

## An Item from the Census: The James Burroughs<sup>1</sup> Family

[Franklin County, Va., 1860]

The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family	Description		Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age	Value of Estate Owned		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country	Attended School within the year
	Age	Sex		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate		
Jas. Burroughs	65	M	Farmer	3105	8200	Va	
Elizabeth W. <sup>"2</sup>	59	F				"	
Martha F. <sup>"3</sup>	30	F				"	
Ann E. <sup>"4</sup>	26	F				"	
Christopher <sup>"5</sup>	22	M	Farmer			"	I
Eliza J. <sup>"6</sup>	20	F				"	
Susan A. <sup>"7</sup>	18	F				"	
Newton E. <sup>"8</sup>	15	F				"	
Ellen D. <sup>"9</sup>	13	F				"	

Census of 1860, Free Inhabitants, Northeast Division of Franklin County, Va., p. 259, RG29 M-653 DNA. Columns left blank by the census taker were: color, married within the year, persons over twenty years of age who cannot read and write, and whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.

<sup>1</sup> James Burroughs (1794-1861) was born near Smith Mountain in the southern part of Bedford County, Va., one of the eleven children of Joseph Burroughs, a Baptist minister of French Huguenot descent. The name was usually pronounced Bur'rus. James Burroughs served in the War of 1812 and later drew a pension for this. In 1818 he married Elizabeth W. Robertson, and in the next year purchased 228 acres of farmland in Bedford County. In the census of 1830 he reported four slaves, of which the female under ten could have been Jane, mother of BTW, and a free black youth between ten and twenty-four living in the household. In 1850 he purchased from Thomas Burroughs a tract of 177 acres near Hale's Ford in Franklin County which the latter, probably a brother, had purchased in 1833. Four years later James Burroughs purchased an adjoining tract of 30 acres. It was on this farm of 207 acres that BTW was born in slavery in 1856. (For other details on the Burroughs family, see Mackintosh, *Burroughs Plantation 1856-1865*.)