

First Generation

1. **Robert MCCRAY**¹ was born before 1776.² Location: in Upper Bullpasture Mountain, Pendleton County, VA about 1790.³

Susanna DOUGLAS¹, daughter of Thomas DOUGLAS and Elizabeth Armstrong MORTON, was born (date unknown).

Robert MCCRAY and Susanna DOUGLAS had the following children:

- +2 i. **Mary MCCRAY**, married James BOTKIN, 1806.
- +3 ii. **Elizabeth MCCRAY**, married Robert GIVEN, 1816.
- +4 iii. **MCCRAY**.

Second Generation

2. **Mary MCCRAY**⁴⁻⁵ (Robert-1) was born (date unknown).

Mary MCCRAY and James BOTKIN were married in 1806.⁶⁻⁷ **James BOTKIN**⁸⁻⁹, son of Thomas BOTKIN and Margaret DEVERICKS, was born in 1789.⁶ He died in 1855; at the age of 66.⁶ Moved to: in Indiana .⁷ Individual Note: Had other children in Indiana.⁷

James BOTKIN and Mary MCCRAY had the following child:

- +5 i. **Robert BOTKIN**, born 1815, Cowpasture River, Bath County, VA; married Elizabeth L. BENSON, 22 Jun 1841, Pendleton County, VA; died 1 Jun 1880, Monterey, Highland County, VA.

3. **Elizabeth MCCRAY**¹⁰ (Robert-1) was born (date unknown).

Elizabeth MCCRAY and Robert GIVEN were married in 1816.¹⁰ **Robert GIVEN**¹⁰ was born (date unknown).

4. **MCCRAY**¹¹ (Robert-1) was born (date unknown).

MCCRAY had the following child:

- +6 i. **Sinclair "St. Clair" MCCRAY**, born 1803, Pendleton County, VA; married Catherine Margaret SIMMONS, 20 Dec 1842, Pendleton County, VA.

Third Generation

5. **Robert BOTKIN**¹²⁻¹⁹ (Mary McCray-2, Robert-1) was born in 1815 in Cowpasture River, Bath County, VA.^{15,20-23} Occupation: Farmer between 1850 and 1880.^{14-15,19,22,24-25} Property: Did not own any real estate of value in 1850.²⁴ Property: Owned personal property valued at \$249 in 1860.¹⁴ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$2,000 in 1860.¹⁴ Property: Owned 409 acres valued at \$1,564.75 in 1862.²⁶ Agriculture: in 1862 Owned 4 cattle, horses, or mules valued at \$55.²⁶ Property: Owned personal property valued at \$650 in 1870.¹⁵ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$2,800 in 1870.¹⁵ He died on 1 Jun 1880; at the age of 65 pneumonia in Monterey, Highland County, VA.²⁵ Illness: Affilctions of stomach and bowel in 1880.²²

Robert BOTKIN and Elizabeth L. BENSON were married on 22 Jun 1841 in Pendleton County, VA.^{7,27} **Elizabeth L. BENSON**^{14-15,17,19,22,24,28-29}, daughter of Mathias BENSON and Susanna TRIMBLE, was born in 1815 in Pendleton County, VA.^{14-15,22,24,30} Occupation: Housekeeper between 1860 and 1880.^{14-15,22} She died on 25 Nov 1891; at the age of 76 pneumonia in Monterey, Highland County, VA.³¹

Robert BOTKIN and Elizabeth L. BENSON had the following children:

- 7 i. **Matthias B. BOTKIN**³²⁻³⁵ was born in 1842 in Pendleton County, VA.^{14,24} Occupation: Farmhand in 1860.¹⁴ Military: on 11 May 1861-25 Jul 1863 Corporal, Company E, 31st Virginia Infantry, CSA; wounded at Port Republic.³⁵ He died on 25 Jul 1863; at the age of 21 of typhoid fever in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, VA.³⁵⁻³⁶
- 8 ii. **Mary Susan BOTKIN**^{15,37-40} was born in 1844 in Crab Run area, Pendleton County, VA.^{14-15,41-42} Occupation: House attendant in 1860.¹⁴ She died on 15 Oct 1874; at the age of 30 dropsy in Crab Run area, Highland County, VA.⁴³ Individual Note: unmarried.⁴³
- 9 iii. **John L. BOTKIN**^{7,14,24,44} was born in Oct 1845 in Crab Run area, Pendleton County, VA.^{14,24,44} Education: Attended school within the year in 1860.¹⁴ Occupation: laborer in 1867.⁴⁴ He died on 8 May 1867; at the age of 21 disease of bowels in Crab Run area, Highland County, VA.^{7,44} Individual Note: unmarried.⁴⁴
- 10 iv. **William W. BOTKIN**^{7,14-15,22,24-25,45} was born in 1848 in Highland County, VA.^{14-15,22,24,46} Education: Attended school within the year in 1860.¹⁴ Occupation: Farm laborer; 4 months unemployed. in 1880.²² Occupation: road contractor in Monterey District, Highland County, VA in 1896.⁴⁷ Occupation: road contractor in 1920.⁴⁸ Location: in Monterey, Highland County, VA in 1920.⁴⁸ Occupation: working with road force in Augusta County, VA in 1921.⁴⁹ He died in 1922; at the age of 74.⁵⁰
- 11 v. **James H. G. BOTKIN**^{7,22,31,51-54} was born in 1851 in Highland County, VA.^{14,22,53,55} Education: Attended school within the year in 1860.¹⁴ Occupation: Farm laborer; 3 months unemployed in 1880.²² Occupation: Employed by J. Trimble & Company/C. W. Trimble, merchant in 1890-1903.^{51,56} Location: in Monterey, Highland County, VA in 1920.⁴⁸
- 12 vi. **Caroline Arminta BOTKIN**^{14,19,22,53,57-58} was born on 5 Mar 1853 in Highland County, VA.^{19,22,53,59-60} Occupation: House work between 1880 and 1916.^{17,22} She died on 26 May 1916; at the age of 63 in Monterey District, Highland County, VA.¹⁷

6. **Sinclair "St. Clair" MCCRAY**^{2,61-68} (-2, Robert-1) was born in 1803 in Pendleton County, VA.⁶⁹ Occupation: Farmer in 1850.⁶⁹ Property: Not listed as having real estate of value in 1850.⁶⁹ Occupation: Farmhand in 1860.⁷⁰ Education: Listed as an adult who could not read or write in 1860.⁷⁰

Sinclair "St. Clair" MCCRAY and Catherine Margaret "Kate" SIMMONS⁶⁸ were married on 20 Dec 1842 in Pendleton County, VA.^{27,67} **Catherine Margaret "Kate" SIMMONS**^{2,44,67,69,71-75} was born in 1801 in Pendleton County, VA.⁷⁶⁻⁷⁷ Occupation: Housekeeper in 1860.⁷⁰ Property: Owned personal estate valued at \$50 in 1860.⁷⁰ Education:

Listed as an adult who could not read or write in 1860.⁷⁰ She died on 9 Feb 1896; at the age of 95 at near Botkins Mill in Highland County, VA.⁶⁷ Individual Note: mother of 13 children.⁶⁷ Illness: eyesight and mental facilities were good until the last; she was active until about 3 months before her death, when she received injuries caused by a fall.⁶⁷

Sinclair MCCRAY and Catherine Margaret SIMMONS had the following children:

- +13 i. **Elizabeth MCCRAY**, born 1827, Pendleton County, VA; married Alexander M. VANPELT, 19 Oct 1845, Pendleton County, VA.
- +14 ii. **Robert MCCRAY**, born Jul 1827, Virginia; married Mary A. HODGE, 9 Nov 1850, Highland County, VA; died 31 Jul 1904, Shaw's Fork, Highland County, VA.
- +15 iii. **Martha MCCRAY**, born 1832, Pendleton County, VA.
- +16 iv. **Sarah Catharine MCCRAY**, born abt 1837, Pendleton County, VA; married John T. LEACH, 27 Dec 1855, Bullpasture Mountain, Highland County, VA.
- 17 v. **Sinclair MCCRAY Jr.**^{2,61,78-80} was born about 1837 in South Fork, Pendleton County, VA.⁸¹⁻⁸³ Occupation: Farmhand between 1860 and 1864.^{44,82} Military: on 11 May 1861-30 May 1864 Company B, 31st Virginia Infantry, CSA; killed at Bathesda Church.⁸⁰ He died on 30 May 1864; at the age of 27 of wounds sustained in battle at Bathesda Church in Hanover County, VA.^{80,84-85}
- +18 vi. **Joseph M. MCCRAY**, born 1835, Pendleton County, VA; married Elizabeth LEACH, 27 Dec 1855, Highland County, VA; died 12 Jun 1862, Port Republic, VA.
- 19 vii. **Ellen J. MCCRAY**⁸⁶⁻⁸⁸ was born in 1840 in Pendleton County, VA.⁶⁹⁻⁷⁰ Education: Listed as an adult who could not read or write in 1860.⁷⁰ Occupation: House attendant in 1860.⁷⁰ Moved to: in Randolph County.²
- +20 viii. **Barbara MCCRAY**, born 1842, Pendleton County, VA.
- 21 ix. **Thomas MCCRAY**^{2,44,69-70,89} was born in 1844 in Cowpasture, Pendleton County, VA.^{69-70,90} Occupation: Farmhand between 1860 and 1864.^{44,70} Military: in 1864 Private, Company G, 18th Virginia Cavalry, CSA.⁸⁹ He died in Nov 1864; at the age of 20 killed in battle in Beverly, Randolph County, WV.⁹¹⁻⁹²
- +22 x. **Joshua MCCRAY**, born Mar 1844, Pendleton County, VA; died 26 Nov 1915, Stonewall District, Highland County, VA.
- 23 xi. **James Nicholas MCCRAY**⁹³⁻⁹⁶ was born in 1846 in Pendleton County, VA.^{69-70,97} Occupation: Farmhand in 1860.⁷⁰ Occupation: Farm laborer in 1910.⁹⁷
- +24 xii. **Alexander MCCRAY**, born 1848, Highland County, VA; married Mary Ann LOSH, 13 Dec 1868, Highland County, VA.

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1. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 280.
2. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 320.
3. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 252.
4. **Don Norman** files, Elyria, OH, Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. says McCrea.
5. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 270. 270 says McCray; 320 says McCrea

6. **Don Norman** files, Elyria, OH, Don Norman.
7. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 270.
8. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 270, 320.
9. Bath County Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns, 85. James Bodkin.
10. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 320, 381.
11. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 320. says probably son of Robert.
12. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264, 270. spelled Botkin.
13. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 85B. spelled Bodkin.
14. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 272.
15. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 186A.
16. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 186B. spelled Bodkin.
17. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 323.
18. Highland County Death Records, 1867, 1874, 1880.
19. Highland County, VA Register of Births, 1853-1880.
20. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 85B. says 35 years old.
21. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 272. listed as 49 years old.
22. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 186B.
23. Highland County Death Records, 1880. 68 years.
24. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 85B.
25. Highland County Death Records, 1880.
26. Civil War Tax Record, Highland County, VA 1862.
27. Pendleton County, VA Marriage Records.
28. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264, 270.
29. Highland County Death Records, 1867, 1874, 1880, 1891. Elizabeth L. (1891).
30. Highland County Death Records, 1891. 75 years.
31. Highland County Death Records, 1891.
32. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 270. spelled Matthias B.
33. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 85B. spelled Mathias.
34. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 272. listed as Mathias B.
35. 31st Virginia Infantry, John M. Ashcraft Jr. 1988, 117.
36. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 270. 1861 (sic).
37. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 270. says Mary S.
38. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 85B. says Mary J.
39. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 272. listed as Susan M.
40. Highland County Death Records, 1874. Mary Susan.
41. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 85B. 6 years.

42. Highland County Death Records, 1874. 23 years.
43. Highland County Death Records, 1874.
44. Highland County Death Records.
45. Highland County, Virginia Census 1920, 099-12 A. single. head of household containing brother James.
46. Highland County, Virginia Census 1920, 099-12 A. 64 years.
47. *Recorder*, 2, 31 Jul 1896.
48. Highland County, Virginia Census 1920, 099-12 A.
49. *Recorder*, 2, 24 Jun 1971.
50. **Morton, Oren F.**, *A Handbook of Highland County*, 1922, 42.
51. *Recorder*, 25 Apr 1890.
52. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 272. listed as James H. G.
53. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 186B.
54. Highland County, Virginia Census 1920, 099-12 A. single. listed in brother William's household .
55. Highland County, Virginia Census 1920, 099-12 A. 61 years.
56. *Recorder*, 3, 11 Dec 1903.
57. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 270. says Caroline.
58. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 323. listed as Cary Arminta.
59. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 272. listed as 7 years old.
60. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 323. says about 57 years old at death.
61. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 74A. listed as St. Clair.
62. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 254. listed as St. Clair.
63. Pendleton County, VA Marriage Records. listed as St. Clair.
64. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 329.
65. Highland County Death Records. St. Clair.
66. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 103.
67. *Recorder*, 3, 14 Feb 1896.
68. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 344.
69. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 74A.
70. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 254.
71. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 254. listed as head of household.
72. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 329. lists Catherine as wife of St. Clair and mother of Joshua.
73. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 103. Margaret.
74. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 344. Margaret.
75. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 316. Margaret.
76. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 74A. says 49 years old.
77. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 254. says 50 years old.
78. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 253. spelled St. Clair; listed in brother-in-law, John Leach's household.
79. Highland County Death Records. St. Clair McCray jr., unmarried.
80. 31st Virginia Infantry, John M. Ashcraft Jr. 1988, 141.
81. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 74A. listed as 16 years old.
82. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 253.
83. Highland County Death Records. 25 years.

84. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 320. says killed in 1861.
85. Highland County Death Records. (illegible) Mills.
86. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 320. single.
87. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 74A. says Ellen J.
88. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 254. listed in parents household on 254 as Jami or Jane; also lists a 23 year old Ellen J. McCray in Robert A. Stuart household.
89. 18th Virginia Cavalry by Delauter, Roger U., 1985, 80.
90. Highland County Death Records. 20 years, Cowpasture.
91. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 361. says killed in 1861.
92. Highland County Death Records. Nov 1864.
93. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 320. single; says Nicholas.
94. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 74A. listed as James N.
95. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 254. listed as Nicholas.
96. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 54A. single, listed in Dolly C. McCray Botkin household as a boarder.
97. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 54A.