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**NOTES ON HIS GRANDFATHER:** (Page # 1) "my grandfather, Travis Kendall, was raised a bound boy near Fredericksburg, Virginia. When free he came to western Virginia, married a lady by the name of Horton, lived many years in Tazewell County, thirty-one of these years in succession he acted as constable. I recollect three very distinct traits in his character. He was called a honest, religious and industrious man; fought under the old Methodist banner nearly fifty years." "The day I was twenty-one years old he died in the faith and went home to heaven."

**NOTES ON HIS GRANDMOTHER:** (Page # 1) "married a lady by the name of [Susanna] Horton"

**NOTES ON HIS FATHER:** (Page # 1) "My father was James P. Kendall;" ...."My father was politically a Whig of the Henry Clay stripe, and I will here say that I have the honor of being the only son of the only Whig ever elected to Legislature from Morgan County since it has been a county. In Virginia and Kentucky together he acted as His religious faith was Universalism;...." (Page # 2) "my father was English and Irish decent;" (Page# 98) "I started from my father's in Morgan County,"[KY] (Page # 161) "said I, gentlemen, you know me here: I was raised only two miles from this place; [Martinsburg, (Sandy Hook) Elliott Co., KY] you know it has always been understood I was old Jimmy Kendall's son;"[need to ref why he is saying who his father was] (Page # 230) "My father moved to Kansas more than twenty years ago; [cir. 1857] I have never seen him since; I do not know whether he is living or not;" [Also see (Page # 5), (Page # 6), (Page # 82)]

**NOTES ON HIS MOTHER:** (Page # 1) "my mother [Sarah "Sally" Humphrey] was a daughter of George Humphrey, who lived and died near Springfield, Washington County, Kentucky" ...."my mother... (Cont'd Page # 2) in faith was Baptist; (Page # 2) "my mother was French and German" (Page # 230) "my mother died more than forty Years ago; [cir. 1838] .... When my mother died she left me with six sisters; two years after her death three of my sisters died about the same time, [cir. 1841] of scarlet fever; since that the other three have passed away from earth."

**NOTES ON HIS STEP-MOTHER:**(Page # 44) "When I was young, one time there was a Baptist Association on our land. My step-mother, Phebe Jane Boggs a very good woman, belonged to them.

**NOTES ON HIS BROTHER'S:**(Page # 45) "my brother, [Jesse] who was up to anything that had fun in it." (Page # 230) "my only brother, William Kendall, lives in Kansas; my brother Jesse died in Virginia during the war, in the (Cont'd Page# 230) Confederate service; brother Lewis H. moved to Kansas since the war, and since that died there. These are the only full brothers I ever had."

**NOTES ON HIS SISTER'S:**(Page # 230) "When my mother [Sarah Sally Humphrey] died [cir. 1838]she left me with six sisters; two years after her death three of my sisters died about the same time, [cir. 1840] of scarlet fever; since that the other three have passed away from earth."

**NOTES ON HIS UNCLE'S:** (Page # 4) "Two of my uncles had both joined the Methodists, Jesse and Allen Kendall; they had both professed religion. After this many a poor itinerant found a home at their houses. My uncle Allen became an eminent local preacher in the M. E. Church South. I should never perhaps have been a member if it had not been for the influence of these uncles; I have, as a general thing, ever loved my relatives but my eyes have never looked upon the face of a man I loved as I loved uncle Allen Kendall. He has gone home to Heaven and I expect to meet him in the land of immortal happiness and live with him forever." (Page # 138) "When a young man I went with my Uncle, Wm. H. Kendall,.....Said I, "we come from Morgan" [Morgan Co., KY]