Jacob William Gates and his son, Green Berry C. Gates, operated a ferry on the Obey river (Celina, Clay county, Tennessee) close to the present day bridge is located. There was an old road that lead along the hillside that came to the Gates Ferry. From my understanding from Oather Nevins, my grandfather, there has been a total of 3 roads that have been cut into that hillside with the present day road being the last.