

**John O'Bryan**  
1775-1825  
4th great-grandfather

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John O'Bryan was born in 1775. He had one son with Mary (? Hurley) on May 16, 1815. He died in June 1825 in Wilson County, Tennessee, at the age of 50.



**Birth**  
John O'Bryan was born in 1775.  
1775 or earlier



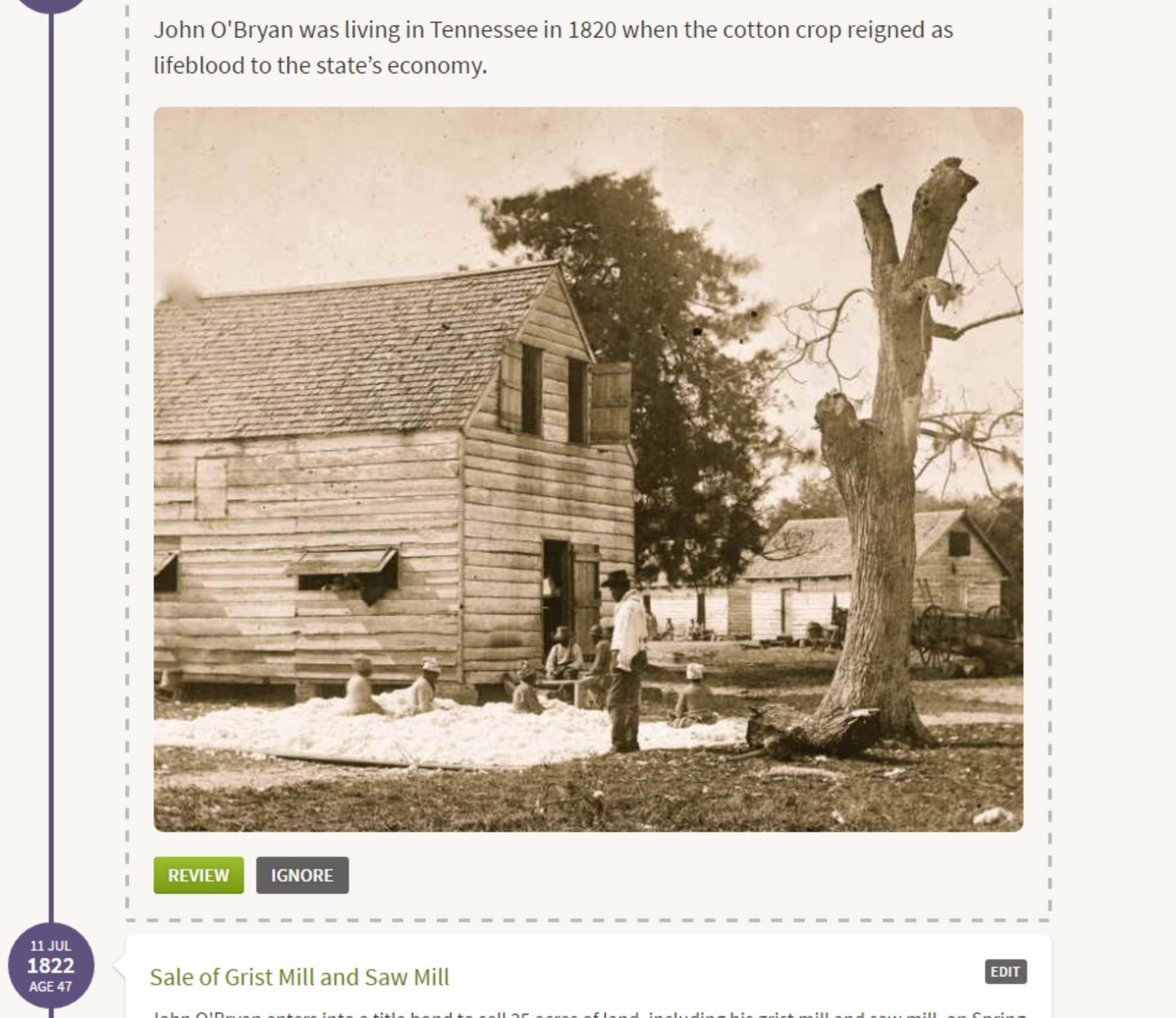
**Birth of Son**  
His son John Wheelis was born on May 16, 1815, in North Carolina.  
John Wheelis O'Bryan 1815-1900  
16 May 1815 • North Carolina, United States

**Land Purchase**  
John Bryan bought 163 acres of land on Spring Creek, Wilson Co., TN from Thomas Woolbridge.  
Dec 1816 • Wilson Co., Tennessee

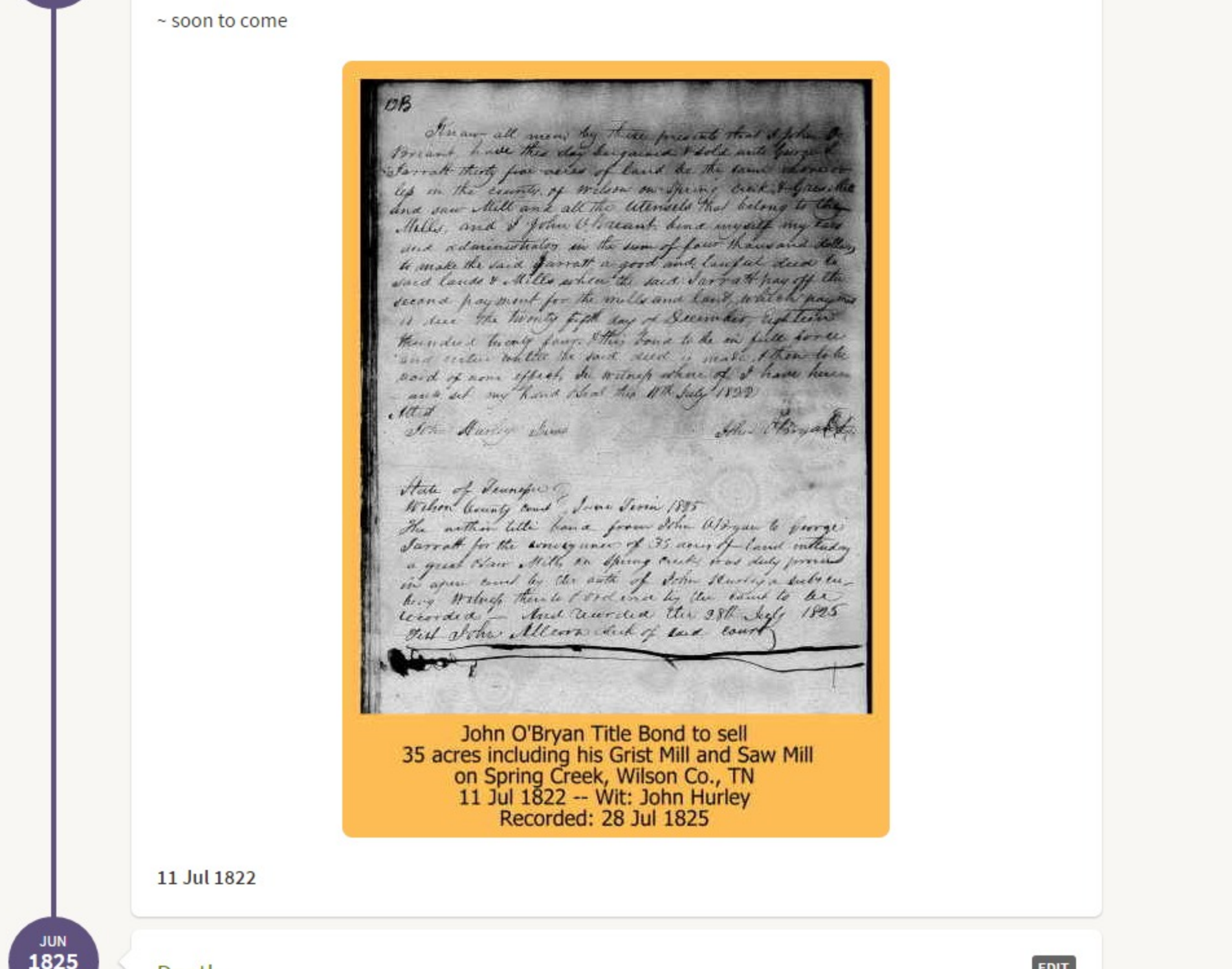
**Land Purchase**  
John O'Bryan bought land on Spring Creek, Wilson Co., TN, from John Stone - Deed Book H, 98.  
Feb 1820 • Wilson Co., Tennessee

**Land Purchase**  
John O'Brien bought 22 acres of land from William Wilson, Wilson Co., TN Deed Book H, 138.  
1820 • Wilson Co., Tennessee

**Residence**  
John O'Bryan lived in Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1820.  
John's likely household, but under the surname Bryant: 1m under 10/1m 45+/1f 45+/slaves: 1m under 14, 1m 26-44, 1f under 14, 1f 14-25, 1f 26-44 -- Question: Are either of the two Elisha Bryant families in the area in this census, a relative of John?  
1820 • Lebanon, Wilson, Tennessee, United States



**Sale of Grist Mill and Saw Mill**  
John O'Bryan enters into a title bond to sell 35 acres of land, including his grist mill and saw mill, on Spring Creek in Wilson Co., TN. John Hurley is the witness. Recorded on 28 Jul 1825.  
11 Jul 1822 • Wilson Co., TN



**Death**  
John O'Bryan died in June 1825 in Wilson County, Tennessee, when he was 50 years old.  
See Media below, all Wilson Co., TN: - 1. John O'Bryan's Will, Proved June 1825 - 2 pages 2. Inventory of John O'Bryan's Estate - June 1825 - 3. Estate Sale of John O'Bryan - 11 Aug 1825 - 4. Settlement of John O'Bryan's Estate - Jun-Oct 1827

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John O'Bryan Estate Settlement 1825-1827 - Wilson Co., TN 1824-1827 Wills & Inventories, 489

John O'Bryan Estate Sale 11 Aug 1825 Wilson Co., TN Probate Court

by June 1825 - likely Wilson Co., Tennessee

**John O'Bryan Estate Settlement**  
Wills & Inventories 1824-1827 Book, 489  
Jun 1827 • Wilson Co., Tennessee

**John O Bryan 1827 Estate Settlement Transcription**

John O'Bryan Estate Settlement (transcription) Wilson Co., Tennessee Wills & Inventories 1824-1827 Book, p. 489

Parson to the enclosed order from June term of Wilson County court 1827 We the under signed commissioners on Settlement with William Steele, Exr charged with an article of agreement of John O'Bryan Deceased found said Exr charged with an article of agreement William Sewell Exr of J. N. Sewell to John O'Bryan in three instalments \$400 each

William J Hargis two notes \$100 each	200.00
William Dudley two do amt	14.00
Cash on hand amt	9.00
Amount of sales	314.02 1/2
<b>Total amount</b>	<b>378.12 1/2</b>
Money paid as per vouchers	647.43
Remaining due the estate	\$1088.69 3/4

Amount of monies paid by Exr as appoared by different Vouchers Receipts & gross accounts \$500.43

Executors commission & commission fees \$7.00

**Total amount \$649.43**

Exrs produced Cash and Cash notes Received and two notes on William Dudley Doughfield	\$1277.48
	\$14.00
	\$291.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1582.56</b>
Exrs. Com and Com fees as above Deducted	\$67.00
<b>Due the Estate as above</b>	<b>\$1515.56 1/4</b>
Balance in Favour of Plaintiff	\$114.25 1/4

State of Tennessee, Wilson County: We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct settlement made this 27th day of September 1827.

This, Breward, B. Douglas, R. J. Malley J COM

State of Tennessee September Term 1827, Recorded 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1827, Test John Stone CLK.

Jun 1827

**Guardianship Appointment**  
Mary O'Bryan appointed guardian of John W. O'Bryan, the minor orphan of John O'Bryan, Sep 1827, 237 - Wilson Co., TN Quarterly Court Minutes Book, Sep 1826-Mar 1828  
Sep 1827 • Wilson Co., Tennessee

**Family of Wilson Co.'s John Hurley?**  
A biography of John M. Hurley in Independence Co., Arkansas, from the 1889 Goodspeed history entitled: "Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas."

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas  
Published 1889  
The Goodspeed Publishing Co.

From page 680:  
**John M. Hurley**, farmer and stockman, was born in Franklin County, Tennessee, in 1858, and at the age of ten months, he was removed by his parents to Independence County, Ark., and here has received his education and rearing.

At the age of fourteen years he moved with his parents to the State of Illinois, and during his four year residence in that State his time was employed in attending school, his educational advantages being excellent. They were settled in Jasper County, Mo., near Carthage, where John M. made his home for eight years, then removing to Benton County, Ark. Prior to this, he had spent about eighteen months in Colorado, and had worked in the mines in Leadville, accumulating thereby quite a sum of money.

He was married in Benton County, to Miss Anna Hark, a native of the county, and two children blessed their union: William M. and Fannie C., who died at the age of four months. In March, 1876, his wife died in Dallas County, Tex., and he was afterwards married to Miss Sarah J. Haddock, who was born in Independence County, Ark. Three of their four children are living: Charles A., James A., who died at the age of three years, W. W. and Thomas W.

Since 1878 Mr. Hurley has resided in Independence County, and has turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, being engaged in raising forty acres of his eighty-acre farm. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

His father, John Hurley, was born and reared in Tennessee, and was married there to Miss Sarah A. Harrington. He is yet living, and resides in World City, Jasper County, Mo. The mother died in 1875, on her birthday (the 14th of October), at the age of fifty-five years.

The paternal grandfather was born in the State of Maryland, was an early resident of Tennessee, and a hatter by occupation. He was of Scotch descent and lived to be 87 years old. His wife was a Denton.

John Hurley, the father of our subject, reared a family of fifteen children, eleven sons and four daughters. The first two children were sons, their names a daughter, their mother was, and afterwards three more daughters. Of the ten sons who grew to manhood none of them ever drank liquor or used tobacco until after they were grown. All are married and have families of their own. They held a family reunion in January, 1889, and the father was there, aged seventy-seven years.

Is the paternal grandfather above the John Hurley who helped the John O'Bryan family in Wilson Co., TN?

1889

**Note:**  
Part of the difficulty in researching this line is the variant spellings of the surname in records, such as O'Briant, O'Brien, John O. Bryan, etc.