

[There is available on the Internet a biography of James F. Lankford that was published by William Travis in 1909. That biography contains numerous errors. This research note by Sherlene Bartholomew discusses the biography]

Email from Sherlene Bartholomew, March 2, 2004

The Langford Name

Dear Halls/Langfords:

I have now extracted all the info. from the biographical sketch about James F. Lankford that I sent earlier, thanks to cousin Julie.

For any of you wondering about our connection, Harvey Lankford, father of James F., was the brother of our ancestor Fielding--so James F. is not our direct line. I have no doubt that our ancestor James Harvey, son of Fielding, was named after Fielding's brother Harvey, who died in the Civil War, as mentioned in this fascinating bio.

A couple of corrections in the text are in order: 2nd paragraph down, the "charming Southern girl" Walker married is listed as "Folly Williams." I have him as married to Mary Warren (not "Williams"), per Mom's research. I feel certain that "Folly" should be "Polly," a common nickname for "Mary." The text goes on to say that she was "the daughter of an Alabama planted [sic]. I would guess this should read "daughter of an Alabama planter and slave owner."

3rd paragraph down again speaks of a granddaughter "Folly," who married Joseph Francis. Again, I think the gdau.'s name was "Polly," undoubtedly after her paternal grandmother, Mary/Polly Warren. Don't you love the way James made up his mind about the grove of maples? He sounds like a Langford, all right! 'Makes me want to plant a maple in his honor.

Thanks, Julie, for passing on this information. I'm going to check the site next to see if I can find that bio. about John Coopridier, as mentioned in James Lankford's bio.

Sherlene