

The following is from Marci Riggs, she is the great-great- granddaughter of Watson Filander Riggs , who is buried in the Commerce/Anderson Cemetery.

## RIGGS

The earliest records of the Rigs family show that they came from England and landed in New York. From there they scattered-some to North carolina, others to Virginia. These branches of the family moved from the east coast on into Tennessee and Kentucky.

Aulsey and Elizabeth Riggs moved from Virginia to McMinnville, Tennessee. In early 1800, they moved on to Southeast Missouri, five miles below Commerce in Scott County. There, they homesteaded 160 acres of land which they willed at their death to their son, Watson Filander Riggs.

### Children of Aulsey and Elizabeth Riggs

\*1. Watson Filander Riggs, married twice:

1. Pernecy Ann Findley
2. Elizabeth LeGran Belk

2. Thomas Ramsey Riggs, married Rebecca Vandergrift.

#### Children:

1. Josie
2. Wesley
3. Thomas Henry

3. Mayberry Riggs, married Mary.

#### Children:

1. Emma, married Mr. Merriwether; lived in Memphis, TN
2. Albert

4. Sarah Ann Riggs, married Frank Faulker; lived in Texas. Descendants unknown.

5. Elizabeth Riggs, married Frank Compton.

#### Children

1. Frank, Jr.

6. Julia Riggs (b. Nov. 19, 1828, d. July 26, 1929)--married twice:

1. Willis Foster in 1855, who had 6 children from a previous marriage. They had no children together (Editors note: in the article on the previous page it states that their children died)

#### Foster Children

1. Nora Foster
2. Lelia Foster
3. Arthur Foster
4. Elmer Foster
5. Addie Foster
6. Nancy Foster

2. Robert Wood Finley on October 26, 1865

#### Children

1. Robert Wood Finley Jr.
2. Selsia Finley

\*Watson Filander Riggs — born 1828, died 1890

Fought in the Civil War as Private in Company 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry. As