

Jr. executed a Writ of Agreement to John Ralston, Sr., acknowledging that he had received his share in full of his father's Estate, and had no further right or claim to any of his father's property. As it would seem that John Ralston, Jr. had paid John Ralston, Sr. for the land which he had purchased, one wonders why he had to forego any right or claim to a share in his father's estate.

About this time John Ralston, Jr. re-married. His second wife's name was Nancy McLane, according to the 1895 History of Butler County, Pa. . but all efforts to learn more of her have proved fruitless.

On April 8, 1846 John Ralston, Jr. and Nancy his wife (confirming their marriage by then) sold the property which John Ralston, Jr. had bought from his father to a Reuben Fisher, the consideration being \$1000.00. (See Deed Book R, p. 425). What prompted the sale, or where John Ralston, Jr. lived with his wife and burgeoning family for the next several years is not known. However, on Feb. 12, 1849 John Ralston, Jr. bought twelve acres of land from a Joseph Elrod and the couple moved there, if indeed they had not already done so. John Ralston, Jr. and his family were living on this land in 1850, when the U. S. Census was tabulated.

It is in this Deed from Joseph Elrod to John Ralston, Jr. that one finds John Ralston, Jr. referred to as Capt. John Ralston. This title of rank had to do with John Ralston, Jr.'s service in a Militia Company which was organized around West Liberty (then called Bulger). William A. Ralston in his book, Early Life Along the Slippery Rock, speaks of the Militia Companies, saying there were about a dozen in the County. He goes on to say :