

June 9, 1978 interview with Lona Bays Webb (1897-1984) and her daughter in Globe, KY

Lona: That **Everett & Grace (Porter)** is good people.

JC: Yeah, they are.

Lona: They are.

JC: I'm proud to have them as grandparents.

Lona: It is wonderful to have such good grandparents.

JC: Let's see, **Frances (Perry Hall)** was your aunt?

Lona: Yes.

JC: Do you know who her mother was, and father?

Lona: Why yes. Her...You know **Aunt Frances**.

Daughter: Yes

Lona: Well, Aunt Frances' father was **Dow Tabor**.

JC: Was what?

Lona: **Dow Tabor**.

Daughter: Who?

Lona: **Dow Tabor**.

Daughter: DOW?

Lona: Yes.

Daughter: Dow?

Lona: Yes. Illegitimate children.

Daughter: What was your grandma's name?

Lona: Mine?

Daughter: Yeah. What was your grandmother Perry's name?

Lona: Mary.

JC: **Mary Perry**?

Lona: Yeah, Mary.

JC: Do you know her maiden name?

Daughter: Perry. Her maiden name was Perry. This **Tabor** fathered the children, but he never married her.

Lona: Yes.

JC: Oh, so they took her name?

Lona: Four of them.

Daughter: If a child's mother and father are not married in the state of Kentucky, they take the mother's maiden name. They're not allowed the father's...

Lona: It's illegal if they don't.

JC: Yeah. Well that really messes up my tree. (laughing) I had not ran into any of that yet.

Daughter: Everett's great-grandmother. (2:06)

JC: So she was **Mary Perry**, and that was her maiden name.

Daughter: Yes.

JC: And his name was **Dow Tabor**?

Daughter: Uh huh.

JC: Was that his real name, Dow?

Lona: DOW.

JC: That is what they called him? That was her biological father?

Lona: _____ (2:24) and that was his name.

JC: That was her real father, but they weren't married?

Lona: They weren't. She was.....

Daughter: There was 4 children.

Lona: They had four children. My mother (**Amanda Bays**), Aunt **Frances Hall**. They had two brothers.

JC: What were their names?

Lona: **Bob Robert Perry** and the other one was **Lincoln Perry**.

JC: Lincoln and Robert?

Lona: _____ (2:55) got killed horse racing.

JC: What was your mother's name?

Lona: **Amanda (Bays)**.

JC: Amanda?

Lona: Uh huh.

JC: Where did they live at?

Lona: I couldn't tell you.

Daughter: Momma, wasn't it over on **Smokey** some place?

Lona: Over on **Smokey** I guess.

Daughter: Her mother (**Amanda Bays**) was born at what is now the Head of **McGlone Creek**. So, I don't know if Aunt **Frances (Hall)** was or not. This **Mary Perry** later married a **Kitchen**.

JC: She married a **Kitchen** after that? Did this **Dow Tabor** die? I don't know whether he died, or he just left her probably.

Lona: Yes he...Now all four of those children were illegitimate children. As I told you. I can't hear her really good. (4:05)

Daughter: Then she had, how many **Kitchen** children? They were legitimate.

Lona: She was married to Kitchen. He was a young man.

Daughter: **Dave, Bill, George**, who else?

Lona: And **Dick**.

Daughter: Dick. Four. There was four **Kitchen** children.

JC: After the **Tabor** children?

Daughter: Yes.

JC: The **Tabor** children were named **Perry**?

Daughter: Yes.

JC: Do you know who their parents were, who **Mary Perry's** parents were, or anything like that?

Daughter: Momma, she probably can't hear you, you talk soft. Do you know who your grandma **Perry's** parents were, what their names were?

Lona: **Grandma Perry Kitchen**?

Daughter: Yeah, Can you remember what her mother and father's names were?

Lona: The father was **Henderson Perry**.

JC: **Henderson Perry**?

Lona: Yes, and I just don't know what my great-grandmother's name, I don't know. If I knew it, I've forgot it.

Daughter: There is a man by the name of **Ed Henderson** that lives, where's he live? He probably has more of this information than mother would have.

Lona: He lives over on **Henderson Branch**.

Daughter: He has traced the Henderson family tree way back. So, the Hendersons are related to...
Where does Ed live Momma?

Lona: Now he lived on **Henderson Branch**. He is a very well-educated man.

Daughter: Your grandma (**Grace Erwin Porter**) would probably know where **Wiley Griffey** lives, and he lives right across the road from where **Wiley Griffey** lives.

JC: And his name is **Ed Henderson**?

Daughter: **Ed Henderson**. And he has traced the family tree of the Hendersons way back, all the way back through, and he would probably have more of this information than she would.

JC: And the Perry's married into the Henderson family someplace? Where at?

Lona: Yes, we are related to the Hendersons. Some way or another. I don't know. I couldn't tell you, but I am.

Daughter: He has all the information. He has even traced mother's Bays all the way down through, into our generation. I'd say he would give you more help than anybody.

Lona: You just do this for a hobby? (6:49)

JC: Yeah.

Daughter: Everybody is trying to do roots now. We have our **Webb** generation traced back to 1352 to England.

Lona: That is what **Ed Henderson** told me, "I just do this for a hobby."

Daughter: I never tried to do the **Bays'**, her family tree.

JC: I think my mom **Earline Porter** was down here a couple months ago. She was looking for **Dillard Duncan's** grave over here.

Daughter: I wasn't here. I was in **California**, so she probably saw my sister.

JC: She talked to somebody, one of the **Webbs** around here.

Daughter: **Charlotte**. She talked to **Charlotte**.

JC: We found his grave. Me and my cousin found his grave the other day. It is right off the road, an old one.

Daughter: Yeah, it is very close up there to the road.

JC: **J.D. Duncan**, not **Tom**.

Daughter: There is all kinds of **Duncans** buried up there. **Duncan** and **Deans**. A lot of their graves are all sunk in. Stones have fell over. My father years ago tried to give the **Duncans**, if they would maintain it. And offered to give them posts cut off the farm here if they would just fence it in. They were too ornery to even do that. (laughing) Whenever they put a headstone up there for **Tom Duncan**, I called his son. I told him if you set that...cause it is in my deed. It has never been excepted out of any deed. I told him,

“You can set that stone, but there will never be another person buried up there.” He said, “No, we wasn’t wanting anybody buried.” I thought you would want to have come over and cleaned the thing off if they set a nice tombstone like that up there.

There were three early settlers that was buried up there. There were rock all the way up, to the top and the top is a solid stone, cut in the same shape as the old-time coffins used to be. (8:57) Out, they come out this way and then down.

JC: Yeah? And those are up there?

Daughter: There is one still standing. [I believe this is the grave of **Lt. James Garvin** 1816-1864. Note by JC Porter]

JC: It is like a coffin on the ground?

Daughter: It has field stone. I can’t, it has been so many years since I have been up there. I don’t know if there was mortar in between them or if it was just laying there?

Lona: No mortar between.

Daughter: Your grandmother (**Grace Erwin Porter**) played up there when she was a girl, she could tell you about that. I think every kid in the country has played up there. They used to say it was Indian graves. Now it wasn’t cause Indians don’t bury like that. It has been an early settler that’s come through. And nobody knows exactly how far back it came. She said when her father was a young man it was up there then and nobody knew about it then. **Sable Tabor’s** mother said this was her grandfather’s homestead place. She said the graves were there then. So it is probably way back, more than 200 years old.

JC: That is interesting.

Daughter: There was three. I remember when there was three of them there. Of course, naturally all the elements, the trees growing up close has pushed things out and they fell in, two of them.

Lona: I’m sorry I just don’t know more about my kin folks. As I told **Dale Perry**, “Me and you are kin, but I don’t know how it is.” (11:07)

Daughter: That **Ed Henderson** I’d say would have way back.

JC: I’ll have to talk to him.

Daughter: And he lives, some of them up there would know. He told me that **Wiley Griffey** was his neighbor. And he is a very interesting man to talk to.

Lona: Yes, he is.

Daughter: He has traced things back. He has come here several times, asking mother about her brothers and sisters and her family. He has it all done that far. Completely all done.

JC: Yeah. That is too complicated for me. I don’t know if I’ll ever do that. Do you know when **Henderson Perry** died, your great grandfather?

Lona: No I don’t.

Daughter: I'd say he would have every bit of that information.

Lona: He's probably got it down in a book.

JC: I'll have to talk with him. And your name was Loni **Bays**?

Daughter: Lona.

JC: Wilma?

Daughter: **Lona. LONA**

JC: Oh **Lona**.

Lona: Don't put it Lena. (12:20) I told my doctor, I said uh....

Daughter: Half of her name comes in Lena. Lona is an odd name. Usually, they write it the way she writes anyhow backhand, and it looks like Lena. The O, she doesn't completely close the O and it looks like LE.

Lona: I can't hardly write, I write slow. My fingers and my hands are filled with arthritis. I can't hardly write.

Daughter: I can't remember, uh, this man would have a telephone.

JC: Yeah, maybe I should call him tonight.

Daughter: Yeah.

JC: What town would that be (listed under)?

Daughter: Olive Hill. (13:20 END)