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Christopher Day

Christopher Day, b. ca. 1648, Yorkshire, England; d. 6 mar 1748, Bucks Co., PA; m. Martha (Unknown).

Christopher & Martha (Unknown) Day came to America by way of Rhode Island. They settled in Plumstead Township, Bucks Co., PA (the eastmost county of Pennsylvania) in 1708.

Christopher & Martha (Unknown) Day had at least six (6) children, who are mentioned in his will - five (5) are listed here:

Matthew Day, Sr.
Christopher Day, Jr.
Abigail Day
Ursula Day
Nathanial Day, Sr.

Nathanial Day, Sr.

Nathanial Day, son of Christopher & Martha (Unknown) Day, b. Bucks Co., PA; d. Mar 1754, Bucks Co., PA; m. Susan Wylie, daughter of James Wylie, d. 1756, killed by Shawnee Indians. Nathanial & Susan (Wylie) Day had five (5) children:

John Day, Sr.
David Day, d. 1756, killed by Shawnee Indians
Nathaniel Day, Jr.
Sarah Day
Martha Day

John Day, Sr.

John Day, Sr., son of Nathanial & Susan (Wylie) Day, b. 30 Jun 1742; d. 4 Dec 1833, Jefferson City, Jefferson Co., TN, age 92 years; m1st Polly Susan (Unknown); m2nd to Ester Drinnon.

Revolutionary Service

John Day, Sr. Served as soldier during the Revolutionary War.

The Day family was known for their skilled woodworking abilities. They were known as furniture makers. The family resided in:

Carroll and Grayson Cos. In Virginia
Green County, North Carolina and
finally in 1785, Jefferson Co., TN

John & Polly Susan (Unknown) Day had twelve (12) children:

John Day, Jr.
Thomas **Day**
Jesse **Day**, Sr.
David **Day**
Joseph **Day**
Levi **Day**
Stephen **Day**
Mary **Day**
Nehemiah **Day**
Hannah **Day**
Elizabeth **Day**
Ester "Hettie" Mehittibelle **Day**

John Day, Jr.

John Day, Jr., son of John & Polly Susan (Unknown) Day, Sr., b. 31 Jan 1768, Botetourt Co., VA (now Pocahontas Co. WVA); d. 1839, Hawkins Co., TN; m. ca. 1794 to Elizabeth Howard, b. 28 Nov 1776.

John Day was known as an exceptional organizer of barn raising. He was a carpenter, and also farmed his own land.

John & Elizabeth (Howard) Day, Jr. had ten (10) children:

John Day, III
William **Day**
Elizabeth **Day**
Daniel **Day**
Eliza **Day**
Samuel **Day**
Isaac Newton Thomas **Day**
Jemima **Day**
Lemuel **Day**

John Day, III

John Day, III, son of John & Elizabeth (Howard) Day, Jr., b. 15 Jan 1795, Jefferson Co., TN; d. 26 Apr 1853, Treadway, Hawkins Co., TN; m. Frances "Fanny" Holdaway, b. 28 Nov 1797; d. 6 Sept 1887, Hawkins Co., TN.

John Day was a Baptist Minister. He served as the pastor of several churches, including Richardson's Creek, War Creek, and Bean Creek. In the Enrollement of the Members of the Richardson's Creek Church; for 1843, we find John Day and Fanny Day. Then in 1844 there is a Dilly Day[133].

John & Fanny (Holdaway) Day III had thirteen (13) children. Two (2) of the children died as infants.

James **Day**, b. 11 Jun 1816; d. 7 Sept 1841

Sarah **Day**, b. 4 Dec 1817
John **Day**, IV, b. 21 Oct 1819; possibly m. 18 Oct 1848, Hawkins Co., TN to Fanny Evans[134]
William **Day**, b. 21 Oct 1821
Elizabeth **Day**, b. 15 Aug 1823; d. 31 Jul 1919; m. 20 Apr 1846 to Claiborne McCoy
Madison **Day**, b. 12 Sept 1825
Polly **Day**, b. 5 Oct 1827; d. 6 Jul 1913
daughter **Day**, d. 1829, as an infant
Hugh **Day**, b. 30 Dec 1830
Elbert **Day**, b. 27 Apr 1833
Jesse **Day**, b. 25 Aug 1835; d. 1863-1865, killed during the Civil War.
Martha **Day**, b. 2 May 1837
Barnett **Day**, d. as an infant

In the Day Cemetery located in Hawkins County Tennessee the following are found[135]:

John J. Day, b. 12 Dec 1857; d. 28 Jun 1896
Malinda J. Day, b. 28 Aug 1857; d. 8 Mar 1916
E. Annie Belle, daughter of J.J. & M.J. Day, b. 27 Feb 1892; d. 6 Jan 1903
Alice Day, b. 10 Dec 1835; d. 21 Sept 1930
Mary Day, daughter of J. & A. Day, b. 23 Oct 1856; d. 17 Oct 1875
Frances Day, wife of Rev. John Day, b. 28 Nov 1797; d. 6 Sept 1887

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Fanny Day

Fanny Day, b. 1862, Harlan Co., Kentucky; d. 18 Feb 1883, Lee Co., VA; m. 7 Feb 1878 to **Elias S. Harber**, son of Charles & Anna (Hedrick) Harber, b. 12 Mar 1855; d. 6 Apr 1928-1929, Lee Co., VA; Elias S. & Fanny (Day) Harber had (3) three children:

f1a. Sarah Ann, b. 14 Nov 1879, m. John Collier.
f1b. **Elizabeth 'Eliza' Jane**, b. 25 Jul 1881, Elys Creek, VA; d. 27 Nov 1950, Pucketts Creek, VA; m. **Isaac Rogers**.
f1c. Rebecca, b. 29 Sept 1883; d. 19 Oct 1883

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Source 132:
Families of Hawkins County, Tennessee 1786-1994, p 142-145; article by John J. McCoy, Jr., Knoxville, TN.

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Helie, Ely, Eally

Eley, Ealey, Elly, Ally[165]

The name of Ely is derived from the ancient name of Helie. The Helie's were the last of a line of Kings (Chiefs) who ruled the southern portion of the Anglion Isle centuries before the Christian Era.

In England there is an Isle of Ely and a Cathedral Town bearing the same name, both predate the Norman Conquest (1066). Ely Cathedral lies on the bank of the Ouze River, Cambridgeshire, England. It is here that one of the first recorded Ely's lived in a monastery, during the 5th Century. During the 12th Century that monastery later became Ely Cathedral.

ARMS: Argent, a fesse engrailled between six fleurs de lis gules.

CREST: (older) A pheon gules, point up.

(later) An arm erect couped below the elbow, habited argent, grasping in the and proper a fleur de lis, sable.

EXPLANATION OF THE COAT OF ARMS



In heraldry silver denotes purity, eloquence, virginity and innocence; red is the color of war, danger, love of combat and adventure, while blanc signifies sorrow, sin, mourning and dignity.

The fesse or broad horizontal band across the middle of the shield is called an honorable ordinary, which simply means one of the honorable charges most ordinarily used. It is a mark of noble blood and knighthood and takes its shape from the sword belt of the knight.

The fleur de lis, badge of France, has reference to the French wars in which the family participated.

The pheon which is a broad arrow head. It means belonging personally to the King. All English Government property is stamped with the pheon.

The arm holding the fleur de lis in the newer crest has no significance. It is merely a base for the fleur de lis.

The fleur de lis was a conventional heraldic portrayal of the lily. The name, coming from the Old French signified "flower of the lily". It symbolizes beauty and grace[166].

Thomas Ely

I. **Thomas Ely**, ancestor of the Lee County, Virginia Ely's, b. ca. 1728, England; d. 1782, Bedford Co., VA; m. **Jane Elizabeth Smith**, b. ca. 1740, Dublin, Ireland; d. after 1796, Lee Co., VA

"According to family tradition, Thomas was a young man about 24 years of age when he left England for America, and on shipboard met an Irish girl by the name of Jane Smith who was born in Dublin, Ireland, whom he fell in love with and they were either married aboard ship or shortly after they arrived at the port of entry[167].

Thomas Ely was active in the establishment of this country. He served in the war between Great Britain and France. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary war he was residing in Bedford County, Virginia. He is listed in the DAR Patriots Index, Vol. I, p. 220, as serving in the Revolutionary War.

Revolutionary War Service:

He served as a private in the 5th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line under the command of Colonel Josiah Parker and Colonel Abraham Buford. He was also under the command of Colonel Byrd.

In 1780, Thomas Ely was run through with a bayonet [wounded] at the Battle of Buford's Defeat, North Carolina. "According to tradition, he is reputed to have said the following 'Wounded at Buford's defeat, feigned death... British soldier said, "This old man is not dead" and ran a bayonet through him...asked, "Why are you fighting against the King?" Thomas replied, "I married here, my family is here, my home is here and I think I have a right to fight for my country[168].

The Ely family settled in the Stafford County, Virginia sometime shortly after the birth of their second child. Thomas Ely received a Land Office Warrant for 50 acres of land within the Commonwealth of Virginia for his service during the Revolutionary War. In the 1790's Jane Elizabeth (Smith) Ely, widow of Thomas Ely, Revolutionary War Veteran, moved with some of her children from Spruce Run in Montgomery County, VA to Sugar Run in Lee County, Virginia.

During the Revolutionary War there were several disbursements made to Jane Ely (Ealy) while her husband was serving in the military:

27 Mar 1780 Bedford Co., VA - 200 weight of pork
25 Jul 1780 Bedford Co., VA - 4 barrels of corn to be purchased for her use (8 are listed in family at the time).

Thomas & Jane (Smith) Ely had (12) twelve children:

1. Thomas, Jr. Pennsylvania; d. killed in the war of the Revolution, possibly the oldest.
2. William, b. 25 Mar 1753, PA; d. 1855, age 102; m. Mary Rawlings, b. 1747, VA; d. 1850, age 103. William Ely is listed among the Revolutionary War Pensioners in the 1840 Lee County Special Census. He is listed as 91 years of age.
3. John, b. abt. 1755; served in the Revolutionary War, Continental Line.
4. Isaac.
5. Rachel, m. Edward Napier.
6. Jane, m. Renne Napier.
7. David, m. in Lee County, VA to Sarah Claypool.
8. Robert, b. 9 Mar 1775, Bedford County, VA; d. 1813, Lee Co., VA; m. 1793, Montgomery Co., VA to Anne McPherson.
9. **Joseph**, b. 12 Nov 1775, Bedford County, VA; d. 2 Nov 1827, Lee Co., VA; m. **Frances Hix.**
10. George, b. 177-80, Bedford County, VA.
11. Sarah, m. 1 Aug 1793, Montgomery County, VA; to John Webb.
12. Margaret, m. 27 Sept 1798, Montgomery County, VA to Alexander Suter.

William Ely

2. William Ely, son of Thomas & Jane (Smith) Ely, b. 25 Mar 1753, PA; d. 1855, Lee Co., VA (102 years old). bur. Russell Cemetery, Lee Co., VA; m. Mary Rawlings, b. 1747, VA; d. 1853, Lee Co., VA (103 y/o), bur. Russell Cemetery, Lee Co., VA. William Ely is listed among the Revolutionary War Pensioners in the 1840 Lee County Special Census. His age is listed as 91 years. William & Mary (Rawlings) Ely had at least one (1) child:

2a. Catherine m. William Harris

Joseph Ely

9. **Joseph Ely**, b. 12 Nov 1775, Bedford County, VA; d. 2 Nov 1827, Lee County, VA[169], m. 1799 to **Frances "Fanny" Hix** (or Hicks), daughter of Nathaniel & Jane (Scott) (Chrisman) Hix; b. 26 Nov 1778, Washington County (place of birth listed as Lee Co., VA in Lee County Death Records); d. 16 Apr 1861, of sudden death, age 80 years, Lee County, VA. Both are buried in the Ely family graveyard on the Ely homestead, now known as the Riverview Cemetery, Pennington Gap, Virginia

Following the death of his father Thomas Ely, Joseph journeyed with his mother to the Sugar Run area of Lee Co., VA. Joseph Ely is found in Lee County, Virginia in 1815, with several holdings, to-wit: one farm on the North Fork of the Powell River, 8 miles east of the Lee Courthouse, 124 ¾ acres having thereon one dwelling house of wood, 1 ½ "story", 24 feet by 20, one kitchen, one barn of wood, two corn houses, and one stable, valued at $1,000.[170]

In his Will, dated 17 February 1827, shown in Lee County, Virginia - Court Records - Vol. II - Will Book I, page 15, Joseph Ely leaves to his "wife Fanny Ely, all lands & goods until youngest child becomes of age, then to be equally divided between four sons, Hiram, Joseph, Nimrod, and Andrew J. Ely, reserving 1/3 to wife during her life."; His estate was appraised, the property value was $2,127.50 also there was 1 negro boy - $250 and 2 negro girls - $700.

Frances (Hix) Ely, widow of Joseph Ely m2nd 5 Jun 1831, Lee Co., VA by Andrew Hunter to John Russell, d. 3 Aug 1838, Lee Co., VA.

Joseph & Frances (Hicks) Ely had (11) eleven children:

9a. **Jane**, b. 10 May 1800; d. 4 Jan 1870; m. **John Smyth**.
9b. Elizabeth, b. 1802; d. aft. 1863, Harlan Co., KY.
9c. Hiram, b. 25 Oct 1804; d. 25 Feb 1881.
9d. Rachel, b. 2 Jul 1806; d. 8 Apr 1884.
9e. Barbara, b. 1808-1809.
9f. Frances "Fanny", b. 16 Jun 1811; d. 18 Aug 1876.
9g. Joseph N., b. 10 May 1813; d. 11 Dec 1882.
9h. Nimrod Chrisman, b. 17 Dec 1816; d. 10 Jul 1869.
9i. Rebecca, b. 22 Apr 1819.
9j. Mary "Polly", b. abt. 1822; d. 5 Sept 1888.
9k. Andrew Jackson, b. 6 Jun 1825; d. 23 Feb 1889.

Jane Ely

9a. **Jane Ely**, daughter of Joseph & Frances (Hicks) Ely, b. 10 May 1800; d. 4 Jan 1870, Lee County, Virginia; m. 15 Jan 1818 to **John Smyth**, son of Edward & Hannah Smyth, b. 23 Apr 1795, Washington County, VA; d. 6 Aug 1890, age 95. *SEE SMYTH*

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Sources:

165 – *Early Settlers of Lee County, Virginia and Adjacent Counties, Vol. II*, p 435-437, 453, 455, 460; compiled by Hattie Byrd Muncy Bales.
166 – Ibid; p 435.
167 – Ibid; p 435.
168 – Ibid; p 437.

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Nathaniel Hix

Nathaniel Hix is the ancestor of this branch of the family. Nathaniel is listed in the Calendar of Tennessee and King's Mountain Papers of the Draper Collection of Manuscripts.

Revolutionary War Service[284]:

> January 9, 17777 IXX 26 (3) - Hix, Nathaniel Receipt to Captain Joseph Martin for 18 pounds and 2 shillings for wages[285].
> In 1782, he furnished supplies for the Militia in Powell Valley, and was allowed 1 pound, ten shillings for forage for the use of the Washington County Militia in Powell Valley. 1783 (OBK 1-193) 305 pounds beef for use Washington Militia in Powell Valley.[286]

In the pay abstract of militia from Washington County, we find:

> Aug 1792 Nath'l Hix, Serg't Serv'd 2 mon 6 days, pd for services by A. Lewis.
> 1793 Nath. Hicks, Serg't 8 Sept, thime in 2 mon 6 days, pay per month $7, total pay $15.40.

In 1792, Nathaniel Hick signed a petition to form Russell County, Virginia. In 1793, he served as Serg't in a detachment of Militia in Powell Valley.

Nathaniel Hix, d. 1810, Washington County, VA; m. 1777/1778, Washington County, VA t o Jean (Scott) Chrisman, widow of Isaac Chrisman, daughter of Samuel & Ann Scott of Ireland, d. 1825, Lee County, VA. Nathaniel & Jane (Scott) (Chrisman) Hix had six (6) children:

1. Frances 'Fanny' Hix, b. 26 Nov 1778; m 1st Joseph Ely; m 2nd John Russell, Jr.
2. Rebecca Hix, b. abt 1780; m. prior 1801 to Joel Benham.
3. Archibald Hix, b. 1782. Lived in Lee County, VA. However, no further records can be found.
4. James Hix, b. 1784.
5. John Hix, b. 1786, youngest son.
6. Jean Hix, b. abt.1788, youngest daughter

Frances 'Fanny' Hicks

1. Frances 'Fanny' Hicks, daughter of Nathaniel & Jane (Scott) Hix, b. 26 Nov 1778, Washington County, VA; d. 15 Apr 1861, Lee County, VA; m 1st Joseph Ely; m 2nd John Russell, Sr. Joseph & Fanny (Hicks) Ely had children, of whom:

> A. Jane Ely, b. 10 May 1800; d. 4 Jan 1870, Lee County, VA; m. John Smyth. See Ely & Smyth.

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284 – Not listed.
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