

**Chapter 1 : Pioneers American Women**

*Margaret was the daughter of Robert and Margaret Preston Howard Wickliffe; the wife of William C. Preston; and the mother of Mary Owen, Caroline Hancock, Margaret Howard, Robert Wickliffe, Susan, Maria, and Jessie Fremont Preston.*

Piedmont plantation and iron ore in Bath Co. The daughter of one of the largest slaveowners in the state and the wife of a lawyer-politician-soldier, Margaret W. Preston was like Mary Boykin Chesnut: Unlike Chesnut she did not write a publishable diary, but her wonderfully expressive letters were kept by next of kin and friends and today fill rows of archived boxes. She wrote often to the people she loved and received glowing letters in return thanking her for writing with such wit and charm. Since she and her large family were often in different cities, her letters were filled with a mixture of family news, business, and politics. Her five girls went to boarding schools in France and New York, and though her only son briefly enrolled in a local military institute, he was the only child sent to college. Preston ambassador to Spain, and to Canada in self-imposed exile during the Civil War. She was the youngest and favorite daughter of the Hon. Robert and Margareta Wickliffe. Wickliffe and leader of the Old Court faction and a Jacksonian Democrat. He came from Bardstown after studying law with George Nicholas and soon married Margareta Howard, the daughter of a legendary Kentucky pioneer and hemp farmer, John Howard. She bore him seven living children within thirteen years and died at 47 years of age after a long illness. Wickliffe amassed a fortune as the largest slaveowner in Kentucky and wielded his political authority in the face of such anti-slavery proponents as Robert J. Charles Wickliffe, the eldest son, died in in the famous Kentucky duel with newspaper editor James Trotter. He died not from his exchange of shots with Cassius Clay but from natural causes at the age of 35, nine years before his father died. Polly Wickliffe took on the role of mother for the seven children and transferred all her worldly goods and possessions--except seven slaves whom she sent to Liberia--to her new husband. The Old Duke quickly moved into her mansion, Glendower, and took over the renovation of her extensive properties including the acre farm called Ellerslie which lay across Boonesborough Road from the Ashland estate of Henry Clay. Unlike Mary, however, she was sent north to private school in Philadelphia. Girls were not taught about the manly duties of banking and land speculation, but Margaret W. Preston showed her business acumen from the time she was a teenager. In at twenty-one she married the up and coming young Whig William Preston. This was a marriage linking extended kin: The genealogy of the Preston family reveals five William Prestons in direct descent, and they all married well. Preston, who married into the Hampton family, was a radical pro-slavery leader both from South Carolina, John C. Though he saw no real battle action, he was an acknowledged hero of Kentucky and was admired for his outspoken challenge to the Know-Nothing Party in the Kentucky legislature. He won election to the U. House of Representatives, and in the largest Freemason lodge of nineteenth century Kentucky No. Despite numerous efforts to gain higher office, his only real success was the ambassadorial post to Spain just before the Civil War. The Preston family left the U. The two elder daughters made their debut in Madrid, and newspapers and personal letters attested to Margaret W. Robert Wickliffe died in , and William Preston tried in vain to handle the disposition of his complicated estate from abroad. When the Republicans won the executive office and the new ambassador replaced him, Preston brought back a treaty that settled the long disputed Amistad claims. Back home he quickly made public his negative views on Abraham Lincoln and left Kentucky with his cousin John C. Breckinridge in September of for Virginia where he was put under the command of his brother-in law, General Albert Sidney Johnston. Kentucky formally accused him of treason in June and Margaret W. While William Preston went in search of honor and duty outside of Kentucky, his wife coped with debts incurred in Madrid which the State Department would not settle, made decisions on the fate of long-neglected real estate investments in St. Louis, Louisville, and Lexington, entertained her friends, attended fancy-dress balls, educated her own and assorted other children under her guardianship. On May 19, , the provost marshal issued her a letter of expulsion giving June 1st as a deadline, but she did not leave Lexington. Perhaps she swore an oath of allegiance, pledging her "word of honor as a lady" to abstain from helping the Southern Confederacy

"or its supporters" on May 23rd, She spent her time dunning the Union officers who had enlisted her slaves for the purpose of hard labor at nearby Camp Nelson. There they reunited with General Preston for a few months while he waited as the Confederate ambassador to Mexico to be granted an audience with the new Emperor Maximilian. She spent the year of in a Montreal hotel visited sporadically by other refugees and Southern sympathizers, and she enrolled her children in boarding schools. While the Preston properties in and around Louisville were sold, lost to creditors and the Federal authorities, the Wickliffe lands and their contents around Lexington and in outlying counties were all maintained, including the Howard and Todd Russell inheritances. The Reconstruction era in Kentucky left many scars, but even without slavery, the Prestons played an important part in the new socio-economic world. They divided up their farms and concentrated on the new industries rather than the old crops. Their daughters married wealthy lawyers and businessmen; and though their only son married a wealthy heiress, he constantly needed cash. The Prestons had been careful to keep their estates separate, and in Margaret W. Preston wrote her will. She divided lands devised to her by her father equally among her children, but in particular, she bequeathed to her five daughters their lands for "their sole and separate use, free from the control or liability for the contracts of their husband or of any husband they may hereafter have Her widowhood proved that her goals were the same all along. She struggled mightily to profit from her legacy in an era of boom-and-bust economy. Upon her death in she bequeathed to her large family the symbols of her elite status: The nineteenth century came to a close and at the same time definitions of the elite changed. Kentucky lost its national standing in the twentieth century, and the descendants of Margaret Wickliffe Preston sold their landed legacy in Kentucky.

Chapter 2 : Project MUSE - Kentucky's Last Cavalier: General William Preston, (review)

*Howard - Wickliffe - Preston Genealogical Tree in Kentucky The dates and names in the list below have been accumulated from various sources, but most have been gathered from John Frederick Dorman, The Prestons of Smithfield and Greenfield in Virginia (Louisville, Kentucky: Filson Club Publications, Second Series, No. 3, ).*

Margaret was the twelfth child of Col. The couple had 14 children. Some data from Ed Foley. Susan Smith Preston b. They had 3 children. William Campbell Edmonson and had 3 children. Robert Fairman Preston b. Miss Sarah Marshall b. Robert was born and died in Washington Co. Sarah was born in Philadelphia, PA and they were married in Philadelphia on Sarah was the daughter of Charles Marshall and Mary Wallace. They are buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Robert and Sarah had 3 daughters: Mary Marshall Preston b. Margaret Preston died at 3 years. Elizabeth and Ezra had 4 children: Robert Fairman Sheffey b. Robert Preston Sheffey b. Charles Marshall Sheffey m. Sara Anna Preston Sheffey m. Henry Sheffey m. Margaret Rhea Preston b. They were married in Walnut Grove. Margaret was born in Washington Co. She is buried in White Family Cem. James was the son of Col. James White and Eliza Wilson. They had 8 children. William Alfred Preston b. Wiley on , and second Elizabeth Radford b. Elizabeth was born in Bedford Co. They had one child. Mary Howard Wickliffe b. They had one child who died in infancy. Eleanor Fairman Preston b. Eleanor was born in Washington Co. Judge Sheffey was born died He was the son of Henry L. Sheffey and Margaret White. He died in Richmond, VA. They had 11 children. Elizabeth Madison Preston b. She gave the land for the Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church to be built on. Thomas White Preston b. Susan was born and died in Columbia, TN. Thomas was killed at the battle of Shiloh in Mary died in Mississippi Co. By his first wife Mary he had one child: By his second wife, Thomas had 2 children who died in infancy. Walter Eugene Preston b. Craighead of Alabama on They had 6 children.

### Chapter 3 : Johnston family papers

*The youngest child, Margaret Preston Wickliffe attended elite schools for Lexington girls, the Lafayette Female Academy and Shelby Female Academy, along with her younger friend Mary Todd. Unlike Mary, however, she was sent north to private school in Philadelphia.*

World War, -- Campaigns -- Africa, North. World War, -- Campaigns -- Syria. World War, -- Campaigns -- Egypt. Arrangement Collection is arranged alphabetically by author. Finding Aid Author Processed by: Archives Staff Preferred Citation 87m Johnston , the son of Philip Preston Johnston, Jr. Army during World War II. Following his service, Johnston spent the rest of his life on his farm outside Lexington, Ky. Scope and Content The Johnston family papers dated , undated; 0. The most notable items of the collection are three diaries of Robert W. Johnston, a soldier in the American Field Service and later an officer in the U. Army during World War II, provides impressions and comments regarding his time spent sailing on the ship, Westpoint, as it sailed to the middle east, routines of an Army officer in the Ambulance Corps, descriptions of various places visited, and a number of accounts of military engagements in North Africa, Syria and Egypt. All three diaries have been transcribed. Johnston , Wanderings of an Idle Mind Which includes some photographs. Transcriptions of two diaries written by R. A diary written by Dr. Johnston in transcript, Box 1, folder 2 Johnston, Marius E. Johnston in transcript, Box 1, folder 3 Johnston, R. Research Account set-up and use instructions can be found at: For all other questions, contact us at:

**Chapter 4 : Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln. Volume**

*Genealogy profile for Margaret Preston Wickliffe Margaret Preston Wickliffe (Howard) ( - ) - Genealogy Genealogy for Margaret Preston Wickliffe (Howard) ( - ) family tree on Geni, with over million profiles of ancestors and living relatives.*

I hear again, O Drennon! Indeed, sundry amusements, glittering dances and the promise of flirtations, rich boards and excellent wine selections, all found in elegant surroundings and among genial company, had as much drawing power for some as the mineral waters had for invalids hoping to find relief by drinking and bathing in their purportedly curative properties. Originally, the healing virtues of these sites lured early settlers who, no doubt, took their cue from the behavior of animals near these waters. The water of the Black Sulphur Spring is very salt and sulphurous with a strong smell like burnt powder or burning coal. All animals become very fond of it. Many times in after years, I have had to sit firm and hold my horse as we reached the ford, so eager was he to get to the water. The stream is very cold, and the horses would thrust in their noses and drink and drink, then take a long breath and drink again as if they could never get enough. All the cattle are fond of it and it is very good for them, and it was sought after by the buffaloes, deer, bears, panthers and smaller beasts, that used to get there in great numbers. Dicken Speculators and entrepreneurs, readily recognizing the enhanced value and potential of the land on which these licks and springs were located, developed it and, in an astonishingly short period of time, established fashionable resorts modeled after the great eastern resorts such as Ballston Springs and Saratoga which, in turn, imitated the great spas of England-Bath and Harrogate-and those of the continent. Attracting patrons became a highly competitive affair, each resort issuing promotional tracts and running newspaper advertisements that included appreciative testimonials written by the formerly sick and now miraculously restored, descriptions of newly-added amenities, facilities, and entertainments; and the chemical analyses of the waters by medical authorities who invariably and favorably compared the waters to celebrated European spas: The most common mineral springs were salt, white, black, red, and salt sulphurs, chalybeate, vitriol, alum, copperas, iodide, and Epsom, which were used as diuretics, cathartics, and sudorifics Coleman 12n. Springs with more than one type of mineral or sulphur could attract invalids with various disabilities without their having to travel to other spas. For instance, Paroquet Springs "boasted three springs which were impregnated with combinations of epsom, salt, sulfur and magnesia" McDowell Taken either internally or used externally, the curative properties of these waters were said to be efficacious in treating a whole panoply of ailments, the most common being "diseases of the stomach, liver and kidneys, as well as. Daniel Drake urged "moderation" Wooley, writing to her father Robert Wickliffe, described her early morning routine at Blue Licks so: Wickliffe-Preston Papers, Box 38, Fol. Drake also urged perseverance in drinking the water-understandably so. By all accounts, the water, because of its high sulphur content, tasted very nearly as vile as it smelled Meeks 6 , users most commonly describing it as having the taste of burnt gunpowder. Rafinesque, a Transylvania University scientist, described the water at Big Bone Lick as having "a bluish cast-an abominable taste, although readily drunk by the idlers who come-to loiter, drink, bathe, and kill the game-very plenty yet on the hills" qtd. However, what undoubtedly contributed more to the restoration of health than glasses of water and body wraps was the society, the entertainment, the activities that these resorts provided. Here men struck business deals while both men and women diverted themselves with the business of snaring mates or flirting outrageously. The company at the springs was almost entirely from Kentucky, the poor Southerners finding Mississippi more healthy this year than formerly. I never met at any watering place so much beauty refinement and intelligence. Louisville was well represented. For myself I flirted with Mrs. Wickliffe Box 40, Fol. Kentucky was the furthest north ventured by families who brought with them their black coachman and maid, as many did. Appreciative guests wrote home or recalled brilliant balls, masquerades, stage productions, lavish boards, imported French wines and liquors, croquet, lawn bowling, horseshoes, shooting competitions, riding, hunting, gaming, and walking. Indeed, the line separating the mineral spas from hotels and downright pleasure resorts is difficult to draw. In addition to its usual entertainments, Crab Orchard Springs Lincoln County , offered summer and fall racing at the near-by Spring Hill Race Course; Graham Springs at Harrodsburg had cotillion parties conducted by a "professor of dancing"

qtd. Daniel Drake, sounding a bit stuffy, warned invalids against "the dissipation, which is so commonly practised by those who visit watering places for amusement only" , and a bit priggish when he upbraided proprietors of these resorts for tolerating gambling and, especially, the presence of the "gambling banditti, who periodically infest these places. These," he wrote, "call off the attention of husbands, fathers, and brothers, from those whom they had conducted thither for health; they draw the unwary into their snares with the greater facility, because of the idleness which prevails at such places; in fine, the very rumour of their presence, is offensive to the taste and feelings, of moral and religious invalids; and has often banished them from the springs, before a proper trial was completed" Cerulean Springs Trigg County , originally a black sulphur spring until the earthquake changed its color to light blue hence the name , offered bowling and ten-pin alleys and an upstairs barroom called "Poker Flats" where, so rumors circulated, guests won and lost crop money, horses, and servants Coleman As the emphasis on entertainment and gaiety gradually usurped the business of health management, the facilities were not only enlarged to accommodate the greater press of guests but also the increased opportunities for amusement. For instance, the main building at Lower Blue Lick Springs was feet in length, three stories high, with about 1, feet of gallery; the dining room by 36 feet, the ball room 80 by The hotel accommodated as many as to guests at a time Collins 2: Harrodsburg Springs were located on approximately acres. These additions completed, the Harrodsburg Springs became an establishment so extensive that when illuminated at night it might be seen for miles" VanArsdall The grounds are elevated and extensive; adorned with every variety of shrubbery grown in America, interspersed with some of the most beautiful and rare exotics from Europe and Asia, and traversed by wide gravel walks, intersecting and crossing each other in every direction. A small and beautiful lake, three hundred yards long, one hundred yards in width, and fifteen feet deep, lately excavated, is well stored with fish of the finest flavor, and its glassy surface enlivened by the presence of many wild and tame waterfowls. Parker Willis concluded that "I had stumbled upon a most unexpected mixture of paradise and public-house" Facilities also included bath houses for the clientele, warm showers and vapor baths, and avenues of private cottages often built by wealthy southerners who brought their families and servants for the entire watering season Dicken which usually ran from mid-May to mid-September. Indeed, Nathaniel Parker Willis noted the genius of Dr. Christopher Columbus Graham, the famed proprietor of "The Saratoga of the West," namely Harrodsburg Springs, for first recognizing the connection between the pursuit of health and pleasure; Willis called this now-widespread phenomenon "the general siamese between hydropathy and watering-place. And flirt and freshen and fatten they did. Without a doubt, one of the most comprehensive and detailed descriptions of social life at a nineteenth-century spa for which reasons I will quote extensively from it was left by R. Sister Peggy and I are having a most delightful time, the Springs, having exceeded even our anticipations in point of gaiety. We have Germans in the morning and Balls in the evening, so you see we would be kept busy even if we had nothing to do but dance. There are however a variety of other amusements almost equally as pleasant-and so we are in a rush nearly all the time. It is livelier today than ever, for there is to be a large fancy-dress ball, tonight, and this fact has attracted crowds. A costumer is here from Washington with quite a variety of fancy dresses most of which he has hired. The majority of gentlemen however. The costumes will only be worn by those men who either through negligence or necessity have failed to bring their dress-suits with them. Sister Peggie will wear her dress impersonating "Winter" which you are already familiar with, and I have no doubt but that she will look very well, though she appeared a little fagged at dinner, from having talked too much in the parlor this morning. Besides there are three card tables of noisy old gentlemen in full blast around me, which circumstance is not conducive to good letter writing. In addition to this there were quite a number of buffooning costumes such as newsboys, boot-blacks, Ethiopians, Harlequins, etc. There were also numerous martial impersonations, such as Indian warriors; stately cavaliers, liberally booted and spurred; and Captains and Generals with epaulettes broader than their shoulders and swords longer than their legs: In fact they were all a nuisance to themselves and everyone else. The Harlequins were also annoyingly agile, and in endeavoring to carry out their characters destroyed many yards of muslin and tarleton, and received very withering glances from the owners thereof. We all had a most delightful time however, notwithstanding these slight drawbacks. She enjoyed herself greatly, and was looking very well, barring a slightly jaded look, which

is attributable to the late hours she has recently been keeping. She and Mary Dudley both make the mistake of going with too much of a rush. Any one to see their eagerness for all manner of amusements would imagine they were here for only a week, instead of a month. Every day at dinner they invariably inform us that they "have had the nicest time today, since they arrived at the Springs. This remark has now been repeated for seven consecutive days, so it is needless to say it is growing slightly monotonous. One of the most amusing features of our fancy-ball was an amateur brass-band and corps of jig dancers who took possession of the ball-room floor, and danced a break-down to an amateur version of "Shoo-Fly. The figures were very well selected, and the dance well led by a competent Richmond beau. I saved my dress-suit so as to wear it for the first time on this occasion, though now that it has been so auspiciously broken in, I shall wear it every night. Another circumstance which conduces no little to my pleasure is that the patent-leather gaiters Marshall made me are as soft and comfortable as an old glove, and I can dance in them to the best advantage. They are the only pair of easy boots I ever knew or heard of his making. The matter of easy boots is no inconsiderable item to me for I believe I dance twenty, or at least fifteen miles daily. There are fewer good dancers here however that I expected to find. In fact there is so far, only one really good dancer here, and this is a Miss Williams from Staunton, who not only excels in dancing but is also very pretty and entertaining. The men are more skilled in the art of Terpsichore or rather Turp-sip-ry, as Sister Peggie will spell it, though I can already see that their steps like my own are being spoiled by the clumsy girls with whom they dance. Dancing in my eyes is as much of a Fine Art as painting and music, and should be respected accordingly. When I am dancing with a girl like Miss Williams, on a smooth and nicely waxed floor with the "Beautiful Blue Danube Waltz" in full blast I believe I am as perfectly happy as it is possible for me to be. But when I get with a partner who goes with a hop, skip, and a jump, and who does not know exactly what she wants you to do, or what she wants to do herself, I believe I am as much exruciated as a painter can be, whose brush loses its hairs, and whose colors will not mix; or as a musician, who is compelled to play on a squeaky violin; or a piano without tune. The moral of this as Jess would say is that girls should either dance well, or not at all. In fact I never led a life that suited me more exactly, and I can imagine that a life passed in this manner would be even more luxuriously delightful than that which Tennyson ascribes to his lotus-eaters. At any moment you can be perfectly gay or perfectly solitary, which two qualities strike me as being about the most necessary requisites to earthly happiness. Were it not for one fact I would almost imagine myself in Paradise, but that fact is sufficiently material to banish all such ideas. It is simply that you can hardly pass a minute here without feeling in your pockets for greenbacks. So you see this is most decidedly an extra place, though everything is conducted on such a delightfully grand scale, that almost everyone is willing to put up with a slight amount of imposition. The last stanza of "The Song of Saratoga" written in at Highgate Springs, Vermont,-captured well the world of these spas: Randolph Hollingsworth who not only directed my attention to many of the letters and documents from which I have so liberally quoted, but for providing me with the details of the genealogies of the Preston and Wickliffe families. Works Cited Coleman, J[ohn] Winston. The Springs of Kentucky: Kentucky Historical Society, Government Printing Office, Medicine and Its Development in Kentucky. Louisville Standard Printing Co. A History of Hydropathy in the United States. The Past Times Press, Health Trip to the Tropics.

## Chapter 5 : Full text of "Memoranda of the Preston family"

*Margaret is 15 degrees from Amelia Earhart, 21 degrees from Chris Ferraiolo, 18 degrees from Charlton Heston and 11 degrees from Queen Elizabeth II Windsor on our single family tree.*

## Chapter 6 : Margaret Preston (Howard) Wickliffe () | WikiTree FREE Family Tree

*Margaret Preston (born Wickliffe) was born in , at birth place, Kentucky, to Robert Wickliffe and Margaret Preston Wickliffe (born Howard). Robert was born on January 16 , in Redstone, Westmoreland County, Province of Pennsylvania.*

**Chapter 7 : Margaret Wickliffe Preston () - Find A Grave Memorial**

*Research genealogy for Margaret Wickliffe of Lexington, Kentucky, USA, as well as other members of the Wickliffe family, on Ancestry. Margaret Preston Wickliffe.*

**Chapter 8 : Robert Wickliffe Preston () - Find A Grave Memorial**

*Genealogy for Margaret Howard Preston (Wickliffe) ( - ) family tree on Geni, with over million profiles of ancestors and living relatives.*

**Chapter 9 : Howard - Wickliffe - Preston Genealogical Tree in Kentucky**

*Son of General William Preston and Margaret Wickliffe Preston; married Sarah "Sally" Brandt McDowell in Son of General William Preston and Margaret Wickliffe Preston; married Sarah "Sally" Brandt McDowell in*