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I have information from a will book for the following family:

Charles Coats; died before 17 May 1803 when the will was proven by Robert Snotgrass who states that he also saw Thomas Grimes, another witness, sign the same. William Howard and Mary Coats, widow, were executors.

(Gra TN, Co Ct Min, 2/28) (I'm assuming this is Grainger Co!;

On 20 May 1805 Phebe Coats, a minor hier of Charles Coats deceased about the age of seventeen years, made choice of David Harrison as her guardian. Harrison was also appointed guardian of Jinny Coats, David Coats and Any (Amy) Coats, minors under fourteen. Kinsey Coats, aged fifteen chose Edward Hankins as his guardian. Hankins was also appointed guardian of Peggy Coats and Mary Coats, minors under fourteen. The guardian was shown as Henry Hawkins.

The above I believe to be my ancestors as I am descended from a Mary Jane "Jennie" Coats who married John Pinkney McIntire in McNairy Co TN. Her father was Obediah Coats & mother was Lucinda (Lucy) Whitley. Her brother was John Kinsey Coats. Kinsey being so unusual, I feel these families are connected, and wish to correspond with anyone having any information.