

Daniel and Mariah (Yeager) Gessley traveled from Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania to Boonville, Cooper Co., Missouri in 1869. The Gessley family, including 8 children, came from St. Louis on the river steamboat, "Walter B. Dance." Upon arrival in Boonville, Daniel was engaged as a master carriage maker, as he had been in Pennsylvania, according to the 1860 Schuylkill Co. Pennsylvania census. In 1874, the family relocated to Boonesboro, Howard Co., Missouri, where both Daniel and Mariah are buried. This information taken from the 1870 Cooper County, Missouri census and the "History of Jackson County," published about 1920.