The following is a transcript and original photos of a letter from Betty Dishman Gross (author of "Some Branches from the Dishman Family Tree" to Robert Phillip Upchuch (Upchurch and Allied Families major contributor).

They discuss the following family members: Raymond Gross Sr., Leelon "Lee" Dishman, Lena Gravitt, Burrel T. Dishman, Syria Litt "Libra" Marsh, Silas M. Dishman, Elmiria Hancock, Granville Marsh, Catherine Lester, John Dishman, Mary Polly Morgan, Thomas Hancock, Jane Morgan, Daniel Marsh, William Lester, Mary Polly Betram, Sinah Dishman, Jefferson Dishman, Lydia Upchurch, Kizzie Dishman, Thomas Dishman, George Upchurch, Rachel Bethshares, Micheal Upchurch

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Jumping back a couple more generations John's mother had three children, the first died in infancy. I've looked for a marriage license in the counties surrounding Wayne Co,Ky where John and his siblings were born but can find one. I'm not sure if she married a Dishman or if children born out of wedlock. Sinah (Sine), John's mother then married a Riley Brown and they had one child. I found Siney and Riley in Wayne County Cemeteries but it doesn't have any dates.

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PEDIGREE CHART

1. Betty Louise Dishman
BORN 9-30-47
WHERE Ohio
MARRIED 6-14-1962
DIED
WHERE
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
Raymond D Gross Sr.

2. Leelon (Lee) Dishman (Father of No. 1.)
BORN 2-20-1909
WHERE Wayne Co. Ky
MARRIED
DIED 11-29-1983
WHERE Ohio

3. Lena Gravitt (Mother of No. 1.)
BORN 9-9-1921
WHERE Oh
DIED 7-26-1996
WHERE Ohio

4. Burl T. Dishman (Father of No. 2.)
BORN 1-20-1876
WHERE Wayne Co - Ky
MARRIED
DIED 1-20-1960
WHERE Ind.

5. Sydria Litt Marsh (Mother of No. 2.)
BORN 1877
WHERE Wayne Co
DIED C 1926
WHERE Tenn

according to 1870 Wayne Co-Ky Census Litt is listed as Libra,

6. (Father of No. 3.)
BORN
WHERE
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

7. (Mother of No. 3.)
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

8. Silas M. Dishman (Father of No. 4.)
BORN 2-25-1851
WHERE Wayne Co - Ky
MARRIED
DIED 2-2-1923
WHERE Wayne Co - Ky

9. Elmina Hancock (Mother of No. 4.)
BORN 2-1849
WHERE Wayne Co Ky
DIED 10-14-1914.
WHERE

10. Granville Marsh (Father of No. 5.)
BORN
WHERE
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

11. Catherine Hester (Mother of No. 5.)
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

12. (Father of No. 6.)
BORN
WHERE
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

13. (Mother of No. 6.)
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

14. (Father of No. 7.)
BORN
WHERE
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

15. (Mother of No. 7.)
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

16. John Dishman
continued on chart
17. continued on chart Mary (Polly) Morgan

18. continued on chart Thomas Hancock
19. continued on chart Jane Morgan

20. continued on chart Daniel Marsh
21. continued on chart Nancy ?

22. continued on chart Wm. Hester
23. continued on chart Mary (Polly) Bertram

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BORN 1835
WHERE Wayne Co - Ky
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE Ky.

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
mary Polly Morgan

2. ? Dishman (Father of No. 1.)
BORN
WHERE
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

3. (Sine) Sinah Dishman (Mother of No. 1.)
BORN 1805 N.C
WHERE
DIED
WHERE Wayne Co - Ky

4. (Father of No. 2.)
BORN
WHERE
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

5. (Mother of No. 2.)
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

6. Jefferson Dishman (Father of No. 3.)
BORN abt 1784
WHERE believe Va
MARRIED
DIED abt 1847
WHERE Wayne Co Ky

7. Lydia Upchurch (Mother of No. 3.)
BORN abt 1782
WHERE believe Va
DIED abt 1847
WHERE Wayne Co Ky

8. (Father of No. 4.)
BORN
WHERE
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

9. (Mother of No. 4.)
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

10. (Father of No. 5.)
BORN
WHERE
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

11. (Mother of No. 5.)
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

12. Thomas Dishman (Father of No. 6.)
BORN abt 1750
WHERE
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

13. Kisiah (Kizzir) (Mother of No. 6.)
BORN abt 1755
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

14. George Upchurch (Father of No. 7.)
BORN
WHERE
MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

15. Rachel Bethshear (Mother of No. 7.)
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

16. continued on chart
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Michael Upchurch

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