
News, Updates, & More

Varner Family Genealogy

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Prior newsletters and other Varner genealogy information can be found on the Varner Family website.

<http://brucevarner.com/VarnerGenealogy.htm>

The Riggs-Varner Y-DNA lineage chart has been updated. It can be printed larger for more easy reading and now includes not only Riggs-Varner Y-DNA matches, but also the true Varner to Varner match between Billy Joe Varner and William Virgil Varner. It is located on the website <[here](#)>. Please let me know if you observe any problems!

QUESTIONS / NEWS

No questions this month!

George Varner of Missouri Direct Line DNA

Nothing new this month!

Riggs/Varner Connection

At the reunion this year, Billy Joe recalled while he was growing up that his grandmother Lettie had a friend named Dorothy Riggs. Could be totally unrelated, but is interesting none the less and this Riggs connection should be followed up. Remember that Billy Joe is a true genetic Varner descended from George Varner of Missouri. Not through Nancy Ann.

Billy Joe's grandmother was:
Lettie V. Thornton 1883-1976
m: George Henry Varner 1880-1946

I know that Lettie and George were married in Miller County. They moved to Kansas City sometime before he died in 1946. Apparently after George's death, Lettie moved back to Dallas County where she died.

Since Bill was not born until 1944, it seems natural that the Dorothy Riggs that he is talking about is from a relationship in or near Dallas County.

Is this a member of our Riggs related family? Did Dorothy live in Dallas or Miller County? Maybe there was some acknowledgement between the Varner's and the Riggs during this timeframe? All interesting.....

Varner's From Dallas County

Last month the newsletter mentioned Janice Varner Ortner from Buffalo, Missouri who attended the reunion. Janice is searching for a connection between our Varner line and her Varner line in Dallas County.

No one in her Varner family has submitted DNA samples. I have obtained a fresh test kit and will be lining up with Janice to submit a sample so that we can begin trying to make a connection. In the mean time I thought this would be a good subject to discuss so that anyone with information on the Dallas Varner's can come forward with those detail and help us put the pieces together.

My knowledge of the details for the Varner's of Dallas County, Missouri is limited. Here is what I know so far.

At the end of this newsletter are 2 [images](#) containing Janice and her husband James ancestry back four generations. I am presenting this in hopes that study of those surnames and locations associated with each individual may jog someone's memory about new or additional details.

Her Varner line is as follows:

Janice Varner Ortner (1944-)

William Lawrence Varner (1918-2000)

b. Plad, Dallas Co. MO, d. Greene Co. MO

Thomas Everett Varner (1887-1963)

b. OK, d. MO

Samuel Alexander Varner (1856-1946)

b. Unk, d. OK

Jacob A. Varner (1826-1860)

b. Unk, d. Unk

A 1942 WWII draft registration indicates a Thomas Everett Varner was born 7/12/1888 in Dallas Co. MO. Residence in 1942 was Buffalo, MO. Occupation farmer, 5'6", Brown eyes, dark complexion.

The 1920 Federal Census shows William L. Varner, Age: 1, living in Miller, Dallas Co. Missouri as a son. Father Everet Varner Age: 33, b. OK. Mother Ola Varner Age: 25, b. Iowa. Sister Mabel C. Varner Age: 8, b. MO. Brother Edward Varner Age: 5, b. OK.

This would indicate the Everett Varner family had come from Oklahoma to Missouri by 1912. Was back in Oklahoma in 1915 and returned to Missouri by 1919.

A 1917 WWI draft registration indicates a Thomas Everett Varner was born 7/12/1886 in Missouri. Married. Residence in 1917 was Dallas Co. MO. Short in height and Brown eyes.

The 1900 Federal Census shows Everett Varner, Age: 12, birth date: July 1887, living in Jasper, Dallas Co. Missouri as a son. Father Samuel A. Varner Age: 44, birth date: Feb. 1856, b. MO. (Shows Samuel's father born TN.) Mother Emma P. Varner Age: 33, birth date: Nov. 1864, b. Iowa. Brother William R.

Varner Age: 18, birth date: Dec. 1881, b. MO. Brother James M. Varner Age: 14, birth date: Sep. 1885, b. MO. Sister Nettie J. Varner Age: 11, birth date: Feb. 1889, b. MO. Rosa P. Varner Age: 4, birth date: Jul. 1895, b. MO. Step Brother Henry C. Hudgeons Age: 9, birth date: Oct. 1890, b. MO. Step Brother Floyd A. Hudgeons Age: 7, birth date: Jun. 1892, b. MO.

The 1880 Federal Census shows Samuel Varner Age: 24, birth date: Abt 1856, b. MO. (Again shows Samuel's father was born TN.) farming in Jasper, Dallas Co. Missouri, married to Lucinday Varner. In the household of Mary & Robert Alford, with their son John Alford.

The 1870 Federal Census shows Samuel A. Varner Age: 14, birth date: Abt. 1856, b. TN. Living in Jasper, Dallas Co. Missouri (Buffalo PO) in his father's household. Father Jacob Varner Age: 45, birth date: Abt. 1825, b. TN. Mother: Matilda J. Varner Age: 21, b. MO. Sister Sarah C. Varner Age: 20, b. TN. Brother Jacob A. Varner Age: 16, b. TN.

The discrepancies in place of birth for Samuel A. Varner would seem to indicate that the family moved from Tennessee to Missouri either shortly before or after Samuel's birth around 1856.

The 1860 & 1850 censuses in Missouri and Tennessee for Jacob are confusing, with more than one Jacob Varner.

Although they could be, none seem to fit exactly the above Jacob Varner of 1870 in Dallas County. More research needs to be completed.

It looks like the connection to our Varner's (Assuming there is one) could come through William Virgil Varner as that line traces through Tennessee.

Cheryl Varner Walker, I hope you are reading this.....

Open Call to Those Who Have Completed DNA Testing!

I am making a plea to everyone who has had their DNA already tested. You need to have your autosomal results uploaded to GedMatch.com!

We are reaching the point where we are unable to make DNA connections between relatives because many of those tested, have not taken the next step and uploaded their results.

There is only one place where testers can freely compare autosomal results with others who tested at a competing company. That is at GedMatch.com!

What I am asking is for anyone who has not already uploaded their data to GedMatch.com, or if you do not know if your data has been uploaded to GedMatch.com, please contact me.

Please send me an email. I will then contact you personally and make

arrangements for us to have a phone call where I can walk you through the process!

Even if you feel that you cannot accomplish this with help, contact me and I can do it for you if need be.

The process is two steps. First, downloading your results from your company (FamilyTreeDNA or Ancestry DNA) onto your computer in a spreadsheet format. Then creating an account on GedMatch.com and then uploading your data to that site.

Not the easiest process for someone who is not comfortable with computers, but it can be done with help. I can provide you with that help.

My guess is that there ARE cousin matches out there that you will only find once your information is on the GedMatch.com website.

Let me know and we can discuss. If you are not comfortable, you of course do not have to do it. But let me provide an overview before you make up your mind.....

Historical Miller, Camden, & Dallas County Lines

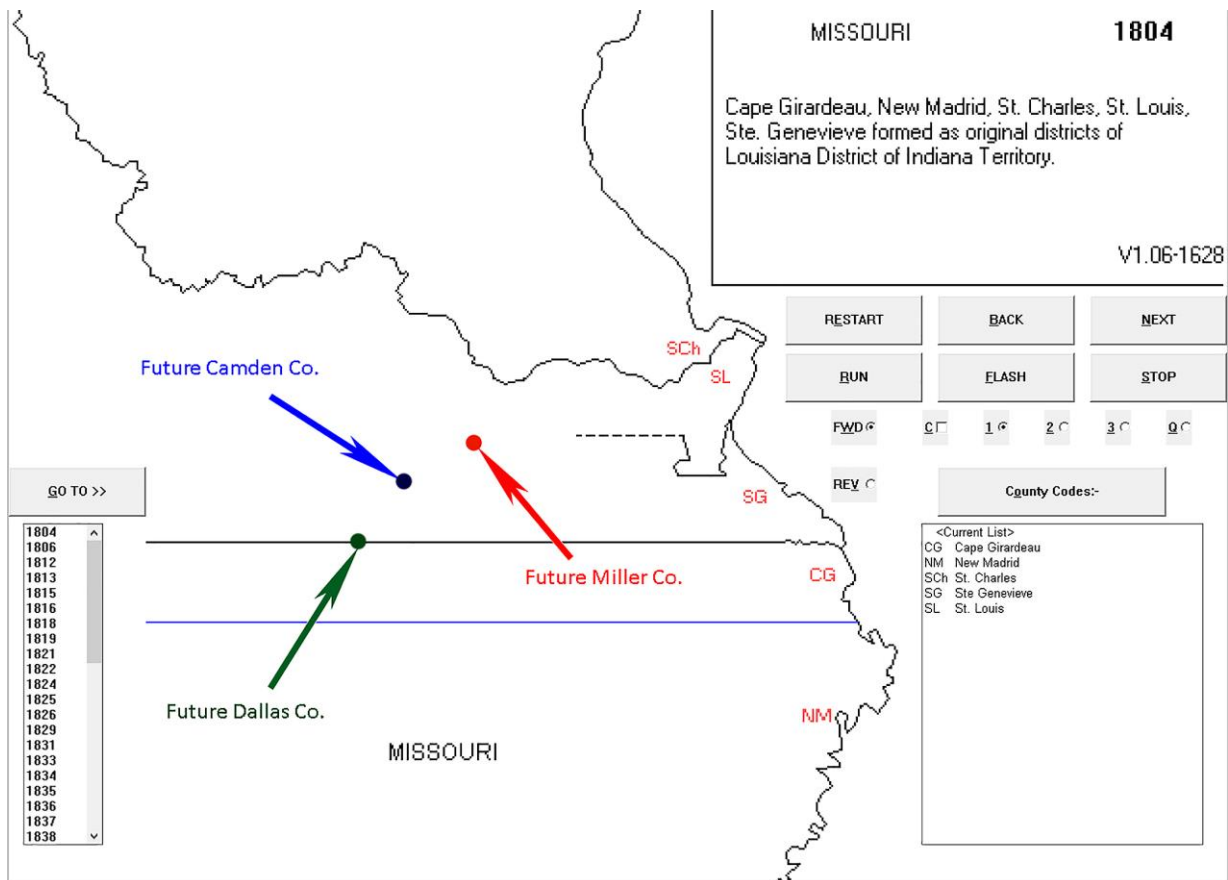
I thought it would be good to go over the history of the county lines for the areas that are now Miller, Camden, and Dallas counties.

Often we forget in our research that the names of counties and boundaries for those counties changed over time. Because of this we sometimes forget to search in the county under which the land might have been administered at an earlier time. Let's look at our three counties in question.

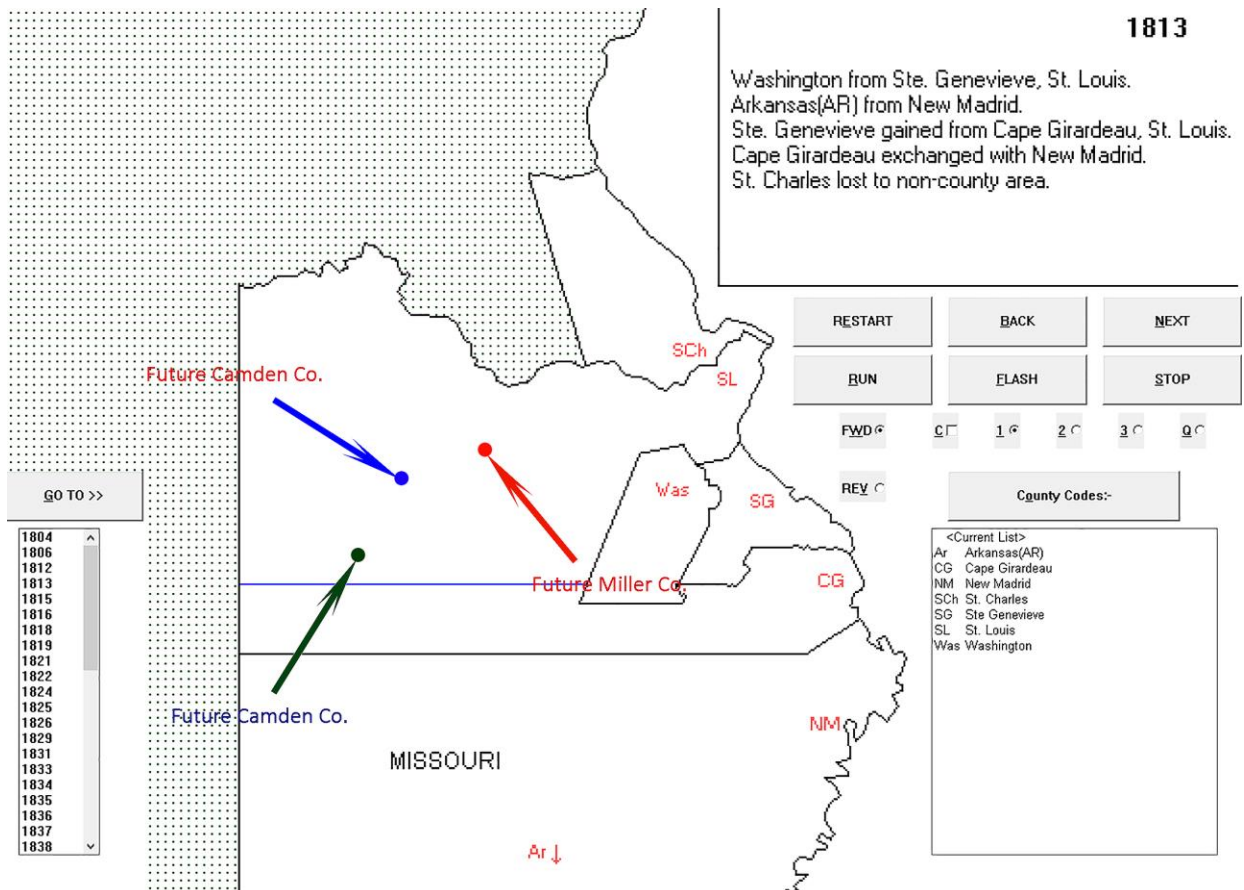
The images used here come from screen shots of "The AniMap County Boundary Historical Atlas", v3.0.2. This is a quite old piece of software that I have used for many years.

The first image shows the Missouri Territory region and associated county

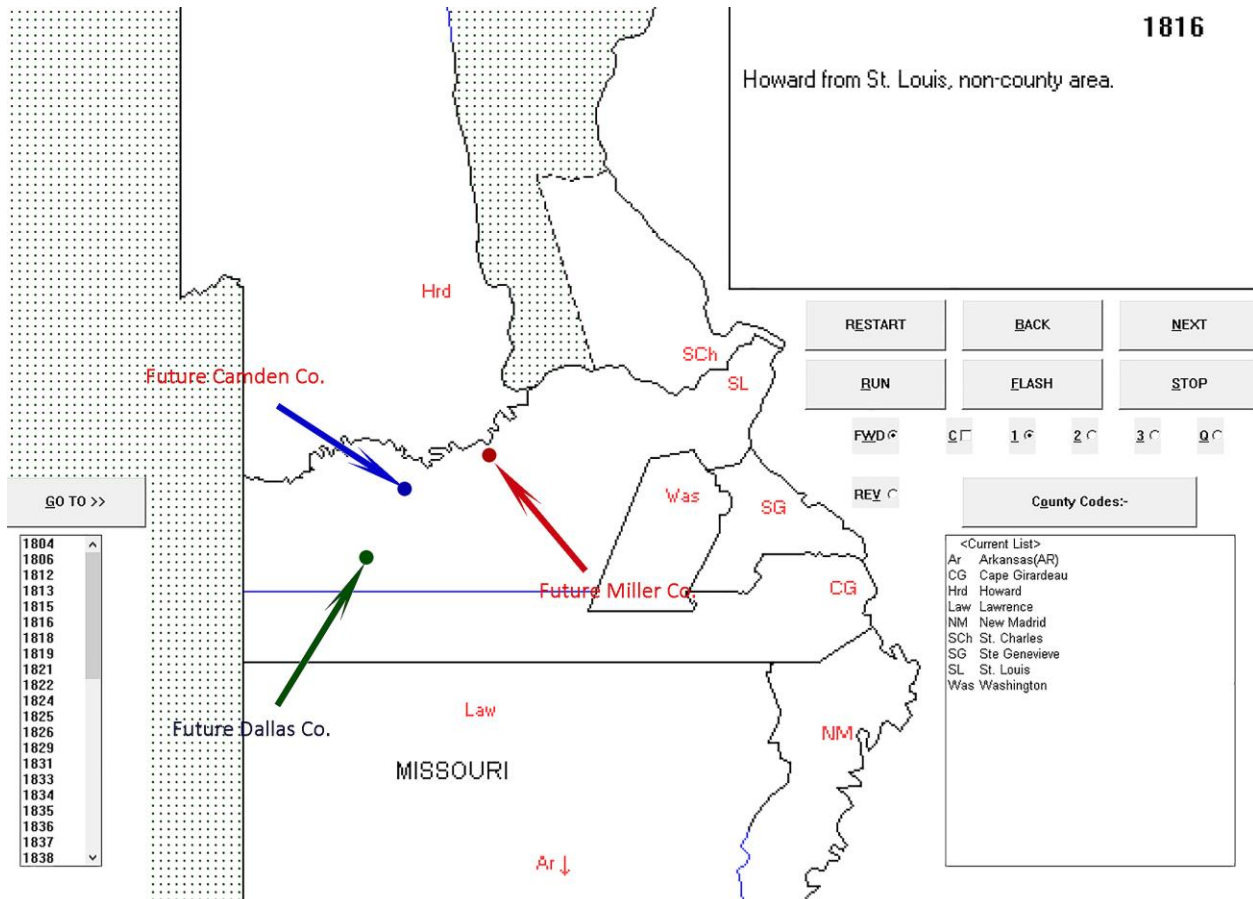
boundaries as of 1804, shortly after the Louisiana Purchase. Notice the original named counties. The land that would be the future Miller Co. straddles the vague county lines between St. Louis Co. and St. Genevieve Co. The land that will be Camden Co. sits at that moment in western St. Genevieve Co. The land that will become Dallas Co. sits at that moment in western St. Genevieve Co. The land that will become Dallas Co. straddles the distinct line that separates St. Genevieve and Cape Girardeau counties. Note that the dots indicate the center of each county. Final county lines encompass more area.



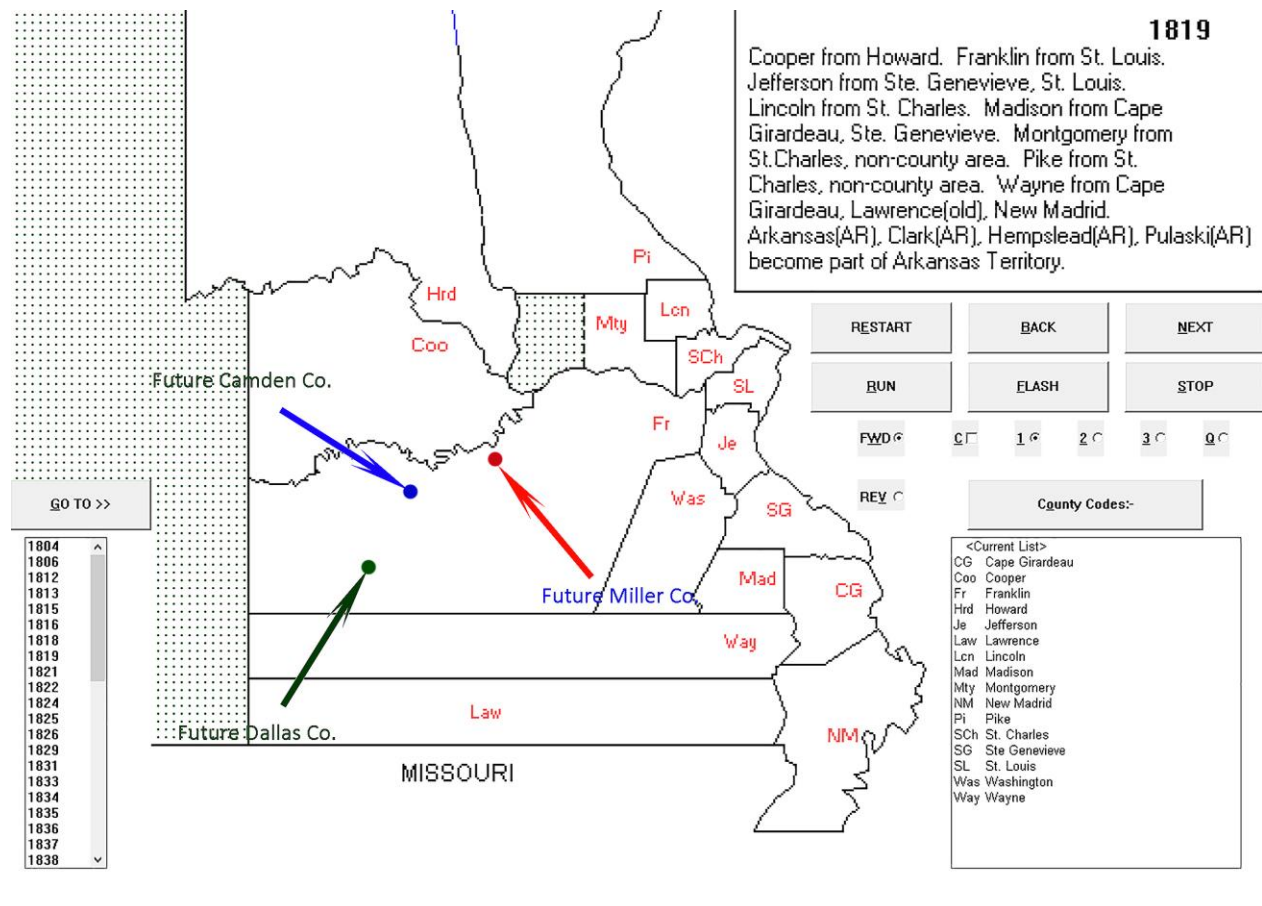
This remains the case until 1813 when the entire area of these three future counties is changed to fall in St. Louis Co.



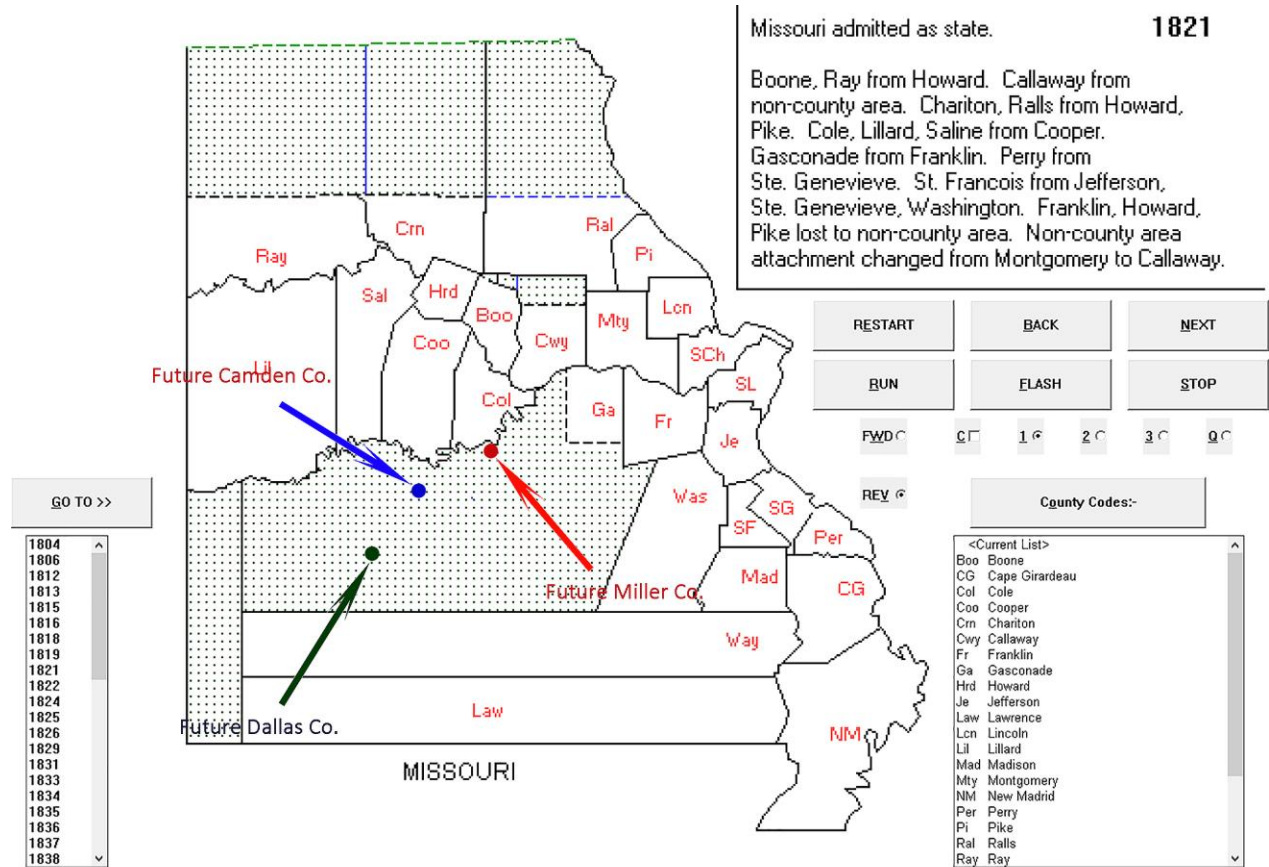
In 1816 the area changes again to be part of St. Louis Co. Note that the north boundary becomes the Osage River. We know that current Miller Co. is on either side of the Osage, so that area north of the Osage is now in Howard Co.



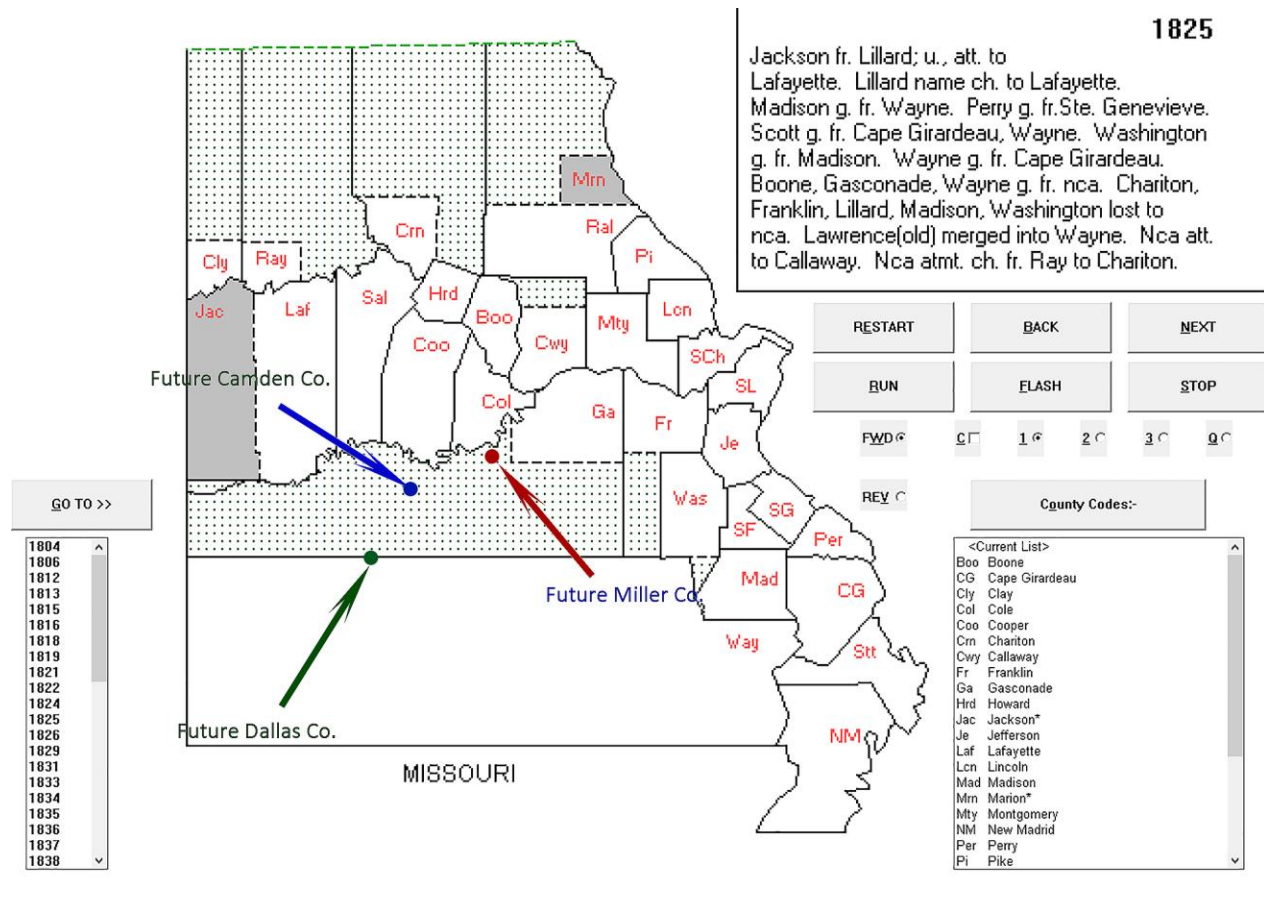
In 1819 the area changes to become part of Franklin Co. The area north of the Osage at this point also changes from Howard Co. to Cooper Co.



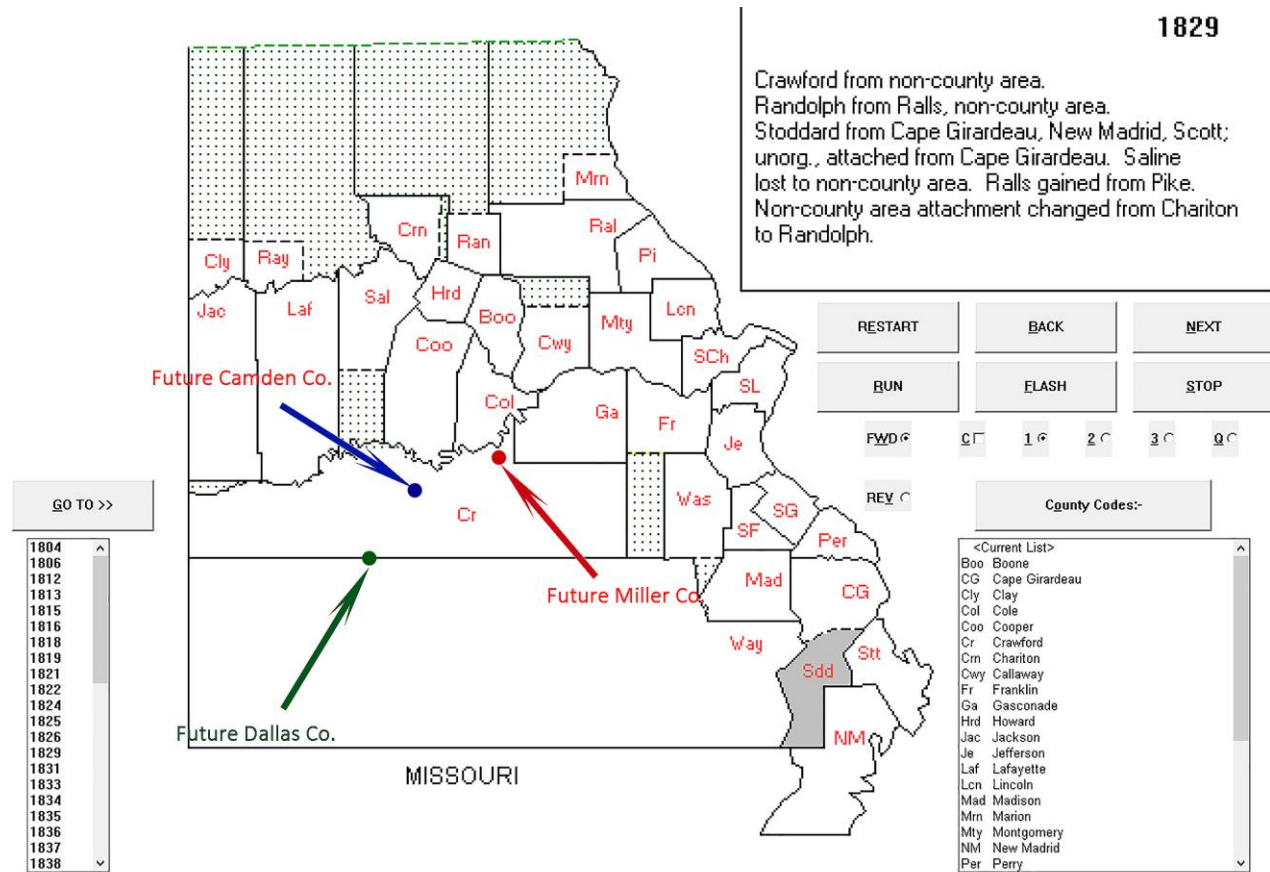
To confuse things further, in 1821 Missouri becomes a state. The area for the three future counties becomes unincorporated land, not falling within any county. Note that the area of future Miller Co. north of the Osage becomes part of Cole Co.



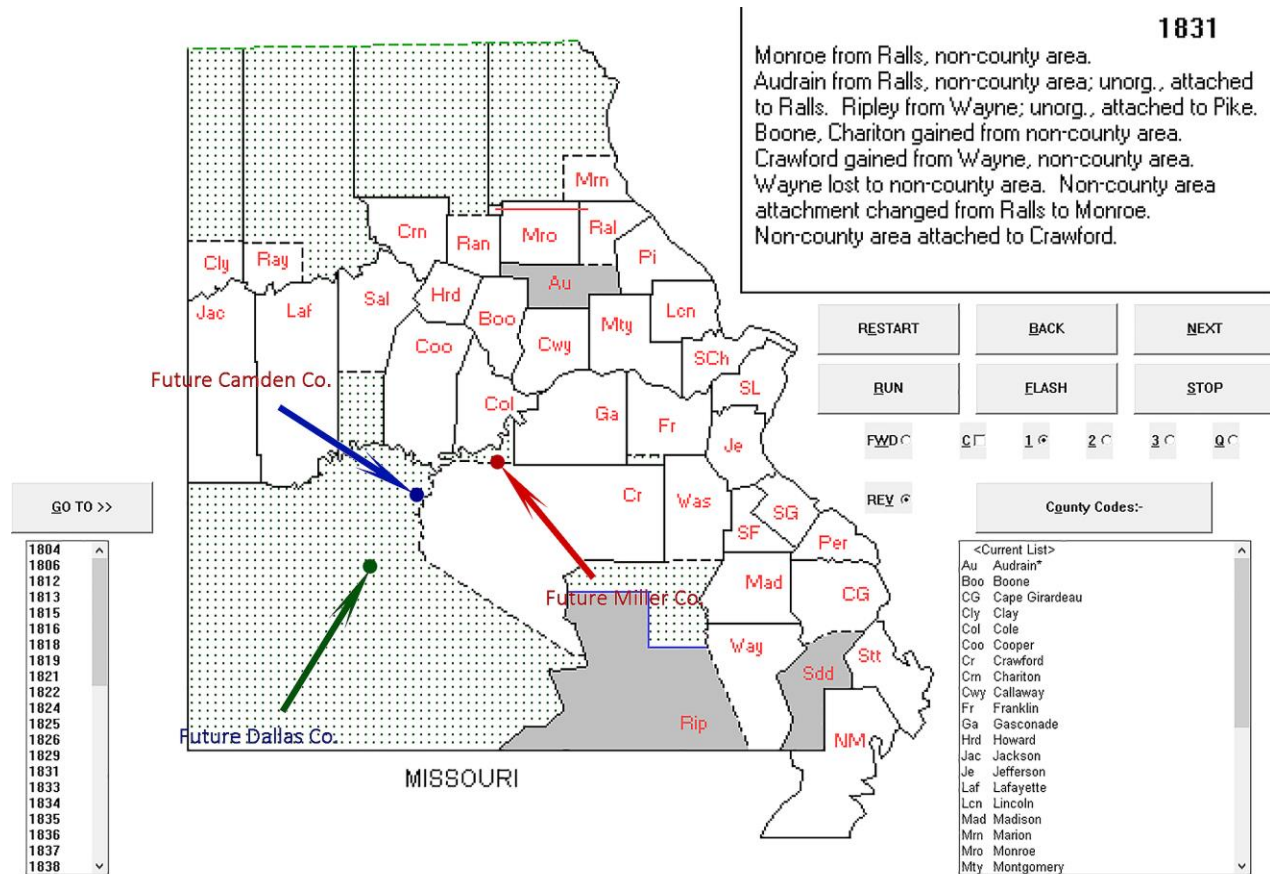
In 1825 the chaos continues. In future Dallas Co., the south half of the future county becomes part of Wayne Co.



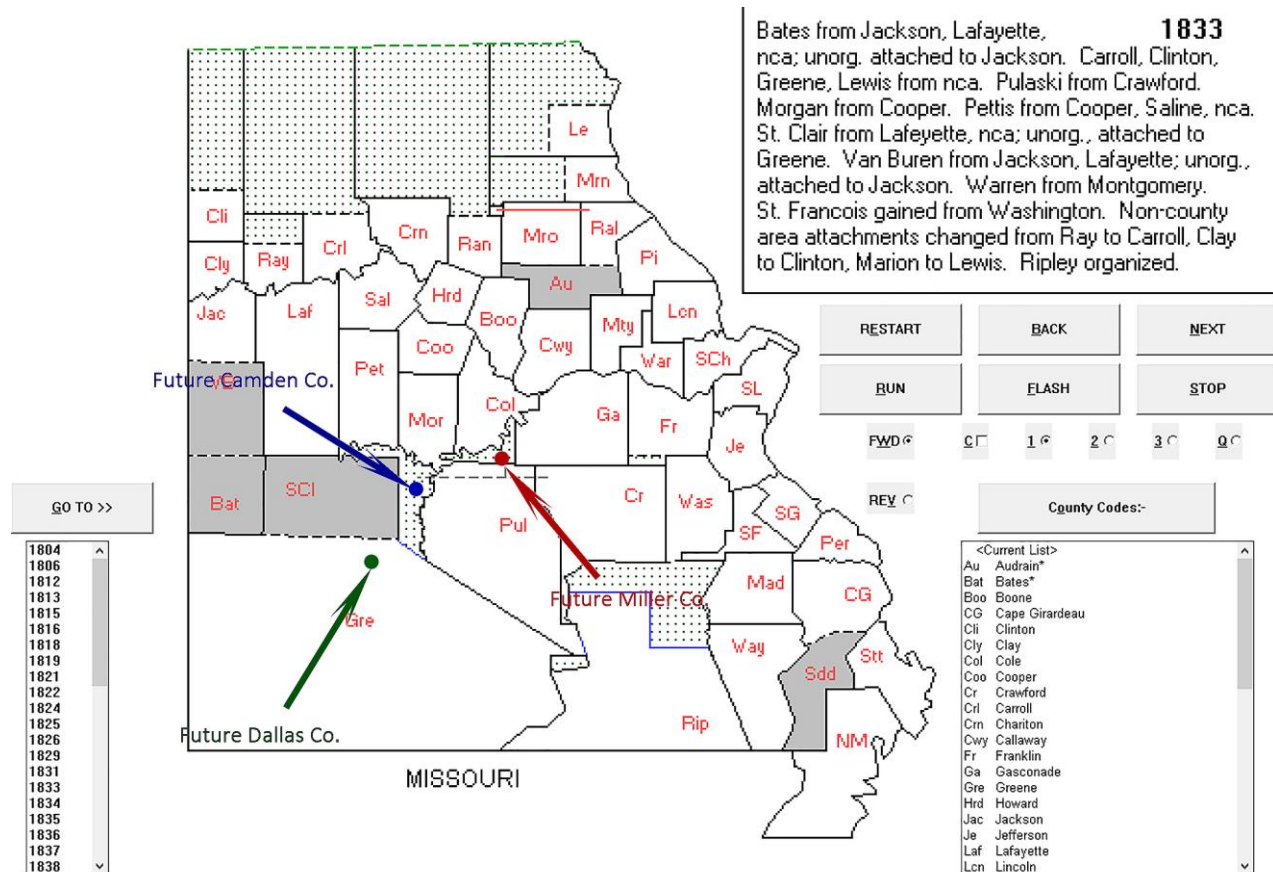
In 1829 all the unincorporated area becomes Crawford Co.



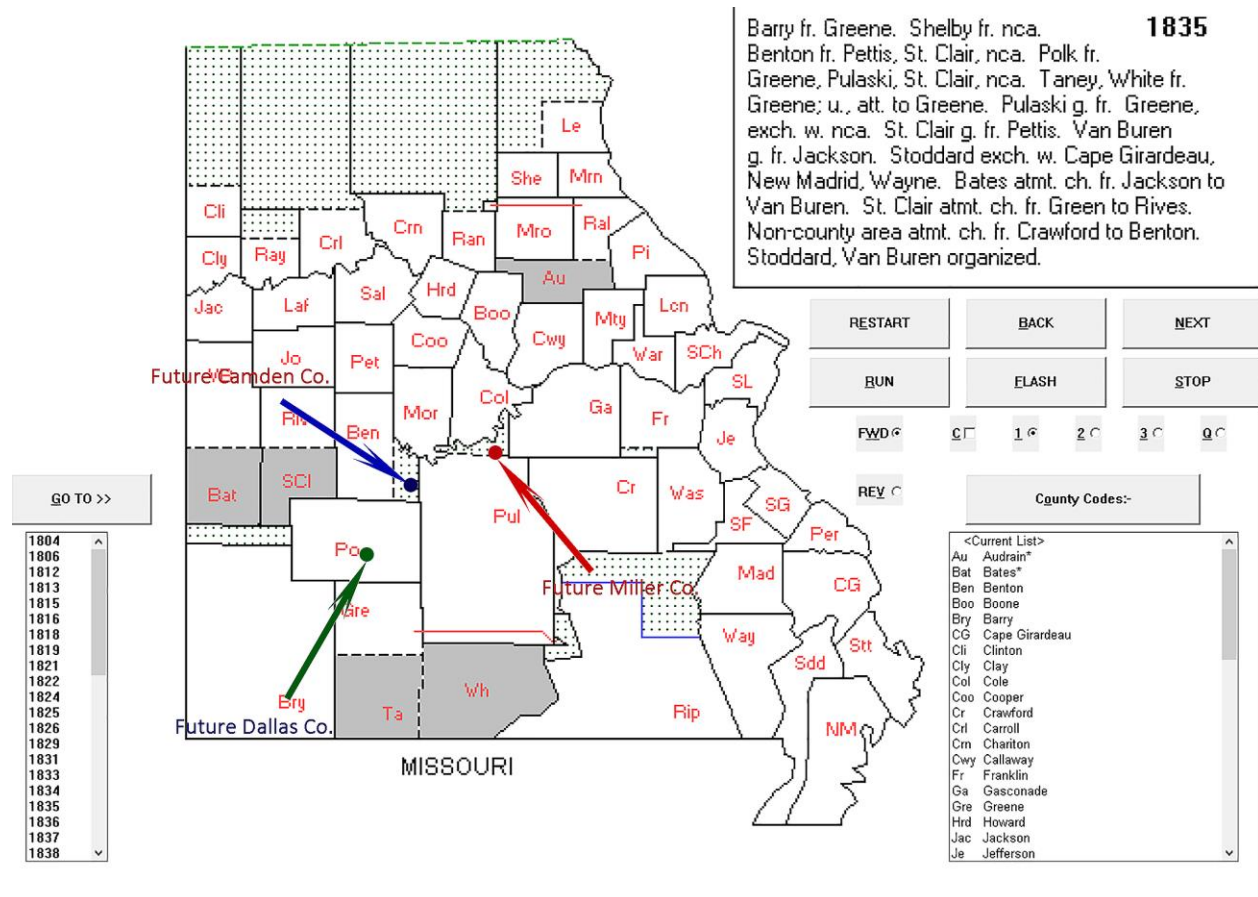
In 1831 more chaos. The eastern half of future Camden Co. remains in Crawford Co. while the western half returns to unincorporated area. In future Miller Co., the center of the county for some reason returns to unincorporated area.



Only two years later, in 1833 a big shake up! Future Dallas Co. becomes part of Greene Co., with the northern part becoming part of “unorganized” St. Clair Co. The eastern portion of future Camden Co. becomes part of Pulaski Co. The southern portion of future Miller Co. also becomes part of Pulaski Co. in what looks to be disputed or unclear territory?



In 1835 more changes. Pulaski Co. takes over more of the eastern side of future Camden Co., while Polk Co. grabs some of the southernmost portion of future Camden Co. Future Dallas Co. becomes almost totally part of Polk Co.



In 1837 Miller Co. is formed.

1837

Platte Purchase added to Missouri;
 nca attached to Clay, Clinton. Linn from
 Chariton, nca. Livingston from nca. Macon
 from Ralls, nca. Miller from Cole, Pulaski,
 nca. Shannon from Crawford, Greene, Ripley, nca;
 unorg., attached to Ripley, Washington. Cole
 gained from nca. Greene, Taney gained from nca.
 Pulaski gained from Crawford. White abolished,
 became nca. Taney organized.

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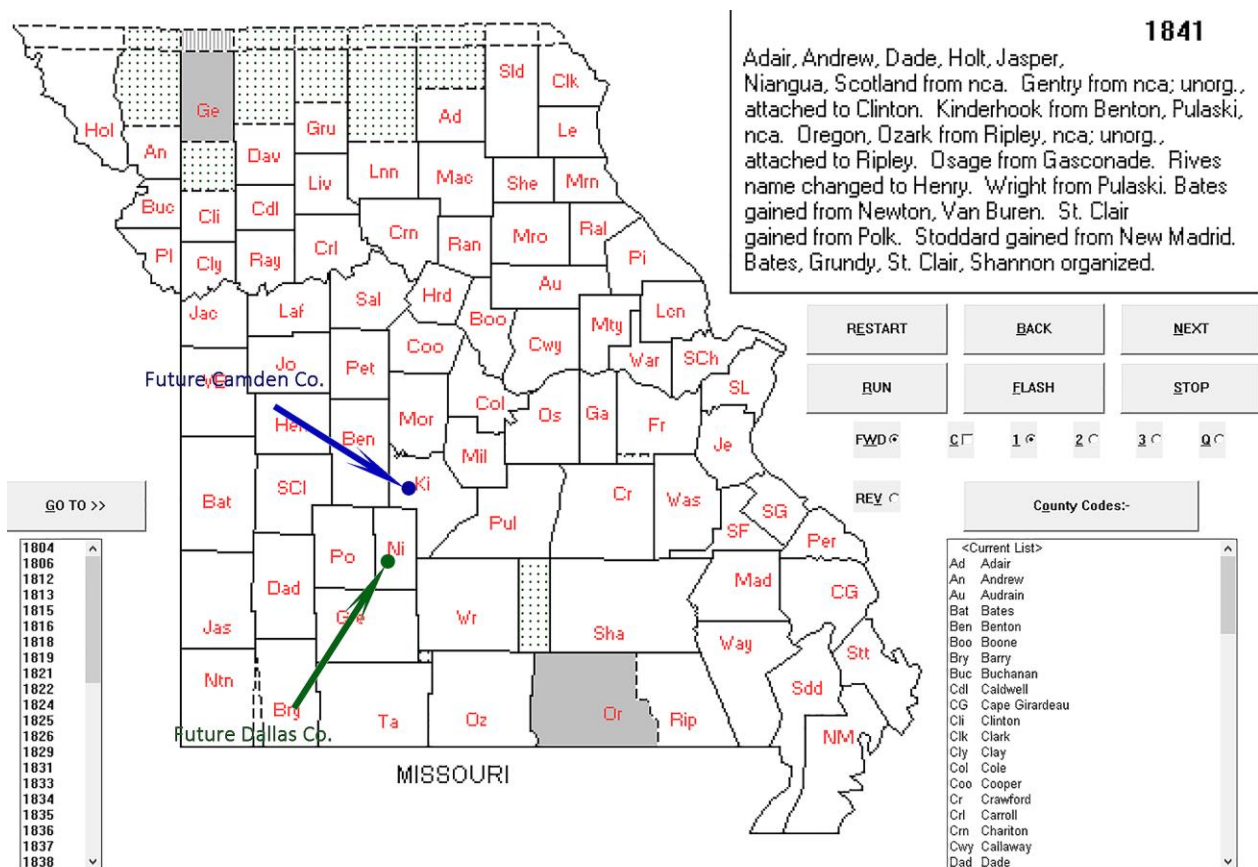
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- Bry Barry
- Cdl Caldwell
- CG Cape Girardeau
- Cli Clinton
- Clk Clark
- Cly Clay
- Col Cole
- Coo Cooper
- Cr Crawford
- Crl Carroll
- Cm Chariton
- Cwy Callaway
- Dav Davies
- Fr Franklin
- Ga Gasconade
- Gre Greene

In 1841 what will become Dallas Co. is formed as Niangua Co. What will become future Camden Co. is formed as Kinderhook Co.



In 1843 Camden Co. is formed.

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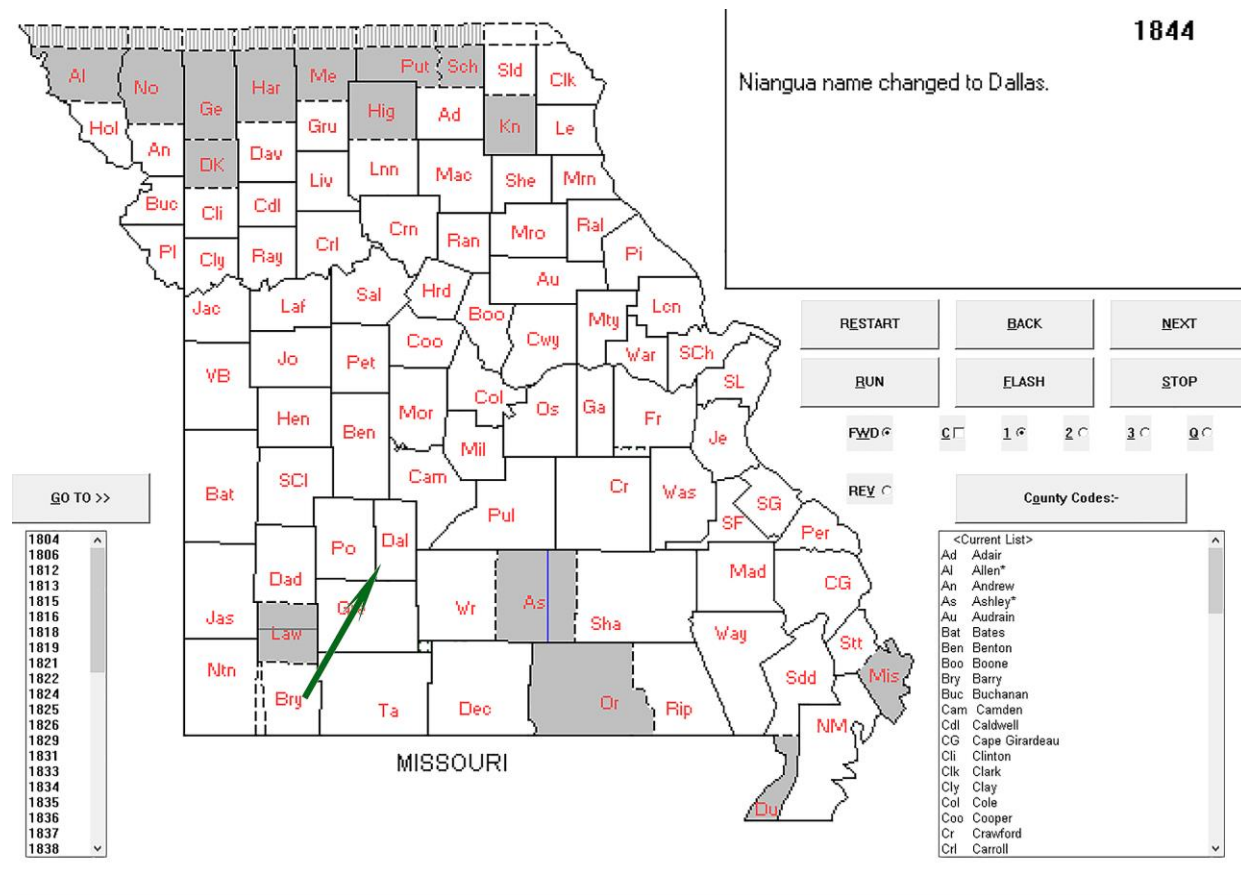
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Coo Cooper
Cr Crawford
Crl Carroll

MISSOURI

Future Dallas Co.

In 1844 Dallas Co. is formed.



So you can easily see that in researching ancestors you need to consider the timeframe, and search other counties as necessary.

Summer will be over all too soon. Enjoy it while you can!!! Don't forget genealogy.

Bruce Varner

