











Family Group Sheet for Sampson Sage

Husband:	Sampson Sage		
Birth:	11 Feb 1792 in ELK CREEK, VA.		
Marriage:	28 Nov 1816		
Death:	25 Mar 1872 in LEE COUNTY, VA.		
Burial:	Fannon Cemenry, Lee County Va		
Father:	James A. Sage		
Mother:	Lovis Ott		

Wife:	Lydia Fletcher Sage		
Birth:	03 Feb 1798 in Montgomery Co, Va		
Death:	01 May 1872 in LEE COUNTY, VA.		
Burial:	Fannon Cemenry, Lee County Va		
Father:	Aaron Fletcher		
Mother:	Elizabeth Milam		

Children:				
1	Name:	John Davis Sage		
M	Birth:	28 Dec 1818		
	Marriage:	07 Sep 1843		
	Death:	11 Jul 1862 in LEE COUNTY, VA.		
	Spouse:	Sarah Minerva Lloyd		
2	Name:	James W. Sage		
M	Birth:	28 Jun 1820		
	Marriage:	30 Dec 1860		
	Spouse:	Rebecca Hammond		
3	Name:	William Winfield Sage		
M	Birth:	22 Apr 1822 in Lee COUNTY VA.		
	Marriage:	19 Oct 1848		
	Death:	28 Nov 1902 in LEE COUNTY, VA.		
	Spouse:	Elizabeth Fannon		
4	Name:	Burgoyone Campbell Sage		
M	Birth:	08 Nov 1823		
				

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John Davis Sage

During the summer of 1862 a "gorilla" warfare raged in the Cumberlands of Virginia. A southern renegade leader known as "Witcher, and his company preyed upon those citizens of Southwestern Virginia and surrounding areas who were opposed to secession, and in sympathy with the Union. One of them was John Davis Sage, who was captured by Witcher's band while going to a grist mill near Powell River. He was taken, With a number of others to a log church called Blue Springs Church at Sticklelyville. Here, only a few hundred yards from Sage's birthplace the group was imprisoned for the night.

Their captors barricaded all windows and the single door, then built a campfire under the large oak trees in the church yard. Today a deep depression may be seen in one of those trees. It lives and thrives even though a small person can stand inside the hole burned at the base of the trunk-a grim reminder of the tragedy whi9ch followed that suffocating night on the banks of Wallen's Creek.

It happened that two of the prisoners were smaller that the rest. They discovered that, by lifting a loose puncheon in the floor, they could squeeze themselves through the opening and crawl from under the floor, into the deep shadows of surrounding willows and sycamore saplings at the rear of the old church. The two

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were missed when time came for the morning round-up. Their captors were infuriated by the escape. The remaining prisoners were taken eastward under heavy guard, and were brutally slain one by one. Southeast of Sticklelyville, on the south side of Powell Mountain, near a spring, Joh Davis Sage was decapitated. As soon as friends and relatives dared, they recovered the body. he was buried in the Duff Cemetery at Sticklelyville. His box-like tomb bears the story of this slaying.

William Winfield Sage

WAS SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY IN THE 1860'S. BECAME A METHODIST MINISTER IN 1878.

Sources:
