

I have also collected files for the related Allison and Cooper families, since James Cooper is reported to have been originally buried in the Cooper – Penland Cemetery in 1834, per Dot Johnson's book of 1971. Rev. Penland's wife, Isabella Allison, was a daughter of David Allison and his wife Sarah **Turner** Smith. Dot's book states that Charity Allison, wife of James Cooper, was a sister of **John** Allison. Considering the dates of birth and death and locations, I strongly suspect that she was also the sister of **David** Allison, father of Isabella Jane Allison Penland.

These families all lived in the New Hope area before moving onto the pre-arsenal lands. It would be very interesting if Sarah **Turner** Smith was a descendant of **Sugars Turner**, since Sugars was one of the very earliest land speculators of Madison County on a large scale. After these families moved onto the pre-arsenal lands, they were listed in the census records as neighbors of Hughy Smith, John Timmons, Pleasant S. Austin, and others that we clearly recognize as among the earliest of the pre-arsenal settlers. Before that, they were neighbors in the New Hope area of the earliest Madison County settlers of the Grayson, Maples, Clark, Glover, Vann, Ellett, Lemley and Kennamore / Kennamer names...

A communication from Beverly Curry to John Rankin in 2004 had the information excerpted below:

Rev. Alexander Penland was born 13 June 1819, died 1896. You know already that he was a preacher. He preached for 40 years at the Ebenezer Presb. Church and is buried behind the church, **his photo in a book at the church**. He and wife were married 3 July 1850, her name was Isabella Jane Allison. Children were David Alexander, born 1855; Mary E., born 1852; Charity Carolene Penland, born 1855(?); Isabella Jane Penland, born 1856; and Sallie Jamar Penland, born 1853, died 1888 (buried in Ebenezer Cemetery). The name of Rev.'s grand daughter is Elaine Brazelton.

On-line research yielded an Ahnentafel for Alexander Penland from Ancestry.com's data as follows:

Garners and Penlands of Webster County, MO

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