

JAMES HC AND HARRIET RODGERS

James HC Rodgers married Harriet Jane Camlin Harlan on January the 14th, 1858, in Scotland County, Missouri.¹ Again, the oldest three children were living with the newlyweds: Nancy Jane, Robert, and William. Sally Ann stayed with her mother Mary Ann who would shortly remarry a man named Abraham Love² in Scotland County. James HC and Harriet would soon have a daughter of their own and on October 2nd, 1858, Demira W. Rodgers was born.³ James HC and Harriet would remain in Memphis until late 1860, as James HC, Harriet, and the children, even Sally Ann who was by this time five years old are listed on the 1860 census in the same household. James HC's occupation is listed as a "manager," what this meant is unknown.⁴ Based upon the testimony in the murder indictment, I speculate that James HC was in charge of some kind of grocery and/or livery stable.

Shortly after the 1860 census was taken, James HC and his family decided to leave Scotland County and return to near Scipio, Jennings County, Indiana. What precipitated this move remains to be seen. Was it the murder indictment? A fresh start away from the ex-wife, perhaps? Regardless, James HC, Harriet, Nancy Jane, Robert, William, Sally Ann and Demira left Scotland County and arrived at the Thomas Wilkerson (James HC's mother's brother) farm about November of 1860.⁵ During their travels, or just shortly after arriving in Jennings, County, Harriet became pregnant again. James HC, however, would not be present for the birth of his third son and sixth child.

¹ [James HC and Harriet Harlan marriage license](#)

² [Abraham and Mary Ann Love Photo](#)

³ [James HC Rodgers Handwritten Dates #2](#)

⁴ [James HC Rodgers 1860 Census Scotland County](#)

⁵ [Rachel Wilkens Letter to Polly Sprout \(Transcribed\)](#)