

The following is a portion of a communication dated May 18, 2004, from Dennis Simpson regarding the Lacy family:

Another famous gentleman who settled in Madison County was the Honorable Hopkins Lacy. However, nothing is written about this illustrious gentleman, who arrived in the county from East Tennessee. More is written about his brother who was the first banker of the famous Bank sitting on top of the Big Spring in Huntsville, yet Hopkins Lacy a former Member of the House of Representatives from Tennessee has very little information written about him. He was an soldier in the American Revolution from Virginia and North Carolina. He was an officer in the Tennessee Militia appointed by Gov. Blount. He served as Attorney General for Washington District and was a Trustee of Nancy Academy in Sevierville, Tennessee. He was also a legal representative for both John Coffee and his brother-in-law Andrew Jackson who became President of the United States. Hopkins arrival into Madison County was about 1812 and he became an associate of Dr. William Simpson. Together they purchased land with William Robinson and Thomas Austin and created the Town of Liberty situated due west of Ditto's Landing. In 1820 Hopkins Lacy operated a ferry that ran from Liberty to what was known as Leeman's Ferry northwest of Lacy's Spring, which was settled by the Lacy family in 1823. John Lacy another brother was the first white settler in that area that was once was a Indian campsite. The town was first spelled Lacy Springs until some pre-civil war Postmaster changed it to today's spelling Lacey's Spring.

The only Lacy family genealogical data found on the internet (Ancestry World Tree) for the Theophilus Lacy family shows pretty close agreement with Dennis Simpson's accounts:

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 1

1. [Theophilus Lacy](#) was born 1804, and died 1874. He was the son of 2. [John William](#)