULLIS and Verbena FREEMAN; m. Perry Franklin NELSON, 14 Feb 1912, Manhattan, KS.

Perry b. 1888; d. 1968.

Children:

1. Ruth Geraldine NELSON; b. 17 July 1913; m. Charles NOLAND b. 19 Aug 1911, they had one son: John Clair NOLAND, b. 13 Apr 1943; m. 15 Aug 1965 to Jean DALLAS.
2. Marian Evelyn NELSON; b. 29 Nov 1916; m. 17 Aug 1938 to Wesley Carl NAUERTH.
3. Dwight Franklin NELSON; b. 28 Mar 1919.
4. Alice Maxine NELSON; b. 30 Dec 1930; m. 1 Mar 1942 to Paul STADEL, Jr. They had 3 children.
5. Harold Lyle NELSON; b. 7 Oct 1923; m. 19 Aug 1958 to Kathryn Ann VANDAHL. They had 3 children.

## GENERATION V

CORA ETTA TULLIS

Cora Etta TULLIS; b. 2 May 1892, Sedalia, KS. d. May 1943, Talaquah, OK., dau. of Joshua Leonard TULLIS and Verbena FREEMAN, m. Raleigh TRENT.

Children:

1. Edna TRENT
2. Bulah TRENT
3. Helen TRENT
4. Virgil TRENT

## GENERATION VII

NELLIE BELLE TULLIS

Nellie Belle TULLIS; b. 8 Jan 1895, Sedalia, KS, dau. of Joshua Leonard TULLIS and Verbena FREEMAN; m. 3 Mar 1914 to Arthur Edward OLSON, Manhattan, KS.,

Arthur b. 19 June 1893, Garrison, KS.

Children:

1. Glenn Chester OLSON; b. 5 Jan 1915; m. 24 Mar 1940 to Ruth CHAPPELL, two children: Gregory Glenn and Valerie Gayle.
2. Nora Margaret OLSON; b. 20 Feb 1917, Keats, KS; m. at Selena, KS. 11 Mar 1940 to James Albert FERGERSON. They had dau. Patricia.
3. Dorothy Laverne OLSON; b. 2 Jan 1921, Keats, KS. m. George Donald HANSEN, have son Richard Charles HANSEN; b. 10 Mar 1954, Ogden, UT.

## GENERATION V

PEARL EMMA TULLIS

Pearl Emma TULLIS; b. 2 Nov 1900, Sedalia, KS. d. 19 Dec 1947 at Missoula, MT. dau. of Joshua Leonard TULLIS and Verbena FREEMAN, m. 19 Dec 1927 at Manhattan, KS to James MOYCE.

James b. 4 Dec 1898, Cuper, Fife, Scotland; d. 1 Mar 1975.

Children:

1. James Leonard MOYCE; b. 27 Dec 1933, Missoula, MT. m. 4 Oct 1962 to Cleo LAMBERT in Salt Lake City, UT. They had 1 dau.: Menessa MOYCE.

## GENERATION V

FRANCES LUCILLE TULLIS

Frances Lucille TULLIS; b. 8 July 1907, Sedelia, KS. dau. of Joshua Leonard TULLIS and Verbena FREEMAN; m. Renick H. WILSON.

## Children:

1. Leona WILSON; b. 15 June 1932, Topeka, KS.
2. Daniel WILSON; b. 31 May 1947, Topeka, KS.

## GENERATION IV

MARY ELIZABETH TULLIS

Mary Elizabeth TULLIS; b. 17 July 1839, Mercer Co., OH. d. June 1883, Saline, KS. Dau. of Corbin TULLIS and Frances ROEBUCK; m. John SILER 11 Aug 1859, Celina, KS.

John b. ca 1835/6, OH.

## Children:

1. William A. TULLIS; b. 1860, Neptune, OH.
2. Frances W. TULLIS; b. 1862, Neptune, OH. d. 1944; m. William Smoger DINE.
3. (Amanda) Maude Belle TULLIS; b. 1864, Neptune, OH; m. James B. LAFFIN.
4. Lydia TULLIS; b. 1866, Neptune, OH. m. Sylvester Kennedy COPELAND.

## GENERATION III

ELIZABETH TULLIS

+Elizabeth TULLIS; b. dau. of William TULLIS and Mary Tabetha TEANUS; m. 17 Feb 1820 to her cousin Aaron TULLIS, jr.

## Children:

1. Franklin TULLIS m. Mary MARTIN
2. Eliza TULLIS m. Elliott MILLER, 1  
dau. Emma.
3. Miriam TULLIS m. Albert M. SHAKELFORD  
29 Mar 1849, they had 1 son, Otis SHAKELFORD.
4. Aaron Brandiff TULLIS; d. age 2.
5. Emma TULLIS m. William VAN DYKE and  
had 1 son b. in Cincinnati, OH.

## GENERATION III

WILLIAM TULLIS, JR.

William TULLIS, Jr.; b. ca 1801/2, Warren Co., OH. son of William TULLIS and Mary Tabetha TEANIS; m. 17 Sept 1822, Warren Co., OH. to Sarah POPE.

## Children:

1. Amos TULLIS; b. ca 1823, OH; m. 4 Aug 1844, Mercer Co., OH. to Abigail HENKLE (b. 1823, OH.) They had Margaret TULLIS, b. ca 1845, OH. and Isaac TULLIS, 1850, OH.
2. Son TULLIS; b. ca 1825/6, OH.
3. Newton TULLIS; b. ca 1826/7, OH.
4. Jasper TULLIS; b. ca 1829/30, OH. m. Mercer Co., OH 27 Aug 1848 to Harriet WILEY.
5. Aaron B. TULLIS; b. ca 1832/33, OH.
6. Dau. TULLIS; b. ca 1836, Mercer Co., OH.
7. Phebe TULLIS; b. ca 1837/8, Mercer Co., OH.
8. James W. TULLIS; b. ca 1840, Dublin Twp., Mercer, OH. m. Mercer Co., OH to Isabelle WICKEL.
9. Sarah TULLIS; b. ca 1842, Dublin Twp., Mercer, OH.

+See Aaron TULLIS Family.