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Bridges Family of Livingston County, KY

1. **John Bridges**, of Welsh descent, was born in Virginia and served in the Revolutionary War in General Washington's army. After the war he moved to Maysville in Mason County, KY at Old Dover now known as Richwood's Station where he died at the age of 106; married **Jenny Unknown** who died in Covington, Ky at the age of 103. Child probably among others:
 - + 2. Joseph Bridges, Sr.; born in Virginia, c, 1785; died in Boone County, KY in 1832 at the age of 45 or 47.

Information on first three generations is from a biographical sketch of Joseph Bridges, Jr in *Kentucky, History of State*, by J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin and G. C. Kniffin; F. A. Battey Publishing Company, 1885, page on or about 691.

2. **Joseph Bridges, Sr.**; born in Virginia, c, 1785; died in Boone County, KY in 1832 at the age of 45 or 47; married **Celia Cooper** (died in Newport, KY at the age of 88; daughter of Nyras Cooper of Norfolk, VA). Joseph served under General Harrison in the War of 1812 and was taken prisoner at Ft. Meigs. Children of Joseph Bridges and Celia: Cooper:
 3. Jane Bridges.
 4. John N. Bridges.
 5. Caroline Bridges.
 - + 6. Joseph A. Bridges, Jr.; born in Boone County, KY, April 6, 1823.
 7. William M. Bridges.
 8. Seth C. Bridges.
 9. L..P. Bridges..
 10. Slatie Bridges.

6. **Joseph A. Bridges, Jr.**; born in Boone County, KY, April 6, 1823; died Carrsville, Livingston County, KY, June 16, 1901, age 78; married Oct. 3, 1846, **Mary G. Pavy** (born Dec. 5, 1827; died Carrsville, Livingston County, KY, July 25, 1918; daughter of P. H. Pavy and Lucy Unknown). Joseph A. Bridges attended school in Cincinnati, OH; owned a farm in Kenyon County, KY; was a business man in Carrsville, KY buying tobacco, live stock for shipment to markets.. Children numbered ten; six of whom are shown in the 1880 Livingston County, KY census:

11. Lucinda J. Bridges; born Kentucky, 1845/1846; shown in the 1850 census of Louisville, Jefferson County, KY..
- + 12. America A. Bridges; born Kentucky, 1849/1850; married Mr. Parmley.
13. M. F. Bridges..
14. Jo Anne "Josie" Bridges; born Kentucky, 1854/1855; living in family in 1880, single.

- + 15. John R. Bridges; born Livingston County, KY near the Tennessee River, July 1856 [Livingston County births].
- 16. Belle Bridges; born Kentucky, 1860; living in family in 1880, single.
- 17. Ruth Bridges; born Kentucky, 1862/1863.
- + 18. Lewis Edwin/Edwin Lewis Bridges; born Kentucky, December 1864; living 1900
- 19. Robert L. Bridges; born Kentucky, 1866/1867; afflicted by “apoplexy.”
- + 20. William “Willie” Bridges; born Kentucky, January 1874; died while a resident of Smithland, KY

Joseph A. Bridges and Mary G. (Pacy) Bridges were living in Louisville, Jefferson County, KY in 1850, dwelling 1041, family 1318; they are buried in Carrsville Cemetery, Livingston County, KY. Joseph’s father and mother were shown born in Kentucky in one census and in 1900 the parents are shown as born in Virginia.

The 1840 Jefferson County, KY census shows Ayras, Harrison and Martha Bridges as heads of households.

12. **America Bridges**; born Kentucky, 1849/1850; married **Mr. Parmley**. Children shown in the 1880 census in the home of Joseph A. Bridges:

- 21. Fannie Parmley; born Kentucky, 1868/1869.
- 22. Joseph Parmley; born Kentucky, 1871/1872.

15. **John R. Bridges**; born Livingston County, KY near the Tennessee River, July 1856; married **Laura M. Unknown** (born Illinois, April 1863). Child:

- + 23. Allen/Allan C. Bridges; born Livingston County, KY, February 1882.
- 24. Ivon/Irvan G. Bridges; born Livingston County, KY, July 1887. [Livingston County births]; of Wichita, Kansas.

18. **Lewis Edwin/Edwin Lewis Bridges**; born Kentucky, 1863/1864; living Carrsville, KY, 1900; married **Carry Unknown**. Children shown in 1900 :

- 25. Mayme Bridges; born Kentucky, 1889/1890.
- 26. Katie B. Bridges; born Kentucky, 1892/1893.
- 27. Willa G. Bridges; born Kentucky, 1898/1899.

20. **William “Willie” Bridges**; County Judge; born Kentucky; died while a resident of Smithland, KY; married 1905, **Mary Agnes Ellis** (daughter of David Ellis [1838- Sept. 17, 1904] and Joan Ross). Mary Agnes Ellis had a brother Joe Ellis. One child:

- + 28. Lois Mantz Bridges; born Kentucky, 1912; married 1939, Edward F. Mahan.

23. **Allen C. Bridges**; born Livingston County, KY, February 1882; married. Son:

- 29. Male - name unknown.

“Hold funeral Rites for Allan (T. sic.?) Bridges, retired Navy Officer - Funeral

services for Allan C. Bridges, retired Navy officer and native of Livingston county, were held Saturday afternoon in Paducah at the Kentucky Funeral Home at 2:00 o'clock. The American Legion of Paducah was in charge of the service. The body was taken to St. Louis, Mo., by his son, Ray Bridges, of Napa, Calif., where it was to be cremated. Commander Bridges was found dead in his room at the Palmer Hotel early Wednesday morning by his uncle William Bridges of Smithland, who had gone down to see him. He is survived by his widow, one son and a brother, Irvan Bridges of Wichita, Kansas. *The Livingston Leader, Thursday, September 24, 1942, page*

28. **Lois Mantz Bridges**; born Kentucky, 1912; married 1939, **Edward F. Mahan** Child:
+ 30. William Edward Mahan; born 1942; married Brenda Shront

30. **William Edward Mahan**; born 1942; married **Brenda Shront**. Children:
31. Forest Edward Mahan (born 1970)
32. William Clarke Mahan; born 1973.

William Edward Mahan is retired and living in his parents home in Smithland, KY.

William Bridges

William Bridges grew up in Carrsville, Ky., on the Ohio River where his father, Joseph had settled after leaving Louisville, Ky., with his young family. Joseph bought a large home on Main Street, the first large house on the right after you had climbed the steep bank from the river landing. Fires, floods and the ravages of more than a century have destroyed all the old beautiful homes, hotels, stores, shops and public places of that period. There are, however, a few people living who remember the Carrsville of the early 1900's.

William Bridges was the youngest member of Joseph's family of nine children and growing up on the river and seeing the daily parade of river passenger and freight stream boats left a life long impression on him and a love of the river.

Joseph Bridges ran a hotel and tavern for the river traffic and the many people who came to Carrsville to trade and visit. Foster Trimble as a small boy speaks of being in the Bridges place of business with his father and of the friendly atmosphere found there. From his observations during those days as a youngster he grew to like the members of the Bridges family and especially Will and his brother Nick. Foster Trimble attended school at Carrsville and boarded at the home of Nick Bridges.

William became well known through the county and in 1912 was asked to run for county court clerk. He served Livingston County in this capacity for four years and then was elected county judge. Upon his retirement from public office he opened a dry goods and shoe store on Court Street in the center of the business district between Barr's hardware and Davis Clopton's

drugstore; it was during this period that I came to know Judge Bridges or Mr. Will as our family always referred to him.

In Smithland as a youngster, I was dispatched after school and on Saturdays to help Mr. Will at his large dry goods store which was rectangular in shape with a wide stairwell in the rear of the building which rose half way to the second floor to a small area where the safe was located and which then permitted one to turn to the right or left to additional steps leading to the second floor balcony which was ringed with a banister and contained many shelves loaded with shoes and various merchandise.

I learned a great deal from this opportunity to watch Mr. Bridges as he helped customers with their purchase of shoes and clothing. It was my job to sweep out daily, to dust the merchandise with a large feather duster, and to bring a particular pair of shoes, etc., from "upstairs." At the end of the day at closing time I was asked to take the days receipts upstairs to the landing and put the cash in the safe and "be sure it is locked." Mr. Will was by this time getting on in years and his doctor had instructed him to avoid unnecessary exertion such as climbing stairs.

He reminisced occasionally about the days when all travel was done on the rivers - three of them being within a few hours by steamboat from his old home at Carrsville on the Ohio = the Cumberland at Smithland, the Tennessee at Paducah, and the Mississippi at Wicklife, Ky., a unique area in river traffic.

I remember that Mr. Will carried a huge Scheaffer green and gold pen and pencil set with green ink, the largest I have ever seen. He liked to work on miniature steamboat models. He lived on "Judges Row," his home was on the same street with Judge Wilson, Judge Green and Judge Hughes. I remember him as a kind and gentle man.

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Ellis Family

1. **Robert Ellis**; born Kentucky, c.1814; living Carroll County, KY, 1850; married **Mary Chamblin** (born Kentucky, c.1817). Children shown in the Carroll County, KY, 1850 census:
 2. William C. Ellis; born Kentucky, c.1838.
 - + 3. David Ellis; born Kentucky, September 1838-1840
 4. George C. Ellis; born Kentucky, c.1842.
 5. Sucey T. Ellis; born Kentucky, c.1845.
 6. Marie Ma Ellis; born Kentucky, c.1846.
 7. Isabella Ellis; born Kentucky, c.1848.

This family is identified in much more detail by Lois Mantx Bridges.

3. **David Ellis**; Steamboat Captain; born Kentucky, September 1838; living Carrsville, KY, 1900; married 1873, **Joanna Ross**; born Kentucky, January 1853.. Children shown in the 1900 census of Carrsville, Livingston County, KY:

- 8. Esther J. Ellis; born Kentucky, February 1878.
- + 9. Agnes M. Ellis; born Kentucky, January 1881.
- 10. Harry B. Ellis; born February 1887.
- 11. Joe C. Ellis; born Kentucky, January 1995.

David and Joanna indicated their parents were all born in Kentucky.

9. **Agnes M. Ellis**; born Kentucky, January 1881; married 1905, **William Bridges** of Carrsville, KY. One child:

- 12. Lois Mantx Bridges; long time high school teacher in Smithland, KY; married 1939 Edward F. Mahan.