
News, Updates, & More



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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Copies of all issues of the newsletter are downloadable from the Varner Family website.

<http://home.kc.surewest.net/btvarner/VarnerGenealogy.htm>

Some files require a password to open. That password is: VarnerFamily (Case sensitive, no spaces). Please do not provide this password to anyone else. Send them to me so I can keep track of who might access the information.

QUESTIONS / NEWS

In February I mentioned research is needed in Cole County. Vivian Kessler responded with some tips for some as-yet un-indexed records for that county being located at <http://familysearch.org>. Thanks to Vivian for the information! Here it is for other to use:

1) Missouri, Cole County Circuit Court Case Files, 1820-1927 (last updated 16 Sep 2014)

<https://familysearch.org/search/image/index#uri=https://familysearch.org/recap/sord/collection/2076858/waypoints>

2) Missouri, Probate Records, 1750-1998 (last updated 22 Sep 2014)

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2399107>

3) Missouri, Andrew and Cole County Probate Records, 1826-1945 (last updated 19 Sep 2014)

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2060218>

Finding Resident Locations for George Varner of Missouri

Time to take another look at the migration through Missouri of George Varner. Our hope is to find a new path to understanding exactly where the George Varner family was located between the time George first arrived in Missouri, until his death. We do have a general idea of general area based upon known records. But exact locations within a county in any given year are thin.

George Varner of Missouri is known to have owned property through patents and warrants from his service in the military. It seems however that these properties were only owned for short periods of time and in some cases George may have never set eyes on the

actual land before signing it over to others. Let's quickly go through these again in order to see if some additional points of research might be found which would help determine precise locations where George resided.

- George Varner served as part of Capt. Reynolds Company of the Georgia Militia through at least some portion of 1818.
- By November 12th, 1819, a reference in the Missouri Intelligencer in Old Franklin, Missouri is found of a letter addressed to George. Franklin at the time was part of Howard County.

By 1819 in the western half of Missouri Territory, everything north of the Missouri River was Howard County. Everything south was Cooper County. Prior to 1819 both north and south was Howard County.

- By July 7, 1832 George is again referenced in a newspaper article of the Missouri Intelligencer & Boones Lick Advertiser (As the paper was by that time renamed) of Fayette, in Howard County. In this instance George and Thomas Owen are advertising a lost horse. Thomas owns property at this time in Boone County.
- On November 14th, 1835 George obtained his first land Patent for 40 acres in Boone County.

This area where Thomas Owen lived, and where George obtained his first Patent was in Boone County. However before 1821 when statehood was achieved, this was part of Howard County.

- In the 1840 and 1850 Federal Censuses George and family was in Pettis County, Missouri.
- In 1850 George applied for a Warrant for property in Pettis County, SW of Sedalia (Then called Georgetown).
- In September 1852 George obtains the Warrant for the Pettis County property. In December of 1852 George and Harriet sell the same property.
- In October 1854 George obtains another land Warrant for another piece of property in Pettis County and assigns ownership of said property immediately over to another person.

Pettis County was formed in 1833 from Saline County and Cooper County.

- In May 1855 George requests a Warrant for land in Cole County. In May 1859 this request was awarded to George and again assigned ownership of said property immediately over to a different person.

Before the creation of Miller County the area now in Miller County, north or west of the Osage river was part of Cole County. The area east of the Osage was unincorporated land until 1829 when it

became part of Crawford County. Then is 1833 that same area east of the Osage became part of Pulaski County. Miller County was formed in 1837.

- In the 1860 census George and family are in Miller County. No additional land is ever owned by George. George and Harriet are believed to have been killed ca. 1861 after being bushwhacked at their home.

The significance of the above information is that to complete a comprehensive study for any additional unknown records on George and Harriet, all the above county seats need to be visited and their records studied, because any of them could contain related records. The counties are: Howard, Boone, Pettis, Saline, Cooper, Miller, Cole, Crawford, and Pulaski.

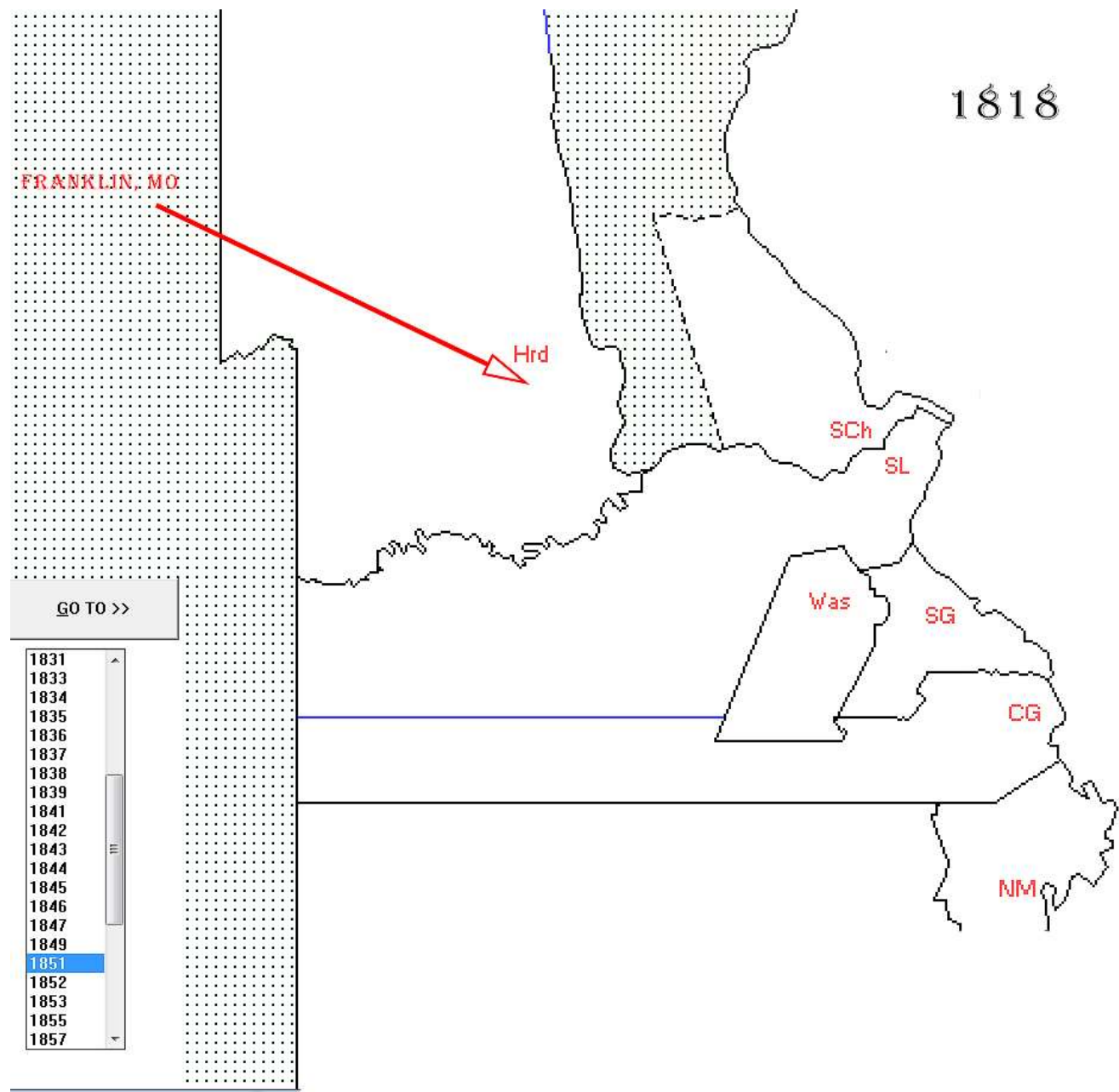
I believe that Miller has been visited many times and leads exhausted for that county. However, I am not sure that the other counties have been sufficiently searched physically from each courthouse.

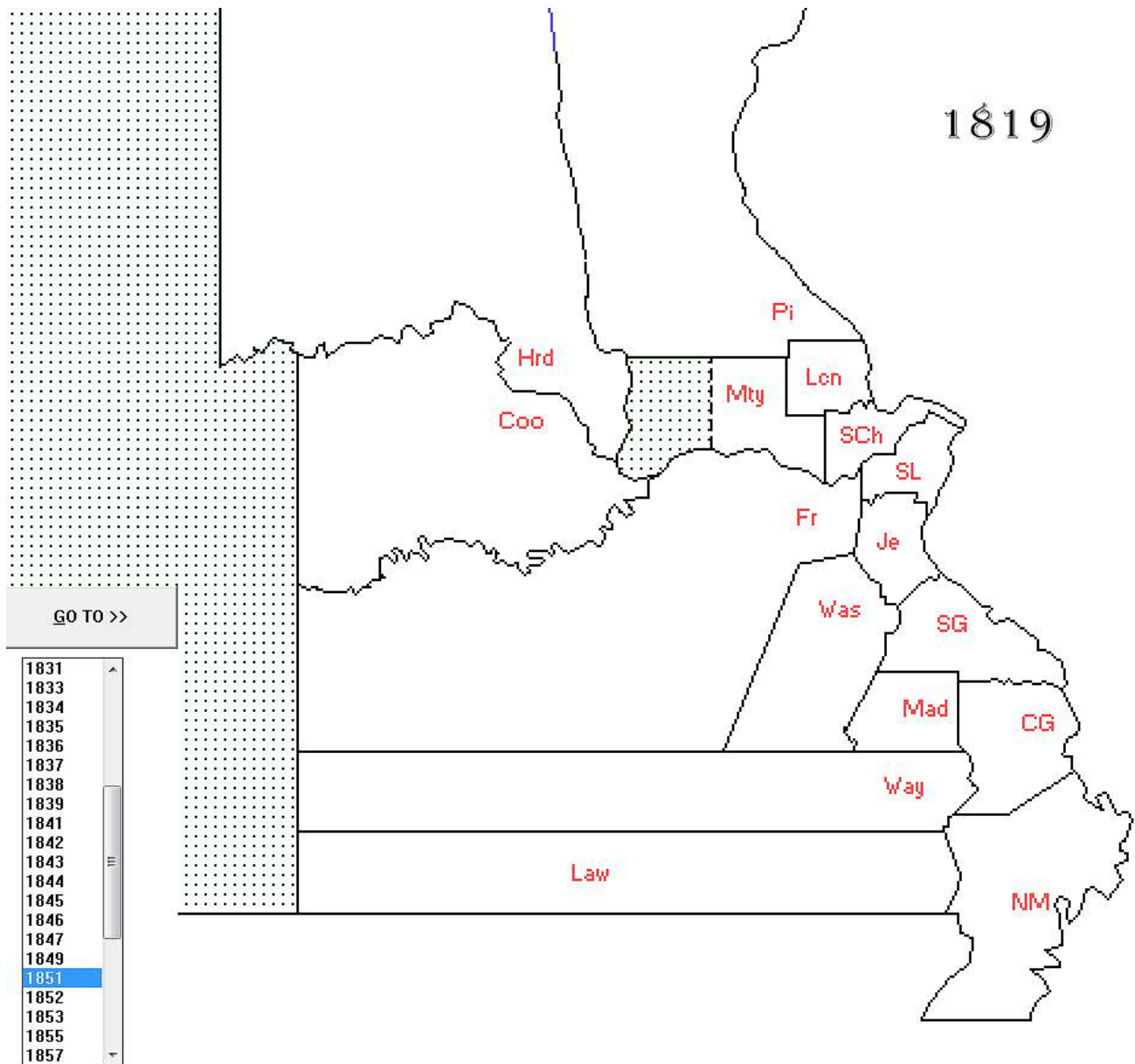
I will be going back to Howard this spring to complete a search of their records. I have been to Boone and Pettis and believe I have searched everything there (Although a second search by someone else needs to be done). So that leaves the remaining counties of: Saline, Cooper, Cole, Crawford, and Pulaski.

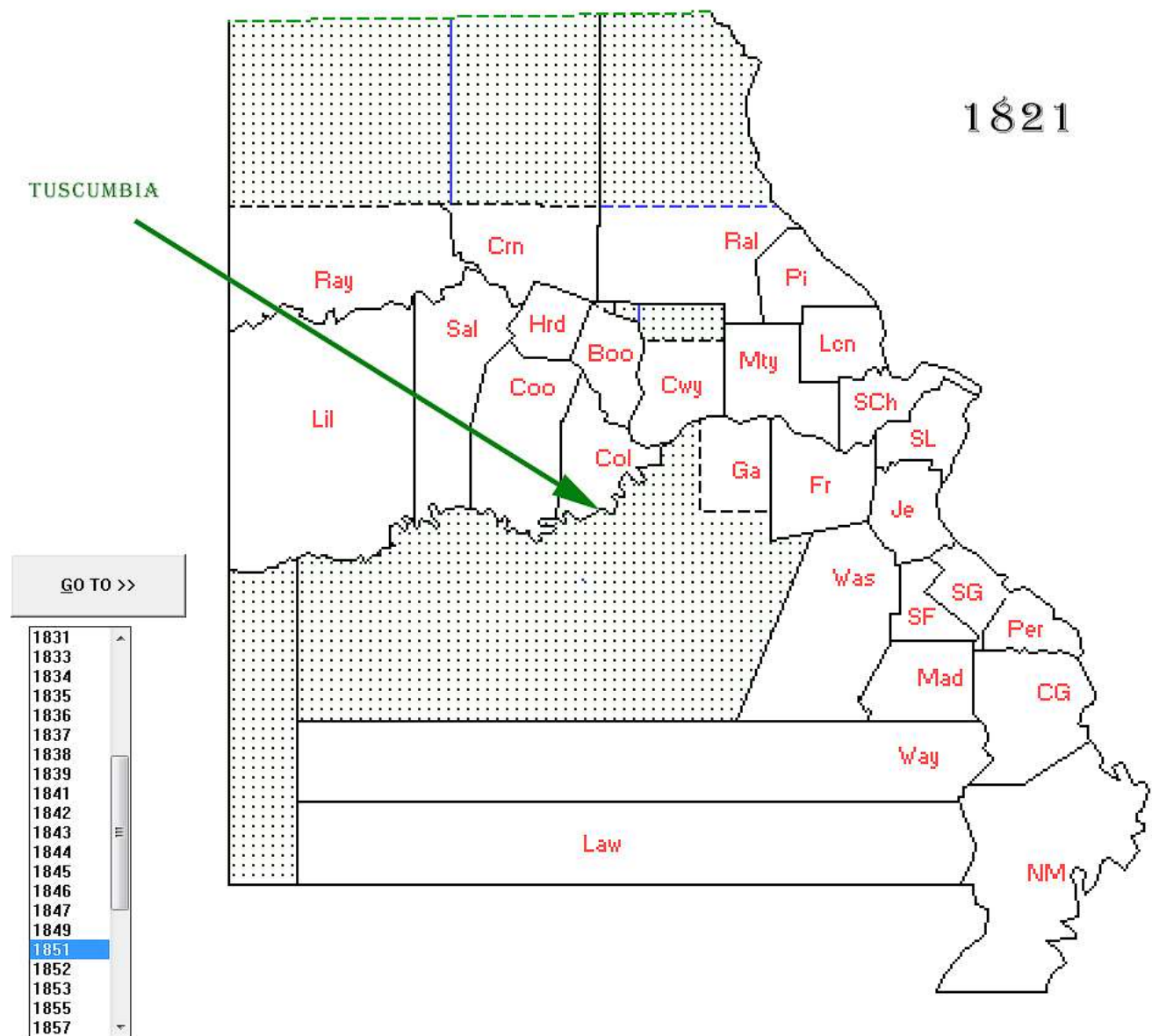
So now you have some additional ideas on where some new information might be obtained. Please let me know as any of you visit those courthouses so that the effort can hopefully be divided up

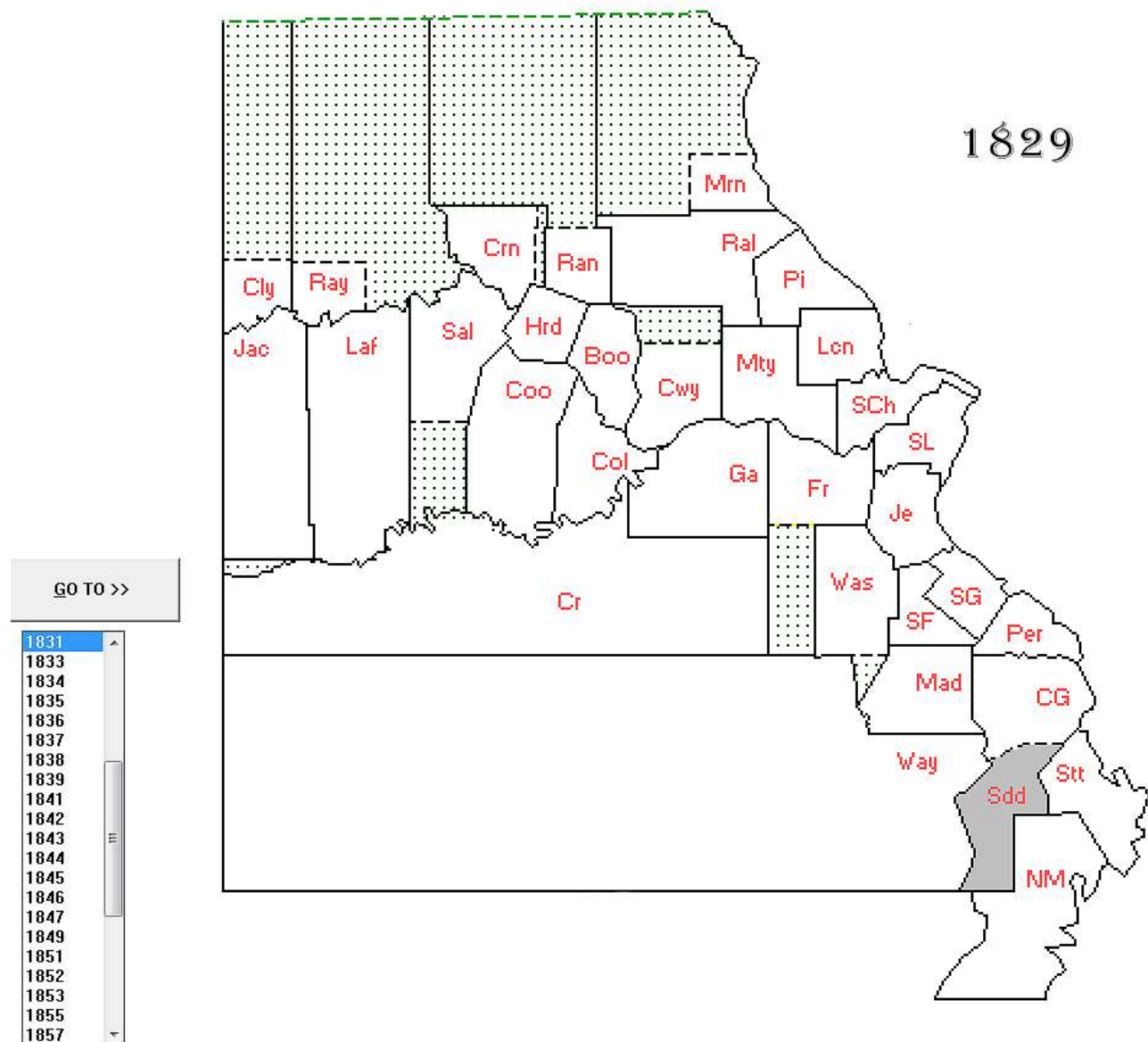
and not have several people visit the same counties while the others are left unvisited. Good hunting.

Here are some maps of Missouri for those years when county line changes happened that are of interest to the subject at hand.

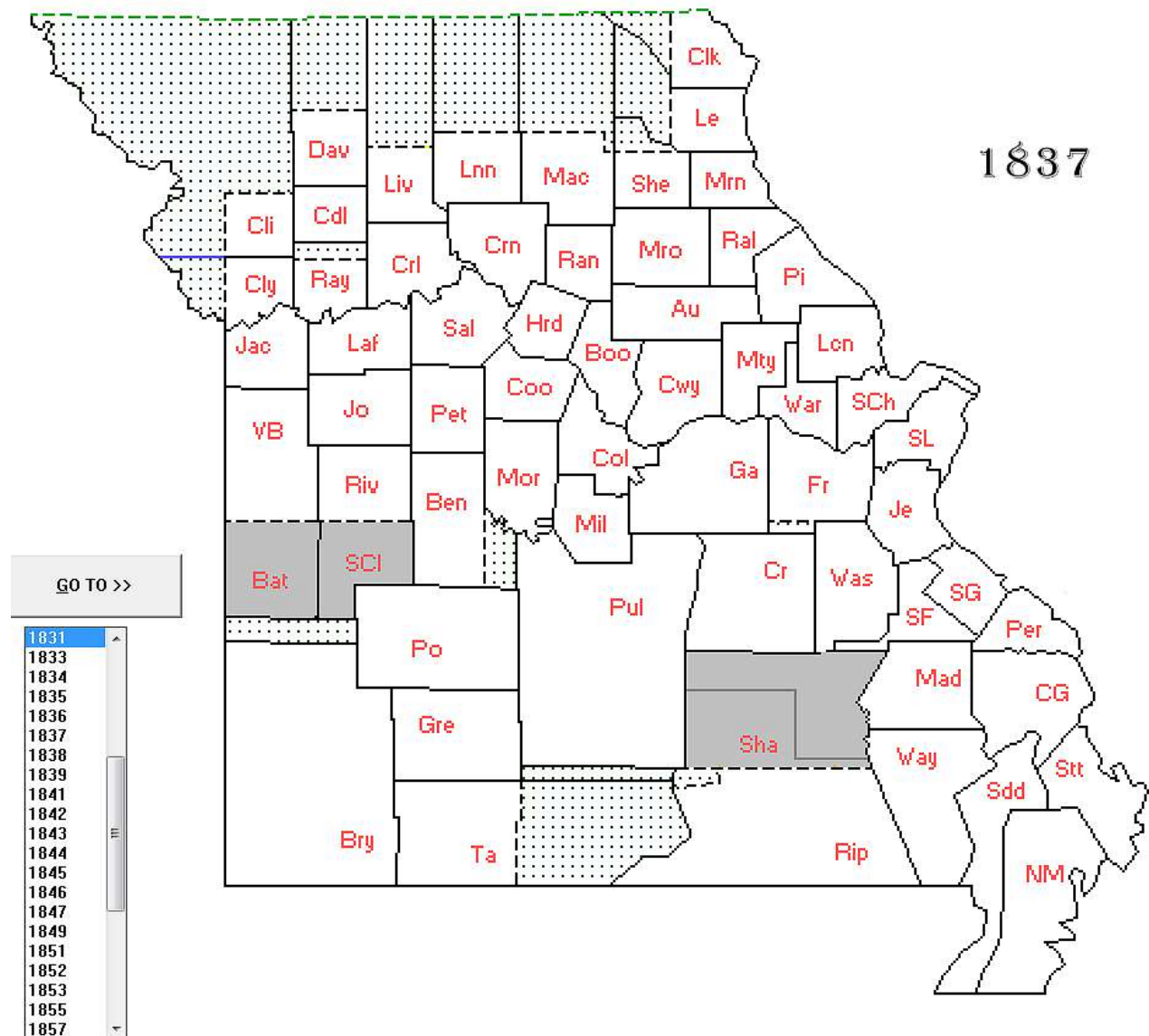












George Varner of Missouri Direct Line DNA

Looking for progress on this front.

George Varner (1789-1861)

Samuel Philip Varner (1846-1896)

Francis Logan Varner (1874-1939)

Norman Walter Varner (1912-1997)

Raymond Walter Varner (1942-200xs)

Mother Lela Corrnnett

Jason Raymond Varner (40)

Mother Christine Elizabeth Swillium

Micha? Dority Varner (38)

Mother Nancy Dority

Norman Fredrick (Butch) Varner (68)

Mother Alice Ethlene Brown

Michael Logan Varner (43)

Michael Lee Varner (36)

George Henry Varner (1880-1946)

Henry Edgar Varner (1919-2003)

James Varner (??)

William Varner (??)

Henry Lee Varner (55)

2015 Newton/Varner Reunion

The 2015 Newton/ Varner family reunion is again held in Bolivar at the same facility. The event will occur on Saturday May 23rd. We will have the facility between 10am and 4pm. Most attendees arrive just before lunch.

Think about what you would like to have occur during the event.

The address is:

1850 W. Broadway St.

Bolivar, MO.

As always, please contact me with ideas for future newsletters.....

Bruce Varner