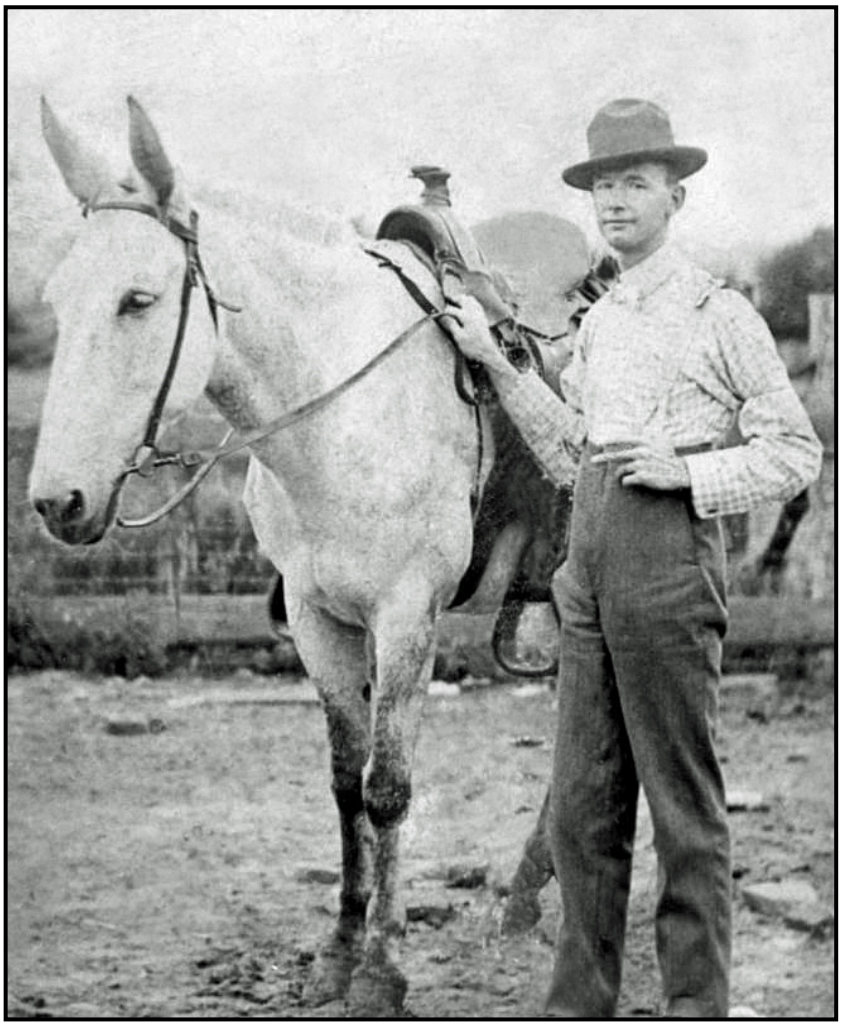
My Father's House

A Genealogy and History of the Family of Marion Sharp, Jr.



Family Surnames

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The Sidenbender Family

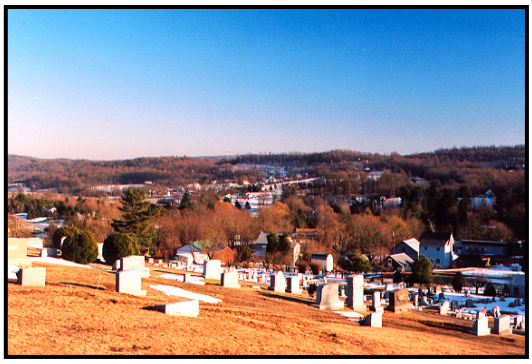
A history of Heinrich Seidenbender, Fifth Great-Grandfather, who emigrated from Mosbach, Baden, Germany, to America in 1751, to Maria Jane Sidenbender, Great-Great-Grandmother, who married Henry Smith in 1866. Also, an account of the Brendel and Christman families.

Heinrich Seidenbender* (5th Great-Grandfather; about 1721-before 1784) emigrated from Mosbach, Germany (*International Genealogical Index*), to Pennsylvania on the *St. Andrew*, which sailed "from Rotterdam, last from Cowes" and landed in Philadelphia on September 14, 1751. (*Names of Foreigners Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania, 1727-1775*, by William Egle, pages 332-333.)

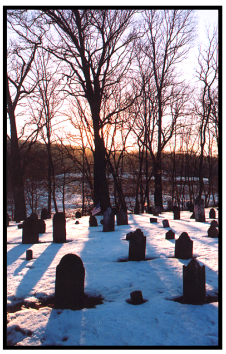
Top right: Location of Mosbach, Germany (east of Heidelberg), where it is believed that Heinrich Seidenbender was born. Rand McNally map. Left: and above: Allegheny Union Church (founded in 1767) and cemetery. Heinrich Seidenbender and Philip Brendel (5th Great-Grandfathers) attended this church and were probably buried here in the late 1700s.

Descent of Heinrich Seidenbender to Marion Sharp, Jr.: Heinrich Seidenbender, 5GG; George Sidenbender, 4GG; Joseph Sidenbender, 3GG; Maria Jane Sidenbender, 2GG; Clyde Van Smith, GG; Claire Smith, Grandmother; Marion Sharp, Jr., Father.

Heinrich's German Reformed Church minister, Rev. John Waldschmidt, spelled the family name as Seidenbander (*Baptismal and Marriage Records, 1752-1786*), as did the ship's



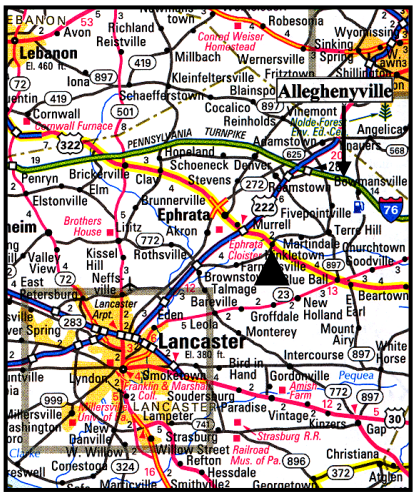
record. Seidenbender is certainly the correct spelling of the Germany surname, but later generations



Top: Alleghenyville, Pennsylvania, home of the Seidenbender and Brendel families in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Middle: Painting of first Allegheny Church. Interior of 1878 Allegheny Church. Left: Old houses and stores in Allengenyville. Above: German gravestone and winter sunset.

dropped the e and wrote it as Sidenbender. According to *Dictionary of German Names*, page 517, by Hans Bahlow, *Sei-*

den means silk. *Bender* means cooper. He states that *Seidenfaden* means silk embroiderer, sewer or weaver; *Seidenschwanz* means an elegant person or dandy, who struts about in silk clothes.



Top left: Location of Allegenyville (top), which is about thirty miles northeast of Lancaster; and Earl Township (lower arrow). Rand McNally map. Top right and middle: Older section of Allegheny Church Cemetery; August 2004. Above: Gravestone of Julianna (1769-1856; wife of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle).

"In a 1756 tax list for Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, are the names of Peter Van Gundy, Rudy Zuck, John Wenger, **Henry Sydenbender**, and several from the Davis family; all names of in-law families to Peter Van Gundy. Peter's family spoke Germany and the children signed their names in German on various records, such as deed transfers and court papers." Earl Township is located in the northeast section of Lancaster County. The Sidenbender and Van Gundy families intermarried.

Mosbach, Germany

As already stated, the *International Genealogical Index* lists Heinrich Seidenbender as immigrating from Mosbach, in Baden, Germany. The ship record does not list his

Top right: 1725 print of Mosbach, Germany. Above: Streets in old Mosbach; 2011. Top left: The *Rathaus*, or town hall, built 1554-1558, in Mosbach. It is the symbol of the town along with its many half-timbered houses. Left: St. Juliana, which is located in the center of Mosbach; half the church is Protestant and the other half Catholic.

hometown, but the majority of immigrates whose place of origin were listed were from Baden, Germany. In 2005 I visited Mosbach with my brother Ron Martin and again in 2011 with my wife.

"At the time of the Romans, Mosbach lay on an important trade route. It developed around the Benedictine monastery 'Monasterium Mosabach' and is first mentioned in a document in the 9th century. Gradually, a community grew out of this spiritual nucleus, which received the rights of a free city after it had been granted several privileges in the 13th century (first authenticated date: 1241). Before the town became Palatine it was self-governing. The coat of arms of the town with its eagle and the letters OM (probably 'Oppidum Mosbacense') still remind us of the time Mosbach reached its first great

heyday in the 15th century as the residence of the Counts Palatine Otto I, and Otto II (1410 until 1499). Mosbach, which became a Palatine county after the division of the inheritance, had other properties on the Neckar River around Mosbach, in the Kraichgau around Sinsheim, at the Bergstrabe as well as in the Upper Palatine around Neumarkt."

"After the breakup of the princedom of Mosbach (due to the death of Otto II in 1499) the town became the seat of the 'Oberamt Mosbach,' which grew until the 18th century into the most important Oberamt of the Palatinate on the right of the Rhine."

"The ground plan of the old town and several of the half-timbered houses that still exist today date from the 16th century. In that and the following century the craftsmen furthered the importance of the town" (*Mosbach, Romantic, Natural, Lively—A Tour of the Historic Old Town Mosbach*).

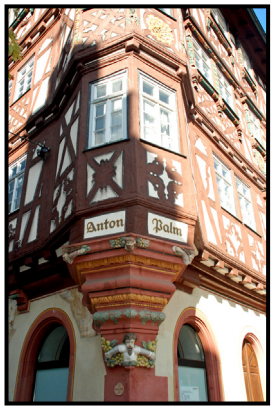
Above: Half-timbered buildings in Mosbach, Germany; 2011. The water from this bronze sculpture flows down the center of a street in Mosbach.

"In 1645 Merian made an engraving of the town and Mosbach was praised as a 'fine, well-constructed town.'"

"The old town, which has been superbly renovated, is Mosbach's pride and joy. When walking through the old town center, you will find craftsmen's signs on many houses. Street and name lanes refer to old trade traditions, e.g. Farbgasse (Dye Lane), Olgasse (Oil Lane), Harnischgasse (Harness Lane), Kesslergasse (Tinkers Lane), Badgasse (Bath Lane), and Muhlenweg (Mill Lane). Kurfurst (Prince Elector) Carl Theodor hoped that the conversion of Mosbach's salt-pit into a saltern would bring about an upturn in the economy. Today a small salt water fountain runs not far from the town park" (*Mosbach, A Portrait of a Town*).

"The half-timbered houses dominate the image of the old town. The tower of the town hall is unmistakable as the symbol of the town."

"The history of Mosbach is largely the history of the Stiftskirche (Collegiate Church). The Benedictines, living together in a monastery, began with the construction of a collegiate church in the second half of the 14th century and named it after St. Juliana.



Above and far left: *Palmsches Haus*, completed in 1610, is considered "the gem among the half-timbered houses in Mosbach." Left: Half-timbered buildings on the town's main square; 2011. Heinrich Seidenbender (5th Great-Grandfather) would have been familiar with these structures.

Its simple arrangement is a typical example of the late Gothic in rural areas. The furnishings of the interior, the high and side altars, the side portals as well as the pulpit date from the epoch of the late baroque. In 1708 a wall was erected straight through the place of worship, due to the schism, Catholic and Reformed (Protestants), who were unable to reach an agreement on the common use of St. Juliana."

"The gem among the many other magnificent half-timbered houses in Mosbach is the *Palmsches Haus*. The Schragmuller family, a respected and wealthy family of civil servants in the Palatine government of Mosbach had it constructed. It was completed in 1610. One can see the full display of splendor of the late renaissance in the decorated façade with its carved and painted wood trusses. Three half-timbered upper stories and likewise a three story bay rest on and extend beyond a stone console."

"The town hall, built between 1554 and 1558 on the remains of the parish Church of Cecilia characterizes the Mosbach market place. The building in the renaissance style has four stories. On the ground floor—a kind of covered market—bakers and butchers offered their goods for sale. On top of that there was the citizen hall where the town council held their meetings (and still does) and where people

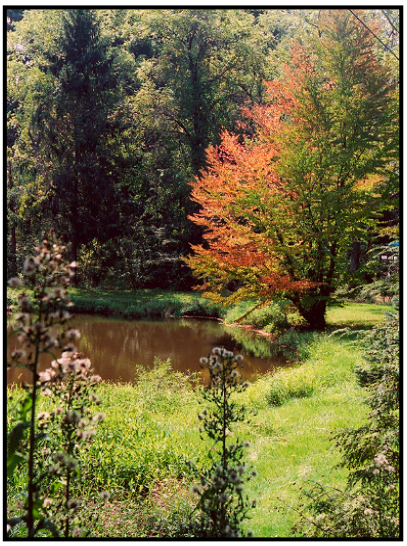
took their cases to court. On the next floor the citizen made a stop for dance and drink, and on the top floor grain was stored for emergencies. The tower of the town hall is 34 meters high. The lower third is the former church tower with a gothic cross vault. From the tower one has a wonderful view over the roofs of Mosbach. Of the three bells one comes from the old Church of Cecilia and was cast in 1458. The people of Mosbach call it *Lumpenglockle*."

Top left: Houses in Mosbach. Top middle: Hornberg Castle, located on the Neckar River near Mosbach. It dates from the 11th Century and is the oldest and largest castle in the Neckar Valley. Above: Birdseye view of Mosbach. (Photograph courtesy of *Mosbach stellt sich vor,* pages 10-11.)

"One can see the oldest example of timber construction at the *Salzhaus* (building used for the storage and distribution of salt). On the rear one can also find the continuous wooden support columns. A large part of the house was constructed floor by floor, a special style of construction. It was probably built around 1450 or even earlier" (i.e. at a time when Mosbach was booming under the regency of Count Palatine Otto I). (*Mosbach, Romantic, Natural, Lively—A Tour of the Historic Old Town Mosbach.*)

"The most famous castle near Mosbach is Hornberg Castle, above Neckarzimmern, home to the knight, 'Gotz von Berlichingen' (1480-1562). He is known for his well-documented outbursts" (*Mosbach, A Portrait of a Town*). Also nearby is Zwingenberg Castle.

Heinrich and his son, **George Sidenbender,** were members of Allegheny Union Church, a German Reformed Church, with Rev. John Waldschmidt serving as Pastor. He performed



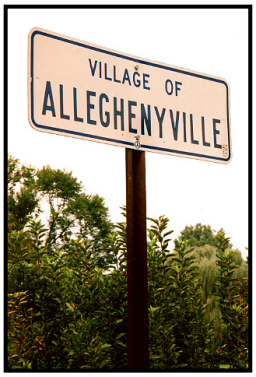
Above: Gravestone of Abraham Brendel (1766-1852), son of Heinrich Brendel (5th Great-Granduncle), in Allegheny Church Cemetery. Right and below: Pond and other old stone barns near and in Allegheyville.

the marriages for three of Heinrich's children. (*Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Volume Six,* by Thomas Lynch Montgomery, pages 211 and 254, published 1907.)

"The first building was a log structure measuring thirty by forty feet. It was without a floor or heating unit, and had only a few windows. The few seats were of rough chestnut boards. It stood about half a block south of the present church building

on land obtained from Christian Bowman, a Mennonite, who had owned almost all of the Allegheny Valley. The plot with the adjoining cemetery was secured for a nominal price."

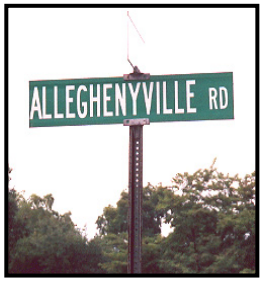
"The second building, erected in 1800, replaced the first small log structure. Growth in membership made the new building necessary. It was of red sandstone with greater seating capacity and more modern architecture. That building was located where the third or present building stands."



"The present building was erected in 1878. The cornerstone laying was held on May 23rd and the dedication was held on November 15th of the same year. The church building is of reddish brown local sandstone. The building cost $10,000" (*200th Anniversary of Allegheny Church, Alleghenyville, Pennsylvania, September 24, 1967*, page 9).

Above: Gravestone of William Trostel (1780-1858), son of Rosina Seidenbender (4th Great-Grandaunt) and George Trostel, in Allegheny Church Cemetery; 2004. Left: Another ancient barn in Alleghenyville.

I have visited Allegheny Union Church Cemetery three times in the past two years. My winter visit in February 2004 was memorable because of the snow and beautiful clear sky. The oldest gravestones are now unreadable because of weathering, but there are two inscribed with the dates of 1778 and 1785. Heinrich Seidenbender died before 1779 so the 1778 gravestone could be his, but of course this is impossible to prove. There are many fieldstones marking graves in the oldest section, but no inscriptions. I could not find any Seidenbender gravestones, but those of Abraham and Julianna Brendel are in excellent condition.



So the records show that Heinrich Seidenbender arrived in Philadelphia in 1751 and by 1756 was living in Earl Township of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Earl Township is not far south from Alleghenyville in Brecknock Township of Berks County. Sometime after 1756 he moved near Alleghenyville (he is on the 1767 tax list for Berks County), where he probably died about 1778. He left no will in either Lancaster or Berks County.

Alleghenyville is located about thirty miles northeast of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It is not shown on most standard size maps.

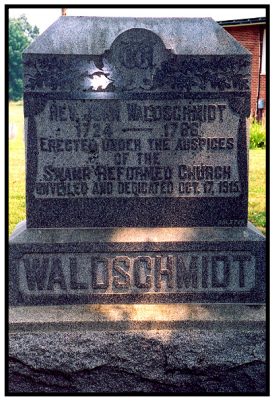
Heinrich's wife may have been named Margaret. (*International Genealogical Index.*) They were the parents of at least five children: Catarina Seidenbender, Elizabeth Seidenbender, Christian Seidenbender, **George Seidenbender** and Rosina Seidenbender. All of their children were probably born in Pennsylvania.

Rosina Seidenbender (4th Great-Grandaunt) married George Trostel/Trostle. George was born in Brecknock Township on February 17, 1730 and died September 11, 1804. "The Trostle homestead in Brecknock Township is in the western part near 'Knauer's Hotel.' Tradition says that it has been in the family name for more than one hundred and fifty years (1909). There is a house upon this property built by a Trostle long before the American Revolution. It is of stone, the masonry of superior workmanship and good appearance, and the walls twenty-two inches thick. This property has never been out of the Trostle name. There is an old deed for the Trostle homestead bearing the date 1749" (*Historical and Biographical Annals of Berks County, Pennsylvania*, Volume 1, page 704, Compiled by Morton L. Montgomery, published 1909). Rosina was buried in Allegheny Church Cemetery beside her husband in February 1811.

This page: Four ancient gravestones in Allegheny Church Cemetery. Top left: Inscription reads: "1778." Above: The inscription is in old German.

Rosina and George were the parents of Heinrich, John, George, Jacob, William (1780-1858), Abraham, Margaret (wife of Jacob Merkle) and Elizabeth (wife of David Miller) Trostle. All were born in Brecknock Township. Their oldest son, Heinrich Trostle, "was a blacksmith by trade and did a great deal of work for the Indians, with whom he was on the friendliest terms, many stories of his association with the red men being familiar to

the older members of the family. He had two teams on the road hauling goods from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. His will was probated in 1824. He married Elizabeth Sweikhart and they had Heinrich (1794-1875), John (died 1857), Barbara (1786-1857), Peggy, and Elizabeth Trostle" (Ibid, page 704).



Heinrich witnessed the parting of the Indians from eastern Pennsylvania, about 1800. Because they were friends with Heinrich they "informed him that they were going on the war path, and proved their words by beginning to murder when only a short distance away."

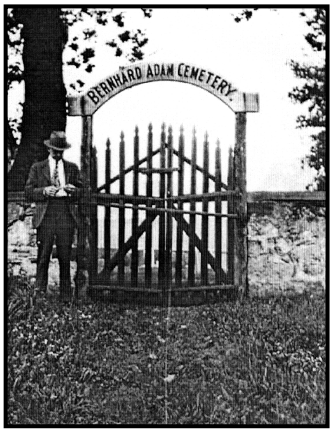
Heinrich was a "stanch member of the Allegheny Church," and was buried in its graveyard on August 17, 1875.

Elizabeth Seidenbender (4th Great-Grandaunt) was born October 8, 1751, and died February 28, 1836 (tombstone inscription). She was buried in Bernhard Adam Cemetery in West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania. She married Johannes "John" Adam (June 22, 1751—July 18, 1818;

Above: Original gravestone of Rev. John Waldschmidt (1724-1786) and new granite monument erected next to his grave in 1915 in Swamp Church Cemetery. Rev. Waldschmidt married three of Heinrich Seidenbender's children including George Seidenbender to Susanna Brendel (4th Great-Grandparents) in 1784. He also performed the marriages for three of the children of Philip Brendel (5th Great-Grandfather). Middle: Exterior and interior of Swamp Church in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, located about ten miles southwest of Alleghenyville. Rev. Waldschmidt was also Pastor here. Right: Interesting gravestone carved with a sun, moon and star in Swamp Church Cemetery.

died aged 67 years, 16 days; his tombstone is in Bernhard Adam Cemetery), and at least later in life, lived in the Reading, Pennsylvania, area. Their marriage entry in Rev.

John Waldschmidt's book reads, "John Adam, son of Bernard Adam, married Elizabeth Seidenbaender, daughter of the late Henry Seidenbaender, June 13, 1779" (*Berks County Church Records of the 18th Century*, Volume 3, page 222, by F. Edward Wright).



Above: Entrance to Bernhard Adam Cemetery in West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and view of the graveyard from a hundred feet away; August 2004. Top right: Two photographs taken in 1930; old Welsh one room meeting house built in 1744, later used as a school (no longer standing) that was next to the cemetery entrance. The man in the picture is a third great-grandson of Elizabeth Adams.

Bernhard Adam Cemetery, one of Berks County's oldest cemeteries, is located in the 1000 block of Old Wyomissing Road in Reading, Pennsylvania. It was named after Johannes Bernhard Adam (1731-1810), the father of John Adam. A one-room school house was still standing next to the cemetery in 1930. It was reportedly the oldest meeting house in Reading at that time, dating from the middle 1700s.

Elizabeth and John were the parents of six children: Bernhard Adam (1778-1862), Isaac Adam (1782-1840), John "Jack" Adam (1788-1868), Margaret Adam, Elizabeth Adam, and Rebecca Adam.

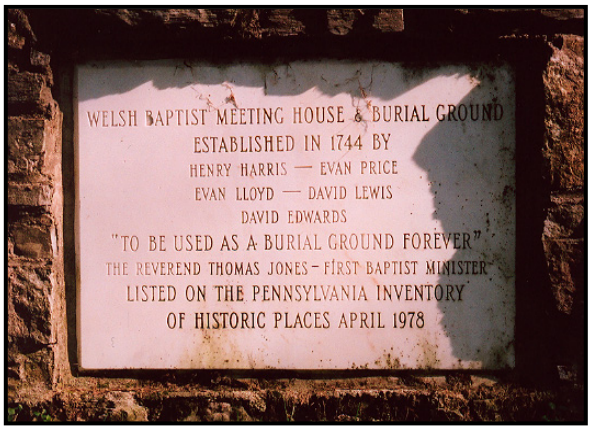
There is a John Adam who fought in the American Revolution from Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was listed as "4th class, Capt. Soder's Co., Pa." (*Pennsylvania Archives*, Volume 6, pages 284, 307, 312 and

Above left: Gravestone of Elizabeth Seidenbender Adam (4th Great-Grandaunt, 1751-1836). The inscription is in German. Top right: Overview of Bernhard Adam Cemetery. Above right: Elizabeth's gravestone is the second one from the right on the first row.

313). It is not certain though that this is the husband of Elizabeth Seidenbender.

John Adam's will was recorded in Berks County, Pennsylvania, on June 14, 1817. He died a year later on July 18, 1818. "I bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth all my Estate in hand where I now reside there on that is all real and personal, all the income of the land, all the house goods, and kitchen furniture, all my horses, cows sheep, swine, gears, wagon plows, harrows, and all and singular, whatever is and belongs to my present plantation where I now reside on at time of my decease, that is to say as long as she remains my widow, and it is further my will that after the decease of my widow, the estate, all real and personal, shall be lawfully prest and the moneys rising there from shall be equally divided amongst all my children, share and share alike. And it is further my will that my farm or plantation where my son Isaac now lives on in one twelve month after my decease to be lawfully preast and my three sons shall have an

equal right to take the said plantation by the preasment, but if he should refuse to take it by the preasment then the said farm is to be sold by public seal for cash to the

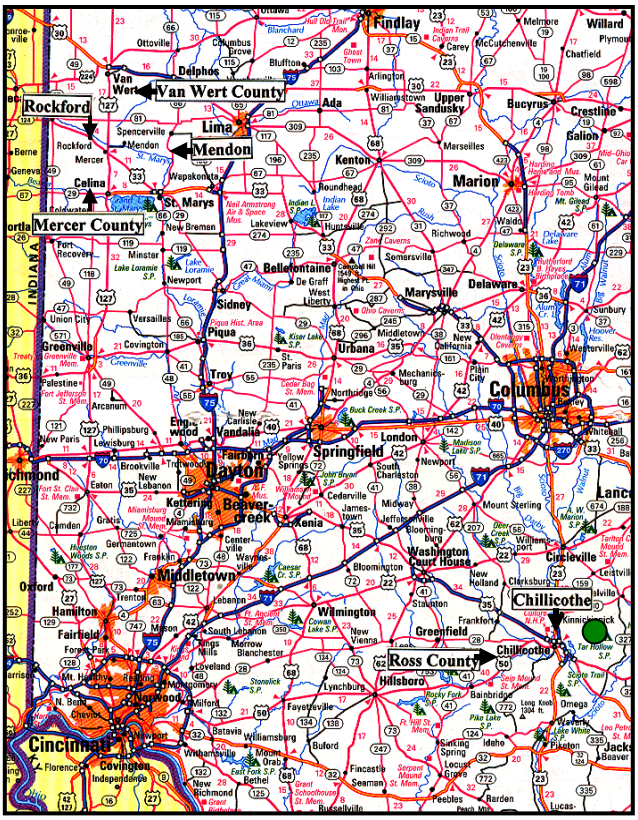


Above: Marker in Bernhard Adam Cemetery wall noting its history and original name. Right: Gravestone of John Adam (1788-1868), son of Elizabeth Seidenbender Adam (4th Great-Grand-aunt) and John Adam. The inscription is in German. Below: Area near Ephrata, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where some members of the Seidenbender family lived before moving a few miles north to Berks County.

highest bidder by my here in after named executors and my said executors shall to the purchaser give a good and solid deed and all the moneys arising from the said farm is to be equally divided after the proper expense are all deducted of to all my children…except one hundred pounds…for the child of my daughter Rebecca, which she now has…for use of said child when arrives at age of eighteen years…I appoint my three sons namely Bernet Adam, Isaac Adam, and John Adam to be executors of this my last will and testament…In witness where of I the said John Adam have here unto set my hand and seal the forth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen…Witnesses: John Adam, Jacob Huett, and Adam Spohn" (*Pennsylvania Wills, 1682-1834*, Cumru Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania). Punctuation was added; there was none in the original document.

Christian Seidenbender (4th Great-Granduncle) married Philippina (surname unknown). They were recorded as sponsors for the baptism of Johannes Bingemann on February 17, 1793, at Schwartzwald Reformed Church, located five miles east of Reading on

Route 562 in Jacksonwald (some scholars believe that this event may have taken place at the First Reformed Church in Reading where the Rev. William Boos was also



Above: Sidenbender residences in Ohio. Map courtesy of Rand McNally. The green circle shows where George and Joseph Sidenbender (4th and 3rd Great-Grandfathers) lived in Ross County. Joseph moved to Mercer County in 1831. Right: Gravestone of Shepherd Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1827-1829), foreground, in Bethel Methodist Cemetery.

serving). They were also sponsors for John Ahren's baptism on May 11, 1794, at Spiess's Reformed Church, located three miles northeast of Reading in Alsace Township in Berks County, Pennsylvania. (*Berks County Church Records of the 18th Century*, Volume 4, pages 45 and 96, by F. Edward Wright.)

Catarina Seidenbender (4th Great-Grandaunt) married Johann Sebastian Stiegler on August 17, 1758, by Rev. John Caspar Stoever at "Moden Creek" in Berks County, Pennsylvania. (*Berks County Church Records of the 18th Century*, Volume 4, page 67, by F. Edward Wright.)

George Sidenbender, Fourth Great-Grandfather

George Sidenbender (4th Great-Grandfather; about 1764-after 1850) was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and died in Ross County, Ohio. He probably lived in or near Alleghenyville in Brecknock Township of Berks County. Two other Sidenbenders were also listed in the 1790 census of Ruscomb and Brecknock Township. George was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, having served in Captain Jacob Meyer's Company from Berks County, which belonged to the Sixth Pennsylvania Militia Battalion in 1782. In 1784 he married **Susanna Brendel** (4th Great-Grandmother, born about

1763), daughter of **Philip Brendel** (5th Great-Grandfather; born about 1725), who also attended the same German Reformed Church. According to the *International Genealogical Index*, Philip Brendel married **Maria Christman** in 1745**.**

Above: Gravestone of Shepherd Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grand-uncle), first born child of Joseph and Ann Van Gundy Sidenbender, in Bethel Cemetery, Ross County, Ohio; February 2004. Left: Three views of Bethel Methodist Cemetery.

The marriage record of Rev. John Waldschmidt reads, "George Seidenbaender, son of late Henry Seidenbaender, married Susanna Brendel, daughter of Philip Brendel, February 16, 1784" (*Berks County Church Records of the 18th Century*, Volume 3, page 228, by F. Edward Wright).

George and Susan were the parents of nine children: Henry Sidenbender (about 1791), John Sidenbender (about 1793), Margaret Sidenbender (about 1795), Polly Sidenbender (about 1797), George Sidenbender (about 1799), Elizabeth Sidenbender (about 1800), **Joseph Sidenbender** (1802-1880), Samuel Sidenbender (about 1804) and Richard Sidenbender (about 1806). The four oldest children were probably born in Pennsylvania, while the five youngest children were

probably born in Ross County, Ohio. Seven of their children married, all in Ross County.

George Sidenbender (4th Great-Grandfather) moved from Pennsylvania to Ross County, Ohio, about 1799 and lived there the rest of his life. Land pictured on left is near Bethel Church; George lived nearby. Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather) moved from Ross County to Mercer County, Ohio in 1831. Above: View looking southeast from Bethel Cemetery. Lower left: Rotterdam, Netherlands, in 1893. Heinrich Seidenbender, Phillip Brendel (5th Great-Grandfathers) and Heinrich Christman (6th Great-Grandfather) sailed from Rotterdam to Philadelphia in 1751, 1738, and 1742, respectively.

George Sidenbender spoke English and German (called Pennsylvania Dutch). By 1800 he moved to Ross County, Ohio, and settled on the eastern side of section thirty-three, where he lived the rest of his life.

John Sidenbender (3rd Great-Granduncle; born about 1793) served under Captain Adam Berry from April 11, 1813, to May 12, 1813, and from April 11, 1814, to May 12, 1814, during the War of 1812.

Johann Phillip Brendel, Fifth Great-Grandfather

Johann Phillip Brendel (5th Great-Grandfather, 1716-1799) was christened on April 9, 1716, in

Sultzbach Lutheran Church in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France (Alsace was once part of Germany). He immigrated to America on the snow *Two Sisters* from Rotterdam, Netherlands, by way of Cowes, England, arriving in Philadelphia on September 9, 1738. The

Above: Town of Langensoultzbach in Alsace, France, in April 2005, where Johann Phillip Brendel (5th Great-Grandfather) was born. He was christened in the Sultzbach Lutheran Church on April 9, 1716. Two years earlier his father, Johann Heinrich Brendel (6th Great-Grandfather), had moved to Langensoultzbach from the nearby town of Oberbronn, to teach at the Lutheran School. He taught here for the next forty-two years (1718-1760) and was known as the "Right Honourable and Devoted Schoolmaster." He died here on July 2, 1764.

ship register lists two other Brendels on the same voyage: Johann Jorg (George) Brendel, age 28, from Langensoultzbach, Alsace, and John Heinrick (Henry) Brendel, age 11. They were his brothers. Phillip is listed as being 20 on the same ship log, but according to his baptismal record, actually 22. In the *Pennsylvania Palatine Project* it is noted that they settled in Lancaster and Berks County, Pennsylvania. Most of the passengers' places of origin are not listed, but a number of Frey/Fry's are listed from Langensoultzbach and Wingen in Alsace as well. A few other passengers came from the nearby town of Lembach in the same province.

Phillip was able to read and write and signed his named on the ship's passenger list. His two brothers also signed the ship's roll.

The word "snow" is actually a description of a type of vessel. "A snow rig was similar to a brig—two masts with square sails on each. It was distinguished from a brig by having an extra small mast fitted abaft the main lower mast. The snow rig was at one time common around the coast of the United Kingdom."

After arriving in Pennsylvania, Phillip settled in Cocalico Township in Lancaster County, and/or Brecknock Township, Berks County. A Phillip Brendel is listed on the tax roll for

This page: Uncrowded streets and half-timbered houses in picturesque Langensoultzbach, France, in 2005.

Cocalico Township in 1756, 1771; and listed in Brecknock, Berks County, in 1781 and 1782. Cocalico and Brecknock Townships border each other on the Lancaster-Berks County line.

Phillip Brendel applied for the purchase of 52 acres called *Clover-hill* on January 4, 1752, in Brecknock Township, Berks County. He applied for 24 acres called *Little Holders* on January 12, 1768, in Brecknock Township. Phillip was naturalized in Cocalico Township in 1761.

A descendant of Phillip, or one of his brothers, was a Revolutionary War soldier. Phillip Brendel served as a corporal in the 5th company of the 3rd Battalion from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Other Brandels from Berks County in the same company were Henry Brendel, Henry Brendel, Sr., and Joseph Brendel. One entry says that Joseph Brendel served in Capt. Nicholas Lutz's Company, 3rd Battalion and that John Ruch

served in his place "on a tour of duty to Bucks County," in 1781. (*Military Accounts Militia*, Records of the Comptroller General.)

George Brendel and Henry Brendel both served in 6th company under Capt. Philip Filbert of the 2nd Battalion from Berks County, Pennsylvania. A note is made that both were absent "1 Field Day, 1780, Remitted."

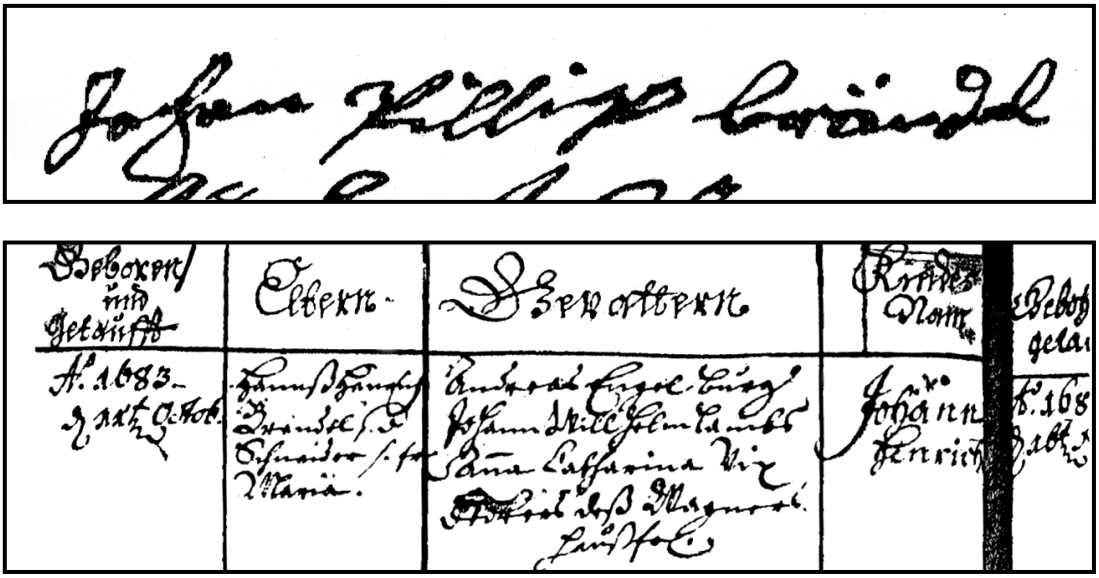
This page: Langensoultzbach, France. The village converted to Protestantism in 1554 when their ruler joined the Lutheran confession. The oldest house in town dates from 1557. There was once a castle here, but it was destroyed during the French Revolution. Middle: View of Langensoulzbach from the church (above) on November 30, 2008.

George Brendel, Andrew Brendel and Henry Brendel are listed in the 1767 tax list for Berks County, Pennsylvania. The name of Henry Seidenbender (5th Great-Grandfather) is also on the same list.

Phillip Brendel and his wife, Maria Christman, were the parents of at least five children: Henry Brendel (on the 1779 tax record for Cocalico Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with 100 acres), William Brendel (on the 1772 tax record for Cocalico Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania), Elizabeth Brendel (born 1763; married Heinrich Klapp on November 27, 1781), **Susanna Brendel** (married George Seidenbender on February 18, 1784), and Barbara Brendel (married Samuel Mader on August 9, 1785). Rev. John Waldschmidt in Berks County, Pennsylvania, performed the marriage ceremony for all three daughters. (*Berks County Church Records of the 18th Century*, Volume 3, pages 225, 228, and 231, by F. Edward Wright.)

Johann Heinrich Brendel, Sixth Great-Grandfather

Johann Heinrich (Henry) Brendel (6th Great-Grandfather; October 11, 1683-July 2, 1764) was born in Oberbronn, Alsace, France. He married **Anna Barbara Boeltzer**



Top: Signature of Johann Phillip Brendel (5th Great-Grandfather) on the ship's roll of the snow *Two Sisters* dated September 9, 1738. Above: Lutheran parish church record of the christening of Johann Heinrich Brendel (6th Great-Grandfather) in Oberbronn, France. The record is written in German. The translation reads, "Baptized: Johann Heinrich in year 1683 the 11 October, son of Hans Heinrich Brendel, burgher and tailor, and of Maria his wife." Right: Rebecca Martin (7th Great-Granddaughter of Johann Brendel) in Oberbronn; 2008. The Church dates from 1503.

(6th Great-Grandmother; about 1685-December 27, 1737) on October 14, 1710, in Oberbronn. She was the daughter of **Johannes Boeltzer** (7th Great-Grandfather, born about 1650), a Burgher in Froeschwiller, France. Anna Barbara died in Froeschwiller, which is located about four miles east of Oberbronn. Heinrich died in Langensoultzbach.

The christening of Johann Heinrich Brendel (6th Great-Grandfather) is recorded in the Lutheran Parish Church records in Oberbronn, France: "Baptized **Johann Heinrich** in the year 1683 the 11th October son of **Hans Heinrich Brendel**, Burgher and Tailor and of **Maria** his wife. Godparents: Andreas Engel Burgher, Johann Wilhelm Lambs, and Anna Catharine, Vix Des Wagners Hausfrau (the Carter's wife)."

The Oberbronn Protestant Parish record has this entry: "1710 on the 14th of October married Monsieur **Johann Heinrich Brendel** son of Johann Heinrich Brendel, Burgher, Tailor, and Merchant of this place, the young man as Laquay of our Good Lady Countess, and Miss Anna Barbara Baltzer**,** daughter of the deceased Johannes Baltzer (7th Great-

Above: Oberbronn in Alsace, France, April 2005, where Johann Heinrich Brendel (6th Great-Grandfather) was born in 1683. Heinrich was "Laquay of our Good Lady Countess" at the time of his marriage here in 1710 (her residence was in the middle of the town). His father, Hans Heinrich Brendel (7th Great-Grandfather), was a tailor and merchant by trade, and a Burgher of Oberbronn.

Grandfather), in his life a Burgher of Froeschwiller, and this marriage took place in the presence of a number of witnesses in agreement with the text saying: Nearest Friends Will Testify."

Also recorded in the same church is the christening of his brother: "Baptized 1680 Friday the 28th May in the afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock gave Maria Hans Heinrich Brendell, the Burgher and Tailor's wife birth to a young son who received the baptism on the 31st (was Monday after Pentecosta) and named **Johann Philipp**" (6th Great-Granduncle).

The death record in Langensoultzbach, France, records: "The 30 December 1737 in Soultxback died piously **Mrs. Anna Barbara Brendel** (6th Great-Grandmother), born Boltzel, wife of the Right Honourable and Devoted Schoolmaster Johann Heinrich Brendel, our Schoolmaster here for 23 years now in the Lutheran Church School, his beloved wife."

"Death Record and Partake of Goods left at death and divided between heirs. Notary Records: 6 E 46 Woerth in Froeschwiller. At time of death of Johann Heinrich Brendel's

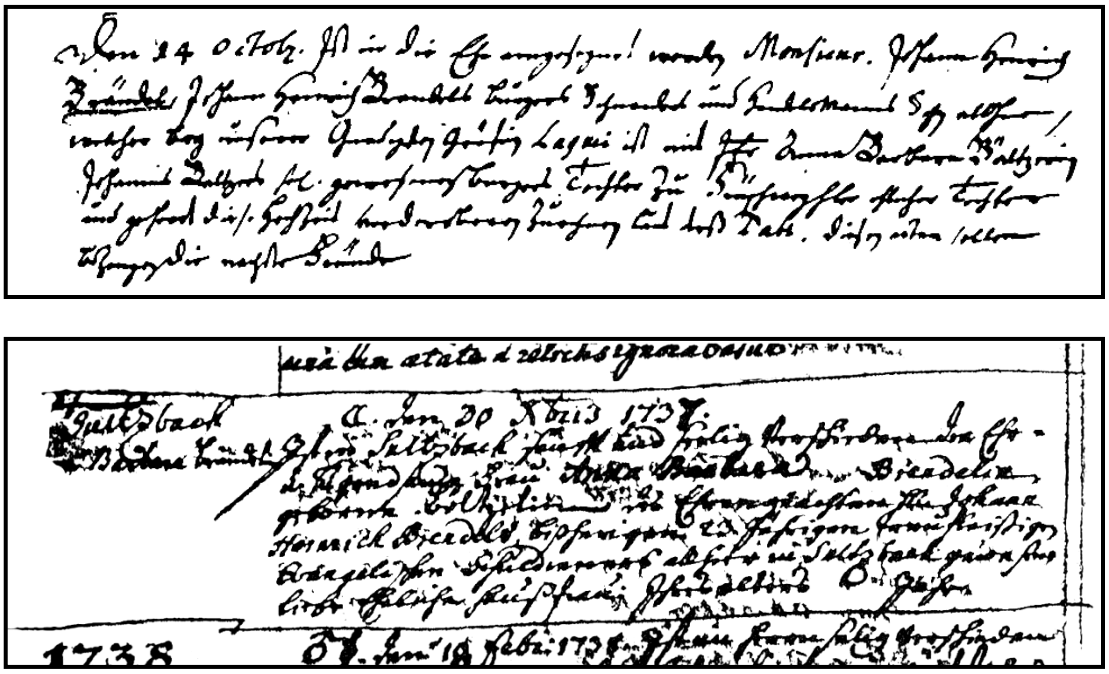
This page: Oberbronn, France, in 2005 and 2008. Many buildings date from the 1600s and early 1700s. Lower right: Richard Martin and his daughter, Rebecca, direct-descendants of Johann Heinrich Brendel in Oberbronn; 2008.

wife, who died in Froeschwiller the 27th December 1737, husband of Barbara Boeltzel (6th Great-Grandmother), Schoolmaster once in Lagensoultzbach."

"Inventory made the 7th February 1738: Children and heirs are: Louis Heinrich aged 27 years, a Tailor in Gimpfel, Johann Georg aged 25 years, domiciled in Trautbronn, **Johann Philipp** (5th Great-Grandfather) aged 21 years, Johann Heinrich aged 19 years, Johann Friedrich aged 17 years and Johannes aged 15."

"It is interesting to note that the timing of the three Brendel brother's departure from France occurred shortly after the death of their mother, Anna Barbara Brendel. She died December 30, 1737, and her sons were listed as her heirs. Her inventory was made February 7, 1738 (above). The sons arrived in North America September 9, 1738."

The death records of the Langensoultbach Protestant Church record: "In year 1763 after birth of Jesus Christ, the 2nd of July died in this place our former schoolmaster, **Johann**

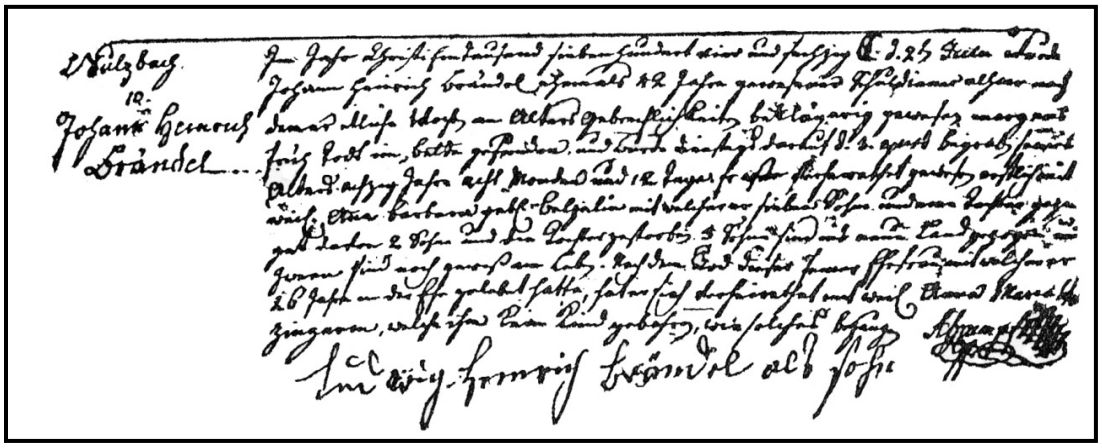


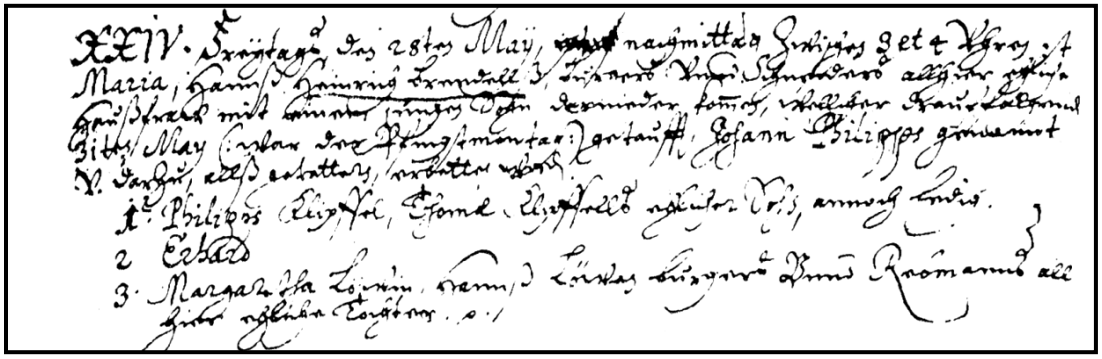
Top: Oberbronn Lutheran parish record of the marriage of Johann Heinrich Brendel and Anna Barbara Baltzer (6th Great-Grandparents). Translation of the German script reads, "1710 on the 14th of October married Monsieur Johann Heinrich Brendel son of Johann Heinrich Brendel, Burgher, Tailor, and Merchant of this place, the young man as Laquay of our Good Lady Countess, and Miss Anna Barbara Baltzer, daughter of the deceased Johannes Baltzer, in his life a Burgher of Froeschwiller, and this marriage took place in the presence of a number of witnesses in agreement with the text saying: Nearest Friends Will Testify." Above: Langensoultzbach Protestant church record of the death of Anna Barbara Brendel (6th Great-Grandmother): "The 30 December 1737 in Soultxback died piously Mrs. Anna Barbara Brendel, born Boltzel, wife of the Right Honourable and Devoted Schoolmaster Johann Heinrich Brendel, our Schoolmaster here for 23 years now in the Lutheran Church School, his beloved wife."

Heinrich Brendel (6th Great-Grandfather), has been in function here for 42 years, he had been ill for a few weeks and weakened. Was found dead in his bed in the morning and buried on the 3rd of the same, aged 80 years 8 months, 12 days, was married to Ann Barbara Belzel, who gave him 7 sons and 1 daughter, of the sons died 2 and the daughter also. 3 sons have left for the new world and two are still living for sure. After his first wife had died (he had lived in marriage for 26 years with her) he married a second time to deceased Anna Maria Waltzinger, who gave him no children. Which is testified by: Ludwig (Louis) Heinrich Brendel, son."

Johann Heinrich and Anna Barbara were the parents of eight children: Louis Heinrich Brendel (born 1711), Johann George Brendel (1713-1783), Johann Friedrich Brendel (christened 1715-1749), **Johann Phillip Brendel** (christened 1716-1799), Johann Heinrich Brendel (1718-1799), Johannes Brendel (born 1723), Suzanna Catharina Brendel (born 1723), Suzanna Catharina Brendel (born about 1725) and Maria Dorothea Brendel (born 1727).

Louis Heinrich Brendel (5th Great-Granduncle; born 1711) worked as a tailor in Gimpfel, France, in 1738. Gimpfel was probably a small hamlet for it is not located on detailed French maps.





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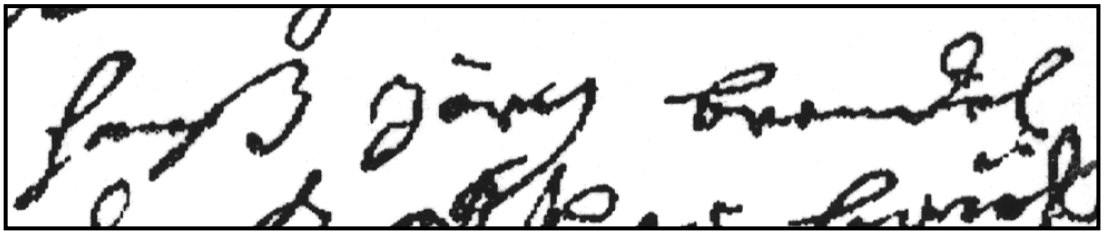
Hans George Brendel (5th Great-Granduncle) was born June 18, 1713, in Oberbronn, Alsace, France, and died about 1783 in Heidelberg, Berks, Pennsylvania. At the time of his mother's death in 1738, he was living in Trautbronn, France. George married Eva Catharina Frey (born October 9, 1718, in Langersuotzbach, France; daughter of Johann Heinrich Frey and Maria Dorothea Rummel). Hans George came to America

on the ship *Two Sisters* with his brothers Johann Phillip and Johann Heinrich Brendel in 1738.

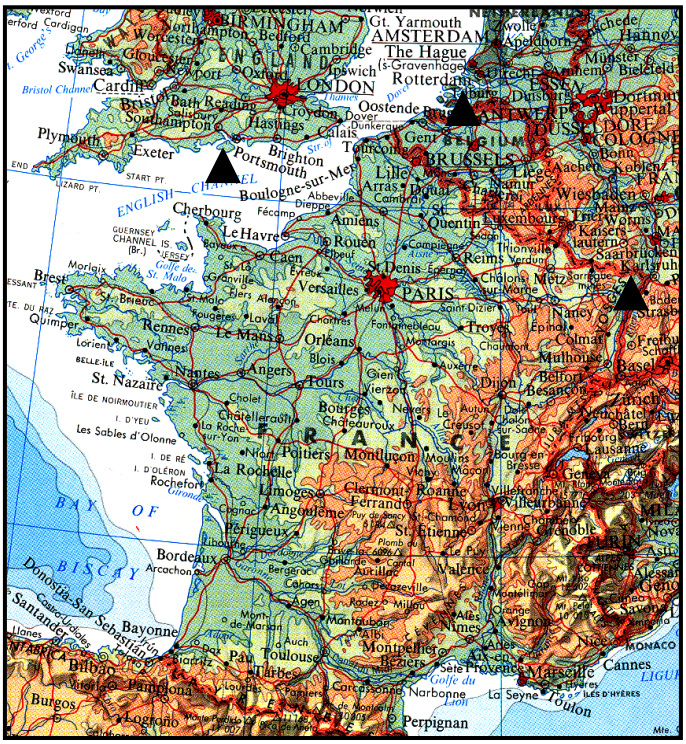


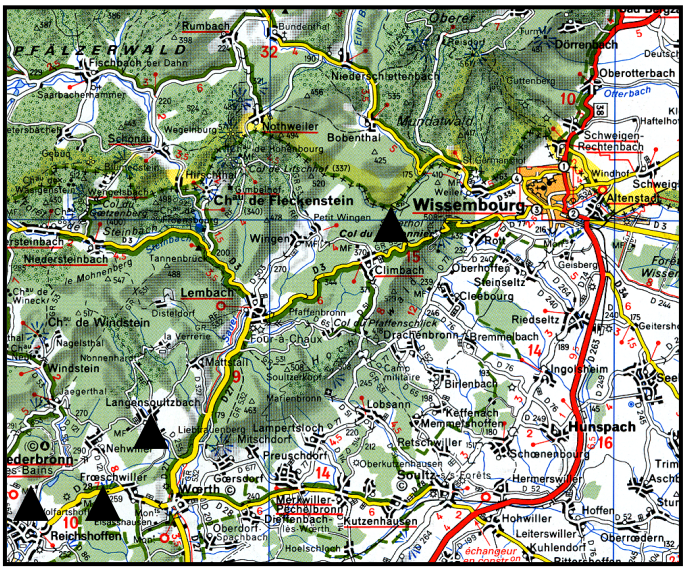
Top: Signature of Hans Jorg Brendel (5th Great-Granduncle) on the ship's roll for the *Snow Two Sisters* dated September 9, 1738. Middle left: Grand residence of "our Good Lady Countess" in Oberbronn, for whom Johann Heinrich Brendel (6th Great-Grandfather) was "Laquay" in 1710. Middle above: Seal, which is displayed beside the entrance gate to her estate. Rest of page: Oberbronn, France, on November 30, 2008.

After arriving in Pennsylvania, George settled on Muddy Creek in Berks County. Later he settled his family in Heidelberg, Berks County. He is on the tax records for Heidelberg in 1752, 1756, 1767, 1768, 1779, 1780, 1781, and 1784. In 1767 he owned 100 acres of land, four horses, three cattle, and four sheep. The following year he owned ten more acres of land. He purchased 82 acres in Becknock Township of Berks County in 1750 (32 acres

of this tract were patented in 1755 to Valentine Frey) and another 6 acres in 1773. George was naturalized in Heidelberg in 1762.

George and Eva were the parents of fifteen children: Eva Christiana Brendel (born 1736), Johann Martin Brendel (born 1737), Anna Maria Brendel (1739-1815), Susanna Catharina Brendel (1741-1747), Johann George Brendel (1743-1787), Eva Catharina Brendel (1745-1747), Johannes Brendel (1746-about 1822), Heinrich Brendel (born 1748), Elizabeth Brendel (born 1750), Maria Barbara Brendel (born 1752), Christian Brendel (1753-1760), Philippus Brendel (1755-1760), Friedrick Brendel (born 1757), Christina Brendel (born 1759), and Jacob Brendel (1760-1762). Their two oldest children were born in Lembach, Alsace, France, and the rest were born in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Five of their children died before reaching eight years of age.





Top left to right: Cowes, England; Rotterdam, Netherlands; and Alsace, France. Phillip Brendel (5th Great-Grandfather) emigrated from the town of Langensoultzbach and sailed on the *Two Sisters* from Rotterdam via Cowes to Philadelphia in 1738. Above left to right: Close-up of Oberbronn, Froeschwiller, and Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France, near the border of Germany (fourth arrow). Phillip's father was born in Oberbronn. A grandfather lived in Froeschwiller. Rand McNally and Michelin maps.

Johann Heinrich Brendel (5th Great-Granduncle; 1718-1799) immigrated to America with his two brothers in 1738. He settled in Pennsylvania near his brother, George Brendel, on Muddy Creek in Berks County. Three years later in December 1741, he married Anna Barbara Aurwasser, daughter of Henry Aurwasser, on Muddy Creek.

Heinrich and Anna Barbara were the parents of eight children: John Heinrich Brendel (born 1741), Anna Barbara Brendel (christened 1744), Anna Maria Brendel (1747-1747), Mary

Brendel (born about 1749), Dorothy Brendel (born about 1751), Susanna Brendel (born about 1753), Anna Maria Brendel (born about 1758), and Abraham Brendel (1766-1852). Abraham Brendel is buried in Alleghenyville, Berks, Pennsylvania.

Johann Heinrich Brendel, Seventh Great-Grandfather

Johann Heinrich Brendel (born 1650/1660) and **Maria** (surname unknown) (7th Great-Grandparents) were the parents of Johann Heinrich Brendel and Johan Phillip Brendel (born 1680); both born in Oberbronn

France. Johann Heinrich (7th Great-Grandfather) was listed as a burgher and tailor living in Oberbronn in 1710.

This page: Froeschwiller in Alsace, France. Anna Barbara Baltzer (6th Great-Grandmother) was born in Froeschwiller about 1685 and died here on December 27, 1737. Her father, Johannes Baltzer (7th Great-Grandfather), was a Burgher in Froeschwiller. A Brendel was buried in the city cemetery in the 1990s.

History of Alsace, France

"843—After the Treaty of Verdun, Charlemagne's properties were split: the area now known as France went to Charles the Bold, the Rhine territory went to Louis the German; and the Middle Kingdom including Alsace went to the Emperor Lothaire."

'870—After the Treaty of Meersen, Alsace went to Louis the German.

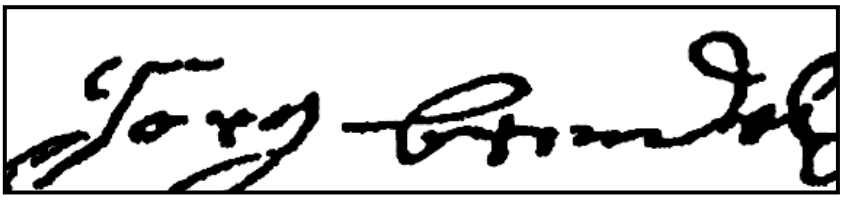
"1469—After the Treaty of St. Omer, Upper Alsace went to Charles of Burgundy (ruler of Netherlands and Burgundy); Charles was French, but became the 'landlord,' and taxes went to the German Emperor of Lower Alsace (note that upper and lower refer to the terrain as it descends to sea level, thus lower refers to the north)."

"1477—Land in Upper Alsace went to the Habsburgs."

"1639—Most of Alsace taken by France during the Thirty Years War; some communities

Above: Froeschwiller, France, 2005 and 2008. Froeschwiller is located between Langensoultzbach and Oberbronn. Below: Signature of Jorg Brendel (5th Great-Granduncle) on his will dated 1783.

were still under German sovereignty—Alsace was a principle battleground during the war, the country was laid bare, its population decimated, its vineyards reduced to charred stumps, its survivors condemned to a diet of acorns, goatskins, grass and sometimes human flesh."



"1648—After the Treaty of Westphalia, most of Alsace went to France; some cities remained independent with loyalties unclear." Alsace for the first time in its history became French.

"1679—After the Treaty of Nimwegen, cities brought under France."

"1697—After the Treaty of Ryswick, Louis XIV of France was in possession of most of Alsace and Strasbourg, some estates were still possessed by German nobles."

"1718 to 1737—First 'Swabian Migration' under Hapsburg King Charles VI."

"1740 to 1772—Second 'Swabian Migration' under Habsburg Queen Maria Theresa—By the middle 1700s most of the ruined towns and villages had been rebuilt."

"1780 to 1790—Third 'Swabian Migration' under King Joseph V."

Above: Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany; April 2005. Johan Heinrich Christman (6th Great-Grandfather) resided in Quirnbach, where he worked as a linen weaver, before immigrating to Pennsylvania in 1742.

"1795—After Act of the Assembly of France, feudalism was abolished and France gained greater control."

"1871—After the Treaty of Frankfort, Alsace was ceded to the German Empire—Most of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 was fought in Alsace."

"Alsace remained a part of the German Empire until 1918, when it was awarded to France after World War I."

Langensoultzbach, France

"The name of Langensoultzbach appeared for the first time in 1346. The origin of the name comes from the Germanic 'Lang-long, Sultz—saltwater, and bach—stream.'"

"Langensoultzbach was in the middle of important events concerning the history of civilizations. Many peoples occupied the village, leaving their mark in the landscape."

"Chosen by the Gallo-Romans for its place of interest, various Lord's property in the Middle Ages, Langensoultzabach was thereafter in the middle of two major conflicts:

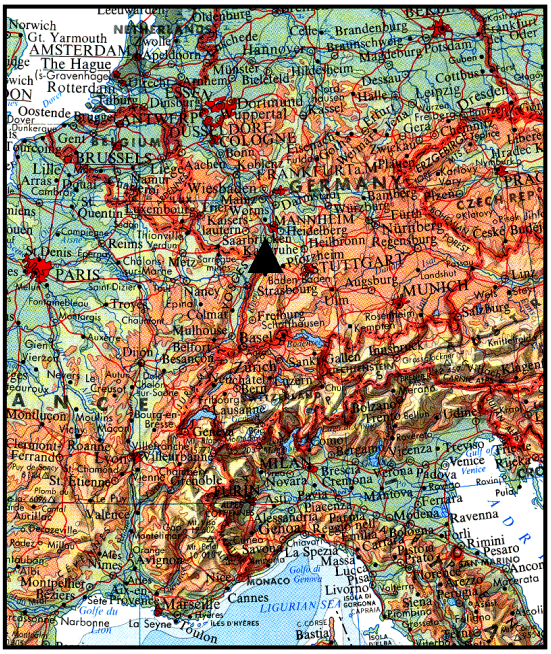
Above: Konken Reformed Church in Quirnbach, Germany, where five of Heinrich Christman's children were baptized in the early 1700s. Top and middle right: Buildings in Quirnbach; 2005. Right: Nearby town of Glan-Munchweiler, where Heinrich's two youngest children were christened.

the War of 1870, then the Second World War, with the construction of the military barrack as part of the Maginot Line."

"There was a Gallo-Roman temple in the area where the church is located. In the Middle Ages the bishopric was owner of the village (1255). Then it was ruled by the Lords of Ettendorf, Lords of Lichtenberg, and then leased to the Ostertags, Lords of Windstein. The Lords of Ochsenstein and the Convent of Biblisheim also possessed lands in Langensoultzbach. The nearby forest is still called *Nonnenhardt*, forest of the Nuns."

"At the death of the last Lord of Hanau-Lichtenberg in 1480, the Eckbrecht family of Durckheim, which had received in lease the Unterdorf, became the rulers until the French Revolution."

"Villagers converted to Protestantism in 1554, when Cuno Eckbrecht of Durckheim joined the Lutheran confession."



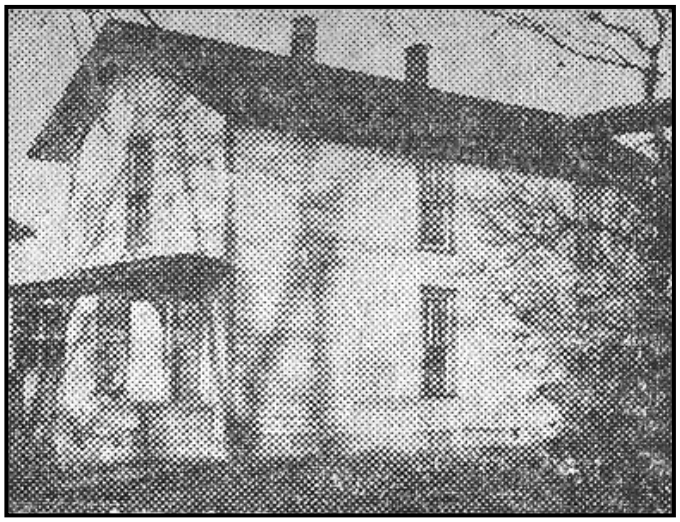
Above: Glan-Munchweiler Lutheran Church, where John Nichel Christman and John Peter Christman (5th Great-Granduncles) were Christened in 1736 and 1738, respectively. Top right: Quirnbach and Glan-Munchweiler, Germany. Rand McNally map; 2003. Middle right: Pieces of a Roman column discovered in Glan-Munchweiler. Lower right: View of Glan-Munchweiler from the church.

"The castle of the Durckheims was located in a meadow next to the town, but was destroyed during the French Revolution. The Durckheims fled and revolutionaries wrecked their home, which fell into ruins. The stones were used to build houses in the village."

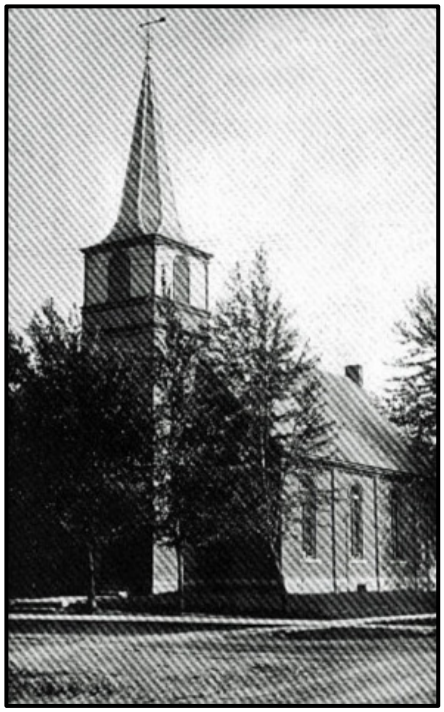
"The oldest house in the village was built during the Renaissance and dates from 1557."

Another ancient building is the barn of the "old Treiber restaurant, which was used as a storage place for tithes. A tenth of the harvest was placed in the barn by peasants as a tax to the Lords."

"In 1999 the village had 901 inhabitants. The town is located in the Regional Natural Park of the Northern Vosges, listed Reserve of the Biosphere by the UNESCO. Langensoultzbach spreads along the Soultzbach River on 850m, in the bottom of a valley surrounded by the wooded hills and opening onto the Sauer Valley. Its Alsatian half-timbered houses with windows covered in flowers, its landscapes of orchards, its meadows and broadleaved forests make it a pleasant place to live."



Near Langensoultzbach is the village "of Froeschwiller, which was the site of a ferocious battle on August 6, 1870. There are numerous monuments on the battlefield."

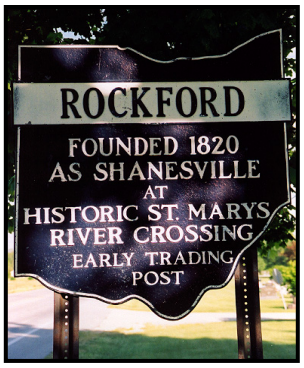


Top left: Home of Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather) where the first Methodist meetings were held in Rockford, Ohio (from an old newspaper photograph). Left: 1900 photograph of Rockford Methodist Church. The chapel was built in 1890. Above: The church in 2002. The Sidenbender family helped to establish this church and were active members all of their lives.

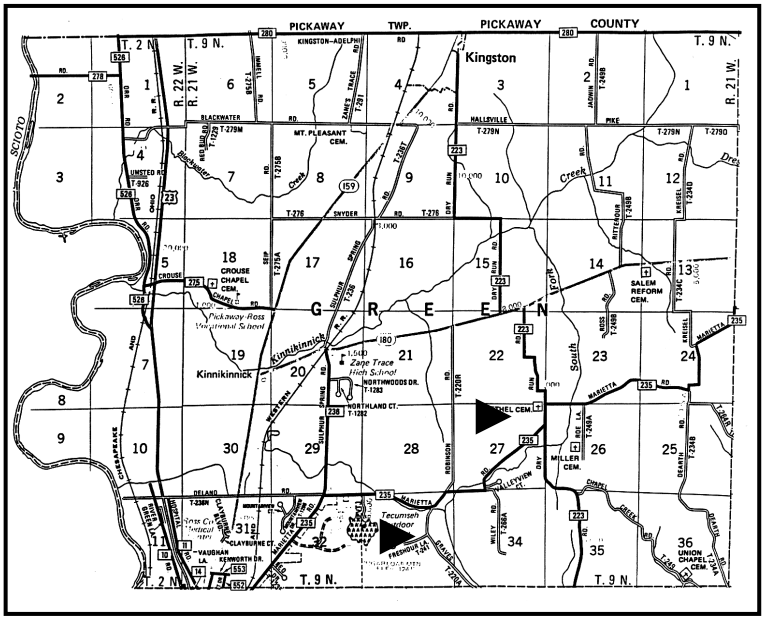
Johan Heinrich Christman, Sixth Great-Grandfather

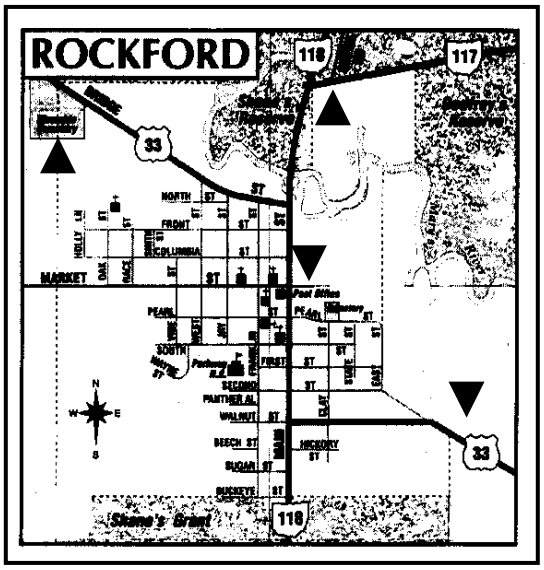
The wife of Johann Philip Brendel (5th Great-Grandfather) was **Maria Christman**, daughter of **Johan Heinrich Christman** or Cressman (6th Great-Grandfather) (according to *American-German Names*, by George F. Jones, Kressman means Christian), a linen weaver from Quirnbach, Germany. Johan Heinrich Christman arrived on September 21, 1742 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the *Francis and Elizabeth*. (*Pennsylvania German Pioneers.*)

Note: One researcher, "Burgert, claims he was the one arriving November 17, 1741, on the ship *Europa*. However, she must be mistaken, because that Henry Christman was age 35 at his arrival, and would thus have been

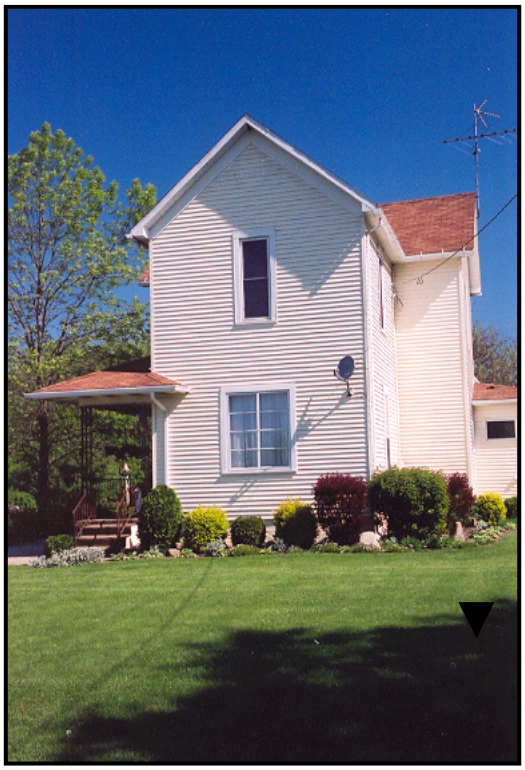


only 13 years old at the time of the first child's birth as cited in the birth records of Quirnbach."



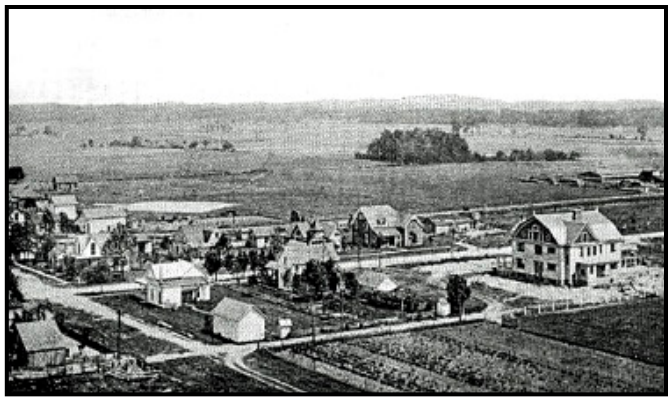


Top right: Green Township in Ross County, Ohio. Arrows point to George Sidenbender's farm and Bethel Cemetery. Above: Map of Rockford, Ohio. Arrows point to important family homes and cemeteries in and near Rockford, Ohio: Riverside Cemetery in the northwest corner, East Cemetery in the center, Joseph Sidenbender's home north of Highway 33, and the direction to Milberry Sidenbender's home two miles north of town. Highway 33 was once called Sidenbender Pike. Right: Home of Joseph Sidenbender; 2002.



In 1741 Heinrich registered that he was moving to America with the *Zweibrucken Manumissions Protocol*, and was recorded in their records as "Heinrich Christman of Quirnbach."

His sister placed the following ad in the *Pennsylvanische Geschichts-Schrieber Newspaper*, published in Germantown, Pennsylvania, on October 16, 1750: "Heinrich Christman, linen weaver, from a place two hours from Traarback, 'aus dem Claeninger Kirchspiel,' arrived with his family eight or nine years ago. This year his sister, Maria Margaret, and her husband, Anthon Graeber, a smith, arrived in Conestoga, on Cocalico Creek (Lancaster County), where they are with Johann Nickel Zerrfasz, near the Ephrata Cloister, and they seek news from Heinrich" (*Hocker and Burgert*). Heinrich had already died by 1750 and this may explain why his sister was having such a difficult time locating him.



Above: View of land on the south side of Rockford, Ohio, about 1910.

Heinrich Christman filed his will in Philadelphia in 1749. (*Index of Wills and Administration Records for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*, Volume 1, 1682-1782.)

Heinrich and his wife, Anna Margaretha were parents of seven children. The first five were baptized in Konken Reformed Church in Quirnbach: Anna Margareta (christened October 20, 1719), Catherine Barbara (christened February 20, 1722), Elizabeth Catharina (christened February 27, 1724), Maria Appollonia (christened October 25,1725), and Maria Elizabeth (christened July 21 1730). The two youngest children, John Nichel (christened May 2, 1736), and John Peter Christman (christened March 16, 1738) were baptized in Glan-Munchweiler Lutheran Church. (*Burgert*, Volume 2, page 75.)

Anna Margareta Christman (5th Great-Grandaunt) married John George Mitteberger and had a daughter, Susan Maria Salome, which was baptized on September 7, 1752, in the First Reformed Church in Philadelphia.

Quirnbach and Glan-Munchweiler, Pfalz, Germany

Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany, was first noted in written records in 1152. In 1444 a regional market was established within the town. A castle once existed here, which was built by Herren von Liebsthal. Later Grafen von Veldenz was the leader of the town. (*Internet—Willkommen in Quirnbach/Pfalz*—article entirely in German.) Glan-Munchweiler is located about two or three miles northeast of Quirnbach. Ancient Roman ruins have been discovered in the town and are on display near the village church.

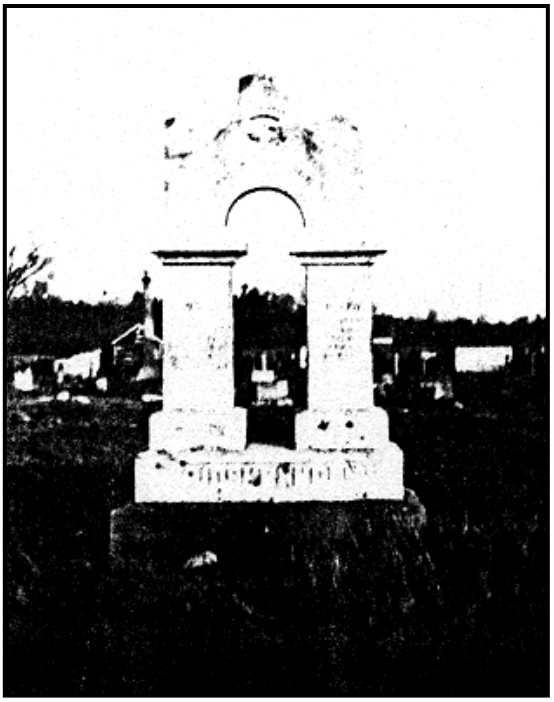
Joseph Sidenbender, Third Great-Grandfather

Joseph Sidenbender's (3rd Great-Grandfather; 1802-1880) history was recorded in

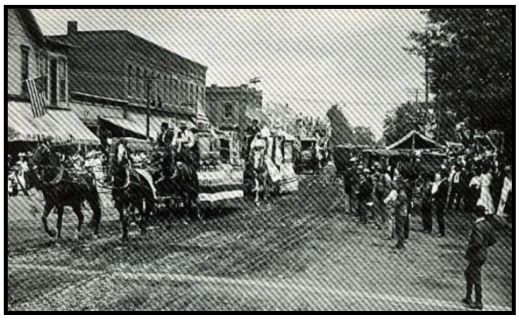
Portrait and Biographical History of Mercer County, Ohio, pages 535-537. The history, which was published in 1896, begins with a summary of his father's life.

"Joseph Sidenbender, deceased pioneer of Mercer County, Ohio, was born in Ross County, Ohio, near Chillicothe, a son of George and Susan (Brendel) Sidenbender, natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. The father was a farmer and passed the major part of his life in Ross County, where his death took place, and he and wife had reared a family of eight children, viz.: George, Richard, Samuel, Henry, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret and Joseph."

Above: East Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio, where Joseph and Ann Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandparents) were buried. It was turned into a baseball field in 1958. Right: Old photograph of the monument of Joseph and Ann Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandparents) in East Cemetery before being razed. There is still an unresolved question as to whether or not their bodies were moved to Riverside Cemetery. If they were moved there is no monument for them at Riverside. Below: Rockford Fourth of July parade in 1908.



"Joseph Sidenbender, our subject, was reared on his father's farm, and for his day received a very good education in the common schools. September 4, 1830, he married Miss **Ann Van Gundy** (3rd Great-Grandmother; 1808-1898), daughter of **Jacob** (1770-1854) and **Catherine (Connor)** (1780-1856) **Van Gundy** (4th Great-Grandparents) and a native of Ross County, born October 4, 1808. The year after his marriage he started for Indiana in a



covered wagon with his bride and household goods, but in crossing Mercer County, Ohio, where he had a sister living, he concluded to stop here for a short time, but was

Top left: Rockford, Ohio, looking north and south (above) on Highway 118. Top right: Approximate location of Sidenbender farm on the north side of Mary's River (northeast of Rockford). Right and below: Monument to Joseph Van Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle) in Riverside Cemetery, Rockford.

so pleased with the country that he purchased forty acres of the land near where Mendon now stands, but on the opposite bank of the river. After paying for this property he had but $1.50 left with which to begin life in a new country. He, however, set manfully to work and built a one-room log cabin, about eighteen feet square, and in this they lived about one year, when the rising river drove him out. He then erected another cabin on higher ground, but the swollen stream again drove him from his home. These mishaps so disgusted him that he sold his farm with its improvements for the price that he had paid for the land alone, and moved to the government road, or rather trail, that ran from Piqua, Ohio, to Detroit, Michigan and here entered eighty acres about a mile and a half southeast of the present site of Rockford. Here he erected a good log house, in which he and his family lived for many years and in which the first Methodist services in this part of the country were held and continued for two

or three years. In this log house, also, did six members organize the first Methodist society of the vicinity, in 1840, and this nucleus has grown to the present large Methodist congregation at Rockford. Of these six members, Mr. Sidenbender was one, and this was his life-long faith. Later on, Mr. Sidenbender erected a much better residence, which was occupied by him and his family until 1866, when he retired to Rockford, where his death took place November 23, 1880, at the age of seventy-eight years."

"Mr. Sidenbender had always followed agriculture and was one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of Mercer County, and, beginning with forty acres accumulated 233 acres of which he had cleared 200 acres. Politically he was a democrat and a strong advocate of temperance and was honored by his fellow-citizens by being chosen to fill many of the local offices, the duties of which he performed with conscientious fidelity. He was a man of decided and strong convictions, and was always liberal in his giving to his church of his time and money, never refusing to aid other denominations than his own in their building operations. By his uprightness, generous disposition and genial love for his kind, he won and held to him an almost countless number of friends, who deeply deplored his loss, feeling that they should 'never look upon his like again.' His venerable and

Top left and above: Frank Sidenbender, son of Joseph Van Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle) and Mary Whitley Sidenbender. Top right: Gravestone of Mary Whitley, 1840-1923, wife of Joseph Van Sidenbender.

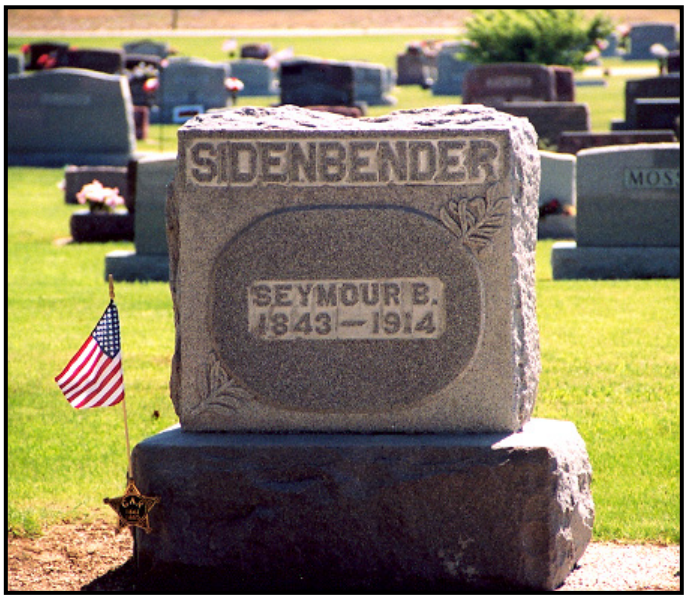
worthy life-companion and helpmate is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years."

Above: Rockford Union Civil War Veterans in 1909. Seymour Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle), Clayborne Work (husband of 2nd Great-Grandaunt) and Henry K. Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather, husband of Maria Sidenbender) are probably present, but not identified. Below: Monuments to the 94th and 99th Ohio Infantry Regiments at Chickamauga Battlefield. Seymour Sidenbender's 99th Ohio Regiment fought about a hundred feet from the 94th.

"To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sidenbender were born the large family of fourteen children in the following order: Shepherd, George, Ann Jane Montreville, Richard S., Bishop and Harry Guy of Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas; Millie Ann, widow of Lafayette Snyder, of Van Wert County, Ohio; Elizabeth deceased wife of Clayborne D. Work, of Rockford; Alvina, widow of J. F. Smith and now residing in Rockford; **Maria J.**, also residing in Rockford and the wife of **Henry K. Smith**; Joseph Van, a farmer near Rockford, and Seymour B. also a farmer, with his residence in Rockford village. The surviving members of the family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are all most highly esteemed in their various places of residence."

A historical sketch of Joseph Van Sidenbender was in the same publication.

"**Joseph Van Sidenbender** (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1841-1907), son of Joseph the pioneer and Ann (Van Gundy), a biography of whom is published herewith, and one of the leading citizens of Mercer county, was born on the old homestead on which he still resides in sections Numbers 16 and 21, Dublin township, Mercer County, Ohio, February 24, 1841. He was reared to farming on the old place,



Above: Gravestone of Seymour Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle; October 20, 1843-March 10, 1914) in Riverside Cemetery. Seymour was a soldier in the 99th Ohio Infantry during the Civil War. Lower right: Gravestone of Alvina Sidenbender Smith (2nd Great-Grandaunt) in Riverside Cemetery. Lower left: Sidenbender and Smith Plot in Riverside.

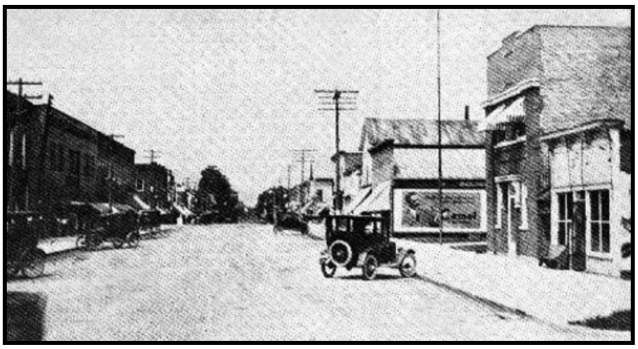
received a very good common-school education, and remained at home until twenty-five years of age, when he married and followed farming on his own account until his parents retired to Rockford, when he took charge of the old homestead, of which he later purchased eighty acres. To this he continued to add until he became the owner of 216 acres, from which, in 1892, he selected seventy-six acres and had platted as an addition to the village of Rockford, this plat being now known as Sidenbender's subdivision. On the old homestead he has also made many valuable improvements, erecting modern buildings, fences, etc., adding to the tiling, and otherwise increasing its fertility and beauty."

"February 15, 1866, Mr. Sidenbender married Miss Mary A. Whitley, daughter

of Rev. C. B. Whitley, a memoir of whom will be found on another page of this volume. This union has been crowned by the birth of four children as follows: Carrie, wife of W. M. Symons, of Rockford; Dallas, who died at the age of eighteen months; Etta, wife of Edward Voke, of Dublin Township, and Frank, at home. The family

are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and none is more highly esteemed."

"In politics Mr. Sidenbender is a wheel horse in the Democratic Party. In October 1878 he was elected to the office of county auditor of Mercer

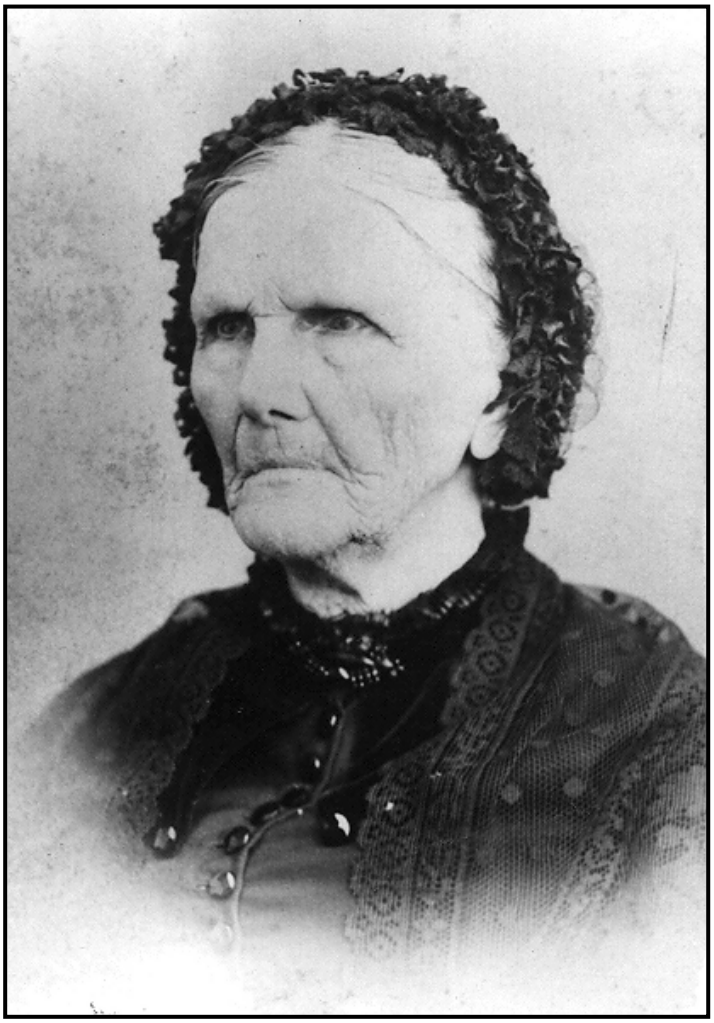


Above: Rockford, Ohio, about 1910. Right: Gravestone of Elizabeth Sidenbender Work (2nd Great-Grandaunt; 1839-1894) and her husband, Clayborne Work (1840-1918), a Civil War veteran, in Riverside Cemetery.

county, and proved himself to be so competent and faithful that he was re-elected in 1881 almost without opposition, receiving every vote cast in the county excepting 137, and serving in all six years. In 1890 he was elected land appraiser, and gave the utmost satisfaction in this position. He has long served as a member of the democratic central committee and has frequently been delegate to conventions of his party, and has served nine years on the school board. Mr. Sidenbender has contributed most liberally to all measures that have been put forward as beneficial to the county. Railroads have been aided to the extent of hundreds of dollars advanced by him; pikes have been pushed along through his contributions; churches have reason to feel thankful to him for his beneficent acts, and in fact, all things designed for the public good have met with his hearty aid and liberal support."

Above: Entrance to Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio, where Maria Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grandmother), Seymour Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle), Joseph Van Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle), Elizabeth Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grandaunt), Milberry Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grandaunt), and Alvina Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grandaunt) are buried. It is located northwest of downtown Rockford off Highway 33.

Most of the facts about Joseph and Ann are correct, but they were married on June 21, 1827, not in 1830. That means that they lived in Ross County, Ohio, for about four years before they moved to Mercer County, Ohio. The most important event that occurred in Ross County before their removal was the birth of their first child, Shepherd Sidenbender, in 1828. Unfortunately, he died two years later and was interred in Bethel Cemetery in Ross County.



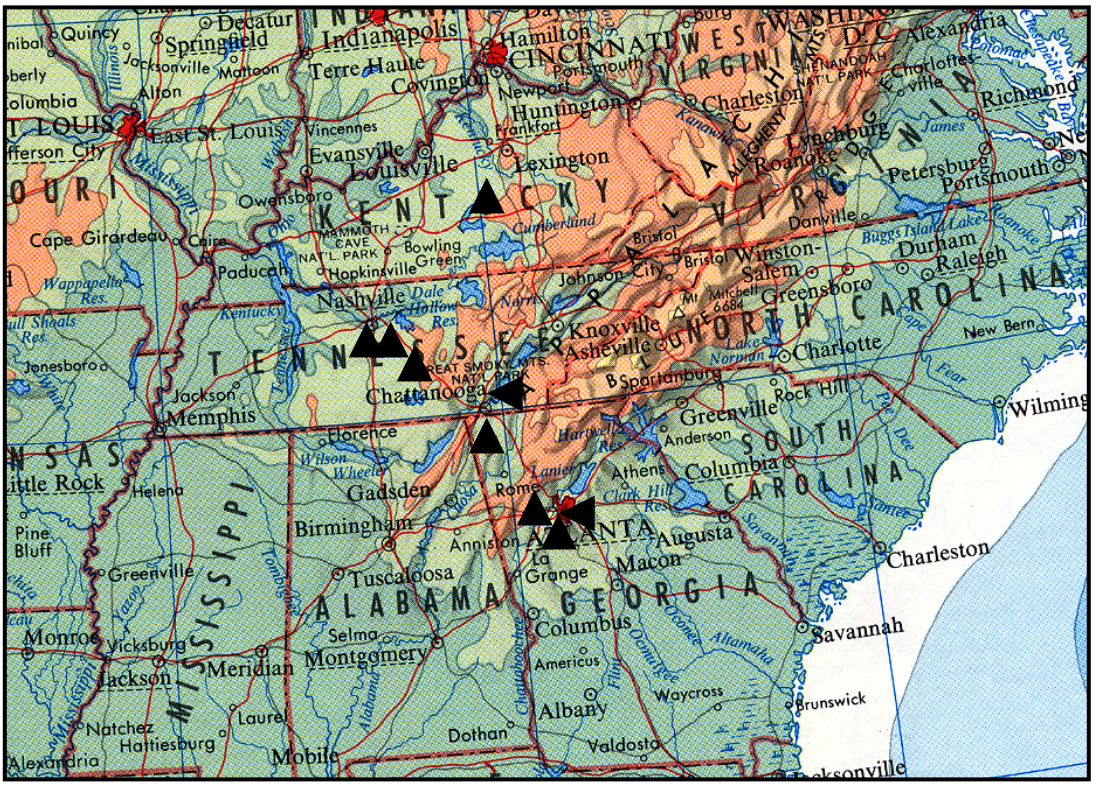
Above: Ann Van Gundy Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandmother; October 4, 1808-February 18, 1898).

A granddaughter of Joseph and Ann said that they spoke Pennsylvania Dutch (German) when they did not want their children to understand what they were saying.

Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather) and his wife, **Ann**, were buried in Smith Cemetery located in the middle of Rockford, Ohio. Two of their children, **Richard Sidenbender** (1847-1847) and **Bishop Sidenbender** (1850-1850) (2nd Great-Granduncles), who died shortly after their births, were also buried in Smith Cemetery (sometimes called "East Cemetery"). The Cemetery was turned into a baseball field in 1958. According to a Rockford resident in his eighties, a goat was allowed to run loose in the cemetery and broke most of the gravestones. The stones were scraped off by a bulldozer and used for landfill along the river. The bodies may have been moved to Riverside Cemetery Section M, but the graves remain unmarked. An old photograph of Joseph and Ann's tombstone shows that they had a large double monument. I made my second visit to Rockford, Ohio, in September 1996, with my wife, Karen, and photographed the old Smith Cemetery. My brother Ron and I visited Rockford again in June 2002.

Joseph and Ann's obituaries are recorded. Joseph's obituary is from an unknown newspaper. "Joseph Sidenbender was born in Ross County, Ohio, December 1802

and died in Shanes Crossing (now Rockford), Mercer County, Ohio, November 25, 1880, age 78. He moved to Mercer County about 50 years ago. He and his companion have known what a pioneer life really means. Being possessed with



Above: Locations of major assignments and battles Seymour Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grand-uncle) participated in while serving in the 99th Ohio Infantry during the Civil War. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003. North to south: Perryville (1862), Nashville (1864), Franklin (1864), Stones River (1862-1863), Chattanooga (1863), Chickamauga (1863), Kennesaw Mountain (1864), Atlanta (1864), and Jonesboro (1864).

strong physical powers and an energetic mind, he was successful in acquiring a large portion of this world's goods, providing the real comforts for his family. He united with Church in 1840, and helped to form the first society in this part of the county, of which he was leader for many years. His house was the first where the Gospel was preached. Few men are furnished with such scriptural quotations as he. He was much afflicted in his later years by the loss of his eyesight, but with all would talk and sing of the wonderful love of Christ. Indeed a great man has fallen on earth to rise in heaven. A wife, seven children, and a host of relatives and friends are left" (Written by W. R. Shultz).

Ann's obituary was recorded in the *Rockford Press* on February 26, 1898. "The funeral of Mrs. Ann Sidenbender, one of the oldest residents of Mercer County, took place from the Methodist church of this place on Sunday afternoon, February 20, 1898. Notwithstanding the condition of the roads, preventing people from the country attending, the church was so crowded that many extra seats had to be

supplied. She had selected her own hymns, scripture reading and funeral text, which were all used, in accordance with her directions. The text was from 2 Corinthians 5:1

Above: Carrie Sidenbender Symons (1867-1954) with her daughter, Eloise, in 1953. Carrie was the daughter of Joseph Van Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grand-uncle). She was born in the old Siden-bender home in Rockford. Right: Orig-inal home of Milberry Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, La-fayette Snyder, built about 1865, located two miles north of Rockford; 2002. Their barn and farm looking northwest from the house (middle). View of their farm looking east down County Line Road (lower right) and their home at dusk (below).

which reads, 'For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.' After the funeral services her body was laid to rest in the east cemetery by the side of her husband who had preceded her by some eighteen years."

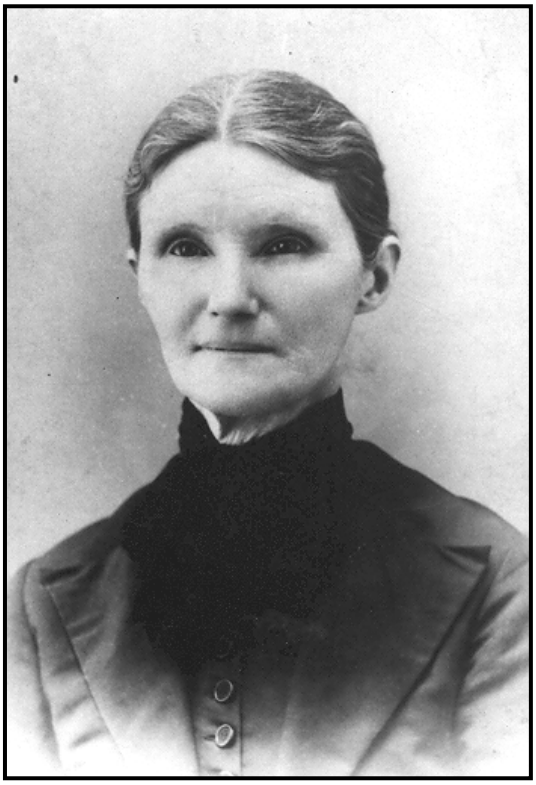
"Mother Sidenbender, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine Van Gundy, was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, October 4, 1808, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs.

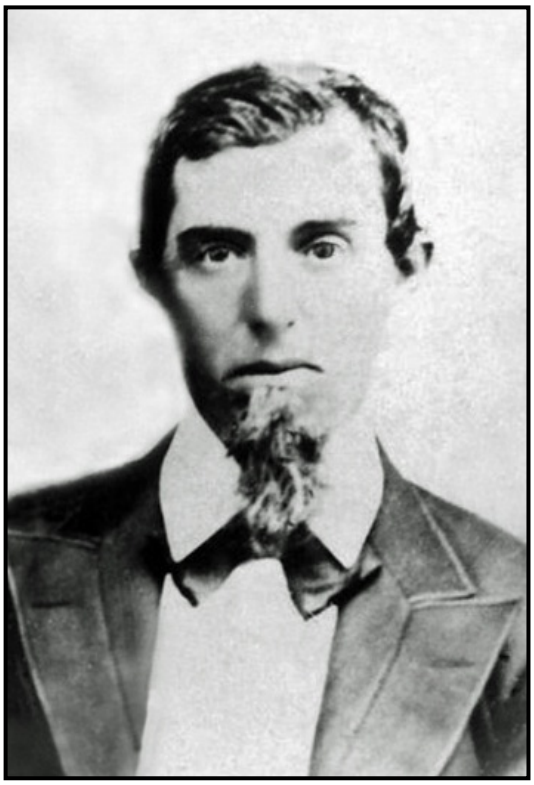
Snyder, some three miles north of Rockford, Ohio, February 18, 1898, aged 89 years, 4 months and 14 days, where she had been for some nine months before her death. Previous to this for some time she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs.

Top left: Old wooden beams inside Milberry Snyder's home. Above left: Rockford, Ohio, looking south, early 1900s. Gravestones of Milberry Sidenbender Snyder (2nd Great-Grandaunt) (top right) and her husband, Lafayette Snyder (above right), in Riverside Cemetery.

Alvina Smith, in town. It was at the last named place that she accidentally fell and sustained such injury that rendered her unable to walk and almost helpless and causing her much suffering the remainder of her life. She was married to Joseph Sidenbender in 1830 (actually 1827), with whom she lived in connubial felicity until his death in 1880. During her girlhood and early life she lived with her parents at the place of her birth until her marriage; she then moved with her husband to Mercer County in 1831 and settled near Mendon and afterwards moved and settled near Rockford, then Shane's Crossing, where they lived until the death of her husband. Since that time she has made her home with her children. Seven of whom have lived and grown to maturity, two sons and five daughters, six of whom survive her. In the long life of Mother Sidenbender in these parts, she had known all the hardships and deprivations incident to pioneer life, and of a home in a new country. With a moderate degree of health and with much patience and courage she bore them all with fortitude, attending to all domestic and religious duties, and rearing a large family she has far surpassed the ordinary limit of life and has come to her grave like a shock of corn in its season. In her religious life she has been a life-long Methodist. She and her husband were converted at the same time and united with the church in 1840. For the first two years after their

conversion and when there was no church building in the neighborhood, their home became a regular preaching place. And the itinerant Methodist preacher was always welcome to take shelter and refreshments under their roof. She has ever lived a





Above: Milberry Ann Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grandaunt; 1837-1928) and her husband, Lafayette Snyder (1836-1888). These photographs were taken in the 1880s.

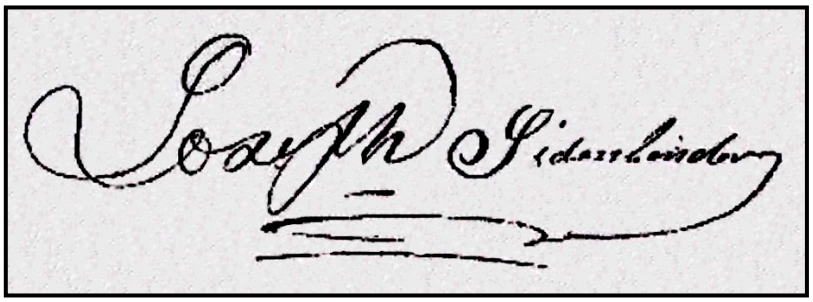
staunch Methodist and faithful Christian. She lived beautifully and triumphed gloriously. She leaves a rich legacy of Christian character to all her household and community."

An additional note was added to the obituary by two of Ann's sons: "We desire to return our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the long affliction, death and burial of our dear mother, and also for the comforting songs rendered by the choir. Signed, J. V. and S. B. Sidenbender"

Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather) wrote a letter from Mercer County, Ohio, back to relatives in Ross County, Ohio. The letter was dated "January 13, 1839."

"Dear Friends: I take this opportunity to inform [you] that we are all well at this time thanks be to God. I hope that these lines will find you in a good state of health. Adam came home on a Journey of five days. Mr. Abraham Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) had requested a small letter with a number of a piece of land you requested me

to go and see. The land is much such land as yours. It lies on the same Branch that runs through your land. The timber is oak, ash, fir, and beachwood timber. If you can pay it for something like 2 hundred dollars you will not be the loser, but buy as cheap as you can. Abraham lives about one and 1/2 mile northeast of your land. John Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grand-uncle) and his family are well at this time. If you buy the land I want you to write to me. Abraham Gundy, I will do the best with your land I can. Adam brought the money safe. Isaac Conner I understand that you remain single yet. I should hate to be put on the Bachelor List and there you will go if you don't do something for yourself. Ann wants some of her brothers and sisters to come to see her and father and mother. I want you to let my mother and father know that she was well. Samuel and his family [are] pleased to be here. Jacob Geone was pleased with his wife. Signed, JOSEPH SIDENBENDER."



Above: Signature of Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather) on letter dated January 13, 1839.

Above: Jon Sidenbender and his wife, Martha, at their home in Rockford, Ohio; May 2002. Jon is a direct descendant of Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather), and has lived in the Rockford area all of his life. Their handsomely maintained farm is located south of downtown Rockford.

As already mentioned, Joseph and Ann had a large family of thirteen children: Shepherd Sidenbender (1828-1829), George Sidenbender (1830/1850-died young), Jane Montreville Sidenbender (1830/1850-died young), Harrison Sidenbender (1830/1850-died young), Mary Ellen Sidenbender (1832-1905), Alvina Sidenbender (1835-1907), Milberry Ann Sidenbender (1837-1928), Catherine Elizabeth Sidenbender (1839-1894), Joseph Van Sidenbender (1841-1907), Seymour B. Sidenbender (1843-1914), **Maria Jane Sidenbender** (1845-1928), Richard I. Sidenbender (1847-1847) and Bishop H. Sidenbender (1850-1850). All of their children were born in Mercer County, Ohio, except Shepherd, who was born in Ross County, Ohio. Six of their children died as infants.

Mary Ellen Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grandaunt; 1832-1905) was part of a double wedding ceremony on October 9, 1851. Mary married Harrison Guy and Harrison's sister, Margaret Guy, married James McKinney.

Seymour B. Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1843-1914) was a musician in the 99th Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the Union Army during the Civil War. His service began on August 6, 1862. His Regiment saw their first action in the Civil War at the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky, on October 8, 1862, where they were kept as a reserve unit. Then they marched from October 16-November 7, 1862, to Nashville, Tennessee, where they did duty until December 26, 1862, when they advanced on Murfreesboro, Tennessee. From December 26, 1862, until January 3, 1863, the regiment was engaged in the Battle of Stone's River.

Seymour's Regiment occupied Murfreesboro, until June 1863. On September 19 and 20, 1863, the Regiment fought another major battle at Chickamauga, Georgia. After their defeat at Chickamauga, the 99th and the rest of the Union Army withstood the Confederate siege of Chattanooga from September 24-November 23, 1863. On November 23-25, 1863, the regiment took the offensive again at the Battles of Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, which were Union victories. After the fighting in November 1863, they made camp at Shellmound, Georgia, until February 1864.

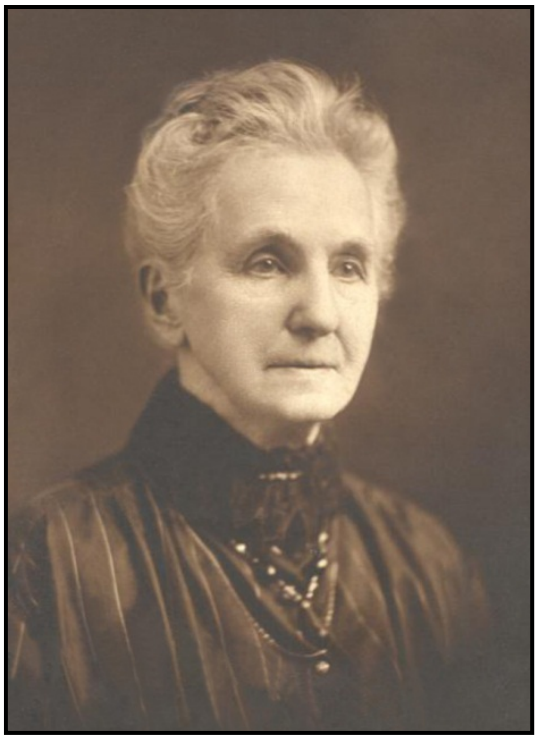
From May 1, 1864, until September 8, 1864, the 99th participated in the Atlanta, Georgia, Campaign. They saw many battles during this operation: Tunnel Hill, May 6-7, 1864; Demonstration on Rocky Raced Ridge, May 8-11; Buzzard's Roost Gap, May 8-9; Demonstrations on Dalton, Georgia, May 9-13; Battle of Resaca, May 14-15; Near Kingston, May 18-19; Near Cassville, Georgia, May 19; Advance on Dallas, May 22-25; Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and Battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills, May 25-June 5, 1864; Operations about Marietta and against Kennesaw Mountain, June 15-17; Muddy Creek, June 17; Noyes Creek, June 19; Kolb's Farm, June 22; Assault on Kennesaw, June 27; Nickajack Creek, July 2-5; Ruff's Mills, July 3-4; Chattahoochee River, July 5-17 and Decatur, July 19. From July 22-August 25, 1864, the 99th Regiment participated in the Siege of Atlanta, Georgia. After the fall of Atlanta, they made a flank movement on Jonesboro, Georgia, August 25-30 and were in the Battle of Jonesboro, August 31-September 1, 1864 and Lovejoy Station, September 2-6, 1864. They pursued General Hood's army into Alabama, from October 3, to October 26, 1864.

In November and December, the 99th did their duty in the Nashville Campaign. On November 30, 1864, they defeated Hood's army at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, and again at the Battle of Nashville, Tennessee, December 15-16, 1864. They pursued the remnant of Hood's army to the Tennessee River, December 17-28, 1864. On the last day of 1864, the 99th was consolidated with the 50th Ohio Infantry Regiment.

The 99th Regiment lost a total of 342 men in the war. Four officers and 80 enlisted men died in battle and 2 officers and 256 enlisted men died from disease. (*Compendium of the War of the Rebellion,* page 1540, by Frederick Dyer.)

Ann's daughter, **Maria Jane Sidenbender Smith** (2nd Great-Grandmother; 1845-1928) wrote a remembrance printed in the local newspaper for her sister-in-law, Mary Ann

Whitley Sidenbender. "'Sunset and evening star. And one clear call for me; And may there be no moaning at the bar; When I put out to sea.' Cherishing the kindliest love for Mrs. Mary Ann Sidenbender, knowing what a good woman she was: a true Christian and a life long Methodist. She went into the church when a child and was always ready to do her part and was on the Official Board for many years. The last work she could do



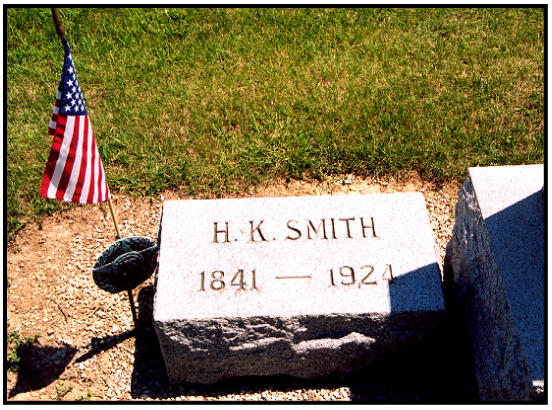
Above: Maria Jane Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grandmother; 1845-1928) and her husband, Henry K. Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather; 1841-1924). Henry was a Civil War Veteran and served as Mayor of Rockford, Ohio. He was a sergeant in the 99th Ohio Infantry Regiment and fought in the battles of Perryville (Kentucky) and Stones River (Tennessee).

for her church was to prepare the wine for the Communion Table. She was in declining health and at her age could not attend church, but her church never forgot her, as they had worked too long with her. She was always in for everything that was good. A few years ago her husband passed away which saddened her very much, yet she never forgot her church. Her husband's father and mother helped organize the first Methodist class and whose home of worship for some years was their log cabin, then a wild country here, but they also were faithful to the end. We can only say, 'Farewell, dear friend,' and as close as a sister" (Mrs. H. K. Smith).

Joseph Van Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1841-1907) died September 5, 1907. His obituary was printed in the *Rockford Press*.

"Last Sad Rites of the Late Joseph Van Sidenbender Attended by Many Relatives and Life-Long Friends—The funeral of J. V. Sidenbender who passed away last Thursday evening was held Sunday afternoon from the home just east of Rockford. The services

were conducted by Rev. W. W. Curl assisted by the Rev. J. F. Monts of Van Wert and the Rev. Richard Spetnagle. The burial was made in Riverside Cemetery. Many were those who came from a distance to pay their last respects to their relative and friend who passed from them into the great beyond. From Rockford and neighborhood were present hunts of friends and the funeral cortrelege that wended its way to Riverside was one of the longest ever seen in Rockford. In the passing of Joseph Van Sidenbender, his family loses a good husband and father, his relatives and friends a true and worthy counselor and the community a staunch progressive and sterling citizen. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral Sunday afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Voke and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Felker of Mendon; J. M. Whitley of DePere, Wisconsin; C. B. Whitley and Dallas Whitley of Anderson, Indiana; Miss Margaret Snyder; C. V. Snyder of Huntsville; William Whitley of Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. J. Leisure; Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Mendon and many others."



Above: Monument and gravestones of Maria Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grandmother) and her husband, Henry K. Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather) in Riverside Cemetery; 2002. The cemetery is neat and well cared for. Every gravestone has birth and death dates listed in years, but few have months or days recorded.

Milberry Ann Sidenbender's (2nd Great-Grandaunt; 1837-1928) obituary entitled, "Aged Resident Passes Away," was printed in the *Rockford Press* in 1928.

"After a long and useful life, the oldest pioneer resident of the community, Mrs. Milberry Snyder, past 91, died from infirmities at her life long home on the county line road. Mrs. Snyder was loved and respected by a large circle of devoted relatives and friends, and her passing brings deep sorrow to the neighborhood."

"Milberry Ann Sidenbender Snyder, daughter of Joseph and Ann Sidenbender, was born at Shane's Crossing, now Rockford, Ohio, on January 8, 1837 and departed this life, May 22, 1928, aged 91 years, 4 months and 14 days."

"At the age of twelve years she united with the Methodist church at Shane's Crossing

and remained a member of the Olive Branch Church to which she transferred her membership. She remained a member of this church until her death."

"She was the last of a family of fourteen to pass away; **Mrs. H. K. Smith**, her sister, preceded her just three weeks ago."

"September the 26th, 1859, she was married to Lafayette Snyder. They took up their residence on the farm in Liberty Township, Van Wert County, Ohio, which home Mrs. Synder occupied the remainder of her days. She was bereft of her husband February 13, 1888. To this union were born three sons and five daughters, six of the family survive their mother: Mrs. Anna Bechtol; Elida; Mrs. C. W. Temple of Rockford; Clyde Snyder of Celina; Margaret; Lillian; and Joseph F. Snyder, who are remaining at home."

"As a mother she was faithful to her home and family, she lived a life consistent with the principles of Christianity, she was kind and obliging to her friends, she was patient in her sickness and highly appreciative of any expression of kindness shown her by others."

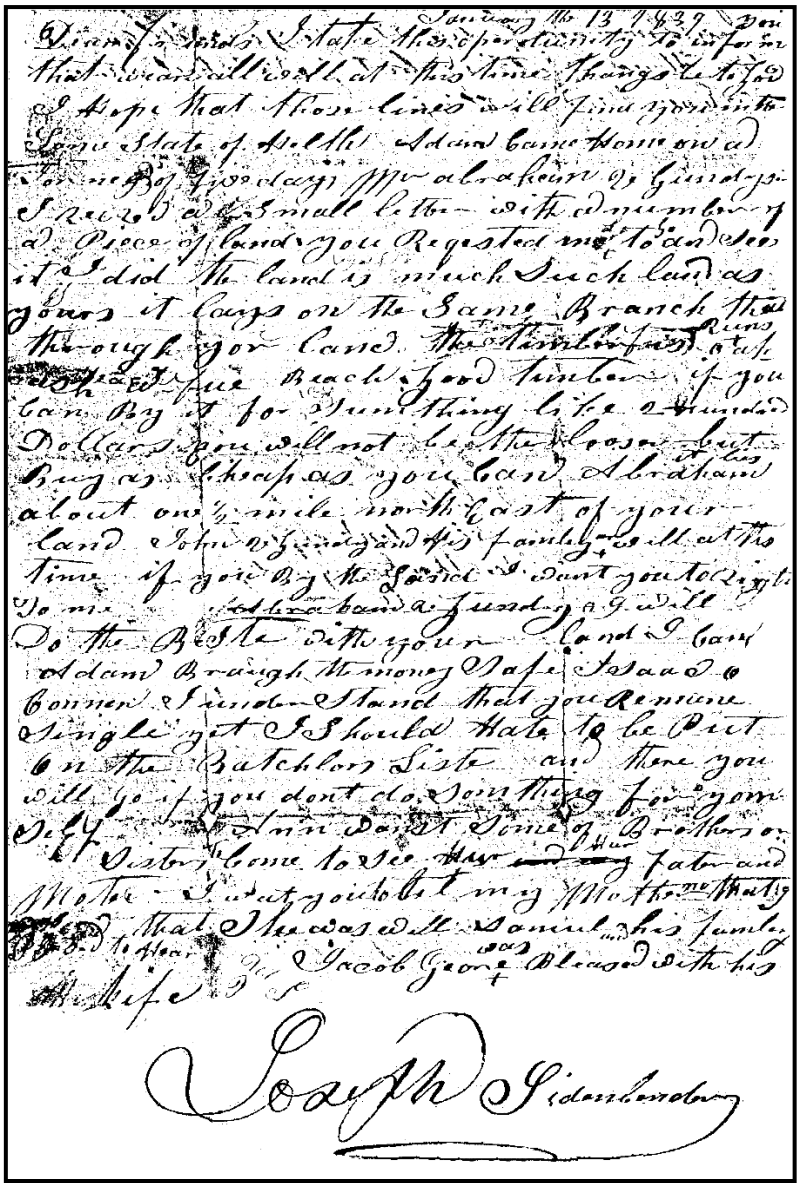
"Besides her children she leaves to mourn her departure fourteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, six nieces, two nephews and many other relatives and friends."

"The funeral services were held at Olive Branch church. The burial was made in Riverside cemetery in Rockford."

This page: Land either owned by George Sidenbender (4th Great-Grandfather) or adjacent to his property in Ross County, Ohio, from 1800 until his death. His land was located east of where Robinson Road and Marietta Road (CR 235) meet, which is the eastern part of section 33 of Green Township in Ross County. This is about seven miles northeast of Chillicothe. Photographs taken in 2007.

"Milberry's husband was Lafayette Snyder. His parents, Jacob and Christina Snyder,

emigrated from Germany and bought 160 acres of land in section 34 of Liberty Township in 1837. The farm is located about two and a half miles north of Rockford. Lafayette inherited this land and it is where he died in 1888, and **Milberry** (2nd Great-Grandaunt) in 1928. Lafayette was very active in his church and was serving in his fourth year as President of the Sunday School Union of Liberty Township at the time of his death. He loved teaching children and was 'very faithful in his Christian duties often admonishing sinners to come to Christ and live.'"



Above: Copy of letter written by Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather) on January 13, 1839.

The *Rockford Press* reported a large surprise birthday party for Lafayette Snyder (husband of second great-grandaunt) on September 4, 1886. The gathering of many friends and relatives for this party demonstrates the feelings of good will that existed among relations in the Rockford, Ohio, area at this time.

"Saturday, September 4, 1886. Lafayette Snyder was the recipient of a pleasant, and an agreeable surprise, at his residence, two and one-half miles north of Shane's Crossing (later Rockford) in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his birth."

"The guests numbering one hundred and twenty-five were cordially welcomed by Mr. Snyder. The table was spread beneath the towering arch of the apple trees, and loaded with delicious food prepared by the ingenuity of the fairer sex. Dinner was followed

with an address by M. J. Brewer, the distribution of presents and a reply by Mr. Snyder. Among the presents were an open-faced silver watch and a chain, a pair of slippers, a silk handkerchief, &c. Those making donations were, W. S., Joseph, Misses Anna and Maggie Snyder, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. C. Smith, Clyde and J. A. Smith, Mrs. Anna Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandmother), J. V. Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle), J. A., George, L. B., G. A., William and J. S. Shaffer, Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Riley, Phillip Bienz, Clark and Anderson Ickes, W., H. Ayers, Abraham Van Gundy, Simon Kiser and wife, Joseph and J. W. Kannel, Joseph Wert, Edward and Lewis Eckhart, C. A. Shaffer and W. W. Robinson."

"Joy and pleasure met the hearts of every one and all went merry as a marriage bell. Mr. Snyder has the well wishes of all 'That he will receive the blessings of God,' and live a long and prosperous life."

Maria Jane Sidenbender, Second Great-Grandmother

Maria Jane Sidenbender (2nd Great-Grandmother; 1845-1928) married **Henry K. Smith**, (2nd Great-Grandfather; 1841-1924) a civil war veteran, in 1866. Maria lived most, if not all of her life, in and around Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio.

Maria and Henry had two children: Nellie Smith (born 1867; died in childhood) and **Clyde Van Smith** (Great-Grandfather; 1868-1919). Both children were born in Rockford, Ohio.

See Henry K. Smith, Second Great-Grandfather.

Additional Sources

- *Associates and Militia of Berks County, Pennsylvania*, page 246.
- *Ross County, Ohio, Recorder Warranty Deeds*, Volume 58, pages 551-552. (Abraham Van Gundy's, Joseph and Ann Sidenbender's signatures are on the deed.)
- 1850 Census of Mercer County, Ohio, Dublin Township, pages 277 and 551, dated September 18, 1850.
- Family Bible of Elizabeth Smith Hoffhines.
- Letter to Mary Van Loon from Mary K. Meyer.
- Town of Froeschwiller, Alsace, France (Film 1070128-Brendel).
- Town of Langensoulzbach, Alsace, France (Film 1070131-Brendel).
- Miriam W. Hall Hansen (801) 467-2768 (Family History Researcher).

Notes

Henry Sidenbender (cousin) was a sergeant in Company A, 41st Indiana Volunteer

Above: Military gravestone of George W. Sidenbender (1833-1911). It stands next to his monument (right) in Grace Hill Cemetery in Perry, Oklahoma. His wife was Mary (1831-1907). Top right: Downtown Perry, Oklahoma, and the Perry train station in June 2012 (below).

Regiment (2nd Indiana Cavalry). He enlisted on September 18, 1861, age 29. Discharged on January 7, 1863, due to wounds (possibly from Battle of Perryville on October 8, 1862). Reenlisted on December 25, 1863, in Company M, 126th Indiana Volunteers (11th Indiana Cavalry). He was promoted to corporal on May 31, 1864, and to sergeant on July 5, 1865. Henry was mustered out with his regiment at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 19, 1865. He was the brother of Samuel Sidenbender.

George W. Sidenbender (1833-1911; Cousin) was a Union soldier during the Civil War. "He enlisted as a private on August 25, 1862, at the age of 29 in Company A., 73rd Ohio Infantry. He was mustered out of the same company on June 9, 1865, at Camp Dennison, Ohio." George died on January 25, 1911, and was buried in Grace Hill Cemetery in Perry, Noble County, Oklahoma.

Additional Sidenbender History

Most of the following information was taken from *Ancestry.com* and *Find a Grave* in February 2015. Some of this chronology is repeated from earlier accounts in this history for ease of reference.

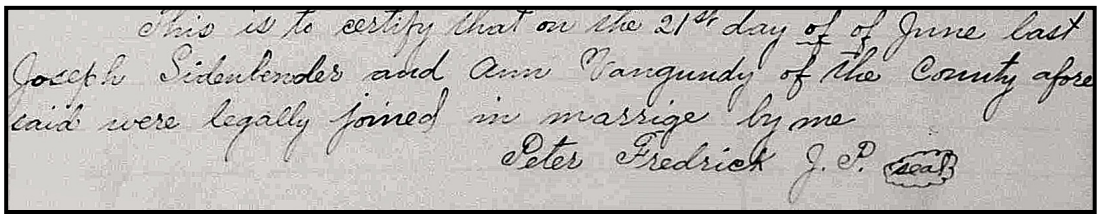
Family of George Sidenbender Sr., Fourth Great-Grandfather

George Sidenbender Sr. (1760-1830; 4th Great-Grandfather) was born in 1760 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1830 in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio. He married **Susanne Brendel** on February 18, 1784, in Ross County, Ohio, and had ten children: Henry Sidenbender (born about 1788; died August 29, 1838, in Burlington, Bradford, Pennsylvania), Margaret Sidenbender (born about 1792 in Ross County, Ohio; died April 18, 1853, in Mercer County, Ohio), John Sidenbender (born 1796 in Lancaster, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; died April 8, 1864, in Delphi, Carroll, Indiana; resided in Carroll County, Indiana from at least 1840 until his death in 1864), Polly Sidenbender (born about 1796 in Ross County, Ohio), Elizabeth Sidenbender (born about 1798 in Ross County, Ohio), George Sidenbender Jr. (born 1798 in Ross County, Ohio; died in 1839 in Carroll County, Indiana), Mary Sidenbender (born about 1798 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania), **Joseph Sidenbender** (born 1804 in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio; died November 25, 1880, in Mercer County, Ohio), Samuel Sidenbender (born 1804 in Ross County, Ohio), and Richard Sidenbender (born 1806 in Ross County, Ohio).

Above: Gravestone of Eliza Ann Sidenbender (1828-1880; daughter of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle). Left: Gravestone of Mary Harriett Hoover (1832-1879), wife of George Sidenbender, son of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle), in Hickory Grove Cemetery in Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana.

John Joseph Sidenbender (1796-1864; 3rd Great-Granduncle; son of George Sidenbender, 4th Great-Grandfather) was born in 1796 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and died April 8, 1864, in Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana. He married Hannah Cadwallader (born September 27, 1801, in New Jersey; died December 26, 1863, in

Carroll County, Indiana; daughter of Judah Cadwallader, 1754-1835, and Hannah Walton, born 1765) on July 27, 1820, in Ross County, Ohio, and had ten children: Emily


This is to certify that on the 21st day of of June last Joseph Sidenbender and Ann Vangundy of the County aforesaid were legally joined in marriage by me
Peter Fredrick J. P. (seal)

Above: Marriage record of Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather) and Ann Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandmother) on June 18, 1827, in Ross County, Ohio. Below: Obituaries of Charles Wilson Sidenbender (1852-1937; son of George W. Sidenbender, son of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Emma Hayse (1853-1920); her obituary was in *Carroll County Citizen Times*, November 20, 1920, page 10, and his in the *Delphi Citizen*, January 6, 1938, page 4.

Sidenbender (1822-1898; see below), George W. Sidenbender (1823-1891; see below), Martha J. Sidenbender (born 1824), William C. Sidenbender (1827-1900), Eliza Ann Sidenbender (1828-1880), John C. Sidenbender (1832-1920), Richard Sidenbender (1833-1892), Hamilton Sidenbender (born 1836), Mary Harriett Sidenbender (1837-1916), and Hiram Sidenbender (born 1839 in Indiana). John Joseph Sidenbender resided in Carroll County, Indiana, from at least 1840 until his death in 1864.

C. W. SIDENBENDER

C. W. Sidenbender, 85 years old, a lifelong resident of Carroll county, died Thursday night at a Logansport hospital.

The body was removed to the home of a daughter, Mrs. Joe Turner, a half mile northeast of Logansport where funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was made in the Hickory Grove cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Joe Wolf of Warren, Ohio.

MRS. C. W. SIDENBENDER

Mrs. Emma (Hayse) Sidenbender was born in Wayne county, Indiana, February 22, 1853. She departed this life November 9, 1920, being at the time of her death 67 years, 8 months and 18 days of age. She was a resident of Carroll county for many years. Mrs. Sidenbender united with the Hopewell Christian church in the year of 1868. She was united in marriage to Charles W. Sidenbender November 3, 1871. To this union were born three children, two daughters and one son, Henry Sidenbender, of Clymers, Ind.; Mrs. J. J. Wolf, of Rome, O., and Mrs. J. G. Turner, of Lafayette. She also leaves to mourn her passing one brother, Ed Hayse, of Frankfort, and six grandchildren, Omer, John, Helen and Martha Wolf, Mrs. Charles Ingraham and Mrs. Neil Hatch, all of Ohio. Short funeral services were held Friday morning, November 12, at 10 o'clock, at the family residence The body was then taken to the Hickory Grove church, of which Mrs.Sidenbender was a member, and services were held there. Rev. Wearly officiated, taking as his text, "Prepare thyself to meet thy God." Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

Emily Sidenbender (1822-1898; daughter of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born May 5, 1822, and died December 4, 1898. She married Elias Sager (born November 1, 1817, in Union City, Ohio; died February 1, 1875) on December 18, 1845, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had four children: Sarah Jane Sager (1846-1922), Hannah Ellen Sagar (born May 19, 1848, in Carroll County, Indiana; died March 15, 1904, in Indiana; buried in IOOF Cemetery in Pittsburg, Carroll, Indiana; married Richard Sidenbender, see below for their family), Rebecca Sagar (1850-1881), and John W. Sagar (1856-1940).

George W. Sidenbender (1823-1891; son of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born 1823 in Ohio and died July 3, 1891, in Carroll County, Indiana. He married Mary A. Hoover (born December 17, 1832; died February 3, 1879; daughter of Daniel Hoover, 1801-1863, and Sarah Coble, 1801-1862) on October 5, 1848, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had nine children: Barbara Ellen Sidenbender (1850-1921),

Charles Wilson Sidenbender (born June 30, 1852; died December 30, 1937, in Logansport, Cass, Indiana; buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery, in Delphi, Carroll, Indiana; married Emma Hayse [born February 22, 1853, in Wayne County, Indiana; died November 9, 1920] in Carroll County, Indiana), William Hamilton Sidenbender (1856-1931), David A. Sidenbender (born 1858), Nelson Sidenbender (born 1861), Henry Wilson Sidenbender (1862-1863), Sarah Alice Sidenbender (1862-1886), Mary J. Sidenbender (born 1865), and Laura B. Sidenbender (born 1868).

Above: Monument of Effie May Sidenbender (1881-1929; daughter of Richard Sidenbender, son of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) in IOOF Memorial Gardens, Pittsburg, Carroll County, Indiana.

Martha A. Sidenbender (born 1824; daughter of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born in 1824 and married Abraham Lowther (1820-1849) on January 15, 1843, probably in Carroll County, Indiana. They had three children: Samuel V. Lowther (1843-1900), Mary Hannah Lowther (1845-1878), and John Baer Lowther (1846-1931). After Abraham died in 1849, Martha married Matthias Foger (born 1824) on April 3, 1853, in Carroll County, Indiana.

William C. Sidenbender (1827-before 1900; son of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born in 1827 in Ohio and died before 1900 in Missouri. He married Sarah Jane Cronk (1832-1923) on April 13, 1851, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had seven children: Rebecca H. Sidenbender (1856-1940), Mariah Sidenbender (born 1856), Martha J. Sidenbender (born 1858), George Cullen Sidenbender (born 1861), Mary B. Sidenbender (1861-1897), Frank Edward Sidenbender (1867-1941), and Eva Anna Sidenbender (born 1868).

Eliza Ann Sidenbender (1828-1880; daughter of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born in November 1828 in Ohio and died in 1880. She married Andrew Leslie (1828-1911) on December 12, 1848, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had six children: Josephine Emfres Leslie (1849-1940), Malinda J. Leslie (1851-1910), Willis Leslie (born 1860), Maggie Leslie (born 1867), J. M. Merideth Leslie (born 1868), and Lillie M. Leslie (born 1870).

John C. Sidenbender (1832-1920; son of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born in February 1832 in Ohio and died December 30, 1920, in Deer Creek Township, Carroll County, Indiana. He married Susan Amanda Harvey (born 1839) on December 25, 1878, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had three children: Amanda E. Sidenbender (1858-1944), Charles C. Sidenbender (born 1872), and George G. Sidenbender (born 1872).

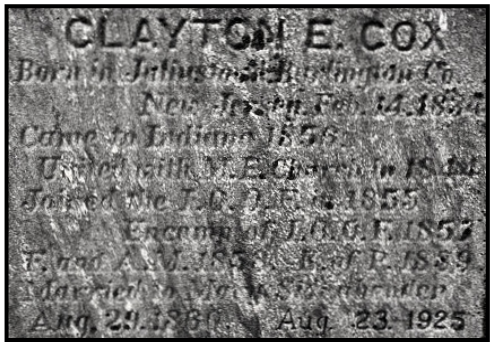
Richard Sidenbender (1833-1892; son of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born August 21, 1833, in Ross County, Ohio, and died February 16/17, 1892, in Pittsburg, Indiana. He married Hannah Ellen Sager (born May 19, 1848, in Indiana;

died March 15, 1904, in Delphi, Indiana; she married second, Jacob Mosier, 1832-1902; Hannah died "of lockjaw at her home in Mortonville, Indiana…one week previous she had stepped on a rake and a prong penetrated her foot. Blood poisoning resulted in a few days, causing great suffering"—*Delphi Carroll County Citizen Times*) on March 17, 1872, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had six children: Koreina M. "Cora" Sidenbender (born April 6, 1874, in Indiana; died December 10, 1949; buried in Pittsburg, Carroll, Indiana;

Top right: Mary Harriett Sidenbender (1837-1916; daughter of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle). Top left: William E. Cox (1864-1959; son of Mary Harriett Sidenbender) and his wife, Grace Parks (1869-1905). Above: William E. Cox's home in Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana. Left: William E. Cox "in his room" on December 28, 1953.

married Walter R. Emery, born 1875 in Wisconsin), Newton Joseph Sidenbender (born November 26, 1878, in Indiana; died December 26, 1961, in Indiana; married Veronica Marie Kempf, born July 5, 1894; died July 3, 1992 in Delphi, Carroll, Indiana), Effie May Sidenbender (born 1881 in Indiana; died 1929; buried in Pittsburg, Carroll, Indiana), Jess Sidenbender (born October 15, 1883, in Carroll County, Indiana; married Anna B. Retherford [born about 1889 in Indiana] on March 6, 1919, in Indianapolis, Indiana), Elmer Sidenbender (born December 3, 1886, in Delphi, Indiana; married Minnie B. Stafford [born 1895 in Indiana; daughter of Charles Monroe Stafford, 1862-1908, and Sarah Ann Barker, 1866-1932] on August 16, 1911, in Cass County, Indiana, and had three children: Ted R. Sidenbender [born June 4, 1912, in Indiana; died February

12, 2011, in Camden, Carroll, Indiana; married Eva Mae Chapman, 1910-1994, on September 22, 1935, in Carroll County, Indiana], Charles Rentz Sidenbender [born May 17, 1915, in Carroll County, Indiana; died September 19, 1991, in Orange, Florida; married Mary Ariene Overhoiser, 1916-2002, and had three children: Unknown,



Left: Gravestones of Mary Harriett Sidenbender (1837-1916; daughter of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle), and her husband, Clayton E. Cox (1834-1925), probably in Sheridan, Hamilton, Indiana. Above: Monument of William E. Cox (1864-1959; son of Mary Harriett Sidenbender) and his wife, Grace Parks (1869-1905), in Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana. Below: Obituary of William E. Cox, printed in 1959, noting that he died at his home at the age of 94.

Carol Sidenbender, 1953-1953, and Patricia Ann Sidenbender, 1953-1961], and Harry E. "Jack" Sidenbender [born June 5, 1924, in Indiana; died August 19, 1980, in Orange, Florida; married Doris Irene Keyser, 1926-1995, in 1946 in St. Joseph, Indiana), and Samuel Sidenbender (born July 20, 1891, in Indiana; died September 8, 1957, in Carroll County, Indiana; buried in IOOF Cemetery in Pittsburg, Carroll, Indiana; married Ella Hudson [born August 18, 1894, in Indiana; died August 19, 1955, in Carroll County, Indiana; daughter of Willard Hudson, 1861-1946, and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Robinson, 1865-1955], on December 26, 1917, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had one known child: John R. Sidenbender, born June 3, 1926 in Delphi, Indiana; died June 10, 1926, in Delphi, Indiana).

William Cox, 94, Dies At Sheridan

William E. Cox, 94-year-old former Sheridan businessman, died at his home there Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. (CST) Saturday at the Hinshaw Funeral Home in Sheridan with Rev. Ralph Johnson, pastor of the Sheridan Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will take place in Crown View Cemetery.

Mr. Cox was born at Delphi and formerly lived there and at Logansport.

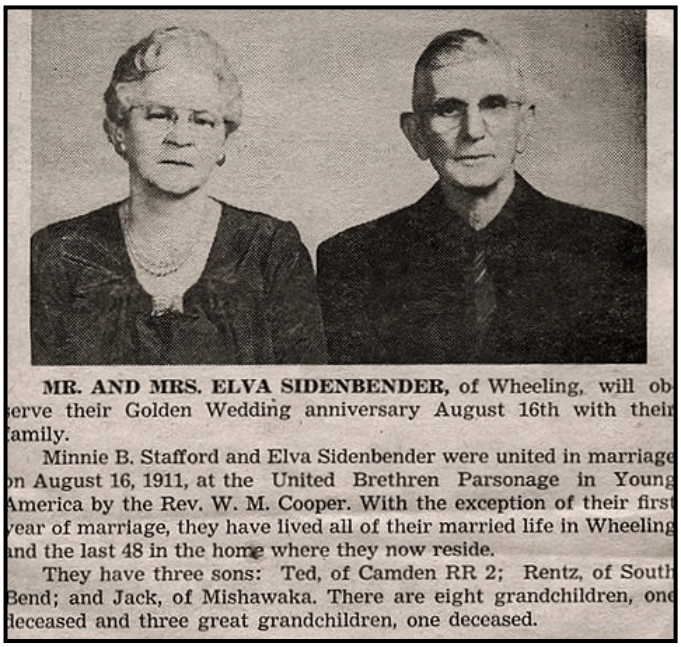
He and his father, the late Clayton Cox, operated a mortuary and furniture store at Sheridan and the deceased later owned a grocery store in that city.

He was a member of the Methodist Church at Logansport and the Odd Fellows Lodge at Rockfield.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Lena Dragoo, of Sheridan, and two grandchildren.

Mary Harriett Sidenbender (1837-1916; daughter of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born May 27, 1837, in Delphi, Carroll, Indiana, and died December 16, 1916, in Sheridan, Hamilton, Indiana. She married Clayton E. Cox (1834-1925) on September 29, 1860, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had three children: Emma Cox (about 1862), William E. Cox (born December 1, 1864, in Carroll County, Indiana; died March 11, 1959, in Sheridan, Hamilton, Indiana; married Grace Parks [1869-1905] in 1888 and had three children: Lena Cox, 1888-1973; Infant Cox, 1892-1892, and Damon Cox, 1894-1896; see photograph and obituary), and Delphine "Della" E. Cox (1867-1953; see below).

Delphine "Della" E. Cox (1867-1953; daughter of Mary Harriett Sidenbender, daughter of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born March 22, 1867, in



MR. AND MRS. ELVA SIDENBENDER, of Wheeling, will ob serve their Golden Wedding anniversary August 16th with their family.

Minnie B. Stafford and Elva Sidenbender were united in marriage on August 16, 1911, at the United Brethren Parsonage in Young America by the Rev. W. M. Cooper. With the exception of their first year of marriage, they have lived all of their married life in Wheeling and the last 48 in the home where they now reside.

They have three sons: Ted, of Camden RR 2; Rentz, of South Bend; and Jack, of Mishawaka. There are eight grandchildren, one deceased and three great grandchildren, one deceased.

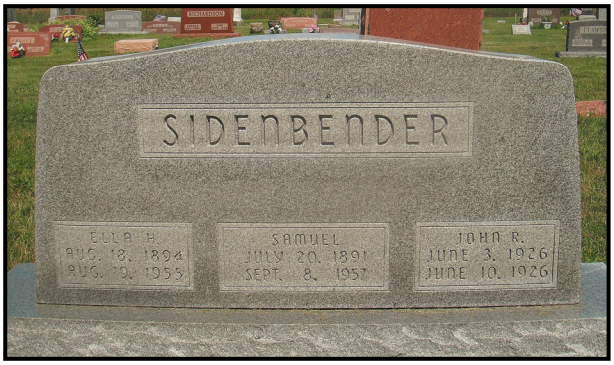
Above and top right: Elmer Sidenbender (born 1886; son of Richard Sidenbender, son of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Minnie B. Stafford (born 1895); newspaper story is from 1961. Right: Monument of Jacob Edwin Byrket (1862-1933; son of Delphine Cox, daughter of Mary Harriett Sidenbender, daughter of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) in East Washington Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Camden, New Jersey, and died June 12, 1953, in Three Rivers, St. Joseph, Michigan; buried in Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, with her husband. She married Jacob Edwin Byrket (born in October 1862 in Indiana; died June 15, 1933, in Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan) on August 18, 1889, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and had two children: Clayton Earl Byrket (1890-1973) and Marion E. "Mary" Byrket (born 1901).

George Sidenbender Jr. (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1798-1839) married Ellen Lewis (born December 25, 1807, in Baltimore, Maryland; died August 27, 1903, in Edgar County, Illinois; apparently married second Mr. Barnaby) and had five children: Joseph Sidenbender (1825-1901; see below), Richard Sidenbender (1828-1892), Henry Sidenbender (1832-1907), Samuel Sidenbender (1833-1902), and Sarah Jane Sidenbender (1840-1914).

Joseph Sidenbender (1825-1901; son of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born January 15, 1825, in Ross County, Ohio, and died September 18, 1901, in Carroll County, Indiana. He married Susan E. French (born November 22, 1833, in Berkeley County, Virginia; died April 17, 1914, in Deer Creek Township, Carroll County, Indiana) in 1864 and had six children: Mary Catherine "Kate" Sidenbender (born August

28, 1852, in Indiana; died March 17, 1872, in Carroll County, Indiana), Hiram L. Sidenbender (born April 4, 1862, in Indiana; died November 21, 1903, in Deer Creek



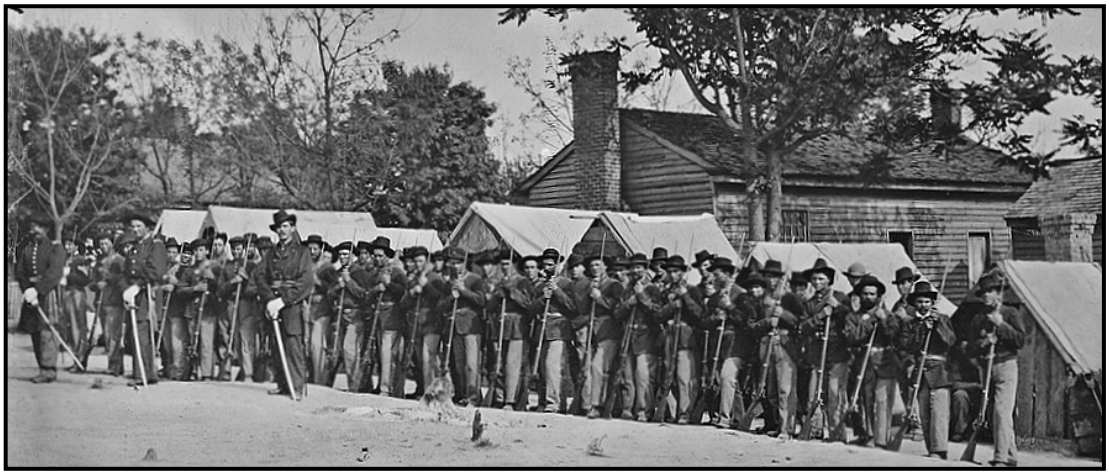
Above: Monument of Samuel Sidenbender (1891-1957; son of Richard Sidenbender, son of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle), his wife, Ella Hudson (1894-1955), and their son, John R. Sidenbender (1926-1926), in IOOF Cemetery in Pittsburg, Carroll, Indiana. Left: Delphine E. "Della" Cox Byrket (1867-1953; daughter of Mary Harriett Sidenbender, daughter of John Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) and her husband, Jacob Edwin "Ed" Byrket (1890-1973), on their wedding day, August 18, 1889.

Township, Carroll County, Indiana; buried in IOOF Cemetery in Delphi, Carroll, Indiana), Laura E. Sidenbender (born about 1864 in Indiana), Joseph W. Sidenbender (born September 29, 1868, in Indiana; died October 18, 1868), Josephine M. Sidenbender (born November 26, 1870, in Indiana; died February 28, 1950, in Indianapolis, Indiana; buried in IOOF Cemetery in Delphi, Indiana), and Arthur E. Sidenbender (born December 1876 in Carroll County, Indiana).

"JOSEPH SIDENBENDER. One of the best remembered farmers and businessmen of the past generation in Carroll County, Indiana, was the late Joseph Sidenbender, who, at the time of his death, owned six hundred acres of land in Carroll County, Indiana. Mr. Sidenbender was a man of strong and alert sympathies. He possessed a warm and ardent temperament and had many characteristics that drew to him a large number of devoted friends, who, now that he has passed from earthly scenes, revere his memory. He was a close student of human nature and understood very well the motives and purposes of men. He was a man of pleasing and dignified presence, industrious, honest and frugal, of sound character and unflagging energy. He stood as a conspicuous example of well-developed American manhood. The late Joseph Sidenbender was accidentally killed while blasting rock, September 18, 1901."

"Joseph Sidenbender was born in Ross County, Ohio, January 15, 1825, and was the son of George and Ellen Sidenbender, both of whom were born in Ross County, Ohio, but who removed from Ross County to Carroll County, Indiana, when their son, Joseph, was a small boy. They settled on a farm near Delphi and there they spent the remainder of their lives. They had four sons and one daughter, Richard, Samuel,

Henry, Joseph and Sarah. Samuel and Henry were soldiers in the Union army during the Civil War."



LIEUT. SAMUEL SIDENBENDER.

Samuel Sidenbender was born in Ohio, Aug. 3, 1833, enlisted in Co. A, Ninth Indiana Infantry as corporal, and was successively promoted Sergeant, Second and First Lieutenant, and was honorably discharged with the latter rank May 31, 1863. Comrade Sidenbender married in 1866 and engaged in farming in Edgar county, Illinois, and at the time of his death, May 11, 1902, was possessed of a fine body of farming lands near Paris, Ill., and was a highly respected citizen. He was prominent as an active member of Driskell Post No. 209, Department of Illinois, G. A. R.

Right: Henry Sidenbender (1832-1907; son of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) with his wife, Harriett Dierdorff (1838-1910), and children, left to right: Elizabeth Sidenbender (1863-1941), Charles Henry Sidenbender (1857-1943), and Julia Sidenbender (born 1867). Henry was a sergeant during the Civil War, serving two tours of duty; the first in the 2nd Regiment Indiana Volunteer Cavalry and second in the 11th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Cavalry. His younger brother, Samuel Sidenbender (1833-1902), served with him and rose to the rank of 1st lieutenant (see clipping above, which only mentions his first tour of duty). Top: Company A, 9th Indiana Infantry Regiment in fall 1863. This rare photograph was taken a few months after Samuel Sidenbender left the regiment, but these are the men he served with; the officers are standing in the front.

"Mrs. Joseph Sidenbender was born on November 22, 1833, in Berkeley County, Virginia, the daughter of George and Marie French, both of whom were also born in Berkeley County, Virginia, and who, after coming to Carroll County, Indiana, in pioneer times, became prominent in the affairs of the Methodist church. They settled on the farm where they lived until the end of their lives, both passing away in middle life. They had only two daughters, Marie and Susan."

"Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sidenbender were married in Carroll County and had, as the fruit of their marriage, five children, of whom only three are living. The deceased children are: Hiram L., who died at the age of forty-two on the homestead, and another child who died in infancy. The living children are Laura E., who married Joseph E. Ruffing, of Delphi; Arthur E., who married Blanche Smith and both are residents of Carroll county, and Josephine M."

"Josephine M. Sidenbender now owns the old Sidenbender homestead of two hundred acres and with the assistance of her brother, Arthur E., operates the farm. They are especially interested in raising purebred Berkshire hogs and they also have a very high grade of cattle on the farm. Miss Sidenbender is not only a capable woman with a very keen capacity for business, but she is one of the leaders in the community where she lives in all good work."

"Mrs. Joseph Sidenbender joined the Methodist church when she was a young woman and was a devoted member throughout life. The Sidenbender children grew up amidst the wholesome influences of a Christian home. Their mother died on April 18, 1914, having survived her husband about thirteen years."

"Joseph Sidenbender was a prosperous farmer, a man who understood well the necessities of scientific agriculture but he began his labors in pioneer times when the work on the farm was not so simple as it now is and when the machinery now used on the farm was not available. His life was marked by unceasing industry. In the later years of his life he was able to enjoy all of the comforts which life in the country affords. His family occupied a comfortable home and it is here that the father lived at the time of his death. He was a stanch Republican, but never cared to hold office. Fraternally, he was a member of Delphi Lodge No. 28, Independent Order of Odd Fellows." (*History of Carroll County, Indiana Its People, Industries and institutions, with Biographical Sketches of Representative Citizens and Genealogical Records of Many of the Old Families*, by John C. Odell, published 1916.)

Richard Sidenbender (1828-1892; son of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born in 1828 in Ross County, Ohio, and died February 17, 1892, in Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana. He married Mary Wasson (born 1827/1828 in Parke, Indiana) on September 26, 1854, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had three known children: Elizabeth Sidenbender (born 1855 in Carroll County, Indiana), Thomas Sidenbender (born 1857 in Carroll County, Indiana), and Rosa E. Sidenbender (born 1859 in Carroll County, Indiana).

Henry Sidenbender (1832-1907; son of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born May 1, 1832, in Ross County, Ohio, and died May 22, 1907, in Paris, Edgar, Illinois. He married Harriett Dierdorff (born January 1838 in Ohio; died September 20, 1910, in Paris, Edgar, Illinois) on November 9, 1856, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had three children: Charles Henry Sidenbender (1857-1943), Elizabeth Sidenbender (born September 24, 1863, in Carroll County, Indiana; died October 28, 1941, in Stratton, Edgar, Illinois; married Samuel Haworth [born 1858] in 1877), and Julia Sidenbender

(born 1867 in Edgar County, Illinois; married George W. Step [1866-1916] on July 4, 1888, in Edgar County, Illinois).

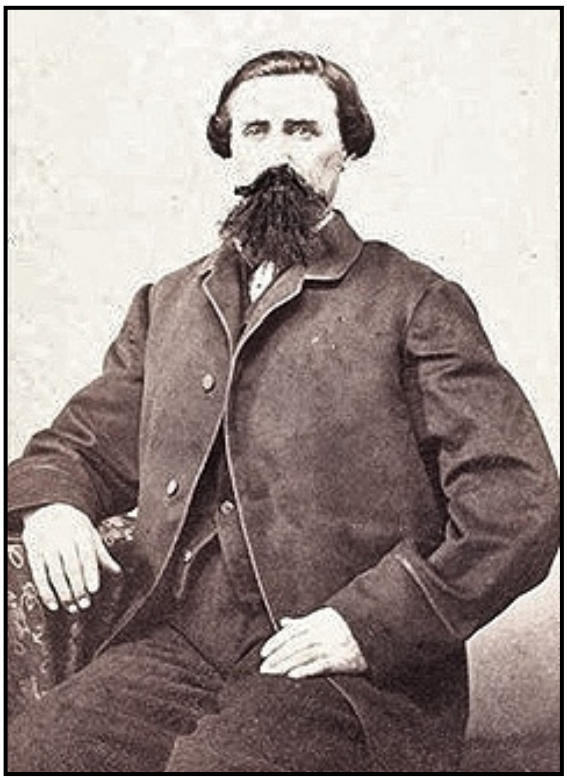
Henry Sidenbender enlisted in Company M, Indiana 11th Cavalry Regiment on January 30, 1864; promoted to full sergeant. He mustered out on September 19, 1865, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. (Henry's brother, Samuel, was an officer in the same company.)

Above: Gravestone of Samuel Sidenbender (1833-1902; son of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) who served with his brother, Henry Sidenbender, in the Union Army during the Civil War. He is buried in Edgar Cemetery in Paris, Edgar County, Illinois.

"Henry Sidenbender was born on May 1, 1832, in Ross County, Ohio, to George and Ellen (Lewis) Sidenbender. In the early 1850s, the family moved to Carroll County, Indiana. In 1856, he married Harriet Dierdorff in Delphi, Indiana. They had 3 children. On September 18, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, 2nd Regiment Indiana Volunteer Cavalry (41st Indiana Volunteers). He was discharged on January 7, 1863, presumably due to wounds received at the Battle of Perryville the previous October. His younger brother Samuel had served in Company A, 9th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was promoted from Corporal to 1st Lieutenant. He resigned in June 1863. In February 1864, Henry and Samuel both enlisted in Company M, 11th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Cavalry (126th Indiana Volunteers). The 11th Indiana Cavalry was engaged at the Battles of Franklin and Nashville in November and December 1864, respectively. They were then assigned to dismounted duty in Alabama until May 1865 when they were transferred west to Rolla, Missouri, and later to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas guarding the Santa Fe Trail. Henry was promoted to Sergeant in May 1865. Samuel had been promoted to 1st Sergeant and was later promoted to 2nd then 1st Lieutenant, and was in command of the company at the time the regiment was mustered out on September 19, 1865. After the war, Henry returned to his family in Delphi, Indiana, but around 1870 they followed Samuel to Paris, Illinois, where both men were successful farmers. Henry and Samuel were both members of the Driscell Grand Army of the Republic Post #209 in Paris. Henry died there on May 22, 1907. Samuel passed away on May 11, 1902. Photograph and information submitted by Henry (and Samuel) Sidenbender's third great-nephew, Vince Barker, Commander, Old Abe Camp #8, Department of Wisconsin, SUVCW and Commander, Wisconsin Commandery, MOLLUS."

Charles Henry Sidenbender (1857-1943; son of Henry Sidenbender, son of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born August 11, 1857, in Delphi, Indiana, and died December 8, 1943, in Paris, Edgar, Illinois. He married Mary M. Stepp (1863-1919) in 1885 in Edgar County, Illinois, and had 8 children: Edward W. Sidenbender (1886-1969), Ella Mae Sidenbender (1888-1946), Blanche Mary Sidenbender (1892-1978), Gertrude B. Sidenbender (born 1894), Chester Arthur Sidenbender (1898-1938),

Riley J. Sidenbender (1900-1984), Ruth Sidenbender (born 1904), and Henry M. Sidenbender (born 1906).



Above: Sarah Jane Sidenbender (1840-1914; daughter of George Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) and her husband, Philip May (1831-1867; son of Christopher May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt), in 1860s in Carroll County, Indiana.

Samuel Sidenbender (1833-1902; son of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born August 3, 1833, in Ross County, Ohio, and died May 11, 1902, in Paris, Edgar, Illinois; buried in Edgar Cemetery in Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. He married Mary Elizabeth Crawford (born in February 1838 in Illinois; died 1904 in Paris, Edgar, Illinois; daughter of James B. Crawford, 1814-1891, and Mary Jane Shaw, born 1822) on April 17, 1866, in Edgar, County, Illinois, and had six children: Charles W. Sidenbender (born February 1867, in Edgar County, Illinois; died March 7, 1943, in Vigo County, Indiana; married Jennie McCollum [1870-1952] on March 2, 1892, in Edgar County, Illinois), Crawford Sidenbender (born November 1869 in Paris, Edgar, Illinois; died December 20, 1904, in Paris, Edgar, Illinois; Crawford died by suicide; he was despondent over the legal battle for his mother's estate; his appointment as administrator of her will was challenged in court and his opponents bid high on the farm; he took poison that same day), Winifred Ann Sidenbender (born July 31, 1870, in Paris, Edgar, Illinois; died June 30, 1959; married Joseph Franklin Perisho [1863-1941] on June 30, 1892, in Edgar County, Illinois, and had three children: Etta Gertrude Perisho, born 1895, Mary Anne Perisho, 1899-1965, and Anna Ruth Perisho, born 1911), Frank Sidenbender (born in June 1872, in Parish, Edgar, Illinois; died December 3, 1916, in Parish, Edgar, Illinois), Joseph Sidenbender (born August 17, 1874, in Parish, Edgar, Illinois; died

September 5, 1938, in Parish, Edgar, Illinois), and Robert Sidenbender (born April 1879 in Parish, Edgar, Illinois; died after 1958 in Danville, Illinois; married Estella Golsby

Above left: Charles W. Sidenbender (1867-1943; son of Samuel Sidenbender, son of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle), and his brother, Joseph Sidenbender (1874-1938; in middle), who never married, and lived his entire life in Parish, Illinois. Above right: Estella Golsby (born 1876; wife of Robert Sidenbender, brother of Charles and Joseph Sidenbender). Below right: Laura Belle May (1867-1945; daughter of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle), her husband, George L. Elliott (1861-1928), and her mother-in-law, Susan Adams Elliott (1837-1926). Below left: George L. Elliott, fishing.

[born 1878 in Illinois] and had two children: Royce Sidenbender, 1905-1966, and Wayne Sidenbender, 1910-1988).

Samuel Sidenbender enlisted in Company A., Indiana 9th Infantry Regiment on September 5, 1861. He was promoted to 2nd lieutenant on January 1, 1863, and promoted to 1st lieutenant on April 26, 1863, and honorable discharged on May 31, 1863. He reenlisted in Company M, 11th Indiana Calvary Regiment on February 17, 1864, and was promoted to full 2nd Lieutenant on May 1, 1865; promoted to full 1st Lieutenant on June 1, 1865. Samuel was mustered out on September 19, 1865, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. (Samuel's brother, Henry, served in the same company.)

Sarah Jane Sidenbender (1840-1914; daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-

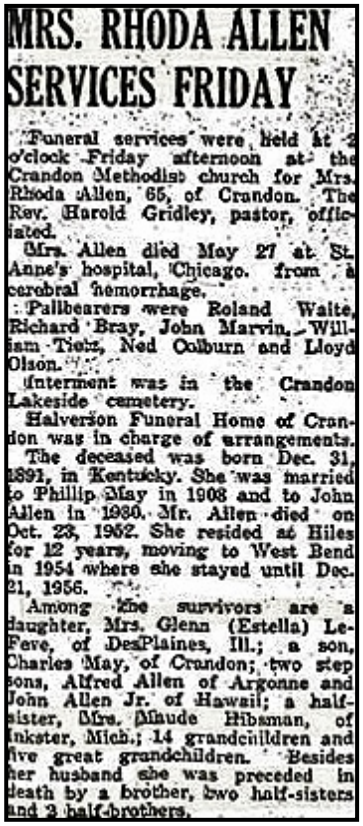
Granduncle) was born in 1840 in Chillicothe, Ohio, and died December 12, 1914, in

Above: Family of Laura Belle May (1867-1945; daughter of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle) and her husband, George L. Elliott (1861-1928), with nine of their ten children (oldest to youngest): Gertrude M. Elliott (born 1867), Susan J. Elliott (born 1888), Nora B. Elliott (born 1891), Rolene Edna Elliott (1896-1975), Laura A. Elliott (born 1899), Charles Philip Elliott (1900-1963), Leonard Adams Elliott (1904-1988), George Leonard Elliott Jr. (born 1906), Ginger Elliott (born 1907), and Harriet Maria Elliott (1909-1979). Left: Charles May (1857-1934; son of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle). Lower right: Tillie Weale (1856-1926), wife of Charles May, and their daughter, Anna Bell May (born 1890), about 1904 in Farina, Illinois. Lower left: Gravestone of Barbara Ellen May (1858-1932; daughter of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender, Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle).

Decatur, Macon, Illinois. She married Philp May (born 1831 in Ross County, Ohio; died 1867 in Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana; son of Christopher May, 1805-1850, and

Barbara Holman, 1811-1877) on September 3, 1854, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had five children: Charles May (born June 21, 1857, in Delphi, Carroll, Indiana; died September 5, 1934, in Laclede, Fayette, Illinois; married Matilda "Tillie" Weale [born

July 23, 1856, in Avon, Lake County, Illinois; died December 28, 1926, in Lacieda, Fayette County, Illinois] on April 15, 1883, in Farina, Fayette, Illinois, and had two known children: Philip Skyler May, 1886-1964, and Anna Bell May, born September 2, 1890, in Indiana; see photographs), Barbara Ellen May (1858-1932), Frank May (born 1859 in Carroll County, Indiana; died 1870), Ida May (1862-1946), and Laura Belle May (1867-1945).



MRS. RHODA ALLEN SERVICES FRIDAY

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Crandon Methodist church for Mrs. Rhoda Allen, 65, of Crandon. The Rev. Harold Gridley, pastor, officiated.

Mrs. Allen died May 27 at St. Anne's hospital, Chicago, from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Pallbearers were Roland Waite, Richard Bray, John Marvin, William Tietz, Ned Colburn and Lloyd Olson.

Interment was in the Crandon Lakeside cemetery.

Halverson Funeral Home of Crandon was in charge of arrangements.

The deceased was born Dec. 31, 1891, in Kentucky. She was married to Phillip May in 1908 and to John Allen in 1930. Mr. Allen died on Oct. 23, 1952. She resided at Hiles for 12 years, moving to West Bend in 1954 where she stayed until Dec. 21, 1956.

Among the survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Glenn (Estella) LeFeve, of DesPlaines, Ill.; a son, Charles May, of Crandon; two step sons, Alfred Allen of Argonne and John Allen Jr. of Hawaii; a half-sister, Mrs. Maude Hibsman, of Inkster, Mich.; 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Besides her husband she was preceded in death by a brother, two half-sisters and 3 half-brothers.

Top left: Philip Skyler May (1886-1964; son of Charles May, son of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle). Top right: Philip Skyler May (right) with his son, Charles Philip May (1909-1982). Above: Rhoda Dixon (1889-1957), first wife of Philip Skyler May. Left: Obituary of Rhoda Dixon (Allen) on June 6, 1957.

Philip Skyler May (1886-1964; son of Charles May, son of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born in 1886 in Farina, Fayette County, Illinois, and died in 1967 in Farina, Illinois. He married Rhoda Janie Dixon (born December 31, 1889, in Pocahontas, Randolph, Arkansas; died May 27, 1957, in Chicago, Illinois; married second, John Jacob Allen, 1890-1952, in 1930 in Crandon, Forest County, Wisconsin) and had two known children: Charles Philip May (1909-1982), and Estelle Irene May (born October 30, 1910, in Granite City, Madison, Illinois; married Raymond C. Glasshagel [1906-1980] in 1928 in Winfield, DuPage, Illinois, and had one known son:

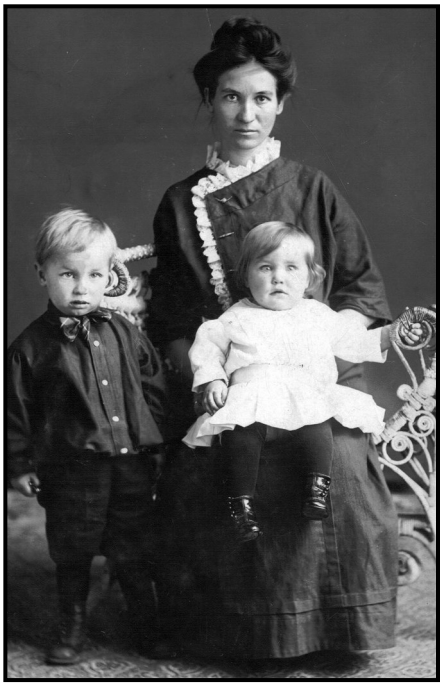
Charles "Chuck" Glasshagel [born April 2, 1929, in Geneva, Kane, Illinois; died February 2, 2013, in Flagstaff, Coconino, Arizona; Chuck "was a musician in the U.S. Marine Corps Band for 28 years, 1947-1975; he played for several U.S. presidents and played with many famous musicians after he retired").

Top left: Rhoda Dixon (1889-1957), first wife of Philip Skyler May, with her daughter, Estella Irene May (born 1910). Top right: Philip Skyler May (son of Charles May, son of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) at the beach with his second wife, Lillie M. Leonard (1887-1946), whom he married in 1930, and their dog, Dinky. Left: Estelle Irene May (born 1910; daughter of Philip Skyler May) with her brother, Charles Philip May (1909-1982), in 1914 in Anderson, Indiana. Above left: Monument of Charles Philip May (1909-1982; son of Philip Skyler May) and his wife, Ethel Joan Gumm (1912-1978), in Crandon Lakeside Cemetery in Crandon, Forest County, Wisconsin. Above right: Gravestone of Rhoda Dixon (Allen), 1892-1957.

Philip May married second, Lillie M. Leonard (born July 27, 1887, in Missouri; died September 21, 1948, in Farina, Fayette, Illinois; Lillie was married to Emil Schneler [born 1888] and had four children before she married Philip) in 1930 in Illinois and had two unknown children.

Charles Philip May (1909-1982; son of Philip Skyler May, son of Charles May, son of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born July 25, 1909, in Granite City, Madison County, Illinois, and died December 14, 1982, in Crandon, Forest County, Wisconsin; buried in Crandon Lakeside Cemetery in

Crandon, Forest County, Wisconsin. He married Ethel Joan Gumm (born September 20, 1912, in Crandon, Forest County, Wisconsin; died April 12, 1978, in Rhinelander, Oneida County, Wisconsin; daughter of Tom Gumm and Katherine Chaney. "Ethel was a member of the Crandon High School class of 1931. She attended Teacher's College and taught school at the Wolf River School near Crandon, until she was married and had to stay home and care for her children. She suffered a stroke in 1971 and was cared for at her home by her daughter, Carol [Barker] until her death in 1978. She was loved and is still missed by many." See her photographs.) on June 2, 1934,



Above left: Ethel Joan Gumm May (1912-1978), the baby, who was the wife of Charles Philip May (1909-1982; son of Philip Skyler May, son of Charles May, son of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle), with her brother, Herman Gumm, and mother, Katherine Chaney Gumm (1888-1964), in 1913. Above right: Ethel Joan Gumm May (1912-1978; center) with Crandon High School Class of 1931. Below left: Charles "Chuck" Glasshagel (1929-2013; son of Estelle Irene May, daughter of Philip Skyler May), who was a musician in the U.S. Marine Corps Band for 26 years. Below right: Gravestone of Charles May (1936-1991; son of Charles Philip May) in Crandon Lakeside Cemetery in Crandon,

in Crandon, Forest, Wisconsin, and had nine children, three known: Charlene May (1935-1983), Charles Raymond "Jack" May (born October 27, 1936; died January 15, 1991; buried in Crandon Lakeside Cemetery in Crandon, Wisconsin; served in U.S. Marines), and Carol May (married Mr. Barker). His obituary: "Well known businessman and tavern owner in Crandon, Wisconsin; son of Phillip S. May and Rhoda Janie Dixon; raised in Farina, Illinois; came to Gumm on June 2, 1934; in 1939 he purchased farm land along the Wolf River and built May's Bar 6 miles west of Crandon. Charles and Ethel had 9 children."

A newspaper article about Charles Philip May appeared in *The Pioneer Express Newspaper* in Crandon, Wisconsin, in the 1980s. "Charlie & Ethel. Back in 1939, a young couple bought some land in the Wolf Valley, west of Crandon. Charlie May and

Ethel Gumm started a farm, gas station and saloon. It took a number of jobs to feed and clothe nine kids, but they worked at it until May's Bar became a place you couldn't drive

past. After all, if you didn't stop, you might miss out on some great humor or a story about the 'Good Old Days.'"

"Charlie and Ethel passed out good stories, good advice and humor until Ethel's passing in 1978 and Charlie's in 1982. They are still missed by many."

Top right: Charles Philip May (1909-1982; son of Philip Skyler May, son of Charles May, son of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) with his wife, Ethel Joan Gumm (1912-1978), and their first five children in 1941, left to right: Charles May, Charlene May, Charles "Jack" May, Patricia "Patsy" May, and Ethel May, who is holding baby Philip May. The man in the window is Senator Cole, a friend and neighbor. Above: The Charles May family in 1946, left to right: Katherine Chaney Gumm, holding grandson Robert May, cousin Sharon Wisbracker, Charlene May, Jack May, Carol May, Philip May, Patsy May, Tom May, Charles May (holding Bill, twin of Robert), and Ethel May, holding youngest child, Bonnie May. Top left: Charles and Ethel Gumm May, and his gas station and saloon near Crandon, Wisconsin, in 1960s.

"This remembrance wouldn't be complete without a Charlie May story. According to Charlie he decided to quit smoking. He gathered all of the various tools of the vice, including pipes, cigarette rollers, and tobacco. He put everything in a cardboard box and waited for the first smoker to come in. Roscoe Jameson stopped for gas, and when he paid, Charlie handed him the box and said he had given up smoking forever."

"Charlie said Roscoe thanked him profusely, and when he got to the door, he turned and said,' Say Charlie, if you ever decide to quit drinking call me first!"

Barbara Ellen May (1858-1932; daughter of Charles May, son of Sarah Jane Siden-

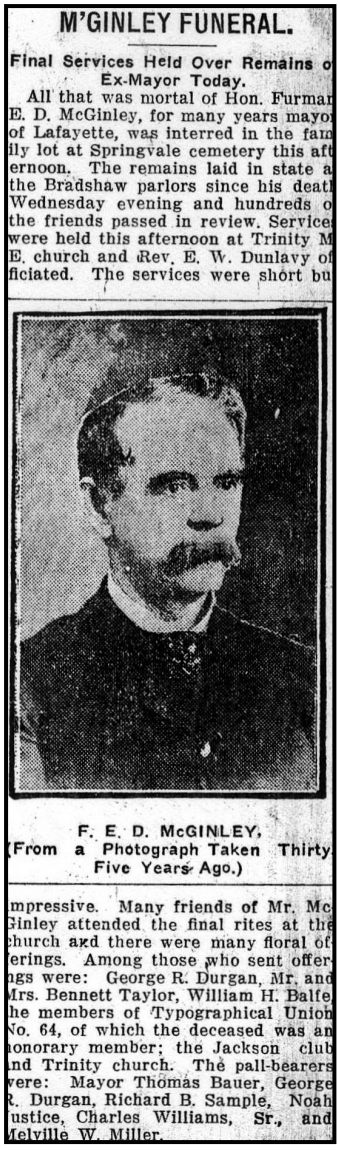
bender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born September 12, 1858, in Decatur, Macon, Illinois, and died September 28, 1932, in Lafayette,

Tippecanoe, Indiana; buried in Spring Vale Cemetery in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, with her husband. She married Theodore Beaumont McGinley (born 1854 in Ohio; died February 8, 1938, in Lafayette, Indiana; son of Furman E. D. McGinley, born 1828; died December 8, 1915, and Emeline S. McGinley, born 1821; died

Top left: Gravestones of Barbara Ellen May McGinley (1858-1932; daughter of Charles May, son of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) and her husband, Theodore Beaumont McGinley (1854-1938), in Spring Vale Cemetery in Lafayette, Indiana. Above left: Gravestone of Furman E. McGinley (1881-1922; son of Barbara Ellen May) in Spring Valley Cemetery. Top right: Grave markers of Furman E. D. McGinley (1828-1915) and his wife, Emeline McGinley (1821-1895), parents of Theodore McGinley, in Spring Vale Cemetery. Right: Gravestone of Ida May (1862-1946; daughter of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender, Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) in Kinmundy, Marion County, Illinois.

August 13, 1895; both buried in Spring Vale Cemetery in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana) on July 31, 1878, in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and had two known children: Blanche Beaumont McGinley (born April 1, 1879, in Lafayette, Indiana; died May 17, 1934, in Lafayette, Indiana), and Furman E. D. McGinley (born February 14, 1881, in Lafayette, Indiana; died February 22, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois; buried in Spring Vale Cemetery in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana).

Ida May (1862-1946; daughter of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born August 23, 1862, in Carroll County, Indiana, and died 1946 in Marion County, Illinois. She married Samuel B. McCloud (born 1860 in Missouri; died 1911 in Madison County, Illinois; son of Samuel Benson McCloud, born 1815, and Lucinda Bettner, 1830-1908) on April 25, 1882, in Fayette County, Illinois, and had seven children: Georgia May McCloud (born October 3, 1882, in Illinois; died October 1, 1974, in Los Angeles, California), Lawrence Earl McCloud (born August 29, 1884, in Kinmundy, Marion County, Illinois; died in December 1980 in Devon, Chester, Pennsylvania), Bernice Estelle McCloud (born February 22, 1886, in Kinmundy, Marion County, Illinois), Lou Ella McCloud (born January 3, 1889 in Kinmundy, Marion County, Illinois), Laura Belle McCloud (born October 17, 1894, in Kinmundy, Marion County, Illinois), Martha Philippa McCloud (born 1896 in Illinois; died in 1940 in East St. Louis, Illinois), and Hal Emerson McCloud (born July 19, 1898, in Kinmundy, Marion, Illinois).



M'GINLEY FUNERAL.

Final Services Held Over Remains o Ex-Mayor Today.

All that was mortal of Hon. Furman E. D. McGinley, for many years mayor of Lafayette, was interred in the family lot at Springvale cemetery this afternoon. The remains laid in state at the Bradshaw parlors since his death Wednesday evening and hundreds of the friends passed in review. Services were held this afternoon at Trinity M. E. church and Rev. E. W. Dunlavy officiated. The services were short bu

F. E. D. McGINLEY, (From a Photograph Taken Thirty Five Years Ago.)

impressive. Many friends of Mr. McGinley attended the final rites at the church and there were many floral offerings. Among those who sent offerings were: George R. Durgan, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Taylor, William H. Balfe, the members of Typographical Union No. 64, of which the deceased was an honorary member; the Jackson club and Trinity church. The pall-bearers were: Mayor Thomas Bauer, George R. Durgan, Richard B. Sample, Noah Justice, Charles Williams, Sr., and Melville W. Miller.

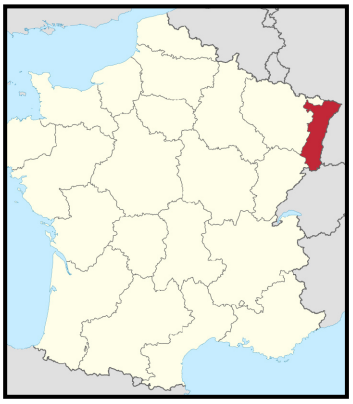
Right: Obituary of Furman E. McGinley (1828-1915; father-in-law of Barbara Ellen May, daughter of Charles May, son of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle). Furman was once mayor of Lafayette, Indiana.

Laura Belle May (1867-1945; daughter of Sarah Jane Sidenbender, daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 3rd Great-Granduncle) was born in 1867 in Indiana and died September 7, 1945, in Chicago, Illinois. She married George Leonard Elliott (born in October 1861 in New York; died September 4, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois; son of Charles Franklin Elliott, 1829-1896, and Susan Marriah Adams, 1837-1926) on December 16, 1885, in Fayette County, Illinois, and had ten children: Gertrude M. Elliott (born 1867 in Chicago, Illinois), Susan J. Elliott (born November 3, 1888, in in Chicago, Illinois), Nora B. Elliott (born July 19, 1891, in Chicago, Illinois), Rolene Edna Elliott (born February 28, 1896, in Chicago, Illinois; died December 23, 1975, in Sumner, Lawrence, Illinois), Laura A. Elliott (born 1899 in Chicago, Illinois), Charles Philip Elliott (born August 14, 1900, in Chicago, Illinois; died March 16, 1963, in Illinois), Leonard Adams Elliott (born February 20, 1904, in Chicago, Illinois; died October 20, 1988, in Kansas City, Missouri), George Leonard Elliott Jr. (born February 16, 1906, in Chicago, Illinois), Ginger Elliott (born 1907 in in Chicago, Illinois), and Harriet Maria Elliott (born about 1909, in Chicago, Illinois; died June 5, 1979, in Rutland, Rutland, Vermont).

Family of Joseph Sidenbender Third Great-Grandfather

Alvina B. Sidenbender (1835-after 1900; 2nd Great-Grandaunt; daughter of Joseph

Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Grandfather) was born in January 1835 in Ohio and died after 1900. She married James F. Smith (born about 1830 in Ohio; died before 1880 in Ohio) about 1870 in Ohio and had one child: Nellie A. Smith (born 1871 in Ohio). Milberry was living in Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio, in 1900.



Milberry Ann Sidenbender (1837-1928; 2nd Great-Grandaunt; daughter of Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Grandfather) was born January 8, 1837, in Mercer County, Ohio, and died May 22, 1928, in Rockford, Mercer, Ohio. She

Top left: Alsatian woman in a traditional costume, photographed by Adolphe Braun, in 1860s. Top right: Traditional costumes from different regions of Alsace, France; watercolor by P. Kauffmann, 1918. Above: Flag of Alsace, and location of Alsace on the map of France. The Brendel family was a prominent, middle class family in Alsace during the 1600s and 1700s.

married Lafayette Synder [born September 4, 1836, in Lafayette, Allen, Ohio; died February 13, 1888, in Rockford, Mercer, Ohio] and had eight children: Willis Simpson Synder (born July 27, 1860, in Van Wert County, Ohio; died September 4, 1897, in Rockford, Mercer, Ohio), Anna Marcella Synder (1863-1955), Joseph Frederick Synder (born February 2, 1866, in Ohio; died February 10, 1940, in Van Wert County, Ohio), Margaret Leota Synder (born April 24, 1868, in Ohio; died December 10, 1943, in Van Wert County, Ohio), Lillian Ada Synder (born November 18, 1871, in Liberty Township, Van Wert County, Ohio; died December 9, 1934, in Van Wert County, Ohio), Clyde Van Synder (born May 9, 1874, in Mercer County, Ohio; died March 11, 1967, in Los Angeles, California), Bertha Oril Snyder (born October 20, 1877, in Ohio; died August 13, 1894, in probably Ohio), and Sophia S. Synder (born July 14, 1882, in Ohio; died April 7, 1973, in Mendon, Mercer, Ohio).

Elizabeth C. Sidenbender (1839-1894; 2nd Great-Grandaunt; daughter of Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Grandfather) was born August 22, 1839, in Mercer County, Ohio,

and died December 18, 1894, in St. Mary's, Auglaize County, Ohio. She married Clayborne D. Work (born March 2, 1840, in St. Mary's, Auglaize County, Ohio; died

Above: Gravestones of Elta Sidenbender Voke (1873-1952; daughter of Joseph V. Sidenbender, 2nd Great-Granduncle) and her husband, Edward Voke (1869-1944), in Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Mercer, Ohio. Right: Elta Sidenbender's obituary. Below: Military monument of Myron Van Voke (1894-1971; son of Elta Sidenbender Voke), who served in the U.S. Navy during World War I, in St. Augustine National Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida.

Mrs. Elta Voke

ROCKFORD—Mrs. Elta Voke, 78, widow of Edward Voke, died Thursday morning in the Colonial Rest Home where she had been a patient for five months.

She was born Oct 31, 1873, in Mercer-co. Her husband died in 1944

Surviving are a daughter, Mary of Dallas, Tex ; two sons, Myron of Washington, D C , and Carl of Norfolk, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Carrie Symons of Columbus, and a brother, Frank Sidenbender of Findlay.

Arrangements, in charge of Ketcham funeral home here, are incomplete.

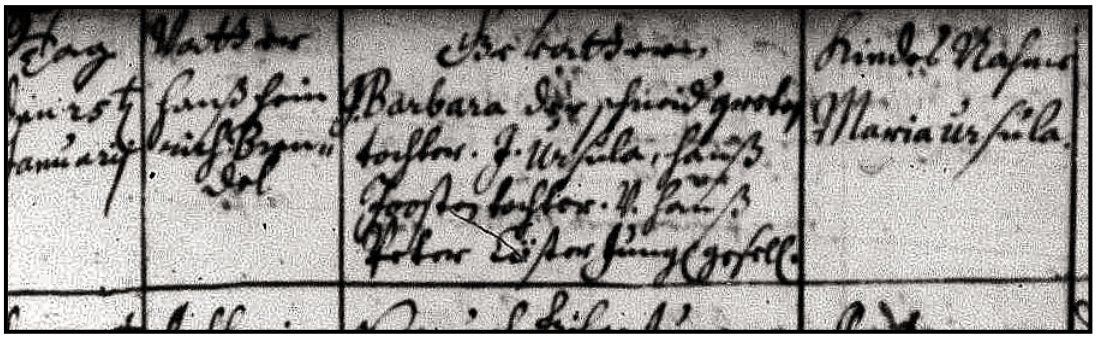
August 10, 1918, in St. Mary's, Ohio; son of David A. Work, 1809-1862, and Nancy Ann Hunter, 1813-1852) on September 13, 1864, in St. Mary's, Ohio, and had six children: Child (born 1865 in St. Mary's, Auglaize County, Ohio; died August 11, 1865 in St. Mary's, Auglaize County, Ohio), Edith May Work (born 1869 in St. Mary's, Auglaize County, Ohio; died April 15, 1871, in St. Mary's, Auglaize County, Ohio), Minnie Work (born about 1872 in St. Mary's, Auglaize County, Ohio), Myrtle L. Work (born December 1874 in St. Mary's, Auglaize County, Ohio), Mamie "Wayne" Work (born March 1879 in Ohio), and Charles Work (born November 1884 in Ohio).

Joseph V. Sidenbender (born 1843; 2nd Great-Granduncle; son of Joseph Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Grandfather) was born October 20, 1843, in Rockford, Mercer, Ohio. He married Mary A. Whitley (born about 1840 in Ohio; daughter of Cornelius B. Whitley, born 1818, and Roseana, born 1819) and had three children: Cary Sidenbender (born about 1867 in Ohio), Dallas Sidenbender (born about 1869 in Ohio), and Elta Sidenbender (born October 31, 1873, in Dublin township, Mercer County, Ohio; died in January 1952 in Ohio; buried in Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio, with husband; married Edward Voke [born October 31, 1869, in Montgomery Township, Ashland County, Ohio; died 1944; son of Edward L. Voke, 1833-1896, and Theresa Alice Farwell, 1843-1925] in 1893 probably in Mercer County, Ohio, and had four children: Myron Van Voke [born August 15, 1894, in Mercer County, Ohio; died March 15, 1971, in Ormond Beach, Volusia, Florida; married Ellen Rosenberg Voke, September 3, 1896; died April 24, 1976; both buried in St. Augustine National Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida], Albert Farwell Voke [born 1897 in Ohio; died 1930], Mary Voke

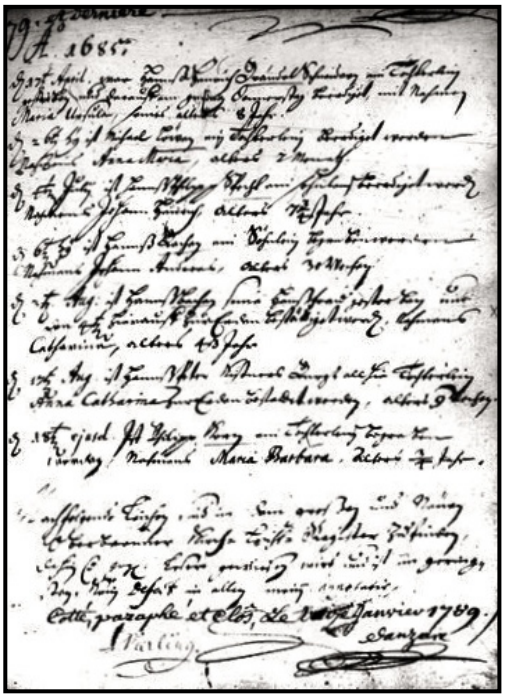
[born about 1903 in Ohio], and Carl Edward Voke, born August 4, 1905, in Union, Mercer, Ohio).

Johann Heinrich Brendel, Seventh Great-Grandfather

Johann Heinrich Brendel (born 1651; 7th Great-Grandfather) was born 1650/1660 and was a resident of Oberbronn, Alsace, France. He married **Anna Maria Mullers** (born



Above: Baptismal record of Maria Ursula Brendel; baptized on January 25, 1677, in Oberbronn, Alsace, France, and her death record on April 17, 1685, in Oberbronn, France (right).

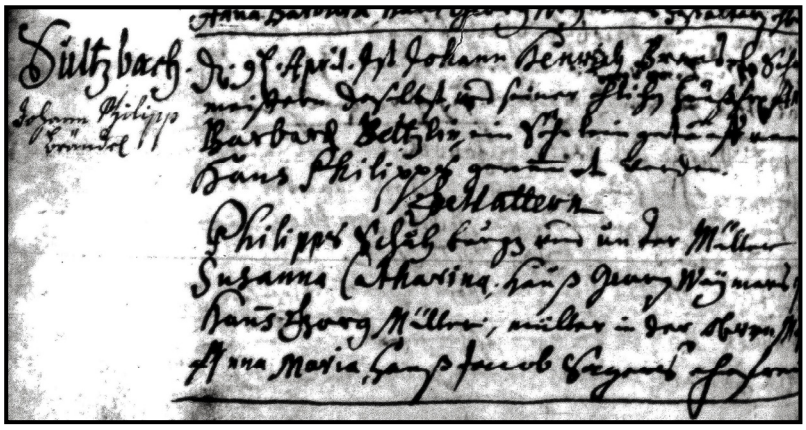


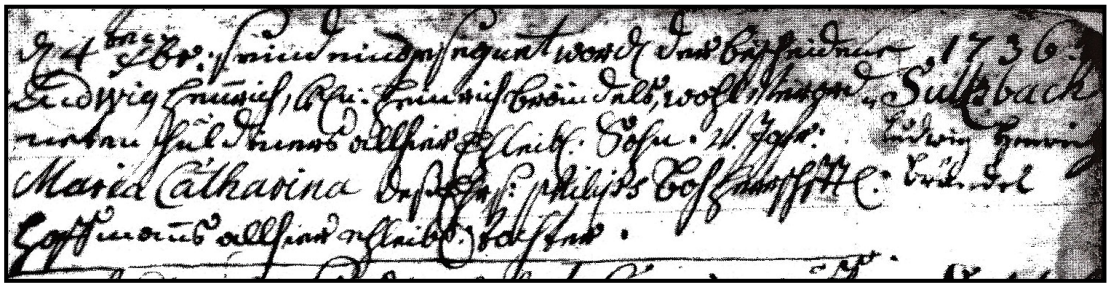
1650/1660; 7th Great-Grandmother) and had three children, all born in Oberbronn, France: Maria Ursula Brendel (baptized January 25, 1677, in Oberbronn, Alsace, France; died April 17, 1685, in Oberbronn, Alsace, France), Johan Philip Brendel (born May 28, 1680, in Oberbronn, Alsace, France), and **Johan Heinrich Brendel** (1683-1764). (Note: Anna Maria's surname was previously unknown, as well as her daughter, Maria Ursula Brendel. Source: *Ancestry.com*.)

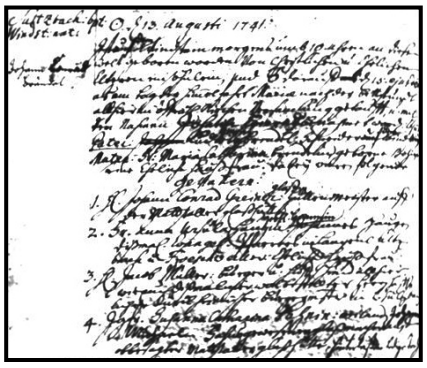
Johann Heinrich Brendel, Sixth Great-Grandfather

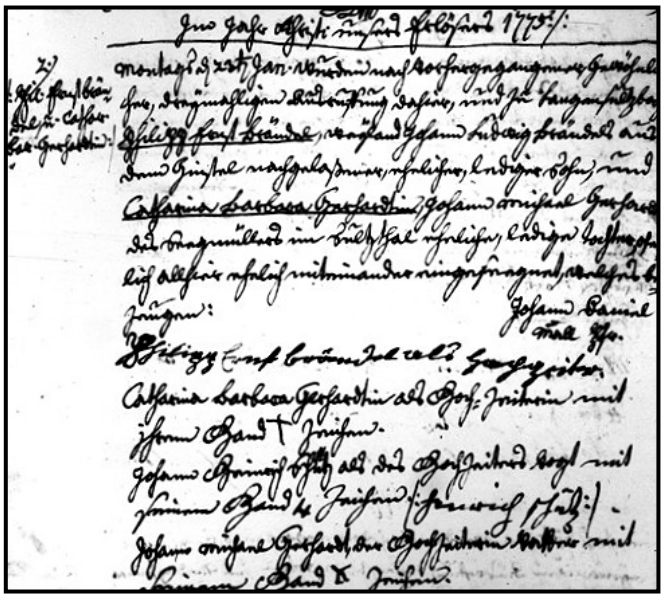
Johann Heinrich Brendel (1683-1764; 6th Great-Grandfather) was born October 11, 1683, in Oberbronn, Alsace, France, and died July 2, 1764, in, Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France. He married **Anna Barbara Baltzer** (baptized November 28, 1686, in Oberbronn, Alsace, France; died December 27, 1737, in Froeschwiller, Alsace, France; daughter of Johann Jacob Baltzer [born 1650 in Oberbronn, Alsace, France] and Maria Engel) on October 14, 1710, in Oberbronn, Alsace, France, and had nine children: Ludwig Heinrich Brendel (also spelled: Braendel) (born 1711 in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France; died 1768; married Catherina [born 1712 in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France] in 1735 in Windstein, Alsace, France, and had son, Karl Heinrich Brendel), Johann George Brendel (1713-1783; married Eva Catharina Frey in 1735, born 1717), Johann

Friedrich Brendel (born May 26, 1715, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France), **Johann Philip Brendel** (born April 9, 1716, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France; died June 10, 1799, in Brecknock, Berks County, Pennsylvania), Johann Heinrich Brendel (born July 17, 1718, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France), Johann Friedrich Brendel (born July 31, 1721, in Alsace, France; died December 31, 1749, in Windstein, Alsace, France; married Anna Rosina Gunther and had one known child: Rosina Magdalena Brendel, born December 23, 1745, in Jagerthal, Alsace, France), Johannes Brendel (born 1722 in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France; died September 27, 1783, in Rothbach, France; married Maria Elisabeth Gutbub, [born January 19, 1720, in Rothbach, France] on October 25, 1746, in Rothbach, France), Unknown Brendel (born 1724 in



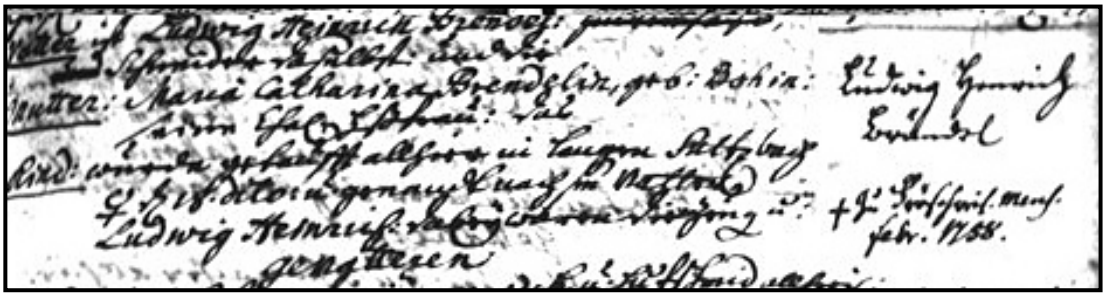


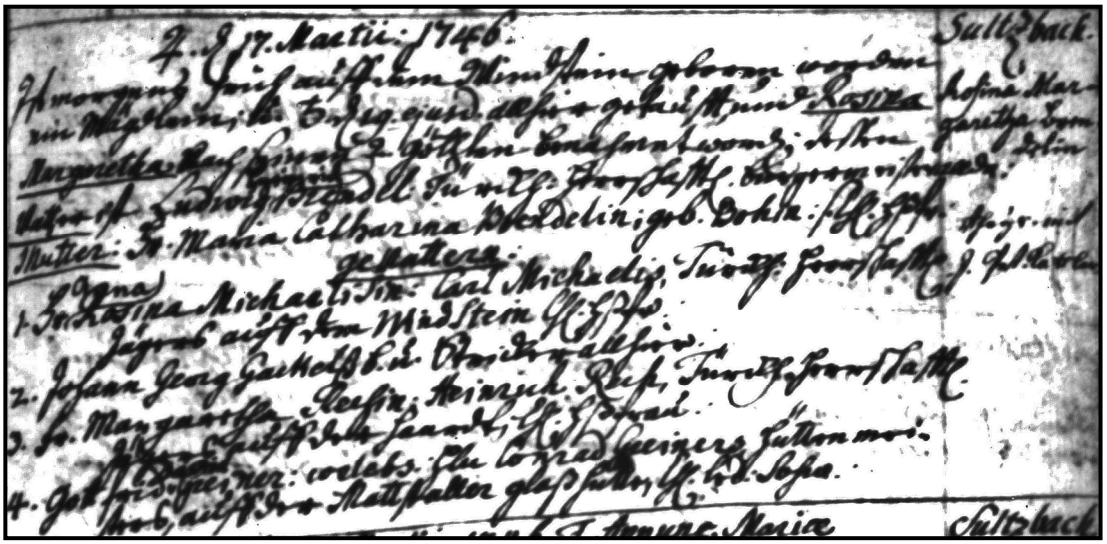




Top: Baptismal record of Johann Philipp Brendel (5th Great-Grandfather, 1716-1799) on April 9, 1716, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France. Middle: Birth record of Ludwig Heinrich Brendel/Braendel (born 1736; son of Ludwig Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) in 1736. Right: Marriage record of Philipp Ernst Brendel (son of Ludwig Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) in Lembach, Alsace, France, on January 23, 1775. Above: Christening record of Johan Conrad Braendel on August 13, 1741, in Windstein, Alsace, France.

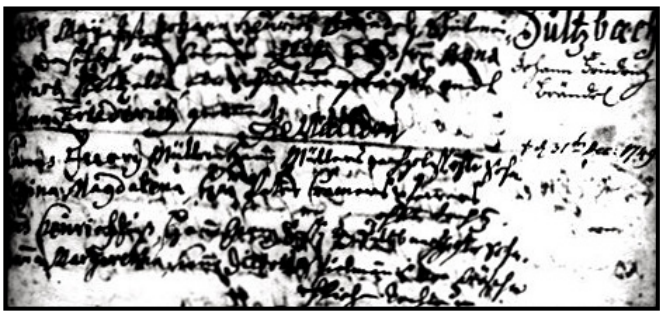
Alsace, France; died 1737 in France), and Maria Dorothea Brendel (born 1727 in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France; died 1737 in Pennsylvania).





Top: Baptismal record of Ludwig Heinrich Brendel/Braendel (born 1736; son of Ludwig Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) on September 17, 1736, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France. Above: Baptismal record of Rosine Marguerite Brendel (daughter of Ludwig Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) on March 17, 1746, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France. Below: Death record of Johann Friedrich Braendel (1721-1749; son of Ludwig Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) on December 31, 1749, in Windstein, Alsace, France.

Ludwig Heinrich Brendel (1711-1768; 5th Great-Granduncle, son of Johann Heinrich, Brendel, 6th Great-Grandfather) was born August 13, 1711, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France, and died December 24, 1768, in Gunstel (Langensoultzbach), Alsace, France. He married Marie Katherine Boh (born January 19, 1720; died October 28, 1784, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France) and had six children: Philipp Conrad Brendel (married Catherina Elisabetha Mahler [1751-1786] in January 1782 in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France, and had one known child: Philipp Conrad Brendel, 1786-1786), Philipp Ernst Brendel (born in Windstein, Alsace, France; married Catherine Barbara Gerhardt on January 23, 1775, in Lembach, Alsace, France; immigrated to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1784), Ludwig Heinrich Brendel (born February



4, 1739, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France), Ludwig Heinrich Brendel (born 1736 and christened on September 17, 1739, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France; died in

Top right and middle: Monuments of William Brendel/Brendle (1809-1879; son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Mary Good Brendel (1814-1860); his grave is in Allegheny Union Cemetery in Mohnton, Berks, Pennsylvania, and her burial is in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Above left: Monument of Sara Brendel Hoffert (1816-1902; daughter of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) in Allegheny Union Cemetery in Mohnton, Pennsylvania. Right: Monument of Israel Brendle (1854-1931; son of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Susanna W. Brendel (born October 19, 1852; died June 26, 1934), in Groffdale Mennonite Cemetery in Leola, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

February 1758 in Froeschwiller, Alsace, France) Johan Conrad Brendel (baptized August 13, 1741, in Windstein, Alsace, France), Rosine Marguerite Brendel (baptized March 17, 1746 in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France; married Jean Pierre Kattler [born November 4, 1737, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France; died July 27, 1783, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France; son of Johan Stephen Kattler, died 1765, and Magdalena Brucker, died 1765] on March 17, 1746, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France, and had two children: Catherine Salome Kattler [born in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France; died July 1, 1790 in Nehwiller, Alsace, France; married Jean Jacques Weimer, died 1794, in 1733 in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France, and had four children: Barbe Weimer, 1769-1845; Catherine Salome Weimer, 1776-1821; Jean Michel Weimer, 1784-1831, and George Heinrich Weimer, born 1790], and Jean Pierre Katler, born

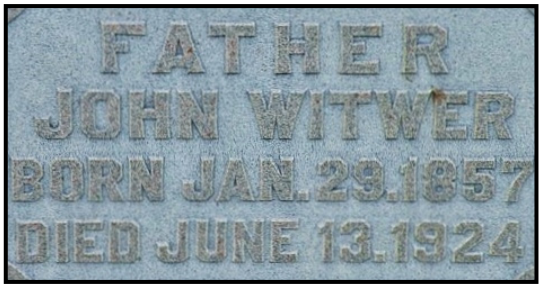
August 6, 1767, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France; died August 8, 1767, in Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France).

Top right: Monument of Nelson Hoffert (1851-1933; son of Sara Brendel, daughter of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Elizabeth Zerbe (1854-1946); their daughter, Alice Z. Hoffert Messner (1874-1967), is pictured below. Above: Monument of Catherine Hoffert Behler (1840-1921; sister of Nelson Hoffert), and her husband, Benjamin Behler (1841-1919). Top left: Monument of Julian Huffert Trostel (1835-1929; sister of Nelson Hoffert). Left: Gravestone of Eliza Brendle Witwer (1836-1892). All are buried in Allegheny Union Cemetery in Mohnton, Pennsylvania, except Eliza Witwer, who is buried in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Abraham Brendel (1766-1852; son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born December 21, 1766, in Pennsylvania, and died April 1, 1852, in Pennsylvania. He married Julianna Rupp (born December 24, 1769; died December 24, 1856) and had two known children: William Brendel (1809-1879) and Sara Brendel (1816-1902). He was buried in Allegheny Union Cemetery in Mohnton, Berks County, Pennsylvania (see his gravestone earlier in this history).

William Brendel (1809-1879; son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born May 1, 1809 in Pennsylvania, and died December 18, 1879; buried in Allegheny Union Cemetery in

Mohnton, Berks County, Pennsylvania (see his gravestone). He married Mary Good (born December 13, 1814; died February 13, 1860; buried in St. John Lutheran Church

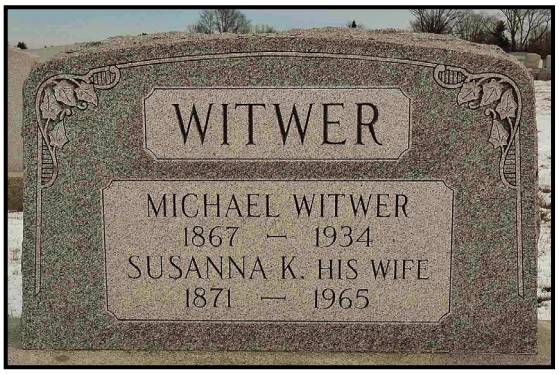


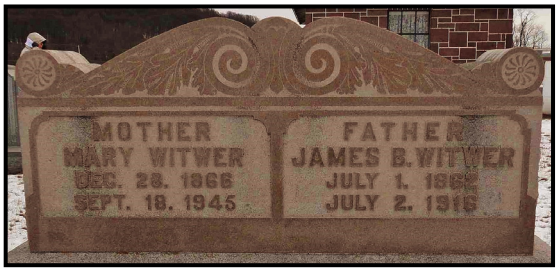
Above: Gravestone of John Witwer (1857-1924; son of Eliza Brendel, daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) in Bowmansville Union Cemetery in Bowmansville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Left: Daniel B. Witwer (1859-1927; brother of John Witwer) and his first wife, Caroline Hemminger (1860-1945); divorced in 1889; photograph taken in Reading, Pennsylvania. Below: Monument of Michael Witwer (1827-1900), husband of Eliza Brendle Witwer (daughter of William Brendle) in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster, Pennsylvania) and had two known children: Eliza Brendel (1836-1892) and Israel G. Brendel (born January 26, 1854; died July 4, 1931; married Susanna W., born October 19, 1852; died June 26, 1934).

Sara Brendel (1816-1902; daughter of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born August 5, 1816, in Pennsylvania, and died February 13, 1902; buried in Allegheny Union Cemetery in Mohnton, Berks County, Pennsylvania. She married Johannes Hoffert (1806-1879) and had five known children: Julian Hoffert (born October 1, 1835, in Pennsylvania; died January 17, 1929, in Mohnton, Berks, Pennsylvania; buried in Allegheny Union Cemetery; married John Trostle, 1831-1895, and had one known child: Amanda Trostle, 1858-1916), Catherine Hoffert (born 1840 in Pennsylvania; died 1921; buried in Allegheny Union Cemetery; married Benjamin Behler, 1841-1919, and had at least one child: Sarah Agnes Behler, 1867-1950), Susan Hoffert (born March 8, 1847, in Pennsylvania; died March 8, 1931; buried in Allegheny Union Cemetery; married Jeremiah Hoshauer, 1842-1917), John B. Hoffert (born April 6, 1849, in Pennsylvania; died December 9, 1930; buried in Allegheny Union Cemetery; married

Sarah Steffy, 1852-1924, and had one known child: Mabel S. Hoffert, 1892-1992), and Nelson Hoffert (born June 21, 1851, in Pennsylvania; died November 26, 1933, in Pennsylvania; buried in Allegheny Union Cemetery; married Elizabeth Zerbe and had nine children, six known: Alice Hoffert, Louisa Hoffert, Elizabeth Hoffert, Debbie Hoffert, Susan Hoffert, and John Hoffert).

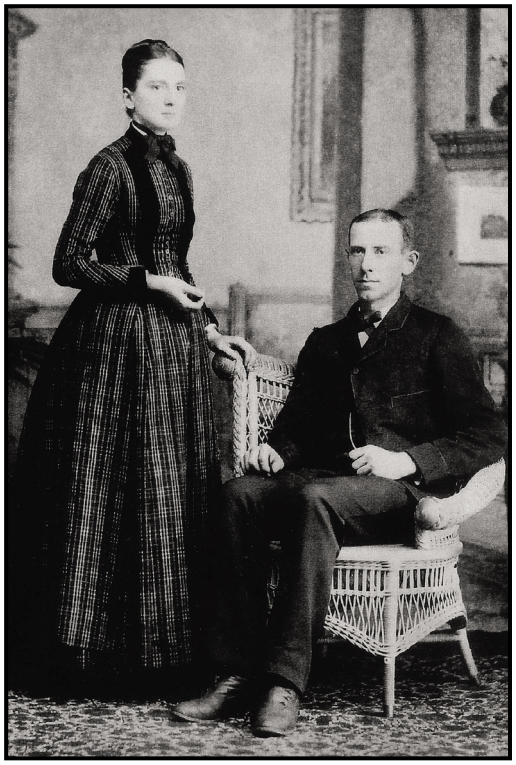




Left: James B. Witwer (1862-1916; son of Eliza Brendel, daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Mary Messner (1866-1945); photograph taken in Reading, Pennsylvania; their monument in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (above). Top: Monument of Michael Witwer (1867-1934; brother of James B, Witwer) and his wife, Susanna K. Sweitzer (1871-1965), in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in New Holland, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Left: Annie B. Witzer Ziemer (1860-1921; sister of James B. Witwer), wife of Phineas K. Ziemer (1861-1918), in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Nelson Hoffert (1851-1933; son of Sara Brendle, daughter of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle). "Nelson Hoffert, who is carrying on agricultural pursuits in the Allegheny valley, near Allegheny Church, in Brecknock Township, Berks County [Pennsylvania], was born near the Plow Church, June 21, 1851, son of John and Sarah (Brendel) Hoffert. Nelson Hoffert was reared on the farm on which he has lived all his life with the exception of two years spent at the carpenter's trade. He began farming

for himself in 1875 on the property occupied by his father, to which he has added till he now owns one hundred and forty-five acres of good, fertile soil, producing fine crops.

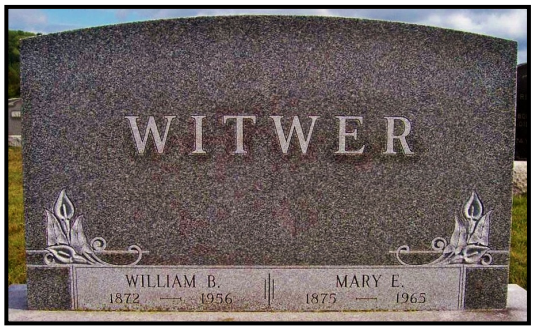


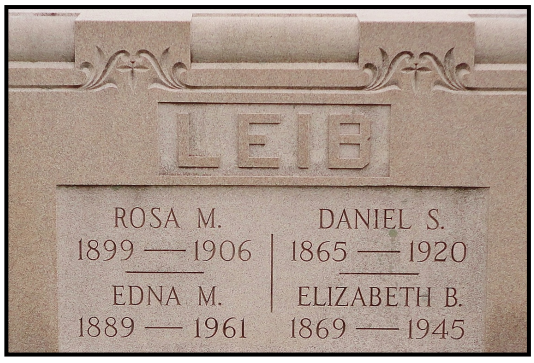
Above left: Hettie Witwer Good (1865-1945; daughter of Eliza Brendle Witwer, daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) and her husband, Israel B. Good (1861-1945); their monument in Goodville Mennonite Cemetery in Goodville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania (below). Above right: Annie B. Witzer Ziemer (1860-1921; sister of Hettie Witwer), and her husband, Phineas K. Ziemer (1861-1918); her monument is on the previous page.

Mr. Hoffert attends the Reading markets, having stands Numbers 223 and 224 at the Bingaman street market, where he disposes of all of his produce and truck. In politics Mr. Hoffert is a Democrat, and he has served as a delegate to county conventions. He and his family attend the Allegheny Union Church. In 1872 Mr. Hoffert was married to Elizabeth Zerbe, born March 3, 1854, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Remp) Zerbe, of Cumru Township, and to this union there were born nine children: three who died young; Alice C., married to Rhine Messner of Bowmansville; Louisa married to Isaac Kramer of Brecknock; Elizabeth married to Howard Remp of Brecknock; Debbie A. married to Henry Kring of Lancaster; John J. who assists his father on the farm; and Susie, who assists her mother at home." (Source of this history is unknown, but was probably published in late 1800s.)

Eliza Brendel (1836-1892; daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born December 31, 1836, in Pennsyl-

vania, and died October 24, 1892, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married Michael Witwer (born October 16, 1827, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died

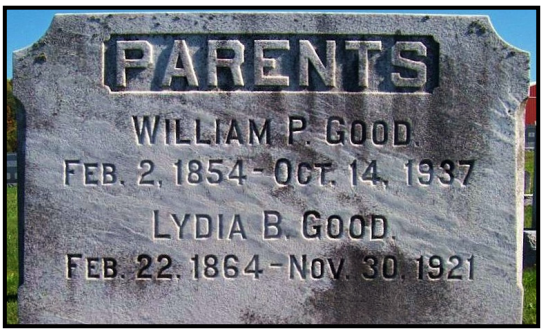




Top left: Eliza Brendle Witwer (1836-1892; daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle). Above: William B. Witwer (1872-1956; son of Eliza Witwer) and his wife, Mary E. Kring (1875-1965); their monment in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (middle). Lower left: Monument of Elizabeth B. Witwer Leib (1869-1945; daughter of Eliza Witwer), her husband, Daniel S. Leib (1865-1920), and daughters, Edna M. Leib (1889-1861) and Rosa M. Leib (1899-1906), in Schaefferstown Cemetery in Schaefferstown, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

January 21, 1900, in Bowmansville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; son of Michael Witwer, 1791-1867, and Margaret Burk, 1801-1881; excerpt from obituary in *Lancaster New Era*, January 24, 1900: "Michael Witwer, an aged resident of Bowmansville, Brecknock Township, died on Tuesday after a short illness.") and had 14 children: **John Witwer** (born January 29, 1857; died June 13, 1924; buried in Bowmansville Union Cemetery in Bowmansville, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; married Maria Messner, 1852-1921, and had 8 children: David Witwer, 1880-

1887; Mary Jane Witwer, 1882-1893; Alice Witwer, 1883-1887; Elizabeth M. Witwer, 1885-1950; Missouri Witwer, 1887-1888; Emma Witwer, 1889-1911; John M. Witwer,



Above: Monument of Lydia B. Witwer Good (1864-1921; sister of Michael Witwer) and her husband, William P. Good (1854-1937), in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; photograph of Lydia B. Witwer Good, below; Right: Katie K. Witwer (1904-1994; daughter of William B. Witwer, daughter of Eliza Brendel Witwer, daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) and her husband, Monroe H. Good (1863-1941); their monument in Bowmansville Mennonite Cemetery in Bowmansville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania (lower right).

1890-1965, and Michael M. Witwer, 1893-1952), **Daniel B. Witwer** (born February 26, 1859, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died August 20, 1927, in Pennsylvania; buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania [no gravestone]; married Caroline Hemminger [1860-1945]

and had two known children: Harry Herman Witwer [1883-1965] and William Amos Witwer [1884-1940]; he divorced and married second, Sarah A. Witwer [1866-1931]; his obituary reads: "Daniel B. Witwer died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Daniel Leib, in Schaefferstown, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Reformed church and the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Denver. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Daniel Leib of Schaefferstown, and Mrs. Israel Hood of East Earl; two brothers, Michael Witwer of Blue Ball, and William

Witwer of Center Church. He was 69 years old."—*Ephrata Review*, August 26, 1927),

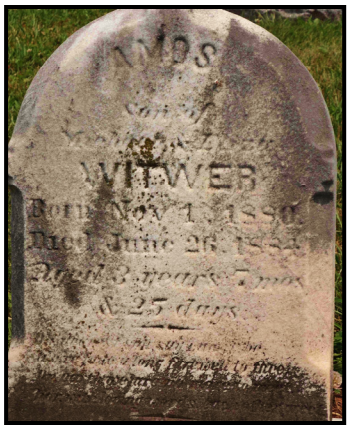
Top: Home of William B. Witwer in East Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (located off Route 625). It was previously the home of his parents, Michael B. Witwer and Eliza Brendel (1836-1892; daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle). Above: Descendants of Eliza Brendel; row 1 (seated left to right): Lily Witwer High, Connie (Mrs. Warren B.) Witwer holding Ronald Witwer, William B. Witwer, Mary Kring Witwer, Kate Kring (Mrs. Harry) Trostle, Susan Schweitzer (Mrs. Michael B.) Witwer; row 2: Katie Witwer Good, Charles K. Witwer, Carl Witwer, Mabel Witwer, Doris Leeking, Sue Burkhart Witwer, Pearl Good, Arlene Good, Mildred Good, Martha McQuate (Mrs. Charles K.) Witwer; row 3: Lester E. Witwer, Warren Witwer, Richard Witwer, Clair Good, Harold E. Witwer, Monroe Good, Leon Good, John High, Monroe Good, Frank K. Witwer, and Harry Trostle.

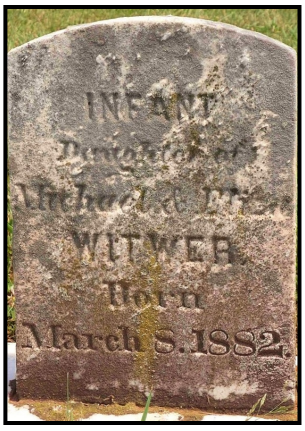
Annie B. Witwer (born September 19, 1860, in Pennsylvania; died September 29, 1921; buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; married Phineas K. Ziemer [1861-1918] and had at least one child: Davis F.

Ziemer, 1895-1982), **James B. Witwer** (born July 1, 1862, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died July 2, 1916, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; married Mary Messner [1866-1945] and had four known children: Katie M. Witwer [1892-1892], Harry M. Witwer [1895-1972], Suie Missouri Witwer [1898-1949], and Amos M. Witwer, 1904-1982), **Lydia B. Witwer** (born February 22, 1864, in Pennsylvania; died November 30, 1921; buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; married William P. Good [1854-1937] and had four known children: Jennie Good [1888-1888], Anthony Good [1891-1980], Clayton W. Good [1893-1975], and Carolyn G. McPherson, 1894-1978), **Hettie Witwer** (born October 2, 1865, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died 1945; buried in Goodville Mennonite Cemetery in Goodville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; married Israel B. Good, 1861-1945), **Michael B. Witwer** (born March 20, 1867, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died April 2, 1934, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; buried in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in New Holland, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; married Susanna K. Sweitzer [1871-1965] and had four known children: Alvin S. Witwer [1897-1986], Walter S. Witwer [1900-1982], Emery S. Witwer [1902-1987], and Ivan S. Witwer, 1910-1980), **Elizabeth B. Witwer** (born August 1, 1869, in Pennsylvania; died December 27, 1945, in Schaefferstown, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; buried in Schaefferstown Cemetery in Schaefferstown, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; married Daniel S. Leib [1865-1920] and had six children: Edna M. Leib [1889-1961], Leila J. Leib [1890-1979], Elsie G. Leib [1892-1980], Leon W. Leib [1894-1980], Rosa M. Leib [1899-1906], and Mary M. Leib [1902-1988]. Obituary of Elizabeth Witwer: "December 28, 1945. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Witwer Leib of Schaefferstown, the widow of Daniel S. Leib, died at her home in Schaefferstown on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock following a lingering illness. She was 76 years of age, and a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Schaefferstown. Surviving are one son, Leon Leib, Schaefferstown; four daughters, Miss Edna Leib at home; Mrs. Leila Hartman, Stowe, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Harvey S. Wike, Schaefferstown; and Mrs. Paul Holtzman, Myerstown; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a brother, William Witwer, Bowmansville. Mrs. Leib's husband died 25 years ago."—*Lebanon Daily News*.), **William B. Witwer** (born March 17, 1872, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died July 11, 1956, in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; married Mary E. Kring [1875-1965] and had four children: Charles K. Witwer [born July 23, 1899, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died September 2, 1985, in Lititz, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; married Martha G. McQuate {born October 9, 1903, in Warwick, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; died July 29, 1980, in Lancaster, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; daughter of Wallace McQuate, 1878-1944, and Emma E. Grumbein, 1879-1942} and had at least three children: Mabel Alverta Witwer, 1926-2001, Harold Eby Witwer, 1928-2011, Emma Jane Witwer, 1940-1995; his obituary said that he was a retired Armstrong World Industries, Inc. employee and lawn mower shop proprietor, a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lititz, and was living at 30 East Lincoln Avenue in Lititz, Pennsylvania, at the time of his death], Frank K. Witwer [1901-1978], Katie K. Witwer [born February 6, 1904, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died August 3, 1991, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; buried in Bowmansville Mennonite Cemetery in Bowmansville, Pennsylvania; married Monroe H. Good, 1902-1995, and had two known children: Mildred W. Good,

1924-2013, and Leon W. Good, 1927-1988], and Lillie K. Witwer, 1906-1987), **Peter B. Witwer** (born January 1, 1873, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died January 24, 1889, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania), **Isaac B. Witwer** (born May 8, 1875, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died February 10, 1876, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania), **Mary B. Witwer** (born November 25, 1876, in Pennsylvania; died April 7, 1904, in Pennsylvania; buried in Schaefferstown Cemetery in Schaefferstown, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; married John Norman Stohler

Above left: Mary B. Witwer Stohler (1876-1904; daughter of Eliza Brendel Witwer, daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle), who became demented when she was 25 years old and died a year later. Above right: Gravestone of Isaac Witwer (1875-1876; son of Eliza Brendel Witwer), who died as an infant. Below left: Monument of Peter B. Witwer (1873-1889; son of Eliza Brendel Witwer). Below middle: Monument of Amos Witwer (1880-1884; son of Eliza Brendel Witwer). Below right: Monument of unnamed infant daughter of Eliza Brendel Witwer (born and died on March 8, 1882). All are buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, except Mary, who is buried in Schaefferstown Cemetery in Schaefferstown, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.





[1871-1938] and had one unknown child. Obituary of Mary B. Witwer: "April 11, 1904. The remains of Mrs. J. Norman Stohler, who died of typhoid fever at the State Lunatic Asylum, were brought here for interment. The funeral takes place today. Services will be held in the Lutheran church, Rev. M. F. Good officiating. Deceased left her husband and a little child to survive. Her age was 26 years, and she became demented a year ago,

necessitating her removal to said institution."—*Lebanon Daily News*), **Amos B. Witwer** (born November 1, 1880, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died June 26, 1884, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East

Above left: Katie K. Witwer Good (1904-1991; daughter of William Witwer, son of Eliza Brendel Witwer, daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle), her husband, Monroe Good (1902-1995), and their six children, left to right: Ariene Good, Leon Good, Monroe Good, Clair Good, Richard Good, and Mildred Good. Above right: Lillie K. Witwer (1906-1987) and her sister, Katie K. Witwer Good (1904-1991), daughters of William Witwer, in 1909/1910.

Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania), and **Infant daughter** (born and died on March 2, 1882, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania).

Katie K. Witwer (1904-1991; daughter of William Witwer, son of Eliza Brendel Witwer, daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle), was born February 6, 1904, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and died August 3, 1991, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; buried in Bowmansville Mennonite Cemetery in Bowmansville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married Monroe H. Good (1902-1995) and had six children, two known: Mildred W. Good (1924-2013), and Leon W. Good (1927-1988).

In 1983 an article was printed in the *New Era,* a Lancaster, Pennsylvania, newspaper, about Katie Witwer and Monroe Good, under the title, *A Thankful Couple: Wed 61 Years to Family & Farm*. "This is a good story—something to cheer about. Monroe and Katie Good are going to observe a Thanksgiving wedding anniversary on Wednesday this week. Big deal, you say. Wedding anniversaries are commonplace even in these times of epidemic divorce. Well, it is a big deal; because Monroe and Katie are going to celebrate wedding anniversary number 61. That's something to cheer about—three score-plus-one, happy years together. It almost makes folks with golden anniversaries seem like newly-weds. But there's a lot more to the Goods. In a way Monroe and Katie Good are symbols of our good stable rural life. They are giving folk who have pitched in to make their

community better while working fulltime on their farm, while raising a loving family. On the eve of their 61st wedding anniversary, it's time we take notice."

"Monroe is 80, Katie is 79. In hale health, they've slowed down a few steps. That's all. Just five years ago, Monroe still worked as a painter-paperhanger. Now he passes his time doing beautiful woodwork—cradles, hutches, wood-turnings, and the like—keeping a garden and running a small backyard orchard. Katie, a housewife all her life, is finishing up an ambitious project—crocheting afghans for her children and grandchildren."

Top left and left: Charles K. Witwer (1899-1985; son of William Witwer, son of Eliza Brendel Witwer, daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle), and his wife, Martha G. McQuate (1903-1980). Above: Martha G. McQuate Witwer (1903-1980), wife of Charles K. Witwer.

"The Goods live in a rancher up the road a mile from their 88 acre homestead farm. Never thought of moving any place else. A country homestead was the best spot to raise a family and go about the business of living."

"There is something about Lancaster County farm life that engenders longevity and stability. Farm people seem to lead long lives. Maybe it's the hard work. Maybe it's the clean living; or the old fashioned values and Sunday churchgoing. Stability is a part of the Garden Spot culture we hold dear. It upholds tradition over change and staying put over moving on. A family plants its roots and lets them grow deep. Too much uprooting isn't good for a plant."

"Young Monroe took notice of Katie way back in the days of the Model T Ford. 'We just kind of spotted each other,' he says. Katie Good was then Katie Witwer, a farm girl who lived not far from his home. They took a liking to each other and the liking turned into love. They were married on Thanksgiving Day in an Adamstown church parsonage."

"Soon enough young Monroe took over his father's farm and the Goods began raising pigs and cattle. Katie was the chief bird raiser. 'I raise 182 turkeys a year,' she recalls. 'That was besides my housework.' They also raised a nice family; four sons and two daughters. Mildred Hess is a farmer's wife and Arlene Martin is married to a business-man. Leon runs a floor covering business. Richard is a butcher. Monroe Jr. is a farmer, and Claire works in the floor covering business. The six children gave them 25 grand-children, and their grandchildren gave them 15 great-grandchildren. That's a lot of Goods, wouldn't you say."

"If there is a key to their happy marriage the Goods say it is give-and-take and mutual support. Daughter Arlene Martin agrees. 'I've always saw them as committed to each other,' she says. 'They taught me by example because all the children's marriages have lasted too.'"

"The folks around eastern Lancaster County know Monroe for something other than being a farmer and butcher. For 33 years he served on the district school board, and that some accomplishment, considering most school directors last six years. Better yet, he never campaigned for the office."

"Monroe is a man blessed with a lot of energy and rive. When he turned the farm over to his son, Monroe Jr., he continued to work as a painter-paperhanger till 1977. The he retired for good and took up woodworking as a hobby."

"Not only is he full of energy but filed with talent too. He turns out fine woodwork. 'He works in the basement and I work up here in the living room,' Katie says. She sure does. Her latest project is making pretty Afghans for all the children and grandchildren. She has a few more to make, but it's a labor of love. 'They pick the material and I give it to them,' Katie says. 'That's their gift from grandma and grandpa.'"

"The couple's children live near by—the farthest from the homestead is in northern Berks County. So family visits are the rule, not the exception. Often Katie prepares the meal and cooks up delicious desserts. Family get-togethers are a lasting tradition in the Good family."

"Monroe and Katie belong to the Bowmansville Mennonite Church and the Bow-mansville Golden Age Club. But mostly they belong to each other. When they look back over their life together, it's a view almost too good to be true. Hardly anything to change: They raised a nice family and are pleased their children are churchgoers. A son took over the farm. The other children are close by and stay in touch. They worked hard and still do. Their health is enviable. Folks around Bowmansville hold them in high regard. And their marriage lasted 61 years-plus—perhaps the best part. 'We made a contract that said as long as we both shall live,' Monroe says, recalling his wedding day vow, 'We just took it as it was given to us.'"

"Well what else is there to say about the Goods? Just one thing; happy anniversary, Monroe; happy anniversary, Katie. And many, many more."—by Ed Klimuska, *New Era* staff writer.

Johann George Brendel (1713-1783; 5th Great-Granduncle; son of Johann Heinrich Brendel, 6th Great-Grandfather) was born June 18, 1713, in Oberbronn, Alsace, France, and died about 1783 in Heidelberg, Berks, Pennsylvania. He married Eva Catharina Frey (born or baptized October 9, 1718, in Langersuotzbach, Alsace, France; died August 3, 1784, in Heidelberg, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; daughter of Johann Heinrich Frey [born June 27, 1693; died May 4, 1766, in Friedberg, Davidson, North Carolina] and Maria Dorothea Rummel [born April 5, 1696, in Alsace, France; died January 9, 1768, in Bethania, Davidson, North Carolina) and had 15 children: Anna Marie Brendel (born August 9, 1739; married Jacob Bonn), Susanna Catharina Brendel (born June 15, 1741; died October 15, 1747), Johannes Georg Brendel (born August 12, 1743), Eva Catharine Brendel (born February 25, 1745), John Brendel (born June 23, 1746, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died December 8, 1822, in Lincoln County, North Carolina; see below), Heinrich Brendel (born March 8, 1748), Elizabeth Brendel (born January 30, 1750), Maria Barbara Brendel (born February 19, 1752), Christian Brendel (born December 25, 1753; died April or May 15, 1760; buried in North Heidelberg Church Cemetery in Robesonia, Berks County, Pennsylvania), Philippus Brendel (born October 22, 1755; died May 23, 1760), Friedrich Brendel (born April 26, 1757), Christina Brendel (born April 18, 1759), Jacob Brendel (born September 15, 1760; died March 23, 1762).

As noted above, three sons of Hans George Brendel and Eva Catharine Frey died young: **Christian Brendel** was born December 25, 1753, and died April 15, 1760; **Philip Brendel** was born October 22, 1755, and died May 23, 1760, and **Jacob Brendel** was born September 5, 1760, and died March 23, 1762. All three brothers were born in Pennsylvania, and buried in North Heidelberg Church Cemetery in Robesonia, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Johannes "John" Brendel (1746-1822; son of Han George Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born June 23, 1746, in Berks or Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and died December 8, 1822, in Lincoln County, North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Margaret (surname unknown; born January 30, 1750, on Muddy Creek in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died in 1822 in Lincoln County, North Carolina) on September 7, 1767, in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and had 15 children: John Brindle (born June 8, 1768/1769, in Heidelberg, Berks, Pennsylvania; died February 11, 1824, in Forsyth County, North Carolina), Elizabeth Brindle (born May 19, 1772, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died May 6, 1853, in Jasper, Iowa), Susanna Brendle (born 1773), George Samuel Brendle (born December 28, 1775, in Salem, Forsyth, North Carolina; died September 11, 1848, in Salem, Granville, North Carolina), Joseph Brendle (1775-1864), David Brendle (born 1777 in North Carolina; died March 22, 1862), Margaret Brendle (born 1780 in Surry County, North Carolina), Mary Brendle (born about 1783, in Surry County, North Carolina; died about 1850 in Marshall, Alabama), John Brendle (born 1784), Daniel Brindle (born June 8, 1787, in Surrey County, North Carolina; died September 24, 1844, in Davidson County, North Carolina), Henry Brendle (born September 28, 1788, in Rowan County, North Carolina; died March 12, 1857, in Haywood County, North Carolina), Rachel Brendle (born 1789 in Surry County, North Carolina; died 1870 in Lincoln County, Arkansas), Rosanna Brendle, Abraham Brendle (born March 19, 1790, in Surry County, North Carolina; died 1854 in Davidson County,

North Carolina), and William Brendel (born June 7, 1795, in Surry County, North Carolina; died 1831). (Note: Brendel is sometimes spelled by the descendants of John Brendel as Brendle and Brindle.) Johannes resided in Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1780 and 1790; resided in Lincoln County, North Carolina from 1800 until his death in 1822.

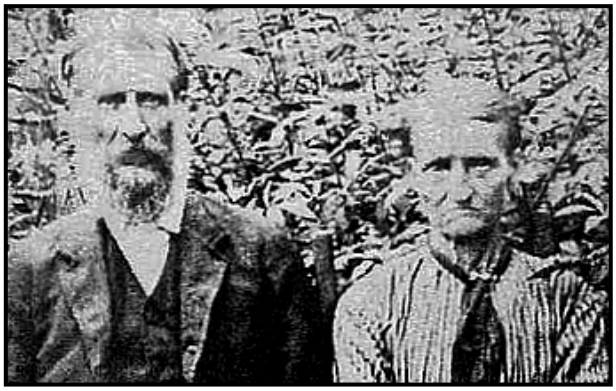
Timeline for Johannes "John" Brendel, son of George Brendel, Fifth Great-Granduncle

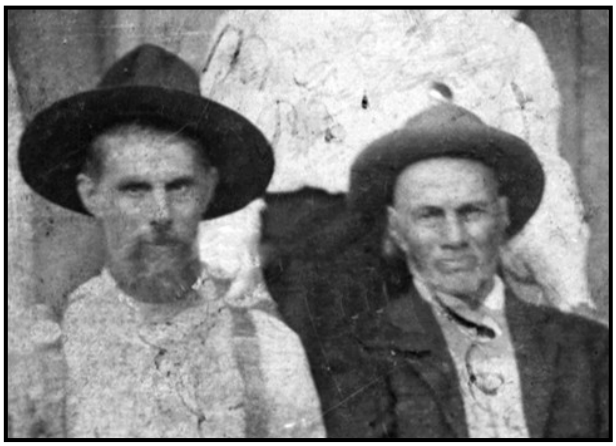
Johannes "John" Brendel (son of George Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle, 1746-1822): "**1.** June 23, 1746, Berks County, PA—Birth: born to Johann Georg and Eva Catharina Frey Brendel. **2.** 1767 Berks County, PA—Marriage: to Margaret Unknown b. 1750 Chester County, PA. **3.** 6/8/1769 Heidelberg, Berks County, PA—Birth of son, John Brendel Jr.—Johannes John Brendel Sr. and Margaret parents. **4.** 5/19/1772 Berks County, PA—Birth of daughter, Elizabeth Brendel. **5.** 5/16/1773 NC—Dr. Jacob Bonn asks permission from the Moravian Church to have his brother-in-law Brendel in his house for a few days. Records state that Brendel has moved from PA and is waiting for his family. **6.** 5/22/1773 NC—at end of the week, four more families came from PA to settle in Wachovia—one is Brendel. **7.** 12/28/1775 Surry County, NC—Birth of son, George Samuel Brendel. **8.** 1778 Rowan County, NC—Tax Lists: John Brindle, 213 acres Capt. Lyons Dist. **9.** about 1780 Surry County, NC—Birth of son, John Brendel (the 2nd one named John). **10.** about 1780 Surry County, NC—Birth of son, Joseph Brendel. **11.** about 1780 Surry County, NC—Birth of daughter, Margaret Brendel. **12.** about 1783 Surry County, NC—Birth of daughter, Mary Brendel. **13.** about 1784 Surry County, NC—Birth of daughter, Rachel Brendel. **14.** 11/23/1785 Surry County, NC—'Bond: from John Brendel of Rowan County, NC to John Rightz of Salem, Surry County, NC in the sum of 120 pounds of Pennsylvania currency. The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bound John Brendel for himself and his heirs or Executors has transferred all his rights and titles of all of everything or things which was bequeathed unto him from his deceased parents, George and Eva Brendel, lately deceased in Berks County in the State of Pennsylvania, by the last will and testament of the said George Brendel deceased for the sum of 60 pounds in hand paid unto the above said John Brendel the receipt whereof he does hereby acknowledge. Now if the said John Brendel for himself his Heirs and Executors, do faithfully abide by and stand to the bargain agreed upon by himself and John Rightz, without any fraud at present or in time to come then this obligation to be void or else to stand and remain in full force and virtue in law. Witnesses: Phillip Transu, Lewis Blum.' **15.** 10/17/1786—'Charles Biles lets John Brendle, both of Rowan County, NC have 106 acres on the south side of Dutchman's Creek next to Conrod Graves, for 80 pounds. Witnessed by William Roberts & William Butler and proved by the latter in 2/1787' (this is part of the hundred acres granted by the State to said Biles in 1784 and is all that is on the south side of said creek). **16.** 2/10/1787-Deed: from Charles Biles to John Brandle for 100 acres 10/17/1786 proved by William Butlar. **17.** 3/1/1787—'John Brindle, a planter, signs like a German, lets George Beriger, a farmer, both of Rowan County, NC have 106 acres on Dutchmans Creek on south side, beginning on the corner of William Roberts (or Robertson) at a pine and a hickory tree, going east 76 perches with the line of said Robertson to Dutchman's Creek, down the various courses of West with the original line 50 chains to the beginning, (but excepts that quarter of an

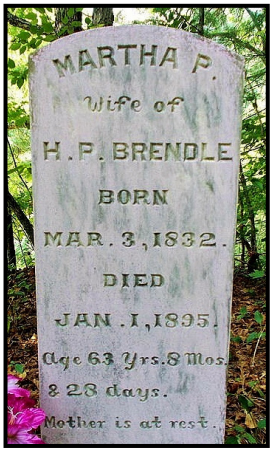
acre which is now paled in as a burial place, for 80 pounds NC money. Witness by a German and William Butler, and proved by the latter in May Court of 1788 (this is part of State Grant to Charles Biles).' **18.** 6/8/1787 Surry County, NC—Birth of sons Daniel and David Brendel. **19.** 5/10/1788—Deed: from John Brindle to George Berger for 106 acres, March 1, 1787, proved by William Butler. **20.** 9/28/1788 Rowan County, NC—Birth of son Henry Brendel Sr. **21.** 4/7/1789 Surry County, NC—John Rightz receives on the bond dated 11/23/1785 from John Brendel 30 pounds. **22.** 4/16/1789 Surry County, NC—Son John Brendel Jr. marries Mary Ann Starr d/o Casper Starr Sr. and Catherine Unknown. Jacob Bonn, Bondsman. **23.** 3/19/1790 Surry County, NC—Birth of son Abraham Brendel. **24.** 1790 Rowan County, NC—Census: Salisbury District-John as HOH-4 males under 6, 2 males over 16, 6 females, 1 slave. **25.** abt 1793 Surry County, NC—Birth of daughter Rosanna Brendel. **26.** 8/8/1794— Deed: from Abraham Hendrickson to John Brindel for 72 acres on Ellis Creek next to Peter Brunds, Robert Johnston, Joseph Wolfsoale, Thomas Job and David Hendrix, June 9, 1794, proved by John Ellis, for 50 pounds. Witness: Henry Henry. **27.** 4/1/1795—Jacob Stallings lets John Brandle, both of Rowan County, NC have 122 acres on Yadkin River next to Loan and Felty Fry, for 50 pounds. Witnessed by John W. Glossing and John Eccles and proved by the latter in 5/1795. 12/20/1791, State grant #2101 at 50 shillings the 100 acres, to Jacob Stallings, 450 acres on the north side of the Yadkin River next to John Davis, James Davis and Felby Fry on the north side of branch. **28.** 5/8/1795—Deed: from Jacob Stallings to John Brindle for 122 acres proved by John Eccles. **29.** 6/7/1795 Surry County, NC—Birth of son William Brendel. **30.** 9/1/1795 Stokes County, NC—Son George Samuel Brendel marries Mary Maria Long d/o Friederich Long and Sarah Gross. John Brendle, Bondsman. **31.** between 1795-1800 NC—Birth of son Chris Brendel. **32**. abt 1797 Surry County, NC—Daughter Elizabeth Brendel marries Robert Swan s/o Benjamin Swan. **33.** 6/7/1797—John Brendle, a German, of Lincoln County, NC lets William Cook of Rowan County, NC have 72 acres on Ellis Creek next to Peter Brunt, Robert Johnston, Joseph Wolfscale, Thomas Job and David Hendricks for 40 pounds. Witnessed by James Aytcheson and Peter Roctor. Proved by the latter in 11/1797. **34.** 12/25/1797 Lincoln County, NC—Deed: "John Biles/Boyles to John Brindle, both of Lincoln County, NC for 70 pounds, 150 acres be the same more or less. Certain tract of land the said John Biles bought of the Polks beginning at a hickory on a side north east of a branch of runs (?) thence north 27 east 110 poles to a pine thence south 63 west 220 poles crossing the branch to a stake thence south 27 east 110 poles to a stake thence to the beginning." **35.** ca 1797 Lincoln County, NC—John marries Mary Unknown. **36.** 10/1/1798 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brandle claims 60 acres bordering Henry Hildebrand and John Kawee. **37.** 1800, Lincoln County, NC—Census: John as HOH-1 male 5-10, 1 male 10-20, 1 male 16-26, 1 male 40-50, 2 females under 10, 1 female 16-26, 1 female 40-50. **38.** 3/24/1800 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brandle claims 100 acres on waters of Little Indian Creek bordering Polk and Pile. **39.** about 1800 NC—Son John Brendel marries Unknown. **40.** about 1800 NC—Son Joseph Brendel marries Unknown. **41.** 2/12/1800 Surry County, NC—Son Daniel Brendel marries Susannah Weatherman d/o Christian Weatherman and Margaret Unknown. John Weatherman, Bondsman. **42.** 3/29/1800 Howards Creek, NC—Johannes Brindle sells 200 A on waters of Howards Creek that he entered 7 Apr. 1795. **43.** 8/16/1800 Lincoln County, NC—Daughter Margaret Brendel marries Joseph Beavins. **44.** 1/27/1801 Lincoln County, NC—

Daughter Mary Brendel marries Jesse Nearen. **45.** 8/13/1802 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brandle claims 100 acres on the waters of Little Indian Creek bordering Polk and Pile. **46.** 11/15/1802 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brandle claims 70 acres on waters of Potts Creek bordering McKisick, Lewis Warlick and his own land. **47.** 1805, Lincoln County, NC—Capt. Yoders Tax List: John Brindel, 100 acres. **48.** 12/13/1805 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brandle claims 50 acres on waters of Potts Creek bordering David Shuford. **49.** 8/15/1806 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brandle claim 75 acres on waters of Howard Creek bordering David Shuford. **50.** 7/7/1807 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brindle 50 acres on waters of Jacobs Fork bordering Richard Johnston and his own land. **51.** 7/7/1807 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brandle claims 30 acres on the waters of Potts Creek bordering his own land. **52.** 4/19/1808 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brandle claims 25 acres on waters of Jacob Fork bordering his own land. **53.** 12/1/1808 Lincoln County, NC—Daughter Rachel Brendel marries John L. Lingerfelt Sr. s/o Johann 'John' Michael Lingerfelt and Molly Unknown. **54.** 4/18/1809 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brandle claims 150 acres on waters of South Fork bordering Joseph Abernathy and Henry Miller. **55.** 1810 Lincoln County, NC—Census: John as HOH, 1 male under 10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 40-50, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 40-50. **56.** 6/5/1810 Lincoln County, NC—Son Henry Brendel Sr. marries Mary Bivens. John Brindel, Bondsman. **57.** Aft. 1810 NC—Son Chris Brendel marries Unknown. **58.** 1811 Lincoln County, NC—Deed: 'John Brindle to Joseph Brindle. Sum 70 pounds. All that tract of land lying and being on the waters of Indian Creek including the place where said Joseph Brindle lives and beginning at a large Hollow Chestnut on the line of the original grant thence south 60 west 140 poles to a Black Oak, a corner of said tract, then another original line north 29 west 110 poles to a stake and pointers thence with Biles line north 60 east 148 poles to a stake in a field on Biles line then south 22 east 110 poles to the beginning containing by estimation 99 acres be the same more or less said land is part of a grant conveyed from Polk to John Biles as sundry records will fully and clearly appear. John Brindle signs. Witnesses Adams Segale and Daniel Love.' **59.** 4/3/1811 Lincoln County, NC—Daughter Rosanna Brendel marries Daniel Lingerfelt s/o Johann 'John' Michael Lingerfelt and Molly Unknown. **60.** 2/14/1813 Lincoln County, NC—Son David Brendel marries Abygail Boyles d/o John Boyles Sr. and Margaret Unknown. **61.** 5/18/1815 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brindle 50 acres on Indian Creek. **62.** 7/6/1815 Lincoln County, NC—Deed: From John Brendel to William Tucker for the sale of 50 acres of land. **63.** 10/27/1818 Lincoln County, NC—Granted: John Brindle 30 acres on Indian Creek. **64.** 1820 Lincoln County, NC—Census: John as HOH, 1 male over 45, 1 female over 45. **65.** 1822 Lincoln County, NC—Johannes 'John' Brendel dies. **66.** 1/1822 Lincoln County, NC—John's widow, Mary Brindle relinquishes her right to administer his estate and David Brindle is appointed administrator with Joseph Brindle his security. **67.** 1822 Lincoln County, NC—Estate Records of John Brindle—Administrators: David Brindle and Joseph Brindle. Widow: Mary. Also mentioned, sons John and Joseph and son-in-law John Lingerfelt **68.** 1/1822 Lincoln County, NC—Commissioners layed out a year's maintenance for the widow and family. **69.** 1/1822 Lincoln County, NC—Administrator is authorized to sell John's personal estate to pay debts. **70.** 3/12/1822 Lincoln County, NC—Mary Brindle, widow of John Brindle is paid $17.75 and makes mark. **71.** 10/1822 Lincoln County, NC—Administrator represents to the Court that

there is insufficent funds from sale of personal property of John to settle debts. Administrator authorized by the Court to sell 13 acres of land lying on Indian Creek joining Joseph Brindle and Nat Micheson. **72.** 1/1823 Lincoln County, NC—Court order to Settle Estate. **73.** 7/1823 Lincoln County, NC—Court order to Settle Estate. 7**4.** 10/1823 Lincoln County, NC—Court order to Settle Estate—Major Hull, Peter Hoyle and Danl Hoke, Esquires or any two of them are ordered to settle the estate and report to next term, 1/1824. **75.** 1824 Lincoln County, NC—Sale of the 13 acres of land lying on Indian Creek for $16.00. **76.** 1824 Lincoln County, NC—Report: signed by Major Hull and Peter Hoyle 'condition of the estate.' Amount in estate $87.75. Amount of vouchers/debts $59.89. $27.85 remaining in the hands of the Administrator and yet to be accounted for. **77.** 9/13/1824 Lincoln County, NC—Deed: 'Joseph Brindle to Peter Michael. Sum of $300 has sold tract of land in the County of Lincoln on Indian Creek. Beginning at a Hickory the original, beginning of land thence crossing the branch and running north 27 east 110 poles to a pine then south 63 west 220 poles crossing the branch to a stake then south 27 east 110 poles to the beginning containing 153 acres. Said land was conveyed by Polk to John Biles and from John Biles to John Brindle as on record will fully appear. Joseph Brindle signs. Witnesses Daniel Michaels and Jonathan Ingold. Proved 1826."' (Compiled by Lorraine Adams Douglass, January 8, 2000.)







Top left: Joseph Crawford Upton (1825-1896; son of Mary Polly Brendle, daughter of Joseph Brendel, son of Han George Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Amanda Jane West (1824-1901). Middle: Henry P. Brendle (1828-1929; on right; son of John David Brendle, son of Joseph Brendle/Brendel, son of Han George Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle), who lived to be 100 years old, with his son, William Manley Brendle (1848-1941). Henry served as a private in Company G, 69th North Carolina Infantry Regiment, Thomas Legion Unit. Left: Monuments of Henry P. Brendle and his wife, Martha P. Brendle (1832-1895); he is buried in Shoal Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Murphy, Cherokee, North Carolina, and she in John Brendle Cemetery in Alarka, N. C.

Joseph Brendle/Brendel (1775-1864; son of Han George Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born in 1775 in Piedmont, North Carolina, and died September 1, 1863/1864, in Rutherford County, North Carolina. He married Rebecca Johnson (born January 9, 1774, in Guilford County, North Carolina; died 1840 in Forsyth County, North Carolina; son of Joshua Johnson, born 1750, and Mary Hargrave, 1752-1791) in 1800 in North Carolina, and had two children: John David Brendle (born 1801 in Lincoln County, North Carolina; died April 22, 1892, in Swain County, North Carolina; married Charlotte Williams [born April 5, 1803, in Lincoln County, North Carolina; died April 19, 1863, in Macon County, North Carolina; daughter of Dr. Charles Williams, 1770-1857, and Elizabeth Bradshaw, 1779-1817], on November 10, 1823, in North Carolina, and had son: Henry Pierson Brendle [born November 3, 1828, in Burke or Cherokee County, North Carolina; died July 30, 1929, in Shoal Creek, Cherokee County, North Carolina; married Martha Patsey Pilkington {born March 3, 1832, in Macon County, North Carolina; died January 1, 1895, in Alarka, Swain County, North Carolina; daughter of Nathan Moses Pilkington and Ruth Jane "Rutha" West, 1807-1902} on January 25, 1848, in Macon County, North Carolina, and had twelve children: Joseph Brendle, William Manly Brendle {born November 17, 1848, in Macon County, Georgia; died August 17, 1941, in Cherokee County, North Carolina; married Nancy Jane Cline, 1846-1929, on July 13, 1869, in Macon County, North Carolina, and had nine children: Nancy Cordelia Brendle,

Above left: Henry P. Brendle (1828-1929; see previous page). Above right: Jesse Harrison Upton (1868-1944; son of Joseph Crawford Upton, see previous page). Jesse killed his father-in-law, George Washington Brendle (1852-1911), and George's son, William Manley Brendle (1882-1911), on Christmas Day, 1911. He was convicted of the murders, but the case was overturned by the North Carolina Supreme Court in 1915, due to an error in his trial. Below: Fieldstone (on left) marking the grave of John David Brendle (1801-1892), father of Henry P. Brendle, and stone (on right) marking the burial of his wife, Charlotte H. Williams Brendle (1804-1863), in John Brendle Cemetery in Alarka, Swain, North Carolina.

1869-1961; Mary Hattie Brendle, 1871-1950; George Henry Brendle, 1873-1956; John A. Brendle, 1874-1896; Amanda Brendle, 1876-1940; Martha S. Brendle, born 1886; Notie Bell Brendle, 1889-1983; Elen N. Brendle, born 1889, and Mary Etta Brendle, 1892-1893; married second, Lydia Sarah Baines, 1869-1939, on June 30, 1899, in Jackson County, North Carolina, and had three children: Lula Mae Brendle, 1900-2001; Fred Pender Brendle, 1903-1979, and Samuel Pender Brendle}, George Washington Brendle, 1852-1911, see below], Amanda C. Brendle, 1853-1952, John Harrison Brendle, 1854-1963, Mary Jane Brendle, born 1859, Mariah J. Brendle, 1860-1935, Elizabeth A. Brendle, 1864-1937, Sarah Samatha Brendle, 1864-1937, Thomas Henry Brendle, 1866-1931, Nathan Columbus Brendle, 1868-1943, and Ruth A. Brendle, 1870-1961; after Martha died, Henry married second, Lavada Green, born 1873, on March 19, 1896, {divorced in 1903} in Swain County, North Carolina, and had three children: Richmon Pearson Brendle, 1896-1932; James M. "Jim" Brendle, 1897-1967, and Hattie Matilda Brendle, born 1902), and Mary Polly Brendle (born 1810 in Lincoln County, North Carolina; died July 1, 1880, in Talley Springs, Ozark County, Missouri; married Thomas Upton Jr. [1799-1870] in 1823 in Rutherford County, North Carolina; had son, Joseph Crawford Upton [born July 1825 in Rutherford County, North Carolina; died March 14, 1896, in Swain, North Carolina; married Amanda Jane West, 1824-1901, on February 19, 1847, in Macon County, North Carolina; Joseph Upton had son {Jesse Harrison Upton, born February 4, 1868, in Macon County, North Carolina; died February 5, 1944, in

Above: George Washington Brendle (1852-1911; son of Henry P. Brendle, son of John David Brendle, son of Joseph Brendel, son of Han George Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle). Left: George is sitting on the left, his brother, William M. Brendle (1848-1941), is sitting in the middle, and his father, Henry P. Brendle (1828-1929), is sitting on the right. Middle: Home of George Washington Brendle in Swain County, North Carolina. Below: Monument of George Washington Brendle (different birth date) in Shoal Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Murphy, Cherokee, North Carolina. As noted on the previous page, George was murdered by his son-in-law, Jesse Harrison Upton, on Christmas Day, 1911.

Mecklenburg County, Virginia; married Martha Palestine Brendle, born April 8, 1876, in Swain, North Carolina; died January 11, 1959, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, on May 20, 1895, in Swain County, North Carolina}. Jesse Upton had son, Joseph Crawford Upton, born 1902).

Joseph Brendle resided in Lincoln County, North Carolina, in 1810 and 1820 "west of the South Fork of the Catawba River." He lived in Rutherford County, North Carolina, from before 1830 until his death in 1863.

Left: Lillie K. Witwer (1906-1987; daughter of William Witwer, son of Eliza Brendel Witwer, daughter of William Brendel, son of Abraham Brendel, son of Heinrich Brendel, 5th Great-Grand-uncle) and her husband, John F. High (born February 24, 1906; died September 25, 1983) on their wedding day. Above: Monument of Charlotte T. Brendle Shepherd (1835-1888; daughter of John David Brendle, son of Joseph Brendle/Brendel, son of Han George Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) in Dehart Cemetery, Jackson Line, Swain County, North Carolina.

George Washington Brendle (1852-1911; son of Henry P. Brendle, son of John David Brendle, son of Joseph Brendle, son of Han George Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born April 12, 1852, in Macon County, North Carolina, and died December 25, 1911, in Swain County, North Carolina. He married Tennessee Palestine Adeline "Patsy" Jenkins (1858-1931; daughter of Thomas Jenkins, 1826-1888, and Elizabeth "Betsy" Cline, 1824-1910) on November 7, 1875, in Swain County, North Carolina, and had 12 children: Nancy Jane Brendle (1876-1950), Martha Palestine Brendle (born April 8, 1877, in Swain County, North Carolina; died January 11, 1959, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia; married Jesse Harrison Upton on May 20, 1895, in Swain County, North Carolina; Jesse murdered her father, and her brother, William Manley Brendle, but, apparently, Martha stayed with him. He shot them, allegedly, because they had taunted him for many years because of his short statue), Thomas Henry Brendle (1880-1955), William Manley Brendle (1882-1911), Josephine Brendle (1883-1923), John Wesley Brendle, Rosa L. Brendle, Flora May Brendle (1893-1967), George Robert Brendle (1893-1965), Julius C. Brendle, Sarah Charlotte Brendle, and Fred Fisher Brendle.

Charlotte T. Brendle (1835-1888; daughter of John David Brendle, son of Joseph Brendle, son of Han George Brendel, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born in 1835 in Rutherford County, North Carolina, and died on August 23, 1888, in Alarka, Swain County, North Carolina; buried in in Dehart Cemetery, Jackson Line, Swain County, North Carolina. She married Joseph Jackson Shepherd on January 26, 1854, in Macon County, North Carolina, and had six children: Sarah Elizabeth Shepherd, Narcissus Theresa Shepherd, Annie Catherine Shepherd, Nancy Palestine Shepherd, Lucy Jane Shepherd, and John Davis Shepherd.

"It was during his convalescence, after being injured while serving in the Ohio Calvary during the Civil War, that Joseph met Sarah Ann Butler, and fathered a son with her. Although he was still married to Charlotte, Joseph (under the alias of Joshua J. Shepherd) married Sarah Ann Butler on August 24, 1865."

Above right: Military monument of Joshua J. Shepard, who served in the 9th Ohio Cavalry during the Civil War. He was already married to Charlotte T. Brendle Shepherd (1835-1888; see previous page) when he married Sarah Ann Butler (1845-1924; above left) in 1865. Below: Old post card of Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France, and town seal. Johann Phillip Brendel (5th Great-Grandfather, 1716-1799) was born in Langensoultzbach and his father, Johann Heinrich Brendel, taught school here for 42 years.

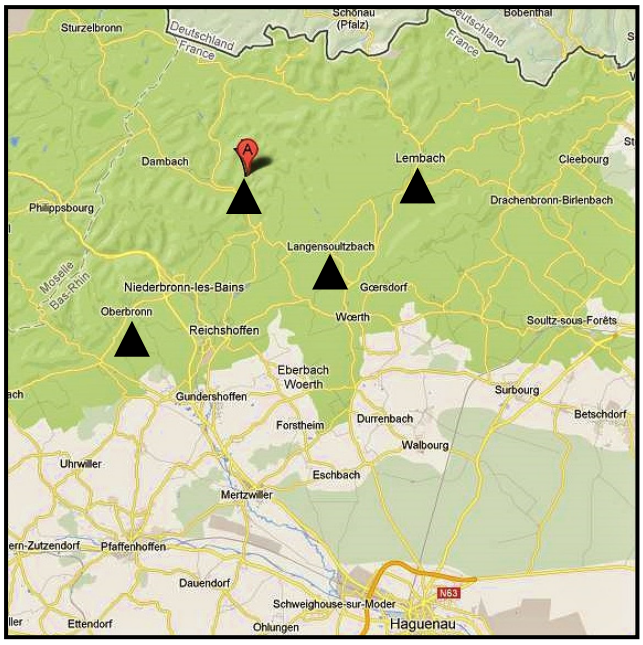
"He and Sarah returned to North Carolina where he filed a petition for divorce from Charlotte, which was granted to Joseph in the fall of 1867 in Macon County. Joseph then took his three oldest daughters by Charlotte to Illinois, where his new family moved to be near Sarah's parents for a short period. Joseph and Sarah moved to Newton County, Missouri, in April 1870."

"The last record of Charlotte is on July 21, 1870, in Alarka Township, Macon (later Swain) County, North Carolina, where she is listed in the census as a farmer, along with her two children, Lucy Jane Shepherd and John Davis Shepherd."

John David Brendle (1801-1892; son of Joseph Brendel, son of Han George Brendel, 5th Great-Grand-uncle) was born in 1801 in Lincoln County, North Carolina, and died April 22, 1892, in Alarka, Swain County, North Carolina; buried in his family cemetery (situated in small subdivision, "Joy Heights"), John Brendle Cemetery, in Alarka. He married Charlotte H. "Elizabeth" Williams (born 1804 in Lincoln County, North Carolina; died April 19, 1863, in Swain County, North Carolina) on November 10, 1823, and had six children: Judith Anne Brendle, Henry Pierson Brendle, Joseph Manley Brendle, Charlotte "Lottie" Brendle, Sarah "Sally" Brendle, and John Harrison Brendle.

Rutha Elizabeth "Ruth" Brendle (1870-1961; daughter of Henry Pierson Brendle, son of John David Brendle, son of Joseph Brendle/Brendel, son of Han George Brendel,

5th Great-Granduncle) was born on October 10, 1870, in Swain County, North Carolina, and died on November 4, 1961, in Grainger County, Tennessee. She married Milton



Lafayette Sitton (1879-1918) on December 19, 1886, in Swain County, North Carolina (marriage license says his surname was Sutton), and had 16 children, all born in Swain or Jackson Counties, North Carolina: John Henry Sitton (born March 24, 1887; died May 1, 1969), Milton Lafayette Sitton Jr. (born March 1888; died before 1910), Sarah M. Sitton (born January 6, 1890; still alive in 1920 census),

Top left: Map of northeast Alsace, France, showing the location (left to right) of Oberbronn, Windstein (red tag), Langensoultzbach, and Lembach, all connected to the Brendel family. Top right: Langensoultzbach Forest; photograph by Alexis Dock. Left: Ruins of Chateau du Nouveau-Windstein, in Windstein, Alsace, France. Above: Ruins of Le Froensbourg Castle near Lembach, Alsace, France, which was built in 1269.

James Lafayette Sitton (born July 7,1893; died November 9, 1984), Louis Broyles Sitton (born July 7, 1893; died November 9, 1984), Edward Pierce "Edgar" Sitton (born January 19, 1897; died January 29, 1976), Elizabeth Virginia "Virgie" Sitton (born December 21, 1898; died March 24, 1977), Claude F.

Sitton (born April 4, 1900; died December 22, 1976), Thaddius Sitton (born January 3,

Above left and middle: Ruins of Chateau du Nouveau-Windstein, in Windstein, Alsace, France. Above right: Countryside near Windstein, Alsace, France.

1902; died January 7, 1902), Stanley M. Sitton (born February 9, 1903; died November 1986), Harvey D. Sitton (born May 20, 1905; died May 5, 1982), George Washington Sitton (born March 19, 1907; died August 2, 1907), Aleck Elmore Sitton (born April 10, 1910; died March 25, 1933), Ruth Elizabeth "Lizzie" Sitton (born about 1913; alive in 1930 census), Letha Ann Sitton (born August 31, 1914; died September 17, 1914), and Hester Margaret Sitton (born November 16, 1916; alive in 1930 census).

Sidenbender Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets

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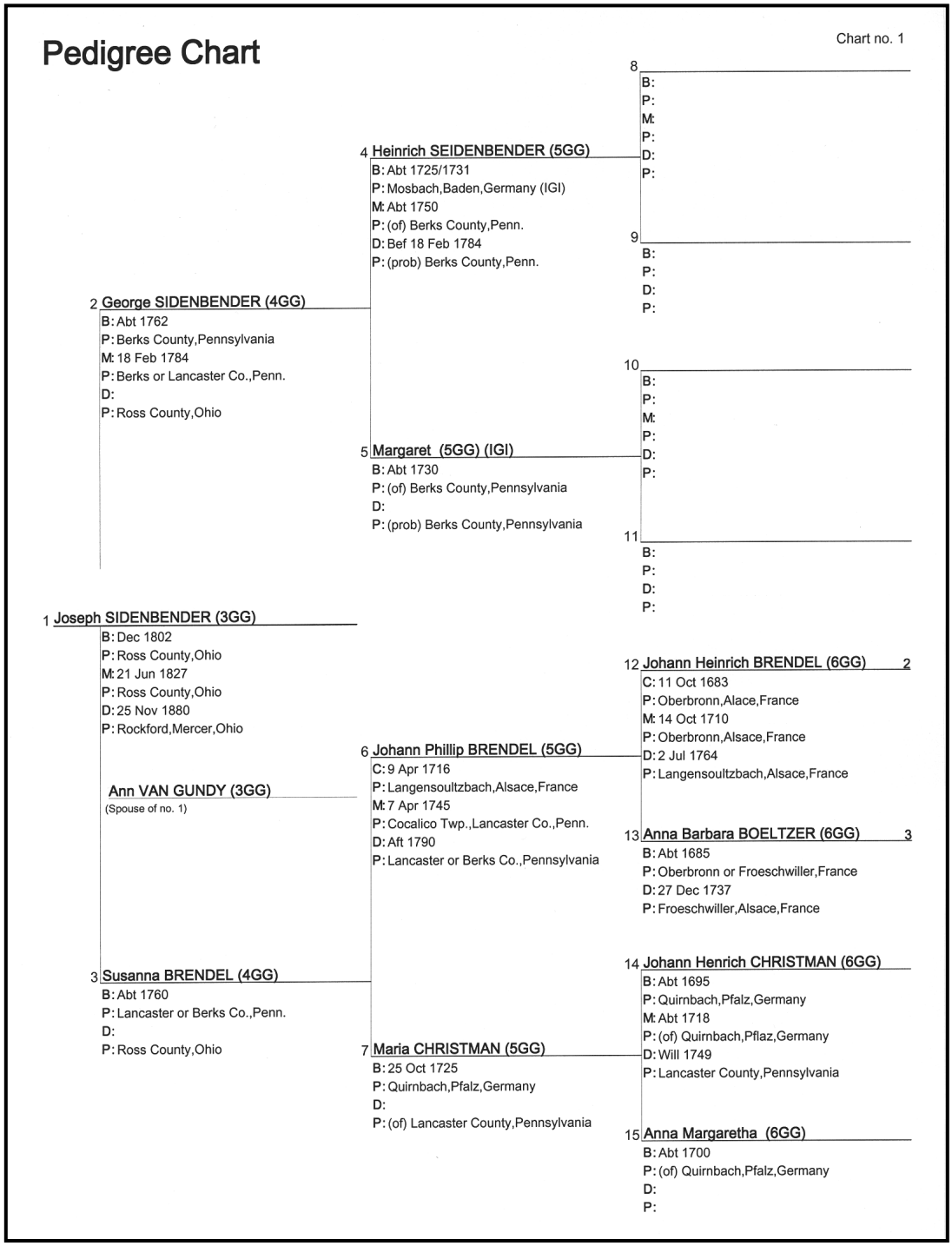

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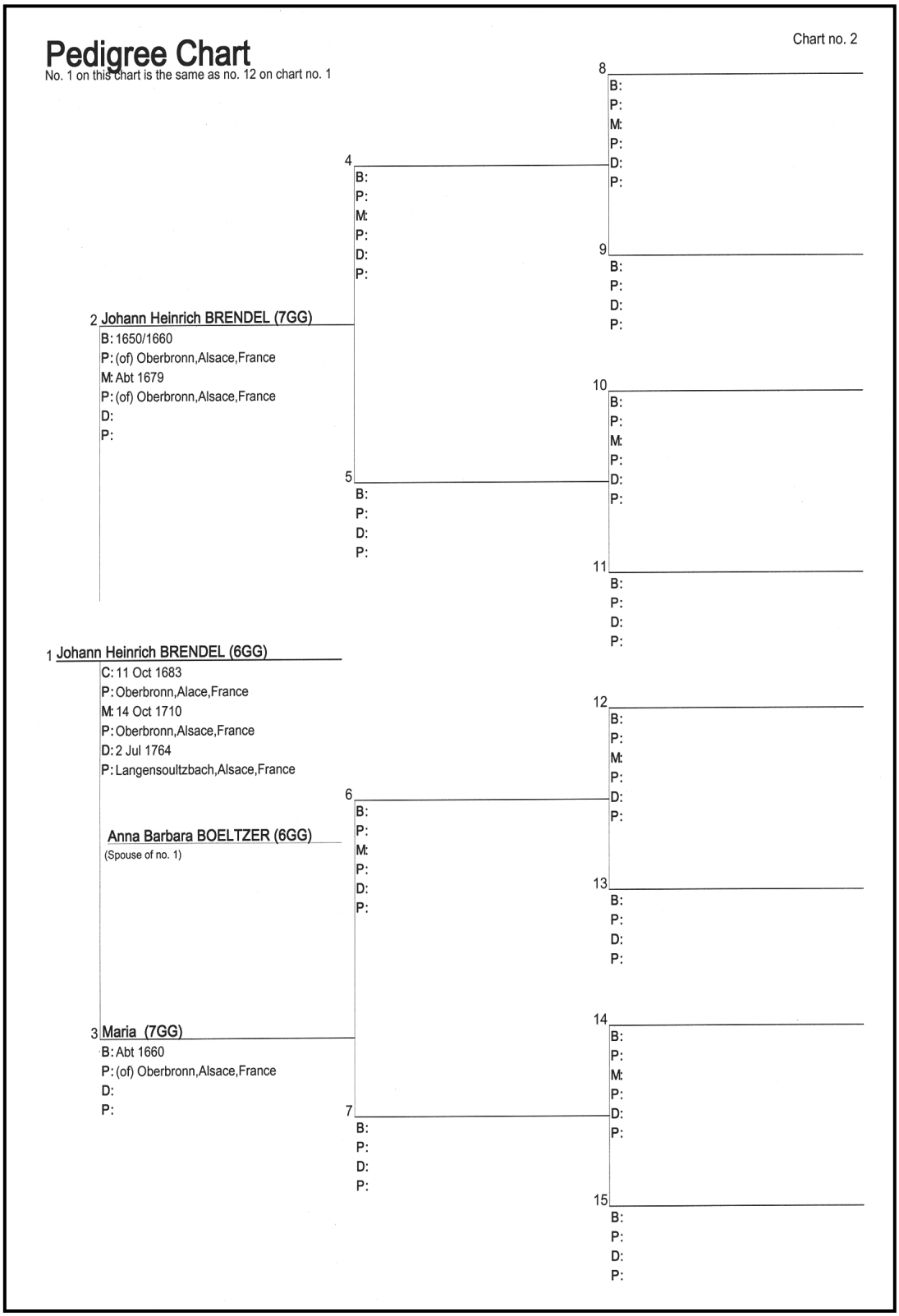

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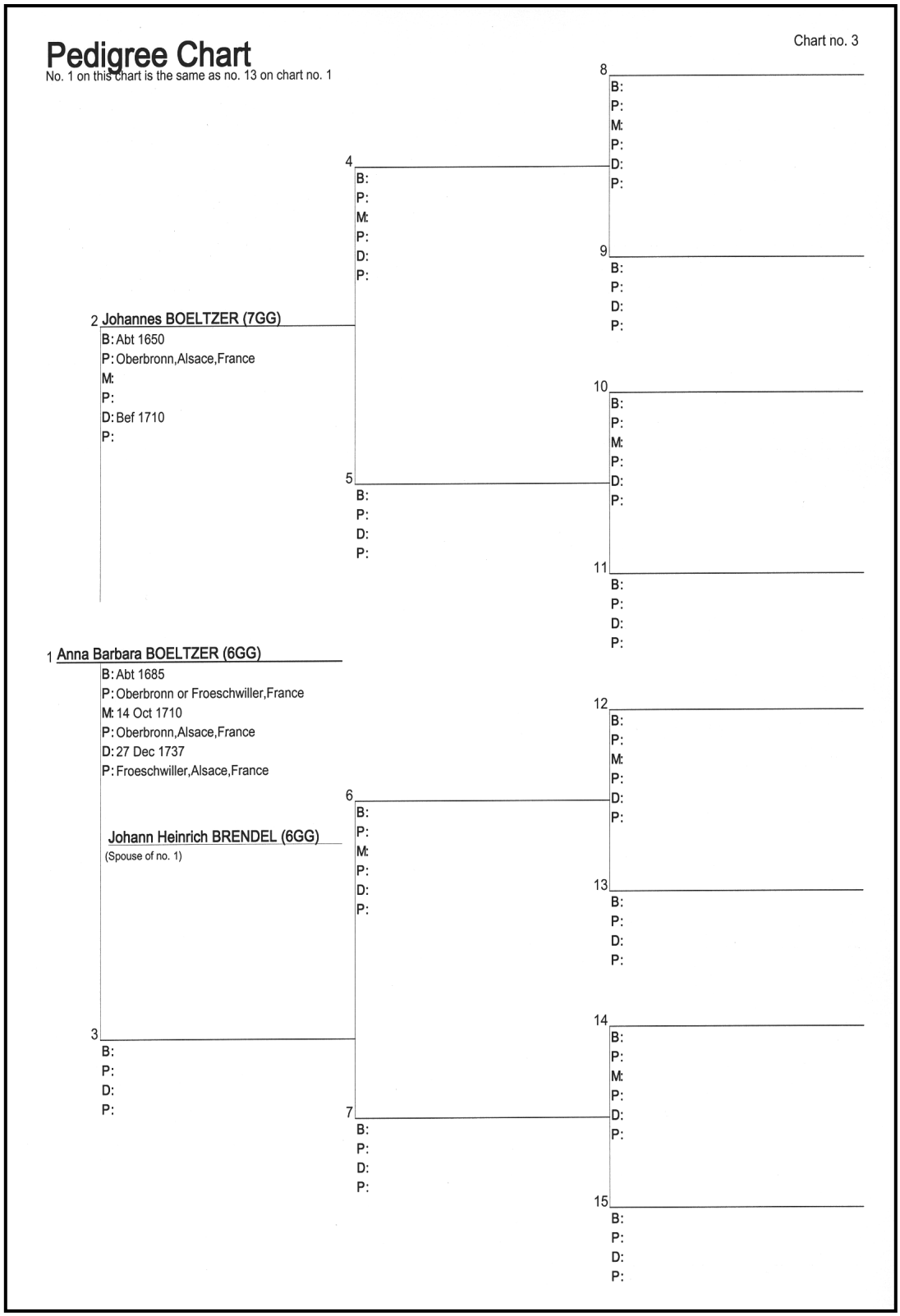

Joseph Sidenbender

Third Great-Grandfather

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Husband Joseph SIDENBENDER (3GG)

			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Born	Dec 1802	Place Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	18 Dec 1984	DALLA
Died	25 Nov 1880	Place Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Endowed	19 Dec 1984	DALLA
Buried	27 Nov 1880	Place Smith Cemetery, Rockford, Ohio (Cem. no longer exists)	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
Married	21 Jun 1827	Place Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	1 Feb 1981	IFALL
Husband's father	George SIDENBENDER (4GG)				
Husband's mother	Susanna BRENDEL (4GG)				

Wife Ann VAN GUNDY (3GG)

			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Born	4 Oct 1808	Place Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	18 Jan 1984	LOGAN
Died	18 Feb 1898	Place Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Endowed	8 May 1984	LOGAN
Buried	20 Feb 1898	Place Smith Cemetery (also called East Cem.), Rockford, Ohio	SealPar	16 May 1984	LOGAN
Wife's father	Jacob VAN GUNDY (4GG)				
Wife's mother	Catharine CONNER (4GG)				

Children List each child in order of birth.

1	M	**Shepherd SIDENBENDER**				
	Born	1828	Place Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	Child	
	Died	6 Dec 1829	Place Ross County, Ohio (age 2 years)	Endowed	Child	
	Buried	8 Dec 1829	Place Bethel Cemetery, Green Township, Ross County, Ohio	SealPar	15 Jun 1995	DALLA
2	M	**George SIDENBENDER**				
	Born	1830/1850	Place (of) Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	Child	
				Endowed	Child	
				SealPar	6 Aug 2002	EDMON
3	F	**Jane Montreville SIDENBENDER**				
	Born	1830/1850	Place (of) Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	Child	
				Endowed	Child	
				SealPar	1997	DALLA
4	M	**Harrison SIDENBENDER**				
	Born	1830/1850	Place (of) Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	Child	
				Endowed	Child	
				SealPar	1997	DALLA
5	F	**Mary Ellen SIDENBENDER**				
	Born	1832	Place (of) Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	20 Dec 1984	DALLA
	Died	1905	Place (poss) Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas	Endowed	6 Mar 1985	DALLA
				SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Harrison GUY				
	Married	9 Oct 1851	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	1 Jul 1981	SLAKE
6	F	**Alvina B. SIDENBENDER**				
	Born	5 Jan 1835	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	8 Nov 1984	LOGAN
	Died	23 Nov 1907	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	20 Nov 1984	LOGAN
	Buried	25 Nov 1907	Place Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	SealPar	28 Nov 1984	LOGAN
	Spouse	James Finlay SMITH				
	Married	9 Apr 1865	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	20 Apr 1982	JRIVE
7	F	**Milberry Ann SIDENBENDER**				
	Born	8 Jan 1837	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	20 Dec 1984	DALLA
	Died	22 May 1928	Place Liberty Township, Section 34, Van Wert County, Ohio	Endowed	5 Mar 1985	DALLA
	Buried	24 May 1928	Place Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	LaFayette SNYDER (1st child born in LaFayette, Ohio, hence his name)				
	Married	26 Sep 1859	Place Mercer or VanWert County, Ohio	SealSp	28 May 1997	DALLA
8	F	**Catherine Elizabeth SIDENBENDER**				
	Born	22 Aug 1839	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	20 Dec 1984	DALLA
	Died	18 Dec 1894	Place	Endowed	5 Mar 1985	DALLA
				SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Clayborne D. WORK				
	Married	13 Sep 1864	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	20 Apr 1982	JRIVE
9	M	**Joseph Van SIDENBENDER**				
	Born	24 Feb 1841	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	18 Dec 1984	DALLA
	Died	5 Sep 1907	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	1 Mar 1985	DALLA
	Buried	7 Sep 1907	Place Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Mary Ann WHITLEY				
	Married	15 Feb 1866	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	21 Apr 1982	JRIVE
10	M	**Seymour B. SIDENBENDER (Union Civil War Soldier--Musician)**				
	Born	20 Oct 1843	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	18 Dec 1984	DALLA
	Died	10 Mar 1914	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	1 Mar 1985	DALLA
	Buried	12 Mar 1914	Place Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA

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Husband	Joseph SIDENBENDER (3GG)						
Wife	Ann VAN GUNDY (3GG)						
Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
11 F	Maria Jane SIDENBENDER (2GG)						
	Born	6 Apr 1845	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	18 Jan 1984	LOGAN	
	Died	26 Apr 1928	Place Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	8 May 1984	LOGAN	
	Buried	28 Apr 1928	Place Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	SealPar	16 May 1984	LOGAN	
	Spouse	Henry K. SMITH (2GG)					
	Married	27 Mar 1866	Place (prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	9 Mar 1985	DALLA	
12 M	Richard I. SIDENBENDER						
	Born	25 May 1847	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	Child		
	Died	30 Jul 1847	Place Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	Child		
	Buried	1 Aug 1847	Place Smith Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA	
13 M	Bishop H. SIDENBENDER						
	Born	3 Jun 1850	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	Child		
	Died	12 Jun 1850	Place Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	Child		
	Buried	14 Jun 1850	Place Smith Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA	

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Husband	George SIDENBENDER (4GG)						
	Born	Abt 1762	Place Berks County, Pennsylvania	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
	Died		Place Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA	
				Endowed	9 May 1986	DALLA	
				SealPar	22 Jun 1996	DALLA	
	Married	18 Feb 1784	Place Berks or Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	11 Nov 1983	WASHI	
	Husband's father	Heinrich SEIDENBENDER (5GG)					
	Husband's mother	Margaret (5GG) (IGI)					
Wife	Susanna BRENDEL (4GG)						
	Born	Abt 1760	Place (of) Lancaster or Berks County, Pennsylvania	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
	Died		Place Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA	
				Endowed	9 May 1986	DALLA	
				SealPar	30 Jun 1996	DALLA	
	Wife's father	Johann Phillip BRENDEL (5GG)					
	Wife's mother	Maria Appollonia CRESSMAN OR CHRISTMAN (5GG)					
Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
1 M	Henry SIDENBENDER						
	Born	Abt 1788	Place (prob) Pennsylvania	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA	
				Endowed	3 Apr 1987	DALLA	
				SealPar	30 May 1987	DALLA	
	Spouse	Rebecca DODGE					
	Married	11 Apr 1816	Place Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	5 Jul 1984	LOGAN	
2 M	John SIDENBENDER (War of 1812 Soldier)						
	Born	Abt 1790	Place (prob) Pennsylvania	Baptized	19 Oct 1999	PROVO	
				Endowed	21 Nov 2000	PROVO	
				SealPar	Cleared		
	Spouse	Hannah CADWALLADER					
	Married	27 Jul 1820	Place Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	8 Feb 1981	IFALL	
3 F	Margaret SIDENBENDER						
	Born	Abt 1792	Place (prob) Pennsylvania	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA	
	Died	16 Apr 1853	Place	Endowed	13 Sep 1986	DALLA	
	Buried		Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA	
	Spouse	John VAN GUNDY					
	Married	11 Feb 1820	Place Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	7 Feb 1994	OGDEN	
	Spouse	Mr. PIXLER					
	Married	Abt 1840	Place (of) Ohio	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA	
4 F	Polly SIDENBENDER						
	Born	Abt 1794	Place (prob) Pennsylvania	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA	
				Endowed	17 Sep 1986	DALLA	
				SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA	

5	M	George SIDENBENDER, Jr.					
	Born	Abt 1796	Place	(of) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
					Endowed	2 Apr 1987	DALLA
					SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	Eleanor LEWIS					
	Married	16 Nov 1823	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	9 Apr 1981	SGEOR
6	F	Elizabeth SIDENBENDER					
	Born	Abt 1798	Place	(of) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
					Endowed	24 Sep 1986	DALLA
					SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	Joseph LEWIS					
	Married	30 Oct 1828	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	11 Feb 1981	IFALL
7	M	Samuel SIDENBENDER					
	Born	Abt 1800	Place	(prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
					Endowed	2 Apr 1987	DALLA
					SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	Barbara MILIER					
	Married	7 Jan 1830	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	12 Feb 1981	IFALL
8	M	Joseph SIDENBENDER (3GG)					
	Born	Dec 1802	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	18 Dec 1984	DALLA
	Died	25 Nov 1880	Place	Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Endowed	19 Dec 1984	DALLA
	Buried	27 Nov 1880	Place	Smith Cemetery, Rockford, Ohio (Cem. no longer exists)	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Ann VAN GUNDY (3GG)					
	Married	21 Jun 1827	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	1 Feb 1981	IFALL

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Husband	George SIDENBENDER (4GG)						
Wife	Susanna BRENDEL (4GG)						
Children	List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
9	M	Richard SIDENBENDER					
	Born	Abt 1805	Place	(prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
					Endowed	2 Apr 1987	DALLA
					SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	Ada COLBERT					
	Married	4 Aug 1832	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	18 Feb 1981	IFALL

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Husband	Heinrich SEIDENBENDER (5GG)						
	Born	Abt 1725/1731	Place	Mosbach, Baden, Germany (IGI)	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Died	Bef 18 Feb 1784	Place	(prob) Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	18 Jun 1996	CHICA
	Buried	Bef 18 Feb 1784	Place	(prob) Allegheny Church Cem., Alleghenyville, Berks, Pa.	Endowed	21 Jun 1996	CHICA
					SealPar	Sub 11 Mar 2005	
	Married	Abt 1750	Place	(of) Berks County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	22 Jun 1996	CHICA
	Husband's father						
	Husband's mother						
Wife	Margaret (5GG) (IGI)						
	Born	Abt 1730	Place	(of) Berks County, Pennsylvania	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Died		Place	(prob) Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	15 Mar 2005	PROVO
					Endowed	Sub 11 Mar 2005	
					SealPar		
	Wife's father						
	Wife's mother						
Children	List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1	F	Elizabeth SIDENBENDER OR SEIDENBENDER					
	Born	8 Oct 1751	Place	(of) Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	14 Aug 1996	CHICA
	Died	28 Feb 1836	Place		Endowed	20 Sep 1996	CHICA
	Buried	1 Mar 1836	Place	Bernhard Adam Cem., West Reading, Berks, Pennsylvania	SealPar	21 Sep 1996	CHICA
	Spouse	Johannes ADAM					
	Married	13 Jun 1779	Place	Berks County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	25 Aug 1993	IFALL

2	F	**Catarina SIDENBENDER OR SEIDENBENDER**				
	Born	Abt 1753	Place (of) Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	18 Jun 1996	CHICA
				Endowed	21 Jun 1996	CHICA
				SealPar	22 Jun 1996	CHICA
	Spouse	Johann Sebastian STIEGLER				
	Married	17 Aug 1778	Place (of) Berks County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	22 Jun 1996	CHICA
3	M	**Christian SIDENBENDER OR SEIDENBENDER**				
	Born	Abt 1760	Place (of) Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	18 Jun 1996	CHICA
				Endowed	21 Jun 1996	CHICA
				SealPar	22 Jun 1996	CHICA
	Spouse	Philippina LIPPERT				
	Married	15 Feb 1790	Place (of) Berks County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	22 Jun 1996	CHICA
4	M	**George SIDENBENDER (4GG)**				
	Born	Abt 1762	Place Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
	Died		Place Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	9 May 1986	DALLA
				SealPar	22 Jun 1996	DALLA
	Spouse	Susanna BRENDEL (4GG)				
	Married	18 Feb 1784	Place Berks or Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	11 Nov 1983	WASHI

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Husband	**Johann Phillip BRENDEL (5GG)**					
	Chr.	9 Apr 1716	Place Sultzbach Luth. Ch., Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Died	Aft 1790	Place Lancaster or Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	26 Mar 1992	PORTL
				Endowed	8 May 1993	PORTL
				SealPar	13 Aug 1993	PORTL
	Married	7 Apr 1745	Place Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Penn.	SealSp	22 Jun 1996	CHICA
	Husband's father	Johann Heinrich BRENDEL (6GG) (Schoolmaster)				
	Husband's mother	Anna Barbara BOELTZER (6GG)				
Wife	**Maria Appollonia CHRISTMAN (5GG)**					
	Born	25 Oct 1725	Place Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Died		Place (of) Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	3 Dec 1993	LOGAN
				Endowed	1 Apr 1994	LOGAN
				SealPar	5 May 1994	LOGAN
	Wife's father	Johan Henrick CHRISTMAN (6GG) (Linenweaver)				
	Wife's mother	Anna Margaretha (6GG)				
Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1	M	**William BRENDEL (In 1772 Cocalico, Lancaster Co., Pa. tax records)**				
	Born	Abt 1746	Place Lancaster or Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized		
				Endowed		
				SealPar		
	Spouse	Anna Maria WURTZ				
	Married	Abt 1776	Place (of) Lancaster County, Penn.	SealSp		
2	M	**Henry BRENDEL (In 1779 Cocalico, Lancaster Co., Pa. tax rec with 100 acres)**				
	Born	Abt 1750	Place Lancaster or Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized		
				Endowed		
				SealPar		
3	F	**Elizabeth BRENDEL**				
	Born	Abt 1758	Place Lancaster or Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	18 Jun 1996	CHICA
				Endowed	21 Jun 1996	CHICA
				SealPar	22 Jun 1996	CHICA
	Spouse	Heinrich KLAPP				
	Married	27 Nov 1781	Place Berks or Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	22 Jun 1996	CHICA
4	F	**Susanna BRENDEL (4GG)**				
	Born	Abt 1760	Place Lancaster or Berks Co., Penn.	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
	Died		Place Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	9 May 1986	DALLA
				SealPar	30 Jun 1996	DALLA
	Spouse	George SIDENBENDER (4GG)				
	Married	18 Feb 1784	Place Berks or Lancaster Co., Penn.	SealSp	11 Nov 1983	WASHI
5	F	**Barbara BRENDEL**				
	Born	Abt 1762	Place Lancaster or Berks County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	18 Jun 1996	CHICA
				Endowed	20 Jun 1996	CHICA
				SealPar	22 Jun 1996	CHICA
	Spouse	Samuel MEDER				
	Married	9 Aug 1785	Place Berks or Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	22 Jun 1996	CHICA

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Husband Johann Heinrich BRENDEL (6GG) (Schoolmaster)

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Chr.	11 Oct 1683	Place Oberbronn, Alace, France	Baptized 11 Aug 2001	COLSC
Died	2 Jul 1764	Place Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	Endowed 9 Aug 2003	COLSC
			SealPar Cleared	
Married	14 Oct 1710	Place Oberbronn, Alsace, France	SealSp 19 Dec 1991	PORTL
Other Spouse	Mrs. Anna Maria WALTZINGER			
Married	1738	Place Sultzbach Luth. Ch., Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	SealSp	
Husband's father	Johann Heinrich BRENDEL (7GG) (Burgher)			
Husband's mother	Maria (7GG)			

Wife Anna Barbara BOELTZER (6GG)

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Born	Abt 1685	Place Oberbronn or Froeschwiller, Alsace, France	Baptized 26 Nov 1999	JRIVE
Died	27 Dec 1737	Place Froeschwiller, Alsace, France	Endowed 26 Nov 1999	JRIVE
			SealPar 18 Apr 1995	PORTL
Wife's father	Johannes BOELTZER (7GG) (Burgher)			
Wife's mother				

Children List each child in order of birth

				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
1	M	Louis Heinrich (Ludwig) BRENDEL (Tailor in Gimpfel in 1738)			
	Born	1711	Place (prob) Oberbronn, Alsace, France	Baptized 11 Aug 1992	PORTL
				Endowed 12 May 1993	PORTL
				SealPar 20 Aug 1993	PORTL
	Spouse	Catharina			
	Married	Abt 1732	Place Windstein, Alsace, France	SealSp 22 Feb 1996	PORTL
2	M	Johann Georg (Hans Jorg) BRENDEL (res. in Trautbronn in 1738)			
	Born	18 Jun 1713	Place Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	Baptized 26 Mar 1992	PORTL
	Chr.	20 Jul 1713	Place Sultzbach Luth. Ch., Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	Endowed 8 May 1993	PORTL
	Died	1783	Place Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Penn.	SealPar 14 Aug 1993	PORTL
	Spouse	Eva Catharina Frey or FREYLIN			
	Married	26 Apr 1735	Place Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	SealSp	
3	M	Johann Freiedrich BRENDEL			
	Chr.	26 May 1715	Place Sultzbach Luth. Ch., Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	Baptized 26 Mar 1992	PORTL
	Died	31 Dec 1749	Place	Endowed 8 May 1993	PORTL
				SealPar 13 Aug 1993	PORTL
4	M	Johann Phillip BRENDEL (5GG)			
	Chr.	9 Apr 1716	Place Sultzbach Luth. Ch., Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	Baptized 26 Mar 1992	PORTL
	Died	Aft 1790	Place Lancaster or Berks County, Pennsylvania	Endowed 8 May 1993	PORTL
				SealPar 13 Aug 1993	PORTL
	Spouse	Maria Appollonia CHRISTMAN (5GG)			
	Married	7 Apr 1745	Place Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Penn.	SealSp 22 Jun 1996	CHICA
5	M	Johann Heinrich BRENDEL			
	Chr.	17 Jul 1718	Place Sultzbach Luth. Ch., Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	Baptized 26 Mar 1992	PORTL
	Died	1799	Place Brecknock Twp., Berks, Penn. (will 18 Apr 1799)	Endowed 8 May 1993	PORTL
				SealPar 14 Aug 1993	PORTL
	Spouse	Anna Barbara AURWASSER			
	Married	Dec 1741	Place Muddy Creek, Berks County, Penn.	SealSp 8 Jan 2000	BILLI
6	M	Johannes BRENDEL			
	Chr.	16 May 1723	Place Sultzbach Luth. Ch., Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	Baptized 26 Mar 1992	PORTL
				Endowed 8 May 1993	PORTL
				SealPar 13 Aug 1993	PORTL
7	F	Suzanna Catharina BRENDEL			
	Born	Abt 1725	Place (prob) Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	Baptized 27 Oct 1995	PORTL
				Endowed 4 Apr 1997	PORTL
				SealPar 10 Oct 1997	PORTL
8	F	Maria Dorothea BRENDEL			
	Chr.	5 Oct 1727	Place Sultzbach Luth. Ch., Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	Baptized	
				Endowed	
				SealPar	
	Spouse	Frederich WALTZINGER			
	Married	1 Jul 1738	Place (prob) Alsace, France	SealSp	

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Husband Johann Heinrich BRENDEL (7GG) (Burgher & Tailor of Oberbronn in 1710)

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Born	1650/1660	Place (of) Oberbronn, Alsace, France	Baptized 24 Apr 1999	BOISE
			Endowed 4 Nov 1999	PORTL
			SealPar 31 Mar 2005	PROVO
Married	Abt 1679	Place (of) Oberbronn, Alsace, France	SealSp 22 Feb 1996	PORTL
Husband's father				
Husband's mother				

Wife Maria (7GG)

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Born	Abt 1660	Place (of) Oberbronn, Alsace, France	Baptized 15 Mar 2005	PROVO
			Endowed Sub 11 Mar 2005	
			SealPar	
Wife's father				
Wife's mother				

Children List each child in order of birth.

1 M **Johann Phillip BRENDEL**

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Born	28 May 1680	Place Oberbronn, Alsace, France	Baptized 24 Apr 1999	BOISE
			Endowed 11 Dec 1999	PORTL
			SealPar 26 Feb 2000	PORTL

2 M **Johann Heinrich BRENDEL (6GG) (Schoolmaster)**

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Chr.	11 Oct 1683	Place Oberbronn, Alace, France	Baptized 11 Aug 2001	COLSC
Died	2 Jul 1764	Place Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	Endowed 9 Aug 2003	COLSC
			SealPar Cleared	
Spouse	Anna Barbara BOELTZER (6GG)			
Married	14 Oct 1710	Place Oberbronn, Alsace, France	SealSp 19 Dec 1991	PORTL
Spouse	Mrs. Anna Maria WALTZINGER			
Married	1738	Place Sultzbach Luth. Ch., Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France	SealSp	

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Husband Johann Heinrich CHRISTMAN (6GG)

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Born	Abt 1695	Place Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany	Baptized 15 Mar 2005	PROVO
Died	Will 1749	Place Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Endowed Sub 11 Mar 2005	
			SealPar Sub 11 Mar 2005	
Married	Abt 1718	Place (of) Quirnbach, Pflaz, Germany	SealSp 31 Mar 2005	PROVO
Husband's father				
Husband's mother				

Wife Anna Margaretha (6GG)

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Born	Abt 1700	Place (of) Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany	Baptized 15 Mar 2005	PROVO
			Endowed Sub 11 Mar 2005	
			SealPar	
Wife's father				
Wife's mother				

Children List each child in order of birth.

1 F **Anna Margareta CHRISTMAN**

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Chr.	20 Oct 1719	Place Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany	Baptized 23 Nov 1993	LOGAN
			Endowed 11 Mar 1994	LOGAN
			SealPar 5 May 1994	LOGAN
Spouse	John George MITTEBERGER			
Married	Abt 1748	Place (of) Quirnbach, Pflaz, Germany	SealSp	

2 F **Catherine Barbara CHRISTMAN**

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Chr.	20 Feb 1722	Place Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany	Baptized 23 Nov 1993	LOGAN
			Endowed 11 Mar 1994	LOGAN
			SealPar 5 May 1994	LOGAN

3	F	**Elizabeth Catharina CHRISTMAN**				
	Chr.	27 Feb 1724	Place Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany	Baptized	23 Nov 1993	LOGAN
				Endowed	11 Mar 1994	LOGAN
				SealPar	5 May 1994	LOGAN
4	F	**Maria Elisabetha CHRISTMAN**				
	Born	21 Jul 1730	Place Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany	Baptized	3 Dec 1993	LOGAN
	Died		Place (of) Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	1 Apr 1994	LOGAN
				SealPar	5 May 1994	LOGAN
5	F	**Maria CHRISTMAN (5GG)**				
	Born	25 Oct 1725	Place Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany	Baptized	3 Dec 1993	LOGAN
	Died		Place (of) Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	1 Apr 1994	LOGAN
				SealPar	5 May 1994	LOGAN
	Spouse	Johann Phillip BRENDEL (5GG)				
	Married	7 Apr 1745	Place Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Penn.	SealSp	22 Jun 1996	CHICA
6	M	**Johann Nichel CHRISTMAN**				
	Born	2 May 1736	Place Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany	Baptized	15 Feb 1994	LOGAN
	Chr.	10 May 1736	Place Glan-Munchweiler, Pfalz, Germany	Endowed	18 Aug 1994	LOGAN
				SealPar	20 Oct 1994	LOGAN
7	M	**Johann Peter CHRISTMAN**				
	Born	16 Mar 1738	Place Quirnbach, Pfalz, Germany	Baptized	15 Feb 1994	LOGAN
	Chr.	23 Mar 1738	Place Glan-Munchweiler, Pfalz, Germany	Endowed	7 Oct 1994	LOGAN
				SealPar	3 Jan 1995	LOGAN

Johannes Boeltzer

Seventh Great-Grandfather

Family Group Record

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Husband Johannes BOELTZER (7GG) (Burgher of Froeschwiller, France)

			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Born	Abt 1650	Place Oberbronn, Alsace, France	Baptized	26 Nov 1999	JRIVE
Died	Bef 1710	Place	Endowed	5 Nov 1999	PORTL
			SealPar	31 Mar 2005	PROVO
Married		Place	SealSp		
Husband's father					
Husband's mother					

Wife

		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
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Wife's father		SealPar	
Wife's mother			

Children List each child in order of birth.

1	F	**Anna Barbara BOELTZER (6GG)**				
	Born	Abt 1685	Place Oberbronn or Froeschwiller, Alsace, France	Baptized	26 Nov 1999	JRIVE
	Died	27 Dec 1737	Place Froeschwiller, Alsace, France	Endowed	26 Nov 1999	JRIVE
				SealPar	18 Apr 1995	PORTL
	Spouse	Johann Heinrich BRENDEL (6GG) (Schoolmaster)				
	Married	14 Oct 1710	Place Oberbronn, Alsace, France	SealSp	19 Dec 1991	PORTL

The Smith Family

A history of Philip Schmidt/Smith, Sixth Great-Grandfather, a Captain in the German army, who emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1750, to Clyde Van Smith, Great-Grandfather, a civil engineer, who was born in 1870 and had seven daughters.

The very first record of the family name Schmidt* was found in the province of Brandenburg, the birthplace of modern Germany. "Historically

Top right: Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) was born in Germany, where his surname was Schmidt. Top left: Cologne, Germany, where Barbara Merkle (6th Great-Grandmother), wife of Philip Smith, may have been born. Above left: George Heap's engraved sketch of Philadelphia in late 18th century. Philip Smith arrived at the port of Philadelphia in 1750. Above right: Antietam Creek; 2004. Soon after arriving in America, Philip settled on Antietam Creek in Maryland.

known as Brandenburg-Prussia, bearers of the family name Schmidt were found in the northern provinces that were later to make up Prussia, where the name emerged in medieval times as one of the notable families of the region. There are numerous variations of the name Schmidt including: Fabricius (Latin form), Schmidt (northern Germany), Schmid (southern Germany), Schmitz, Schmied, Schmitt (Rhineland), and Smith (English)" (*Smith/Schmidt Genealogy Summary*).

****Descent of Philip Smith/Schmidt to Marion Sharp, Jr.: Philip Smith, 6GG; Henry Smith, 5GG; Jacob Smith, 4GG; Israel Smith, 3GG; Henry K. Smith, 2GG; Clyde Smith, GG; Claire Smith, Grandmother; Marion Sharp, Jr., Father.***

Philip Schmidt/Smith, Sixth Great-Grandfather

Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather; about 1725-1814), actually Philip Schmidt, was born about 1725 in Germany. "He was of royal (noble) descent, and held the rank and

Top: Old print of Rotterdam in the 16th century. Right: Rotterdam, Netherlands, in 1893, and in April 2005 (above). Everything was destroyed in WWII. Lower right: Portsmouth, England, in April 2005. Philip and Barbara Merkle Smith (6th Great-Grandparents) left Rotterdam on the *Edinburgh*, stopped in Portsmouth, and arrived in Philadelphia on August 13, 1750. Most of the German immigrants to America in the 1700s passed through Rotterdam and made a stop in Portsmouth or Southampton, England, on their way to the New World.

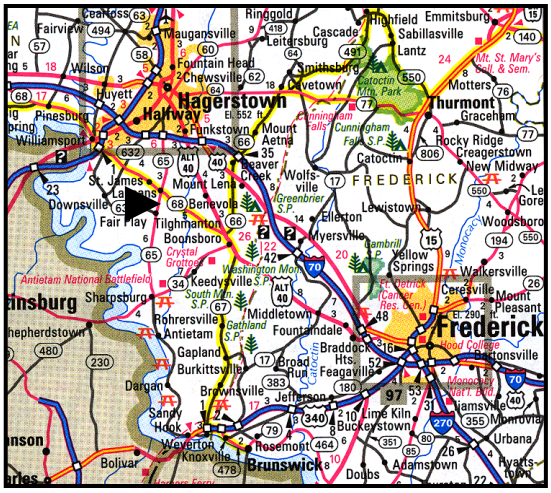
title of 'Captain of Shamoka.' (Shamoka is probably a corruption of Schmorkau, the name of three towns in Germany. The largest of the three is located off Highway 97, northeast of Dresden, and Konigsbruck, Germany. This town lies in the province of Saxony near the border of Brandenburg. Some of the problems with the name Shamoka are that it is very rare for a name to begin 'Sh' in

German, but very common for it to begin 'Sch;' also a name ending in 'a' is also rare, but an 'au' ending is more common. The location of this town in the eastern province of Brandenburg lends support to it being the right town, as Schmidt is an old name in

Top: Roxbury Mills Bridge built in 1824. A gristmill was located nearby. Above: Claggett's Mill Bridge built in 1840. Right: Mill Bridge built in 1839. All three bridges cross Antietam Creek at different places. Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) lived on Antietam Creek from about 1750/1751 until he moved to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1769.

that area of Germany. Nevertheless, his birthplace may have been elsewhere and perhaps he was only garrisoned in, or near, Schmorkau.) He was well educated and trained in the military of his Teutonic land. As a young man he fell in love with a young commoner named **Barbara Markley (Merkle)** (6th Great-Grandmother; born about 1730 in Germany; one web site says Cologne; died April 21, 1818, in Wayne County, Ohio; according to *English-German Surnames*, Merkle means "guardian of the boundary"). Asking permission to wed, he was refused because of the strict German laws and customs. Unable to accept the decision, he chose to leave the life of privilege and ease. He resigned his title and the young lovers eloped to Rotterdam, Netherlands, where they boarded the ship *Edinburgh* and sailed for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after a stop in Portsmouth, England. The ship arrived in the port of Philadelphia on August 13, 1750, with 312 passengers and a crew under the command of Capt. James Russell, Master" (*Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, pages 1107-1108, by Nelson, pub-

lished 1900—see Notes for the entire verbatim account). His ship was one of fifteen that sailed from Rotterdam to Philadelphia that year.



Above: Funkstown Bridge over Antietam Creek, built in 1833. It is located south of Hagerstown. Left: Arrow points to location of Antietam Creek, which flows from the border of Pennsylvania to the Potomac River. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003. Soon after arriving in America, Philip Smith took a patent to 68 acres of land and a mill house in eastern Washington County, Maryland, along Antietam Creek, called *Antietam Farms*. Here, eleven of his thirteen children were born. Philip's farm may have been near Antietam Battlefield, site of the "bloodiest day" fought in the Civil War.

"The journey from German to Pennsylvania fell naturally into three parts. The first part, and by no means the easiest, was the journey down the Rhine to Rotterdam." Gottlieb Mittelberger sailed for America in 1750; just two months after Philip Smith left Germany. He wrote, "This journey last from the beginning of May to the end of October, fully half a year, amid such hardships as no one is able to describe adequately with their misery. The cause is because the Rhine boats from Heilbronn to Holland have to pass by 26 custom houses, at all of which the ships are examined, which is done when it suits the convenience of the custom house officials. In the meantime the ships with the people are detained long, so that the passengers have to spend much money. The trip down the Rhine lasts therefore four, five and even six weeks. When the ships come to Holland, they are detained there likewise five to six weeks. Because things are very dear there, the poor people have to spend nearly all they have during that time." Philip and Barbara probably missed this first part of the journey, as it appears that they first bordered their ship at the port of Rotterdam.

The second stage of the journey was from Rotterdam to one of the English ports. Most

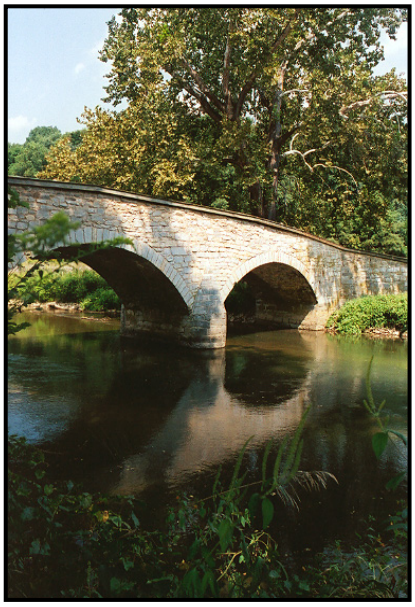
of the ships called at Cowes, on the Isle of Wright, but a large number (thirty-two) stopped in Portsmouth. In England there was another delay of one to two weeks, when the ships were waiting either to be passed through the custom house or waiting for favorable winds. When the ships had for the last time weighed their anchors then, writes Mittelberger, "The real misery begins with the long voyage. For from there the ships, unless they have good wind, must often sail eight, nine, ten to twelve weeks before they reach Philadelphia. But even with the best wind the voyage lasts seven weeks."

Top: Rose Mill Bridge over Antietam Creek, built in 1833. Above: Land next to Antietam Creek in Maryland. Philip's farm was located on this famous creek.

"The third stage of the journey, or the ocean voyage proper, was marked by much suffering and hardship. The passengers being packed densely, 'like herrings,' as Mittelberger describes it, without proper food and water, were soon subject to all sorts of diseases, such as dysentery, scurvy, typhoid and smallpox. Children were the first to be attacked and died in large numbers. Mittelberger reports of thirty-two children that died on his ship."

"The terrors of disease, brought about to a large extent by poor food and lack of good drinking water, were much aggravated by frequent storms through which ships and passengers had to pass. 'The misery reaches the climax when a gale rages for two or three nights and days, so that everyone believes that the ship will go to the bottom with all human beings on board. In such a visitation the people cry and pray most piteously. When in such a gale the sea rages and surges, so that the waves rise often

like mountains one above the other, and often tumble over the ship, so that one fears to go down with the ship; when the ship is constantly tossed from side to side by the storm and waves, so that no one can neither walk, or sit, or lie, and the closely packed people in the berths are thereby tumbled over each other, both the sick and the well—it will be readily understood that many of these people, none of whom had been prepared for hardships, suffer so terribly from them that they do not survive" (*Journey to Pennsylvania in the Year 1750*, by Gottlieb Mittelberger, quoted in *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, by William Hinke).



Above: Famous Burnside Bridge over Antietam Creek in Antietam National Battlefield Park. The handsome bridge, built in the 1830s, was the scene of thousands of casualties on October 23, 1862. From a high bluff next to the bridge, the Confederates were able to fire down on the Union soldiers.

"After signing the oath of allegiance, Philip and Barbara soon traveled to Frederick County, Maryland (now eastern Washington County), where he took a patent to 68 acres of land and a mill house along Antietam Creek, called *Antietam Farms*. Here, eleven of their thirteen children were born."

"In 1769, Philip, about 44 years of age, took patent to a tract of 315 acres of land in western Pennsylvania, Fayette County. At that time it belonged to Virginia's District of West Augusta. It was known as *The Cottage* and was located on the headwaters of York's Run, in the southeast part of George's Township, situated ten miles southwest of Uniontown." His land took up all the acreage slightly west of the corner of SR 3009 and T419, then east just beyond York Creek. Jacob's Church and Creek were located one mile due west from his two-story log home. His land was surveyed on June 1, 1769.

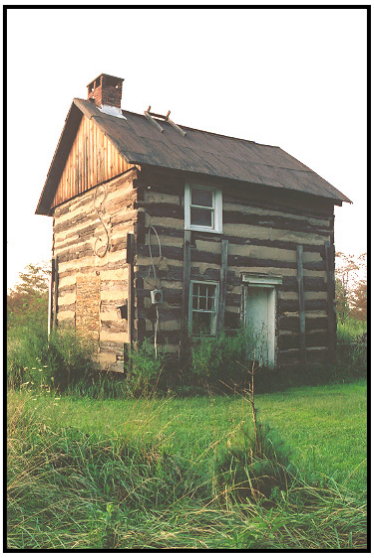
"An independent Lutheran Church, known locally as the 'Dutch Meeting House,' later to be designated 'Jacob's Old Dutch Church,' and even later as 'Jacob's Lutheran Church,' had been established in 1768 southeast of Masontown, Pennsylvania. The building, a log cabin, had been constructed in 1765 and called 'Riffle's Fort' by the three pioneer families of Riffles, Deffenbaugh and Franks. This church is the oldest Lutheran

Church west of the Appalachian Mountains. (*Jacob's Old Dutch Lutheran Church, Masontown, Pennsylvania*, Bicentennial booklet, published 1968.)

"The Philip Smith family united with the community in 1769, primarily to be with a German settlement and obtain more religious freedom. Philip taught parochial school in the small wooden church (a replica stands in the churchyard of the present church). Also, he was licensed to perform marriages and to conduct church services. Some of his family members are buried in Jacob's Lutheran churchyard." For a "number of years after the building of their log church, their only church services were conducted by their schoolmasters." About 1795 the congregation had about one hundred members. (*Jacob's Lutheran Church, Masontown, Pennsylvania.*)

Above: Path on Philip Smith's property in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Right: Three views of the cabin built by Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) about 1769. Today, the cabin stands a few hundred feet from where it originally stood for some 230 years.

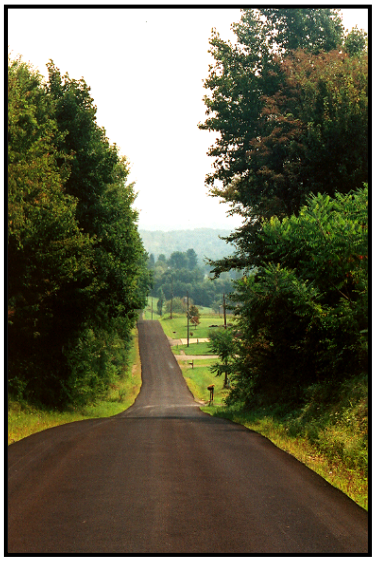
In 1781 Philip began selling parcels of his land: 50 acres to Daniel Menser; 206 acres to Daniel Menser in 1787; 65 acres to his son, George Smith in 1801; and 35 acres to Jacob First in 1802. He signed the deeds as 'Phillip Smith' and Barbara signed with her mark. (*Fayette County Deed Book A*, page 119; *Book C*, page 856; *Book E*, pages 6, 29, 168, and 205.)

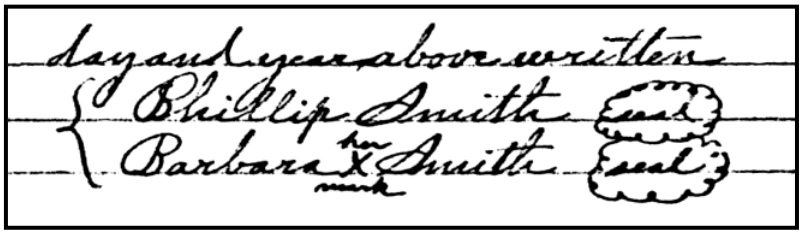


Thirty years after moving to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Philip sold his holdings for 700 pounds sterling (between 1797 and 1804) and moved to a site near Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio. There he acquired a patent grant in 1806 for 640 acres in Cross Creek Township. Over the next four years he sold parcels to Fred Brown, a son-in-law, 200 acres; to John Murchland, 160 acres; and to William Simon, 160 acres. (*Jefferson County, Ohio Land Deed Book, B*, pages 177, 237 and 263; *Book C*, 19 Feb 1812, page 531.) By 1812, Philip bought 257 acres in Wells' Mill (Mingo Bottom; now Mingo Junction) bordering the town of Steubenville from Bazaleel Wells for nine hundred dollars (in Section 34, 2nd Township, 1st Range). An entry in a Steubenville ledger says, "Philip Smith, Sr. lives near Wells mill on the hill" (*Spencer Ledger*,

Top right: Two views of the Philip Smith's cabin located one mile east of Jacob's Lutheran Church in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Right: Land owned by Philip from about 1769 until about 1799.

page 172). Valentine and Philip, Jr., two of Philip's sons, are also mentioned in the ledger (pages 114 and 116). The ruins of Philip Smith's house near Steubenville may still be standing, but I was unable to locate them in August 2004, even though I did find his property.



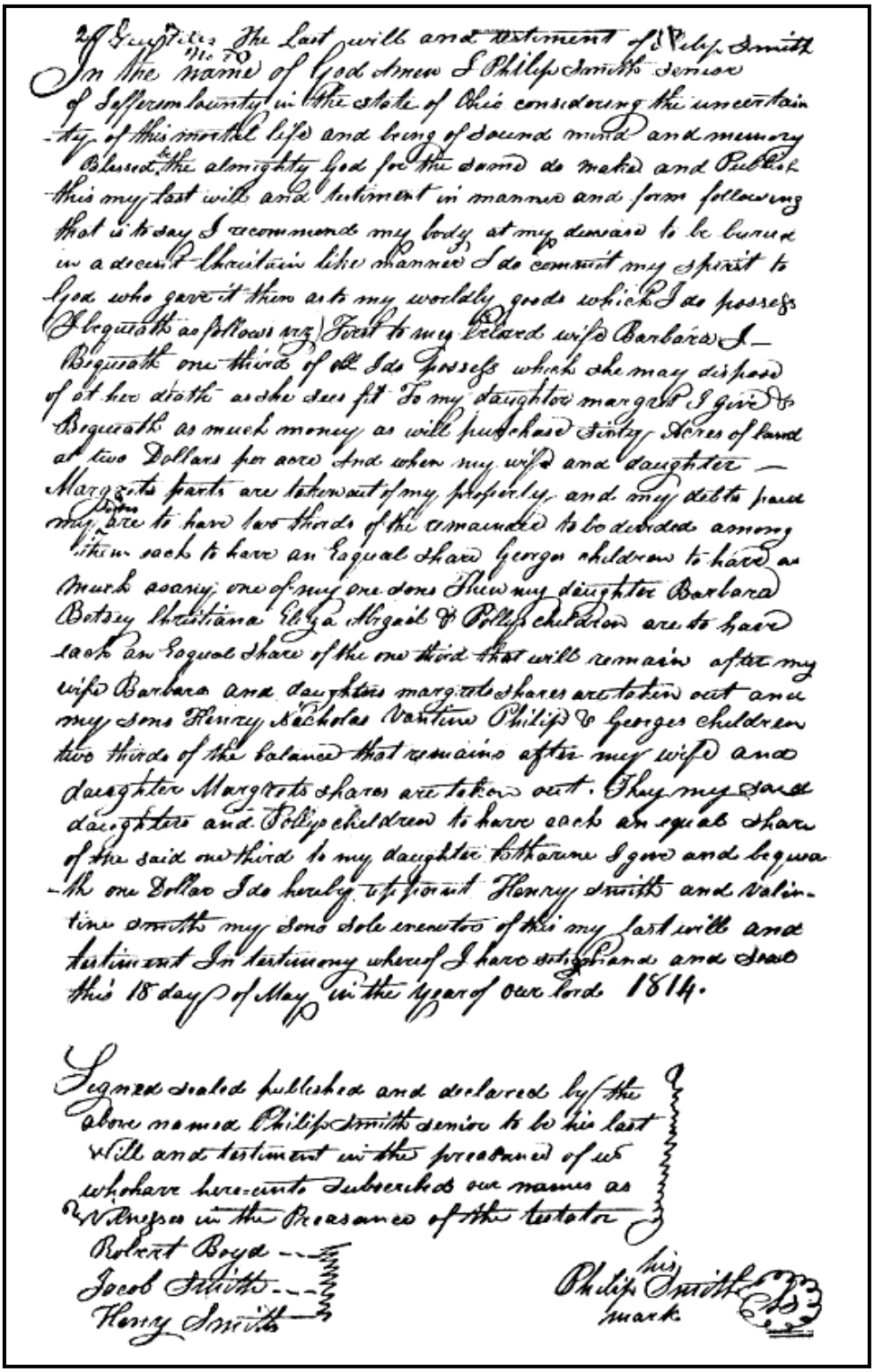


Top left: Road that runs along the side of land (top right) once owned by Philip Smith in the last quarter of the 18th Century. Above: Signature of Philip Smith and mark of his wife, Barbara Markley Smith (6th Great-Grandparents) on a deed dated in 1802 in Jefferson County, Ohio. (Clerk's copy of original signature and mark.) Philip read and wrote well enough to teach school.

Here he resided until his death two years later in 1814. "The administrators of his estate sold his land to Hans Wilson." He recorded his will in Jefferson County, Ohio, on May 18, 1814, and it was probated on June 14, 1814 (*Will Book 1*, page 142; *Deed Book D*, page 393). In his will he listed his children as: **Henry**, Valentine, Barbara (born 1755 in Frederick County, Maryland), Nicholas, Betsey (born 1759 in Frederick County, Maryland), Philip II, Christiana (1766-1833), Eliza (born about 1765, in Frederick County), Abigail, George (1769-1805), Mary Polly (1771-1814 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania), Catherine (born 1763 in Frederick County; died 1857), and Margaret Smith (1773-1819, in Wayne County, Ohio; married Mr. Warner).

Complete Will of Philip Smith: "In the name of God Amen. I Philip Smith Senior of Jefferson County in the state of Ohio considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of Sound mind and memory, Blessed be the almighty God for the same, do make and Publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say I recommend my body at my decease to be buried in a decent Christian like manner; I do commit my Spirit to God who gave it; then as to my worldly goods which I do possess I bequeath as follows). First to my beloved wife **Barbara** I Bequeath one third of all I do possess which she may dispose of at her death as she sees fit. To my daughter Margaret I give and Bequeath as much money as will purchase sixty Acres of

land at two Dollars per acre and when my wife and daughter Margaret's parts are taken



In the Name of God Amen I Philip Smith Senior of Jefferson County in the State of Ohio considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory Blessed be the almighty God for the same do make and Publish this my last will and testiment in manner and form following that is to say I recommend my body at my decease to be buried in a decent Christian like manner I do commit my Spirit to God who gave it then as to my worldly goods which I do possess I bequeath as follows viz) First to my beloved wife Barbara I bequeath one third of all I do possess which she may dispose of at her death as she sees fit To my daughter margret I give & bequeath as much money as will purchase Sixty Acres of land at two Dollars per acre And when my wife and daughter Margrets parts are taken out of my property and my debts paid my sons are to have two thirds of the remainder to be divided among them each to have an Equal share George children to have as much as any one of my one sons Then my daughter Barbara Betsey Christiana Eliza Abigail & Philips children are to have each an Equal share of the one third that will remain after my wife Barbara and daughter margrets shares are taken out and my sons Henry Nicholas Valintine Philip & Georges children two thirds of the balance that remains after my wife and daughter Margrets shares are taken out. They my said daughters and Philips children to have each an equal share of the said one third to my daughter Catharine I give and bequeath the one Dollar I do hereby set forth Henry Smith and Valintine Smith my sons sole executors of this my last will and testiment In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 18 day of May in the year of our Lord 1814.

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Philip Smith Senior to be his last Will and testiment in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witness in the Presence of the testator

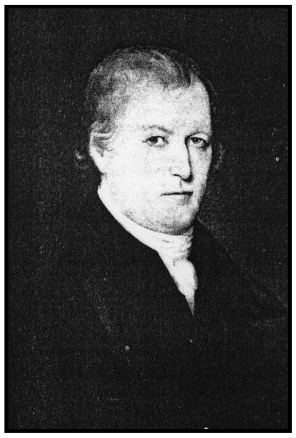
Robert Boyd
Jacob Smith
Henry Smith

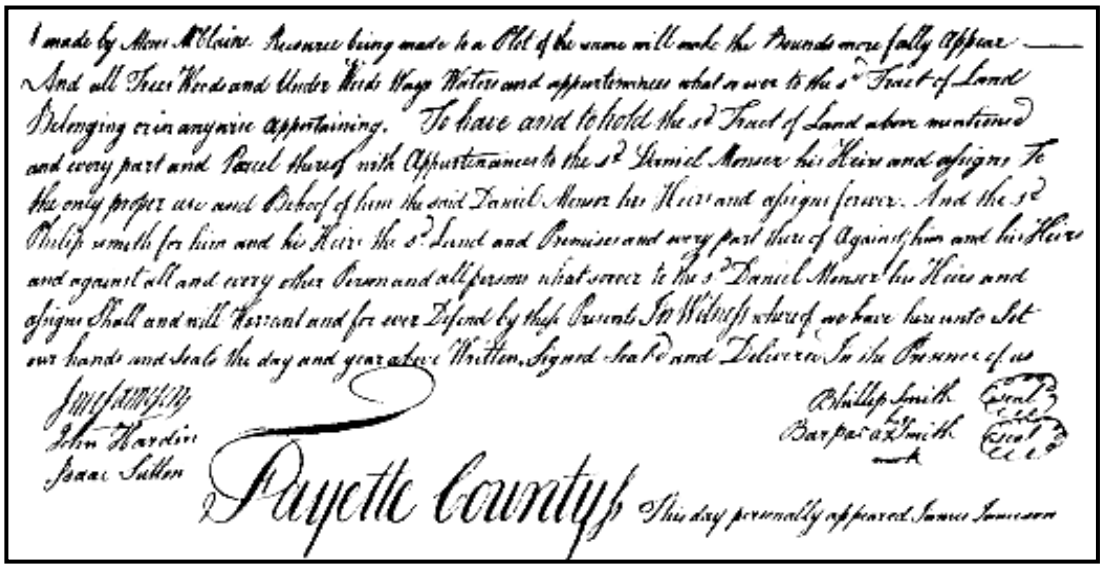
Philip his Smith mark

Will of Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather), dated May 18, 1814, Jefferson County, Ohio.

out of my property and my debts paid my sons are to have two thirds of the remainder

to be divided amongst them each to have an equal share. George's children to have as much as any one of my own sons. Then my daughters Barbara, Betsey, Christiana, Eliza, Abigail and Polly's children are to have each an equal share of the one third that will remain after my wife Barbara and daughter Margaret shares are taken out and my sons **Henry**, Nicholas, Valentine, Philip & George's children two thirds of the balance that remains after my wife and daughter Margaret's shares are taken out. They my daughters and Polly's children to have each an equal share of the said one third, to my daughter Catharine I give and bequeath the one Dollar. I do hereby appoint **Henry Smith** and Valentine Smith my sons sole executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 18 day of May in the year of our lord 1814." Philip his mark Smith.




made by Mess. McClure. Reserve being made to a Plot of the same will make the Bounds more fully Appear ——
And all Trees Woods and Under Woods Ways Waters and appurtenances what so ever to the s^d Tract of Land
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and every part and Parcel thereof with Appurtenances to the s^d Daniel Messer his Heirs and assigns To
the only proper use and Behoof of him the said Daniel Messer his Heirs and assigns forever. And the s^d
Philip Smith for him and his Heirs the s^d Land and Premises and every part there of Against him and his Heirs
and against all and every other Person and all persons what soever to the s^d Daniel Messer his Heirs and
assigns Shall and will Warrand and for ever Defend by these Presents In Witness where of we have here unto Set
our hands and Seals the day and year above Written. Signed Seald and Delivered In the Presence of us
James Kennedy
John Hardin
Isaac Sutton
Philip Smith [Seal]
Barbara Smith [Seal]
Fayette County ss This day personally appeared James Kennedy

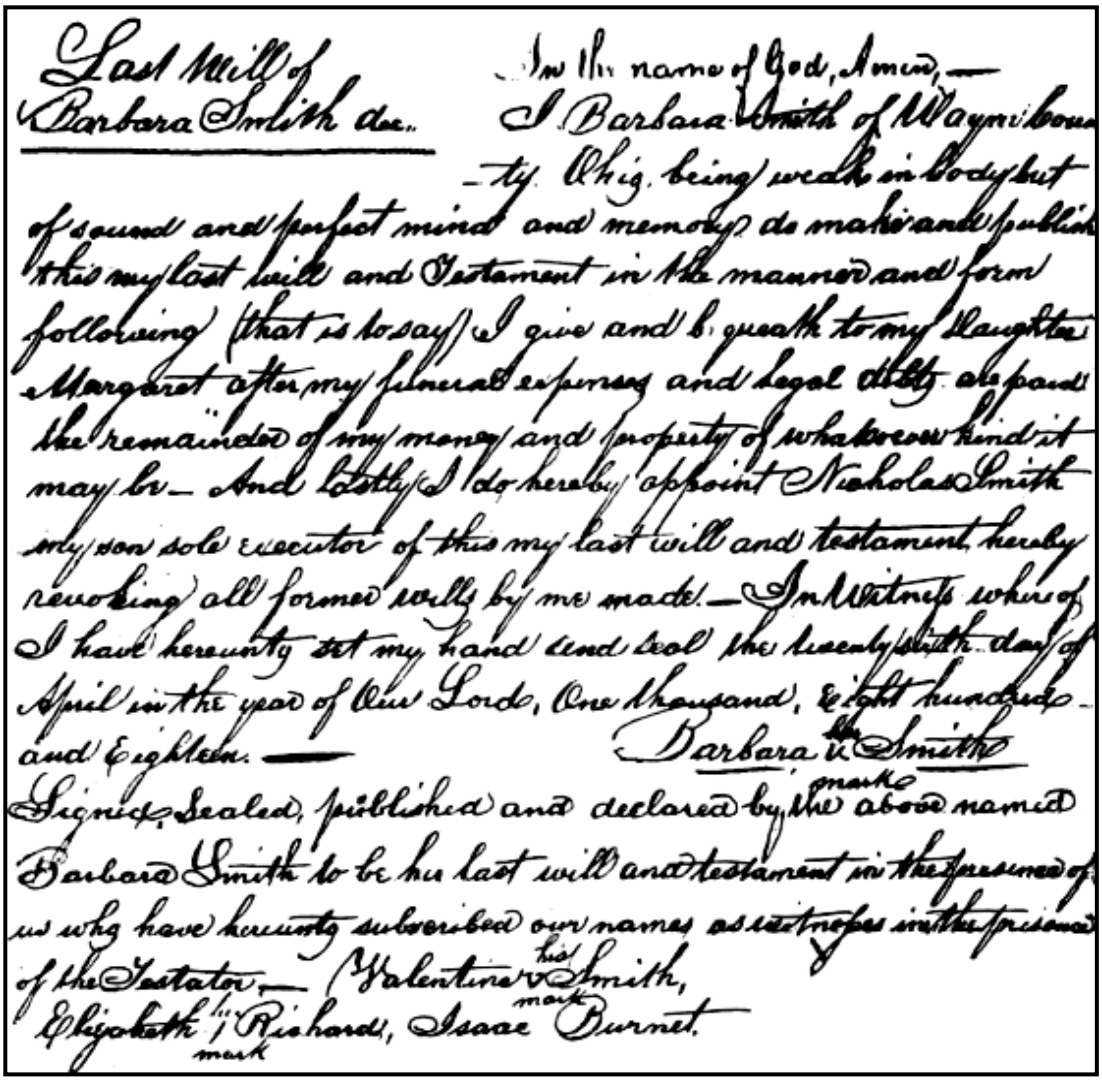
Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) and Valentine Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) purchased land from Bezaleel Wells (top left) in 1812. Bezaleel became rich from land speculation and built a mansion (top) in Steubenville, Ohio (no longer standing). Above: Second page of Fayette County deed dated 1786 and signed by Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) (clerk's copy). Philip could read and write, but on his will the clerk wrote for him to sign a mark. This may have been a mistake by the clerk because no mark was ever made on the document.

"Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Philip Smith Senior to be his last Will and testament in the presence of us who have here unto subscribed our names as witnesses in the Presence of the testator. Signed Robert Boyd, Jacob Smith and Henry Smith" (recorded at Steubenville, Ohio, in *Will Book 1*, page 142).

His wife, **Barbara Markley Smith**, moved to Wayne County, Ohio, to live with her

son, probably Nicholas Smith, until her death on April 21, 1819. Her will was one of the first recorded in Wayne County. (*Wayne County Will Book 1*, page 13, dated 1818.)

Last Will of Barbara Smith: "In the name of God Amen. I **Barbara Smith** of Wayne County, Ohio, being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory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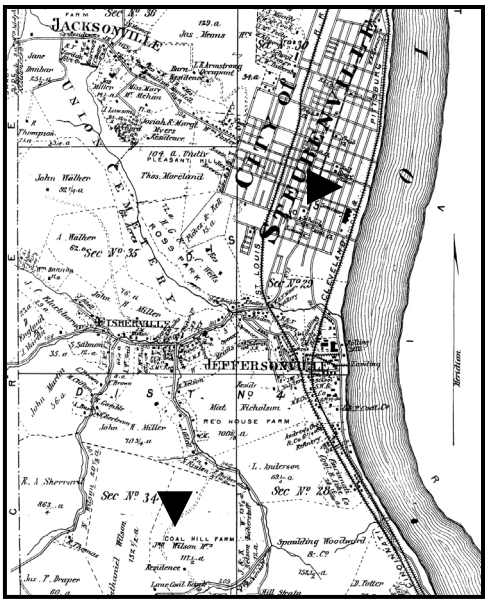
In the name of God, Amen, —
I Barbara Smith of Wayne Coun-
ty Ohio, being weak in body but
of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish
this my last will and Testament in the manner and form
following (that is to say) I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Margaret after my funeral expenses and legal debts are paid
the remainder of my money and property of whatsoever kind it
may be— And Lastly I do hereby appoint Nicholas Smith
my son sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all former wills by me made. — In Witness where of
I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty sixth day of
April in the year of Our Lord, One thousand, eight hundred
and Eighteen. —
Barbara her u mark Smith

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named
Barbara Smith to be her last will and testament in the presence of
us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence
of the Testator. — Valentine his v mark Smith,
Elizabeth her / mark Richard, Isaac Burnet.

Above: Will of Barbara Smith (5th Great-Grandmother) probated in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1819. Barbara signed with her mark. Her son, Valentine Smith, signed his mark as a witness.

do hereby publish this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following (that is to say) I give and bequeath to my Daughter **Margaret** after my funeral expenses and legal debts are paid the remainder of my money and property of whatsoever kind it may be—And testify that I do hereby appoint **Nicholas Smith** my son sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made—In Witness wherefore I have herewith set my hand and Seal this twenty sixth day of April in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and Eighteen. **Barbara her u mark Smith**."

"Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above received Barbara Smith to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names and certify in the presence of the Testator. **Valentine his V mark Smith**, Elizabeth her + mark Richards, Isaac Burnet."



Above: 1800s map of Steubenville, Ohio. Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) lived in the lower corner of section 34 until his death in 1814. Top left: Old building on part of his Ohio property. Left: Steubenville in 1840 and in 1920. Valentine Smith owned lots in downtown on 3rd Street.

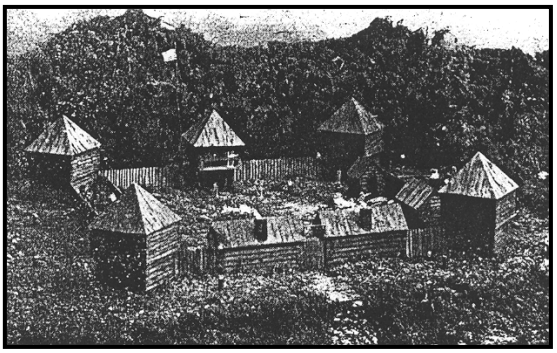
Children of Philip Smith, Sixth Great-Grandfather

Abigail Appollinia Smith (Abalona Schmidt) (5th Great-Grandaunt) was born on December 31, 1767, on

Antietam Creek in Frederick County, Maryland (now part of eastern Washington County) and baptized in 1786 in Jacob's Lutheran Church in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. She died September 9, 1845, in German Township, Fayette County, and was buried beside her husband in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

She married George Franks (born September 23, 1765, at Wills Creek, Frederick County, Maryland; died December 12, 1839, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; he froze to death while hunting), son of Jacob Franks (born May 22, 1743, Germany; died February 5, 1802, in

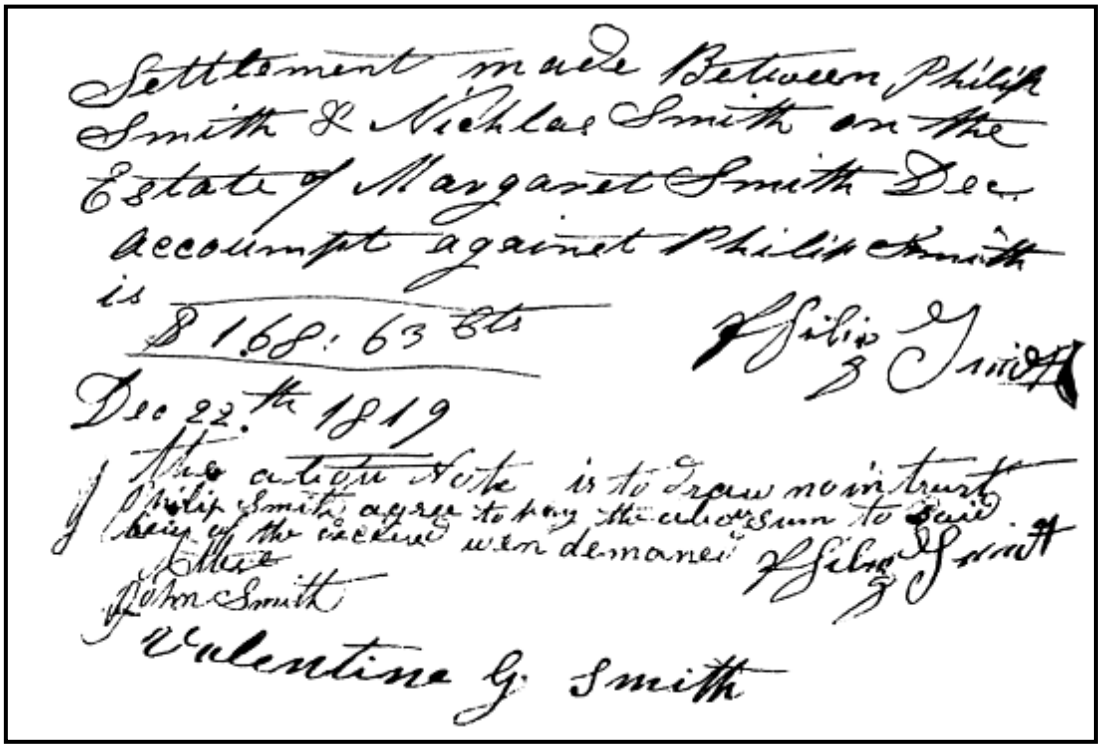
Fayette County; Jacob's Lutheran Church was named after him; he built the original log cabin church in 1765) and Barbara Brandenburg or Brandeberry (born 1741, Germany; died October 12, 1839, in Fayette County, at the age of 98), in 1783 in Fayette County.



Top left: Reconstruction of Fort Steuben; 2004. Middle: Model of original fort. Above: Steubenville, Ohio; 3rd Street, where Valentine Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) lived from 1800 to about 1808, was just across the Ohio River on the left side of the bridge near the fort. Right: Federal Land Office on 3rd Street in Steubenville built in 1801. The Smiths had dealings here. Philip Smith moved to Steubenville in 1799 and lived there until his death in 1814.

Abigail and George Franks had eleven children: Conrad Franks (October 7, 1786-March 7, 1869, Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio; married about 1803 his cousin, Mary Magdaline Smith-daughter of Henry Smith, December 21, 1786-October 6, 1868; both buried in Apple Creek Cemetery in Wayne County, Ohio), Jacob Franks (January 17, 1797-after 1830, Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio; married about 1814, Margaret "Mary" Badger, 1789-October 1, 1872), Barbara Ann Franks (November 24, 1789-June 15, 1857, Montgomery Township, Ashland County, Ohio; married on September 11, 1814, Michael Riddle, Sr. born 1793), Ruth Franks (November 2, 1793-January 5, 1882, Wayne County, Ohio; married Thomas Badger, 1793-1849), Sarah Margaret Franks (November 22, 1794-February 22, 1883, in Knox Township, Holmes County, Ohio; married Mr. Kore/Corr/Kerr; second marriage about 1848 to Daniel Adam Miller, born about

1811), Jesse Franks (November 12, 1799-May 15, 1877, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; christened on April 13, 1800, in Jacob's Lutheran Church; buried Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery; married about 1816 Elizabeth Harding, December 20, 1800-April 1, 1839; married second on July 27, 1840, Drusilla Shotwell, born about 1811-1892), Michael S. Franks (January


Settlement made Between Philip Smith & Nicholas Smith on the Estate of Margaret Smith Dec accounpt against Philip Smith is $168.63 Cts
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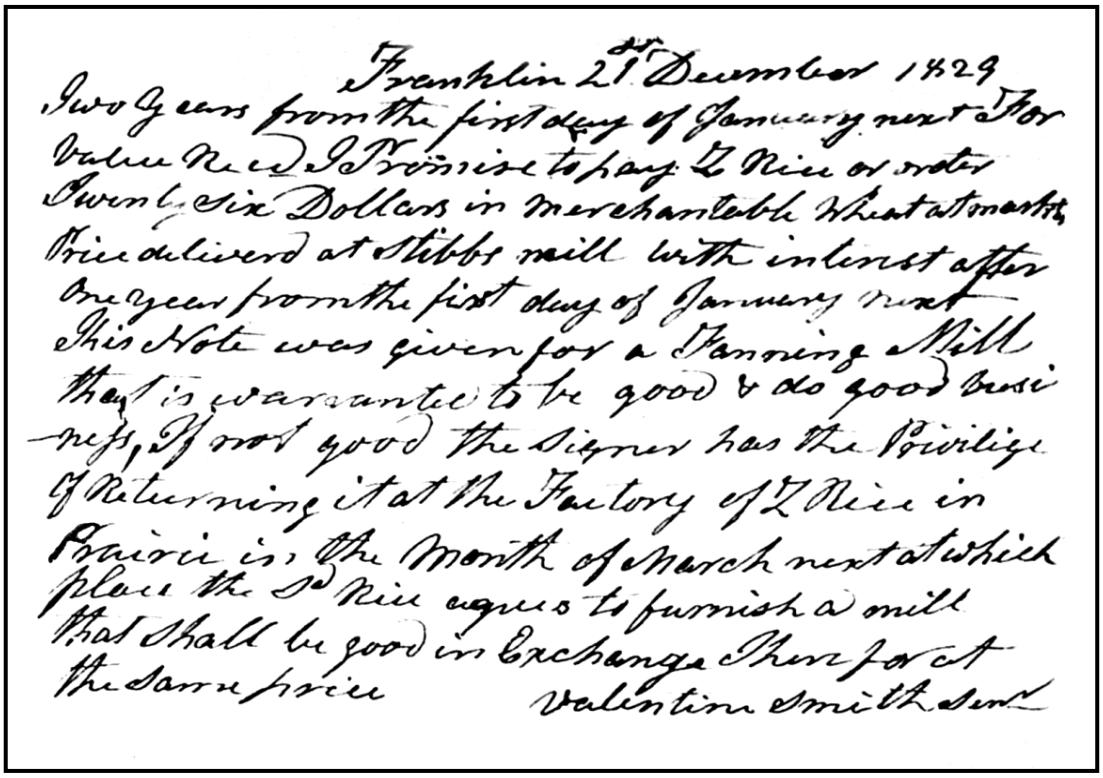
Above: Note written and signed by Philip Smith II (5th Great-Granduncle) in 1819. His sons, Valentine Smith and John Smith, signed as witnesses.

26, 1801-April 11, 1868, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; married on June 2, 1829, Catherine Fell, 1809-1852), Aaron F. Franks (November 24, 1795 or 1797-August 17, 1883, in Franklin Township, Wayne County, Ohio; married on October 18, 1823, Rebecca Sulifend, December 1802-February 11, 1868; second marriage to Angeline Zaring), Nancy Jane/Anne Franks (March 23, 1804-December 31, 1880, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; marriage on October 18, 1823, to Basil Sesler, 1791-1850; second marriage to John Lacrone), John Franks (November 10, 1806-April 21, 1880, Riley Township, Sandusky County, Ohio; married on March 29, 1828, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Sarah Christopher, October 8, 1803-August 29, 1886; both buried in McPherson Cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio), and Abigail Franks (November 6, 1810-1895; married Joseph Haught, 1806-1880; both buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery). All of their children were born in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Six of their nine children later moved to Wayne County, Ohio, as did a few grandchildren of the three that stayed in Pennsylvania.

Valentine Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) was born about 1754 on Antietam Creek in now eastern Washington County, Maryland, and died on October 22-31, 1830, in Wayne County, Ohio (Will probated on November 1, 1830, in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio). His movable property was valued at $572.70 on November 4, 1830. (*Wayne County Probate Number S-8.*)

"Valentine was in the 1790 census of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, listed with his wife, three sons and two daughters living in Georges Township. He moved to Jefferson County, Ohio,



Franklin 21st December 1829
Two Years from the first day of January next for
Value Rec'd I Promise to pay D Rice or order
Twenty Six Dollars in merchantable Wheat at Market
Price delivered at Stibbs mill with interest after
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This Note was given for a Fanning Mill
that is warranted to be good & do good Busi-
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of Returning it at the Factory of D Rice in
Prairie in the Month of March next at which
place the Sd Rice agrees to furnish a mill
that shall be good in Exchange therefor at
the same price
Valentine Smith Sen.

Above: Note written and signed by Valentine Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) on December 21, 1829. Below: Land owned by Valentine Smith in Wooster Township in Wayne County, Ohio.

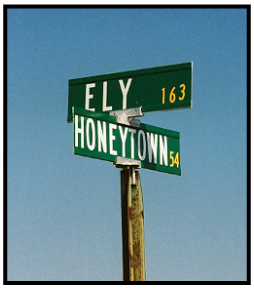
about 1800, where he owned lot 126 on 3rd Street, as well as lots 14 and 8, by patent from the government. These he sold from 1808 to 1811 and in 1808 he bought section 12 in Wooster Township, Wayne County,

Ohio. Later purchases were north ½ 19, East Union Township in 1809 and north ½ 13 in Wooster Township. His son, John V. Smith, took patent to southwest 7 East Union Township and son in law, Leonard Richards, north ½ section 7 of the same. In 1810 all of his family along with nephew George F. Smith (son of Philip II), widow Crawford and son Bazaleel, numbering 23 persons in all settled in Wayne County. He, three sons, and son-in-law, Daniel Doughty, were among the 45 heads of households listed

on the census of 1810, Killbuck Township, Columbiana County (Wayne County had not been formed yet). He later bought land in Chester Township, the northwest 14, which is Cedar Valley. Here his son, John V. Smith, built a flour mill." John V. Smith also built mills in East Union Township and Overton.

Top left: View of land once owned by Valentine and Nicholas Smith (5th Great-Granduncles) in Wooster Township, Wayne County, Ohio, in the early 1800s. The land bordered Ely and Honeytown Roads. Middle, lower left and above: Land once owned by Valentine Smith.

Valentine married Margaret (Margaretha) (born 1758) in 1776 and they had six children: John Valentine Smith (1775, or January 2, 1787, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania-January 24, 1852; married Mary Crawford in 1807), Mary Polly Smith (born about 1778; married Daniel Doughty/Doty, born 1779, in 1806), Aaron C. Smith (May 6, 1781-September 4, 1853; married Mary, born 1782), Philip V. Smith (1782-1827 in Wayne County, Ohio; married Margaret Riddle in 1804, born 1782), Elizabeth Smith (about 1784-estimated 1866; married Leonard Richards), and Valentine Smith II (born 1786; married Jane).

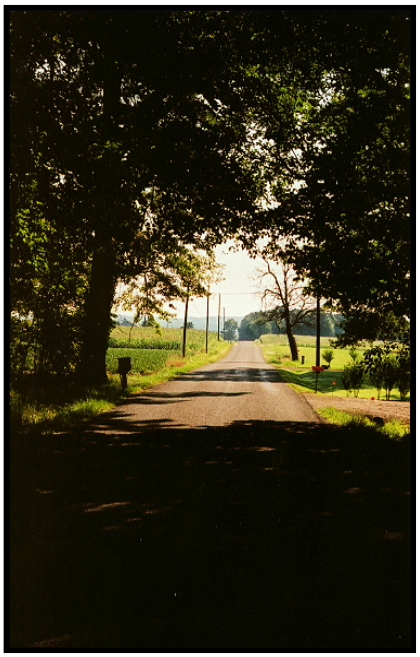


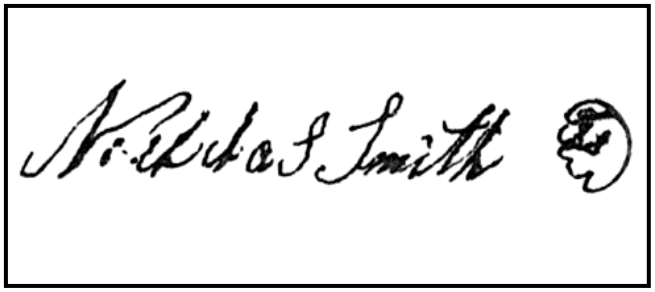
Nicholas Smith (Nicolaus Schmidt, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born about 1757 on Antietam Creek in (now) eastern Washington County, Maryland, and died in September 1832, in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio. (Will of Nicholas Smith in *Wayne County Will Book 2*, page 160; Will of Elizabeth Ewing Smith in *Will Book 3*, page 90.)

He married Elizabeth Ewing (born about 1760/1761 in Pennsylvania-died 1843) on

September 27, 1807, in Connellsville, Fayette, Ohio. They did not have any children, but raised some of the children of his brother, George Smith, after he died.

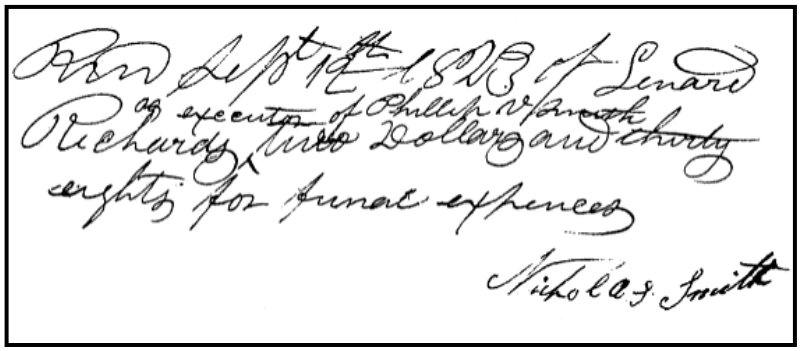
"Nicholas took Wayne County Land Grants on December 15,





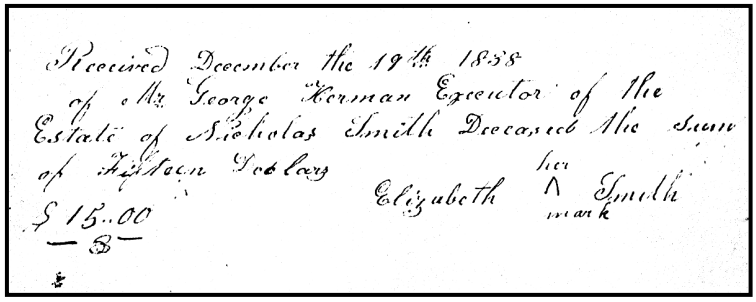
Above: Land owned by Nicholas Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) in Wooster Township, Wayne County, Ohio, in the early 1800s; Signature of Nicholas Smith on his will dated January 24, 1832. Below: Note written and signed by Nicholas Smith on September 12, 1823.

1808; the southwest quarter of section 12, Wooster Township, where the Infirmary is, and on October 1, 1810, southwest 29, East Union Township where Dale Parrot lives. There is evidence that they were childless, but raised Valentine G. and Allen, and a daughter, all the younger children of his brother George. He was a Township Supervisor in 1828, Wooster Township. He is listed as a taxpayer in school district #5 in 1826. In 1828 he bought 25 acres in southwest 30, East Union, adjoining his patent there. Upon his death in 1832 he willed his Wooster Township land to Valentine G. Smith, and his East Union land to Allen. Later 25 acres of this were bought by his nephew, Enoch Smith, and incorporated into the present Smith farm (1852). His will mentions gifts to George and Samuel, sons of George, deceased, and



to Sarah, wife of Joseph Butterbaugh. His wife Elizabeth died in 1843 and left goods to Valentine G., Maria, and Nicholas W., her nieces and nephews."

Nicholas sold 46 acres of land granted to him in Menallen Township in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to Matthew Low in 1790. The deed was signed by both Nicholas and his wife Elizabeth N. Smith. (*Fayette County Deed Book A*, page 325.)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of Mr George Herman Executor of the
Estate of Nicholas Smith Deceased the Sum
of Fifteen Dollars
Elizabeth her ∧ Smith mark
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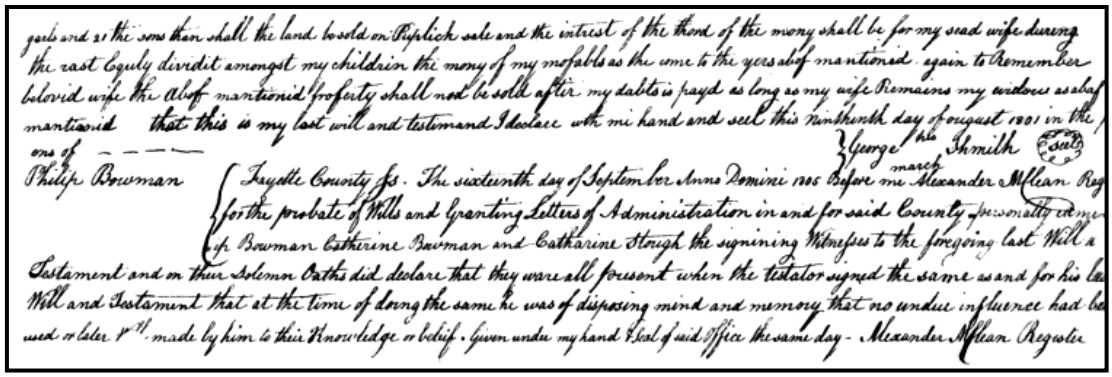
Above: Elizabeth Smith (wife of Nicholas Smith, 5th Great-Granduncle) made her mark on this note for fifteen dollars to the Executor of her husband's estate on December 19, 1838. Below: Second page of will of George Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) dated August 19, 1801, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Will of Nicholas Smith: "In the name of God Amen I Nicholas Smith of Wooster Township Wayne County Ohio being weak in body but of Sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same. Do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following Viz. First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth


goods and at the sons then shall the land be sold on Publick sale and the interest of the third of the mony shall be for my said wife during the rest Equly devidit amongst my children the mony of my moveables as the same to the yeres abof mantioned again to Remember belovid wife the abof mantioned property shall not be sold after my dabts is payd as long as my wife Remains my widow as abof mantioned that this is my last will and testimand I declare with mi hand and seal this nintheenth day of ougust 1801 in the
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Fayette County ss. The sixteenth day of September Anno Domini 1805 before me Alexander McLean Reg
for the probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration in and for said County personally came
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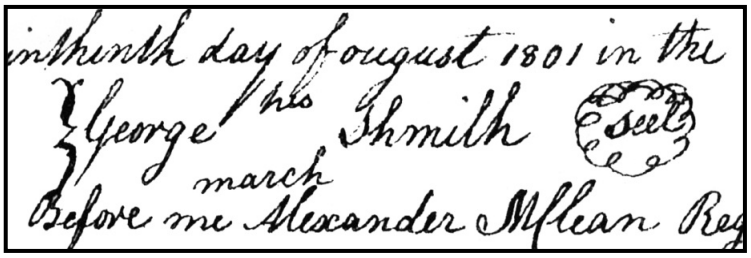
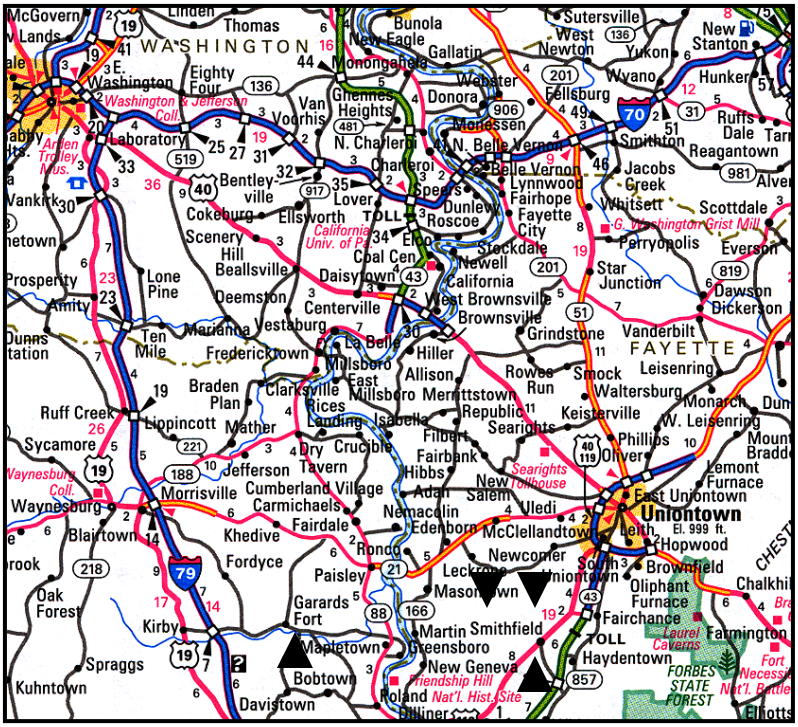
Testament and on their Solemn Oaths did declare that they were all present when the testator signed the same as and for his la
Will and Testament that at the time of doing the same he was of disposing mind and memory that no undue influence had be
used or later ⟨illegible⟩ made by him to their Knowledge or belief. Given under my hand & Seal of said Office the same day - Alexander McLean Regester

Smith four hundred dollars in money to be held by my Executors and given to my wife as she may require. I also give unto my wife all that part of the mansion farm whereon I now live south of the lane with all the appurtenances for her to have and to hold during her natural Life. Also I give unto my wife all the goods furniture and property belonging to the mansion House and also I give unto my wife the olibak mare and two Cows and one Heifer. Also I give unto my wife thirty bushels of wheat, which is now in the barn, and sixty bushels of corn now in the Crib. Second I do also give and bequeath unto Valentine G. Smith the southwest quarter of section Twelve, Township fifteen in Range thirteen him his wife and heirs to have and to hold forever. Having due respect to the restriction with respect to the south side of lane, for the widow during her natural life. 3rd. Valentine Smith must give unto my wife Elizabeth yearly and every year twenty five bushels of wheat seventy bushels of Corn and twenty bushels of oats those to be given during her natural life. Valentine must also Deliver unto my wife Elizabeth yearly and every year during her natural life fifteen cords of wood to be

delivered at the mansion House. Valentine must also pay the taxes of the afore described quarter of land yearly 4 every year. 4th. I do also give and bequeath unto Allen Smith, Matilda his wife and heirs the south west quarter of section twenty nine Township sixteen range twelve to have and to hold the above described quarter of land for ever, Except that part which I now fartherwise dispose. Allen is also to have that lot of land, which was conveyed to me by Robert Armstrong and Mary his wife. Allen Smith must give unto my wife Elizabeth yearly and every year during her natural life ten bushels of wheat and forty lbs. sugar also deliver to her at the mansion House five Cords of wood yearly during her natural life to be taken off that part reserved for her. I do also give and bequeath unto George Smith son to George Smith deceased two hundred dollars to be given by executors two years after my decease. 5th I do also give and bequeath unto Samuel Smith brother to George aforesaid, any (unreadable). 6th I do also give and bequeath unto Joseph Butterbaugh his wife Sarah and heirs thirty acres of land to be taken off the south east part of the south west quarter section twenty nine of Township sixteen in range twelve to be taken off so as to amount best with the land he already owns. Butterbaugh must give unto my wife Elizabeth ten lbs. of sugar yearly during her natural life. 7th. I do by this my will relinquish all Claims against Jacob and Elias Smith on account of money loaned to them for the

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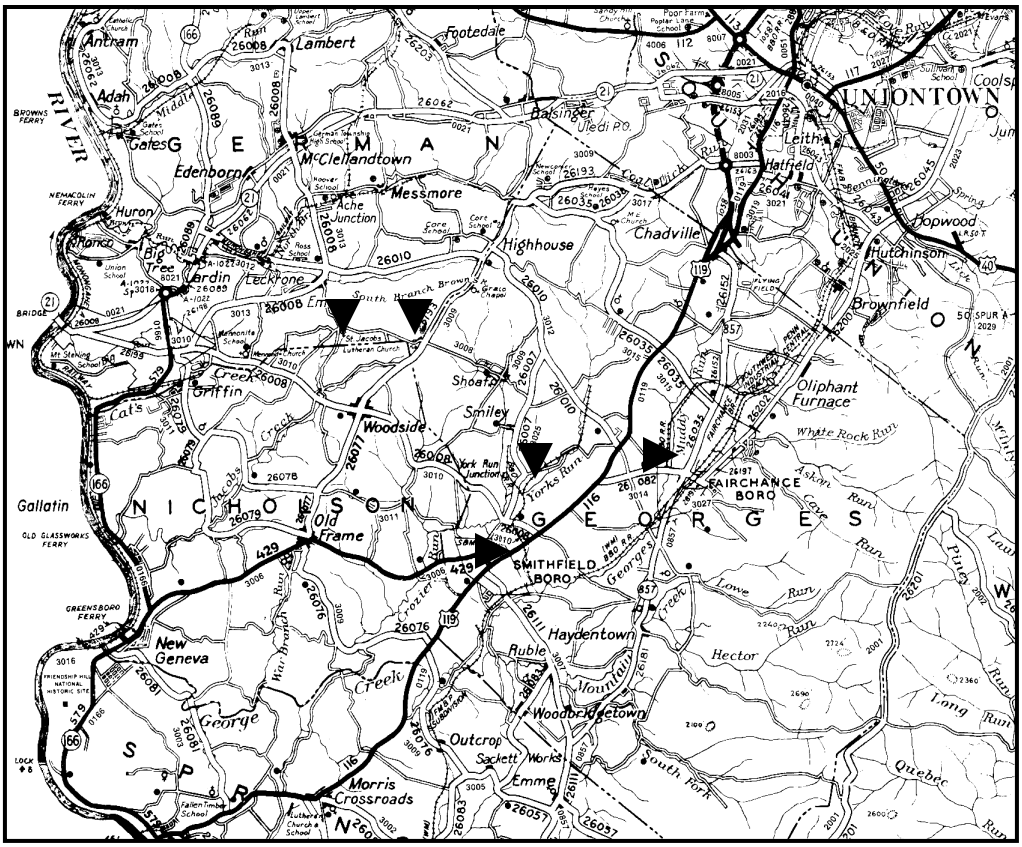


Above: Location of important Smith family places in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Arrows left to right: Jacob's Lutheran Church, where Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) attended church and taught school; also where Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) is buried. Location of Philip Smith's cabin, built circa 1769 and his 365 acres. Smithfield, where Daniel Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) is buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery. Location of the cabin and land of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) on York's Run. Little White Rock Cemetery in Fairchance, where Solomon Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) is buried. Map courtesy of County Maps, C. J. Puetz, Copyright © 1999.

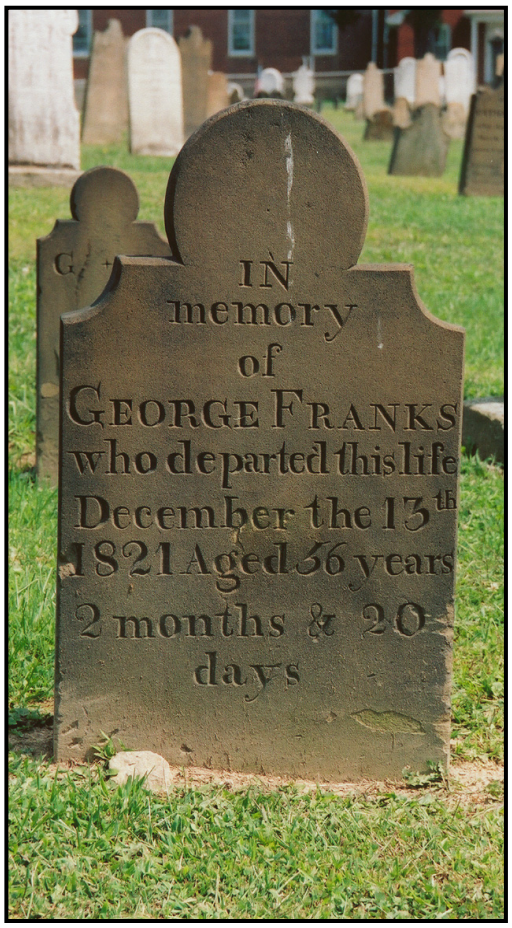
that it go to my wife. Lastly I do appoint George Harmon and George Boilston my whole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty two. Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Nicholas Smith to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto ascribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator. George C. Vallaningham, James Harmon, and Isaac Burnett. Signed **Nicholas Smith** (Seal)" (*Wayne County Probate Records, S-12*).

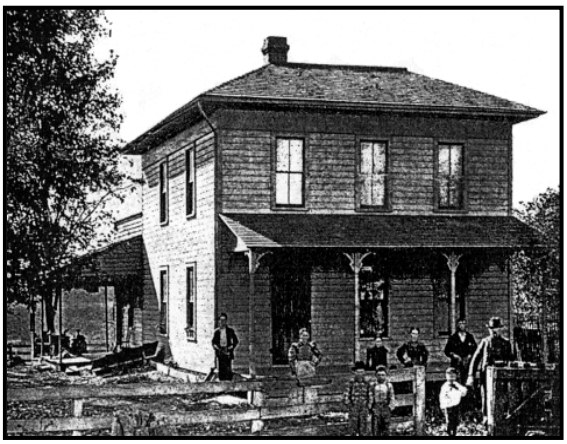
George Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) was born in 1761 on Antietam Creek in (now) the eastern portion of Washington County, Maryland, and died in September 1805 in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He married Rebeka (about 1770-

Above: Abigail Smith Franks (5th Great-Grand-aunt; 1765-1845), "who departed this life / Sept. 9, 1845 in the / 78th year of her age." Left: Barbary Franks, mother in law of Abigail Smith in Jacob's Lutheran Cemetery.

1805 in Fayette County) and they had six children: Nicholas Smith (about 1792 in Fayette County-October 3, 1839 in Wayne County, Ohio; married about 1812 in Wayne County to Abigail Teaff, about 1792 in Fayette County-January 24, 1871, in Humboldt, Kansas), George Smith II (February 20, 1793, in Fayette County-November 20, 1876, in Richland County, Ohio; married Rachel), Jonathan George Smith (April 22, 1795, in Fayette County-November 20, 1876, in Richland County, Ohio; married Rachel), Eleanor "Nelly" Smith (September 18, 1797, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania), Valentine George Smith (March 23, 1801, in Fayette County-September 19, 1876; married on September 10, 1835, in Wayne County, Ohio, Margaret Stanley, born about 1801), Allan/Allen Smith (December 22, 1802, in Fayette County-December 22, 1845, in Wayne County, Ohio; married on March 24, 1825, in Wooster, Wayne, Ohio, to Mitilda Riddle, born about 1805), and

Samuel G. Smith (April 2, 1805, in Fayette County-May 15, 1879, in Holmes County, Ohio; married on April 18, 1827, in Holmes County, Ohio, to Maria McIntire, born about 1809).





Left: Gravestone of George Franks (1765-1821), husband of Abigail Smith (5th Great-Grandaunt), who froze to death on a hunting trip. Above: Home of E. W. Franks in Wooster Township, Wayne County, Ohio, about 1900. Below: Gravestones of Jacob Franks (right, father in law of Abigail Smith) and a son of Jacob (left) buried beside him.

The will of George Smith was recorded on August 9, 1801. (*Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Will Book 1*, page 81.) It lists his brother, Nicholas, his brother in law, George Franks, and his wife Rebeka. George Franks was the administrator of George's will. After George died his brother Nicholas cared for some of his children.

Will of George Smith: "In the name of God Amen. I George Smith of Georges Township Fayette County, Pennsylvania am now not very well in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God. Calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die ordain this my Last will and testament that is to say Principally and first of all I give and Recommend my soul into the hand of almighty God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of

my Executors for which purpose I do appoint George Franks my brother in law, Nicholas Smith my brother, John Stough, these three men as my trusty friends I find for my Executors and as God has blessed me with some worldly property it is my will that after my death so much should be sold on public sale of the movable property to pay my debts if those movables (that) can be spared will not pay all my debts then some convenient corner of my land shall be sold by my executors to pay my debts, then when my debts is paid I will all the rest of my property real and movable to my beloved wife Rebeka and my children for their maintenance, clothing and schooling as long as my wife Rebeka Remains my only widow and if the so Pesable work and live together as my sons come to the years of 18 they shall be bound to learn such a trade as they choose and the executors think good to bind them to If my wife Rebeka should get married again all my movable Property shall be sold at public sale then I will to my wife Rebeka 2 parts to be put on interest for my children in the Land Rented out and the third of the Land be for my sole wife the 2 parts for the children as above if my Wife gets married again and can and will get And raise them and give them learning if some would be young that the Executors thinced the could nod arn their Raising and Learning until they come to 18 years old the Executors shall pay as they can agree and think best of the before mentioned interest and rent for raising them If my wife Rebeka should marry again and leave until my youngest child of my children shall come of 18 the girls and 21 the sons then shall the land be sold on

Above: Three scenes of land owned by Philip Smith, II (5th Great-Granduncle) south of Highway 250 at Honeytown Road in Apple Creek, Ohio.

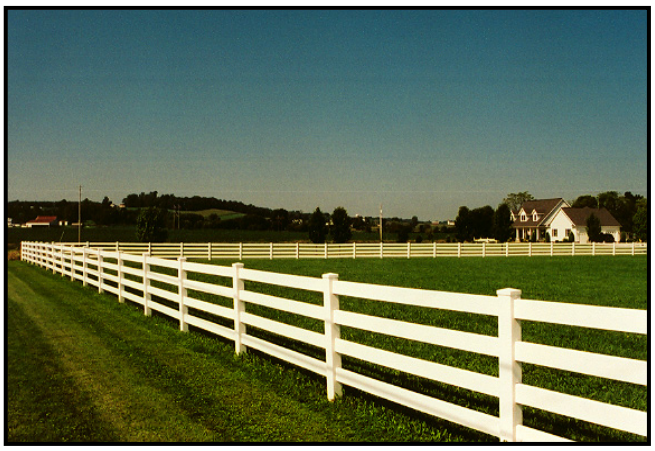
public sale and the interest of the third of the money shall be for my said wife during the rest equally divided amongst my children the money of my movable as they come to the years as mentioned again to Remember my beloved wife the above mentioned property shall not be sold after my debts is paid as long as my wife Remains my widow as above mentioned. That this is my last will and testament I declare with my hand and seal this nineteenth day of August 1801 in the presence of Philip Bowan. **George his mark Smith** (Seal)." (Spelling has been changed except when the meaning was uncertain.) His will was probated in Fayette County on September 16, 1805.

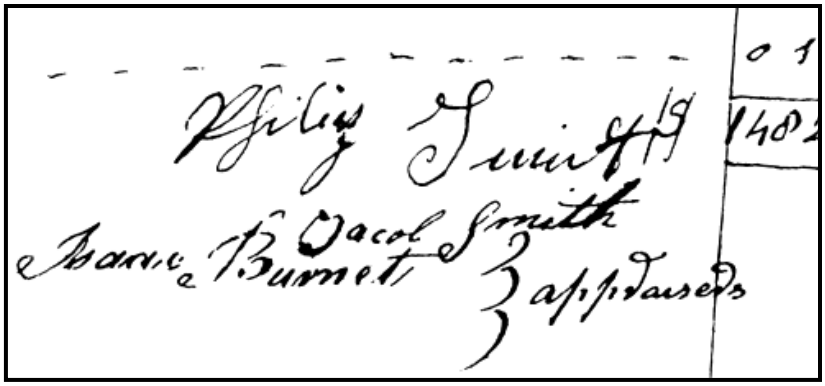
Above: Land owned by Philip Smith, II (5th Great-Granduncle) north of Highway 250 at Honeytown Road near Apple Creek, Ohio.

Philip Smith, II (Philip Schmidt, Jr., 5th Great-Granduncle) was born in February 1761, on Antietam Creek in (now) the eastern portion of Washington County, Maryland, and died on March 29, 1838, in East Union Township in Wayne County, Ohio. (Will of Philip Smith, Jr. in *Wayne County Will Book 2*, page 247, dated January 5, 1838, and probated January 11, 1838.)

He married Agnes Waits (born about 1766 in Hampshire County, Virginia-died January 25, 1850 in Wayne County, Ohio; she was the daughter of John Waits, a Revolutionary War Soldier; all five of her brothers were also soldiers in the Revolution; she had moved with her father from Hampshire County, Virginia, to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1782) about 1785 in Fayette County. They were the parents of ten children: Jonathan Philip Smith (June 1786, or July 2, 1785-June 24, 1862/1863, in Mechanic Township, Holmes County, Ohio; married Maria Abigail, maiden name unknown, March 22,

1788-May 3, 1864), George Philip Smith (January 27, 1788, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania-January 24, 1873; married Sarah Miller-March 18, 1793-November 7, 1870-on May 2, 1812, in Jefferson County, Ohio), Christena Smith (January 3, 1789, or March 17, 1790, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-October 18, 1864, Wayne County, Ohio; married James McIntire), Philip Smith III (born October 6, 1792, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-1853/1873; married Catherine Miller on March 2, 1815, in Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio), Jacob Philip Smith (December 2, 1794, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania-before 1882; married Rebecca Miller on June 13, 1822, in Wayne County, Ohio), Valentine Philip Smith (October 11, 1796, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-before 1873; married Sarah Shivers on November 9, 1816, in Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio), James Philip Smith (1798 in Pennsylvania-February 7, 1856, in Plain Township, Wayne County, Ohio; married Elizabeth), John P. Smith (1799-1880; married





Above: Land of Philip Smith, II near Apple Creek. Right: Signatures of Philip Smith (5th Great-Grand-uncle) and Jacob Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) on the inventory of the estate of their brother in law, Frederick Brown, on October 9, 1816.

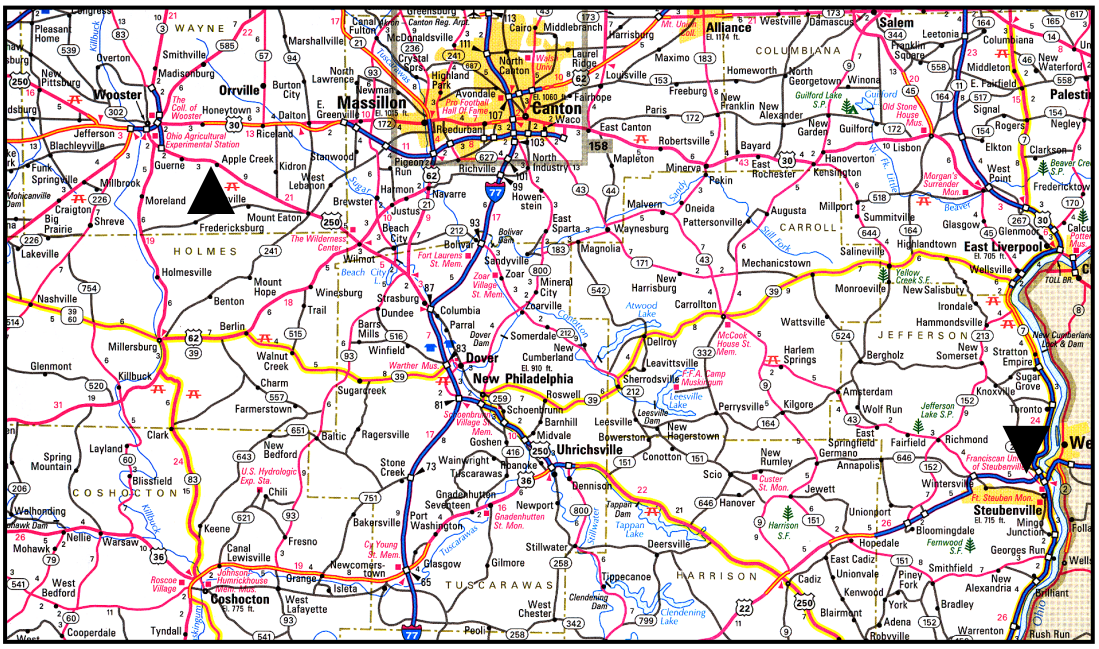
Mary McFadden on September 2, 1819), Agnes Smith (December 25, 1801, Jefferson County, Ohio-January 9, 1887; married Edward McFadden on May 13, 1824), and Nathan Waits Smith (August 3, 1804, Jefferson County, Ohio-April 29, 1885, Wayne County, Ohio; married Maria Waits-1806-December 1, 1899-on November 15, 1825, in Wayne County).

Philip was eight years old when his family moved from Frederick County, Maryland, to

Fayette County, Pennsylvania. In 1782, aged 21, he volunteered to serve as a substitute for his brother, Valentine Smith, who was married with two children. He served in one of the last campaigns of the Revolutionary War.

Philip Smith, II in the Revolutionary War

"Essentially, the war was over in the east when Crawford mounted his ill-fated expedition against the British and Indians at Sandusky, a minor skirmish, which took place on the



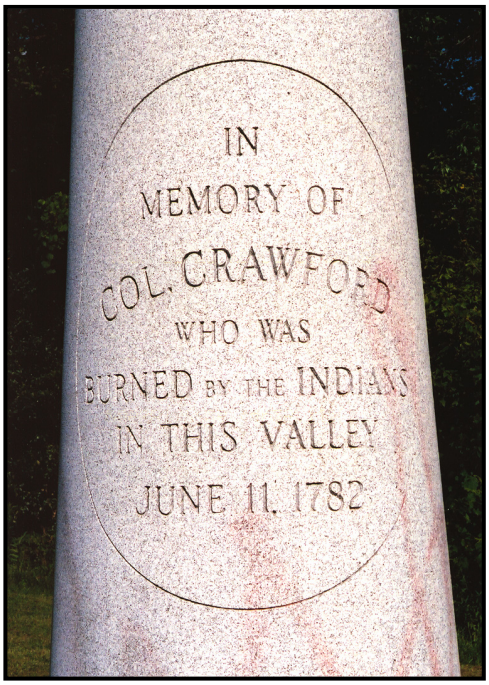
Above: Map of northeastern Ohio. Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) died in Steubenville, Ohio (right arrow), in 1814. Valentine Smith, Philip Smith, II and Christena Smith Brown (5th Great-Granduncles and Aunt) moved from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to west and northwest of Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio, after living in Steubenville for a few years. Jacob Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) and Mary Magdaline Smith Franks (4th Great-Grand-aunt) moved directly from Fayette County to Wayne County. Rand McNally and Company map.

banks of the Combahee River in Ohio, on August 27, 1782. It is considered to be the final battle on the eastern seaboard, although warfare continued in the American west and northwest. The Sandusky Campaign was an effort to eliminate the Indian raids, sanctioned and supplied by the British on settlers from Ohio and southwestern Pennsylvania. Furnishing their own provisions and equipment, approximately 350 volunteers, mostly from southwestern Pennsylvania, left Mingo Junction (south of Steubenville, Ohio) under the command of Colonel William Crawford, a former associate of George Washington."

Philip stated that, "The captain of my company was named Beeson; he was from that part of Westmoreland which soon after became Fayette County. Beesontown, later Uniontown, was named in honor of him."

"For eleven days they marched through the wilderness, avoiding open trails to avert discovery. They advanced to a place near the line of Wayne County, Ohio, ten miles south of Wooster,

where the army camped on Thursday evening, May 30th, 1782. That evening a seemingly trivial incident occurred, which caused great concern among the superstitious ones in the encampment. A fox, by some means, got into the lines, was surrounded by the men, but managed to escape unhurt. To the superstitious it seemed to be an ill omen, for as Philip is quoted as saying, 'If the whole army is unable to kill a fox under such circumstances, what success can be expected against Indians?' They proceeded westward through the area of Manchester, turning north and arriving in the Upper Sandusky, where a battle took place on June 4, 1782. After inflicting substantial losses on the enemy, Crawford's Rangers were forced to flee when numerically stronger British reinforcements arrived from Detroit. Colonel Crawford returned to the fray to rescue a relative, but was himself captured, then tortured, and burned at the stake."

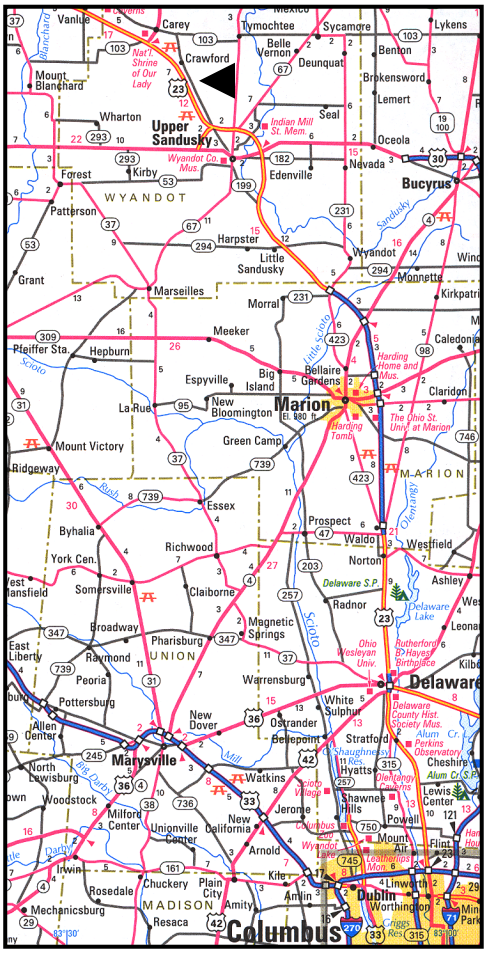


Above: Monument to Colonel William Crawford, who was tortured and burned to death near this monument east of Crawford in Wyandot County, Ohio.

Many of the Rangers were lost and scattered in the retreat through the swamps in the area. Philip was wounded in the elbow. He said, "About a hundred feet off, an Indian was hid in the tall grass, firing at me. I felt the bark of a tree, where I stood, fly in my face several times. Having discovered the position of the savage, I fired several shots; at the seventh one, catching sight of his body, I brought him down. No more balls came from that quarter. After waiting a reasonable time, I crawled along to find his body, but it had been dragged away. I could see plainly the trail of blood it made. I stood behind a small sapling to shelter myself from the bullets; but the tree was so small that I was compelled to stand with my shoulder to it. While in this position I was wounded in the elbow, which served to keep me in remembrance of the battle the rest of my life."

"In the confusion attending the retreat, Philip became separated from his company.

With him was a companion named Rankin, about whom nothing is known. Both had lost their horses. They had their muskets and ammunition with them, but were without provisions. Their guns were of little value to them, as they did not dare shoot for fear of the Indians. They were reduced therefore to a very meager diet, principally berries,



Above: Land between Upper Sandusky and Carey in Wyandot County, Ohio, where the Battle of Sandusky took place in 1782. Philip Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) fought at this battle and suffered many hardships returning to Fayette County, Pennsylvania. His commander, Col. William Crawford was captured and tortured to death by the Indians, the only American commander to suffer such a death in the Revolutionary War. Right: Location of the battle. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003.

roots and young birds, when they could be caught. They traveled usually by night, prudently avoiding all trails. After a while they came across an Indian pony, which they resolved to kill for food. As they were afraid to shoot it, Philip attempted to dispatch the animal with his tomahawk. However the pony was reluctant to participate in the ritual, dodging all blows aimed at its head. Finally, Rankin held his hat over the pony's eyes, permitting Philip to deal a blow, which felled the animal. The animal was eviscerated, its liver removed and broiled, providing the two mean a welcome relief from the fiber diet they had been consuming."

"The third night of their retreat, two men on horseback overtook them, and they continued traveling together until a steam was reached having high banks. As Philip

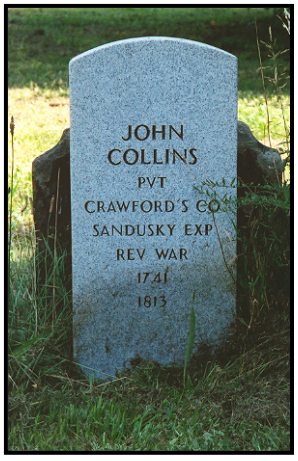
leaned down to take a drink, they were ambushed by four Indians, evidently having followed them from the plains. A bullet passed harmlessly over Philip's head, but the two men on horseback were killed instantly, falling into the stream. Seizing the gun of one of the men that had been shot, Philip ran up the bank and turned to fire at the

Above: Ohio historical marker near the Crawford monument, about two miles east of Crawford, Ohio.

Indians. The Indians perceiving their danger, dodged behind trees unharmed. In the meantime, Rankin, who was also unharmed, was running for his life. Philip threw aside the gun and ran after his companion. The latter, mistaking him for an enemy, three times turned to shoot him, but Philip, following the Indian's example saved himself by 'treeing.' Rankin finally discovered who was so intensely pursuing him when he slackened his pace and was joined by Philip. The two ran on together and escaped the savages. Having been with them but a few hours, the men who were killed were unidentified. Philip and Rankin continued their escape into the daylight hours, fearing pursuit by the Indians. Shortly afterward, they came upon a deserted Indian camp, which had just been abandoned. A man lay there, dead and scalped, whose body was still warm. He had drawn his hand over the scalp-wound several times, indicating that he had been scalped alive. Evidently, he had been shot while still on horseback. It was the opinion of both Rankin and Philip that he was not one of the volunteers, as he rode a shod horse and, to their knowledge, none of the Rangers had ridden horses with shoes. Seemingly, the Indians had fled immediately after the killing, for reasons

unknown. The fires were still burring, over which hominy was cooking. This, the two half-starved men tasted, but did not eat for fear that it might be poisoned. After leaving this camp, no more Indians were seen, albeit, that night, as Rankin was making

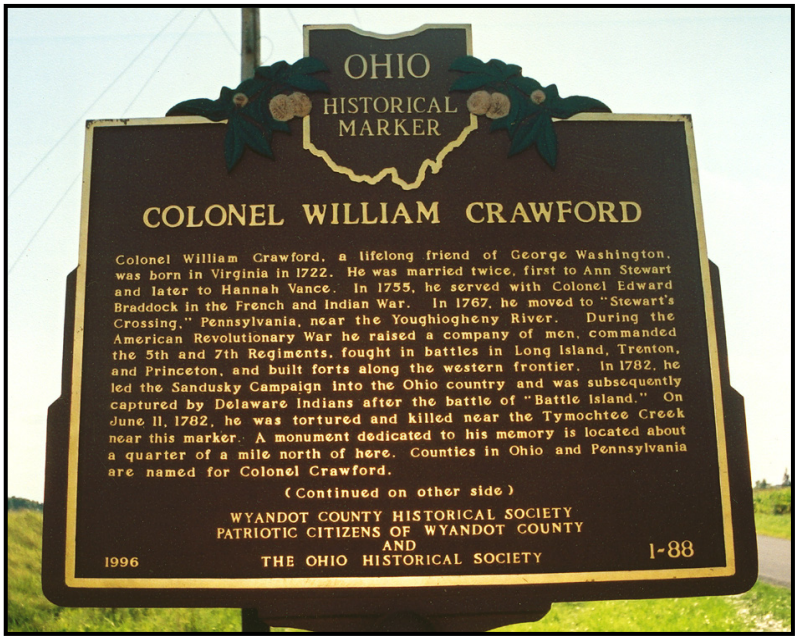
himself a pair of moccasins from the skin of a horse they had found (his moccasins having worn out), savages were heard at a great distance. They immediately extinguished their fire and continued their journey. Ten days after the battle they arrived home safely, but foot-sore, nearly naked and almost perishing from hunger" (*An Historical Account of the Expedition Against Sandusky Under Colonel Crawford in 1782*, by C. W. Butterfield, published in 1873; Some of the details in Butterfield's account were drawn from the *Memoirs of Philip Smith*, furnished by his grandson, Albert Smith, of Centreville, Indiana).



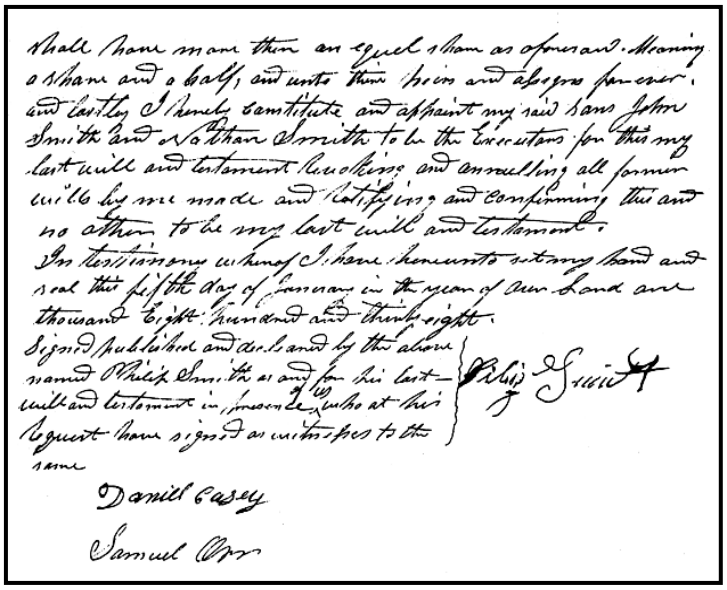
Top right: Land in the valley where Col. Crawford was killed near the Crawford Monument. Gravestone of a fellow soldier, John Collins, who also served in the Sandusky Expedition with Philip Smith. He is buried in Masontown. Above: Hand mill and 1824 mill used by the Wyandot Indians, who fought the soldiers of the Sandusky Expedition in 1782.

"Back in Pennsylvania, he married Agnes Waits, daughter of John Waits, who with his five sons had served in the Revolution. Before that he had attempted to erect a cabin near Steubenville, but was driven away by Indians. The 1790 Census of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, lists Philip Smith, wife, two boys and a girl. The baptism records of Jacob's Church list the birth of four of his children. When his father came to Jefferson County, Ohio, around 1800, Philip II, then age 39, brought his family there. He bought 160 acres from Bazaleel Wells in 1806 located in Steubenville Township,

Jefferson County, section 28. Three years later he sold it back when he was preparing to move to Wayne County."



"The first land grant patented by Philip II in Wayne County was dated September 30, 1809, and located in section 13, Wooster Township. At that time only 20 patents had been granted in Wayne County. He came here to build a cabin and clear seven acres of land located west of CR 54 just south of TR 163, where the Kenneth Spencer farm is today (also described as being located south of Ely Road along CR 54). Then in March of 1812, his second and third sons, George P. Smith and Philip Smith III, along with son in law, James McIntire, built a raft on Cross Creek in Jefferson County, loaded it with goods and floated it to the Ohio River, down to Marietta, up the Muskingum River, Tuscarawas River, and Killbuck Creek to Big Springs north of Holmesville. They came the rest of the way by land. An account of this journey is given in *History of Wayne County*, page 233, by Douglas" (*Descendants of Philip Schmidt*, page 3, by Richard Smith).


shall have more than an equal share as of ones and Moving
a share and a half, and unto their heirs and assigns for ever.
And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my said sons John
Smith and Nathan Smith to be the Executors for this my
last will and testament Revoking and annulling all former
wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and
no other to be my last will and testament.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.
Signed published and declared by the above
named Philip Smith as and for his last
will and testament in presence of us who at his
request have signed as witnesses to the
same
Daniel Casey
Samuel Orr

Top: Ohio Historical Marker dedicated to the memory of Colonel William Crawford and another view of the Crawford Monument. Colonel Crawford lost his life trying to save his brother. Above: Will of Philip Smith, II (5th Great-Granduncle), written and signed by him on January 5, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio. He died a few days later before January 11th.

"The story of Philip Smith, who was shot in the arm, and who became separated from his command, is one of interest. He was but a young man, a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1761. He was likewise one of the pioneers of Ohio, and came to Wayne County in 1811.

Top left: Apple Creek, Ohio, in 1889. Descendants of Philip Smith II, Valentine Smith, Christena Smith Brown, and Mary Smith Franks continue to live in Wayne County today. Middle: Old Presbyterian Cemetery Apple Creek at sunset; September 2004. Lower left: View of Presbyterian Cemetery looking north.

He was the father of Nathan W. Smith, of Wooster Township" (*History of Wayne County, Ohio*, page 221).

"Navigating the Killbuck and Salt Creek—The following reminiscences were contributed by Nathan W. Smith, of Wooster Township: In 1812 Philip Smith dispatched a boat load of goods up these streams from the Ohio River, with his sons George and Philip, and James McIntire in charge. The boat was a 'dug out,' 68 feet long by 3 ½ feet wide, carved out of a solid log. It was made several miles up Cross Creek, in Ohio, where it was launched and passed down the river to within three miles of Wellsville. Here the cargo was

placed on board, consisting of four, four-horse wagon loads of goods, and on March 20th, 1812, they embarked on the trip for the then distant Wayne County. They moved down the Ohio to the mouth of the Muskingum, and up that river and its tributaries to

the mouth of the Killbuck; thence up that stream to the mouth of Salt Creek, near Holmesville; thence to a point above Holmesville, where the goods were unloaded, at Morgan's residence, at the Big Spring."

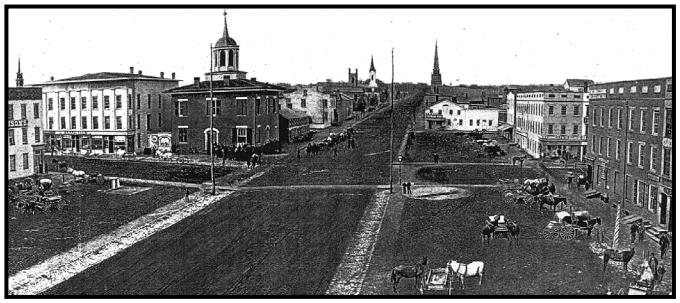
Top left: Old Presbyterian Cemetery Apple Creek. Above: Gravestones of Philip Smith (5th Great-Granduncle; 1761-1838) and his wife, Agnes Waits Smith (1766-1850). The church once stood behind their monuments. Left: Philip Smith's monument.

"Almost one month was occupied in making this passage. This was the first craft that had navigated the Killbuck, which passage was accomplished with great difficulty, as they frequently had to cut their way through driftwood" (Ibid, page 233).

Philip Smith II owned land south of the junction of Highway 250 and CR 302, just west of Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio, as well as other properties. His brother, **Nicholas Smith** (4th Great-Granduncle), owned the land immediately south of this acreage. Today, Highway 49 cuts across their property. There was also a creek that fed into Apple Creek that flowed through their land.

"An incident took place in the Smith Settlement located east of Wooster, as described in *History of Wayne County*, page 376, by Bowen. Settlers were alarmed by what appeared to be a rifle fire. Many

started back toward Steubenville. James McIntire was selected to go make an investigation. He found it to be other settlers chopping and burning out a log to make a trough. This settlement was in sections 12 and 13, Wooster Township, where Philip II, Valentine, Nicholas and Henry took out grants. This is the area along the west side of CR 54 a mile on both sides of County Home Road



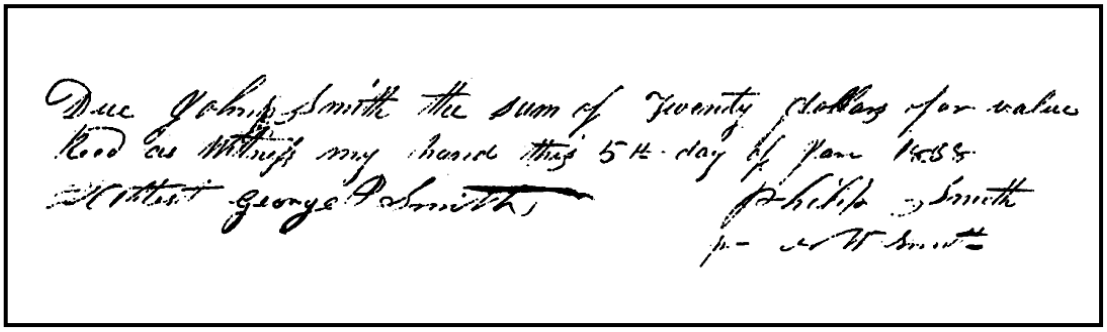
and some land on the East Union side of CR 54." Other lands taken up by Philip II: 1814—southwest 24; northwest 25 Franklin Township; southwest 25 Franklin, later sold to son Jacob P. Smith; northeast 32 East Union

Top left: Wooster, Ohio, in 1889. Above: Gravestone of Philip Smith, III (1820-1845) grandson of Philip Smith (5th Great-Granduncle). Left: Gravestone of Nathan Waits Smith (1804-1885), son of Philip Smith (5th Great-Granduncle). Buried beside Nathan are his wife Maria, and three children: Hiram, Matilda and Ellen Smith in Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Apple Creek; September 2004.

Township, later assigned to Alex Robinson in 1819; 1815—southwest 4 Salt Creek Township, sold to J. Lawrence in 1827; southwest 11 Franklin; 1816—southwest 29 East Union, sold to William Cunningham for southwest 36 Franklin, which he later sold half to son Jacob P. Smith in 1829 and half to son Nathan Smith in 1831. He sold north ½ 13 Wooster to son James P. Smith.

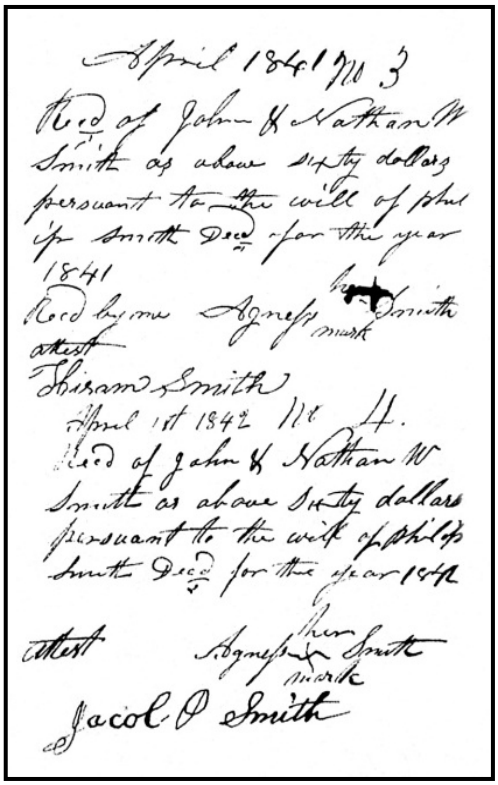
"Philip Smith, II and his family were active Presbyterians. His name and that of many of his children including George, Valentine, and James are listed as members of the

brick church torn down in 1843. A wooden church was erected soon thereafter. The four youngest children were married by Rev. Thomas Barr. Philip was president of the the Temperance Society of the church, the first one west of the Allegheny's, it is said. His grandson, Hiram Smith, son of Nathan, died in 1852 while attending Western



Above: Note written and signed by Philip Smith, III, son of Philip Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) on January 5, 1838; witnessed by his brother, George P. Smith. Below: Agnes Smith, wife of Philip Smith deceased, made her mark on this note, dated April 1, 1841/1842; and witnessed by her son, Jacob P. Smith.

Theological Seminary, having graduated from Jefferson College. He was 27. His sons, James and Valentine, purchased pews in the wooden church when it was erected."

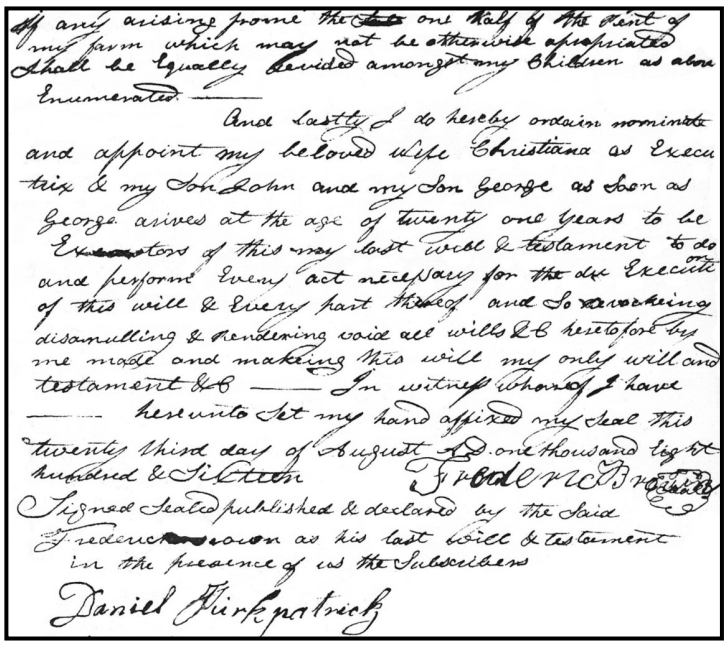


"In 1836, at age 75, Philip sold his farm in Wooster Township to Thompson and Lake. He bought six acres in section 20, East Union (the house at the end of Smith Lane) along US 250. He also reserved ten adjoining acres in section 29 when he sold it to George P. Smith in 1832. He lived here until his death in 1838 at age 77. He is buried in grave 17, row 33, the first row next to the site of the old wooden church. Agnes lived until 1850 and is buried there beside him" (*Descendants of Philip Schmidt*, page 4, by Richard Smith). The heirs sold this property in 1852.

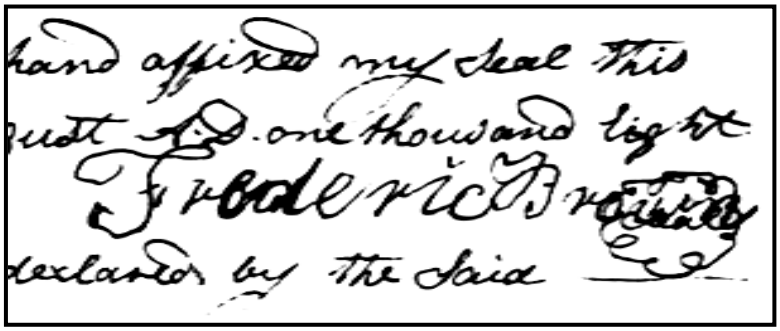
Christena Smith (Christena Schmidt) (5th Great-Grandaunt) was born on April 1, 1766, on Antietam Creek in Frederick County (now eastern Washington County), Maryland, and died on September 19, 1833, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio.

Christena Smith married Frederick Brown (born 1756 in Pennsylvania-died August 1816 in Wayne County, Ohio) about 1793 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of eight children: John J. Brown (December 17, 1794-1861; married Sarah Mercer on April 25, 1820), Hannah Brown

(1797; married Andrew Alexander), Elizabeth Brown (1799; married Mr. Worley), Abigail Brown (1801; married Mr. Thompson), George Brown (about 1802-May 13, 1852; married Elizabeth Lawrence [died June 28, 1848] on April 15, 1823), Ruth Brown (1803; married William Applegate on December 29, 1813), Mary Brown (1804; married Mr. Bergen), and Anna Brown (February 5, 1805; married Thomas McKee).



Christena and Frederick moved to Wayne County, Ohio, via Jefferson County, Ohio, in the spring of 1814, to a 400-acre tract, part of which Frederick and his son John had cleared the previous summer and fall (Christena's brothers: Valentine, Nicholas, and Phillip II, settled nearby). They were one of the first family units in the area. (*History of Wayne County, Ohio*, published in 1889.) In 1813 he patented section 24, Franklin Township and then section 19 in East Union Township. He owned 1,200 acres in this area. They were part of 'Smith Settlement' around Honeytown in the early years after 1810. Their sons and grandsons were leaders in the Edinburgh Presbyterian Church. One became a minister and another, a famous lecturer; a granddaughter, Nellie Brown, graduated from Boston College. Fred died in 1816; his being the first will probated in Wayne County.

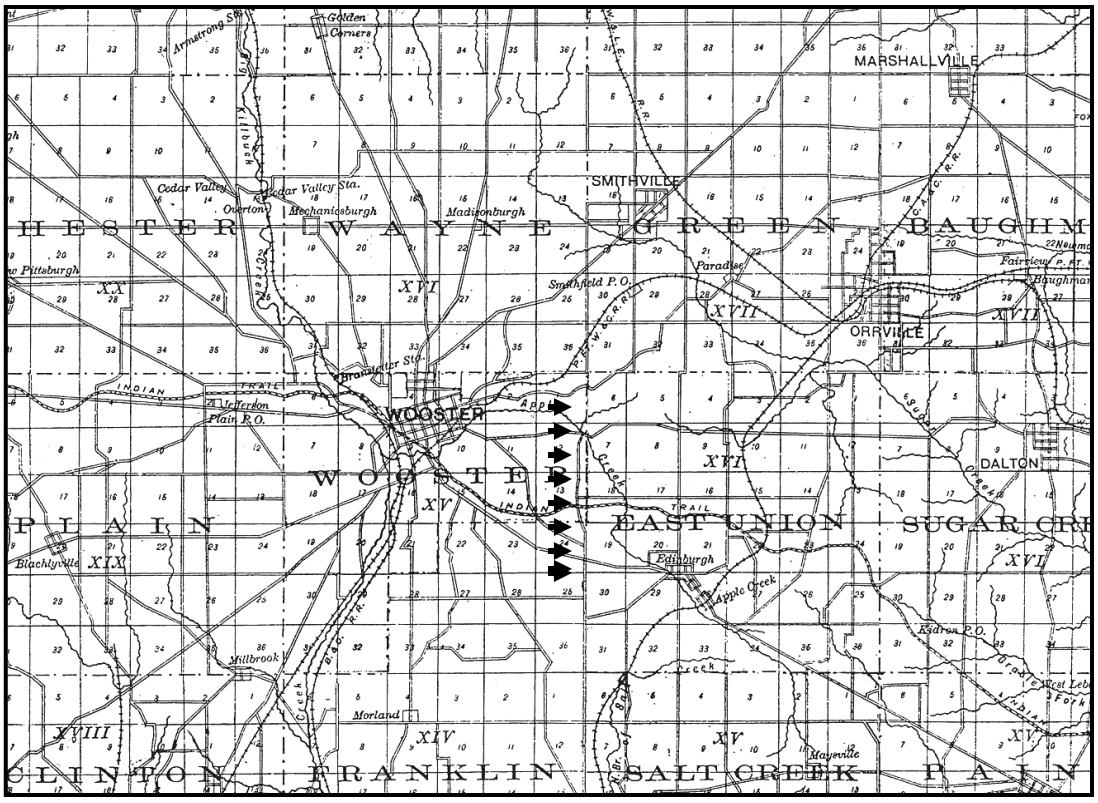


Top: Will written and signed by Frederic Brown, husband of Christena Smith (5th Great-Grandaunt), dated August 16, 1816. His will was the first one probated in Wayne County, Ohio. Above: Close-up of his signature. Frederic Brown's estate was one of the largest in Wayne County in his day.

Philip Smith (4th Great-Granduncle), Isaac Burnet, and Jacob Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) completed their inventory of the estate of Frederick Brown on October 9, 1816. His movable property was valued at $ 1,482.44, later revised to $1,603.49, which was considered a large estate in the early 1800s. (*Wayne County Probate Record B-1.*)

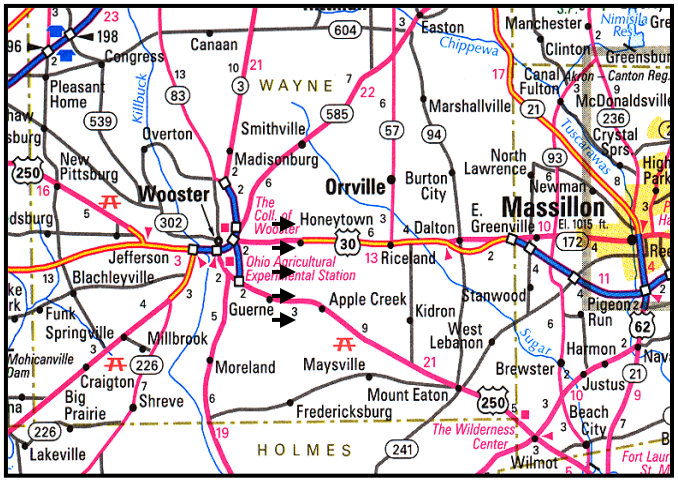
Will of Frederick Brown, written by himself on August 23, 1816: "In the name of God Amen. I Frederick Brown of Wayne County Wooster Township and State of Ohio—Being weak in Body but of Sound and perfect mind & memory Blessed be God

for his Mercies Calling to mind the uncertainties of this mortal and transitory life do make ordain Establish declare & publish this my last will and testament in manner &



Above: Map made in 1889 showing the townships of Wayne County, Ohio. Valentine Smith, Philip Smith II, Christena Smith Brown (5th Great-Granduncles and Aunt), children of Philip Smith; Jacob Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) Mary Magdaline Smith Franks (4th Great-Grand-aunt), and children of Henry Smith, settled mainly along the Honeytown Road (County Road 54) in Wooster and East Union Township between Highway 30 and 250. Philip and Nicholas also owned many acres of land south of 250 at the Honeytown Road. They also owned many acres of land in other parts of the county. Below: Modern map of Wayne County courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003.

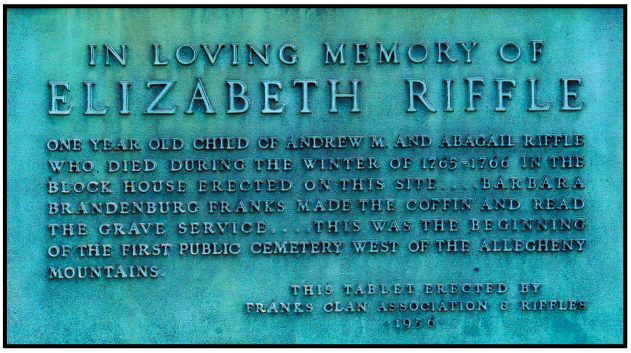
form following—That is to Say principally & first of all I Recommend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it and my Body I Commit to the Earth from Whence it Came to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my herein after recited Executors—and as to Such Worldly Goods of which it has pleased Almighty God to



bestow on me while in the life I will and bequeath as follows: After paying all my Just debts & funeral Expenses I will & Bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Christiana Brown the one third part of all my moveable property together with all my wearing apparel also one half of the Rents or profits of the farm on which we now live. I also leave her at liberty to Reside on said farm during her natural life in the mansion house in which we now live—and with regard to the residue of my personal property I will Bequeath as follows (Item) That is to be Equally divided Betwixt my Sons and daughters with the Exception of my daughter Mary who is to have one hundred dollars more & my daughter Ann also one hundred dollars more of Said personal property than any of the Rest of My Children. I do further allow the whole of my personal property to be appraised in the usual way as Soon after my death as the nature of the Circumstances will admit of Said personal property not to be divided as aforesaid until my youngest Child Comes to the years of Eighteen—the residue of the Rent after deducting my wife's those is to be affixed to Schooling & Such other niceties as are needful for those of my children who are not of age—It is further allowed that after my youngest child has arrived at Eighteen years—when the division of my personal property is to take place the one half of the Rental of the before mentioned–is to be applied to discharge all public charges that may be Justly due from my estate to the public and also for the Support of the Gospel in this place of the Presbyterian order—Item And whereas John Davies a Child who now lives with me

Above: Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The log structure is a replica of the original church, where Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) attended meetings and taught school from 1770 until about 1800. Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather), Elisabetha/Elizabeth Grovenstadt/Grandstaff Smith (5th Great-Grandmother; no gravestone), Abigail Smith Franks (5th Great-Grandaunt), and Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) are buried here.

provided he continues with my family to do usual work Suitable to his age and abilities Shall be Schooled as much as necessary to Receive a Sufficiency of necessary Clothing & when he arrives at the age of twenty one years he is to Receive one hundred dollars in Clothing & Such as he may stand in need of Said Sum to be paid out of my personal Estate anything in this will to the contrary notwithstanding provided as before Recited he continues with my family until he arrives at the age of twenty one years but if he should not so continue then & in that case he forfeits the last bequeathal. Item It is further allowed that my Eldest son John Brown to have the North West quarter of Section twenty seven Number Sixteen Range Number twelve to have & enjoy all the privileges Rights titles & Interests thereof as his own Individual property for Ever with liberty to Sell & dispose of the Same as to him Seemeth meet—Item I do further bequeath to my Second Son George Brown the South East quarter of Section No. Nineteen of Township No. Sixteen of Range No. twelve to have & to hold the Said quarter Section of land as his own Individual property. Item. It is hereby further allowed that the farm on which we now live Consisting of the South East Quarter of Section No. twenty four & No. fifteen of Range No. thirteen and the Southwest quarter of Section No. nineteen of T. No. Sixteen of R. No. Twelve Shall Remain unsold for and during the natural life of my wife for the purposes heretofore Expresses—And it is further allowed that at the death of my wife the aforesaid farm Shall then and in that case be Sold to the highest & best bidder by my Executors and the money arising from the Sale there to be Equally divided between my Children namely Hannah now the Wife of Andrew Alexander—My daughter Elizabeth—My daughter Abigail—My daughter Mary—Son George, My daughter Anny—I do Recommend my youngest Son George to Live on the farm on which we now live on to farm the Same at Such Reasonable Date my Executors Shall allow and any money which may remain unexpended at the death of my wife of any arising from the one Half of the Rent



Above: Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery. The two tall gravestones on the left are those of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) and his second wife, Margaret Sheeter. The original meetinghouse was located on their left. Below: Memorial marker to Elizabeth Riffle, the first person buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery in 1766.

of my farm which may not be otherwise appropriated Shall be equally divided amongst my Children as above Enumerated—And lastly I do hereby ordain nominate and appoint my beloved wife Christiana as Executrix & my Son John and my Son George as Soon as George arrives at the age of twenty one years to be Executors of this my last will & testament to do and perform Every act necessary for the Execution of this will & Every part thereof and So revoking disannulling & Rendering void all wills I heretofore by me made and making this will my only will and testament—In witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand affixed my Seal this twenty third day of August A. D. one thousand Eight hundred & Sixteen. Frederick Brown (Seal)."

Above: Gravestone of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather; 1752-1838) in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery; August 2004. Henry was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Henry Smith, Fifth Great-Grandfather

Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) was born on February 25, 1752, on Antietam Creek in Frederick County (now eastern Washington County), Maryland, and died on March 10, 1838, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The oldest child of Philip and Barbara Markley Smith, he was named Heinrich Schmidt, but later it was Anglicized to Henry Smith. He was a military scout, Minute Man, served in the militia, fur trader and possibly a farmer.

"When Henry Smith reached his majority, he left the paternal roof to make for himself a name and a fortune. He went down stream until he came to York Run proper, where he took up a tract of land containing two hundred and eighty-four acres along the northern bank of the creek (located 'south of the home place'), which was patented to

him by Charles Biddle (President of Supreme Executive Council in 1787). Here he built a log cabin and for four years lived a bachelor's life."

Henry Smith: Revolutionary War Soldier

"When the dark days of the Revolutionary War broke out he was one of the first to leave his home and enroll himself in the defense of his country as a sacrifice, if need be,

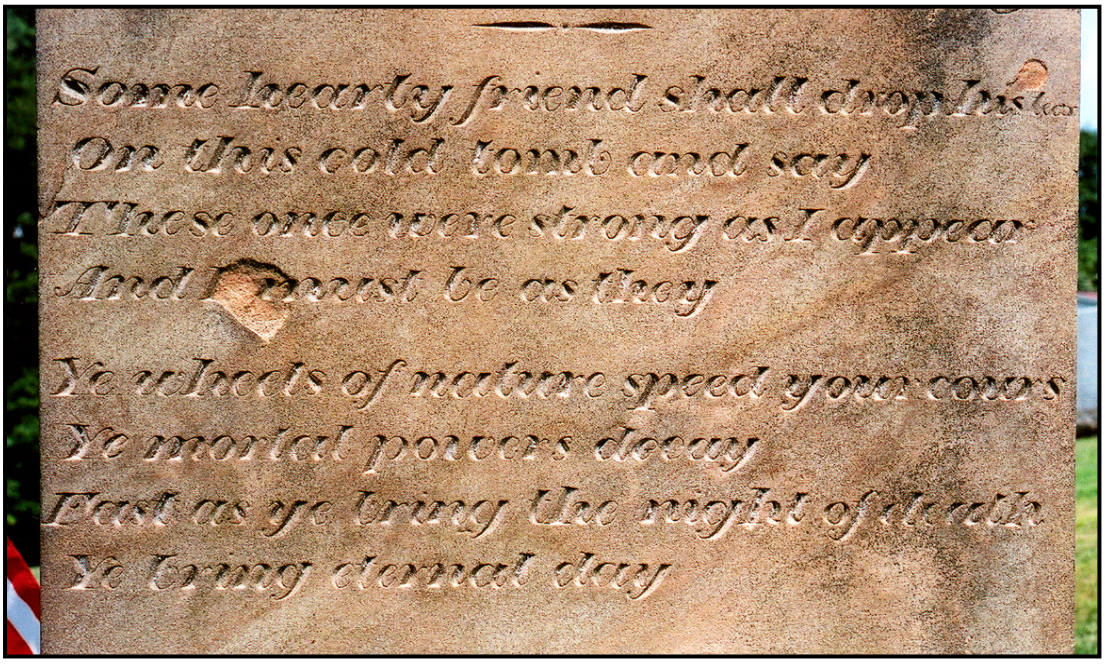
Above: Close-up of Henry Smith's gravestone. The inscription reads: "HENRY SMITH / who departed this life March / 10th D. 1838. In the 87th year of his age."

to that end. He was one of the 'Minute Men' of 1776. He was the father of thirteen children by two marriages, all of whom are now (1900) dead" *(Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, page 1107-1108, by Nelson, published 1900).

As a Revolutionary War soldier, Henry served in a Ranger Company from Bedford County under the command of Captain Samuel Paxton. He also served in a company of the 1st Battalion of Bedford County under Captain James McKinney. This section of Pennsylvania was Bedford County until 1773, then Westmoreland County, Virginia, until 1783.

Henry's pay for 18 months service in the army as one of the 'New Levies' amounted to forty-five pounds in 1780. (*Pennsylvania Archives*, Series 6, Volume 4, page 8.) Henry received a pension for his service. The jacket of his war pension record reads: "Name, Henry Smith, Sr.; Rank, Indian Spy; Annual Allowance $26.66; Sums received, $79.98;

Description of Service, Pennsylvania Indian Spy; Placed on pension, April 21, 1834; Commencement of pension, March 4, 1831; Age 81."

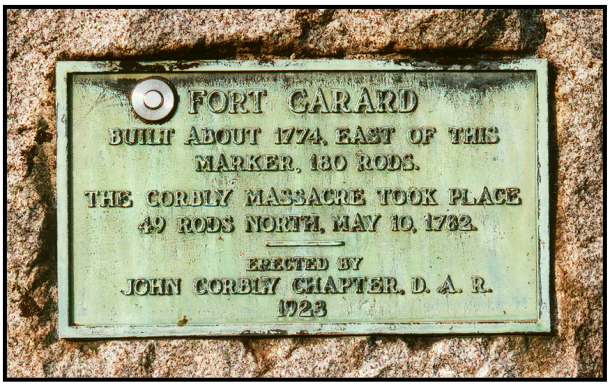


Above: The second part of inscription on Henry Smith's gravestone reads: "Some nearby friend shall drop In / On this cold tomb and say / These once were strong as I appear / And must be as they / Ye wheels of nature speed your course / Ye mortal powers decay / Fast as ye bring the night of death / Ye bring eternal day." Lower right: Gravestone of C. Stough (born April 7, 1758; died July, 8, 1827), son of Henry's second wife, Margaret Sheeter Stough. He is buried next to them.

His complete application for a Revolutionary War service pension, copied from the original: "State of Pennsylvania, Fayette County. On this 21st day of March A. D. 1834, personally appeared before one Samuel Nixon, one of the Judges of the Court of Commissioners of said County and state of Pennsylvania, Henry Smith senior a resident of the same county did state aforesaid aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated."

"That he volunteered under Captain Walters for a term of three months in the year 1774 to serve as a scout or Indian Spy and was marched to the head waters of Ten Mile Creek in Greene County, Pennsylvania and was generally forted at Ruffles/Riffles Fort when not on the scout—After this tour, he again volunteered under Captain Joseph Brown for one month in the year 1776—He was

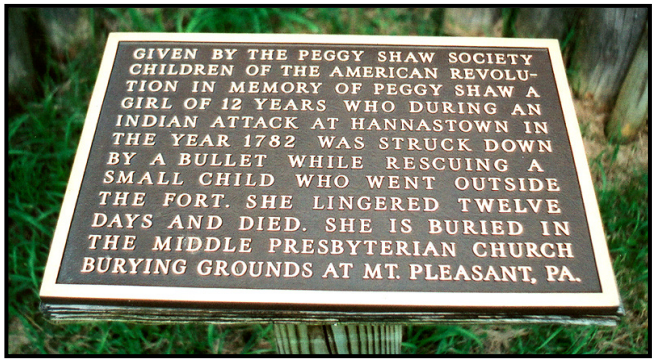
marched to the waters of Whiteley Creek Greene County, Pennsylvania and forted in at Garard's Fort. After this month's service was executed he came home, but was again called out with his claf (the original pension record



Left: Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) was twice assigned to Fort Garard for part of his duty during the Revolutionary War. The fort is no longer standing, but originally stood near the church. He also journeyed to Hannah's Town (below) to help the settlers there, but the Indians burned it in 1782.

says 'claf,' but perhaps should be 'clas') one month, the citizens were at this time clafed and each claf had to take its turn. This was in the year 1776; he was marched to Garard's Fort again on Whitely Creek and was commanded by Captain Joseph Brown—during this month he was on the scout as a spy to protect the frontier—He further states that he was again called out with his Claf under Col. Springer for one month in the year 1779 and was sent to Col. Evans Fort in Virginia on the waters of the Monongahela River and was engaged during the month as a spy—(He was again called to go out in his Clap for one month in the year—he does not recollect—he was ordered to search to Dichern Creek by Col. Springer and was stationed at Barns' Fort—he does not recollect the name of the Captain who commanded him at the fort). He was after this called to go to Hannah's Town, which was burned by the Indians. He was called to go for one month, the year he does not recollect—But could not go and hired in

his place his Brother Philip—After this he was again called to go with his claf for one month by Col. Springer, the year he cannot state. He could not go and hired for this

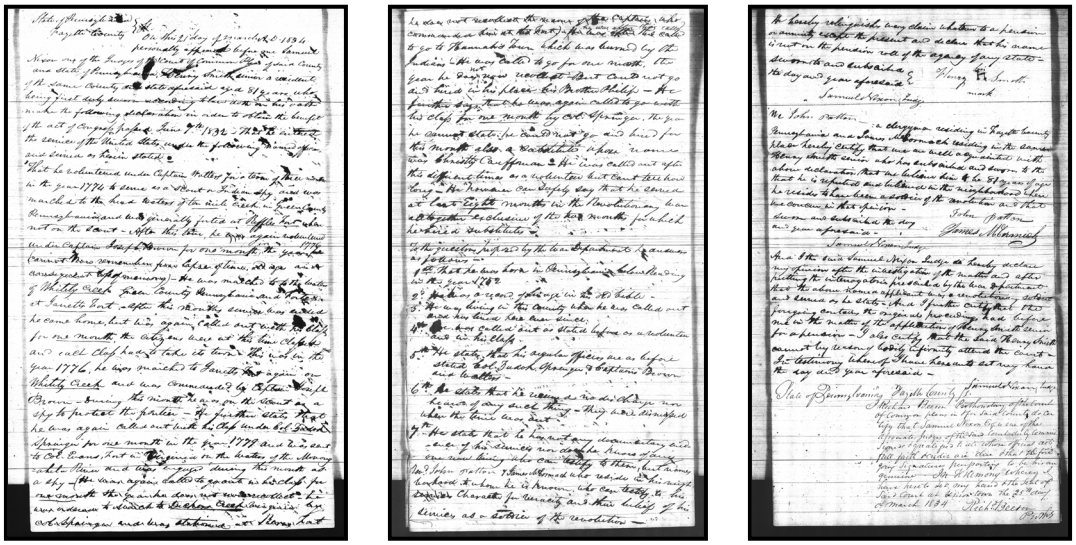


Above: Hannah's Town, which is located about thirty miles east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A 12-year-old girl was shot while rescuing a small child in the Indian attack of 1782 (marker inside fort). Henry Smith was sent to help the town. Below: Many of the forts that Henry was assigned to were stockades like that below.

month also a substitute whose name was Christy Caufforman—He was called out after the difficult times as a volunteer, but can't tell how long—He however can safely say that he served at least Eight months in the Revolutionary War altogether exclusive of the two months for which he hired a substitute."

"To the questions proposed by the War Department he answered as follows: 1st that he was born in Pennsylvania below Reading in the year 1752. 2nd He has a record of his age in his old Bible. 3rd He was living in this county when he was called out and has lived here ever since. 4th He was called out as stated before as a volunteer and in his clafs. 5th He states that his regular officers are as before stated: Col. Fodor, Springer & Captains Brown and Walters. 6th He states that he signed no discharge nor can he account of any such thing—They were dismissed when the time was out. 7th He states that he has not any documentary ever—of his services nor does he know of any one now living who can testify

to them, but names Rev. John Patton & James McCormack who reside in his neighborhood to whom he is known who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution."



Above: Revolution War pension application for Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) dated March 21, 1834. Henry was awarded a pension based on his testimony. Below: Close-up of mark made by Henry on his pension application.

"He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn and subscribed this day and year aforesaid. Henry his H mark Smith. Samuel Nixon, Judge."

We John Patton, a clergyman residing in Fayette County, Pennsylvania and James McCormack residing in the same do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Henry Smith senior who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. That we believe him to be 81 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion—sworn and subscribed this day and year aforesaid. Signed: John Patton; James McCormick."

"And I the said Samuel Nixon, Judge do hereby declare my opinion after the investigation of the matter and after hunting the interrogations prescribed by the war department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and seemed as he states—And further certified the forgoing contract the original proceedings had before me in the matter of the application of Henry Smith senior for a pension—I also certify that the said Henry Smith cannot by reason of bodily infirmity attend the court—In testimony

whereof I have herewith set my hand this day and year aforesaid. Signed: Samuel Nixon, Judge."

"State of Pennsylvania, Fayette County. I Richard Beeson Prothonotary of the Court of Commissioners in the said county do certify that Samuel Nixon Esq. is one of the official judges of the said court duly commissioned, signed and qualified to all, whose official acts full faith & credits are due & that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine. In Testimony wherein I have hereto set my hand & the Seal of Said Court at Uniontown the 25th day of March 1834. Signed: Richard Beeson" (*Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 22516 for Henry Smith*).

Henry Smith was awarded a pension of "26 dollars and 66 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1831. Certificate of Pension issued the 12th day of April and sent to Uniontown, Pennsylvania arrears to the 4th of March 1834—80 dollars. Semi-annual allowance ending 4th September 1834, 13 dollars and 33 cents for a total of 93 dollars and 33 cents." This was all done according to the guidelines issued by the United States Revolutionary Claim Act of 1832.

Above: Gravestone of Margaret Sheeter Smith, wife of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather). The inscription reads: "In Memory of "MARGARET SMITH / who departed this life / Dec. 24th A. D. 1859 Aged 76 / years 3 months & 5 days. / Yet gracious Lord where shall I flee / Thou art my only trust / And still my soul would cleave to thee / Tho prostrate in the dust / My flesh shall slumber in the ground / Till the last trumpets joyful sound / Then burst the chains with sweet. Surprise / And in my Savior's image rise." Margaret was the widow of George Stough when she married Henry in 1798. Two of her children by Stough are buried next to her in Jacob's Lutheran Cemetery.

"Henry purchased several tracts of land in Wayne County, Ohio, which he later sold to

his sons. It appears that he never lived there. He took patent to the north half of section 12 in Wooster Township on October 10, 1808, and to the northeast quarter section 24 in Franklin Township on May 29, 1809. His sons, which bought land and moved to Wayne County, were Elias, Henry, Jr., Nicholas, and **Jacob H. Smith**." Henry served as an official for Jacob's Old Dutch Church.

Above: Gravestone of a Stough son of Margaret Smith, wife of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather). He is buried next to his mother. Left: Will of Henry Smith, dated February 29, 1832, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Will of Henry Smith, Fifth Great-Grandfather

"In the name of God. Amen. I Henry Smith of George Township Fayette County and State of Pennsylvania being weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in manner and form following-viz 1st I will my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner. 2nd I will to my beloved wife Margaret Smith one third of my personal estate during her life and in the proceeds of my real estate also during her life and at the decease of my wife Margaret it is my will that the remaining funds (if any) arriving from personal Estate willed and aforesaid to my wife Margaret shall descend to my daughters Rachel, Susanna and Elizabeth, except twenty dollars of said fund I will to my wife's daughter

Sarah Smith—3rd I will to my four first sons **Jacob**, Elias, Henry, and Nicholas each of them one horse worth one hundred dollars which I have already given them—4th I will to my two sons Solomon and Daniel my mansion or home place to be equally divided between them. Solomon to have the North end of said place and Daniel to have the South end of said place, each to have an equal number of acres to them their heirs assigns forever. And if I do not dispose of my Mountain place, it is my will that said Mountain place shall be equally divided between my two sons Solomon & Daniel Smith them their heirs or assigns forever, but both places shall be subject to the dower of my wife and the legacies of my daughters hereafter mentioned—5th I will to my seven daughters Barbara, Mary Magdalene, Salome, Christena, Rachel, Susanna and Elizabeth, Two hundred and sixty dollars each of them, and to daughter Salome I will thirty dollars exclusive of the before mentioned sum of the two hundred and sixty dollars as she has received no furniture. It is my will

Above: Mark of Henry Smith on his will dated February 29, 1832. Below: Home of Henry Smith on York's Run. Henry built his log cabin about 1770. Later added on to and given different sidings, it was occupied until just a few years ago, but is now dilapidated.

that my executor Sell my personal property and after paying my just debts and necessary expenses together with my wife's dower then to distribute between my first four daughters the remaining two thirds of my personal Estate according to their several legacies but if the said remaining two thirds should pay the first four daughters their legacies and a balance

Above: Back view of Henry Smith's home. Left: Pond located about a hundred feet from Henry's cabin. Lower left: View of Henry's property from his back door.

yet remaining this said balance shall be equally divided amongst the other three according to their legacies and if these two thirds of my personal property is insufficient to the before mentioned legacies and expenses it is my will that my two sons Solomon and Daniel pay the whole balance so remaining to be paid into the hands of my executor within the term of seven years after my decease which shall be a fund to pay the said legacies. But if my sons Solomon and Daniel shall refuse or neglect to pay the before mentioned balance within the said terms of seven years then in that case it is my will that my Executor take into his possession said home place and rent the same until the proceeds therein rising shall satisfy said legacies nevertheless one shall not be bound for the other and each shall pay an equal sum. I will to my wife Margaret my Stove and Stove room and the small room adjoining on the North side of the house and my corner Cupboard during

her life and the privilege of keeping one Milk Cow on the farm with or on Daniel's part of the home place and one bed and bedding during her life to be appraised and included in her dower. And I do hereby constitute and appoint James Brownfield of George Township Fayette County Pennsylvania my sole executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal this twenty-ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two. **Henry his H mark Smith**. Signed and sealed in Fayette County aforesaid Henry Smith" (*Fayette County Will Book 2*, page 111).

In 1777 Henry married **Elisabetha Grovenstadt**, later Anglicized to **Elizabeth Grandstaff** (5th Great-Grandmother) in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth was born in 1758 at York's Run in Fayette County and died on August 10, 1796, in Fayette County. She was buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery. They had nine children: **Jacob H. Smith**, Elias Smith, Nicholas Smith, Magdalena Smith, Susanna "Susan" Smith, Mary Smith, Barbara Smith (born 1785 in Fayette County; died February 29, 1832), Salome Smith (born April 8, 1787), and Henry Smith.

After Elizabeth died, Henry married Margaret Sheeter Stough in 1799, Fayette County, widow of George Stough, brother of Rev. John Stough, one of the pastors of Jacob's Lutheran Church. She was born September 29, 1764, and died December 24, 1839, in Fayette County, where she was buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery. Henry and Elizabeth had six children: Rachel Smith (born 1799), Daniel Smith, Salome Smith, Magdalena Smith, Suzanna Smith (born 1801), and Solomon Smith (born 1804).

This page: Original log home of Henry Smith can be seen in two of these interior photographs; August 2004. Stairway to second story. Although the home is collapsing the grounds are attractive.

Henry died on March 10, 1838, and was buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, in German Township, near Masontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He and his second wife have excellent, monuments, styled the old way, erected over their

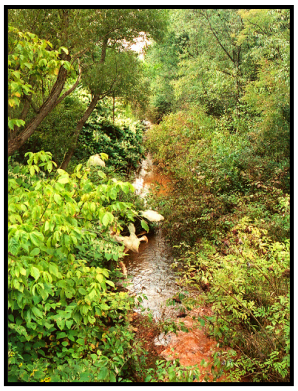
This page: Land once owned by Henry Smith in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Original fireplaces in his home.

graves. To find the cemetery go southeast from Masontown on Highway 21 toward Smithfield. Turn left (northeast) on Walnut Hill Road (SR 3003) and go maybe two miles to a road and turn left to the church and cemetery.

Children of Henry Smith and Elizabeth Grandstaff

There are two different profiles of **Henry Smith, Jr.** (4th Great-Granduncle). The first shows him being born on June 16, 1776, and dying on October 11, 1855. He married Catherine (1768-January 26, 1861) and they were the parents of eight children: Sarah Smith (July

20, 1804-August 12, 1870; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); Abigail Smith (September 16, 1806-January 12, 1869; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery);



This page: Land owned by Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) from about 1770 until his death in 1838. A large house located a quarter mile from Henry's home (above). York's Run (top right). Henry's home was located at the corner of Smithfield High House Road and Sleepy Hollow Road (below).

George Peter Smith (January 1813-August 11, 1819; buried Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); Mariah Smith (spelled Maria on gravestone; 1817-October 10, 1891; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); William Smith (November 17, 1819-November 19, 1901; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); Selina Smith (1820-March 17, 1897; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); Malinda Smith (spelled Belinda on gravestone and will; 1825-March 23, 1894; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); Mary Smith (name is only known from Henry's will); and Joseph Smith (some list him as a child, but he was probably a grandson; August 1, 1848-May 19, 1869; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery).

"This Henry was a member of Jacob's Lutheran Church and is buried close to Henry Smith, Sr." Note that all of the above children of Henry Smith, except for Mary, are buried together in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery near the grave of Henry Smith, Sr. It seems that they never married. All names are taken from Henry's will recorded in

Fayette County Will Book 3, page 207, which is in the courthouse in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Another account outlines his history as follows: He was born on November 11, 1791, and died on February 1, 1872. He married Keziah (Kezia) Davis (born March 29, 1798, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-died November 10, 1831, in Fayette County; buried Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, Smithfield, Fayette County) in 1817, at Connellsville in Fayette County; and they had six children: David Davis Smith (May 16, 1820, Uniontown, Pennsylvania-July 30, 1900; married about 1815, Sarah Ann Bryson; born January 10, 1825, in Uniontown), Elizabeth Smith (April 11, 1818, in Connellsville, Pennsylvania; married about 1840, Stewart Speers, born about 1815);

This page: Gravestones of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) (left) and his children in Jacob's Lutheran Cemetery. Above clockwise: George Peter, Selina, William and Maria Smith.

Hannah Smith (born about 1824), James Bolivar Smith (November 19, 1826-April 27, 1909; married February 7, 1850, Mary B. Bryson; February 13, 1828-October 16, 1896); Mary Smith, and Eliza Jane Smith. "This Henry was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Smithfield, Pennsylvania, where he served as a Deacon until the death of his wife Keziah. He is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Uniontown, Pennsylvania."

This page: Family of Henry Smith (4th Great-Grand-uncle). Top left to right: Sarah Smith (1804-1870), Felinda Smith (1829-1894), and Abigail Smith (1806-1869). Above left: Monument erected by a descendant of Henry and Catherine Smith next to their original grave-stones. Above right: Catherine Smith (1786-1861), wife of Henry Smith. All of Henry's many children, except one, are buried beside him. Most of his daughters never married and died with their Smith surname.

After Keziah Davis died in 1836, Henry married Leah Fields (born 1795) and they had seven children: Henry P. Smith (about 1835-about 1905), Isaac Fields Smith (1837-1911), Elmer or Elias Minton Smith (about 1839), Mary or Sarah Maria Smith (about 1841 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania-about 1873; married James Gaddis, about 1865), Harriet Melvina Smith (born before 1844; married Joseph Bogar), Alice Smith (born before 1844), and Louis Smith (born before 1844). After Leah Fields died Henry married Eliza Wilkey/Wilkie (born before 1840) and they had three children: Elmer Smith, Alice Smith, and Lewis Smith.

Mary Magdaline Smith (4th Great-Grandaunt) was born on December 21, 1786, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died on October 6, 1868, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio. She married her first cousin, Conrad Franks, son of George Franks and Abigail Smith (born October 7, 1786, German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-died March 7, 1869, in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio), about 1803. They had ten children: Rebecca Franks (June 25, 1807, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-after 1870, Riley Township, Sandusky County, Ohio; married November 5, 1826, at Wooster, Wayne, Ohio, John Miller), Elizabeth S. Franks (1811 Fayette County-1881 Sandusky County, Ohio; married May 9, 1830, in Wayne County,

Ohio, Benjamin Miller; second marriage to Uriah M. Franks), George S. Franks (April 21, 1813, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-January 27, 1888, at Gratiot County, Michigan;

Above: Double monument of Solomon Smith (4th Great-Granduncle), who died Mar. 22, 1877, and his wife, Mary, who died April 18, 1871, in Little White Rock Cemetery in Fairchance, Pennsylvania. Top right: Little White Rock Church. Right: Little White Rock Cemetery; Solomon's gravestone is in the foreground. Below: Land near Solomon's home.

married November 29, 1834, Barbara Ann Miller, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio), Isaac Charles Franks (August 5, 1815, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-August 7, 1896, in Franklin Township, Wayne County, Ohio; married Lucretia Smith on September 5, 1839, in Chester Township, Wayne County, Ohio), Sarah Franks (December 23, 1817, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio-November 22, 1865, in Clyde, Sandusky County, Ohio; married Conrad Miller, Jr. on December 5, 1835, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio), Cornelius Franks

(about 1820 in Ohio-1883/1896, in Orange Township, Ionia County, Michigan; married November 23, 1841, Sarah Ann Franks, in East Union Township, Wayne County,

Above: Land near Solomon Smith's home in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Right: Gravestone of Squire Smith (son of Solomon Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle), who died in 1841 at the age of seven. Below: Mt. Moriah Cemetery, where Mary Smith, first wife of Solomon, is buried (lower left hand corner).

Ohio), Aaron Franks (May 5, 1822, in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio-September 2, 1889, in Franklin Township, Wayne County, Ohio; married Malenda McConnell, on November 28, 1844, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio), John Ramsey Franks

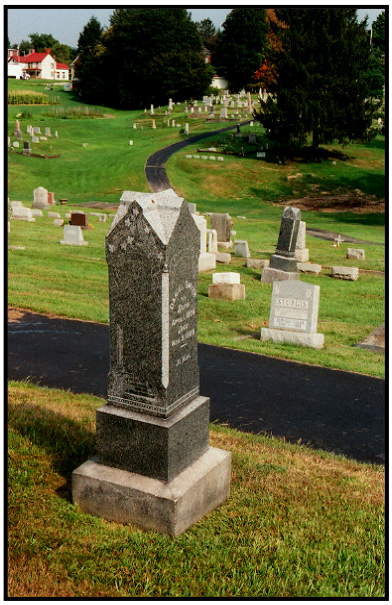
(November 5, 1824, in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio-December 20, 1905, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio; married Elizabeth Miller, on June 19, 1856, in Wayne County, Ohio), Catherine Franks (June 10, 1827, Wayne County, Ohio-December 16, 1911, at Clyde, Sandusky County, Ohio; married Andrew Miller on June 25, 1846, in Wayne County, Ohio; married second, Thomas Wiley, III), and Delilah J. Franks (July 3, 1830, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio-February 1, 1917; married George Hook Miller, on April 9, 1854, in Wayne County, Ohio).

Elias Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) was born on June 1, 1789, and died January 12, 1854, in Richland County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Beerbower (born April 10, 1790,

in Pottsdam, York County, Pennsylvania; died August 27, 1865) in 1818 and they had eleven children: Amy Smith (born about 1810), Henry Smith (born December 17, 1812, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; married Margaret B. Carr-born about 1816-on November 13, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio), Jacob Smith (born December 17, 1814, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; married Elizabeth First on March 6, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio), Peter Burtram Smith (born 1816 in Wayne County, Ohio; married Sarah First on October 4, 1839, in Wayne County, Ohio), Sarah Smith (born February 5, 1819, in Wayne County, Ohio-December 28, 1895, in Indiana; married James McFadden about 1838 in Wayne County), John Stough Smith (born February 28, 1821, in Wayne County; married Margaret Burnet on July 6, 1843, in Wayne County, Ohio), Rebecca Smith (born 1822 in Wayne County; married Benjamine Leech), Kisiah Smith (born 1823; married David Potter), Elizabeth Smith (born about 1825), Jonas G. Smith (born June 27, 1827, in Wayne

Top left: Mt. Moriah Cemetery and Church in Smithfield, Pennsylvania. Top right: Gravestone of Mary Smith (1807-1830), first wife of Solomon Smith (4th Great-Granduncle). Above: Gravestone of Kezia Davis Smith (left, 1798-1831), wife of Henry Smith of Smithfield (possibly 4th Great-Granduncle).

County, Ohio; married Esther J. Leech), and Enoch Smith (born 1826 in Wayne County-died May 6, 1894, Texas; married Mary A. Christee, on January 6, 1853, Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio).



Above: Gravestone of Daniel Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) in Mt. Moriah Cemetery; August 2004. Lower left: Inscription on same monument for Elizabeth Smith, wife of Daniel. Middle: Gravestone of Andrew Smith (1842-1926) son of Daniel. Lower right: Highway 119, going into Smithfield and by Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Nicholas Smith (4th Great-Grand-uncle) was born on December 17, 1793, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1836. He married Leah McCoy (1789-1850) on November 26, 1826, and had three children: McCoy Smith, Serena Smith, and Elizabeth Smith.

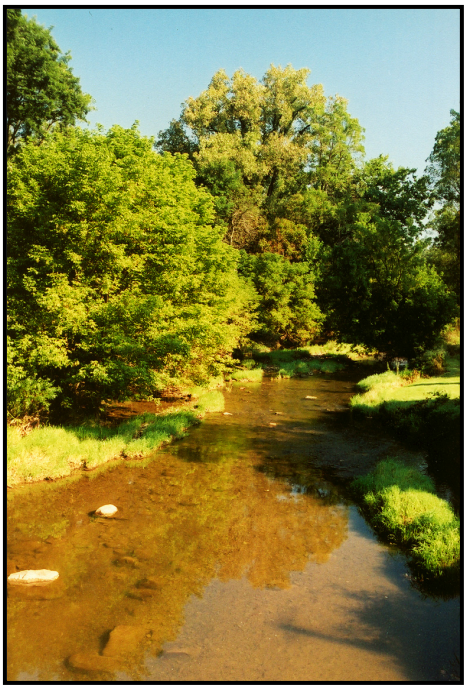
Christina Rachel Smith (4th Great-Grandaunt) was born January 28, 1796. She married Benjamin Miller (born about 1796) on May 9, 1830.

Children of Henry Smith and Margaret Sheeter

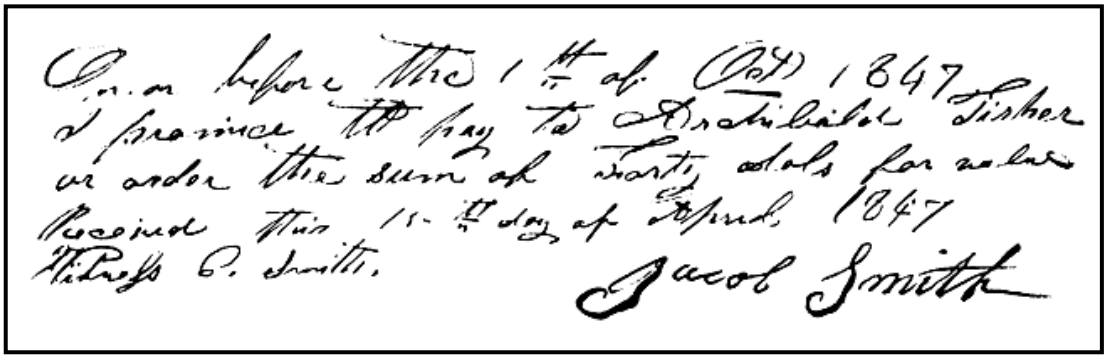
After his first wife died, Henry Smith, Sr. (5th Great-Grandfather) married Margaret (Margaretha) Sheeter (1764-1839), in 1798, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. She was the widow of George Stough. Henry and Margaret had five children:

Rachel Smith (born June 21, 1799, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania), Daniel Smith, Solomon Smith, Elizabeth Smith, and Susanna Smith (born July 25, 1801, in Fayette County; christened on August 23, 1801, in Jacob's Lutheran Church).

Above: Land once owned by Jacob Smith (4th Great-Grandfather; 1780-1848) in the 1820s off Highway 30 at Honeytown Road (County Road 54). Right: Apple Creek runs through Jacob's land. Below: Note written and signed by Jacob Smith on April 15, 1847.



Solomon Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) was born on January 12, 1799, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, (another account says he was born January 12, 1804, and christened on June 10, 1804, in Jacob's Lutheran Church) and died March 22, 1877, in Fayette County. He was buried in White Rock Cemetery, Fairchance, Fayette County. He married Mary Rothruck (March 1807-January 30, 1830,

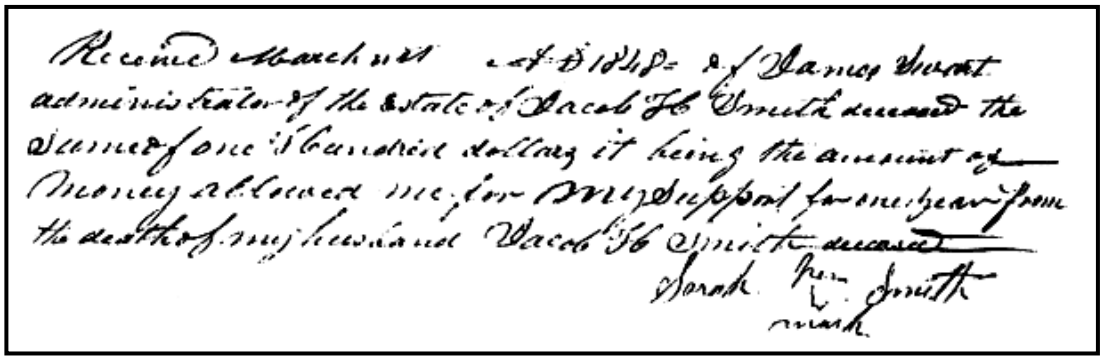


in Fayette County; buried in Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, Smithfield, Fayette County) and they had two children: Jonathan Smith (born 1824; married Hanna Riffle)

and Margaret Smith (born about 1828; married Jacob Johnson). Solomon married Mary Polly Hayden (1814-about 1874 in Fayette County; buried in White Rock Cemetery)

Above: Smithfield, Pennsylvania (1887), where Solomon and Daniel Smith (4th Great-Granduncles) once resided, and near the home of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather). Right: Gravestones of Jacob and Sarah Smith (4th Great-Grandparents) in Old Presbyterian Apple Creek Cemetery. Below: Note dated March 21, 1848, with the mark of Sarah Smith (4th Great-Grandmother).

on August 13, 1832, as his second wife and they had five children: Elizabeth Ann Smith (December 9, 1836-September 9, 1913; married Jacob Snyder Hayden), Kesiah Smith (July 28, 1839-September 17, 1926; married Lucian Leech), Squire Smith (March 6, 1834-September 28, 1841), Albert Hayden Smith (August 12, 1843-September 12, 1909; married Mary Ellen Nixon on February 29, 1868; May 6, 1851-March 16, 1932) and Mary Louise Smith (November 18, 1850-March 4, 1931; married on August 5, 1873, Albert Johnson).



Daniel Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) was born April 1806, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; christened on May 18, 1806, in Jacob's Lutheran Church, and died November 9, 1899,

in Fayette County. He married Elizabeth Rothruck (born May 1, 1806-died April 2, 1897, in Fayette County) on August 17, 1826, in Fayette County and both are buried in Mt.

Left: Gravestone of Sarah Smith (4th Great-Grandmother) in Old Presbyterian Cemetery (above) in Apple Creek, Ohio; September 2004. The inscription reads: "SARAH / *Wife of* / JACOB H. SMITH / *Died* / Oct. 13, 1860 / *Aged* / 76 years & 29 ds."

Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, Smithfield, Fayette County. They were the parents of eight children: Henry Smith (June 15, 1827, in Fayette County-1914; married Matilda Ann Deyarmon; 1828-1900), Louisa Smith (February 25, 1829, in Fayette County-November 12, 1839, in Fayette County; buried Mount Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery), Lydia Margaret Smith (May 3, 1831, in Fayette County-September 25, 1896, in Fayette County; married John Anderson), David R. Smith (August 3, 1834, in Fayette County-August 10, 1870), Samuel Miller Smith (January 15, 1837, in Fayette County), Orlando Smith (June 1, 1839, in Fayette County-March 31, 1850, in Fayette County; buried in Mount Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery), Andrew Jackson Smith (February 17, 1842, in Fayette County-December 11, 1926, in Fayette County; buried in Mount Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery; married on May 24, 1863, Eliza Jane Deyarman; July 8, 1840-February 13, 1884, in Fayette County; married second on December 25, 1890, Miranda M. Anderson; 1844-1914 in Fayette County; both wives are buried beside Andrew), and Daniel Porter Smith (September 9, 1846, in Smithfield, Fayette County-February 27, 1910, in Smithfield; married on August 12, 1865, Margaret Hertzog Malaby; May 16, 1846 in Smithfield-July 10, 1903, in Smithfield; both are buried in Mount Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery).

A biography of Daniel Smith and his son, Daniel P. Smith, was printed in *Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, pages 1107-1108, by Nelson, in 1900. "Daniel Smith (4th Great-Granduncle), son of Henry, was born April 1, 1806, in the house now occupied by his son, Daniel P. Smith, on York's run (Fayette County, Pennsylvania). This farm consists of one-half of the original tract taken up by Henry in 1787, and is without encumbrance of any kind, and one of the best-cultivated farms in Georges Township. Daniel Smith was practical in all he did and what he did was well done. He was a man who by the nature of his makeup made his friends love him. He was warm hearted and generous to a fault, a good and fluent conversationalist, hospitable in the extreme, courteous to all, ever ready to greet a stranger and entertain a friend. On August 17, 1826, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Rothruck, daughter of David Rothruck, of Woodbridgetown, by Rev. John Patton. In 1831 he united himself with Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Smithfield, and was an advocate of Baptist doctrine and a supporter of the church up to his death. Daniel Smith had eight children, four of whom are living (1900): Andrew J. Smith, Henry Smith, Samuel M. Smith, and Daniel P. Smith, the subject of this sketch."

"Daniel P. Smith was born in Georges Township on the same farm and in the same house in which his father was born, on September 9, 1846. He was reared on the farm and educated in the district schools of the township and George's Creek Academy. He always continued himself to agricultural pursuits, and like his progenitors is a practical agriculturist, well versed in all that pertains to his chosen vocation. He is also a breeder of Delaino sheep, which yield a superior quality of wool. For nine consecutive years he efficiently filled the offices of school director and auditor. He married Miss Margaret Malaby, daughter of Henry and Mary Malaby, August 12, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children, all-living: Frank Smith, Mary E. Smith (who resides in Iowa), Lonnie M. Smith and Stanley Smith. Mrs. Smith was born in Nicholson Township, May 16, 1846. They are both members of Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Smithfield, of which Mr. Smith is a deacon. Politically he is Democratic in his views."

Elizabeth Smith (4th Great-Grandaunt) was born October 12, 1808, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died September 22, 1880. She married Philip Sturgis Field (July 28, 1806-November 25, 1874) and they had at least one child: Mary Margaret Smith.

Jacob H. Smith, Fourth Great-Grandfather

Jacob H. Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) was born on January 12, 1780, on York Run, Georges Township, northeast of Smithfield in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Before 1820 Jacob moved from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to Wayne County, Ohio. His uncles Philip, Valentine and Nicholas Smith settled large tracts of land nearby. Jacob is listed in the Wayne County 1820 Census of Wooster Township. In 1830 and 1840, he is listed in Franklin Township.

Jacob purchased his father's land in Wayne County. This land is located about two

miles east of Wooster, Ohio, at the point where Highway 30 meets County Road 54. Highway 30 runs through the middle of his property.

Above: Gravestone of Jacob H. Smith (4th Great-Grandfather). The inscription reads: "JACOB SMITH / *Died* / Feb. 20, 1848 / *Aged* / *68 years* / *4 mos, 8 das.*" Right: View from the top of Old Presbyterian Cemetery, where Jacob is buried. The old Presbyterian Church building where he worshipped once stood nearby, but was torn down many years ago.

He married **Sarah** (4th Great-Grandmother), who was born about 1784 in Ireland, and died in Wayne County on October 13, 1860. Jacob died February 20, 1848, when he was 68 years old. They are buried beside each other in the Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Apple Creek, Wayne County. "One son, Cornelius Smith (born about 1823 in East Union Township in Wayne County) is listed in a Smith History, but the author (of *Philip Schmitz Descendants*) is unaware of any other records for this family."

Jacob and Sarah were the parents of three sons: Henry Smith (about 1804/1820), Cornelius Smith (about 1804/1820) and **Israel Smith** (1805). All three sons were probably born in Ohio.

Henry Smith (3rd Great-Granduncle; born about 1804/1820) moved from Wayne County, Ohio, to Seneca, Mercer County, Ohio. He died in Defiance County, Ohio. Nothing more is known about him.

Cornelius Smith (3rd Great-Granduncle; born about 1804/1820) was Postmaster at Edinburgh and Apple Creek Stations, East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio.

Israel Smith, Third Great-Grandfather

Israel Smith (3rd Great-Grandfather; 1805-1857) married **Matilda Wade** (3rd Great-Grandmother; about 1810-1848) in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1829. He moved across the state to Mercer County, Ohio, in 1840. There he settled in Dublin Township, Number 6, in 1842, and lived there until his death in April 1857. After Matilda died in 1848, Israel married Mary Ann Baltzell in 1850 in Mercer County, Ohio.

He probably did not have any children by his second marriage.

Israel and Matilda had nine children: James Finley Smith (1831-1877), Zannan A. Smith (1833/1834-before 1924), Miss Smith (died as an infant), Cornelius B. Smith (1836-1911), John W. Smith (1838-1903), **Henry K. Smith** (1841-1924), Jacob Smith (1844-died young),

Sarah Ellen Smith (1846/1847-before 1924) and Matilda Smith (1848/1849-died young). The five oldest children were probably born in Wayne County, Ohio, and the four youngest children were born in Mercer County, Ohio. Possibly, John was born in Washington County, Iowa, instead of Wayne County.

Top: There are a number of Amish communities near Apple Creek in Wayne County, Ohio. One article states that it has the highest concentration of Amish in the world. Descendants of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) continue to live in Wayne County to the present day. Above: Roebuck Cemetery near Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio, where James Finley Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle) and his first wife, Phebe, are buried. It is situated on a pleasant farm, where corn is grown in summer. In fact the cemetery can be difficult to see from the road when the corn is high. Left: Gravestone of James Finley Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1831-1877). James' second wife was Alvina Sidenbender, who is buried in Riverside Cemetery. She was a widow for thirty years after James died in 1877.

Israel and Matilda are buried in an unknown cemetery near Rockford, Ohio. They are not listed in any local cemetery record.

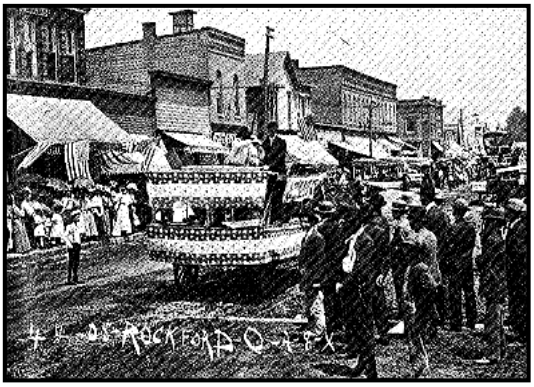
James Finley Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1831-1877) was a farmer in Dublin Township near Rockford, Ohio. After his first wife, Phebe, died, he married Alvina Sidenbender, the

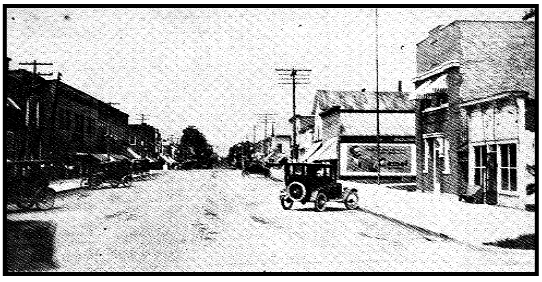
sister of **Maria Jane Sidenbender**, my second great-grandmother. He died of tuberculosis when he was forty-six years old in 1877. He and Phebe had three children: Della F. Smith (1857/1858-after 1952), who lived to be over 95 years old; Olive "Ollie" Smith (1858/1859), and Frances Smith (1861/1862).

Top left: Gravestone of Phebe Smith, first wife of James F. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle). Top right: Gravestone of Alvina B. Sidenbender Smith (2nd Great-Grandaunt), second wife of James F. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle). Above: Rockford, Ohio, in 2002 and about 1900 (right).

Zannan A. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1834/6-before 1924) lost an eye when he was a boy. He became a dry goods merchant and was still living in Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio, when he was thirty-four in 1870. He eventually moved to Coffey County, Kansas, where he continued his dry goods business.

He was living in Crown, Webster County, Missouri, in 1911. Zannan and his wife,





Top right: Rockford, Ohio, Fourth of July parade in 1908. Top left: Cabin built by Anthony Shane in 1819 near Rockford. Middle left: Rockford about 1910. Above: Gravestones of Cornelius Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Nancy Hedges, in Riverside Cemetery. Left: Gravestones of James F. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Phebe, in Roebuck Cemetery.

Hannah, had at least two children: Clara Emma Smith (1858/1859) and Charles Smith (1859/1860-after 1911). Charles Smith had a large family.

Cornelius B. Smith's (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1836-1911) biography was published in 1896 in *Biographical History of Mercer County, Ohio*, pages 550-551.

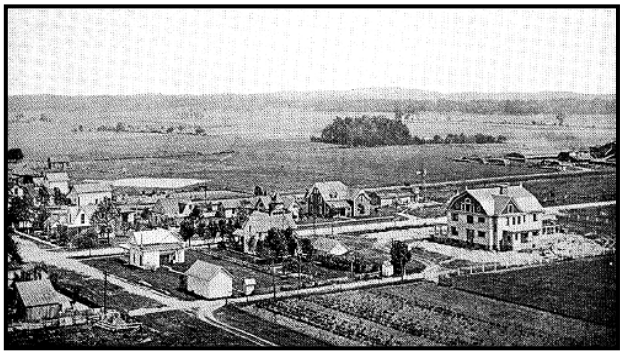
"Cornelius Smith, a distinguished citizen of Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio, eminent as a banker and prominent as an agriculturist, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, August 4, 1836, a son of Israel and Matilda (Wade) Smith (3rd Great-Grandparents) who settled in Mercer County in 1840."

"Mr. and Mrs. Israel Smith were natives of Ohio, and were here married. In 1838 they removed to what is now Washington county, Iowa, but in 1840 returned to Ohio, journeying in a wagon with their family, which then comprised five children, intending to settle on some land which Mr. Smith had traded for in Van Wert county. On the way, Mr. Smith stopped in Mercer County at the house of an old settler-a Mr. Guy-with whom he left his family while he went forward to Van Wert County to inspect his land. This he found to be too swampy for his purpose, and so at once returned to Mercer County, where two years later, he purchased section Number 6, in Dublin Township, in Godfrey's reservation, upon which he made settlement, and which he began to improve, but of which he subsequently sold one half. The remaining half he continued to improve and reside upon until his death in April 1857, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics a democrat. He became one of the solid men of the county, and was greatly respected for his purity of character and intrinsic merit as a man. To his marriage with Miss Matilda Wade were born nine children as follows: J. Findlay, farmer, deceased; Z. A., a merchant of Coffey County, Kansas; Jacob, deceased; Cornelius, our subject; John W. and **Henry** of Rockford, Ohio; Sarah Ellen, wife of George Griffin, of Lincoln Nebraska; and two infants, deceased. The lamented mother of this family was called away in 1848."

Above: John W. Smith, Civil War Soldier (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1838-1903), and his wife, Harriet Blake (1844-1896), in Riverside Cemetery.

"Cornelius Smith, the subject proper of this memoir, was early inured to the toils and hardships of pioneer farm life, received as good an education as the schools of his early day afforded, and assisted on the home farm until twenty years of age, and then began working out as a farm hand by the month for his own benefit. A short time thereafter, however, he began farming on his own account, and this occupation he has never since entirely relinquished. In 1863 he moved to Rockford which town he has

ever since made his place of residence. Here, in connection with his farming interests, he has for five years engaged in mercantile business, and in 1888 he purchased a quarter interest in the Bank of Rockford; in 1892 he withdrew from this bank, and the following year (April 1893) organized the Rockford Savings bank, associating with himself J. S. Riley, his son-in-law, and doing a general banking business, which continues to increase day by day. His present farm of fine arable land comprises many acres, which he personally superintends in conjunction with his banking interest."



Top: Overview of Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio, looking east. Middle: View of Rockford looking south; 2002. Above: South Rockford about 1910. Israel and Matilda Smith (3rd Great-Grandparents) were among the first settlers in the Rockford area in 1840.

"Cornelius Smith was united in marriage March 29, 1860, with Miss Nancy E. Hedges, daughter of Colonel W. B. Hedges, and was born March 24, 1840. This union has been the happier by the birth of five children, but nevertheless the parents have suffered severely through the heavy hand of affliction bereaving them of three of their offspring, viz.: William, Elmore and Jenney. The surviving two are: Nimmie, who was born January 20, 1861, and is now the wife of J. S. Riley, co-partner with Mr. Smith in the banking business at Rockford, and Carroll C. who lives at home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. Smith is a staunch democrat who has filled the office of justice of the peace—more from a sense of public duty than from any desire of holding a public position. He has always held the welfare of Rockford and the county of Mercer 'grappled to his soul with hooks of steel,' and has been generous in his pecuniary outlay toward the promotion of their material advancement. He is recognized as one of the most progressive and sagacious businessmen in the county, and socially he and his family stand at the center of a circle of its most highly respected citizens."

Cornelius died in 1911 and is buried near the right entrance of Riverside Cemetery, which is located just outside of Rockford, Ohio.

Above: Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio, where Cornelius Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle), John Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle) and Henry K. Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather) are buried. Below: 40th Ohio Infantry monument (2008) at Chickamauga, Georgia, where John Smith fought in 1864.

John W. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1838-1903) served as a private in Company D, 40th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment in the Union Army during the Civil War. His regiment was mustered on December 7, 1861. Most of the regiment's early action was in Kentucky. From January 8 to February 1, 1862, they occupied Paintsville, Kentucky. In February, the regiment was ordered to Nashville and then to Franklin, Tennessee, where they helped repulse Van Dorn's attack on Franklin, April 10, 1863. From September 7-22, they participated in the Chickamauga, Georgia, Campaign and were in the Battle of Chickamauga, September 19-21. They were in the siege of Chattanooga, Tennessee, from

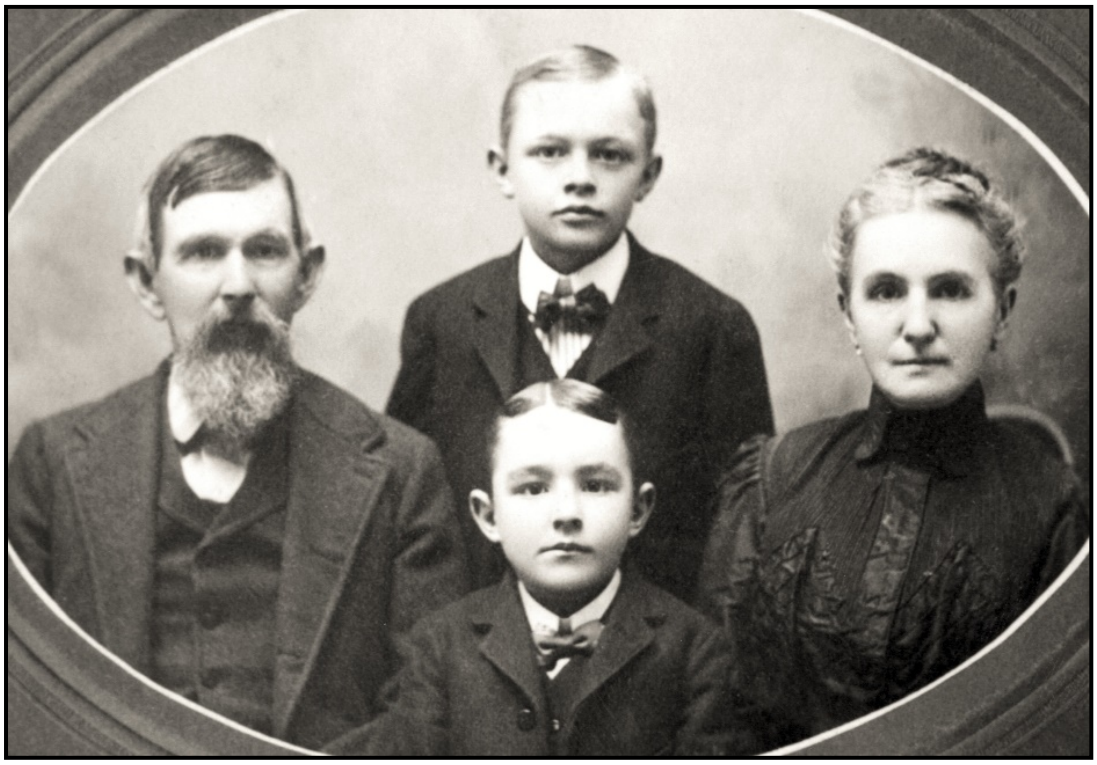
September 24 until November 23, 1863, and participated in the Battles of Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, November 23-25, 1863.

The 40th was assigned duty at Whiteside, Alabama, until February 1864, and participated in the Atlanta, Georgia, Campaign from May 1 to September 8, 1864. In this campaign the regiment was in the Battles of Resaca, Adairsville, Dallas, New Hope Church, Allatoona Hills, Marietta and Kenesaw Mountain. From July 22-August 25, 1864, John Smith and his regiment was in the Siege of Atlanta. From August 31 until September 1, 1864, they fought in the Battle of Jonesboro, Georgia. On October 7, 1864, the men of Company D were mustered out at Pilot Knob, Georgia, and returned home. The regiment lost 237 men. Six officers and 96 enlisted men were killed in battle and 1 officer and 134 enlisted men died from disease. (*Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*, page 1515, by Frederick Dyer.)

John married Harriet Blake and had at least two children: William Blake Smith (1868) and Ellen Smith (1869); Ellen never married.

Henry K. Smith, Second Great-Grandfather

Henry K. Smith's (2nd Great-Grandfather; 1841-1924) obituary was printed in the



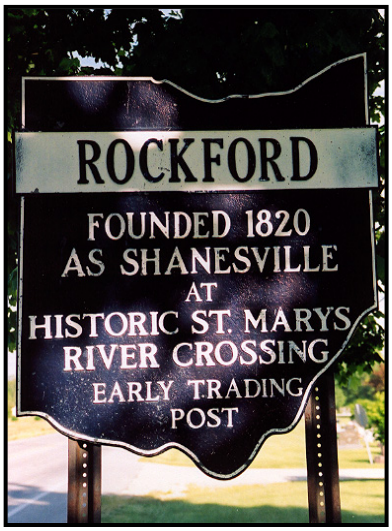
Above: Henry K. Smith and Maria Jane Sidenbender Smith (2nd Great-Grandparents) with their grandchildren, Wade Smith (standing center) and Dole Smith (Great Uncles).

Rockford Press a day or two after his death on August 6, 1924, in Rockford, Ohio.

"'Leaves have their time to fall, and flowers to wither at the north wind's call, and stars to set, but O Death, Thou hast all seasons for thine own.' But the hand of death was

stayed and Henry K. Smith was permitted to live pass the three score years and ten that testify of above ordinary strength of man. He was the last of a family of eight, six sons and two daughters of Israel and Matilda Smith. Mr. Smith was born near Rockford,

Above: Monument to Henry K. Smith and Maria Jane Sidenbender Smith (2nd Great-Grandparents) in Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Ohio.



Ohio, April 18, 1844, and departed this life from his home in Rockford, August 6, 1924, at the age of 83 years, 3 months and 18 days."

"March 27th, 1866, he was united in marriage with **Maria Jane Sidenbender** (2nd Great-Grandmother; 1845-1928) and to this union a son and daughter

Three generations of the Smith family lived in Rockford, Ohio; i.e. Israel Smith, Henry K. Smith and Clyde Smith.

was born. Both have preceded their father in death. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have spent their entire married life in Rockford where he was a successful merchant (dry goods). He was interested in town and community and for a while served as mayor of the village."

"During the Civil War he served his country in the 99th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. (Henry served as a Sergeant in Company D or F, 99th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Union Army). He was a member of the Rockford Lodge of Free Masonry and was much interested in the order and development of the principles of Masonry."

"He was converted in a Union meeting conducted by the pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches and united with the Methodist church during the pastorate of Rev. C. A. Moore. Since that time he has served the church faithfully and has been devoted to the principles of right. He has been faithful in his attendance at services and many of his closest friends testify of his change and loyalty. His last years have been spent beautifully in his home where he had rest from the toils of his more active days and among his friends and associates who highly respect him. He will be missed among his friends. He leaves to mourn his loss his faithful devoted companion of 58 years of wedded life, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and a large acquaintance and friendship."

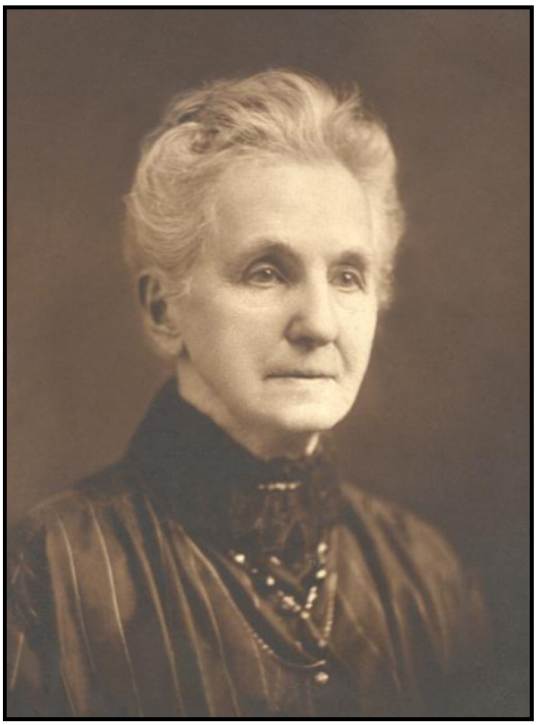
Above: Gravestones of Henry K. Smith and his wife, Maria Jane Sidenbender Smith (2nd Great-Grandparents). Both of their parents were early settlers of Rockford, Ohio. Henry was a Civil War soldier, mayor of Rockford and a Mason.

"The funeral service was held Friday afternoon from the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. B. S. Nichols. Present with the relatives and friends were the Order of the Eastern Star, and Shanes Lodge, Number 377, F. & A. M., the later conducting their funeral rites. The burial was made in the Riverside cemetery."

In 1870 Henry and his wife, Maria Jane Sidenbender, lived just four doors down from Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather), his father-in-law.

Henry began his service in Company D or F of the 99th Ohio Regiment on August 6, 1862.

His regiment saw their first action in the Civil War at the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky,



Above: Henry K. Smith, 1841-1924, and his wife, Maria Jane Sidenbender Smith, 1845-1928 (2nd Great-Grandparents). Below: Stones River Battlefield near Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Henry was a sergeant in the 99th Ohio Infantry Regiment, which fought in this battle. His regiment saw most of their action near this pike (lower right). Lower left: Stones River.

on October 8, 1862, where they were kept as a reserve unit. Then they marched from October 16-November

7, 1862, to Nashville, Tennessee, where they did duty until December 26, 1862, when they advanced on Murfreesboro, Tennessee. From December 26, 1862, until January 3, 1863, the regiment was engaged in the Battle of Stones River also known as the Battle of Murfreesboro.

Top left: The Confederates crossed this field in their attack on the Union position at Stones River. Above: The 99th Ohio was stationed on the left of this pike near the trees. Right: Various fields where fighting took place at the Battle of Stones River. This is the final battle that Henry Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather) fought in before being honorably released to go home.

After the Battle of Stones River, Henry received an honorable discharge at Nashville, Tennessee, on February 17, 1863. The discharge was due to physical disability. (Certificate of Service from the Secretary of War for Henry Smith.)

Henry's Regiment occupied Murfreesboro, until June 1863. On September 19 and 20, 1863, the Regiment fought another major battle at Chickamauga, Georgia. After their defeat at Chickamauga, the 99th and the rest of the Union Army withstood the Confederate siege of Chattanooga from September 24-November 23, 1863. On November 23-25, 1863, the regiment took the offensive again at the Battles of Lookout Mountain and

Mission Ridge, which were Union victories. After the fighting in November 1863, they made camp at Shellmound, Georgia, until February 1864.

Above: James Blunner, in Union uniform, standing at the approximate location of the 99th Ohio at Stones River from December 30, 1862, to January 3, 1863. Right: Battlefield scenes at Stones River. Below: The oldest Civil War monument in the country was erected in 1863 at Stones River.

From May 1, 1864, until September 8, 1864, the 99th participated in the Atlanta, Georgia, Campaign. They saw many battles during this operation: Tunnel Hill, May 6-7, 1864; Demonstration on Rocky Raced Ridge, May 8-11; Buzzard's Roost Gap, May 8-9; Demonstrations on Dalton, Georgia, May 9-13; Battle of Resaca, May 14-15; Near Kingston, May 18-19; Near Cassville, Georgia, May 19; Advance on Dallas, May 22-25; Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills, May 25-June 5, 1864; Operations about Marietta and against Kennesaw Mountain, June 15-17; Muddy Creek, June 17; Noyes Creek, June 19; Kolb's Farm, June 22; Assault on Kennesaw, June 27; Nickajack Creek, July 2-5; Ruff's Mills, July 3-4; Chattahoochee River, July 5-17, and Decatur, July 19. From July 22-August 25, 1864, the 99th Regiment participated in the Siege of Atlanta, Georgia. After the fall of Atlanta, they made a flank movement on Jonesboro, Georgia, August 25-30, and were in the Battle of Jonesboro, August 31-September 1864, and Lovejoy Station, September 2-6, 1864. They

pursued General Hood's army into Alabama, from October 3, to October 26, 1864.

Top right: Monument to the 99th Ohio Regiment at Chickamauga. Top left: Location of artillery abandoned at the Battle of Stones River by the Union Army on the first day of battle. Above: Clyde Van Smith (Great-Grandfather) about age 17. This and the photograph on the next page are the only known pictures of Clyde Smith.

In November and December, the 99th did their duty in the Nashville Campaign. On November 30, 1864, they defeated Hood's army at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, and again at the Battle of Nashville, Tennessee, December 15-16, 1864. They pursued the remnant of Hood's army to the Tennessee River, December 17-28, 1864. On the last day of 1864, the 99th was consolidated with the 50th Ohio Infantry Regiment.

The 99th Regiment lost a total of 342 men in the war. Four officers and 80 enlisted men died in battle and 2 officers and 256 enlisted men died from disease. (*Compendium of the War of the Rebellion,* page 1540, by Frederick Dyer.)

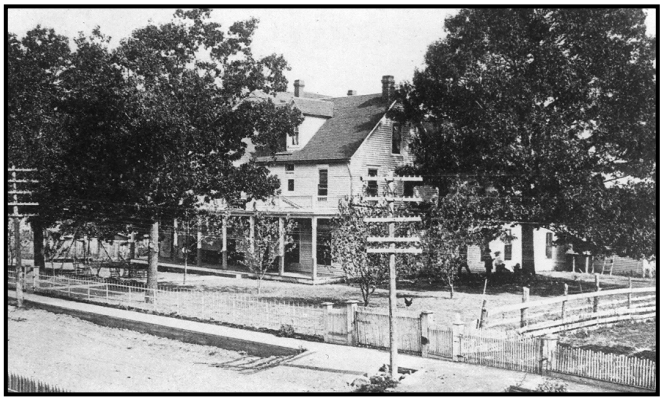
Henry and Maria had two children: Nellie Smith (1867-before 1870) and **Clyde Van Smith** (1868-1919). Both children were born in Rockford, Ohio.

Clyde Van Smith, Great-Grandfather

Clyde Van Smith (Great-Grandfather; 1868-1919) was born in 1868, the second child of Henry K. Smith and Maria Jane Sidenbender. His older sister, Nellie Smith

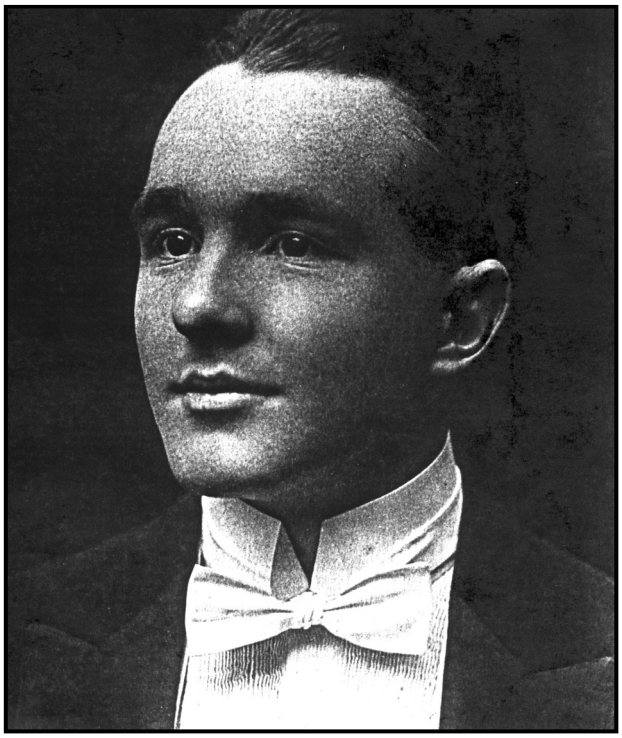
Above: Clyde Van Smith (Great-Grandfather) at Leslie, Arkansas. Below: Bratton Hotel in Marshall, Arkansas, where Clyde Smith met his wife, Cora Bratton, in 1900.

(January 1, 1867-before 1870), died in childhood. After Nellie died, Clyde was raised as an only child. Clyde graduated from the Rockford public schools in 1887. He studied civil engineering at the University of Columbus. In April 1891, at the age of twenty-three, he was elected county surveyor of Mercer County, Ohio. He married Lillian Jordan (1870-1962) in the early 1890s, whom he had known in high school. They had two children: **Wade Smith** (about 1893-about 1919) and **Dole Smith** (1894-1918). Clyde was accused of doing something illegal while serving as county engineer and was convicted and sentenced to jail. Other men were accused, but only Clyde, the youngest elected official, was found guilty. Some people felt that he was used as a "scapegoat." His marriage did not do well, and after about eight years



of marriage, Clyde and Lillian divorced. After these unhappy events, Clyde decided to move away from Rockford and Mercer County and start a new life.

His work led him to do surveying in Arkansas. While he was surveying Searcy County, Arkansas, he stayed at the Bratton Hotel in Marshall, Arkansas. There he met **Cora Bratton** (Great-Grandmother; 1881-1966), who was working at the hotel for V. Bratton, her cousin. She was eighteen when she met Clyde and he was thirty-one. He did not tell her that he had been married before or that he had any children. Clyde married Cora on September 18, 1900, in Searcy County, Arkansas. They moved to Oklahoma for a year or two before moving back to Searcy County, where they continued to live for the next fifteen or sixteen years. They moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, for a short time before Clyde passed away. Six of their seven daughters were born in Searcy County. After the birth of their second daughter, Clyde confessed to Cora that he had been previously married and that he had two sons.

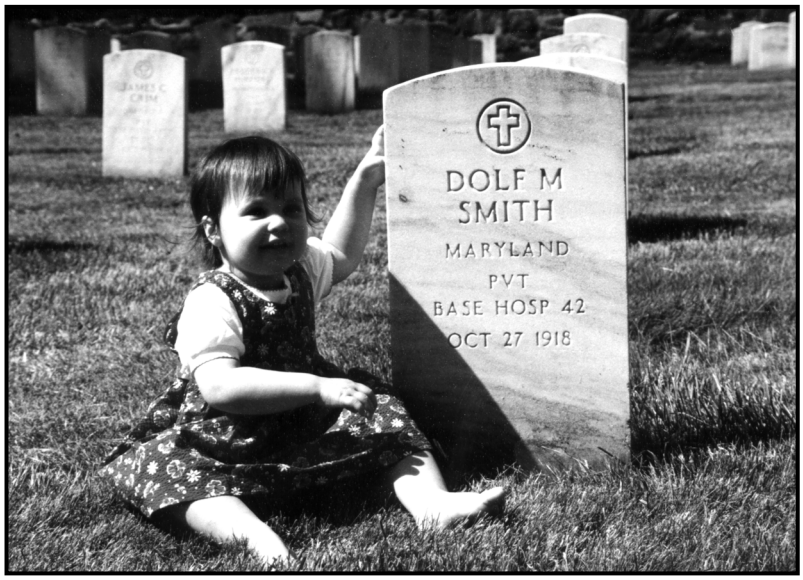


Above: College photograph of Dole Smith (Great-Uncle) about 1915. While serving in the U.S. Army in France, Dole contacted influenza, which soon became pandemic, killing 20 to 100 million people worldwide. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery (below).

Clyde died unexpectedly of heart disease on July 4, 1919, at the age of fifty-one. He died in Tampa, Florida, where the family was staying so that their thirteen-year-old daughter, Margaret, could receive treatments for blood poisoning. **Margaret Smith** (1905- 1919) died the next day on July 5, 1919. Their bodies were taken by train to Little Rock, Arkansas, where they were buried in Oakland Cemetery. My grandmother, **Claire Smith** (1907-1991), was only eleven years old when her father died.

Clyde and Cora were the parents of seven daughters: Maria Kate "Katherine" Smith (1901-1977), Mary Josephine Smith (1903-1988), Margaret Nell Smith (1905-1919), **Clara Bell "Claire"**

Smith (1907-1991), Henry Etta Smith (1909-1986), Helen Marion "Marian" Smith (1911-1949) and Ann Van Gundy Smith (1916-1986). All of their children were born in Searcy County, Arkansas, except for "Katherine," who was born in Canadian County, Oklahoma.



Top: Rebecca Martin, great-grandniece (one and one half years old), at the grave of Dole Smith in Arlington National Cemetery in 1997. Dole's body was sent from France and buried here. By mistake his monument was inscribed with the name Dolf instead of Dole. The inscription reads: "DOLF M. SMITH / MARYLAND / PVT / BASE HOSP 42 / OCT 27, 1918." The war ended fifteen days after he died. Above: Ron Martin visiting the Smith Plot in Oakland Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas, where his ancestors Clyde Smith (Great-Grandfather), Cora Bratton Smith (Great-Grandmother), Helen Smith (Great-Aunt) and Nellie Smith (Great-Aunt) are buried.

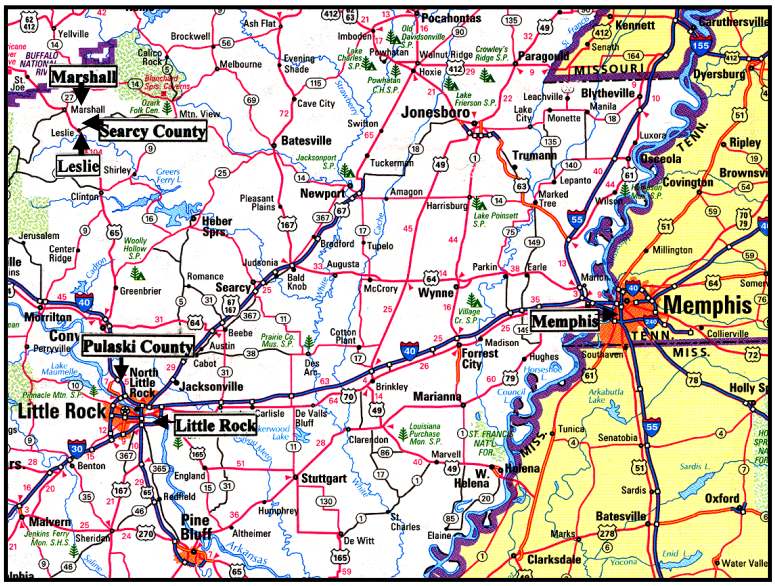
A letter written in the early 1950s by a lady that knew Clyde Smith and his family sheds further light on Clyde's early life.

"I knew Clyde as a young man. His father and mother were members of old families in this community. Clyde was a very brilliant fellow. I think he was in the first class that Rockford High School graduated and Lillian (his first wife) was in the next class. They married soon after her commencement. They had two sons and I had both of them in school, both bright, sweet boys. I was fond of both of them. The second boy died in France in World War I."

"Clyde was elected county surveyor when quite young and as the gossip was in those days, there was a gang of crooks in the courthouse, especially among the commissioners. Arrests were made and when the prosecution was completed Clyde was the only one sentenced, which upset the Rockford people."

"After some time he left Rockford and as far as I know nobody knew where he was for years, then the word came back that he had married and had a family."

"Lillian later met Clyde's other family (after his death). And they wanted her to come back to visit them. They wrote for her to come at different times. She visited one winter on her way to California and she said that they were all just lovely to her." (Lillian married twice after her first marriage to Clyde. Her second husband was killed in an automobile accident and her third husband was a missionary that she met in a retirement home. They traveled to Wales and Europe together.)



Top: Smith family residences in Arkansas and Tennessee. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003. Above: Gravestone of Helen M. Smith Shaw (Great-Aunt) in Oakland Cemetery. Helen's niece, Carol Bradshaw, said that Helen was a wonderful person. She was kindhearted and thoughtful, but suffered many personal tragedies. She got tuberculosis; suffered great pain and eventually lost a leg from a car accident; her husband was unfaithful; and her son crippled by polio. But her family always loved her, and grieved at her loss.

News of Clyde's death was printed in the *Rockford Press* in Rockford, Ohio, in 1919.

"Falls Heavily—Clyde V. Smith and Daughter, Margaret, Pass Away at Tampa. Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Smith received the sad news last Thursday afternoon telling them of the death of their only son, Clyde V. Smith, who had passed away suddenly of heart disease at Tampa, Florida; where the family had been residing for the benefit of their daughter, Miss Margaret, who had been suffering for several years from blood poisoning. This first sad message was followed by another telling that the daughter had also died in a hospital at Tampa, bringing a double portion of bereavement

to the family. The bodies were taken to their home in Little Rock, Arkansas, where they were laid to rest."

Above: Gravestones of Clyde Van Smith (Great-Grandfather) and his daughter, Margaret "Nellie" Smith (Great-Aunt), in Oakland Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas. They died one day apart. Below: Dewey L. Acree, first husband of Maria Kate "Katherine" Smith (Great-Aunt), who died of tuberculosis. They are buried in Oakland Cemetery.

"Clyde Van Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Smith, was born in Shanes Crossing, now Rockford, Ohio, on October 15, 1868. He graduated from the Rockford public schools in 1887 and afterward studied civil engineering at the University of Columbus. In April 1891 he was elected county surveyor of Mercer County. About twenty years ago, he went to the western states and later settled in Little Rock, Arkansas."

"The sympathy of many relatives and friends goes out to the aged parents and the family in this hour of great sorrow, the passing out of a son and his daughter."

Dole McClure Smith (Great-Uncle; 1894-1918) died while serving as a soldier in the American Army in France during World War I. Dole had graduated from Rockford High School and then went on to study chemistry at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Bacteriology from 1913 until he graduated in 1916. He then moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where he went to work as a chemist for Burrough Brothers Wholesale

Manufacturing Chemist. In Baltimore, he lived at 108 East Madison. When the United States entered the First World War, Dole enlisted as a private in the Army on June 5, 1918, in Baltimore. He was assigned duty in the medical department as a chemist and a bacteriologist and attached to Base Hospital 42 of the 11th Infantry Division in France.

Above: Gravestone of Robert Van Shaw, son of Helen Smith Shaw (Great-Aunt). Left: Overview of the Smith Plot in Oakland Cemetery, located about three miles southeast of downtown Little Rock, Arkansas.

While serving in this capacity, Dole became ill with bronchial pneumonia and died on October 27, 1918. The war ended fifteen days later. The dean of his college, Clarence Halball, wrote his condolences to Henry K. Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather) in a letter dated January 2, 1919.

"Dear Sir: The Sad news of the death of your grandson, D. M. Smith, of the class of 1916 of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, has been received and we appreciate the trouble that you have taken to inform us of the fact. He was a fine young man and his death is a loss to his profession as well as to his family. The College has had upward of five hundred of its graduates and students in the Service and of this number more than a score have paid 'the great price' by giving their lives. I feel sure that at some time in the future the names of those heroes will form an honor roll on a tablet in the College and in that way be an inspiration to future generations of students. Yours in sincere and sympathetic understanding, Clarence Halball, Dean."

Dole was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. In May 1997 I visited Dole Smith's grave in Arlington, accompanied by my wife, Karen, and baby daughter, Rebecca. It was probably the only visit that anyone had made to his grave in over twenty years.

Wade "Gunboat" Smith (Great-Uncle; about 1893-about 1919) was the oldest son of Clyde Smith (Great-Grandfather). "He married a very sweet girl named Cora and they had a daughter (Betty—Mrs. Donald Hoffine of Rockford, Ohio) that seems to be a sweet person. She is very active in the E. U. B. Church here (Rockford). Wade was a good

worker and for a while things went pretty well with him and his family, but he began drinking. His wife had to go to work and in time they separated for good." (Cora later married a well-to-do farmer.)

At the time of his father's death in 1919, Wade went down to Arkansas and was killed (cause unknown; possibly an accident). His mother, Lillian, went down to take care of his body and that is how she met Cora Bratton Smith (Great-Grandmother) and six of Clyde's daughters. She visited them again on a separate trip to California some time later. Clyde's family encouraged her to visit them and she appreciated their kindness and love. (Information from a letter written about 1950 by Miss Clara L. Penn, a school teacher in Rockford, Ohio.)

Above: Maria Kate "Katherine" Smith (Great-Aunt; 1901-1977). Below: Gravestone of Katherine Smith and her husband, Elmer Spraggins, in Forest Hills Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Maria Kate "Katherine" Smith's (Great-Aunt; 1901-1977) first husband, Dewey Acree, died from tuberculosis. Carol Lee Sharp Bradshaw, daughter of Claire Smith and niece of Katherine, told me that she loved "Uncle Dewey" and always wanted to be near him. Because he had tuberculosis, they would try to keep her away, but she would crawl under his bed and hide so that she could be close to him.

Katherine was born in Canadian County, Oklahoma, but grew up in Searcy County, Arkansas. She advanced her education by studying law through an extension course at what is now Tampa University in Tampa, Florida. Katherine worked as an insurance investigator for Lawrence Gouldman Company, Inc., and during World War II,

she worked for Gaddis Taylor Insurance Adjusters at Tyler, Texas. Following the war, she and her second husband, Albert Connerly, returned to Little Rock, and she became associated with C. R. Rush Insurance Adjusters. She traveled by car throughout the State of Arkansas and Texas as an insurance adjuster. Later, she was Dr. Joe Shuffield's

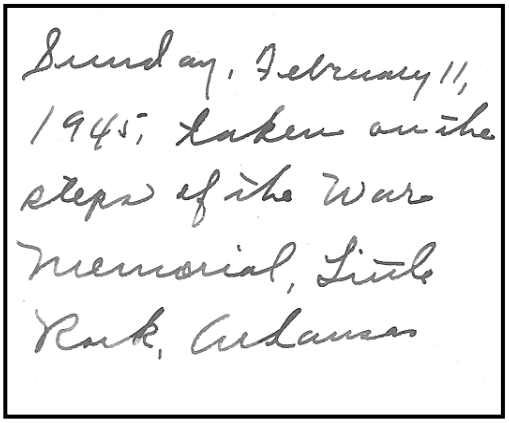
Top left: Henrietta Smith (Great-Aunt; 1909-1986). Above: George Barney Warner (age 19 in 1914), Henrietta's first husband. Left: Henrietta's gravestone in Forest Hills Cemetery in Little Rock.

secretary until his accidental death and continued with Shuffield and Nixon until her retirement. While working for doctors Shuffield and Nixon, she became interested in the Medical Assistants and served as State President and President of the Pulaski County Medical Assistants. A scholarship known as the "Katherine Spraggins Scholarship Fund" was established at Texarkana College in Texarkana, Arkansas, for two years. $250 was given to two students each year who were interested in studying to become medical assistants.

My sister, Cathy Ann Sharp Martin, told me an interesting experience she had with Katherine. Cathy had joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and wanted to share her newfound truths with her great-aunt. She told Katherine about Joseph Smith and the revelations that he had received. When she had finished, Katherine told her great-niece that she believed

everything she had told her and that she knew it was true. Cathy asked, "How can you know so quickly that what I have said is true?" Katherine replied, "Many years ago I was told that the oldest child of Pat would bring the truth to the family. By that I know that what you have told me is true." She only wondered why it had taken Cathy so long. Katherine later requested that the family perform all the necessary temple work for her.

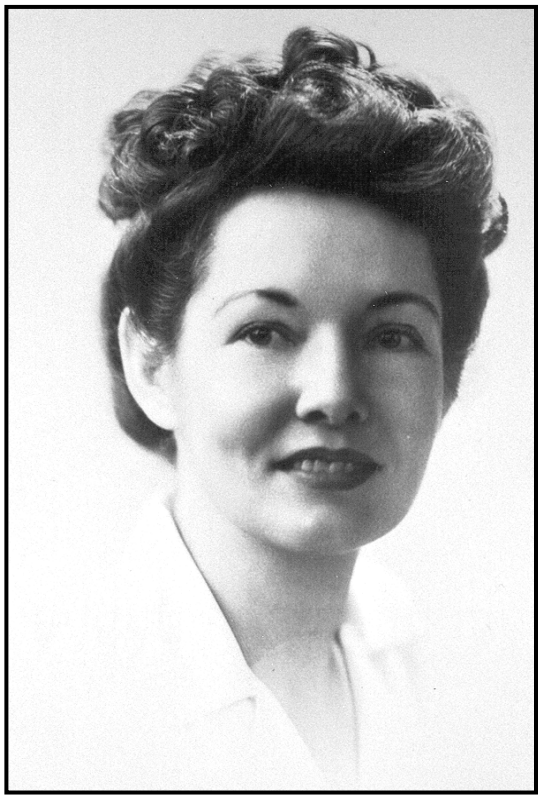
After Katherine's second husband Albert Connerly died in 1949, she married Paul Goodman, but they divorced in September 1953. She then married Elmer Spraggins in 1954. She was living with Elmer at 17821 Smith Lane in Little Rock, Arkansas, when she died on Thursday, June 30, 1977, at



Top: Mary Josephine Smith (Great-Aunt) about seventeen years of age. Right: Mary in 1945 and (above) the note she wrote on the back of this photograph.

the age of 76. Katherine was buried Saturday, July 2, 1977, at Forest Hills Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas. She never had any children.

Mary Josephine Smith (Great-Aunt; 1903-1988) worked at a bank chaired by her aunt's husband, Ed Mays, in St. Louis, Missouri, in the 1930s. She was a legal secretary



Above: Mary Josephine Smith (Great-Aunt; 1903-1988). Left: Mary with her husband, Alexander D. Smith, in 1943.

for much of her life. She regularly sent money to her mother to help support the children of her sister, Claire. Dignified and graceful, she was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and loved history. She stayed active all of her life and even traveled to Europe when she was in her early eighties.

I visited "Aunt Mary" almost every year from the middle 1970s until her death by a stroke in 1988. She bought the home of my parents at 2608 Boulevard Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1954, and lived there for the rest of her life. This is the same house that they owned when I was born in 1953. Her sister, **Henry Etta Smith** (Great-Aunt; 1909-1986), lived with Mary for at least ten years, until her death in 1986.

I felt close to my great-aunts. Aunt Henry Etta once asked me, "Do you really think there is life after death?" I said, "I am sure that life is eternal and that we will live forever." Henry Etta knew that she did not have long to live and although she hoped that I was right, she was unsure.

My father was always close to Aunt Mary and she helped him many times in his life. He disappointed her, but she always loved him. When he died he was staying at a house that Mary owned. Mary and Henrietta never had any children of their own.

Margaret Nell Smith (Great-Aunt; 1905-1919) was afflicted for years with blood poisoning and died at the age of 13 on July 5, 1919; this was a day after her father died.

Helen Marian Smith (Great-Aunt; 1911-1949) suffered more than most people are called to in her short life. She was a wonderful person. Her niece, Carol Sharp Bradshaw, told me that she never heard her say an unkind word about anyone. She remembered Helen once saying, "Let's make sure that we don't say anything bad about anyone." Even though she had very little money, she found a way to send presents to Carol. Carol nicknamed her "Aunt Hodie." Her son, Robert "Bobby" Van Shaw (1936-1970), contracted Polio when he was

Above: Mary Smith Van Loon in March 1977. Right: Mary in front of her Little Rock home at 2608 Boulevard Street in 1978/1979.

fifteen months old. The rest of his life he was bound to a wheelchair. He was intelligent and went on to graduate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1966. He was an honorary member of the National Honor Society, but died when he was only thirty-four years old in 1970.

Helen had contacted tuberculosis probably from working in close quarters at her sewing job, and subsequently went to a tuberculosis hospital for five years. Meanwhile, her husband, Alfred Kenneth Shaw, carried on an extra-marital affair. Once when Helen was in the hospital she received flowers from her husband. When she read the card she discovered that the flowers had been delivered to her by mistake. They were intended for her husband's girlfriend.

Helen was hurt in an automobile accident and her leg was severely injured. For a whole year the doctors try to save it and

Top: Helen Smith Shaw (Great-Aunt; 1911-1949) or her sister, Ann Van Gundy Smith. Above: Alfred K. Shaw, Jr., son of Helen Smith (Great-Aunt), with his aunt, Mary Smith. This photograph was taken at the funeral of Henrietta Smith, Mary's sister, in 1986. Left: Robert Van Shaw, 1936-1970, son of Helen Smith Shaw. Robert was a healthy boy until he contacted the polio virus at the age of one and a half. He was crippled for the rest of his life and died at the age of 34.

gave her morphine to help her withstand the pain. After a year on the prescribed

drug, she became addicted. Ultimately, the doctors were unable to save her leg and it was amputated. Carol remembered her grandmother, Cora Bratton Smith (Great-Grandmother), telling her not to give "Aunt Hodie" any money. She did not understand why at the time, but later understood it was so Helen would not buy any morphine.

Left: Ann Van Gundy Smith (Great-Aunt; 1916-1986). Above: Ann "Gundy" Smith and her husband, Gordon Jarstad. Ann married Gordon in Tampa, Florida, and they later moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where she died in 1986. They were married for forty years.

Helen suffered greatly from all the tragic events of her life, and the addiction made her miserable most of the time. One day it was too much for her, and she swallowed rat poisoning. She died at the age of thirty-seven, July 6, 1949. It was on July 4th and 5th that her sister, Margaret, and her father had died. Just four and a half months earlier she had given birth to her second son, Alfred Kenneth Shaw, Jr. (February 24, 1949-present). At her funeral, Helen's husband threw himself on her casket and wept and wept.

Helen's husband, Alfred Kenneth Shaw, died in 1970. His obituary was printed in the Arkansas Gazette on Monday, December 14, 1970.

"Alfred K. Shaw, Sr. aged 61 of Route 1, Scotland in Van Buren County, a pipe fitter, died Saturday at his home. He was a member of Hunter Memorial United Methodist Church and Seamfitter Local 155. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Vina Whitlatch Shaw, a son, Alfred K. Shaw, Jr., who is stationed with the Army in Vietnam; two brothers, Allen and T. H. "Bill" Shaw of Little Rock, and three sisters, Miss Ruby Shaw and Mrs. Ruth Spicer of Little Rock and Mrs. Mildred Parker of North Little Rock."

Ann Van Gundy Smith (Great-Aunt; 1916-1986) married Gordon Jarstad and moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin. She and Gordon had four children: Judith Ann Jarstad (1947-present), Carl Bratton Jarstad (1950-present), Jacque Jarstad (1953-present) and Lisa Jarstad (1956-present). She died in Green Bay when she was sixty-nine years old in 1986.

Above: Family of Judith Jarstad, daughter of Ann "Gundy" Smith Jarstad (Great-Aunt).

See Biography of Claire Smith, Grandmother.

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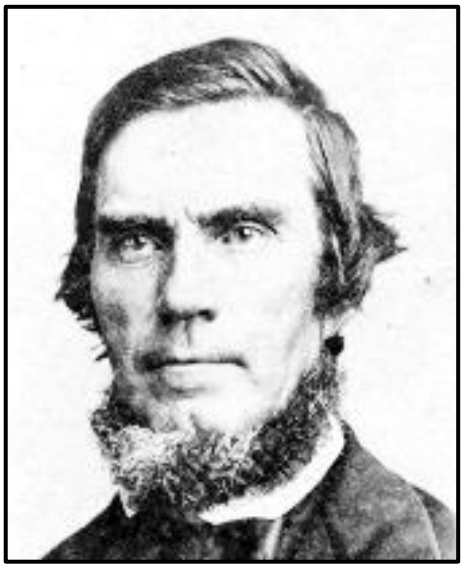
Additional Smith History

Elias "Eli" Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1789-1851) and his wife, Elizabeth Beerbower Smith (born April 12, 1790; died September 27, 1865; daughter of Philip Bierbruer,



Above: Elias "Eli" Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1789-1854). Photograph courtesy of Vera Johnson. Right: Richard Martin standing beside the monument of Elias Smith, his fourth great-granduncle, in Mansfield Cemetery (below), Mansfield, Ohio; June 2012.

1758-1811, and Elizabeth Stough, 1749-1809), were buried in Mans-

field Cemetery in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. None of their eleven children are buried here, which probably means that they were no longer living in Mansfield at the time of their deaths.

Elizabeth Beerbower Smith's obituary: "ELIZABETH SMITH—died at the residence of her daughter, Sarah McFadden, in Huntington County, Indiana, of congestive chills, on the 27th of September 1865."

"Elizabeth Smith, late widow of Elias, and mother of Jonas and Enoch Smith, of this city, died at the advanced age of seventy five years and five months. Her remains were brought by her affectionate children to the residence of her son, Jonas Smith, in this city, and on Friday the 29th of September interred by the side of her late husband in Mansfield Cemetery."

"Mrs. Smith was born in York County, Pennsylvania, on the 12th day of April 1790, and while yet a child, removed with her father's family to the state of Virginia, where she resided until her marriage, and in 1815 removed to the state of Ohio, where she resided until her death, with the exception of short intervals she spent with a son and daughter in the state of Indiana. At the age of 15 years she united with the Lutheran church under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. Stough, her maternal uncle, and continued a faithful and consistent member of the same until her

Top: Two photographs of Elizabeth Beerbower Smith (1790-1865), wife of Elias "Eli" Smith (4th Great-Granduncle). Photographs courtesy of Vera Johnson. Above: Close-up of inscriptions on monument of Elias ("died Jan. 12, 1855") and Elizabeth Smith ("died Sep. 27, 1865").

death. She died as she had lived, calm and peaceful, trusting in her Savior to guide her through the dark valley and shadow of death to the bright Canaan beyond. Peace to her

quiet repose, and may our last end by like unto hers." (*Richland Shield and Banner*, October 11, 1865, Volume 25, Number 20.)

Top left: Moonrise over the graves of Elias and Elizabeth Smith in Mansfield, Ohio; June 2012. Above: Gravestones of Mary Magdalena Smith Franks (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1786-1868) and her husband, Conrad Franks (1786-1869), in Old Presbyterian Cemetery (left) in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio. Lower left: The largest concentration of Amish in America is in Wayne County, Ohio. I had just left Old Presbyterian Cemetery when I saw this couple walking to church along the main highway on a beautiful Sunday morning in June 2012.

Until March 2012, I didn't know where Elias and Elizabeth Smith were buried. I had searched various places over the years, including *Find a Grave* on the Internet. I decided to check *Find a Grave* again because that site has had a tremendous increase in the number of burials posted in the past two or three years. This time they were listed and, what was even better, their photographs were also shown. The picture of Elias Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) is one of the oldest facsimiles of an ancestor in my entire database

(photograph taken before 1854). I decided also that I wanted to visit their graves, which my brother and I did in June 2012. We arrived at the burial ground with about an hour of light left in the day. Immediately, a problem became apparent; the cemetery was huge, and unlike most cemeteries where the oldest monuments are all in one section, this burial ground had mixed the old and new gravestones together. We split up and began searching, but were unsuccessful and were concerned that we may not be able to locate Elias' gravestone before it got dark. I felt that I should go down this one lane

Above: Monuments of Mary Magdalena Smith Franks (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1786-1868) and her husband, Conrad Franks (1786-1869), in Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Apple Creek, Ohio. The inscriptions on their gravestones read: "MARY / WIFE OF / CONRAD FRANKS. / *DIED* / Oct. 6, 1868. / *AGED* / *82 Yrs. 9 mons. 6 ds.*" [and] CONRAD FRANKS / DIED / Mar. 7, 1869. / AGED / *83 Yrs*…." Below: Conrad served as a soldier in the War of 1812.

and about ten minutes later found their monument. My brother, Ron, thought that I had been guided because he had said a prayer that I would find it. It was a special moment and within minutes the sun had set and a full moon had come up over the horizon (see previous page). It was important on many levels, but especially because my brother died two months later from a heart attack.

Mary Magdalena Smith Franks (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1786-1868) and her husband Conrad Franks (1786-1869) are buried in Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio. Photographs of this cemetery are shown earlier in this history, but when I visited the graveyard before I didn't know that Mary and her husband where buried there. My brother and I were passing though Wayne County in June 2012, and decided to visit the graves of some of our ancestors buried there. We were at the top of the cemetery when I

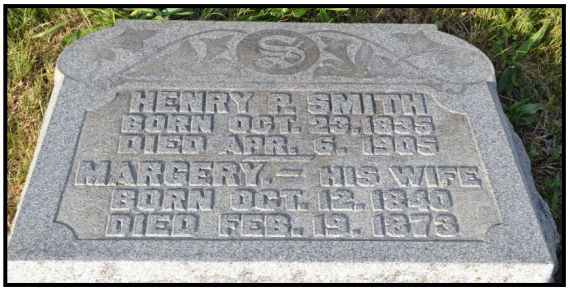
recognized, much to my surprise, the twin monuments of Mary Smith Franks and her husband, Conrad Franks. I don't know how I missed them before (I've been to the

Top: The contrast between some elements of modern society and the Amish is striking as in these two photographs taken just minutes apart on the same highway near Apple Creek, Ohio, in June 2012. Above right: Gravestone of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1791-1872) in Oak Grove Cemetery (middle left) in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Above left: Grave marker of Harriet Smith Boger (1847-1916), daughter of Henry Smith (above).

burial ground at least four times over the years), but I was grateful to finally find this time.

Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1791-1872) and his third wife, Eliza Wilkins Smith (1815-1883), are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Four of Henry's children are also buried here: Henry P. Smith (1835-1905), Elias Milton Smith (1839-1879), Alpheus Estep Smith (1843-1881), and Harriet Melvina Smith Boger (1847-1916). This information was found in March 2012. My brother, Ron, and I visited and photographed their gravestones in June 2012.

Ann or **Anna Van Gundy Smith Jarstad** (Great-Aunt; 1916-1986) and her husband, Gordon Kermit Jarstad (born December 4, 1914; died August 31, 1987), are buried in



Above: Monument of Eliza Wilkins Smith (1815-1883), third wife of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle), in Oak Grove Cemetery (top left) in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Middle left: Gravestone of Henry P. Smith (1835-1905) (son of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle), and his wife, Margery Smith (1840-1873). Lower left: Grave marker of Joseph Boger (1838-1915), husband of Harriet Smith Boger (1847-1916), daughter of Henry Smith (above).

Woodlawn Cemetery in Allouez, Brown County, Wisconsin. Allouez is next to Green Bay, Wisconsin. Gordon served as a 1st Lieutenant during World War II.

Mary Jane Smith Van Loon (Great-Aunt; 1903-1988) and her husband, Jacob Arthur Van Loon (1887-1952), are buried in Crocker Memorial Park in Crocker, Pulaski County, Missouri. Jacob was a World War

I soldier, serving as a private in the 387th Missouri Infantry of the 97th Division. Mary and Jacob had a good marriage and she always wished that he had lived longer.

Top left: Gravestone of Gordon Jarstad (1914-1987), husband of Ann or Anna Van Gundy Smith Jarstad (Great-Aunt; 1916-1986), in Woodlawn Cemetery (top right) in Allouez, Wisconsin. Middle left: Grave marker of Jacob Van Loon (1887-1952), husband of Mary Jane Smith Van Loon (1903-1988) (left) in Crocker Memorial Park in Crocker, Missouri. Mary lived most of her life in Arkansas, but was buried in Missouri.

Jacob Van Loon was the son of John Wesley Van Loon (born April 21, 1856, in Shelby County, Illinois; died May 21, 1933, in Missouri) and Nancy Elizabeth Robertson Van Loon (1864-1937). They had sixteen children all born in Pulaski County, Missouri: William Horace Van Loon (1882-1960), John Nolph Van Loon (1883-1961), Charles Thomas Van Loon (1885-1961), Jacob Arthur Van Loon (1887-1952), Infant son (1889-1889), Mert Ira Van Loon (1889-1889), Emma Parthena Van Loon Hamilton (1890-1971), Bert Edward Van Loon (1893-1930), Mert Everett Van Loon (1893-1924), Nora Van Loon (1895-1895), Dora Van Loon (1895-1895), Augusta Jane Van Loon (1897-1968), James Claude Van Loon (1899-1954), Edith Rebecca Van Loon (1901-1981), Edna Van Loon (1901-1902), and Oliver Earl Van Loon (1904-1964).

Quoted at the beginning of *The Smith Family* are excerpts from the Biography of Daniel Porter Smith in *Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, pages 1107-1108, by Nelson, published 1900. Here is the complete account.

"Daniel Porter Smith (grandson of Henry Smith, 5th Great-Grandfather), a leading farmer of Georges township (Fayette County), is one of six sons whose genealogy can be traced back for more than two centuries and some of whose paternal ancestors could boast of the old Teutonic royalty, who, by nature, were lovers of freedom and liberty and scorned that tyrannical government which holds any people in bonds of tyranny. They pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors in the cause of their adopted country in the dark days of her history, which tried the souls of men. These honored sires left their homes of ease and comfort, forsaking friends and firesides made sacred by the ties of relationship which even distance could not sever, and for the sake of posterity took up their lonely abode in an unknown wilderness where the war whoop of the Red man and the piercing scream of wild beasts were the only sounds which greeted their ears. Such men deserve a place, not only in local, but in national history."

"Almost a century and a half ago one **Philip Smith** (6th Great-Grandfather), who, at that time held a commission in the German army, with the title of 'Captain of Shamoka,' became enamored of the charms of a fair German gretchen in the person of **Miss Barbara Markley** (6th Great-Grandmother). After having sued in vain for her hand in marriage he resolved to resort to a clandestine union; and in order to preclude the possibility of being annoyed by the rigorous marriage laws of their native country, they resolved to abandon it at once and forever. They accordingly set sail for America in 1750. After a long voyage, they landed on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay and took up their residence in the adjacent colony of Maryland, settling on Antietam Creek in Frederick County, where they remained for a period of nineteen years, and reared a large family, all of whom were worthy and some of them conspicuous citizens of their country. **Henry Smith** (5th Great-Grandfather), the father of Daniel, and the first of Philip's children, was born on Antietam Creek in 1752. In 1769, when Henry was in his seventeenth year, the father being seized with a desire to penetrate deeper into the unbroken and still unknown wilderness, left his adopted colony and sought a home in Western Pennsylvania, which at that time was called the 'far west.' He settled in Fayette County, on land now owned by W. S. Kyle, John Davis and Eli Deffenbaugh, on the headwaters of York's Run, in Georges Township. In choosing this site, Philip Smith had an honorable and praiseworthy object in view. He had been born and raised in the faith and tenets of the church that Martin Luther founded and established in the face of the most bitter persecution and strongest opposition known to history. The history of the Reformation, his love for freedom of conscience, his birth in the faith—these made Philip Smith a Lutheran. In this, his new location, the Franks, the Riffles, the Everleys and some others formed a Lutheran colony and built a rude log church near the site of the present Lutheran Church in Georges Township. This is why he chose this location. Here the scenes of his childhood came vividly before his eyes. He saw his mother lead her boy to the old church in far-off Fatherland. He afterwards left Fayette County and removed to Wayne County, Ohio, where he owned land, but died en route to Steubenville, Ohio."

"When his son, **Henry Smith** (5th Great-Grandfather), had reached his majority, he left the paternal roof to make for himself a name and a fortune. He went down stream until he came to York Run proper, where he took up a tract of land containing two hundred and eighty-four acres along the northern bank of the creek, which was patented to him

by Charles Biddle (President of Supreme Executive Council in 1787). Here he built a log cabin and for four years lived a bachelor's life. When the dark days of the Revolutionary War broke out he was one of the first to leave his home and enroll himself in the defense of his country as a sacrifice, if need be, to that end. He was one of the 'Minute Men' of 1776. He was the father of thirteen children by two marriages, all of whom are now dead. His first wife was **Miss Elizabeth Grovendstadt** (5th Great-Grandmother). His second wife was Margaret Sheeter, widow of George Stough, brother of Rev. John Stough, one of the pastors of Jacob's Lutheran Church. Henry died March 10, 1838, and his wife December 21, 1839."

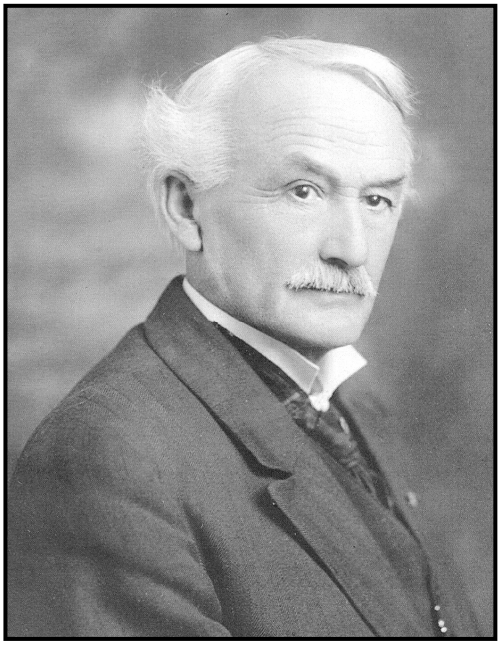
"**Daniel Smith** (4th Great-Granduncle), son of Henry, was born April 1, 1806, in the house now occupied by his son, Daniel P. Smith, on York's run. This farm consists of one-half of the original tract taken up by Henry in 1787, and is without encumbrance of any kind, and one of the best-cultivated farms in Georges Township. Daniel Smith was practical in all he did and what he did was well done. He was a man who by the nature of his makeup made his friends love him. He was warm hearted and generous to a fault, a good and fluent conversationalist, hospitable in the extreme, courteous to all, ever ready to greet a stranger and entertain a friend. On August 17, 1826, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Rotruck, daughter of David Rotruck, of Woodbridgetown, by Rev. John Patton. In 1831 he united himself with Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Smithfield, and was an advocate of Baptist doctrine and a supporter of the church up to his death. Daniel Smith had eight children, four of whom are living (1900): Andrew J. Smith, Henry Smith, Samuel M. Smith, and Daniel P. Smith, the subject of this sketch."

"Daniel P. Smith was born in Georges Township on the same farm and in the same house in which his father was born, on September 9, 1846. He was reared on the farm and educated in the district schools of the township and George's Creek Academy. He always continued himself to agricultural pursuits, and like his progenitors is a practical agriculturist, well versed in all that pertains to his chosen vocation. He is also a breeder of Delaino sheep, which yield a superior quality of wool. For nine consecutive years he efficiently filled the offices of school director and auditor. He married Miss Margaret Malaby, daughter of Henry and Mary Malaby, August 12, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children, all-living: Frank Smith, Mary E. Smith (who resides in Iowa), Lonnie M. Smith and Stanley Smith. Mrs. Smith was born in Nicholson Township, May 16, 1846. They are both members of Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Smithfield, of which Mr. Smith is a deacon. Politically he is Democratic in his views."

Philip Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1761-1838) was born in January 1761, probably in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. A historical sketch of his life was included in *Commemorative Biography of Wayne County, Ohio*, pages 575-576. The book was published in 1889.

"Philip Smith was of German ancestry and came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1812. [It is interesting to note that there were only 332 people living in Wayne County in 1810.] He located on a tract of timberland (in Wooster Township) and after clearing seven acres, built a cabin and went to Steubenville, Ohio, for his family; returning to this

country the same spring. He improved his land and made it his home until his death. His widow survived him until 1850, dying when 84. His wife (Agnes) was from Fayette



Above: Gravestone of David Davis Smith (son of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle) in Aultorest Memorial Park, South Ogden, Utah. Right: James Ayers Smith (1848-1924 or 1929), son of David Smith, and grandson of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle. He was the founder of Smithsonian Business College in Ogden, Utah. Lower right: James with his wife, Christina.

County, Pennsylvania. She was a member of Jacob's Lutheran church. They had a family of ten children, all of whom are deceased [1888]."

Philip was a Revolutionary War Soldier and served in Captain Benson's Company from Pennsylvania. Next to his tombstone in Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio, is a DAR marker. A photograph of his gravestone is on the cover of *Wayne County, Ohio Burial Records*. He died March 30, 1838.

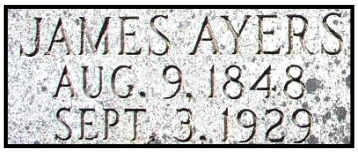
Philip Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) owned land south of the junction of Highway 250 and CR 302, just west of Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio. His brother, **Nicholas Smith** (4th Great-Granduncle), owned the land immediately south of this acreage. Today, Highway 49 cuts across their property. There was also a creek that fed into Apple Creek that flowed through their land.

Nicholas Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; born 1762/1783) was a trustee of Franklin Township in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1826.

Agnes Waits (wife of Philip Smith, 5th Great-Granduncle) was the daughter of John Waits, who served before and during the Revolutionary War in the First Light Dragoons of Virginia, with commission of coronet until he resigned in 1782. Born on April 14,

Above: James Smith with a graduating class from his Smithsonian College in the early 1900s. Below: Gravestone of James Ayers Smith (Grandson of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Tennie E. "Christina" Tharp Smith, in Aultorest Memorial Park in Ogden, Utah.

1730, in Middlesex County, Virginia, he was granted a Fairfax patent on the Cacapon River in 1750. For his service he received land in Fayette County, Pennsylvania (then Virginia) located in German Township called 'Germany,' patented in 1785, after moving there in 1782.



David Davis Smith (1820-1900) was the son of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1791-1872). He moved to Ogden, Utah, where he died on July 30, 1900, and was buried in Aultorest Memorial Park on 36th Street in South Ogden. Although he lived in Utah, he was not a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He married Sarah Ann Bryson in 1842 and they were the parents of eleven children:

Arthur, Nettie, Louise, Elmer, Charles, Sherman, Mary, David, Ann, William, and James Ayers Smith.

Above left: Gravestone of Elmer Smith (son of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Mary McClure Smith, in Woodburn, Iowa. Above middle: Monument of Floy Smith (1874-1882), who died at seven years of age in Wahoo, Nebraska. She was the daughter of James Ayres Smith (grandson of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle). Top right: Paul Smith (son of James Ayres Smith) at the age of 19 in 1912 at Lagoon (Utah). Right: Paul's gravestone; his wife, Catherine Russell Smith, was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They lived in Preston, Idaho, for 36 years, where they are buried. Below: Jay Alyson Smith (1879-1944), and his sister, Anna Smith Moore (1870-1946), children of James Ayres Smith. Both died in Ogden, Utah.

James Ayers Smith (1848-1924), David's youngest child, achieved distinction as the founder of Smithsonian Business College in Ogden, Utah, in September 1891. "Its name "was later changed to Intermountain Business College, Moench University of Business, and Ogden Business College. In 1959 the name was changed to Stevens-Henager College. The main campus is located in Ogden. Branch campuses were established in Provo in 1978, Salt Lake City in August 1999, Logan in October 2001, and Boise, Idaho, in April 2004. The Salt Lake City campus moved to a new building located in Murray, Utah, in 2006."

James Ayers Smith was born on August 9, 1848, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, lived in Wahoo, Saunders, Nebraska, where he was editor of the Wahoo Wasp in 1882, and

moved to Ogden, Utah, about 1890. He married Christina Evelyn Tharp on December 1, 1869, in Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa, and they were the parents of nine children: Anna, Evalena, Floy, Dayrel, Jay, Clyde, William, Lillian, and Paul Smith. None of James' family ever became members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but one or more of his descendants may have joined the church. James was a Professor of Business at Smithsonian Business College.

James' daughter, Floy Alice Smith (1874-1882), died in Wahoo before the family moved to Utah. She was buried in Sunrise Cemetery in Wahoo on March 10, 1882.

Mary Miller Smith (1830-1915) was a daughter of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle). She married Jacob Springer Bosley and they had at least two children: Montaville and Cora Bosley. Mary was born on October 19, 1830, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died on March 17, 1915, in Dexter, Iowa. She was buried with her husband in Dexter Cemetery.

Elmer B. Smith (1854-1912) was a son of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle). He was born near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and moved to Iowa in 1882. He married Catherine McClure on March 6, 1884, in Albia, Iowa, and they had two children: Sylvia and Claude Smith. Elmer was fifty-eight years old when he died in 1912, and was buried in Woodburn Cemetery, Woodburn, Iowa.

John Louis Smith (1858-1918) was a son of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle). He died in Mount Vernon, South Dakota, on September 26, 1918, but was buried in Woodburn Cemetery in Woodburn, Iowa.

Important note: As stated earlier in this Smith history, previous researchers of the family of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) have listed two different men as Henry Smith, the son of Henry above. If the Henry Smith (1791-1872) that is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, is indeed the son of Henry Smith, 5th Great-Grandfather, then James Ayers Smith and his family that settled in Utah are definitely relatives. Otherwise the Henry Smith (1776-1855) that is buried with his family in Jacob's Lutheran Cemetery in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, is the son of Henry Smith, 5th Great-Grandfather. Since this fact has not been established one way or another, both men are listed as 4th Great-Granduncles.

Additional Smith History II

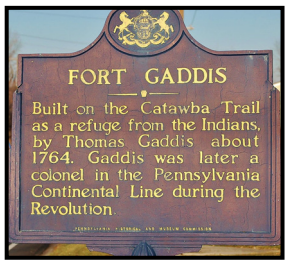
I have found most of this new Smith information at *Ancestry.com* and *Find a Grave*. Some of the previous recorded history is repeated here for ease of reference.

Philip Schmidt/Smith, Sixth Great-Grandfather

Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather; about 1725-1814), actually Philip Schmidt, was born about 1725 in Germany. Ancestry.com states that he was born May 18, 1725, in Pfalz Cologne, Koln, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany, and died June 14, 1814, in Steub-

enville, Jefferson, Ohio. He married **Barbara Markley** (6th Great-Grandmother; born 1730 in Palatinate, Germany; died April 21, 1818, in Wayne County, Ohio) in 1750 in Frederick County, Maryland.

Above and left: Replica of 1750 ship, similar to the *Edinburg* that brought Philip Schmidt (5th Great-Grandfather) from Germany to Philadelphia on August 13, 1750. Lower left: Built in 1764, the Gaddis house/fort, is the oldest known building in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and the second oldest log cabin in Western Pennsylvania. (Located 2 miles south of Uniontown off old U.S. Route 119.) Philip Schmidt/Smith moved his family from Maryland to Fayette County in 1769.

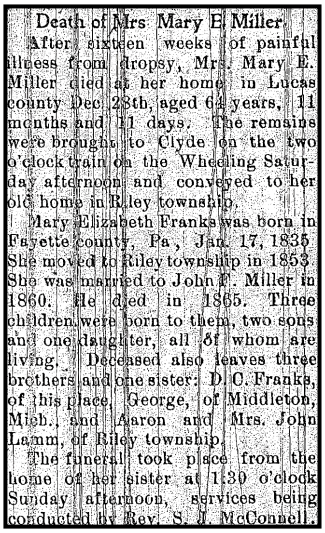


John Franks (son of Abigail Smith, 5th Great-Grandaunt, daughter of Philip Smith, 6th Great-Grandfather) born November 10, 1806, in German Township, Fayette, Pennsylvania; died April 21, 1880, Riley Township, Sandusky County, Ohio) married Sarah "Sally" Christopher (born October 8, 1803; died August 29, 1886; both buried in McPherson Cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio), on March 29, 1828, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and had three known children: Mary Elizabeth Franks (born January 17, 1835; died December 28, 1899; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married John F. Miller on December 5, 1861, and had four known children: Albert Owen Miller [born July 14, 1862, in Wayne County, Ohio; died February 11, 1942, in Sandusky County, Ohio; married Emma Rhodes, 1865-1941, and had 8 children: Aaron A. Miller, born August 1889 in Ohio; Stella A. Miller, born February 1892 in Ohio; John Dellman Miller, born April 17, 1894, in Lucas County, Ohio; Edward S. Miller, born March 1896 in Ohio; Kathryn Miller, born August 1898 in Sandusky County, Ohio; Thelma Miller, born 1901/1902 in Sandusky County, Ohio; Marian T. Miller, born 1906/1907 in Sandusky County, Ohio, and Pearl M. Miller, born October 10, 1908, in Sandusky County, Ohio] David Miller, 1862-1917, Sarah E. Miller, 1863-1865, and Mary Jane Miller, 1865-1948), David Christopher Franks (born

September 27, 1837, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania; died April 5, 1935, in Danbury, Ottawa, Ohio; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married Mary Ellen Lancaster [1852-1929; of Tiffin, Ohio], on March 4, 1876, and had five children: Clarence P. Franks [of Clyde, Ohio], David C. Franks Jr. [post-

This page: Gravestones of David Christopher Franks (1837-1935), Aaron F. Franks (1841-1927), and his wife, Hila Lucinda Andrus (1855-1941), and Mary Elizabeth Franks Miller (1835-1899), in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Sandusky County, Ohio. David, Aaron and Mary were children of John Franks (son of Abigail Smith, 5th Great-Grandaunt).Right: Albert Owen Miller (1861-1942; son of Mary Elizabeth Franks Miller), holding a grandchild. Below: Obituary of Mary Elizabeth Franks Miller.

master of Clyde] Eva Franks, 1878-1956, Sarah F. Franks, 1879-1969, and unknown), and Aaron F. Franks (born September 7, 1841, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died December 1, 1927, in Clyde, Ohio; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married Hila Lucinda Andrus and had three known children: Eria Stanley Franks, 1878-1964, George Christopher Franks, 1837-1935, and Aaron F. Franks, 1841-1927).



Death of Mrs. Mary E. Miller.

After sixteen weeks of painful illness from dropsy, Mrs. Mary E. Miller died at her home in Lucas county Dec. 28th, aged 64 years, 11 months and 11 days. The remains were brought to Clyde on the two o'clock train on the Wheeling Saturday afternoon and conveyed to her old home in Riley township.

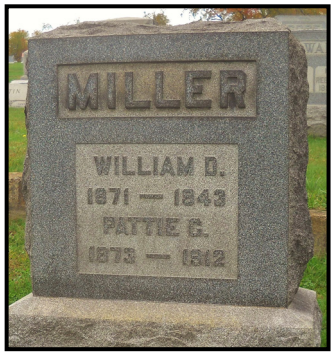
Mary Elizabeth Franks was born in Fayette county, Pa., Jan. 17, 1835. She moved to Riley township in 1853. She was married to John F. Miller in 1860. He died in 1865. Three children were born to them, two sons and one daughter, all of whom are living. Deceased also leaves three brothers and one sister: D. C. Franks, of this place, George, of Middleton, Mich., and Aaron and Mrs. John Lamm, of Riley township.

The funeral took place from the home of her sister at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. S. J. McConnell.

John and Sally Franks were living in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, at the time their son, David Christopher Franks, was born in 1837. In 1844 they "moved to Ohio and settled on a tract of farm land near Ashland, Ohio. Later the family moved to Sandusky County, Ohio [where they were pioneer residents], and purchased a farm north of Clyde." (Source: Obituary of David Frank, who lived to be 97 years old.)

Henry Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) was a Revolutionary War soldier. Belle Elizabeth Miller applied for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and gave her lineage as follows: Belle Elizabeth Miller was the daughter of William Daniel Miller (born February 25, 1871, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania;

died July 10, 1943, in Jeannette, Pennsylvania; married January 15, 1891, probably in Fayette County, Pennsylvania) and Pattie Gilmore Shoaf (born February 27, 1873, in South Union Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died October 31, 1912, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania). Pattie Gilmore Shoaf was the daughter of Basil Bowell Shoaf (born in November 4, 1836 in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died July 24, 1912, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania) and Mary Margaret Field (born January 15, 1838, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died February 11, 1923; married May 24, 1858, probably in Fayette County, Pennsylvania). Mary Margaret Field was the daughter of Phillip Sturgis Field (born July 28, 1805, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died November 25, 1874, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania) and Elizabeth Smith (born September 16, 1808, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died September 22, 1880). Elizabeth Smith was the daughter of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather; born 1752 in Frederick County, Maryland; died March 10, 1838, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania) and Elizabeth Grovenstadt.



Above: Monuments of Mary Shoaf (1838-1923; great-granddaughter of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Grandfather), Pattie Miller (1873-1912; daughter of Mary Shoaf), and their husbands, in Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Smithfield, Fayette, Pennsylvania. Left: John Franks (1806-1880; son of Abigail Smith, 5th Great-Grandaunt, daughter of Philip Smith, 6th Great-Grandfather) and his wife, Sarah Christopher Franks (1803-1886). Below: Their monument in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Sandusky, Ohio (section 1).

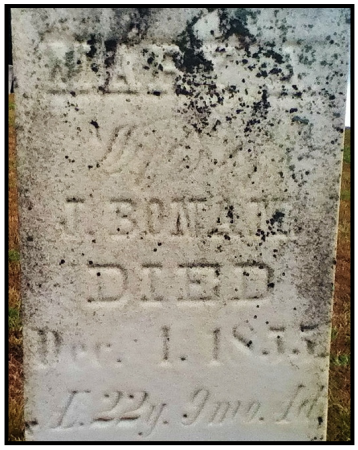
Philip Smith (1792-1873; son of Philip Smith, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born on

October 6, 1792, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died January 21, 1873, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio. He married Catherine Miller (1795-1880) on March 2, 1815, in Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio, (and/or Rebecca Miller, 1801-1882, in 1822) and had 12 children: Rebecca Smith (born 1824), Susannah Smith (1825-1883), Louisa A. Smith (1828-1851), John M. Smith (born 1829), Melinda Smith (1831-1894), Nancy Smith (born 1832), Rebecca Smith (born 1834), Nathan Smith (born 1835), Catherine Smith (born 1835), Philip Smith (born 1838 of Wayne County, Ohio), Mary Smith (1839-1919), and Martha Smith (born 1841). Philip resided in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1850; lived in Vermillion, Ashland County, Ohio, in 1860, but eventually returned to Wayne County, Ohio, where he died in 1873.

Top right: Monument of John Kibler Miller (1807-1865) and missing gravestone of his wife, Rebecca Franks (1807-1875: daughter of Mary Smith, 4th Great-Grandaunt), in McPherson Cemetery (section 1) in Clyde, Sandusky, Ohio. Above: Gravestone of Benjamin Miller (1828-1902; son of Rebecca Franks) in Matthew Cemetery in Ionia, Michigan. Left: Monument of Catherine M. Miller (1828/1829-1863; daughter of Rebecca Franks) in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio.

Rebecca Franks (1807-1875; daughter of Mary Magdalena Smith, 4th Great-Grandaunt, and Conrad Franks, son of Abigail Smith Franks, 5th Great-Grandaunt) was born June 25, 1807, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died October 31, 1875, in Clyde, Riley Township, Sandusky, Ohio. She married John Kibler Miller (born June 8, 1807, in Pennsylvania; died July 15, 1865, in Clyde, Sandusky, Ohio; son of Andrew Miller, 1778-1826, and Catherine Kibler, 1788-1842) on November 25, 1826, in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, and had 14 children: Benjamin Miller (born March 10, 1828, in Wayne County, Ohio; died September 8, 1902, in Sebewa Corners, Ionia County, Michigan; buried in Matthew Cemetery in Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan; married Mary Ann Gilbert, 1832-1903, and had at least four children: Peter Wilson Miller, 1853-1915; Rebecca Miller, 1855-1924; Rosa Ann Miller, 1862-1926, and Clarence Benjamin Miller, 1877-1936), Catherine Miller (born June 5, 1828/1829, in Wayne County, Ohio; died December 5, 1863; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married Thomas Wiley, 1824-1907, and had at least one child: Aaron F. Wiley,

1862-1943), Esther Miller (born September 10, 1831, in Wayne County, Ohio; died December 29, 1856; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married Richard Gault, 1824-1899, and had at least one child: Moses Gault, 1854-1854), Mary Ann Miller (born July 2, 1833, probably in Wayne County, Ohio; died December 4, 1855, in Sandusky County, Ohio; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married Jeremiah Bonam, 1829-1914), Conrad



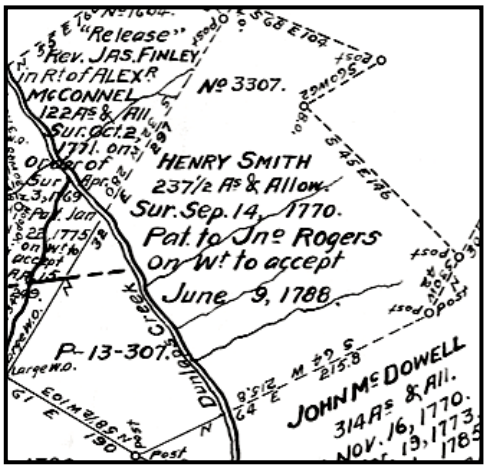
J. Miller (born in December 1833 in Wayne County, Ohio; died in 1911 in Ionia County, Michigan; married Elizabeth Ann Franks, 1835-1913, and had at least six children: Mary Ann Miller, 1860-1884; John W. Miller, 1861-1919; Rebecca J. Miller, 1863-1951; Alvin Miller, 1865-1908; Leander Miller, 1868-1933, and Laura J. Miller, 1872-1886), William Allen Miller (born May 4, 1836; died October 4, 1904; buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Delta, Fulton County, Ohio; married Charlotte Swart, 1844-1918; had two known children: James M. Miller, 1863-1907, and Norton Miller, 1876-1906), Barbara Ann Miller (born December 24, 1840, in Ohio; died February 16, 1899, in Gratiot County, Michigan; buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Middleton, Gratiot County, Michigan; married Reuben E. Franks, 1831-1905, and had three known children: Mary Catherine Franks, 1857-1931; Andrew M. Franks, 1861-1898, and Edna B. Franks, 1878-1922), Aaron F. Miller (born March 25, 1841; died January 12, 1926, in Fulton County, Ohio; buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Delta, Fulton County, Ohio), Alexander E. Miller (born March 25, 1844, in Ashland County, Ohio; died in 1901 in Gratiot County, Michigan; buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Middleton, Michigan; married Phoebe Almina Hagerman, 1859-1935, and had three

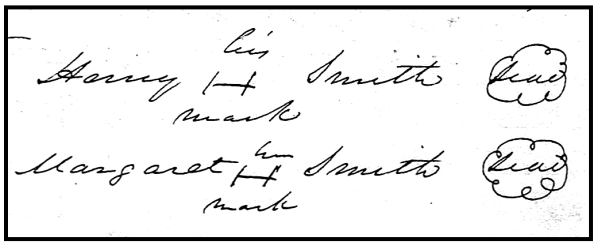
Top right: Monument of Mary Ann *Miller* Bonam (1833-1855; daughter of Rebecca Franks, daughter of Mary Smith, 4th Great-Grandaunt) in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio. Top left: Monument of Conrad J. Miller (1833-1911; son of Rebecca Franks) and his wife, Elizabeth Ann Franks (1835-1913), in East Sebewa Cemetery in Ionia County, Michigan. Above: Gravestone of Alexander E. Miller (1844-1901; son of Rebecca Franks) and his wife, Phoebe Almina Hagerman (1859-1935), in Greenwood Cemetery in Middleton, Gratiot, Michigan. Left: Monument of Barbara A. Miller (1840-1899; daughter of Rebecca Franks) in Greenwood Cemetery in Middleton, Gratiot, Michigan.

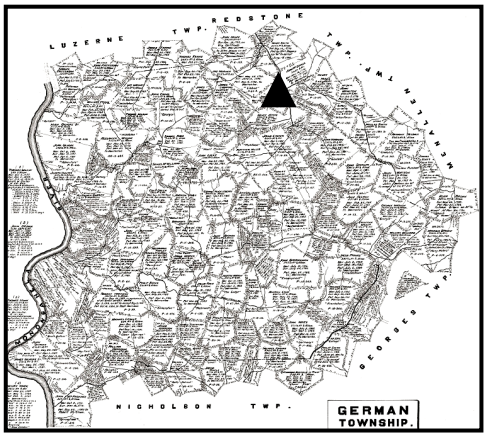
known children: Adrian Allen Miller, 1883-1973; Benjamin Miller, 1888-1966, and Orville Miller, 1894-1968), Oliver C. Miller (1845-1865), George W. Miller (born 1846), Willard Miller (1850-1860), Zachariah Miller (1850-1854), and Edward Miller (1855-1860). Rebecca resided in Riley Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, from before 1860 until her death in 1876.

The German Ancestry of Philip Schmidt

Note: The German ancestry of Philip Schmidt, Sixth Great-Grandfather, has not been confirmed and is presented here only as a possibility.







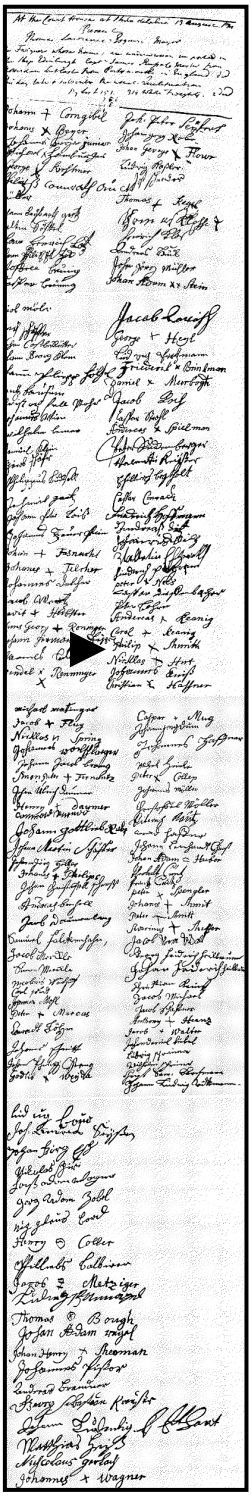
Above: Marks of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather; 1752-1838) and his second wife, Margaret Sheeter (1764-1839), on a deed conveying land to his son, Elias Smith (1789-1854), on May 14, 1829, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Left: Henry Smith's plat of 237 ½ acres of land in German Township in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, on June 9, 1788. Lower left: Location of Henry's land in the far northeast corner of German Township.

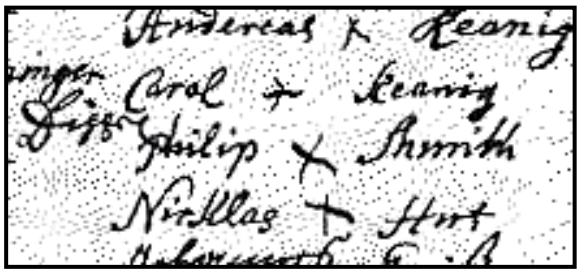
Johann Paul Schmidt, Possible Seventh Great-Grandfather

Johann Paul Schmidt (possible 7th Great-Grandfather) was born in 1701 in Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany, and died April 19, 1767, in Schmidterhoff, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany. He married **Anna Elisabetha Forster** (also spelled Anna Elizabeth Foster; possible 7th Great-Grandmother; born 1700 in Steinweiler, Germersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany; died in Steinweiler) on July 7, 1722, in Schmidterhoff, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany, and had three children: Anna Esther Schmidt (born January 17, 1724, in Schmidterhoff, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany), **Philip Schmidt** (born May 18, 1725, Schmidterhoff, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany; died June 14, 1814, in Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio), and Johann Peter Schmidt (born September 18, 1726, in Potzbach, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany).

After Anna, assumedly, died, Johann married second, Anna Hauck (born 1699 in Steinweiler, Germersheim, Rhineland-Pfalz, Germany; died 1759 in Steinweiler; daughter of Johann Bartholomaus Hauck [born 1658 in Billigheim, Neckar-Odenwald-Kreis, Baden-

Wuettemberg, Germany; died 1725 in Steinweiler, Ansbach, Bayern, Germany; son of Martin Hauck, born 1623] and Anna Maria Lingenfeider [born November 24, 1660, in Steinweiler, Ansbach, Bayern, Germany; died June 8, 1742, in Steinweiler; daughter of Johann Daniel Lingenfelder, 1610-1675], who had ten children) on September 26, 1726, in Steinweiler, Germersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany, and had eight children: Johann Bernard Schmidt (born June 26, 1728, in Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany; died 1762 in Rohrbach), Johann Conrad Schmidt (born November 18, 1731), Johann Valentin Schmidt (born May 19, 1733, in Steinweiler, Ansbach, Bayern, Germany; died March 15, 1797, in Steinweiler), Johann Georg Schmidt (born November 1, 1736, in Steinweiler, Ansbach, Bayern, Germany; died March 15, 1797, in Steinweiler), Maria Agatha Schmidt (born February 27, 1737), Andreas Schmidt (born April 29, 1739), Johann Peter Schmidt (born January 17, 1740, in Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany; died 1787), and Johann Jakob Schmidt (born October 3, 1742, in Steinweiler, Ansbach, Bayern, Germany; died December 31, 1813, in Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany). Another site also lists Johann Carl Philippus Schmidt (born April 27, 1729, in Potzbach, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany; died 1814 in Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio) as a son.





Left: Copy of original list of passengers on the ship *Edinburg*, "Capt. James Russell, Master, from Rotterdam, but last from Portsmouth in England," who signed their names or marks on arrival in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 13, 1750; close-up of mark made by Philip Schmidt (6th Great-Grandfather) on this list (above). Top right: Ruins of the home of Philip Schmidt/Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) in Steubenville, Ohio.

George Schmidt, Possible Eighth Great-Grandfather

George Schmidt (possible 8th Great-Grandfather) was born in 1670 in Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany, and died on March 5, 1766, in Rohrbach, Alchach-

Friedberg, Bayern, Germany. He married **Anna Maria Heck** (possible 8th Great-Grandmother; born 1670 in Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany; died in same town) in 1699.

Johann Jacob Schmidt, Possible Ninth Great-Grandfather

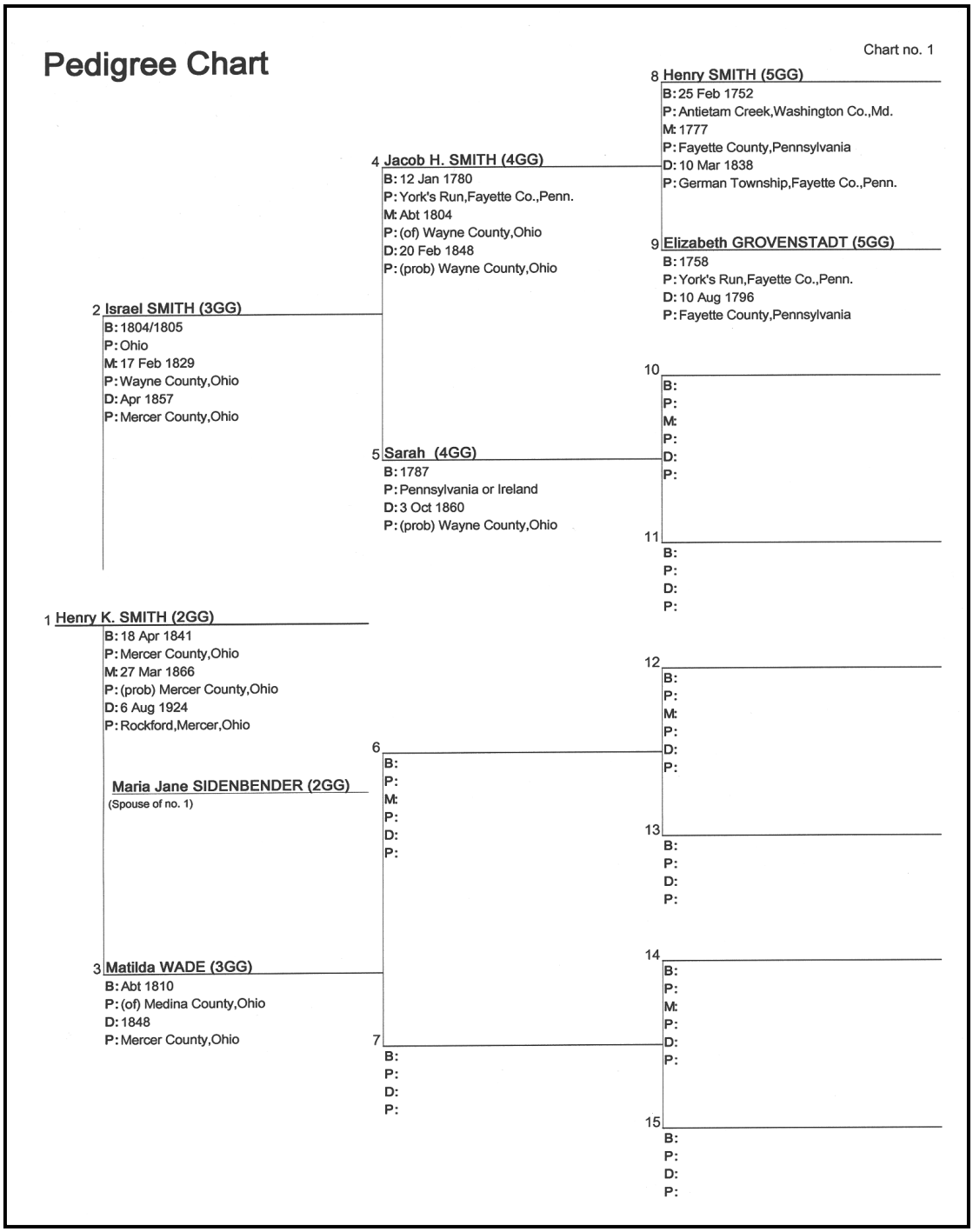
Johann Jacob Schmidt (possible 9th Great-Grandfather) was born in Holzgerlingen, Boblingen, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany, and died on December 5, 1670. His wife is unknown.

Hans Jacob Schmidt, Possible Tenth Great-Grandfather

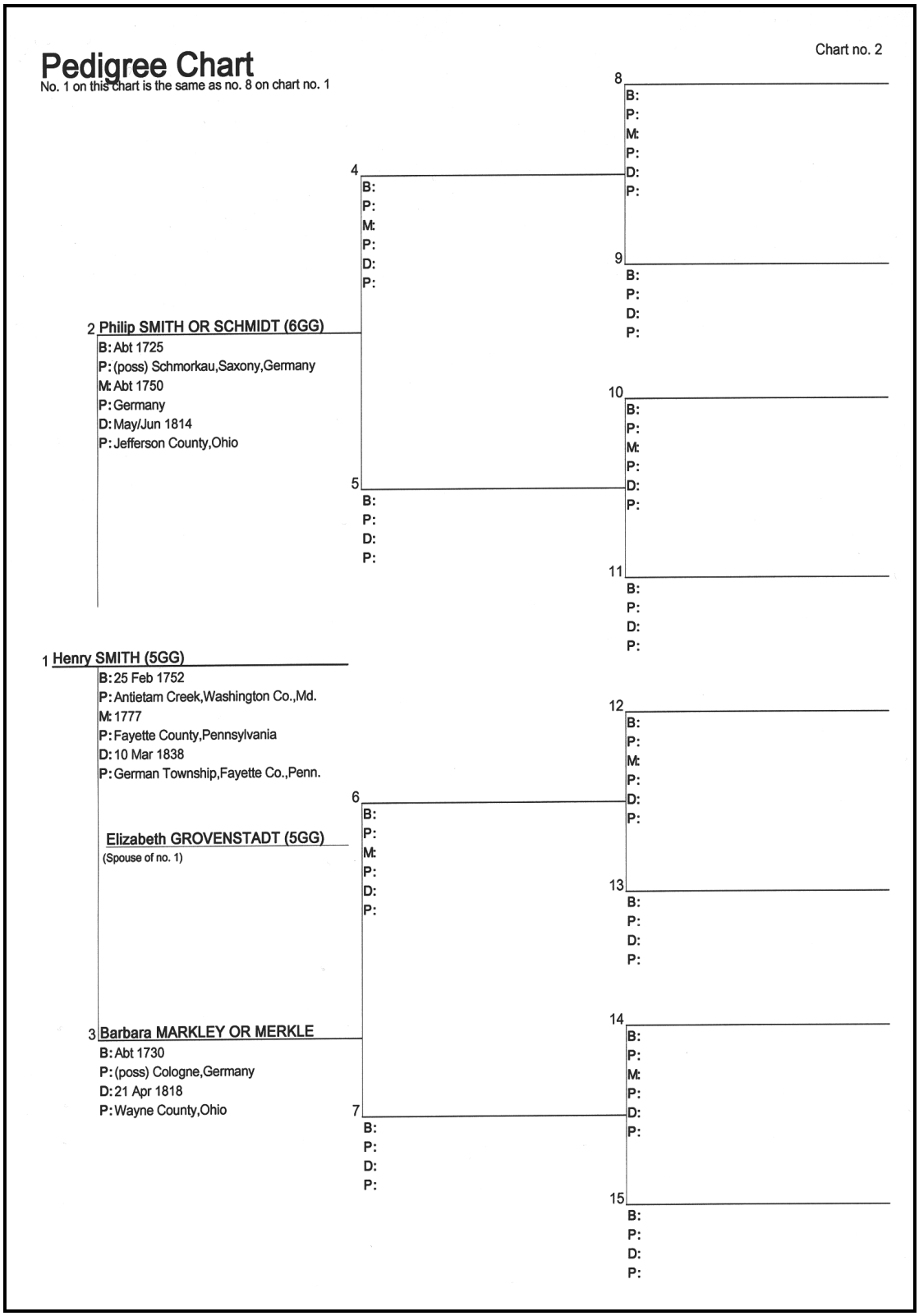
Hans Jacob Schmidt (possible 10th Great-Grandfather) was born February 14, 1643, in Schwarzwald, Gotha, Thueringen, Germany, and died January 19, 1692, in Holzgerlingen, Boblingen, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany. His wife is unknown. (Note: The German ancestry of Philip Schmidt has not been confirmed and is presented here as only a possibility.)

Smith Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets

Pedigree Chart #1



Pedigree Chart #2



Clyde Van Smith

Great-Grandfather

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Husband Clyde Van SMITH (GG)

			LDS ordinance dates		
Born	15 Oct 1868	Place Rockford, Mercer, Ohio			Temple
Died	4 Jul 1919	Place Tampa, Hillsborough, Florida	Baptized	6 Dec 1979	PROVO
Buried	10 Jul 1919	Place 1552 Maple St. in Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	Endowed	15 Mar 1980	PROVO
			SealPar	24 Sep 1980	LOGAN
Married	18 Sep 1900	Place Searcy County, Arkansas	SealSp	24 Sep 1981	LOGAN
Other Spouse	Lillian JORDAN				
Married	Abt 1890	Place (prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	23 Oct 1992	DALLA
Husband's father	Henry K. SMITH (2GG)				
Husband's mother	Maria Jane SIDENBENDER (2GG)				

Wife Cora Luberta BRATTON (GG)

			LDS ordinance dates		
Born	23 Sep 1881	Place Wiley's Cove, Searcy, Arkansas			Temple
Died	26 Nov 1966	Place Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas	Baptized	13 Jan 1977	PROVO
Buried	28 Nov 1966	Place Roselawn Memorial Park, Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas	Endowed	13 Jan 1977	PROVO
			SealPar	13 Jan 1977	PROVO
Wife's father	Benjamin BRATTON, JR. (2GG) (Union Civil War Soldier)				
Wife's mother	Mary Fredonia REDMAN (2GG)				

Children List each child in order of birth.

				LDS ordinance dates		
1	F	**Maria Kate "Katherine" SMITH**				
	Born	25 Jun 1901	Place Canadian County, Oklahoma	Baptized	26 Jan 1979	SLAKE
	Died	30 Jun 1977	Place Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	Endowed	20 Mar 1979	SLAKE
	Buried	2 Jul 1977	Place Forest Hills Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	SealPar	12 Jan 1980	SLAKE
	Spouse	Dewey ACREE				
	Married	27 Apr 1921	Place (of) Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	30 Apr 1997	DALLA
	Spouse	Albert CONNERLEY				
	Married	Abt 1935	Place (of) Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas (Died 1949)	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA
	Spouse	Paul E. GOODMAN				
	Married	(D)	Place Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA
	Spouse	Elmer SPAGGINS				
	Married	9 Jul 1954	Place (of) Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	30 Apr 1997	DALLA
2	F	**Mary Josephine SMITH**				
	Born	25 Jan 1903	Place Marshall, Searcy County, Arkansas	Baptized	1990	LOGAN
	Died	6 Oct 1988	Place Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	Endowed	1990	LOGAN
	Buried	9 Oct 1988	Place Crocker, Pulaski County, Missouri	SealPar	4 Sep 1990	LOGAN
	Spouse	Alexander D. SMITH				
	Married	24 Dec 1943 (D)	Place Fort Richie, Washington County, Maryland	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA
	Spouse	James A. VANLOON				
	Married	25 Oct 1951	Place Searcy County, Arkansas	SealSp	31 Aug 1990	LOGAN
3	F	**Margaret Nell SMITH**				
	Born	18 Jul 1905	Place Leslie, Searcy County, Arkansas	Baptized	5 Feb 1980	SLAKE
	Died	5 Jul 1919	Place Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida	Endowed	10 Mar 1980	SLAKE
	Buried	10 Jul 1919	Place Maple St. in Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	SealPar	1 Apr 1980	SLAKE
4	F	**Clara Bell "Claire" SMITH (Grandmother)**				
	Born	16 Sep 1907	Place Leslie, Searcy, Arkansas	Baptized	23 Oct 1992	DALLA
	Died	8 Sep 1991	Place Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee	Endowed	8 Jan 1993	DALLA
	Buried	11 Sep 1991	Place 5668 Poplar Ave., Memorial Park, Memphis, Tennessee	SealPar	18 Feb 1993	DALLA
	Spouse	Marion Carlos SHARP Sr. (Grandfather)				
	Married	12 Sep 1923 (D)	Place Lonoke County, Arkansas	SealSp	23 Oct 1992	DALLA
	Spouse	Edward or Ed CARTWRIGHT				
	Married	Abt 1939 (D)	Place (of) Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA
	Spouse	Floyd WILSON				
	Married	30 Apr 1948 (D)	Place Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA
5	F	**Henry Etta "Henrietta" SMITH**				
	Born	22 Oct 1909	Place Elberta, Searcy County, Arkansas	Baptized	20 Jan 1989	LOGAN
	Died	22 Aug 1986	Place Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	Endowed	8 Feb 1989	LOGAN
	Buried	24 Aug 1986	Place Forest Hills Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	SealPar	17 Mar 1989	LOGAN
	Spouse	George B. WARNER				
	Married	16 Oct 1933	Place Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA
	Spouse	Ben BROWNE				
	Married	1946	Place Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA
	Spouse	Carl ADAMS				
	Married	1958	Place Greenville, Washington County, Mississippi	SealSp	30 Apr 1997	DALLA
6	F	**Helen Marion SMITH**				
	Born	29 Oct 1911	Place Elberta, Searcy County, Arkansas	Baptized	5 Feb 1980	SLAKE
	Died	6 Jul 1949	Place Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	Endowed	27 Feb 1980	SLAKE
	Buried	8 Jul 1949	Place Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealPar	11 Dec 1981	LOGAN
	Spouse	Alfred Kenneth SHAW				
	Married	18 May 1934	Place Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	24 Sep 1981	LOGAN

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Husband	Clyde Van SMITH (GG)					
Wife	Cora Luberta BRATTON (GG)					
Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
7 F	Ann Van Gundy SMITH					
	Born	27 Nov 1916	Place Marshall, Searcy County, Arkansas	Baptized	24 Oct 1988	LOGAN
	Died	Apr 1986	Place Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin	Endowed	14 Feb 1989	LOGAN
				SealPar	17 Mar 1989	LOGAN
	Spouse	Gordon Kermit JARSTAD				
	Married	30 Dec 1945	Place Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida	SealSp		

Clyde Van Smith

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Husband	Clyde Van SMITH (GG)					
	Born	15 Oct 1868	Place Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Died	4 Jul 1919	Place Tampa, Hillsborough, Florida	Baptized	6 Dec 1979	PROVO
	Buried	10 Jul 1919	Place 1552 Maple St. in Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	Endowed	15 Mar 1980	PROVO
				SealPar	24 Sep 1980	LOGAN
	Married	Abt 1890	Place (prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	23 Oct 1992	DALLA
	Other Spouse	Cora Luberta BRATTON (GG)				
	Married	18 Sep 1900	Place Searcy County, Arkansas	SealSp	24 Sep 1981	LOGAN
	Husband's father	Henry K. SMITH (2GG)				
	Husband's mother	Maria Jane SIDENBENDER (2GG)				
Wife	Lillian JORDAN					
	Born	1869	Place (of) Mercer County, Ohio	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Died	17 Jul 1962	Place (prob) Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio	Baptized	23 Oct 1992	DALLA
				Endowed	12 Feb 1993	DALLA
				SealPar		
	Other Spouse	Walter MCCOY				
	Married		Place	SealSp		
	Other Spouse	Rev. <Living>				
	Married	1951	Place Cincinnatti, Hamilton, Ohio	SealSp		
	Wife's father	Mr. JORDAN				
	Wife's mother					
Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1 M	W. Wade SMITH					
	Born	Abt 1893	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	19 Oct 1999	PROVO
	Died	Abt 1919	Place (prob) Arkansas	Endowed	19 Oct 1999	PROVO
				SealPar	19 Nov 1999	PROVO
	Spouse	Cora				
	Married	Abt 1915	Place (of) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	22 Oct 1999	PROVO
2 M	Dole McLelum SMITH (World War I Soldier--Died in Service)					
	Born	22 Nov 1894	Place Celina, Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	5 Oct 1983	LOGAN
	Died	27 Oct 1918	Place Base Hospitial 42, 11th Division, France	Endowed	25 Oct 1983	LOGAN
	Buried	Dec 1918	Place Arlington National Cemetery, Washington D.C.	SealPar	23 Oct 1992	DALLA

Henry K. Smith

Second Great-Grandfather

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					LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Husband	**Henry K. SMITH (2GG)**						
	Born	18 Apr 1841	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	10 Oct 1973	SGEOR
	Died	6 Aug 1924	Place	Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Endowed	14 Dec 1973	SGEOR
	Buried	8 Aug 1924	Place	Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	SealPar	16 Jan 1974	SGEOR
	Married	27 Mar 1866	Place	(prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
	Husband's father	Israel SMITH (3GG)					
	Husband's mother	Matilda WADE (3GG)					
Wife	**Maria Jane SIDENBENDER (2GG)**						
	Born	6 Apr 1845	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	18 Jan 1984	LOGAN
	Died	26 Apr 1928	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	8 May 1984	LOGAN
	Buried	28 Apr 1928	Place	Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	SealPar	16 May 1984	LOGAN
	Wife's father	Joseph SIDENBENDER (3GG)					
	Wife's mother	Ann VAN GUNDY (3GG)					
Children	List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1 F	**Nellie SMITH**						
	Born	1 Jan 1867	Place	(prob) Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	26 May 1987	LOGAN
	Died	Bef 1869	Place	(prob) Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	1 Sep 1987	LOGAN
					SealPar	18 Dec 1987	LOGAN
2 M	**Clyde Van SMITH (GG)**						
	Born	15 Oct 1868	Place	Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Baptized	6 Dec 1979	PROVO
	Died	4 Jul 1919	Place	Tampa, Hillsborough, Florida	Endowed	15 Mar 1980	PROVO
	Buried	10 Jul 1919	Place	1552 Maple St. in Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	SealPar	24 Sep 1980	LOGAN
	Spouse	Lillian JORDAN					
	Married	Abt 1890	Place	(prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	23 Oct 1992	DALLA
	Spouse	Cora Luberta BRATTON (GG)					
	Married	18 Sep 1900	Place	Searcy County, Arkansas	SealSp	24 Sep 1981	LOGAN

Israel Smith

Third Great-Grandfather

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					LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Husband	**Israel SMITH (3GG)**						
	Born	1804/1805	Place	Ohio	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Died	Apr 1857	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Buried	Apr 1857	Place	Cemetery near Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Married	17 Feb 1829	Place	Wayne County, Ohio	SealSp	17 Apr 1981	OGDEN
	Other Spouse	Mary Ann BALTZELL					
	Married	18 Jul 1850	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	1 Jul 1981	SLAKE
	Husband's father	Jacob H. SMITH (4GG)					
	Husband's mother	Sarah (4GG)					
Wife	**Matilda WADE (3GG)**						
	Born	Abt 1810	Place	(of) Medina County, Ohio	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Died	1848	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	13 Sep 1986	DALLA
	Buried	1848	Place	Cemetery near Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	30 Apr 1997	DALLA
	Wife's father						
	Wife's mother						
Children	List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1 M	**James "Finley" SMITH**						
	Born	26 Apr 1831	Place	(prob) Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
	Died	7 Feb 1877	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	3 Apr 1987	DALLA
	Buried	9 Feb 1877	Place	Roebuck Cemetery, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	30 May 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	Phebe A. SLATER					
	Married	16 Aug 1855	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	2 Jul 1981	SLAKE
	Spouse	Alvina B. SIDENBENDER					
	Married	9 Apr 1865	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	20 Apr 1982	JRIVE
2 M	**Zannan A. SMITH**						
	Born	1833/1834	Place	(prob) Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
	Died	Bef 1924	Place	(poss) Webster County, Missouri	Endowed	25 Apr 1987	DALLA
					SealPar	30 May 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	Hannah SCHLATER					
	Married	Abt 1859	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	1997	DALLA

3	M	**Cornelius B. SMITH**					
		Born	4 Aug 1836	Place Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	31 Mar 1984	LOGAN
		Died	1911	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	17 Apr 1984	LOGAN
		Buried	1911	Place Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	12 May 1984	LOGAN
		Spouse	Nancy E. HEDGES				
		Married	29 Mar 1860	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	10 Jul 1981	SLAKE
4	M	**John W. SMITH (Union Civil War Soldier)**					
		Born	9 Jul 1838	Place Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
		Died	13 Jul 1903	Place Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	15 May 1987	DALLA
		Buried	15 Jul 1903	Place Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	30 May 1987	DALLA
		Spouse	Harriet BLAKE				
		Married	4 Mar 1866	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	28 May 1997	DALLA
5	M	**Henry K. SMITH (2GG)**					
		Born	18 Apr 1841	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	10 Oct 1973	SGEOR
		Died	6 Aug 1924	Place Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Endowed	14 Dec 1973	SGEOR
		Buried	8 Aug 1924	Place Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	SealPar	16 Jan 1974	SGEOR
		Spouse	Maria Jane SIDENBENDER (2GG)				
		Married	27 Mar 1866	Place (prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
6	M	**Jacob SMITH**					
		Born	1843/1844	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
		Died	Childhood	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	28 Nov 1986	DALLA
					SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA
7	F	**Sarah Ellen SMITH**					
		Born	1846/1847	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	20 Dec 1984	DALLA
		Died	Bef 1924	Place	Endowed	Mar 1985	DALLA
					SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
		Spouse	George GRIFFIN				
		Married	Abt 1867	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	28 May 1997	DALLA
8	F	**Matilda SMITH**					
		Born	1848/1849	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
		Died	Died Young	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	10 Sep 1986	DALLA
					SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA

Jacob H. Smith

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Husband		**Jacob H. SMITH (4GG)**					
					LDS ordinance dates		Temple
		Born	12 Jan 1780	Place York's Run, Georges Twp., Fayette Co., Pennsylvania	Baptized	24 Nov 1942	SLAKE
		Died	20 Feb 1848	Place (prob) Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	12 May 1943	SLAKE
		Buried	22 Feb 1848	Place Old Presbyterian Cemetery, Apple Creek, Wayne, Indiana	SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
					SealSp	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
		Married	Abt 1804	Place (of) Wayne County, Ohio			
		Husband's father	Henry SMITH (5GG)				
		Husband's mother	Elizabeth GROVENSTADT-GRANDSTAFF (5GG)				
Wife		**Sarah (4GG)**					
					LDS ordinance dates		Temple
		Born	1787	Place Pennsylvania or Ireland	Baptized	6 Nov 1942	SLAKE
		Died	3 Oct 1860	Place (prob) Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	27 Nov 1942	SLAKE
		Buried	5 Oct 1860	Place Old Presbyterian Cemetery, Apple Creek, Wayne, Indiana	SealPar		
		Wife's father					
		Wife's mother					
Children		List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1	M	**Israel SMITH (3GG)**					
		Born	1804/1805	Place Ohio	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
		Died	Apr 1857	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
		Buried	Apr 1857	Place Cemetery near Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
		Spouse	Matilda WADE (3GG)				
		Married	17 Feb 1829	Place Wayne County, Ohio	SealSp	17 Apr 1981	OGDEN
		Spouse	Mary Ann BALTZELL				
		Married	18 Jul 1850	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	1 Jul 1981	SLAKE
2	M	**Henry SMITH**					
		Born	Abt 1810	Place (prob) Ohio	Baptized	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
		Died		Place Defiance County, Ohio	Endowed	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
					SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
3	M	**Cornelius SMITH**					
		Born	Abt 1820	Place East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
		Buried		Place Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
					SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
		Spouse	Elizabeth BEERBOWER				
		Married	12 Nov 1850	Place Wayne County, Ohio	SealSp	24 Apr 1981	OGDEN

Henry Smith

Fifth Great-Grandfather

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Husband Henry SMITH (5GG)

			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Born	25 Feb 1752	Place Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
Died	10 Mar 1838	Place German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
Buried	12 Mar 1838	Place Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
Married	1777	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
Other Spouse	Margaret SHEETER				
Married	1799	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	18 Feb 1993	PORTL
Husband's father	Philip SMITH OR SCHMIDT (6GG)				
Husband's mother	Barbara MARKLEY OR MERKLE (6GG)				

Wife Elizabeth GROVENSTADT-GRANDSTAFF (5GG)

			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Born	1758	Place York's Run, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	2 Jun 1931	SLAKE
Died	10 Aug 1796	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	7 May 1934	SLAKE
Buried	12 Aug 1796	Place Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	SealPar	15 Mar 2005	PROVO
Wife's father					
Wife's mother					

Children List each child in order of birth.

				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1	M	**Jacob H. SMITH (4GG)**				
	Born	12 Jan 1780	Place York's Run, Georges Twp., Fayette Co., Pennsylvania	Baptized	24 Nov 1942	SLAKE
	Died	20 Feb 1848	Place (prob) Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	12 May 1943	SLAKE
	Buried	22 Feb 1848	Place Old Presbyterian Cemetery, Apple Creek, Wayne, Indiana	SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Sarah (4GG)				
	Married	Abt 1804	Place (of) Wayne County, Ohio	SealSp	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
2	F	**Barbara SMITH**				
	Born	1785	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
				Endowed	16 Sep 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
3	F	**Mary Magdalena SMITH**				
	Born	21 Dec 1786	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
	Died	6 Oct 1868	Place East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
	Spouse	Conrad FRANKS				
	Married	Abt 1803	Place (of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
4	F	**Salome SMITH**				
	Born	8 Apr 1788	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	17 Jun 1952	SLAKE
				Endowed	16 Jun 1953	SLAKE
				SealPar	28 Oct 1954	SLAKE
5	M	**Elias SMITH**				
	Born	1 Jun 1789	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	10 May 1985	IFALL
	Died	12 Jan 1854	Place Richland County, Ohio	Endowed	24 May 1985	IFALL
				SealPar	6 Aug 1985	IFALL
	Spouse	Elizabeth BEERBOWER				
	Married	1818	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
6	M	**Henry SMITH**				
	Born	11 Nov 1791	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
	Died	1 Feb 1872	Place	Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
	Buried	3 Feb 1872	Place Uniontown, Fayette, Pennsylvania	SealPar	28 Oct 1954	SLAKE
	Spouse	Keziah DAVIS				
	Married	1817	Place Connellsville, Fayette, Pennsylvania	SealSp	2 Sep 1954	SLAKE
	Spouse	Leah FIELDS				
	Married	Abt 1834	Place (of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
	Spouse	Eliza WILKEY OR WILKIE				
	Married	Abt 1860	Place (prob) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
7	M	**Nicholas SMITH**				
	Born	17 Dec 1793	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
	Died	1836	Place	Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
	Spouse	Leah MCCOY				
	Married	26 Nov 1826	Place (of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
8	F	**Christina Rachel SMITH**				
	Born	28 Jan 1796	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
				Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
	Spouse	Benjamin MILLER				
	Married	9 May 1830	Place (of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		

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Husband	Henry SMITH (5GG)					
Wife	Elizabeth GROVENSTADT-GRANDSTAFF (5GG)					
Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
9 F	Susanna "Susan" SMITH					
	Born 25 Jul 1801	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	17 Nov 1992	PORTL
				Endowed	19 Jan 1993	PORTL
				SealPar	18 Feb 1993	PORTL

Henry Smith

Fifth Great-Grandfather—Second Family

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Husband	Henry SMITH (5GG)					
	Born 25 Feb 1752	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Died 10 Mar 1838	Place	German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
	Buried 12 Mar 1838	Place	Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
	Married 1799	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	18 Feb 1993	PORTL
	Other Spouse Elizabeth GROVENSTADT-GRANDSTAFF (5GG)					
	Married 1777	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
	Husband's father Philip SMITH OR SCHMIDT (6GG)					
	Husband's mother Barbara MARKLEY OR MERKLE (6GG)					
Wife	Margaret SHEETER					
	Born 29 Sep 1764	Place	(of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Died 24 Dec 1839	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	17 Nov 1992	PORTL
	Buried 26 Dec 1839	Place	Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	Endowed	9 Dec 1992	PORTL
				SealPar		
	Wife's father					
	Wife's mother					
Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1 F	Rachel SMITH					
	Born 1799	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	19 Nov 2002	CHICA
				Endowed	8 Nov 2003	CHICA
				SealPar	7 Apr 2004	CHICA
2 F	Suzanna SMITH					
	Born 1801	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	17 Nov 1992	PORTL
				Endowed	19 Jan 1993	PORTL
				SealPar	18 Feb 1993	PORTL
3 M	Solomon SMITH					
	Born 12 Jan 1804	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	17 Nov 1992	PORTL
	Buried	Place	White Rock Cemetery, Fairchance, Fayette, Pennsylvania	Endowed	9 Dec 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	15 Jan 1993	PORTL
	Spouse Mary ROTHRUCK					
	Married Abt 1823	Place	(of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
	Spouse Mary Polly HAYDEN					
	Married 13 Aug 1832	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	Cleared	
4 M	Daniel SMITH					
	Born Apr 1806	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	17 Nov 1992	PORTL
	Chr. 18 May 1806	Place	Jacob's Lutheran Church, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	19 Jan 1993	PORTL
	Died 9 Nov 1899	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealPar	18 Feb 1993	PORTL
	Buried 11 Nov 1899	Place	Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, Smithfield, Fayette, Pennsylvania			
	Spouse Elizabeth ROTHRUCK					
	Married 17 Aug 1826	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
5 F	Elizabeth SMITH					
	Born 12 Oct 1808	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	17 Oct 2000	IFALL
	Died 22 Sep 1880	Place		Endowed	27 Oct 2000	IFALL
				SealPar	19 Sep 2002	IFALL
	Spouse Philip Sturgis FIELD					
	Married Abt 1831	Place	(prob) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
6 F	Salome SMITH					
	Born Abt 1802	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania (poss. born in 1810 or 1812)	Baptized	17 Nov 1992	PORTL
				Endowed	9 Dec 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	18 Feb 1993	PORTL
7 F	Magdalena SMITH					
	Born Abt 1802	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania (poss. born in 1810 or 1812)	Baptized	17 Nov 1992	PORTL
				Endowed	9 Dec 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	18 Feb 1993	PORTL

Philip Smith

Sixth Great-Grandfather

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Husband Philip SMITH OR SCHMIDT (6GG)

			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Born	Abt 1725	Place (poss) Schmorkau, Saxony, Germany	Baptized	23 Nov 1990	JRIVE
Died	May/Jun 1814	Place Jefferson County, Ohio	Endowed	27 Feb 1991	JRIVE
			SealPar	26 Oct 1990	JRIVE
Married	Abt 1750	Place Germany	SealSp	22 Oct 1999	PROVO
Husband's father					
Husband's mother					

Wife Barbara MARKLEY OR MERKLE (6GG)

			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Born	Abt 1730	Place Germany	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
Died	21 Apr 1818	Place Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
			SealPar	31 Mar 2005	PROVO
Wife's father					
Wife's mother					

Children List each child in order of birth.

					LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1	M	**Henry SMITH (5GG)**					
	Born	25 Feb 1752	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
	Died	10 Mar 1838	Place	German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
	Buried	12 Mar 1838	Place	Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
	Spouse	Elizabeth GROVENSTADT-GRANDSTAFF (5GG)					
	Married	1777	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
	Spouse	Margaret SHEETER					
	Married	1799	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	18 Feb 1993	PORTL
2	M	**Valentine SMITH**					
	Born	Abt 1754	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
	Died	22/31 Oct 1830	Place	Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
					SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
	Spouse	Margaret or Margaretha					
	Married	1776	Place	(of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	12 Mar 1993	OGDEN
3	F	**Barbara SMITH**					
	Born	1755	Place	Frederick County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
					Endowed	16 Sep 1992	PORTL
					SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
4	M	**Nicholas SMITH**					
	Born	Abt 1757	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Died	Sep 1832	Place	Wooster, Wayne, Ohio	Endowed	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
					SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Elizabeth EWING					
	Married	27 Sep 1807	Place	Donnelsville, Ross, Ohio	SealSp	2 Apr 1981	SGEOR
5	F	**Betsey SMITH**					
	Born	1759	Place	Frederick County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
					Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
					SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
6	M	**Philip SMITH II**					
	Born	Feb 1761	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Died	29 Mar 1838	Place	East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Buried	31 Mar 1838	Place		SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Agnes WAITS					
	Married	Abt 1785	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	12 Mar 1993	OGDEN
7	M	**George SMITH**					
	Born	1761	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
	Died	Sep 1805	Place	Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	16 Sep 1992	PORTL
					SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
	Spouse	Rebeka					
	Married	Abt 1791	Place	(of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
8	F	**Catherine SMITH**					
	Born	1763	Place	Frederick County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
	Died	Aft 1814	Place		Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
					SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
9	F	**Eliza SMITH**					
	Born	Abt 1765	Place	Frederick County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
					Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
					SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL

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Husband	Philip SMITH OR SCHMIDT (6GG)						
Wife	Barbara MARKLEY OR MERKLE (6GG)						
Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates			Temple
10 F	**Christiana SMITH**						
	Born	1 Apr or Sep 1766	Place Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992		PORTL
	Died	19 Sep 1833	Place East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	25 Sep 1992		PORTL
	Buried	21 Sep 1833	Place Family farm, East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio	SealPar	7 Oct 1992		PORTL
	Spouse	Frederick BROWN					
	Married	Abt 1793	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	7 Jan 1994		ARIZO
11 F	**Abigail Appollinia SMITH**						
	Born	31 Dec 1767	Place Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992		PORTL
	Died	9 Sep 1845	Place German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	28 Aug 1992		PORTL
	Buried	11 Sep 1845	Place Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	SealPar	7 Oct 1992		PORTL
	Spouse	George FRANKS					
	Married	1783	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	1 Feb 1996		IFALL
12 F	**Polly SMITH**						
	Born	Abt 1771	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992		PORTL
				Endowed	25 Sep 1992		PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992		PORTL
13 F	**Margaret SMITH**						
	Born	Abt 1773	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992		PORTL
				Endowed	16 Sep 1992		PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992		PORTL

Claire Smith

A Biography by Her Grandson, Richard (Sharp) Martin

When I was about nine or ten years old, I remember visiting my grandmother while she was living in an apartment in Houston, Texas. She greeted us warmly and gave me a big hug. She had a fair complexion and was very slim. She smoked cigarettes and the strong smell of tobacco permeated the air. I sat

Above: Claire Smith (1907-1991), age sixteen, and Marion Sharp (1905-1988), age eighteen, about 1923. Claire was four days shy of her sixteenth birthday when she married Marion, and had four children before her twenty-fourth birthday.

quietly not knowing what to say. I could not remember seeing her before, and, sadly, if my mother had not told me that she was my grandmother, I wouldn't have recognized her.

Claire Smith* was born on September 16, 1907, in Searcy County, Arkansas. Her father died when she was eleven years old. Her family moved from Searcy County, Arkansas, to Little Rock, Arkansas, just before her father's death in 1919. While attending high school, Claire met Marion Sharp. They began dating in 1922, when he was a senior, and she was a sophomore. They became romantically involved and their parents thought it best that they get married. On September 12, 1923, four days before Claire's sixteenth birthday, they were married. The next year my father, Marion Carlos Sharp, Jr., was born.

Marion, Senior got a job with the Rock Island Railroad. Claire stayed at home and was

Claire Smith was the mother of four children (Marion, Alice, Ronald, and Carol Sharp) and the grandmother of seventeen grandchildren: Cathy, Ronald, Nancy, Richard, Samuel and Jody Sharp; Sheryl, Sandy and Christie Herrick; Lincoln, Vickie and Marcia Davis; Sharyn, Debra, Jerald, Susan and Barbara Bradshaw.

helped by her mother, Cora Bratton Smith. By the time she was twenty and a half years old she had three children: **Marion Carlos Sharp, Jr.** (1924-1980) Alice Joyce Sharp (1925-1996), and Ronald Clair Sharp (1928-1988). Marion believed that Claire would not be able to raise the children well and proposed that they allow his aunt to adopt Ronald. Claire consented and she never saw her son again until she was in her seventies. All of her life she regretted having allowed her son to be adopted, even if the adoption was within her husband's family. She cried many times when she reflected on her decision. Her last child, Carol Lee Sharp (1931-2022), was born three years later in 1931. All four of her children were born in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Above: Claire Smith Sharp holding her first-born son, Marion Sharp, Jr. (my father), in 1924.

Claire and Marion, Sr. had marital difficulties and divorced after ten years of marriage in 1933. The economic depression of the 1930s was in its depth and the family had many hardships, but with the physical, moral and financial help of Cora Smith and Claire's sisters, the family managed to make ends meet. Carol Sharp Bradshaw, Claire's youngest child, said that Claire once saw Marion in downtown Little Rock after their divorce and that Claire came home and cried and cried.

Claire's second marriage was to Ed Cartwright, which ended in divorce. Claire married again in 1948 to Floyd Wilson. Carol said that Claire's marriage to Floyd was more for economic reasons than for love. Floyd liked to drink and he got Claire into the habit of drinking alcohol more than she normally would. Their marriage lasted nine years and they divorced in 1957. She never remarried.

Claire was close to her sisters and would often visit them in Little Rock. Claire moved back to Memphis, Tennessee, and spent the last years of her life living at 2152 East River Trace Drive, Apartment Number 1, in Memphis. I visited Claire a number of times at this apartment. In the 1980s, we had three Sharp family reunions. In

1983 Carol Sharp Bradshaw, Alice Sharp Herrick (Aunts), Lincoln Davis (Uncle), Ron Martin (Brother) Sharyn Bradshaw Owen (Cousin), Grandmother Claire and I had the first family reunion in Memphis. We all went out to eat together and toured

Left: Claire Smith about 1958. Above: Claire and her sisters. Left to right: Claire, Ann, Henrietta and Mary Smith. Lower left: Floyd Wilson (second husband of Claire Smith). Below: Claire at work in April 1969.

"Mud Island" as a family. Everyone enjoyed themselves. It was the first time that the entire family, including Lincoln, had ever gotten together. We met together again in Memphis in 1985. The last Sharp family reunion was in 1987 at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Claire wrote me a letter on Saturday night November 6, 1982, from her home on East River Trace in Memphis.

Just a few days previous to writing this letter, her son, Lincoln, whom she had named Ronald, visited her for the first time.

"Dearest Richard, Karen and the little stranger, if he has arrived: I hope you will forgive my negligence in writing you, and have thought every day I would write to thank you for the wonderful thing you did in locating Ronnie. Only you could have accomplished that. I had no idea where he was. No one would tell you, and I feel so much better knowing he is well and happy. I enjoyed their visit so much, and wished you could have been here."

Above: Claire probably in the late 1940s. Right: Claire with her sister, Mary Smith Van Loon, 1980s.

"Has Jr. arrived yet? I am presuming he will be a boy. I sure am looking forward to meeting him. Oh, yes, if he has red hair don't be alarmed. Your great-grandfather Smith had red hair. Also, your great-grandmother Smith and I have hoped every time that one of the children would inherit it."

"Karen, how are you feeling? Fine I hope. Carol is fine, and often asks about you and Richard. I am looking forward to the time you can come up for a visit. Of course you know I have moved. I have a much nicer apartment, and like it out here."

"I am glad I expected Ronnie, otherwise when I opened the door, I would have had quite a shock. He resembles Junior so much, and seeing him standing there in the breezeway—I would have flipped. Carol came over that night, and the first thing she said was that he looked so much like Junior. Although when you see Carol and Ronnie together, their resemblance is startling. I liked Judy very much; she is very attractive."

Top: Claire with her son, Lincoln Davis, and daughter, Carol Bradshaw, in 1982. It was the first time Claire had seen Lincoln in 54 years. Above, left to right: Lincoln Davis (son), Claire, Ron Martin (grandson) and Patricia Bowles (daughter in law) in 1987.

"I hope you are doing fine—please let me know when or if the baby has arrived and do take care of yourselves."

"All My Love, Grandmother—Mamma Claire—whichever you prefer."

"PS: And thanks again for the wonderful thing you did for me. I love you very much."

The most meaningful discussion I ever had with my grandmother was by telephone in 1986. We talked about the family, and she gave me many thoughtful, pleasant insights into the lives of our relatives that she had known. In our discussion, she was considerate and non-judgmental in her opinions of other family members.

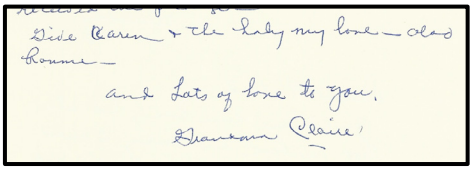
A couple of months before Lincoln Davis died in 1988, he drove from his home in Abilene, Texas, to Memphis, Tennessee, to see Claire. He stayed with his mother for three days by himself for the first time. Lincoln did not realize that he was to pass away soon at the age of sixty. Just four months earlier his father, Marion, Sr., had passed away, and I think he felt a spiritual need to know his family better.

Claire was always a heavy smoker. The fact that she lived to be almost eighty-four-years-old is a testament to her natural, strong physical nature. Her funeral in Memphis on September 10, 1991, was the last time that a Sharp reunion was held. Carol and Alice (Aunts), Cathy (Sister), Ron (Brother), Carol's family, and I all met for the last time. Aunt Alice died in 1996.

Sources

- Personal Knowledge of Claire Smith—Personal Knowledge of Carol Sharp Bradshaw, daughter of Claire Smith—Records and letters of Claire Smith in possession of Richard T. Martin.

MRS. CLAIRE WILSON, 83, of Memphis, retired night auditor for Rice Hotels in Houston, died Sunday at St. Francis Hospital after a short illness. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Memorial Park. Memorial Park Funeral Home has charge. Mrs. Wilson leaves two daughters, Mrs. Alice Joyce Herrick of Sioux City, Iowa, and Mrs. Carol Bradshaw of Memphis, and 15 grandchildren.

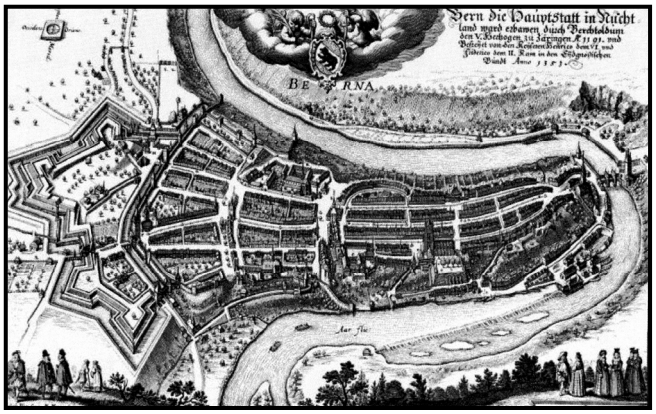


Top left, four generations: Claire, daughter, Carol Bradshaw, granddaughter, Sharyn Owen, and great-granddaughter, Kimberly Owen. Right: A good photograph of Claire when she was older, her obituary, and the end of a letter she wrote to me in 1983. Above: I'm kneeling beside my grandmother's grave in January 2022. Carol is buried beside her.

The Van Gundy Family

A history of Peter Van Gundy, Sixth Great-Grandfather, who emigrated from Switzerland to Pennsylvania in the early 1700s, to Ann Van Gundy, Third Great-Grandmother, who married Joseph Sidenbender in 1827. Also, an account of Jacob Conner, Fifth Great-Grandfather, a Revolutionary War Soldier, to Catherine Conner, Fourth Great-Grandmother, who married Jacob Van Gundy in 1798/1800.

Peter Van Gundy* (6th Great-Grandfather; about 1712-1758) was born in a German speaking area of Switzerland. According to the biographical sketch of Dr. Samuel Whitehall (born 1848) of Attica, Indiana, in *History of Fountain County, Indiana*, page 200-201, Peter was a resident of Bern, Switzerland.



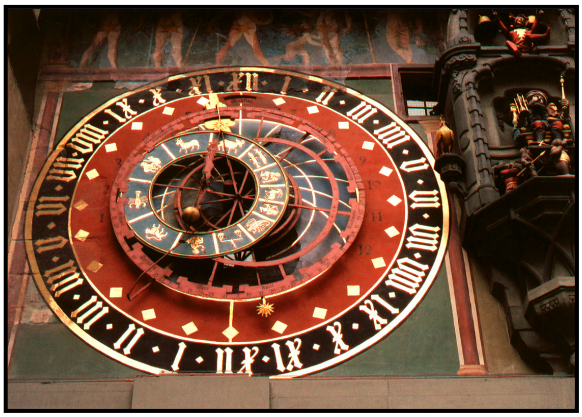
Bern, Switzerland, 1820 (above), 2009 (top right), and 1638 (map). Peter Van Gundy (6th Great-Grandfather), a resident of Bern, fled to France before immigrating to Pennsylvania. (*Wikipedia.*)

"His (Samuel Whitehall) mother's maiden name was Sarah A. Van Gundy. She was descended from **Peter Von Gunten** (6th Great-Grandfather) a Swiss Huguenot, able, wealthy, and distinguished in the history of his country, who aspired to the government of Bern, and being compelled to flee for his life, sought asylum in France. He and his family immigrated to America and settled in Penn's colony; and from him have sprung the Gundys and Von Gundys."

Descent of Peter Van Gundy to Marion Sharp, Jr.: Peter Van Gundy, 6GG; Christian Van Gundy, 5GG; Jacob Van Gundy 4GG; Ann Van Gundy, 3GG; Maria Jane Sidenbender, 2GG; Clyde Van Smith, GG; Claire Smith, Grandmother; Marion Sharp, Jr., Father.

Bern, Switzerland

"Bern was founded in 1191 by Duke Berthold V of Zahringen. It quickly prospered and gained control over much of the surrounding territory. In 1353 Bern united with other



This page: Bern, Switzerland, and its famous *Zeitglockenturm* (clock tower) that was built in 1530. Right: Rebecca Martin (age 13), seventh great-granddaughter of Peter Van Gundy in Bern; November 2008.

Swiss areas in a political unit called the Swiss Confederation."

"The city gained more territory, and by the mid-1500s controlled about a third of what is now Switzerland. French troops invaded Switzerland in 1798 and occupied the country for more than 16 years. During this period, some areas controlled by Bern were freed and became separate cantons in the Swiss Confederation. Bern became the capital of Switzerland in 1848."

"Picturesque fountains, some of which date from the 1500s, stand in the streets and squares of central Bern. The *Zeitglockenturm*, a clock tower built in 1530, is a well-

This page: The cathedral in Bern, Switzerland. The Day of Judgment is depicted over the cathedral's front doors. Middle right: The righteous receive their reward and (above) the wicked their punishment. Left: Close-up of Bern's medieval Ogre Fountain.

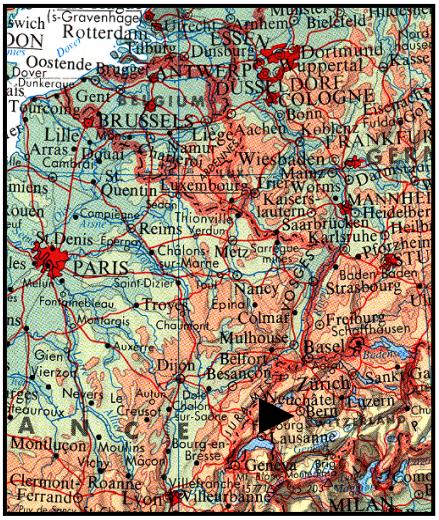
known landmark. Mechanical wooden figures, including dancing bears and a knight in armor, perform each time the clock strikes the hour."

The city lies along the Aare River. The Gothic cathedral was begun in 1421 and the city hall was built during the 1400s.

"The name Bern comes from Baren, the German word for bears" (*World Book Encyclopedia*, Volume 2, page 269).

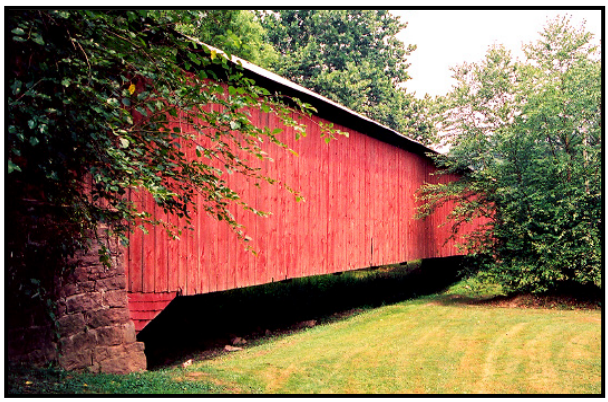
The Mennonites

"The first Mennonites belonged to a church organized in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1525. The members called themselves Swiss Brethren. They believed that church and state should separate, and that the Reformation had not reformed the church enough. They also believed that baptism and church membership should be given only to those who voluntarily gave up sin. They baptized only persons who proved their goodness in their daily lives. They were nicknamed Anabaptists, meaning re-baptizers. The name Mennonite came from Menno Simons, a Roman Catholic priest who led the Anabaptist in the Netherlands and northern Germany in the 1530s. The Mennonites later split into groups, including the Amish."



Top right: Bern, Switzerland. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003. Top left: Mennonite/ Amish boys riding in their wagon pass Martindale Mennonite Church. Left: Old Gristmill on Muddy Creek near Martindale, Pennsylvania. Above: Common scene in Martindale.

offered them religious liberty. They became part of the group called *Pennsylvania Dutch*" (*World Book Encyclopedia*, Volume 13, page 402).



Top left: Muddy Creek near Martindale, Pennsylvania. The home and mill of Peter and Christian Van Gundy (6th and 5th Great-Grandfathers) were located on this creek. Above: A Mennonite lady riding her bicycle by an old mill. Left: Old Red Run (1866) covered bridge on the Muddy Creek.

Peter Von Gunten (Van Gundy) (6th Great-Grandfather) was probably a Mennonite. One of his great-grandsons, Jacob Van Gundy of Union County, Pennsylvania, stated in 1886 that the family belonged to the sect known as Mennonite. Peter settled in Earl Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is an area where many Mennonites live and some of Peter's descendants became Mennonite ministers.

Peter paid 31 pounds for 200 acres on the southwest corner of Muddy Creek of Earl Township, now near the present town of Martindale, Pennsylvania, in 1752. (I visited Martindale, Pennsylvania in 1994 with my brother, Ron, sister Cathy, my mother, my son, Jonathan and daughter, Sarah. I saw first hand why the stream is called "Muddy Creek." The color of the water is an orange-tinted chocolate.) Just three years later, he sold this land for 50 pounds and bought a smaller farm of 60 acres. Jacob stated that Peter was killed by Indians in 1758, and was buried in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He was only forty-six when he died. His wife, **Fronica** (6th Great-Grandmother; born about 1717), administered his estate.

Peter and Fronica were the parents of seven children: John (Johannes) Van Gundy (1735-1817), **Christian Van Gundy** (1742-1812), Peter Van Gundy (1746), Magdeline (Magdalena) Van Gundy (1748), Joseph Van Gundy (1750-1823), Benjamin Van Gundy (1752-about 1816) and David Van Gundy (1755-1827). All of their children were born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

John (Johannes) Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1735-1819) was a Mennonite. He bought the family plantation from his father and was the only child of Peter who stayed in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, after his father's death. In 1994 I took photographs of the

German inscription on his tombstone in Martindale Mennonite Cemetery. Johannes married Anna and had two children: John (1764-before 1806) and Barbara Van Gundy (1766-1838).

Top right: Martindale Mennonite Cemetery in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The small tombstones in front of Ron, Richard, Sarah and Cathy Martin are the gravestones of Johannes Gunde, their 5th Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Anna Gunde; 1994. Above: Gundy plot in Martindale Cemetery; 2002. Right: Gravestone of Johanes Gunde (5th Great-Granduncle; 1735-1819). The inscription is in German.

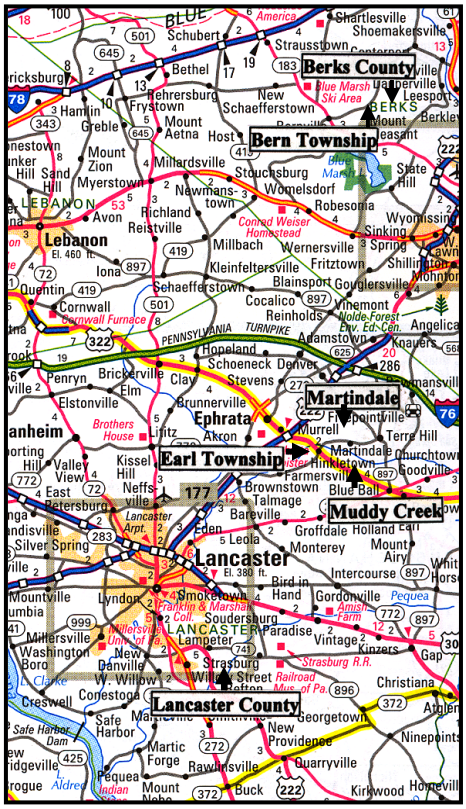
Joseph Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1750-1823) was a Mennonite preacher, who led a group of Mennonites to Brother's Valley, now Elk Lick Township, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. He later left the Mennonites and joined the United Brethren Church before he went to Harrison County, Ohio, in 1804. During the Revolutionary War he served as a Third Lieutenant in Capt. Reagel's Company of Berks County Militia from 1780 to 1781. (See Additional History.)

Magdalena Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandaunt; born 1748) converted to the Amish religion and married an Amish man. She lived in Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Christian Van Gundy, Fifth Great-Grandfather

Christian Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandfather; 1742-1812) married **Anne** (5th Great-Grandmother) by 1765. In 1771 Christian owned at least thirty acres of land, one horse and two cows in Earl Township of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Christian signed

his name in German, and his wife made her mark on legal documents. Between 1771 and May 1773, Christian and his family moved to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, settling on land that later became Union County. In 1773 he kept a tavern and operated a ferry at Strochecker's landing one-forth mile below the present day site of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania. In 1774 Christian bought 60 acres in Buffalo Township of Union County for 50 pounds. In 1779 he bought an additional 300 acres in Buffalo Township, where he built a gristmill and a dwelling house.

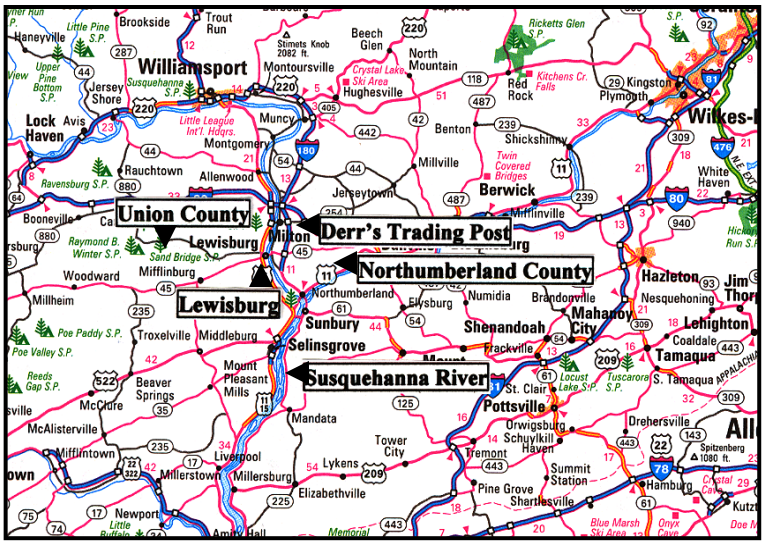


Above: Gravestone of Anna Gunde, wife of Johannes Gunde (5th Great-Granduncle), who was the only child of Peter Van Gundy to stay in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in Martindale Mennonite Cemetery. The inscription is in German, but reads in English, "Here Lies / Anna Gunde / The wife of / Johanes Gunde." Right: Van Gundy residences in Pennsylvania. Map courtesy of Rand McNally.

The Six Indian Nations became restless in the summer of 1776 and voted for war against the white settlers. Only the Susquehanna Indians voted for peace. Just before hostilities began, a group of some twenty Indians stopped by Derr's Trading post. **Christian Van Gundy, Jr.** (4th Great-Granduncle; 1766-1836) was ten years old when he witnessed the Indian's visit.

"He said that he saw the Indians come up the river, until they arrived opposite where they lived. They stopped, carried some things ashore, and left the women there, then crossed over to Derr's trading-house. Christian asked his father (5th Great-Grandfather) for permission to go up to see the Indians. He said he saw Derr knock in the head of a whisky barrel, and give the Indians tin-cups to drink with. They drank and danced, and showed how they scalped by gestures. Most of them got beastly drunk; but one would not drink any. He then saw Captain John Brady approach, and kick over the barrel, which put an end to the frolic. He said the Indians would seize each other by the hair and go through the form of scalping, tearing off the scalp with the teeth" (*Annals of Buffalo Valley, Pennsylvania, 1755-1855*, published 1877, page 97).

The British encouraged Indian uprisings against the Americans during the Revolutionary War. Christian was serving as a sergeant in the militia when the Indians threatened to attack the settlements in May of 1779. Most of the settlers had gone to the fort for safety, but an old couple, John Semple and his wife, had not been seen. The couple lived in White Deer Township and was in great danger, so Colonel John Kelly sent Christian with a party of six men to bring them into the fort. Christian reached the house in the evening and prepared for an attack by putting slabs up against the door and carrying water up to the loft. The Indians came after dark, against the door and windows, but the Indians did not begin their attack until about three in the morning. They surrounded the house, mounted a log on their shoulders and charged the door of the cabin to beat it in. Unsuccessful in this attempt, they set fire to the cabin. Christian mounted the loft and knocked off enough boards to reach the fire, which he was able to extinguish. Shots were exchanged. While putting out the fire, Christian was shot in the leg "which marked him for some time." Another man of his company "had his side whiskers shot off." One Indian chief was killed and two other Indians were wounded. The marauding party consisted of more than fifteen Indians and possibly as many as thirty.



Above: Van Gundy family residences in the area of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003. Below: Christian Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandfather) operated a ferry here from about 1773 to 1789 on the Susquehanna River, just below Lewisburg.

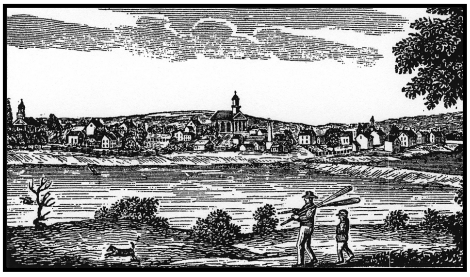
At daybreak, they put it to vote as to whether they should remain in the house or try to make a run of it. Two voted to stay and four to go. On opening the door they found the Indian chief they had shot lying dead on the ground. Christian took the Indian's rifle and another man took the Indian's powder horn. On leaving the house, the two wounded men and the old people were placed in the center for

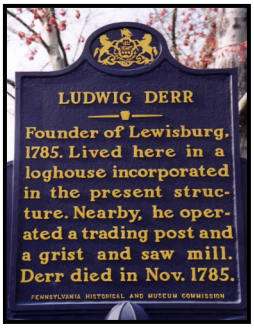
protection. About 60 rods from the house the Indians sallied from behind the barn. They held a hurried consultation and agreed to separate. Christian went to the left, while the old people and the rest of the party took to the right. Another account says that, "Christian with his two guns, took into a ravine and tried to get the old people to follow him. They refused and followed the young folks. Christian said he soon heard several shots. These killed the old couple, who were scalped and left to die."

The Indians followed Christian for several miles. "Christian said he never expected to get out alive, but with his two guns he thought he could kill two at least. He made a circuit of seven miles and came out at Derr's mill." Colonel Kelly pursued this party and killed several of the Indians. (*Annals of Buffalo Valley, 1755-1855*, published 1877, pages 171-174.)

In 1788 Christian and four other men laid out nine and a half miles of road in Union County, Pennsylvania.

A suit between Christian Van Gundy and Ludwig Derr for title of the tavern and ferry went on for many





Top left: View of Susquehanna River near site of Christian Van Gundy's (5th Great-Grandfather) ferry. Middle left: 1800s print of Lewisburg. Christian was one of Lewisburg's earliest settlers. Top right: Site of Fort Augusta, where settlers fled from Indian attacks during the Revolutionary War. Middle right: Ludwig Derr's mill and a 1785 home in Lewisburg. Above: Derr's home.

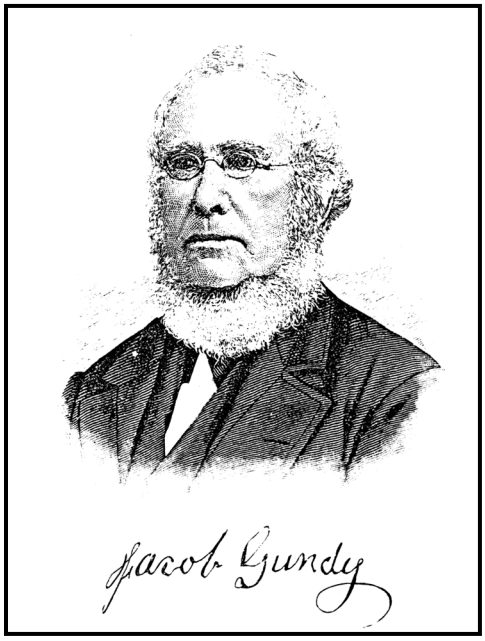
years and was eventually decided against Christian. (Ludwig Derr's excellent home is still standing.) The result of this decision led to financial ruin for Christian. This set back probably helped him decide to leave Pennsylvania and to go west to Ohio. In 1788 and 1789, Christian sold his 300 acres of land, household goods, and gristmill equipment to his two sons, Christian, Jr. and **Jacob Van Gundy** (4th Great-Grandfather; 1770-1854). Sometime after 1790, Christian set out on foot for Ohio, "Carrying only a rifle and eight dollars in his pocket."

Top left: Christian Van Gundy's ferry was located at or near this farmhouse on the Susquehanna River. Top right: Barn and grounds on estate once owned by Christian Van Gundy, Jr. (4th Great-Granduncle) in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Middle: Christian's home as it appeared in 1999. It has now (2006) been incorporated into the mansion above and left.

Christian settled seven miles from Chillicothe in Ross County, Ohio. The people had grown weary of traveling seventy miles to the nearest mill and requested Christian to build one. With the assistance of the other settlers he erected a gristmill, probably between 1798 and 1802. It was located on Kinnikinnick Creek in the northwest corner of section twenty-one. He then went to Wheeling, West Virginia, and by

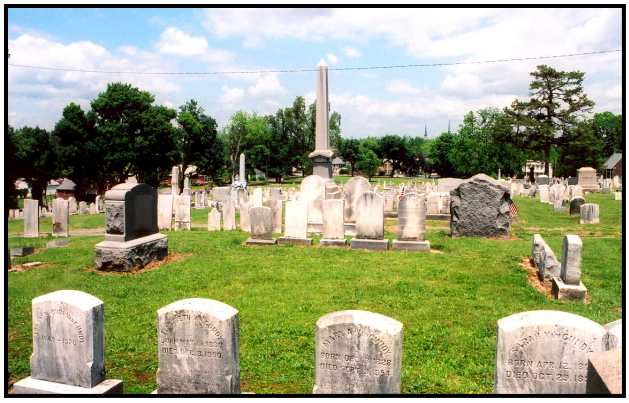
killing and selling deer, made the money with which to buy nails, glass and iron for his mill. He transported his accoutrements back home on packhorses.

In 1802 Christian petitioned the court for a road to run by his mill. In 1804

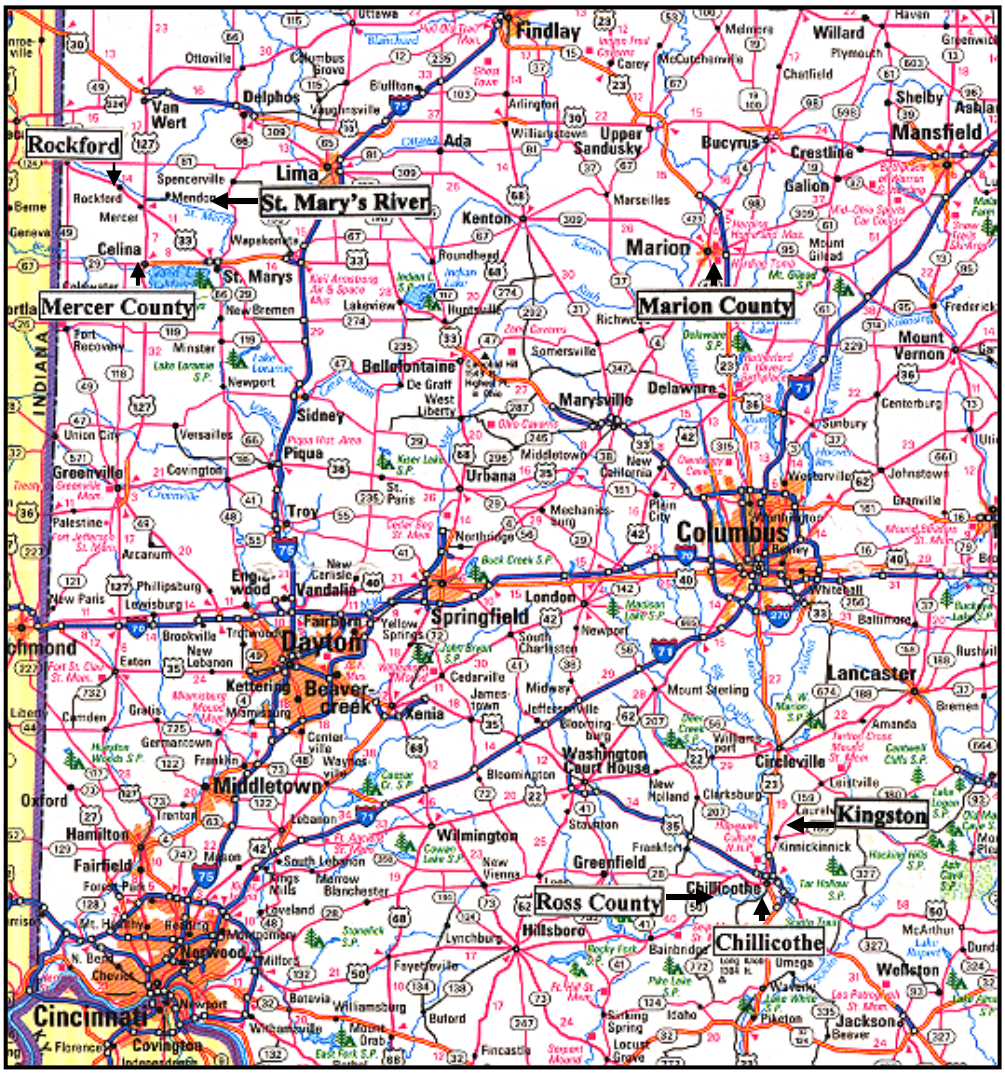


Right: Gravestones of Christian Van Gundy, Jr. (4th Great-Granduncle; 1766-1836) and his wife, Mary Fulmer Van Gundy, at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Above: Jacob Gundy, son of Christian Van Gundy, Jr. Below: Overview of Van Gundy plot in Lewisburg Cemetery.

Christian began payments over five years to purchase all of Section 21, Range 21 in Township 9 of Worthington's Survey in Green Township of Ross County, Ohio. The purchase consisted of 599 acres of land for $1,198. After the purchase was complete, the land was divided among his son, **Jacob Van Gundy** (4th Great-Grandfather), his daughter, Barbara Van Gundy May (4th Great-Grandaunt) and her husband George, and his daughter, Mary Ann Van Gundy Conner (4th Great-Grandaunt) and her husband Isaac Conner. The land was divided four ways because everyone had pitched in together to buy the original property. Fifty acres was also deeded to Christian's brother, David Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1755-1827).



Christian and **Ann (possibly Ullery)** (5th Great-Grandmother; born about 1745) had (maybe—see Additional History) four sons and three daughters: Christian Van Gundy (1766-1836), **Jacob Van Gundy** (1770-1854), Barbara Van Gundy (1773-1841), John



Above: Van Gundy and Conner family residences in Ohio. Left to right: Rockford, Mercer County, St. Mary's River, Ross County, Marion County, Chillicothe, and Kingston, Ohio. Map courtesy of Rand McNally.

Van Gundy (1775-1860), Peter Van Gundy (about 1775-about 1865), Ann Mary Van Gundy (1775-1856) and Mary Ann Van Gundy (1777-1864). Christian and Jacob were born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and the rest of the children were born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, probably in East Buffalo Township. Buffalo Township became part of Union County when it was formed later. Each child was healthy and the youngest that anyone died was at the age of sixty-eight. Everyone in the family married.

Christian died between June 9, 1812, and March 13, 1813. After payment of his debts, his movable estate was worth $208.84. The inventory of his estate included: One pair of

millstones, chisel, compass, saw, drawing knife, lumber, oil stone, books, one rifle, saddles and spectacles. Five dollars was paid for making a coffin.

This page: Salem White Church Cemetery in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio. This is probably the resting place of Christian and Anne Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandparents). Their gravestones no longer exist. Barbara Van Gundy May (4th Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, George May, are buried here. Top left: View of cemetery and church while raining in 1994. Other photographs were taken in February 2004.

The burial place of Christian and his wife Anne is unknown. It is possible that they were buried on their farm or White Church Cemetery, a German Reform Church Cemetery in Green Township of Ross County, Ohio. Their gravestones no longer exist.

Christian Van Gundy, Jr. (4th Great-Granduncle; 1766-1836) learned the milling trade from his father, which he followed for many years. By this means he was able to acquire enough money to buy 200 acres of land. He was the father of five children: Anna Van Gundy, John Van Gundy, George Van Gundy, Adam Van Gundy and Jacob Van Gundy.

Jacob Van Gundy, son of Christian, Jr., became well known because of his strenuous advocacy of temperance, and it was said of him that he raised the first barn ever put

up in Union County without the use of liquor. He wrote articles on agricultural science and many of his articles appeared in the newspapers of his day. He was the founder and president of the Union County Agricultural Society. Jacob was a deacon and an elder in the Lutheran church. Many of the details of Peter and Christian, Sr.'s lives are known because of Jacob's biographical sketch in, *Juniata and Susquehanna Valleys in Pennsylvania*, published 1886, pages 1235-1237.

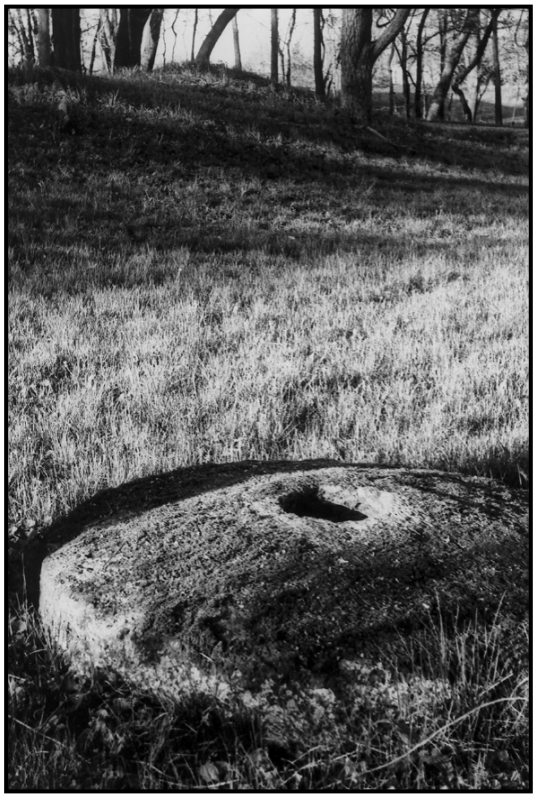
Above: Gravestones of Barbara Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1773-1841) and her husband, George May (1766-1849), in White Churches Cemetery, Ross County, Ohio. Barbara's parents, Christian and Anne Van Gundy are probably buried in unmarked graves nearby. Below: Downtown Chillicothe and Ross County Courthouse. The capital of Ohio stood at the site of the courthouse when Christian Van Gundy moved to Ross County in 1803.

One of Jacob's sons, Franklin, was badly wounded in the Civil War battle at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on December 13, 1862. Jacob succeeded in getting him home and nursing him back to health. Once he was well he reenlisted and served until the end of the war.

Christian, Jr. (4th Great-Granduncle; 1766-1836) married Mary Magdalena Fullmer who was born in

1773 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. "She was a lady of fine attainments and highly educated in German. She was a good bible scholar and a very fine writer." Christian Van Gundy, Jr.'s log home is now a Federal style structure with double joined chimneys. It is located in a field east of Route 15, a mile south of the Bucknell campus

in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and was restored in the 1960s (see photographs). Christian, Jr. is buried in Lewisburg, Cemetery.



Above: Site of gristmill built and operated by Christian Van Gundy on Kinnikinnick Creek, northwest corner of section 21, Green Township, Ross County, Ohio, in the early 1800s. A millstone was still visible about 1960 when these photographs were taken. Below: Kinnikinnick Creek near site of Christian's mill.

Barbara Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1773-1841) moved from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, to Ross County, Ohio, with her husband, George May in the early 1800s. She had eight children and lived the rest of her life in Ross County. She is buried in White Church Cemetery, in Green Township of Ross County.

John Van Gundy's (4th Great-Granduncle; 1775-1860) second wife was Margaret Sidenbender Pixler (3rd Great-Grandaunt; born about 1792). They may have moved

from Ross County, Ohio, across the state to Mercer County, Ohio, as Margaret is buried there.

Above: Kinnikinnick Creek. Right: Two views of Green Township in Ross County, Ohio, home of the Van Gundy family in the early and middle 1800s. Lower right: Gravestones of Jacob and Catherine Conner Van Gundy; autumn 1983.

Ann Mary Van Gundy (1777-1856) and Mary Ann Van Gundy (1777-1864) (4th Great-Grand-aunts) were probably twins. Ann Mary moved from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, to Ross County, Ohio, and eventually to Marion County, Ohio. She married John Wolf who bought her father's gristmill from him before he died. Wolf was written of in unflattering terms.

"Wolf was a very large man, who cared more for hunting and other sports than for hard work. In 1823 he removed to Marion County, where he could have more elbow-room. He finally became reduced in circumstances and passed the last years of his life in the poorhouse" (*History of Ross and Highland Counties, Ohio*, page 242, published 1880).

Mary Ann Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1777-1864) married Isaac Conner (4th Great-Granduncle). He was the brother of Catherine Conner, who married Mary's

Above: Gravestones of Jacob Van Gundy and Catherine Conner Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandparents) in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kingston, Ohio; May 2007. The inscriptions read: "JACOB VANGUNDY / *Died* / Oct. 29, 1854 / *Aged* / *84 yrs. 6 m. 10 ds.*" [and] "CATHARINE / *Wife of* / *Jacob Vangundy* / DIED / Mar 7, 1856 / AGED / *75 yrs. 8 mo. 5 ds.*"

brother, Jacob Van Gundy. They had three children. After he died, she married Captain Henry Ullery in 1812. Ullery was killed during the War of 1812, while serving in the 1st Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. Mary and Henry Ullery were married for only about five months before he died, but she did have one child by him. Mary Ann drew a pension for his service. She died in 1864 and is buried in Bethel M. E. Church Cemetery, Green Township, Ross County, Ohio. (See photographs.)

Jacob Van Gundy, Fourth Great-Grandfather

Jacob Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandfather; 1770-1854) was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1770. One to three years later, his father, **Christian** (5th Great-Grandfather), moved his family to Northumberland (later Union) County, Pennsylvania, where Jacob grew up. Jacob moved with his wife and family to Ross County, Ohio, about the time his father moved there, sometime prior to 1804. In 1804 Jacob Van Gundy bought some goods at a store in Chillicothe, Ohio. This is known because the merchant recorded the purchases in his store ledger. The merchant recorded that Jacob bought five yards of fine muslin, one small handkerchief, one set of knifes and forks, one razor, one wool hat and two shovels.

By 1810 Jacob paid $450 for 150 acres of land in Green Township, in Ross County, Ohio. The exact location of the land was Section 21, Township 9, Range 21. He signed the property documents in German. At this time, Jacob and his wife, **Catherine Conner** (4th Great-Grandmother, 1780-1856), were the parents of six children. Jacob could read and write and wanted his children to have these same advantages, so he donated one acre of his land for a school in 1818, which was known as Mount Pleasant Schoolhouse. Various papers show that Jacob could sign his name in both English and German.

This page: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kingston, Ohio, where Jacob Conner (5th Great-Grandfather), Jacob Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandfather), Catherine Conner Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandmother), Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) and Isaac Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) are buried; February 2004. Below: Ron and Jonathan Martin, direct descendants of Jacob Van Gundy, in 1994.

The Conner Family

Jacob Conner, Fifth Great-Grandfather

Catherine Conner (4th Great-Grandmother; 1780-1856) was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Her father, **Jacob Conner** (5th Great-Grandfather; about 1753-1805), served in the Revolutionary War. He sold his land in East Buffalo Township in

Northumberland County in 1798, and moved to Ross County, Ohio, where he settled in Green Township, Section 7.

This page: Gravestone of Jacob Conner (5th Great-Grandfather) in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio. His monument is in a special section honoring veterans. The inscription reads: "JACOB / CONNER / PVT / PA MILITIA / REV WAR / 1753 / 1805."

Jacob and his wife, **Magdalena** or **Magdalin** (5th Great-Grandmother; about 1754-1805) had four sons and seven daughters: Samuel Conner (about 1774-1803), Abraham Conner (about 1776), Isaac Conner (about 1778-1810), **Catharine Conner** (1780-1856), Miss Conner (1785-1790/1805), Elizabeth Conner (1788-1832), John C. Conner (1790-1880), Magdalena or Magdalin Conner (about 1793), Hester Conner (1795-1854), Susannah Conner (about 1797) and Anna Conner (about 1799). All of their children were probably born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, except Anna, who was probably born in Ross County, Ohio.

Jacob died when he was about fifty-two years old in 1805. He left his wife and a large family of young children to mourn his loss.

"David Goodman was born August 25, 1810, in Ross County, Ohio. He is the son of William and **Elizabeth (Conner) Goodman** (4th Great-Grandaunt), natives of Pennsylvania, and of German and Irish descent. They were married in Ross County and had eight

children, four survive—David, John, Daniel and Ann. The mother died in June 1832, aged forty-four; the father, in February 1870, aged eighty-nine. David Goodman came to

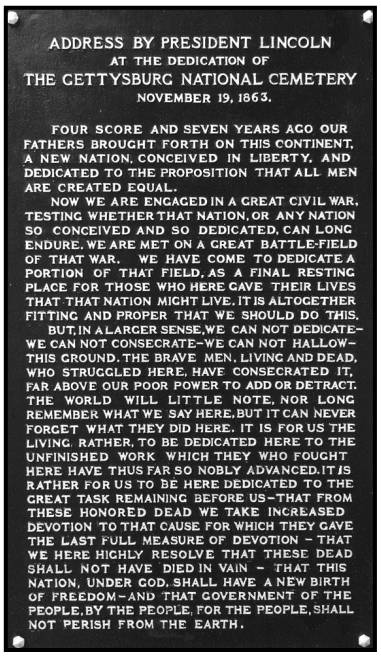
Above: Gravestone of Isaac Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) and his wife Sarah O'Conner in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. The inscription reads: "FATHER-SON-BROTHER / ISAAC VAN GUNDY / BORN / Mar. 6, 1805 / DIED / Aug. 3, 1871 / SARAH A. O'CONOR / His Wife." Right: Military monument of Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle). The inscription reads: "HENRY VAN GUNDY / CO. A. / 27TH OHIO INF." Below: Sarah Martin, standing in Johnson Cemetery at the grave of Jacob Van Gundy (her 4th Great-Granduncle) in 1994.

this county (Wyandot*)* in 1831, and located on eighty acres entered by his father in 1827 (the first white settler came into the township in 1821). His parents moved into a cabin erected on the farm, and the sons and father cleared away the forest, living principally upon "Johnny cake" and venison for several years. Mr. Goodman was blessed with thirteen children: Ann E., William, David, Sarah J., Mahala, Minerva, Mary E., Laura, Isabel, John, Hiram, Catherine and George W. The deceased are Mary E., William, John and George W. The mother died April 2, 1868, aged sixty-two years. In 1855, Mr. Goodman purchased eighty acres on which he still lives, adding to this till he now owns 238 acres, all in this township. He values this land at $75 to $85 per acre. He has always been a farmer and successful;

was once a Whig, but now a Republican" (*History of Wyandot County, Ohio*, page 1012, published 1884).

Above left: Gravestone of Jacob Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Lavina. The inscription reads: "JACOB VANGUNDY / BORN / JAN. 7, 1804 / DIED JULY 26, 1893 / LAVINA / *His Wife* / BORN DEC. 2, 1819 / DIED MAR 27, 1893." Above right: Jacob Van Gundy, son of Jacob Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle), a member of the 73rd Ohio Infantry, was wounded near this regimental monument at Gettysburg (located across the street from the Visitor Center). Below: Gettysburg Address and three Confederate reenactment soldiers on Little Round Top; 2004.

David's father, William Goodman, was buried in Old Sycamore Cemetery, located off State Route 231, one and a half miles north of Sycamore in Wyandot County, Ohio. His mother, Elizabeth Conner Goodman (4th Great-Grandaunt), is probably buried beside him, but she does not have a headstone.



Michael Van Gundy (probably cousin; died 1848) and his wife, Hannah Eyestone Van Gundy, moved from Ross County, Ohio, to Sycamore Township in Wyandot County, Ohio, about 1836. Michael lived near David

Goodman and many of their children were buried in Old Sycamore Cemetery near their homes. (Ibid, pages 1025-1026.)

Jacob Van Gundy, Fourth Great-Grandfather
Continued

By 1821 **Jacob Van Gundy** and **Catherine Conner** (4th Great-Grandparents) were the

Above: Gravestone of Elizabeth Van Gundy Vandemark (3rd Great-Grandaunt) in Johnson Cemetery. The inscription reads: "ELIZABETH / VANDEMARK / DIED APR. 29, 1881 / *AGED* / ABOUT 70 YEARS." Top right: Land near Crouse Chapel Cemetery in Green Township, where Mary Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt) lived with her husband, Jacob Fortner, in the 1800s. Right: Crouse Chapel Cemetery, where they are buried. Their gravestone is broken.

parents of six sons and six daughters: John Van Gundy (1802-1851), Jacob Van Gundy (1804-1893), Isaac Van Gundy (1805-1871), Mary Van Gundy (1806-1888), **Ann Van Gundy** (1808-1898), Catherine Van Gundy (1810-1878), Elizabeth Van Gundy (1811-1881), Susan Van Gundy (1813/1820-after 1830), Abraham Van Gundy (1815-1897), Henry Van Gundy (1817-1865), Hester Van Gundy (1820-1910) and David Van Gundy (1821-1872). All of their twelve children were probably born in Ross County, Ohio. Each was born between 1802 and 1821 and all lived to maturity and married. In 1830, there were ten children living at home, but by 1840 just four children were still

there. By 1850 Jacob was 80 and Catherine 70, and all of their children were living away from home.

Jacob had improved 70 acres of his farm, which was worth $4,000 in 1850 and that year he owned three horses, three milk cows, two beef cows, fifteen sheep and ten hogs. He raised wheat, oats, and 420 bushels of Indian corn. The farm produced 200 pounds of butter and ten pounds of beeswax and was self-sufficient.

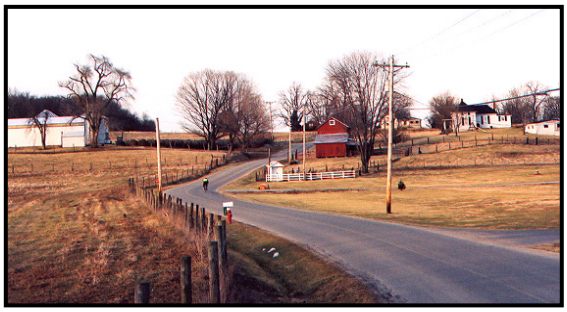
Jacob died on October 29, 1854, and was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kingston, Ohio. Catherine lived

Top left: Crouse Chapel. Top right: Gravestone of Mary Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt, 1806-1888) and her husband, Jacob Fortner. The inscription reads: "JACOB / FORTNER / Died / MAR. 4, 1887 / Aged / 78 Y. 3 M. 18 D." Her inscription is buried. Another side says: "FATHER / MOTHER." Above: Bethel United Methodist Church and Cemetery in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio, where Mary Ann Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandaunt) is buried. Her monument is on the first row, far right.

another year and a half, dying on March 7, 1856, and was laid to rest beside her husband. His children sold Jacob's land out of the Van Gundy family after the death of their mother.

My first visit to Jacob and Catherine's graves occurred in 1983. Catherine's gravestone had fallen and was partially buried. In just a few more years it would have been covered with earth and hidden forever. I thought, "No one

has come here to visit their graves for at least twenty years." Once again I was reminded that the dead are soon forgotten by the living. I uncovered the stone and propped it up against her husband's tombstone and took my photographs. My brother and I



visited Mount Pleasant again in 1994, but this time I brought two of my children, Jonathan and Sarah, with me. Once again Catherine's gravestone had fallen to the ground and was in the process of being covered with soil forever. During my last visit in February 2004 I found her gravestone lying face down on the ground again.

Top left: Road to Bethel Cemetery. Top right: Gravestone of Mary Ann "Anna" Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandaunt). The inscription reads: "ANNA / *Wife of* / CAPT. HENRY ULLERY / *DIED* / Oct. 30, 1864 / *Aged* / 87 ys. 8 ms. 3 ds." Left: Gravestone of Isaac C. Conner (1799-1885), son of Isaac Conner (4th Great-Granduncle) and Anna (her first husband). Above: Land near home of Isaac Conner and Anna Van Gundy in Ross County.

John Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1802-1851) had eleven children by his first wife and possibly four by his second wife.

Jacob Van Gundy, Jr. (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1804-1893) had nine children. He married his wife when she was sixteen years old. He owned 123 acres in Huntington Township

Above: Gravestones of three of the children of Isaac Conner (son of Isaac Conner; 4th Great-Granduncle); Venice Victory Conner (died age 6 weeks and 3 days in 1849), Isaac Josephus Conner (died age 6 years, 8 months and 19 days in 1848), and Felix A. Conner (died aged 48 years in 1897) in Bethel Cemetery. Below: Union Chapel Church and Cemetery in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio, where Hester Conner (4th Great-Grandaunt) and her husband George Keller are buried. Right: Gravestone of George Keller. The inscription reads: "GEORGE / KELLER / DIED / Sept. 19. 1858 / Aged 69 Y / 2 mo. 11 ds."

in Ross County, Ohio, in a hilly area known as *Gundy Knob* off present day *Windy Ridge Road*. He purchased this land in 1857 and lived

there as a farmer the rest of his long life. Jacob signed his name in German and wrote in English. He served his township many years as constable. Three of Jacob's sons served in the Union Army during the War Between the States.

Valentine Van Gundy enlisted in Company F, 82nd Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was in the Battles of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Siege of

Atlanta and the March to the Sea. The 82nd Regiment was also in many other smaller battles and operations.

Above: Gravestone of Hester Conner Keller (4th Great-Grandaunt). The inscription reads: "HESTER / *Wife of* / GEORGE KELLER / *Died* / Sep. 30, 1854 / *Aged* / 59 y. 8 mos. 5 ds." Right: Union Chapel Cemetery with the monuments of Hester and George in the forefront. Lower right: Highway 50 as it leaves Bourneville, Ross County, Ohio. Isaac Conner (5th Great-Granduncle) and John C. Conner (4th Great-Granduncle) lived in or near Bourneville.

Jacob Van Gundy, III enlisted in Company I of the 73rd Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry and fought at the Battle of Bull Run, August 29-30, 1862. He marched to Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 12-16, 1862, and was in the Battle of Chancellorsville May 1-5, 1863. Jacob, III was given a medical discharge after being wounded by gunshot in the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1863. A ball entered his hip joint causing him to have to use crutches the rest of his life. He later died from this war wound. In 1994 my family and I visited the 73rd Ohio Regiment monument, which is located across the street from the Gettysburg visitor center. Jacob, III was wounded near this monument.

Henry Van Gundy served in Company M of the First Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Heavy Artillery. His company served in building and manning defenses in Kentucky

Above: Bourneville Methodist Cemetery, where Isaac Conner (5th Great-Granduncle) and John C. Conner (4th Great-Granduncle) and their wives are buried. Right: Gravestone of Isaac Conner, who was a Revolutionary War soldier. Below: Gravestone of John Conner. The inscription reads: "JOHN C. CONNER / BORN / Dec. 5, 1790 / *Died* / Dec. 21, 1880 / *Aged 90 ys. & 16 ds.*"

and Tennessee and saw only limited action. Only six men in his regiment were killed in battle. (*A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*, pages 1481-1482, 1530-1531 and 1534-1535, by Frederick Dyer.) In 1863, Henry married a neighbor girl before going off to war.

Four months before he died, and two days before his wife died, Jacob Van Gundy, Jr.

(3rd Great-Granduncle) wrote out his will stating that all his possessions would be left to his son, Hiram, "If he will provide their needs and will bury his parents respectably and erect tombstones to their graves." Jacob died

forty-eight days before his ninetieth birthday in 1893, and was buried beside his wife in Johnson's Cemetery close to where they had lived most of their lives in Huntington Township.

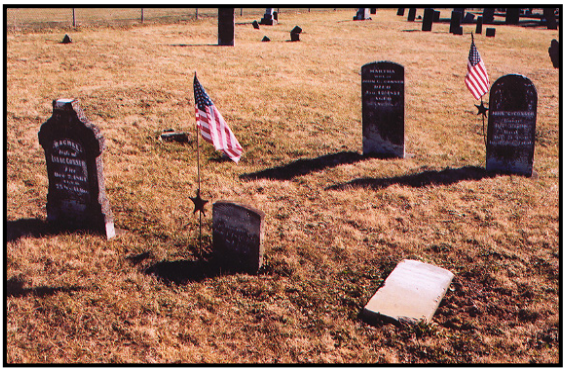
Above: Gravestone of Isaac Conner (5th Great-Granduncle). The inscription reads: "Isaac Conner / *departed this life* / June 4, 1836. *Aged* / 82 years." Right: His wife's monument. The inscription reads: "RACHEL / *Wife of* / ISAAC CONNER / *Died* / Dec. 7, 1861 / AGED/ 75 Ys. 11 Mo." Below: Gravestones of Sally and Martha Conner, wives of John Conner (4th Great-Granduncle). The inscriptions read: "Sally Conner wife / of John C. Conner / *departed this life* / May 4, 1844. *Aged* / *55 years"* [and] "MARTHA / WIFE OF / JOHN C. CONNER / *DIED* / Jan. 17, 1871 / AGED / 75 Years."

Isaac Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1805-1871) was the father of seven children. He is buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, near his father and mother.

Catherine Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1810-1878) married Daniel Cowgill (1809-1890) in 1834, and they had nine children. They eventually moved to Kirksville, Missouri, where Catherine died in 1878 and Daniel in 1890. They were buried in Stukey Cemetery.

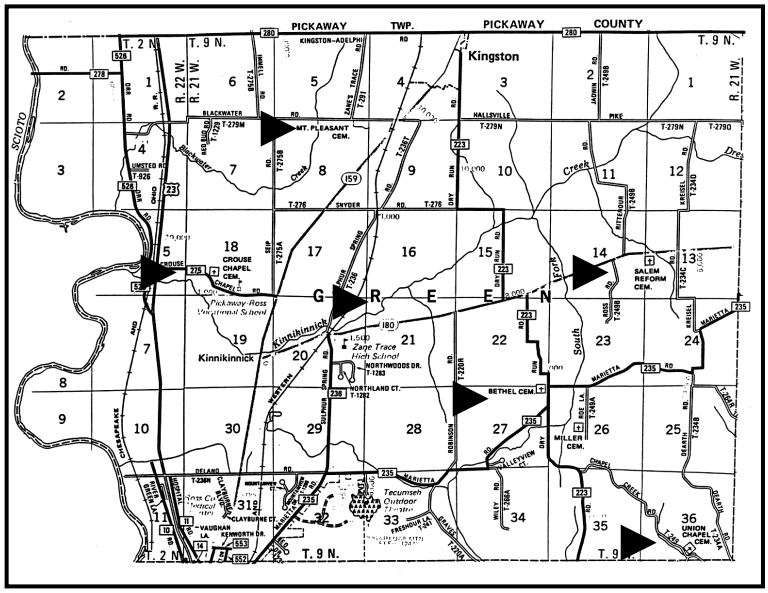
Elizabeth Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1811-1881) had six children.

Abraham Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1815-1897) had two children by his first wife. Shortly after his marriage in 1842, Abraham moved to Mercer County, Ohio, and built a log cabin near St. Mary's River.



Left: Conner plot in Bourneville Methodist Cemetery; February 2004. Above: Land near Bourneville, Ohio, where Isaac and John Conner lived in the 1800s. Below: Map of Green Township, Ross County, Ohio. Left to right the arrows point to: Crouse Chapel Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Christian Van Gundy's mill on Kinnikinnick Creek, Bethel Cemetery, Salem Cemetery and Union Chapel Cemetery.

After his wife died he remarried in 1849. In 1856 he moved his growing family (Abraham had eight children by his second wife) into a larger house on the north side of St. Mary's River in Dublin Township, Mercer County, Ohio. Abraham lived the rest of his life in Mercer County, where he died in 1897. He was buried in Smith Cemetery in downtown Rockford, but the cemetery no longer exists.



Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1817-1865) had seven children. Henry was a Union soldier in Company A, 27th Ohio Infantry and may have died young as a result of the hardships he suffered during the Civil War. He died soon after the end of the war on November 23, 1865, at the age of forty-eight, and is buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Hester Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1820-1910) had nine or ten children. She

died eleven days before her ninetieth birthday in Clarksville, Butler Township, Butler County, Iowa. In *History of Butler County, Iowa*, page 505, published 1880s, there is an account of John Hickle, husband of Hester Van Gundy.

Left: Gravestone of Hester Van Gundy Hickle (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1820-1910) and her husband, John Hickle (1812-1894); 2002. Above: Lowell Town Cemetery, located on the farm of John Hickle near Clarksville, Iowa. Below: Hester and John's home was located next to the barn in the far background. Their home was torn down in 2001 after standing for almost a hundred and fifty years. Lower right: Clarksville, Iowa.

"John Hickle purchased two hundred acres of land and settled where he now resides in May 1856. He soon became highly respected among the settlers, as he was

ever ready to stretch forth a helping hand to assist a new settler who was battling with pioneer life. There are many of the settlers still in the county who speak in the highest terms of Mr. Hickle for favors shown them during the hard times of 1857-8-9. Mr. Hickle was born in Ross County, Ohio, August 24, 1812. In 1840 he married Miss Hester Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt), and in 1846 migrated to Illinois, residing there until his removal to Butler County, Iowa. (Family tradition says that Abraham Lincoln handled the sale of their Illinois farm. This may be true as Lincoln was riding his law circuit at that time in their area.) He now owns 300 acres of land. Of their nine

children, seven are now living—Jacob, William, David, Warren, Charles, Eliza, and Alfred. Mr. Hickle was for many years a trustee of the town. He has been a strong Republican ever since the party was organized. When he was nine years of age, his father died. Therefore, he was obliged to work his way up in life, and his education was very limited."

"John and Hester's home became a stopping place for people on their way further west, and help was often given to these pioneers. A cemetery was established on their land because of the death of one of these travelers and then was used by the neighborhood" (Hester and John and many of their descendants are also buried there).

"During the Civil War, John Hickle took care of soldier's property and their families while they were away fighting. John, one of the first farmers to use his farm as a cattle-fattening station, was a town trustee, a Mason and a Baptist."

Above: Ann Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandmother). She was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1808, but moved with her husband, Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather) to Rockford, Ohio, in 1831. She lived in Rockford for the rest of her life. She and her husband had a large family and prospered until her death in 1898.

Ann Van Gundy, Third Great-Grandmother

Ann Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandmother; 1808-1898) married **Joseph Sidenbender** (3rd Great-Grandfather; 1802-1880) in 1827. After the death of their first-born son, Shepherd Sidenbender (1828-1829), they decided to move west from Ross County, Ohio, and eventually settled across the state near Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio.

In Rockford, they prospered and had twelve more children: George Sidenbender (1830/1850-died young), Jane Montreville Sidenbender (1830/1850-died young), Harrison Sidenbender (1830/1850-died young), Mary Ellen Sidenbender (1832-1905), Alvina Sidenbender (1835-1907), Milberry Ann Sidenbender (1837-1928), Catherine Elizabeth Sidenbender (1839-1894), Joseph Van Sidenbender (1841-1907), Seymour B. Sidenbender (1843-1914), **Maria Jane Sidenbender** (1845-1928), Richard I. Sidenbender (1847-1847) and Bishop H. Sidenbender (1850-1850). All of their children were born in Mercer County, Ohio,

except Shepherd, who was born in Ross County, Ohio. Six of their children died as infants.

See Joseph Sidenbender for a complete history of Ann Van Gundy, Third Great-Grandmother.

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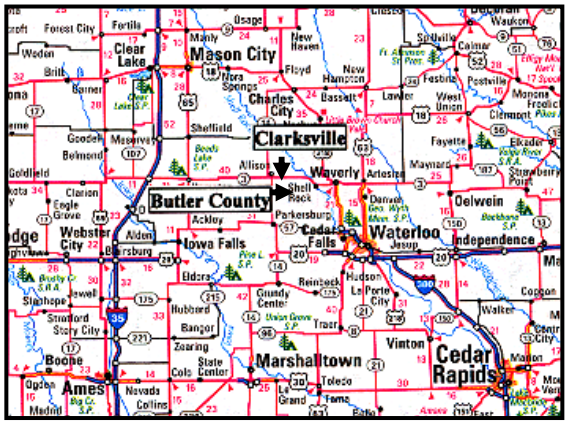

Top: Catherine Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt) resided in Kirksville, Missouri. Above: Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa; home of Hester Van Gundy Hickle (3rd Great-Grandaunt), and her brother, David Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle). Maps courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003.

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Above: Gravestone of Christian and Ann Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandparents) in Salem Reformed Church Cemetery (above left) in Ross County, Ohio. This monument was placed next to his daughter, Barbara Van Gundy May (1771-1841), in May 2007. Their final resting place has never been determined, but it is most likely here in the Salem Cemetery. Some researchers have stated that he had seven children, but he may have had five or six.

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page 7. *William Irwin's and Company Journal,* Microfilm, pages 78, 90 and 128. 1820 Federal Population Census of Ohio, Ross County, Green Township. 1830 Census Ross

This page: Revolutionary War monument honoring Christian Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandfather) in Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe, Ohio; 2011. Top right: Opposite side of Christian's monument, which lists his children.

County, Green Township, page 285. 1840 Census Ross County, Green Township, page 439.

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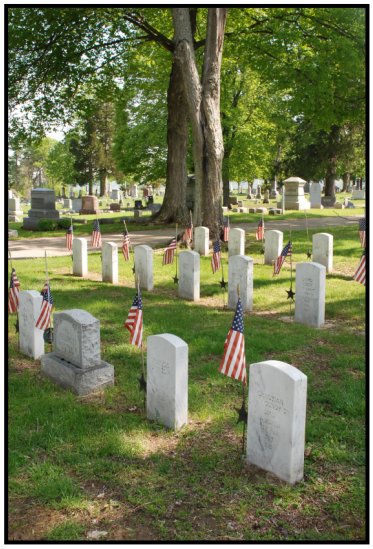


Above: Richard Martin at the military monument of his 5th Great-Grandfather, Christian Van Gundy, in May 2011.

- Certificate of Birth in possession of J. W. Wilkey of Covington, Indiana, in 1950. (Proves that Peter Van Gundy, Sixth Great-Grandfather, was born in Switzerland.)

- *The Jacob Hinkle Family—From Ohio to Iowa*, page 77.

Additional Van Gundy History

Samuel Van Gundy, Sr. (1775-1859; probably son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born on January 1, 1775, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He moved to Chillicothe, October 1, 1807. In Ross County, Ohio, by 1816-1818, he was in Green Township of Ross County. He was listed in the tax lists each year along with another Samuel Van Gundy. In 1818 Peter Van Gundy was in the same township.

In the 1820 Census of Green Township Samuel was living near his brother, Jacob Van Gundy, and nephew, John Van Gundy. By 1832 Samuel was living in Shawnee Township of Fountain County, Indiana. In the 1840 Census of Fountain County he was neighbor to his son, David Van Gundy, while his brother, John, and his son lived down the road. In the last census taken before his death, Samuel and his wife, Margaret Overley, were living at their house with their son, Samuel Van Gundy, Eleanor Firebaugh (age 20, born in Ohio), and Edwin R. Keyt (age 17, born in Pennsylvania).

Samuel and his wife, Margaret (1785-1865), were the parents of twelve children: Mary (1803), Elizabeth (1805), Susanna (1807), Leah (1809-1899), Margaret (1811-1860), Catherine (1813), Sarah (1815; died young), Sophia (1817-1883), David (1819-1895), John (1822-before 1850), Samuel (1826-1906), and Sarah Van Gundy (1828-1906).

This page: Monument to Samuel Van Gundy (1775-1859) (son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Margaret Overley Van Gundy (died in 1865) (right) in Union Christian Cemetery near Newtown, Indiana (below); 2011.

Samuel Van Gundy, Sr. died on March 27, 1859, in Fountain County and was buried in Union Christian Cemetery in Newtown, Indiana. Margaret Overley Van Gundy died on May 30, 1865.

John Van Gundy (1767-1860; son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) was buried in Centennial Cemetery in Yeddo, Fountain County, Indiana, with his wife, Anna Maria (1772-1854). (Photographs on next page.)

Peter Van Gundy (4th Great-Granduncle; 1775-1863) was the son of Christian Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandfather). He died on February 25, 1863, and was buried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Hopetown, Ross County, Ohio. It's possible that Peter was the son of Peter Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle) instead of Christian. Sources give both as his parents. (Photographs in this history.)

Sarah Van Gundy (daughter of John Van Gundy, 4th Great-Granduncle) married William Myers in Ross County, Ohio, on December 25, 1833.

"William Myers, farmer, who lives in Steam Corner, near Yeddo, Fountain County, Indiana, is the second son of Abraham and Catherine Saltsgaber Myers. Abraham and Catherine were born in Pennsylvania and were blessed with two sons: Isaac born July 5, 1808, and William born March 1, 1812."

"In 1836 they moved from Ohio to Indiana, staying one year, and in the spring of 1837

bought land in the northeast part of Mill Creek Township. In their old age they found a home for sixteen years with their son William. They were members of the United

This page: Gravestones of John Van Gundy (1767-1860; son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Anna Maria Davis Van Gundy (1772-1854), in Centennial Cemetery in Yeddo, Fountain County, Indiana. Left: Centennial Church and road beside cemetery; May 2011.

Brethren church. He was politically a Jackson Democrat, then a Whig and in his late years a Republican. He died September 30, 1870, aged ninety years, and his wife died February 17, 1857, aged eighty-six years, six months and three days."

"William Myers was married in Ross County, Ohio, December 25, 1833, to Sarah Van Gundy, daughter of John and Anna M. Davis Van Gundy. She was born in Pennsylvania April 6, 1808.

Her parents were Pennsylvanians, and in 1836 moved to Scott's Prairie, Fountain County, Indiana, where they died; he on October 27, 1860, aged ninety-three years and she October 7, 1854, aged eighty-one years, nine months and twelve days."

Above and below: Monument of Sarah Van Gundy Myers (daughter of John Van Gundy, son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle), her husband William Myers, and their daughter, Louisa Myers, in Centennial Cemetery in Yeddo, Indiana (above left). Top right: Centennial Church; 2011.

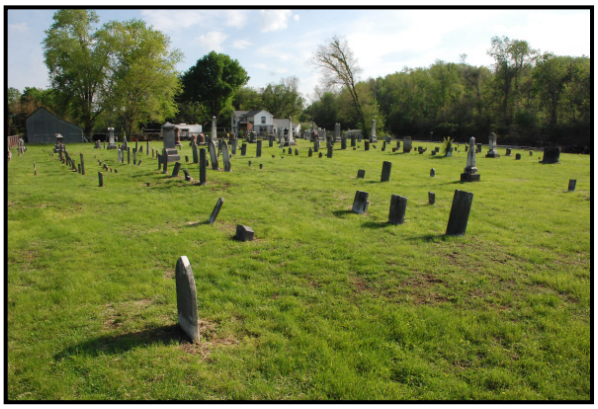
"Mr. and Mrs. Myers settled first on Scott's Prairie and lived there nearly five years. In 1841 they moved on their present farm, which had been entered by John Van Gundy. He and wife experienced all pioneer haps and mishaps. Mr. Myers taught school two winters, and was the first male teacher in the district."

"While he struggled with problems in the school room, wood or field, Mrs. Myers was at her reel or loom, or at other household duties. They have been long connected with the United Brethren Church, of which he is a pillar. Mr. Myers was a Whig, but is now a Republican."

"Financially he has made life a success, yet has laid up no great store. In their family are five children: Maria (now Mrs. Murphy Lewis), Calvin, Harriet (now Mrs. Adam Hershberger), Malinda (now Mrs. Wilkey), and Josiah D. Myers" (*History of Fountain County, Indiana*, by H. W. Beckwith, published 1881).

David Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1755-1827) was a son of Peter Van Gundy

(6th Great-Grandfather). He was born on May 6, 1755, on Mada Creek, Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and died on May 2, 1827, in Harrison Township,



Above: Gravestone of Peter Van Gundy (4th Great-Granduncle, or son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) in Wesley Chapel Cemetery (left) in Hopetown, Ross County, Ohio, 2011. The inscription reads: "PETER VAN GUNDY / DIED / Feb. 26, 1863 / *AGED* / 88 yrs. 1 mo." His daughter, Phebe Van Gundy Graves (1822-1909), wife of Samuel Graves, is also buried in Wesley Chapel (no gravestone). Below: Wesley Chapel and nearby building dating from Peter's era.

Pickaway County, Ohio. He was buried in Bethel Chapel Cemetery, Springfield, Ross County, Ohio (no gravestone). He married Anna Wissler about 1780.

Summary of residences and events: "1782, was in Berks County, Pennsylvania, where a daughter, Mary, was born; on September 9, 1789, he placed in the *Pennsylvania Herald and York* a statement, 'Whereas Barbara Felger obtained of the subscriber one promissory note, persons are forewarned from taking assignment on same—David Gundy, York County, Pennsylvania;' at this time his brother Peter was also residing in York County; in 1800 David was living in Elk Lick Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania; he and his brother, Joseph, were the only Van Gundy's listed in Somerset that year; Elk Lick Township was part of Brother's Valley, a Mennonite settlement, where brother, Joseph, was a preacher for a while; the Gundy name is among the county's list of Amish names of the Alsatian group as opposed to those of the Old Order and Hessian-Amish."

"1801-1805; practically the whole family of Van Gundy's moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio. It is possible that they were part of the twenty-five families that took advantage of the free land offered there. In 1796 Zane's Trace (also called National Highway and Route 40) was completed from Wheeling, West Virginia, to Tarleton and Chillicothe, Ohio, and settlers were given one-hundred acres if they would settle in the new territory."

"On September 24, 1803, the *Scioto Gazette* carried an item that a court of inquiry met at Gundy's Mill (built and operated by Christian Van Gundy, David's brother) to examine charges against Capt. Roberts and Lt. Crow regarding their conduct during the Indian alarm. They were considered 'honorably acquitted from the charges.'"

In 1810 David was named on the Ross County, Ohio, tax list. "On September 6, 1810, David and Jacob Van Gundy signed their names in German as witnesses to a deed transfer from brother Christian to the Isaac Gunner (Conner) children. David's property was adjacent to Christian's and boundaries were often described in deeds by their relationship to David's property, such as the white oak tree in line with David's line, etc."

"About 1812 in Pickaway County, Ohio, David purchased Simon Headley's gristmill on the Scioto River, near the site of the South Bloomfield Bridge. The mill had been built in 1803."

"On January 25, 1814, David Van 'gundee' owed the estate of Andrew Fultz $18.52."

"In 1816 David was on the Pickaway County tax rolls. In 1817 he purchased land on the Scioto River from Peter Parcel at 22R2 for $62. He was taxed on property he owned in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio, in 1816-1818. Also, taxed in the same township were Christian, Jacob, Peter, and Samuel Van Gundy."

"In the 1820 census of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, he is listed as living 'at the same place' on the river. He had one male 10-16, 3 males 16-26, one male over 45 (himself), one female 16-26, and one female over 45 (wife)."

David and Anna Wissler had fifteen or sixteen children: Ann/Anna (1781-1868), Mary "Polly," (1782-1872), Magdalena (1784-1790), Barbara Catherine (1786/1787-1863), David (1790-1861), Christian (born 1791/1792), John (1794-1850), Jacob (born 1795/1796), Peter (1795-1857), George (born about 1795), Betsy (born about 1796), Daniel (1797-1845), Rebecca (1798-1857), Joseph (about 1800-1824/1825), Sarah (born about 1804), and possibly Samuel Van Gundy (about 1812-1839). "Samuel may not belong to this family as some relative's believe; he never married."

Christian Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandfather; 1743-1813), in 1773, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, was "recommended for, and received, a license for the tavern in Strohecker's Landing (just south of present day Lewisburg) on the Susquehanna River on land owned by Ludwig Derr. Later, Christian was involved in a seven

year court battle with Derr over this land, the result being that Christian, his sons, and son-in-law, George May, had to pay a fine of 40 pounds. Christian also operated a grist mill and saw mill on the river."

"January 8, 1774, in Buffalo Township, Northumberland County, Christian purchased sixty acres from Christian Evay for fifty pounds, thirty of which was paid as a down payment, the rest at ten pounds a year."

"November 1, 1778, apparently in preparation for setting up housekeeping, his sons, Jacob (4th Great-Grandfather) and Christian, Jr. purchased these items from their father for sixty pounds: 'One wagon with the horses & horse tackles & other appurtenances thereto belonging & also two cows, four haffers & two calfs and eight sheep, six hogs, plow harrow, one iron kittle, two stoves, two beds & bedsteads & other household goods, one pair of mill stones, bolted cloth, mill irons of both saw mill and grist mill.' He also deeded land to both of them on this same date."

"April 15, 1779, Christian purchased three-hundred acres from Philip Erbs/Erps for an unspecified amount of money."

"April 1, 1789, Christian and his wife, Ann, sold the Erps' land of three-hundred acres to Christian, Jr. and Jacob for fifty pounds."

"April 4, 1793, Northumberland County: Forty acres were warranted to Christian."

"1800, Buffalo Township, Northumberland County: Christian and a Mrs. Gundy are the only Gundy's listed in the county and were neighbors."

"1802, Ross County, Ohio: Christian was listed as arriving this year in the 5th roster of Pioneers of First Families of Ohio. All of his children, with the exception of Christian, Jr., accompanied him." He built a grist mill on the Kinnikinnick Creek on the northwest corner of section 21, seven miles northeast of Chillicothe with the help of locals. He first obtained a lease of the 600 acres of land on which the mill was situated, and later received the deed for at least 400 acres of it where he lived until his death."

"October 29, 1804, Ross County, Ohio: Christian entered S21 T9 R21, claiming 599 acres."

"The local newspaper reported on October 30, 1806, that 'Christian Van Gundy, at Kinickinic, wants to erect a mill dam at his house,' probably to provide a constant source of power…The mill was later sold to his son-in-law, John Wolf, about 1815, possibly as part of Christian's estate settlement."

"September 6, 1810, Ross County, Ohio: Christian and his wife sold two parcels of land, one containing 113 acres, the other 10 acres for $369 to son-in-law, George May. The same date, they sold another 120 acres to the children of Isaac Gunner (Conner), also for $369. This was land patented to Christian on October 18, 1809. The deed was

witnessed by brothers, David Van Gundy and Jacob Van Gundy; signed in German."

"Apparently on this same date, he also deeded land to his son, Jacob, reserving the right to use the mill race during his lifetime; that privilege being revoked when the heirs sold the property in 1823."

"May 8, 1823, Ross County, Ohio; Christian's heirs, that is all of his children except Christian, Jr., and their spouses, sold his land to Jeremiah and John Crouse, Jr. for $4,000. The deed was recorded on October 7, 1823…It was signed by all the heirs, the women signed with an 'X,' while witnessed by John Entrekin as Justice of the Peace and Daniel Van Gundy." His estate case file is dated 1813.

Peter Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1746-after 1812) was a Revolutionary War Soldier and a frontier ranger. From 1778 until 1783 he was a private in John Forster's company of Rangers of the Frontier. His name also appears in the 4th class of Captain William Laird's company, 9th Battalion of Lancaster County Militia in 1782.

"In 1772 Peter lived in York County, Pennsylvania, where he was taxed for property. By 1777 he was living in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, where he purchased land. In the 1800 census he was listed in York County, with both he and his wife being over 45 years of age and three children still living at home. In 1805 he received a land grant as recorded in the Chillicothe land office in Ross County, Ohio."

The county history compiled in the 1800s records: "In 1812 Jacob Foy settled on the northwest corner of section 33. His brother Samuel owned land adjoining him. Both sold to Peter Van Gundy and went to Wabash, Indiana. Van Gundy married a young wife and died soon afterward, leaving his property to his widow." One source says that she sold the property and returned to live with her relatives.

Peter married Susanna Ulrich (about 1743-before 1812) about 1764 and they had six children: John (1767-1860), Christian (1765-1807), Joseph (1767-1852), female (born about 1769), Samuel (born about 1773), and Peter III (born 1775).

Magdalena Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandaunt; 1748-1842) married Christian Hershberger about 1763 and they had twelve children: John (born 1763), Benjamin (1767-1861), female (born about 1768), Christian (1770-1848), Joseph (1774-1874), Daniel (born 1776), David (1777-1861), Magdalena (1780-1862), Henry (1782-1870), female (born 1784), Peter (1785-1865), Elizabeth (born 1788), and Abraham Hershberger (1790-1821).

Joseph Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1750-1822/1823) "was a soldier in Capt. Reagel's Company of Berks County Militia from 1780 to 1781 in the Revolutionary War. His captain dropped the Van from his name and Joseph spelled it that way the rest of his life; establishing the Gundy branch. He was a cooper, later a Mennonite minister (interesting, since they do not fight in wars), and finally a minister for the United Brethren church."

"Joseph may have been the leader of the Mennonites who settled in Brother's Valley in Bedford County, Pennsylvania; at the very least, he was an important member of that community."

"In 1777 he was listed as a 3rd Lieutenant in Captain Weiser's company of Northumberland County Militia."

"November 11, 1777, at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, he swore that he was not a sympathizer with King George's cause, according to the Revolutionary War Oaths of Allegiance."

"In 1783 he was assessed for 100 acres, two horses and two cows."

Above: Monument of Rev. Joseph Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1750-1822) and his wife, Fanny Kauffman, who died in 1822, in Conotton Cemetery, Conotton, Harrison County, Ohio. The inscription reads: "Rev Gundy came from Westmoreland Co. Pa. / in 1805 accompanied by daughter Magdalena. / He organized the U. B. Church in Conotton." Joseph was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, 1780-1781.

"In 1784 was at Elk Lick in Brother's Valley Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. He probably never moved anywhere else in Pennsylvania; rather the county lines shifted, making him a resident of the new county. At tax time his property consisted of one house with six whites in the household."

"In the 1790 census his name was Josiph Gunty with one male over 16 (himself) and six females (probably his wife and five daughters)."

"On June 25, 1793, and January 13, 1801, he took out warrants for 265 acres of land. The survey was dated June 25, 1819, and the Deputy Surveyor General, John Wells, entered a note that the first improvements on the land were made in April 1784, and the family had lived there since that date."

"Joseph was mentioned many times in the journal of a united Brethren minister, Christian Newcomer. It may have been Newcomer's influence which eventually caused Joseph to leave the Mennonites for the United Brethren…One entry on October 27, 1798, reads: 'I stayed this night with a Mennonite preacher named Gundy; our souls immediately flowed together in Love.'"

"In 1800, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, he and brother, David, were the only Gundys

in the county. Joseph then had one male above 45 (himself), 2 males under 10, 2 females under 10, 4 females 16-26, and 1 female over 45 (wife)."

Above left: Gravestone of Benjamin Gundy (1790-1867; son of Joseph Gundy, 5th Great-Grand-uncle) in Conotton Cemetery. Top right: Another view of Joseph Gundy's gravestone. Above right: Church in the center of Conotton, which today (2011) is a small cluster of homes.

"On November 17, 1803, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Newcomer again visited with Joseph and recorded: "This morning we set out very early. Rode 36 miles over very mountainous country, arrived at night at Joseph Gundy's." Newcomer preached there on Sunday, November 27, 1803, to a gathering, "followed by Brother Crum and then Gundy, a Mennonite preacher."

"In 1804 Joseph withdrew his membership from the Elk Lick Mennonite church and became a minister for the United Brethren Church. Services were held in the cabins of the settlers."

"In 1804 and1807 in Ross County, Ohio, Joseph received two land grants as recorded at the Chillicothe land office."

"On April 28, 1806, Harrison County, Ohio, Joseph entered the NE ¼ of Section 14, Township 13, Range 6, giving his current residence as Somerset County, Pennsylvania. It is unlikely he would have given that address if he actually lived in Westmoreland County. This land was patented to him on January 10, 1812. He bought two quarter sections of land, plus another small parcel on the NW end of the ridge that came to be

called 'Gundy Ridge.' His farm was just at the eastern edge of the present village of Conotton."

Above: Land in Conotton, Ohio, that was once owned by Joseph Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle) in the early 1800s. Right: Location of Conotton relative to Canton, Ohio. Map courtesy of Rand McNally. Below: Gravestone of Joseph Gundy (1816-1857), grandson of Joseph Gundy. One of many Gundy's buried in Conotton Cemetery.

"An entry in Rev. Newcomers on March 9, 1807, states: 'Traveling west from Frankford, leaving Joseph Crisup's, I again pursued my journey; rode all day across a very mountainous part of the country; stopped at a public house to get refreshment for myself and beast. After we had recruited out strength, I set off with the intention of reaching Joseph Gundy's. When I arrived at the place where he formerly lived, I found he had removed to the western county, but found his son-in-law lived at the place. Both young people rejoiced to see me and entertained me with the greatest pleasure.'"

"A note in the Pennsylvania Vital Records of Lancaster County recorded Newcomer's death seven years later: 'Died on Tuesday morning last, (February 8, 1814), Mr. Christian Newcomer, of Manor Township near Columbia, in his 42nd year of his age; he left a wife and nine children.'"

"Joseph Van Gundy's will was dated June 28, 1820, and proved March 18, 1823. It named all of his children, but Fanny."

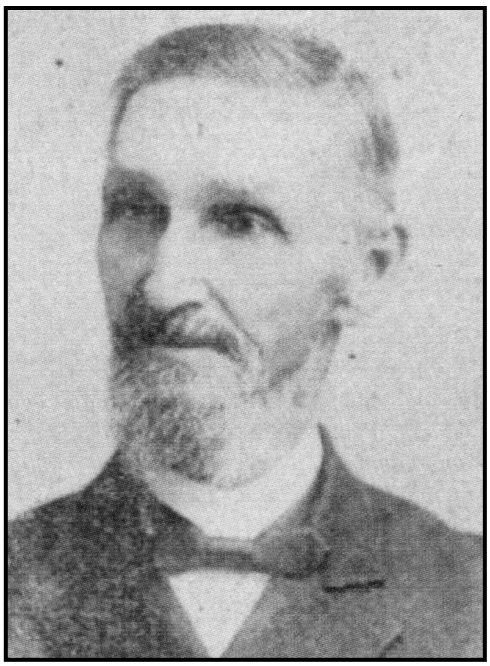
Joseph married Fronica "Fanny" Kaufman (died in Harrison County, Ohio; buried in

Methodist Burying Ground in Conotton, Ohio; monument in cemetery) in 1776 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. (The names Fronica and Veronica were used interchangeably by German speaking people. The name evolved into Frances and Fanny in Anglicized form.) Joseph and Fronica were parents of nine children: Rebecca (born 1778), Christina (born 1780/1781), Mary (born 1782/1783), Regina (born 1784/1785), Magdalena (1786-1877), Framia/Fanny (born 1788/1789), Benjamin (1790-1867), Fanny (born 1795; died in childhood), and Joseph, Jr. Gundy (born 1799).

Benjamin Gundy (1790-1867; son of Joseph Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) **"**came to Ohio with his parents when ten or twelve years of age. The country was then infested with all manner of wild animals, bears being numerous. He and his father killed one on a Sunday morning; they had two dogs, and they ran it on a plum sapling, near where the Conotton Station now stands. The grandfather, having a good rifle, shot it dead. He was a farmer throughout life, and for five years carried on milling. Mr. Gundy was married to Miss Mary Bowers, daughter of Barnhart and Mary Bowers, and they then settled near Strasburg, Tuscarawas County, where all their children numbering twelve, where born, as follows: John, now in Wood County, Ohio; Joseph and William (both deceased, but their widows are still living); Catherine, Mrs. Daniel Weyandt, in Monroe Township, Harrison County; David and Jacob, also in Wood County, Ohio; Michael V. (whose history is recorded below); Mary, Mrs. William Johnston, is living in the village of Conotton, where Mr. Johnston is engaged in the mercantile business; Christiana died when eighteen years old, and three died in infancy. The mother died in 1829, aged thirty-eight, leaving nine children, all young. And the father, with these children moved back to Harrison County, where they all grew up to womanhood and manhood. The children found homes with the uncles and aunts on father's and mother's sides: all lived within a radius of three miles. Benjamin Gundy was married three times, but no children were born to the latter. He died near Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1871, aged seventy-six years, and was interred in the Conotton Cemetery. Politically, he was a Whig, and he was a prominent citizen of Monroe Township, often holding the office of school director and that of township trustee. In his religious convictions he was a member of the United Brethren in Christ. In the old home, near Bowerston, Preaching and prayer meetings were held in an early day" (*Biographical Record of Harrison County, Ohio*, pages 386-387, published 1891).

Magdalena Gundy (daughter of Joseph Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) married David Fierbaugh, whose family originally came from Germany. "The first of the name to arrive on these shores having settled in Pennsylvania soon after the Revolutionary War. Daniel Fierbaugh, great-grandfather of Michael B. Fierbaugh, of North Township, Harrison County, Ohio, came from the Keystone State to what is now North Township, just mentioned, and here entered a farm where E. H. Kennedy now resides; returning to Pennsylvania, he died there, and his widow came out to Ohio with her family, settling on this farm. Her son, David, born either in Pennsylvania or Maryland, in 1787, was a grown man when they came to Ohio, and he invested all his savings in the land entered by his father, which was afterward lost to the estate. He entered the land on which Michael B. is living, at that time wholly unimproved, and on it he erected a log cabin. Soon thereafter he married Magdalena Gundy, who is supposed to have been the first

white woman to cross Conotton Creek westward, her parents, Rev. Joseph Gundy (a Mennonite minister), and Fannie (Coffman) Gundy, having been pioneers of 1804, at which time there were no neighbors nearer than New Rumley and many adventures met



Left: Rev. Michael V. Gundy (1822-1906; grandson of Joseph Van Gundy, 5th Great-Grand-uncle, and son of Benjamin Gundy), a minister of the United Brethren Church. Above: Monument of Michael and his wife, Christina Gundy (1828-1920) in Conotton Cemetery. Michael was born the year his grandfather died.

with by the members of the family might be recounted here did space permit. Mr. and Mrs. David Fierbaugh had two children, Fannie (now Mrs. John Weimer, of Austin, Nebraska), and Daniel (born April 27, 1817, in Harrison County; married Elizabeth Boor; "settled on the old home place and carried on general farming"). The father died June 14, 1864, when aged seventy-seven years, and the mother in 1878, at the patriarchal age of ninety-one years."

Rev. Michael Gundy (1822-1906; Grandson of Joseph Van Gundy, 5th Great-Grand-uncle) was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, on March 25, 1822, and died in Bowerston, Harrison County, Ohio, on August 2, 1906; "aged 84 years, 4 months and 7 days. His great-grandfather, Peter, was a native of Switzerland. His grandfather, Joseph, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and was a Mennonite minister until he came to Ohio when he espoused the United Brethren faith. Benjamin, son of Joseph Gundy, was perhaps twelve years old when they moved to near Conotton, Ohio. He married Miss Mary Bower, of German nationality. They settled near Strasburg, Ohio, and were the parents of twelve children. The mother died in 1829, aged 38 years, and the father and children moved to Harrison County, Ohio. He remarried twice but no more children were born to him. He died in 1871, aged 70 years. The subject of this sketch is the seventh child of Benjamin and was seven years old when his mother died. He and a sister were cared for by an uncle, Joseph Nofkser of Conotton, till his father married the second time. In 1840 at the age of eighteen years he was converted at a camp meeting at Conotton, and joined the United Brethren church. He labored on

the farm with his father till maturity, receiving his education at the common schools and the New Hagerston Academy. He taught school fifteen terms. In 1848 he married Christiana Overholt and they resided in Wood County, Ohio, eighteen months. Then they returned to Harrison County and in 1856 settled on the farm they still own consisting of 208 acres. M. V. Gundy was licensed to exhort in 1861 and joined the Muskingum annual conference of the United Brethren church at Marietta, Ohio, in 1867. In 1880 he was ordained to elder's orders and has been an indefatigable local preacher ever since. In 1872-3 he traveled Coshocton circuit and 1890 Crooked Run circuit. Rev. Gundy was an earnest logical preacher and he continued at his calling until last winter when his health failed. But his mind was clear and he devoted much of his time to writing and correspondence. He was a good writer and his letters were interesting to young and old. Brother Gundy was a liberal supporter of the church. Few men of his means contributed as much to the various demands of the church as he. He was a good and kind husband, an indulgent father, a good neighbor, a friend to the poor and honest in all his dealings."

"Truly a good man has departed. May his mantle fall upon some other. The services were held in the M. E. Church in Beech City, and J. Gonser of Strasburg. A large discourse of people attended the funeral and followed the remains to the Conotton Cemetery where his grandparents, his father and children rest." (Obituary of Rev. Michael Gundy as quoted in *Find a Grave*.)

Conotton is a village located southeast of Bowerston, Ohio, which is north of I-70 and east of I-77, southeast of Canton, Ohio. Joseph Gundy's farm was located on the eastern edge of Conotton.

Additional Van Gundy History II

This addition adds much new Van Gundy, Gundy, and Farny information. Some previous material is repeated for ease of reference.

Peter Van Gundy, Sixth Great-Grandfather

"Peter was our immigrant ancestor and one story relates that he was born Peter Van Gunten, a Swiss Huguenot. 'He was able, wealthy and distinguished in the history of his country and aspired to the government of Berne. Being compelled to flee for his life, he sought asylum in France. He and his family immigrated to America and settled in Penn's colony in Bethel Township, Pennsylvania.'" (*Van Gundy Family Tree*, Internet; most of the following quoted material is from this Internet site. More information on some of the individuals listed can be found at this site, but is not shown here because it goes beyond the scope of this family history.)

"Some descendants say the family left Switzerland at the time of the Catholic persecution, leaving a fortune over there. However, a 'Report of Investigation in the Matter of an Estate Supposed to Have Been Left by Peter Von Gunten in Berne, 1700-1800,' dated Feb 8, 1904, and including findings of the Chancellor of the Canton Berne, civil officers of Sigriswil, the Justice of the Canton Berne, and the Bernese Archives of State, states:

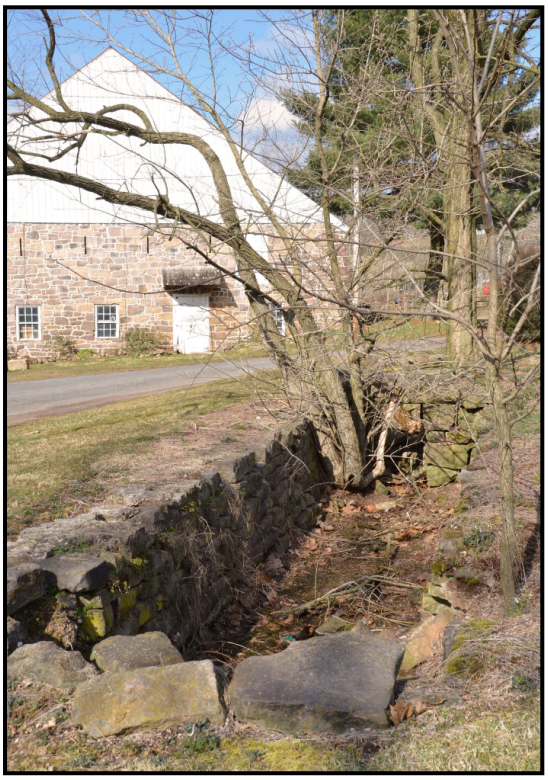
'Gunten was a village on the border of the Lake of Thun. It is in the District of Sigriswil. According to the Chancler of the Canton of Berne, the name Von Gunten does not denote

Above and top right: Site of the mill that Peter Van Gundy (6th Great-Grandfather; 1701-1756) built about 1738/1750 near Martindale, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on Muddy Creek (at junction of Napierville/Frys Road and Fryville Road). The current mill was built in 1848 by Jacob Fry on top of Peter's mill. Rebecca Martin (age 17), a direct descendant of Peter Gundy, is standing next to the mill in March 2013. Right: Painting of the Van Gundy farm by Babette Fry about 1950. Lower right: Home built in 1773 a couple of hundred feet from the Gundy mill.

nobility; it is merely 'from Gunten.'.....the search of the above named officers has been without result and nothing is known by the competent authorities concerning an estate left by Peter von Gunten."

"This report does provide some insight into history through interesting tidbits, such as the following from the *Register of Emigrant Citizens*, State Archives, 1694-1754: 'Christian von Gunten of Sigriswil, was forced to lose his citizenship May 9, 1736.' The Canton Berne and its government has always been Protestant, and it is impossible that a Bernese was persecuted and emigrated on account of his Protestant belief. No reason is given why

Christian von Gunten lost his citizenship. He may have broken the laws, married a Catholic, or excited the displeasure of the Government in some other manner.....the records of *Estates of Emigrants* are records of the withdrawal of means and were made when an estate was converted into money or valuables and turned over to the citizen desiring to emigrate." Signed Edward Higgins, Consul, Berne, Switzerland.



Top: Another view of the mill and surrounding buildings in 2013. Middle left: Home built by the second owner of the Gundy land in 1764. The stone exterior has been plastered and painted over. Above: Water to power the Gundy mill flowed down this stone passageway and was channeled into a more narrow way to turn the wheel inside the mill to grind grain. Left: Smokehouse built in the 1700s a few hundred feet from the Gundy mill. The old mill building is now used for residential apartments.

"Pat DeWitz of Bedford, Ohio, wrote in 1976 that she and her husband visited Berne, Switzerland, in September 1974, but found little

useful information there. They read the census by occupation from 1700-1750 and found that every von Gunten (from the village of Gunten) was a school teacher, both male and

Above: View of land on Muddy Creek in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, once owned by Peter Van Gundy (6th Great-Grandfather) in the mid-1700s. The building seen through the trees marks the spot where his mill once stood. Right: Water to the mill once flowed down this stone raceway.

female, and they all taught in the villages around the Lake of Thun, which included Spies, Interlaken, and Gruten. She states further that Gundy is the German form of the name 'von' was used for those who went through Germany, while "van" was used for who went by way of Holland."

"And so it goes. Who is to say what is the truth? An autobiography of the grandson of Anna Maria Davis, wife of John Van Gundy, simply states 'they emigrated from

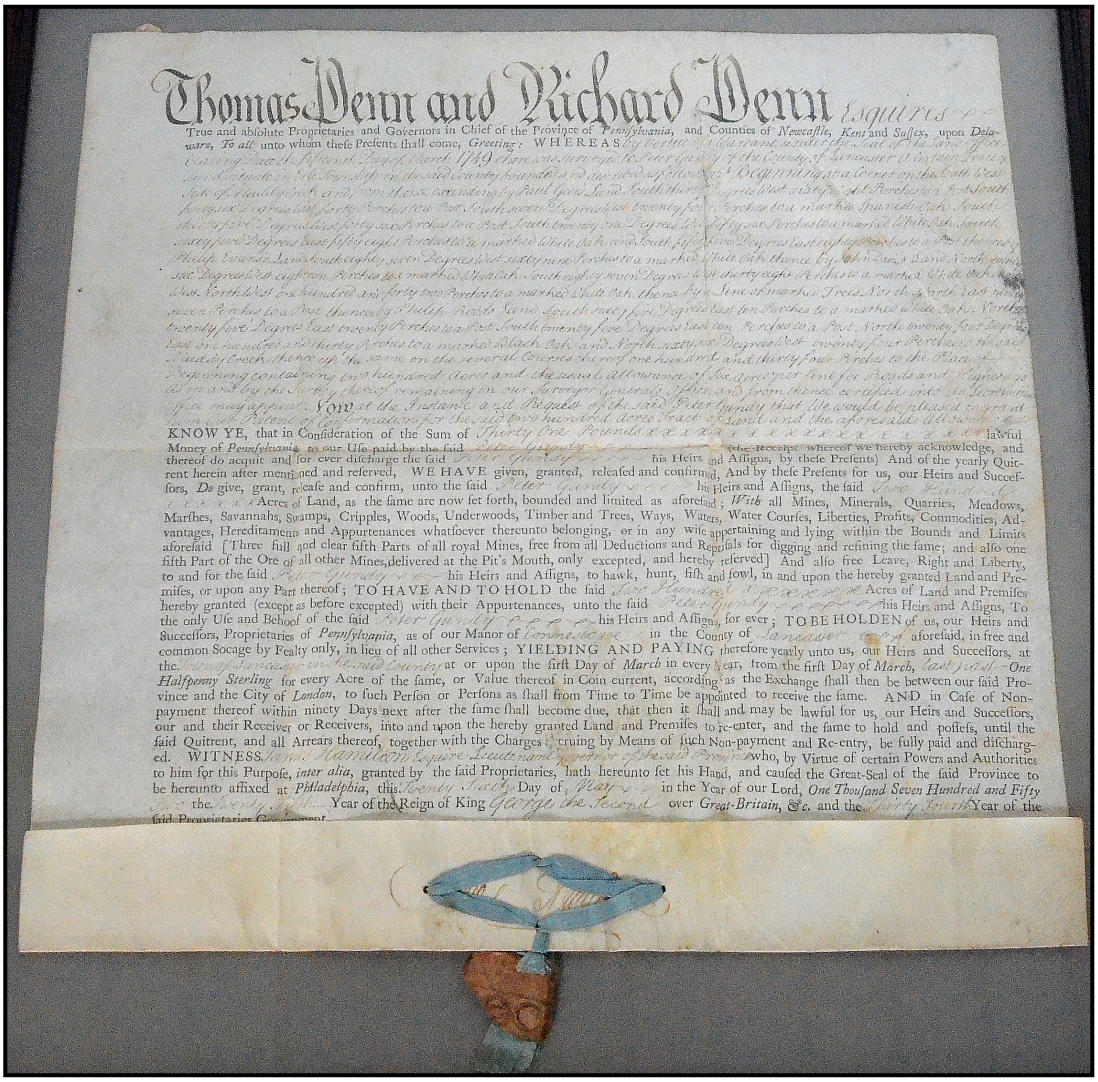
Switzerland before the Revolutionary War and settled in Pennsylvania, Reading County, not far from a town of the same name.'"

Above: More views of the 200 acres of land once owned by Peter Van Gundy near Martindale, Pennsylvania, including a barn built in the 1700s or 1800s and a mill stone; March 2013.

"Most of the early American generations were millers and coopers…The family was probably Mennonite, having at least one Mennonite preacher in the family. 'It is to the Swiss Mennonites, followers of Menno Simon from the cantons of Berne and Zurich, to whom is given the credit for making the first permanent white settlement in what is now Lancaster County. Several families of these hardy pioneers took up a tract of 10,000 acres north of Pequea creek in what is now West Lampeter Township, on a warrant dated October 10, 1710.'"

"Descendant Christopher Van Gundy had the following to say: 'I actually traveled to Switzerland, Berne region, subregion of Gunten, my theory was that Peter Sr. originally had the name of simply Peter, and then said 'I'm from Gunten,' 'von Gunten.' Gunten is a town/region within the larger Bern region. Sigriswil is where they keep all of the records. I found several Peter Guntens listed in the birth records, and can dig those up for you. It may just be coincidence that a 'Peter Gunten' birth year matches our Peter Sr., but you never know."

"There is a strong possibility that our Peter came to American with the Wisler family, being from neighboring towns in the same canton of Switzerland, both appearing in



Thomas Penn and Richard Penn Esquires

True and absolute Proprietaries and Governors in Chief of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, and Counties of *Newcastle, Kent* and *Sussex*, upon *Delaware*, *To all* unto whom these Presents shall come, *Greeting*: WHEREAS

bearing Date the fifteenth Day of March 1749 there was surveyed to Peter Gundy

Peter Gundy

Above: Original deed from Thomas Penn and Richard Penn to "Peter Gundy" dated May 26, 1752. The survey was completed in March 1749 (below). Today the deed is owned by Morton and Becky Fry.

America about the same time in the same place and having children who would later intermarry. Although it is not known exactly when he came to America, there are some facts which place him here early."

"Peter's family spoke Dutch [German] and the children signed their names in Dutch [German] on various records, such as deed transfers and other court papers."

"Residences & events, from the *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*: 'The earliest German pioneers in Lancaster County were Swiss Mennonites from the cantons of

Zurich and Berne. Here they suffered bitter persecution on account of their religious beliefs, especially for their refusal to conform to the state church, their advocacy of separation of church and state, and their unwillingness to bear arms..."

"Thirty years elapsed before the Swiss Mennonites, some of them having found a temporary abode in the Palatinate, came to Pennsylvania and located in the Conestoga region, now Lancaster County. They were liberally aided by the more prosperous Mennonites of Holland. The latter took a lively interest in their unfortunate brethren in Switzerland and in Germany. To render aid in a systematic way, they organized a 'Committee on Foreign Needs.' They gave large sums of money for the relief of the exiled Swiss Mennonites in the Palatinate. When the opportunity came, they encouraged and liberally supported the Mennonites of Berne to seek an asylum in America..."

"There is a letter of thanks in the archives of Amsterdam, dated June 27, 1710, and signed by Martin Kundig, Hans Herr, Christian Herr, Martin Oberholtzer, Martin Meili, and Jacob Muler (familiar surnames in early Van Gundy history). Hans Herr and Martin Kundig acted as agents for their kinsmen, some of whom had already come and others of whom came later on. A quaint account of their manners and customs is given in an early document as follows: 'The men wore long red caps on their heads. The women had neither bonnets, hats, nor caps, but merely a string passing around their head to keep the hair from the face. The dress both of female and male was domestic, quite plain, made of coarse material, after an old fashion of their own. Soon after their arrival at Philadelphia they took a westerly course in pursuit of a location where they could all live in one vicinity. They selected a rich limestone county, beautifully adorned with sugar-maple, hickory, and black and white walnut, on the border of a delightful stream abounding in the finest trout. Here they raised their humble cabins. The water of the Pequea was clear, cold, transparent, and the grapevines and clematis, intertwining among the lofty branches of the majestic buttonwood, formed a pleasant retreat from the moonbeams of a summer sun.''' (*The Mennonites*, by C. F. Martin, page 8.)

The mill built by Peter Van Gundy (6th Great-Grandfather) in 1738 is no longer standing, but a mill that replaced it in 1848 is still standing in its place.

"The earliest mill on this site was built by Peter Gundy in 1738. This was replaced by James Martin Fry's mill about 1798. The current 40' X 60' 3.5 story fieldstone mill was built by Jacob and Elizabeth Fry in 1848. In 1983 the mill was part of a florist shop where arrangements were made up and sold; it was still in the Fry family." (Millpictures.com)

Directions to the mill: Go south of Ephrata on US 322; turn left (east) on Martindale Road. Go about 1 mile and turn left (north) on Frys Road. When you reach Frysville Road turn right (east) and then turn left into the first driveway, which will place you on the property once owned by Peter Gundy in the mid-1700s. This land is located near Martindale, in Ephrata Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The original mill and later mills were powered by water from Muddy Creek.

"In 1743 Peter Van Gundy was still residing in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and his second child was born there that year. On March 15, 1749, 200 acres of land were warranted to Peter. It was surveyed on May 6, 1752, and patented to him on May 26,

1752. The patent means he paid for it and received clear title. The first tax list still surviving in Lancaster County shows Peter Gunder with 100 acres. There is a note that his name has also been spelled 'Dundy, Gunty, and Gunder.' He was also on the county tax rolls in 1751 and 1754."

"On December 13, 1755, in Earl Township, Peter and his wife, Fronich, sold 200 acres to a Joseph Fox of Philadelphia for 100 pounds. He signed his name in German while Fronica signed with an X. In 1756 he was taxed for 60 acres. Also on the list were Rudy Zuck, John Wenger, Henry Sydenbender, and several from the Davis family, all names of in-law families. The final entry on the tax rolls for Peter Gunety was in 1757."

"Peter's date and place of birth are taken from marriage records. A birth certificate was said to be in the possession of a John Wilkey of Covington, Indiana at one time." My grandmother, Frances Bowles, contacted John Wilkey in 1949 and he confirmed that Peter Gunde was born in Switzerland, and if I remember correctly, Berne, Switzerland. I saw the letter myself twenty years ago, but unfortunately it has been lost. He said that he got this information from a birth certificate—Richard Martin.

"Most family listings have his death date as March 26, 1763, a date supplied by descendant Clara Van Gundy, but guardians were appointed for his children the day before that and tax records list his widow from 1758-1763."

"The will book lists his name as Peter 'Gunty' and he died intestate. Circumstances and place of Peter's death depend on the story being read. One version says he died in Bethel Township, now Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; another that he was killed by Indians in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Since all records place him in Lancaster County, I choose to believe he died there, whether by Indians, is unknown."

"According to estate records, his heirs included his wife, Ann, and 7 children. When Ann died, sons, John and Christian were then over 21, and John, along with his wife, Ann, petitioned the court for permission to sell their mother's land, but the petition was denied. Instead, guardians were appointed for the minor children on March 25, 1763. Peter and Magdalene, being over 14, chose their own guardian. Guardians appointed for the 3 younger children were: Jacob Kurtz of Manaheim Township in Lancaster County and Jacob Erb of Warwick Township, also from Lancaster County."

"Later, while Peter Van Gundy Jr., was still a minor, John asked the court to allow him to buy the farm or divide it among the children, but that petition was also denied."

"On May 8, 1772, the guardians exhibited their account in court. By then Joseph was over 21 and David and Benjamin, being over 14, chose their brother, John, as their guardian. Finally on May 12, 1772, John, the oldest son, was allowed to sell the land for 1200 pounds sterling and divide the money among the children."

There is speculation that the father of Peter Van Gundy was **Hans Gunde** (possible 7th Great-Grandfather). "If he is the father of Peter then he arrived in Philadelphia on September 11, 1729." Hans was living in Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1733.

"On September 15, 1729, Fifty-nine Palatines with their families, one hundred and twenty-six persons in all, were imported in the ship *Allen*, James Craigie, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, whence the ship sailed July 7th (*Colonial Records III*, page 368). Third on the list was Hans Gunde and 8th was Jacob Wiss. The same information is listed in *Pennsylvania Foreign Oaths of Allegiance*."

"Hans Gunde was a member of the German Baptist Brethren from Creyfelf, Germany. Henry I Dasher was a member of the Coventry Church of the Brethren, the 2nd known church established in America (after Germantown) by this group."

If this Hans Gunde is the father of Peter Van Gundy then he had two brothers, David Van Gundy (born about 1710; died before 1755) and John Van Gundy, who was listed on the passenger list of the ship *Allen* in 1729.

"The evidence for the existence of David Van Gundy comes from the marriage record of his daughter, Magdalena, on April 21, 1755, where he was identified as her deceased father. The children listed for him here were posted due only to proximity and dates. Descendants said that after arriving from Switzerland, the family settled first in Bethel Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania."

Fronica Ann Forney or Farny Van Gundy, Sixth Great-Grandmother

"The name of Fronica and Veronica were used interchangeably by German speaking people and evolved into the Anglicized version as Frances and Fanny."

"The 1758 tax roll of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, listed Freny Goondy, widow by deed, 200 acres, and John Gundy, freeman (21 years, no land, living with parent or other tax payer)."

"In 1759-1763 she was listed only as Widow Gundy. In 1760 John and Peter Goondy, freemen, were also listed. Fronica was listed on the 1763 tax rolls but guardians of her children were appointed on March 25, 1763."

"Her lineage has not been determined but she was most certainly related to Peter Forney. From *Memorial of the Huguenots in America*: 'Forney—This name, so honorably known in America, emanates from several emigrant heads, all undoubtedly traceable to the ancestral family seat at Ferney, a town in the Department of Ain, on the border of France, near the city of Geneva, Switzerland. The name occurs prominently in French history. Some of this name of the Huguenot faith forsook their native land, because of the religious persecutions, and located in Switzerland and the Palatinate immediately adjacent; from whence they came to America. It is a significant fact that nearly all the immigrants of this name came in the company of Huguenots. While we are not prepared to say that all of the Forney immigrants were of Huguenot antecedents, it is established beyond a doubt that Peter Forney, Sr., who came to Lancaster County [Pennsylvania] prior to 1733, must be designated as one. He is known to have come from the borders of France, near Geneva, which would incline to the belief that his home was at or near the

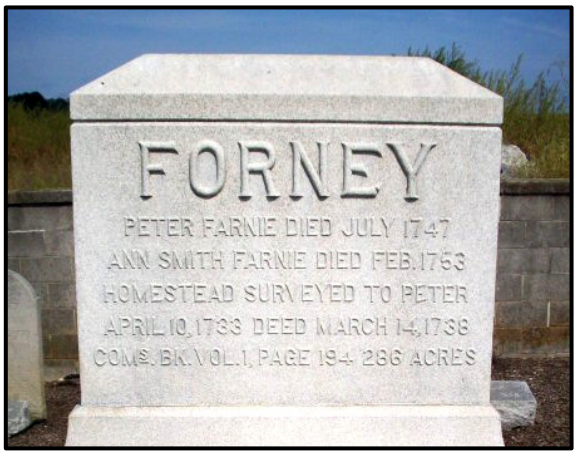
town from which the family took its name. The date of his arrival is not known. In 1733 he obtained a warrant for land on Cocalico, where he died intestate in 1749, leaving five children and a considerable estate.' (A footnote says he left children: Abraham, Peter, Jr. Ann, Mary and Susan.)" *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* says: "Abraham Farney Chuses Henry Carpenter as Guardian, Peter Farney chuses Emanuel Carpenter as Guardian, Ann Farney chuses Christian Farney as Guardian, and Christian Oplinger and Ann Farney, the Widow, are appointed Guardians over Mary and Susanna, Minor children of Peter Farney."

Above: Gravestone of Margretha Farny (1751-1803) in Trindle Silver Spring, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. She is probably related in some way to Fronica Ann Forny (Forney) Van Gundy (6th Great-Grandmother), but her relationship, if any, is unknown. The German inscription reads: "In / Memory of / Margreth Farny / She was born the 31st / May in the Year 1751 / and departed this Life / the 2nd of October in / the Year 1803. And was / Aged 52 Years 4 month / and 2 Days." The Farny's were German speaking emigrants from Switzerland, Southern German or Alsace, France.

"It is a significant fact that his minor daughter, Anna, chose as her guardian 'Christian Farnoy' who was probably an uncle, and arrived in 1734. The descendants of Peter Forney, Sr., preserve many traditions of their Huguenot antecedents. Colonel John W. Forney, during a visit to France in 1875, had the pleasure of meeting several distinguished personages of his name who claimed kinship. Among the descendants of Peter Forney, Sr., were Colonel John W. Forney, Colonel Wien Forney, both of whom were born in Lancaster County."

"The father of Jacob Forney (1721-1806) fled from France to the Palatinate, from whence the son came to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married Maria Bergner and, in 1754, moved to Lincoln County, North Carolina. In Wheeler's history of that state, we learn that they were Huguenots. He and his sons, Jacob, Peter and Abraham, became very prominent. The son, General Peter Forney (1756-1834), served in the revolution and was

one of the foremost men of the state; he was a member of Congress 1814-1815. His brother, Abraham (1758-1849), also served in the revolution and greatly distinguished himself at the Battle of Kings Mountain."



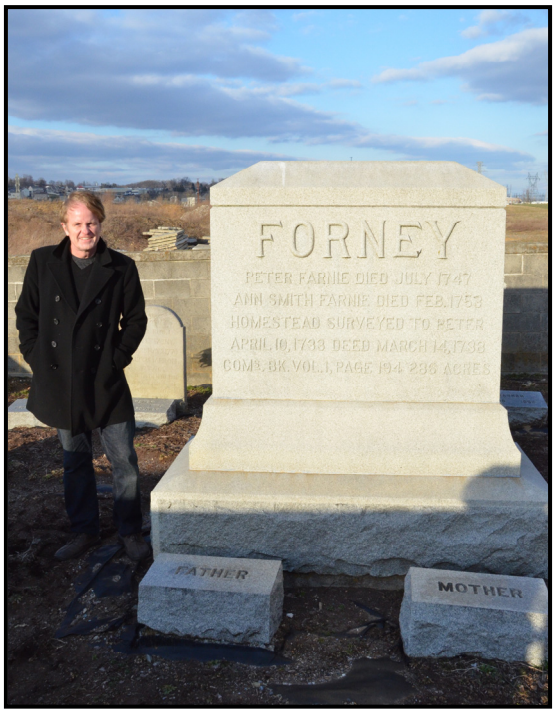
Top left: "This monument commemorates Peter Forney, his wife Ann Smith, and their acquisition of their land [in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania] in 1733. Through the tireless efforts of family descendant, Gottfried Fahrni, we now have irrefutable proof that Peter Forney was in fact a Swiss immigrant who came to America about 1727. The name 'Forney' was Americanized to English pronunciation from the earliest known Swiss spelling of 'Farni.' As language rules progressed the Swiss spelling ultimately became 'Fahrni.' There is also strong evidence that Peter Forney and his wife, Ann Smith, were Amish Mennonites when they arrived in America." Peter and Ann lived close to Peter and Fronica Farny Van Gundy (6th Great-Grandparents). She is certainly related to Peter Farney, and he may be close kin. Top right: Graveyard on original land of Peter Forney. Left: Grave markers of Christian and Ann Forney (Peter's brother and sister).

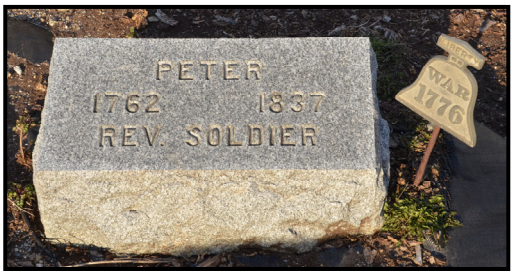
"There is an early tradition that three Forney brothers came together to America, but all the genealogists deny the statement. However, with all the traditions and statistics gathered from many, many Forney families in various countries, it should be proof beyond doubt that Peter, Jacob and Johann Adam Forney were very closely related and that they were all Huguenots."

"The Forney family is believed to have originated in Switzerland or near there in southern Germany. The name was spelled Pharney, Fahrney, Forni, Farni, Fornie, Fahrni, etc., with the Americanized spelling, Forney."

"A study made of the family revealed all Forneys were related in some fashion. Helbert's Research Agency indicated a few years ago there were over 1,350 heads of households and approximately 4,500 persons in the United States bearing the name."

"The original Forneys migrated to the Colony of Maryland in the 1750s. Later they moved to Fayette County, Pennsylvania. From there the direct line can be traced to Holt County, Missouri. There are few in numbers still residing in the area, but many related





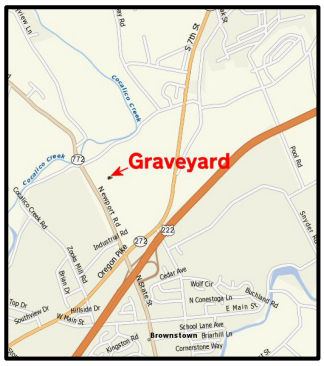
Above: Richard Martin (Forney relative) at the Forney family burying ground in March 2013. Top right: A number of Forney relatives served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War, such as Abraham Forney (1720-1784) and Peter Forney (1762-1837). Right: Rebecca Martin, daughter of Richard Martin, next to the small gravestone of Johanes Gunde, her 6th Great-Granduncle (1735-1819), in 2013. He was a faithful Mennonite, whose first language was German. A close-up of his monument is shown earlier in this work.

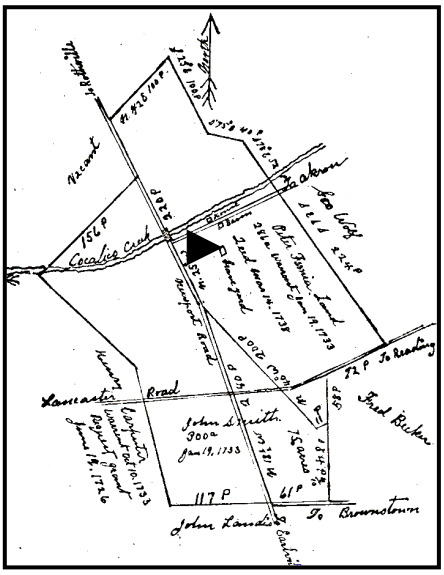
families are scattered over the region."

"In the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina there was a Forney Ridge. A visit to the battlefield in Vicksburg, Mississippi, revealed a marker honoring a Confederate general named Forney who participated in that battle."

"We have not, as yet, connected our Peter Forney with these Forneys but, since he came from the same area, it is quite likely that he is related."

"In the public library at Hanover, Pennsylvania, there is a room that has a huge display of Forney artifacts, including the Forney sword that may have been used in the Revolutionary War, many pictures and letters. The Forneys were prominent people there. In the Gettysburg museum there is part of a Forney house that has a cannon shell through its rafters that is on display; also many artifacts from that farmstead."





Above: Arrow points to Forney Graveyard and 286 acres of land purchased by Peter Forney (died 1747/1749) in 1733. This land is located north of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, off Newport Road and south of Cocalico Creek Below: Fahrni, Thun, Bern, (near Steffisburg), Switzerland. It is not known if Fronica Farny Van Gundy (6th Great-Grandmother) came from Fahrni, Switzerland, but it is interesting to note that there is a town with the Farny name and some Farnys immigrated to America from here. It is a beautiful area of Switzerland.

Children and Grandchildren of Peter Van Gundy, Sixth Great-Grandfather

John Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; born 1750 probably in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died 1810/1819 in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania) married Anna Van Gundy before 1763. They had two children: John Van Gundy, Jr. (born about 1764; died before 1806), and Barbara Van Gundy (born August 20, 1766, in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died November 22, 1838, in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; married Has John Sherk Wenger in 1784).

"In 1758, Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, John Gundy was on the tax assessor's list, and recorded as a freeman. He was 21 years old, with no land and living at home. His mother was listed as Freny Goondy, widow. In 1763, at the death of his mother, he and his wife, Anna, petitioned the court to sell her land and divide the proceeds, but the petition was denied."

"In 1769 John 'Gundey' was taxed for 170 acres that year, of which 60 were improved. In 1771 John Gundey and Christian Ganndey were the only Gundys on the tax list."

"In 1777 John Gundy and his brother David were listed as non-associators. (A non-

associator was a taxpayer who refused to take the oath of allegiance to the new revolutionary government. In this part of the state it usually meant that they were Mennonites or other Anabaptist in religious faith.)"

"In 1778/1780, Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, John was the only Gundy listed with property there. In 1779 he owned 50 acres; his brother, Benjamin, was in Berks County, while his brothers, Christian and Joseph, were in Northumberland."

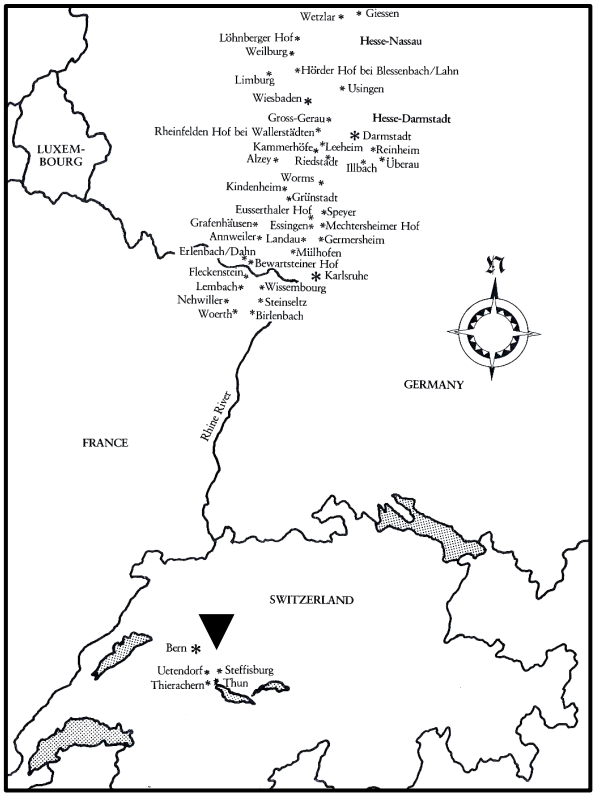
Above: Fahrni, Thun, Bern, (near Steffisburg), Switzerland. Some Farnys immigrated to America from Fahrni (Farny). Below: Arrow points to location of Fahrni in Switzerland; town's seal (lower right).

"John's will was dated August 8, 1806, and proved on July 24, 1819. He mentioned his wife (but omitted her name), child Barbara, (wife or widow) of John Wenger, and grandchildren, Elizabeth and Susanna Wenger. Samuel Martin, Jr. of Earl Township was Executor."

Peter Van Gundy, Jr. (5th Great-Granduncle; born 1746 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died after 1812 in Ross County, Ohio) married Susanna Ulrich (born about 1750 in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died before 1812) about 1764. They had seven children: Christian Van Gundy (born 1765; died 1807; married Mary "Polly" about 1788), Joseph Van Gundy (born October 13, 1767, in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died May 22, 1852, in Harrison Township, Ross County, Ohio; married Mary "Polly" about 1787), Female Van Gundy (born about 1769), John Van Gundy (born October 27, 1774, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died after 1870 in Carroll County, Indiana; married Mary Wisler on December 26, 1818, in Pickaway County, Ohio; married second, Margaret "Peggy" Pixley), Samuel Van Gundy, Sr. (born January 1, 1775 in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; died March 27, 1859, Fountain County, Indiana; married Anna Margaret Overly on July 14, 1795), Peter B. Van Gundy (born January 26, 1776, in Pennsylvania; died February 25, 1863, in Hopetown, Ross County, Ohio; married Henrietta Ring on July 18, 1838, in Ross County, Ohio), Michael Van Gundy (born before 1765).

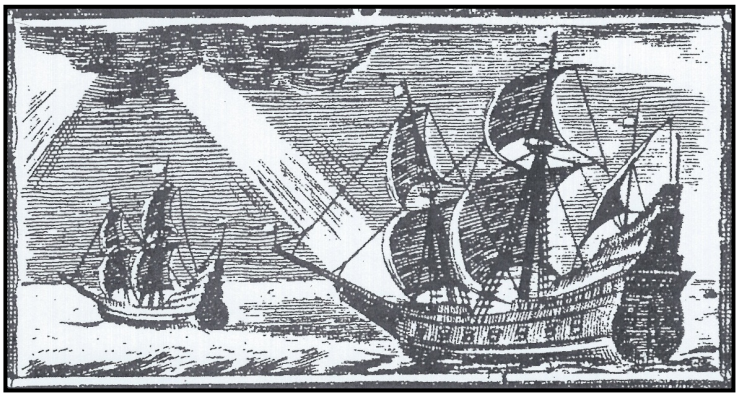
"From 1778 to 1783 Peter Van Gundy was a Revolutionary War soldier and a frontier

ranger in John Forster's Company with the rank of private. His name also appeared in the 4th Class of Captain William Laird's Company, 9th Battalion of Lancaster County Militia in 1782."



Left: Towns in Southeast Germany, Alsace, France, and the Bern area of Switzerland, where many Mennonites lived before immigrating to America. Many of the Gundys/Van Gundys were practicing Mennonites. The Gundy's were from the Bern area (arrow). Above: Old print of Rotterdam, Netherlands. Virtually all immigrates to America went through the port of Rotterdam. The old quay was totally destroyed during World War II. Below: Old print of late 1600s ships. The vessels that brought our ancestors in the 1730s probably structurally resembled these ships.

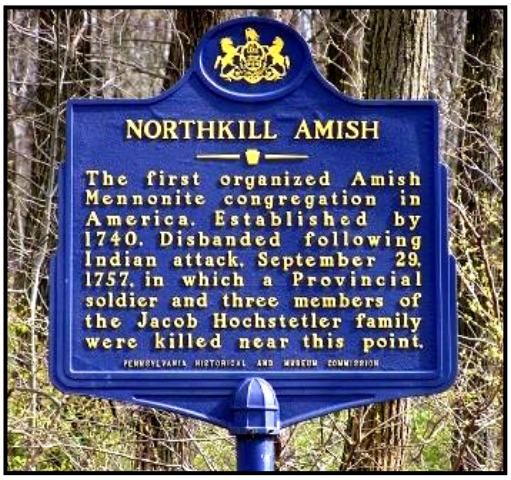
"In 1760 he appeared on the tax list of Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as Peter Goondy, freeman. Also listed were his mother, Widow Gundy, and brother, John. In 1763 he was in the same place and listed as Peter Gander, inmate (inmate means tenant). Christ Gundy and his mother were also listed. In 1769 the tax assessor listed him correctly as Peter Gundy, inmate (tenant), and a cooper by profession. In 1770 Peter Gunty was taxed for two cows. On November 27, 1777, he acquired land from a William Lyon in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. In 1783 Peter had 80 acres and nine persons living in his house. Several members of his family moved to Mercer County, Pennsylvania, between 1800 and 1821. If it is the same Peter Van Gundy, he received a land grant in Ross County, Ohio, in 1805. In 1812 Peter's brother, Samuel, sold his property in the northwest corner of section 33 in Ross County, Ohio, to Peter and moved to Wabash, Indiana. Peter married a young wife and died soon thereafter,



leaving his property to his widow. One researcher says she sold the property and returned to her relatives."

Above: Artist's conception of the Jacob Hochstetler immigrant pioneer home in Northkill, Berne Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1757 at the time of the Indian massacre. Jacob Hochstetler had immigrated to Pennsylvania on the ship, *Charming Nancy*, in November 1738. He settled in Northkill, which at one time was the largest Amish-Mennonite settlement in Pennsylvania. Christian Hershberger (husband of Magdalena Van Gundy, 5th Great-Grandaunt) knew Jacob Hochstetler, and Christian's son, Joseph Hershberger, married a Sarah Hochstetler. (Christian Hershberger Jr.'s parents had immigrated to Pennsylvania on the same ship the year before on October 8, 1737). A Christian Hershberger was living in Northkill in 1754. Below: Pennsylvania historical sign in Northkill, Pennsylvania.

Magdalena "Matty" Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandaunt; born in 1748 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died 1842 in Somerset County, Maryland) married Christian Hershberger, Jr. (born 1745 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died after 1815 in Berks or Somerset County, Pennsylvania) about 1763 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of thirteen children: John Hershberger (born 1763 in Berks County, Pennsylvania), Benjamin Hershberger (born 1767 in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died 1861 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; married Anna Mast and Magdalena Spiecher), May Hershberger (born about 1768 in Berks County, Pennsylvania; married John Miller), Christian Hershberger (born 1770 in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died 1848 in Elk Lick, Somerset County, Pennsylvania; married Anna Magdalena Schrock in 1793 in Berks County, Pennsylvania), Joseph Hershberger (born 1774 in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died before 1874 in Cambria County, Pennsylvania; married Sarah Hochstetler about 1801 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania), Daniel Hershberger (born 1776 in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died in Elk Lick, Somerset County, Pennsylvania; married Veronica), David Hershberger (born 1777 in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died October 16, 1861, in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania; married Catherine Miller on October 19, 1802, in Berks County, Pennsylvania), Magdalena Hershberger (born October 22, 1780,



in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died August 15, 1862, in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania; married John Miller), Henry Hershberger (born March 2, 1782 in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died September 2, 1870, in Conemaugh Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania; married Mary Blough in 1808 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania), Female Hershberger (born about 1784 in Berks County, Pennsylvania), Peter Hershberger (born 1785 in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died January 29, 1865, in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania; married Barbara Kaufman), Elizabeth Hershberger (born June 23, 1788, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania; married John Kauffman, Jr.), and Abraham Hershberger (born 1790 in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died August 21, 1821, in Elk Lick, Somerset County, Pennsylvania; married Elizabeth Blough).

Above: Mural of the Hochstetler massacre in the Pennsylvania Dutch Campsite recreation room in Shartlesville, Pennsylvania. On September 19, 1757, seven to ten Indians and three French scouts attacked the Jacob Hochstetler homestead and set the house afire. The Indians stood guard around the house so the family could not flee without risking their lives. As the fire worsened, the family climbed out of the cellar window, but the wounded Jacob Jr. (he had been shot during the initial attack) and Jacob Sr.'s wife slowed them down. She became stuck in the window and was stabbed in the back and scalped. Another daughter (name unknown) and Jacob Jr. were killed. Jacob Sr., Joseph and Christian (ages 12-15 years) were taken captive. According to Joseph Hochstetler, the family could have been saved had his father allowed them to fight, as he and his brother were both good marksmen (their father was also), but his father "firmly believed in the doctrine of nonresistance and remained faithful in his hour of sorest trial." After eight months (three years in another account) with the Indians, Jacob Hochstetler escaped. At first he did not know which way to go, but "he found a river, built a raft and drifted downstream with his meager supplies. Near present day Harrisburg he was spotted by someone who took a skiff out to get him. By this time he was too feeble to stand, but he was given food and clothing and regained his health." Unfortunately, it was many years before his sons were released. "Christian Hochstetler had been adopted into full fellowship with the Indians and was with them approximately seven years. One day he returned home on his own to find his family eating dinner. Thinking he was an Indian, they offered him some food. He accepted but took the food outside and ate it while sitting on a stump. Jacob Sr., after finishing his meal, went out to talk to him. At that point, in broken German, he said, 'My name is Christian Hochstetler.' It was a joyous moment, but it took a while before he could again take up white man ways. He later married and joined the Dunker church (Church of the Brethren)." Joseph Hochstetler was returned in 1765/1766. The Indians wanted him to remain with them and even after his return he would hunt and fish often with them. Later he became a landowner and married. (Altogether over 200 people were murdered in Berks County during various raids. It is possible that Peter Van Gundy, 6th Great-Grandfather, was killed by Indians before 1763.)

"The Amish-Mennonite Hershberger family descends from the immigrant Christian Hershberger who came to America on October 8, 1737 (on the *Charming Nancy*), with his family and settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania. This impressive volume covers the descendants of Peter and Elizabeth (Yoder) Hershberger who had four children."

"In 1754 the oldest Amish congregation in Pennsylvania along the Northkill in Berks County had a Christian Hershberger in its number, and by the close of the 18th century

the name Harshbarger was found among the Mennonites of Virginia. Hershbergers were among the pioneer Amish settlements in practically all of the states west of Pennsylvania." (*Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia*, Internet.)

Left: Mennonite milk maids in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, about 1880. Above: Anabaptist Dirk Willems rescues his pursuer and is subsequently burned at the stake in 1569. This true story is recorded in *The Martyrs Mirror* or *The Bloody Theater*, first published in 1660 (in Dutch) by Thieleman J. van Braght. It documents the stories and testimonies of Christian martyrs, especially Anabaptists. The full title of the book is *The Bloody Theater or Martyrs Mirror of the Defenseless Christians who baptized only upon confession of faith, and who suffered and died for the testimony of Jesus, their Saviour, from the time of Christ to the year A.D. 1660*. The use of the word defenseless in this case refers to the Anabaptist belief in non-resistance. The book includes accounts of the martyrdom of the apostles and the stories of martyrs from previous centuries with beliefs similar to the Anabaptists. Next to the Bible, the *Martyrs' Mirror* held the most significant and prominent place in Amish and Mennonite homes. Joseph Von Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1751-1823) owned a German copy compiled in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, in 1786. On the flyleaf, he wrote an account of how the extra pages of the book were used by the American Army in the Revolutionary War and how they were returned. He also listed his parents and his children's names and birthdates.

"Christian Hershberger accumulated 219 acres located on Molasses Hill in Berne Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. This land was conveyed to his two sons, Peter and Christian Jr., in 1770. Peter signed over his half to Christian Jr., and moved to Dauphin County. Christian Hershberger Jr. and his wife, Magdalena, farmed this property until about 1815. Then they split the property in two and sold them to their sons Peter and David. Three or four years later the two sons sold their respective properties out of the family and moved and settled in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania."

"The brothers of Peter and David also moved and settled in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Benjamin, Daniel, Henry and Abraham went to Conemaugh Township and John, Christian III, and Jacob went to Elk Lick Township. Christian III had nine children as enumerated by Abraham Summy in a letter to his niece. One of these offspring was Eve Harshberger, wife of Christian Summy, and mother of Abraham Summy."

"Elk Lick Township was and is a center of Amish families, who include descendants of Michael Summy and the Harshberger families. As early as 1773, John Flick, David Geoffrey, Christian Hershberger, John Markley and Philip Nolled were owners of taverns in Elk Lick Township."

"In 1790 Christian Hershberger was living in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. The family probably never moved as Dauphin County was carved from Lancaster in 1785. There were two other Christian Harshbargers living in the county at this time along with John, Peter, and Daniel."

"In 1800 Christian was living with his family in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was the only Hershberger in the county; in 1815 he and his wife, Magdalena, sold 131 acres including their house. They also sold another 91 acres to their son David for 900 pounds."

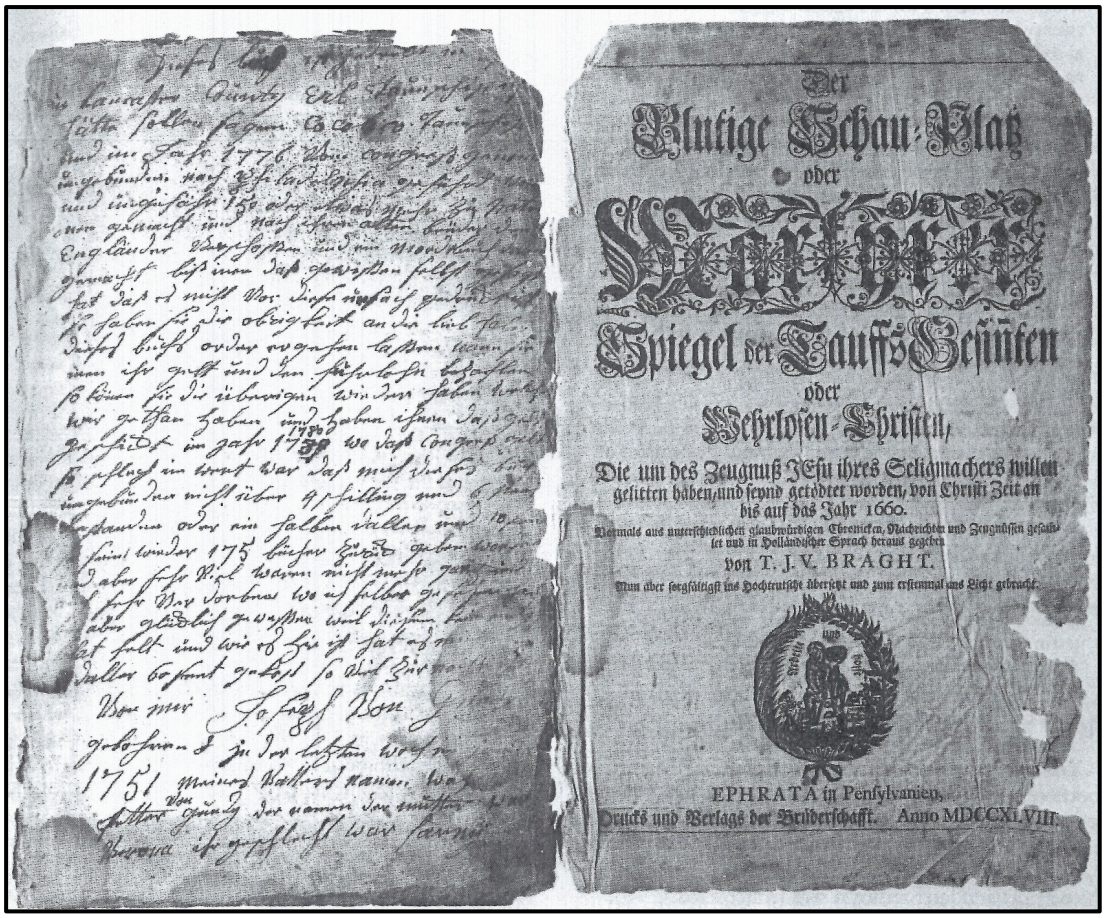
"It is not known if Christian and Magdalena moved to Somerset County, Pennsylvania, with the children or if she moved there after he died."

Joseph Farney Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; born 1750 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died 1823 in Conotton, Harrison County, Ohio) married Fronica Yoder "Fanny" Kaufman (born about 1752; died 1822 in Harrison County, Ohio) in 1776 at Berks County, Pennsylvania. They had fifteen children, eight listed here (see next page): Rebecca Van Gundy (born June 23, 1775, in Pennsylvania; died February 7, 1857, in Stark County, Ohio; married Christian Overholt about 1800 in Pennsylvania), Christiana Van Gundy (born October 12, 1780, in Chester County, Pennsylvania; died February 7, 1857, in Monroe Township, Harrison County, Ohio; married John Joseph Heistand about1798 in Pennsylvania), Mary Van Gundy (born March 1783 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; married Joseph Nafziger), Regina Van Gundy (born September 1, 1777; married John Lichty Foulke), Magdalena Van Gundy (born May 15, 1789, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; died January 26, 1877, in North Township, Harrison County, Ohio; married David Kieffer Firebaugh in 1814 in Harrison County, Ohio), Benjamin Van Gundy (born April 15, 1791, in Brother's Valley, Somerset County, Pennsylvania; died April 16, 1867; buried in Conotton Cemetery in Harrison County, Ohio; married Mary Magdalena Bower on June 9, 1813 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio; married second, Barbara Arnold), Frances or Fronica "Fanny" Van Gundy (born January 15, 1795, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; died April 20, 1873, in Holt County, Missouri; married John Peter Shriver Forney on March 20, 1823, near Conotton, Harrison County, Ohio), and Joseph Van Gundy, Jr. (born July 10, 1799, in Elk Lick Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania; died after June 1880 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio; married Mary Smith on March 17, 1825, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio).

"This Joseph and two others have been thoroughly researched by the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. A great-grandson, Rev. Michael Van Gundy, stated that Joseph was the son of Peter of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, both in a biography and in a letter some 15 years later, April 16, 1904, to Franklin P. Van Gundy, Convoy, Ohio."

"He was a cooper, later a Mennonite minister (interesting, since they do not fight in wars, but he did) and finally a minister for the United Brethren church. He and son-in-law, Peter Forney, were mentioned, as being ordained, in the history of the Meyers Mill

congregation, a small congregation with partly Amish background, both eventually joining the United Brethren." "



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John Penn Junior and John Penn Esquires—Patent to Joseph Van Gundy in pursuance of

a Warrant dated the Nineteenth day of October 1774 there was surveyed for Joseph Van-Gundy a Certain Tract of Land called palatine Situate in Penns Township in the County

A Transcription of the Hand-Written Folio Page in the Von Gundy 1748-1749 Märtyrer Spiegel

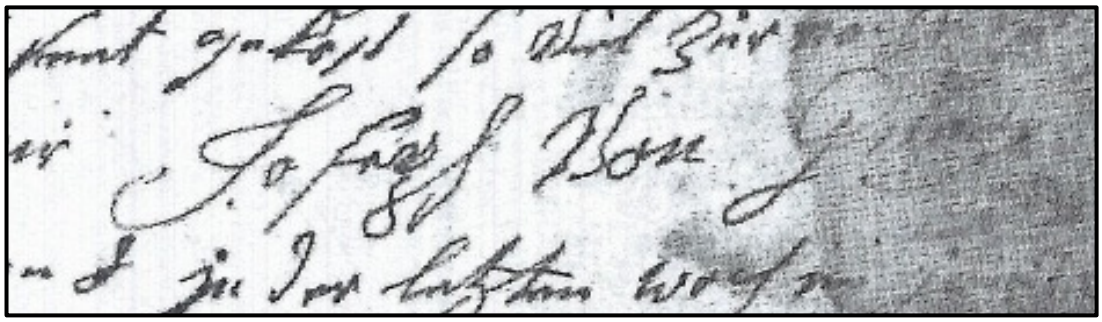
Note: Words or portions of words appearing in brackets have been supplied from the context since they are missing or faint. Punctuation has also been supplied.

Dieses buch ist gedruckt in [Ephrata] in Lancaster County Erl Taunschip ich hatte sollen sagen Cocalico Taunschip; und in Jahr 1776 vom congress genomen ungebunden nach Philadelphia gefuhrt war und ungefahr 150 oder etwas mehr zu patronen gemacht und nach ihren alten bruder den Englander verschossen und ein mordbuch dar[aus] gemacht biss inen dass gewissen selbst gesagt hat dass es nicht vor diese ursach gedruckt ist; so haben sie, die obrigkeit, an die lieb haber dieses buchs order ergehen lassen wann sie inen ihr gelt und den fuhrlohn bezahlen, so konen sie die ubrigen wieder haben welch[es] wir gethan haben und haben ihnen dass gelt geschickt im jahr 1786 wo dass congress gelt so schlech im wert war dass mich dieses buch ungebunden nicht uber 4 schilling und 6 pen[ce] gestanden oder ein halben doller und 10 pen[ce]; so seint wieder 175 bucher zuruck geben worden und aber sehr viel waren nicht mehr gantz und auch sehr ver dorben wo ich selber gesehen hab, bin aber glucklich gewessen weil diesem kein eintz[ig] blat felt; und wie es hie ist hat es mich doller 60 sent gekost; so viel zur nachricht.

Von mir Joseph Von Gundy
gebohren in der letzten woch in Juni 1751;
meines vatters namen war Petter Von Gundy;
der namen der mutter war Verona, ihr
geschlecht war farny.

Left: German transcription of Joseph Von Gundy's (5th Great-Granduncle; 1751-1823) hand-written folio page in his copy of *Martyrer Spiegel* (*The Martyrs Mirror*), which was translated into German and compiled by 15 workers at the Ephrata Cloister (above; 2013) in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, in 1748. Below: Close-up of Joseph Von Gundy's signature on the original text.

of Northumberland—103 acres—And Whereas in pursuance of a Warrant dated the twenty second day of december 1774 there was Surveyed for said Joseph Vangundy a certain other Tract of Land called 'Parma' Situate in Penns Township in the County of Northumberland aforesaid Beginning at a post a Corner of Jacob Armbrister's Land thence...to a post thence by joseph Van Gundy's land...containing fifty four Acres and forty three



perches...KNOW YE, that in consideration of the Sum of Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and three pence Sterling in lawful Money of Pennsylvania, to our use, paid by the said Joseph Van Gundy...Signed by john penn, for himself, John Penn Jun. and the right honourable Lady Juliana Penn...sealed at philadelphia, this Sixteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six."

"Brothers Valley, Bedford County, Pennsylvania—Joseph may have been the leader of the Mennonites who settled in the Valley, at the very least, he was an important member of that community."

"In 1777 Joseph Van Gundy was listed as a 3rd Lieutenant in Captain Weiser's Company of Northumberland Militia. On November 11, 1777, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, he swore that he was not a symphazier with King George's cause, according to Revolutionary War Oaths of Allegiance, and states further that he took the oath of allegiance to the new revolutionary government before John Thome, Justice of the Peace."

Left: Copy of *Martyrer Spiegel* (*The Martyrs Mirror*), 1748, in Mennonite Museum in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; 2014. This was the largest book published in America before the Revolutionary War.

"Some say this was probably the Joseph [Van Gundy] listed in Capt. Reagel's Company of Berks County Militia in 1780-1781. His commanding officer dropped the 'Van' from name and Joseph did likewise, establishing the Gundy branch."

"On May 25, 1799, in East Buffalo Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, Joseph conveyed 400 acres of land called *Dundalk*."

"In 1800 in Elk Lick, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, Joseph Gundy was over 45 and had living with him 2 males under 10, 2 females under 10, 4 females 16-26, and 1 female over 45. He and his brother, David, were the only ones by the Gundy name in the county."

"In 1805 in Harrison County, Ohio, supposedly, Joseph and his 10 year old daughter came to the location of Conotton, built a cabin, cleared the land and returned to Pennsylvania in the fall."

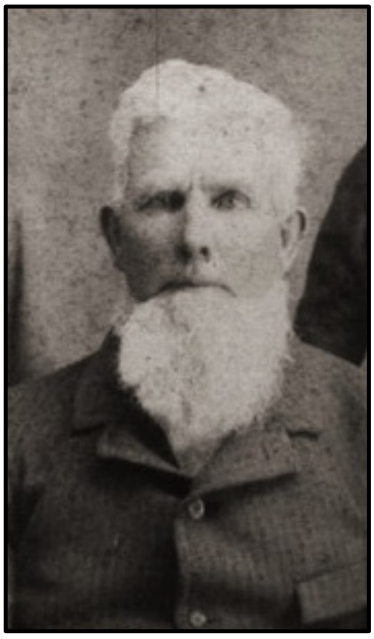
"On April 28, 1806, in Harrison County, Ohio, Joseph Gundy entered the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 13, Range 6, giving his current residence as Somerset, Pennsylvania. This land was patented to him on January 10, 1812. He bought two quarter sections of land, plus another small parcel on the northwest of the ridge that came to be called 'Gundy Ridge.' His farm was just at the eastern edge of the present village of Conotton."

"In 1812, after receiving the patent on his land, Joseph Gundy moved his family from Somerset, joining daughter, Fronica, and Peter Forney, who had moved there two years before."

"The following item was found in the *History of Tuscarawas County, Ohio*: 'The church edifice in Strasburg is the property of the United Brethren society. It is a frame building 34 x 44 feet, and was built about 1853, at an expense of $1,200. Prior to this, the society had held services in a union church, built in 1833, one-half mile north of the village. The United Brethren, Methodists and Lutherans contributed to its erection. The earliest meetings of the United Brethren society were conducted at private houses. The earliest membership included Abraham Forney, John Forney, George Sees, Christian Gnagy, Benjamin Gundy and John Shisler. Abraham Forney. Mathias Burchfield and Christian Gnagy were early local preachers. Among the earliest ministers were Revs. Joseph Gundy, George Pfrimer, George Drum and Jacob Winters. Rev. B. F. Booth is the present minister. The congregation exceeds 100 members.'"

"Joseph Gundy's will was dated June 28, 1820, and proved March 18, 1823. It named all the posted children but Fanny."

Not included in the above story of Joseph Van Gundy's (5th Great-Granduncle) life, which was compiled from *Van Gundy Family Tree*, is an interesting account from



Above: Adam Van Gundy (1823-1897; grandson of Peter Van Gundy, Jr., 5th Great-Granduncle), and his second wife, Barbara Holman (1811-1877). She was 12 years older than Adam. Right: Adam in top hat; man on horse is Aaron Gregg; painting of Adam's house (no longer standing) in Rockfield, Indiana, where he is buried (lower right).

Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, Volume 9, Number 1, pages 2-5, published in January 1986. This article in Volume 9 is entitled: "The Ephrata Martyr's Mirror: Shot From Patriot's Muskets," by David Luthy (director of the Amish Historical Library in Aylmer, Ontario). The Pennsylvania Mennonites wanted a copy of the *Martyr's Mirror* in German, which in 1745 was only available in Dutch. They felt that the stories of the early Mennonites, who were nonresistant, would help the American members resist the urge to fight in the conflict between France and England. "Fifteen Brethren were detailed at the Ephrata [Pennsylvania] Cloister in 1745" to print the huge volume from Dutch to German. Three years were spent on this book, which was printed in large folio form, and the edition consisted of 1,300 copies. The price was set at 20 shillings (about one pound).

Each book was 1,500 pages long, measuring ten by fourteen inches, and "covered with leather." It was printed in large typeface so "it may suit the eyes of all" and weighed thirteen pounds. It was the largest book ever printed in colonial America. When the translator, Peter Miller, was asked by a visitor how they could be sold at such a low price, he replied, "Why not? For we do not propose to get rich." 800 of the books were bound and sold, but the other 500 were not sold, and still laid unbound at the Ephrata Cloister when the Revolutionary War began in 1775. There was such a shortage of war materials and paper that American soldiers were sent to seize the martyr books to use the paper for their muskets.

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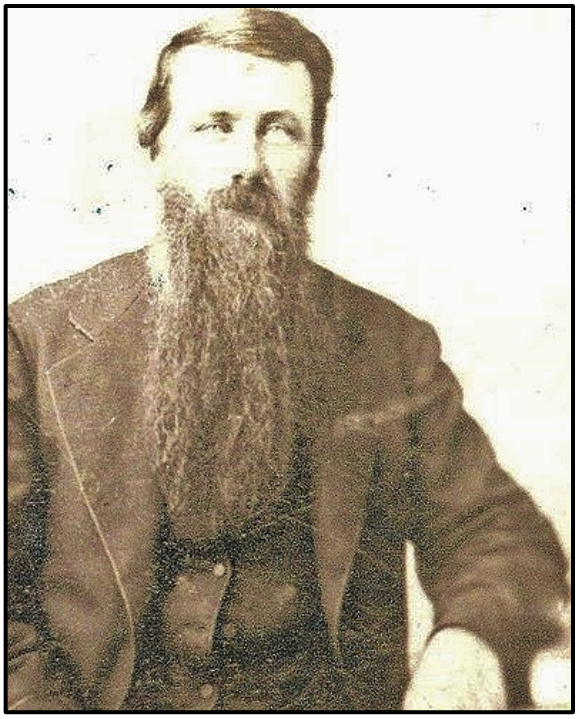
"Joseph Von Gundy, whose roots were among the Lancaster County Amish, joined the Mennonites and later the United Brethren in Christ—quite a few changes for one lifetime. It is amazing that his personal copy of the *Ephrata Martyrer Spiegel* has found its way to the Amish Historical Library, where it lies on display in 1986 for the two-hundredth anniversary of the book's return in 1786 from its Philadelphia captivity."

I discovered this article on September 25, 2012, in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. The book that Joseph Von Gundy owned during his lifetime somehow made its way to a

book collector in Indiana. An Arizona man, while passing through the used book store, noted the volume, but couldn't read German. When he visited the Amish Historical Library in



Above: Monument of John Van Gundy (1799-1874; son of John Van Gundy, 4th Great-Granduncle) in Milton Cemetery, Milton, Missouri. Right: Samuel Van Gundy (1838-1900; son of John Van Gundy, above). Samuel had 3 children by his first wife, Margaret Orr: Clara, Francis, and Wesley Van Gundy; and 7 children by his second wife, Sarah Ensley: Elmer, Ruby Jane, Maud, Ira, Leah, Ernest, and Bessie Van Gundy. Samuel is buried in Lyle Cemetery in Lyle, Kansas. Photograph courtesy of Tracey Pershing.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, he told the director about the book. The director called the owner and sight unseen purchased the book for the library. The director wrote, "Yes, indeed. As Joseph Stoll and I worked on the transcription from script to printed German, it became evident that the handwriting on the flyleaf was telling how the volumes had been seized during the Revolutionary War and pages were ripped out to be made into cartridges which were shot against the British soldiers. What an ironic turn of events. The volume which had been translated and printed on purpose to strengthen the teaching of nonresistance was desecrateed: its paper bearing the testimonies so the martyrs was twisted into cartridges and used to kill people." (Ibid, pages 4-5.)

What is most special to me is that the handwriting is that of my 5th Great-Granduncle, Joseph Von Gundy, which original script I had never seen before.

Benjamin Farney Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; born 1752 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died 1817; his wife is unknown) had one son: Benjamin Van Gundy, Jr. (born about 1780 probably in Pennsylvania; married Magdalena Huber or Hoover).

"Benjamin was a cooper. There were said to be several preachers in his family. Names of other children are unknown. Either he jumped back and forth between counties or census records for him and another Benjamin have been mixed."

"Residences: On July 5, 1785, Benjamin Van Gundy was living in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, where he acquired some land from an Aaron Levy. In 1790 Benjamin was living in Berks County, Pennsylvania, with his wife and two children, both under 16 years of age. The next census recorded him there as Benjamin Gundy with 1 male under 10, 2 males 10-25, himself at 26-44, 1 female 10-25, and 1 at 26-44. No other familiar names were neighbors. In 1804 he and a John Tobias were witnesses to the will of a John Degler. In 1810 he was living in West Buffalo Township, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. At census time he was a cooper at over 45 years of age. His house included 2 males under 10, 2 females under 10, 1 female 10-15 and 1 female also over 45. In 1813 Benjamin Van Gundy was living in Bern Township in Berks County, Pennsylvania."

David Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; born May 6, 1755, on Mada Creek, Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died May 2,1827, in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio) married Anna Wissler (born 1758 in possibly Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died after 1832 in Pickaway County, Ohio) about 1780. They had sixteen children: Ann or Anna Van Gundy (born January 2, 1781, in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died July 30, 1868, in Marion County, Ohio; married John Zug or Zuck or Zook in 1798 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania), Mary "Polly" Van Gundy (born December 3, 1782, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died December 24, 1872, in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio; married Sebastian Carpenter on January 20, 1807, in Fairfield County, Ohio), Magdalena Van Gundy (born 1784; died 1790), Barbara Catherine Van Gundy (born 1787 in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died January 30, 1863, in Robinson, Crawford County, Illinois; married Philip Firebaugh, Jr. on November 12, 1806, in Fairfield County, Ohio), David Van Gundy, Jr. (born October 9, 1790, in Pennsylvania; died September 1, 1861, in Scott County, Illinois; married Mary Ann Coonrod on May 4, 1821, in Madison County, Illinois; married second, Mrs. Margaret A. Ohler), Christian Van Gundy (born 1791/1792), John Van Gundy (born 1794 in Cumberland, Pennsylvania; died April 10, 1846, in Seneca or Pickaway County, Ohio; married Nancy Ann Wissler on December 6, 1818, in Pickaway County, Ohio), Jacob Van Gundy (born 1795/1796), Peter Van Gundy (born about 1795 in Pennsylvania; died 1857 in Mahomet Township, Champaign County, Illinois; married Elizabeth Belly or Bailey on August 10, 1815, in Fairfield County, Ohio; married second, Martha Jester), George Van Gundy (born about 1795; married Sopia Duck on July 28, 1815, in Fairfield County, Ohio), Daniel Van Gundy (born March 11, 1797, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died December 15, 1845, in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio; married Anna Maria/Mary Hook on February 12, 1822, in Pickaway County, Ohio), Rebecca Van Gundy (born October 23, 1798, in Pennsylvania; died June 29, 1857 in Adelphi, Pickaway County, Ohio; married Michael Wissler on April 9, 1818, in Pickaway County, Ohio), Joseph Van Gundy (born about 1800 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; died 1824/1825 in Pickaway County, Ohio; married Hannah Denny on February 26, 1822, in Pickaway County, Ohio), Elizabeth "Betsey" Van Gundy (born 1800 in Pennsylvania; died March 28, 1894, in Anamosa, Jones County, Iowa; married Amassa Needles "Massey" Clymer on October 15, 1816, in Fairfield County, Ohio), Sarah Van Gundy (born about 1804 in Somerset, Somerset County, Pennsylvania; died in Pickaway County, Ohio; married Isaac Davis on January 2, 1820, in Fairfield County, Ohio; married second James or John Cline), Samuel Van Gundy (born about 1806 in Ross County, Ohio; died April 29, 1839, in Harmony, Pennsylvania).

"David Van Gundy, our [*Van Gundy Family Tree* compiler] progenitor, along with several brothers, fought in the American Revolution for which they received land grants in Ohio."

"By trade he was a joiner (woodwork carpenter) and he operated mills. He raised a large family and nearly all of them went west."

"As late as December 2007 his Bible was in possession of Mrs. James A Complon, 1522 West Main Street, Springfield, Ohio."

"Residences and events: In 1777 David Van Gundy lived in Earl Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He and his brother, John, were non-associators (A taxpayer who refused to take the oath

Left: Monument of Abraham Van Gundy (1828-1877; son of Michael Van Gundy, who was the son of Christian Van Gundy, who was the son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) in Old Sycamore Cemetery, Sycamore, Wyandot County, Ohio. Abraham was a Mason. Below: Gravestone of Christian Gundy (1772-1856; son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) in Old Basil Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

of allegiance to the new revolutionary government. In that part of the state this usually meant they were Mennonites or other Anabaptist in religious faith.) In 1782 he was living in Berks County, Pennsylvania, where his daughter, Mary, was born. On September 9, 1789, David was in Manheim Township in York County, Pennsylvania."

"In the *Pennsylvania Herald & York General Advertiser* was the following: 'Whereas Barbara Felger, obtained of the subscriber, one promissory note, persons are forewarned from taking assignment on same—David of Manheim Township, York County.' No relationship between the two was stated. David's brother, Peter, was a resident of the same county."

"In 1800 David was in Addison Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. According to the census, David Gundy had living in his house 4 males under 10 years, himself at 26-45, 1 female under 10, 2 females 10-16, and 1 female 16-26, and his wife, also 26-45. He and brother, Joseph, were the only ones by the name in the county. Both had land transactions there the same year. The Gundy

name is among the county's list of Amish names of the Alsatian group as opposed to those of the Old Order and Hessian-Amish."

"From 1801 to 1805 practically the whole family of Van Gundys and Wisslers moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio. It is possible they were part of the 25 families that took advantage of the free land offered there. In 1796 'Zane's Trace'/National Highway/Route 40 (whichever you prefer to call it) was completed from Wheeling, West Virginia, to Tarleton and Chillicothe, Ohio, and settlers were given 100 acres if they would settle in the new territory."

Right: Melissa Jane Van Gundy Dailey (1857-1947; daughter of David Van Gundy, 1819-1895, who was the son of Samuel Van Gundy, 1775-1859, who was the son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle). Malissa married Henry Dailey and had six children. She lived in or near Emporia, Kansas, most of her life.

"On September 24, 1803, the *Scioto Gazette* carried an item that a court of inquiry met at Gundy's mill to examine charges against Capt. Roberts, regarding their conduct during the Indian alarm. They were considered 'honorably acquitted from the charges.'"

"On August 11, 1809, Messrs. Miller & Van Gundy bought land at Chillicothe, Ohio. In 1810 David was on the tax list in Ross County, Ohio. On September 6, 1810, David and Jacob Van Gundy signed their names in Dutch [German] as witnesses to a deed transfer from brother, Christian, to the Isaac Gunner (Conner) children. David's property was adjacent to Christian's and boundaries were often described in deeds by their relationship to David's property, such as, the white oak tree in line with David's line, etc."

"A history of Pickaway County, Ohio, recorded early settlers as 'William Evans and a man named Van Gundy, a miller by occupation, about 1812. And again: 'Simon Headley built a gristmill near the site of the South Bloomfield bridge about 1803. He sold it a few years later to Mr. Van Gundy, who continued it some years. It afterwards went to decay. At the time the mill was running, a ferry was established above the mill dam, by which people on the west bank of the river could cross to the mill with their corn or wheat, and return with the flour it produced."

"The 1880 *History of Franklin and Pickaway County, Ohio*, mentioned the mill: 'The early settlers obtained their grinding at Crouse's mill, in the vicinity of Chillicothe. The mill was a small affair, and considerable time would be consumed in making a trip to the mill. At a later date the settlers got their grist ground at Van Gundy's mill, on the Kinnickkinnick.'"

"On January 25, 1814, David Van 'gundee' owed the estate of Andrew Fultz $18.52. In

1816 David was listed on the tax rolls of Pickaway County, Ohio. The following year he bought land on the Scioto River from Peter Parcel at 22R2 for $62."

Top: Former farm home of Amos H. Sauder (no relationship) in Pennsylvania as it appeared prior to 1980. The house was renovated in various ways from 1740 to 1980, covering the original log house (above), which a fire in 1980 revealed. It is a good example of many homes that date from the 1700s in Pennsylvania. The houses of Christian Van Gundy Jr. (4th Great-Granduncle) and Ludwig Derr (rival of Christian Van Gundy, 5th Great-Grandfather) in this history are both examples of this same process where the original log homes are now hidden through changes made over the years.

"In 1816 he was residing in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio, where David was taxed for his property there. Also taxed in the same township were Christian, Jacob, Peter, and Samuel Van Gundy."

"David was living in Scioto Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1820. In the census, he was living at the place he had purchased on the same place 'on the river.' He had living with him: 1 male 10-16, 1 male 16-18, 3 males 16-26, 1 male over 45 (himself), 1 female 16-26, and 1 female over 45 (wife). Ann Denny lived down the road. A local history recorded: 'The settlers had their grist ground at the mill of Van Gundy on the Scioto and at those of Thompson and Kepler on Darby Creek.'"

"David was buried in Bethel Cemetery: 'GUNDY, David Born 1755, Died age 72 years.' Bethel Cemetery is located in the extreme northeast corner of section 27 of Green Township."

Children and Grandchildren of Christian Van Gundy, Fifth Great-Grandfather

Christian Van Gundy (4th Great-Granduncle; born February 3, 1766, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; died September 30, or October 1, 1836, in Buffalo Valley, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania) married Mary Magdalena Follmer (born September 16, 1773, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died May 4, 1827) on June 30, 1794. They had five children: Anna Van Gundy, John Van Gundy (born 1798 in Pennsylvania; died October 11, 1864, in Buffalo Valley, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; married Eliza G. Van Gundy about 1818), George Van Gundy (born 1790/1800; died November 6, 1843, in Union County, Pennsylvania), Adam Van Gundy (born 1802 in Pennsylvania; died after 1885; married Sarah or Susan Parks about 1827), and Jacob Van Gundy (born December 15, 1807, in East Buffalo Township, Union County, Pennsylvania; died after 1885 in Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania; married Rachel Zentmeyer about 1830).

"Christian and his sister, Ann, were twins. He followed in his father's footsteps and was a

miller. Christian's children did very well, most having one or more servants by 1870."

"Residences: In 1790 Christian Gundy was living alone in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania."

"In 1800 Christian and Mrs. Gundy were neighbors and the only Gundys living in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania (East Buffalo Township). On October 25, 1813, John Snook and his wife conveyed the schoolhouse lot in Union township to Christian Gundy."

"By 1820 Christian had moved to Buffalo Township, Union County, Pennsylvania. He and his brother, John, were the only 'Gundys' in the county at that time. He managed the grist, hemp, and saw mills of a Mr. Bear, working almost night and day to earn the means with which to buy about 200 acres of land. He was involved in a law suit regarding title to the land, finally resolving the matter by buying out the other claimants, and receiving a clear title. Part of this tract was in the possession of his son, Jacob, as late as 1886."

"In 1830 Christian was living alone in the same home. His sons John, George, and Jacob were in the same township. Christian remained behind when several of his family moved to Ohio and some of his descendants still reside in Pennsylvania."

Ann Mary Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandaunt; Christian's twin [see above]; born February 3, 1766, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; died May 1, 1856) married John Wolf (died in 1842 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania) about 1786, and they had eight children, but they are not listed. Ann Mary Van Gundy married second, Garnet Highland, on December 13, 1845.

John Van Gundy (son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle; born October 27, 1767, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; died October 27, 1860, in Fountain County, Indiana) married Anna Maria "Polly" Davis (born December 25, 1772; died October 21, 1854, in Fountain County, Indiana) on December 25, 1793. They had ten children: William Van Gundy (died young), John Van Gundy, Jr. (born January 13, 1799, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; died August 7, 1874, in Milton, Atchison County, Missouri; married Margaret Search on March 17, 1821, in Ross County, Ohio; married second, Leah Search), Peter Van Gundy (born April 6, 1800, in Union County, Pennsylvania; died March 10, 1874, in Fountain County, Indiana; married Sarah Simpson on October 11, 1824, in Ross County, Ohio; married second, Phebe Thomas), Katherine Van Gundy (born December 2, 1802, in Pennsylvania; died January 7, 1854, in Fountain County, Indiana; married William Simpson on January 17, 1818, in Ross County, Ohio), David B. Van Gundy (born April 6, 1804, in Pennsylvania; died November 14, 1880, in Ross County, Ohio; married Eliza Jane Jones on August 4, 1833, in Ross County, Ohio; married second, Margaret Van Gundy), Sarah Van Gundy (born April 6, 1808, in Reading County, Pennsylvania; died August 29, 1885, in Fountain County, Indiana; married William Myers on December 25, 1833, in Ross County, Ohio), Mary "Polly" Van Gundy (born 1810 in Ohio; married Jonathan Wolf on November 13, 1828, in Ross County, Ohio), Samuel Van Gundy (died young), Margaret Van Gundy (born April 20, 1814, in Ross County, Ohio; died April 23, 1882; married David Simmons on February 21, 1835,

in Ross County, Ohio), and Delilah Van Gundy (born May 9, 1818, in Ross County, Ohio; died June 26, 1891, in Fountain County, Indiana; married William H. Redenbaugh on April 13, 1839, in Fountain County, Indiana).

"Facts on this John may be confused with John, son of Peter Van Gundy, Sr. He is listed in both places in various family trees."

"Captain John Orths reported in 1784 that John Gundy and [his brother] Christian Gunty [Gundy] were in his company commanded by Col. John Gloninger of the 2nd Pennsylvanian Battalion. In 1786 Captain Peter Ensminger of the 2nd Battalion reported that John Gundy had gone to Shamokin [in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania] and that Christian Gundy and John Gundy were gone. (Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Archives.)"

"In the 1790 Census of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, John Vangunday was living alone. He resided in the same area as his father and brother, Christian, Jr. and his uncle Joseph Van Gundy."

"On May 25, 1799, in Buffalo Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, John received by deed 400 acres of land from his brother, Joseph Gundy. On July 2, 1804, he and his wife, Polly, sold this same tract, probably because they had moved to Ohio. He was in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, by October 1803. This is known because the local newspaper noted that he had letters in the post office. In 1830 he was in Springfield Township, Ross County, Ohio."

"John Van Gundy was the originator of the Fountain County, Ohio, branch of the Van Gundys, settling first in Scott's Prairie. In 1836 they moved from Ross County with two daughters and their families by wagon, striking the new National Road at Richmond, Indiana. John and his wife, Anne, were charter members of the Centennial Church. In 1840 he and his son, Peter, were neighbors, while his brother Samuel and his son, David, lived just down the road. In 1850 John and Anne lived with their daughter Delilah and her husband, William Redenbaugh, and family. John's property was valued at $2,500. In 1860 the census taker found him at age 96 with his son Peter and his wife. The inscription on his gravestone states that he died on October 27, 1860. (See photograph earlier in this history.)

Barbara Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandaunt; born September 21, 1773, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; died September 23, 1841, in Adelphi, Ross County, Ohio) married George May, Jr. (born September 30, 1766; died December 19, 1849, in Ross County, Ohio) in 1790 in Ohio or Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They had eleven children: Samuel May (born March 3, 1791; died October 2, 1867; married Charity Long in 1834), John May (born September 18, 1792; died December 9, 1862), George May (born April 25, 1803, in Ross County, Ohio; died January 16, 1857, in Fountain County, Indiana; married Elizabeth "Betsy" Van Gundy on October 14, 1827, in Ross County, Ohio), Jacob May (born September 28, 1796; died October 6, 1823), Anna May (born August 30, 1798), Mary "Polly" May (born October 1, 1800, in Pennsylvania; died October 16, 1867, in Ross County, Ohio; married William Henry Barnhart on November

29, 1825, in Ross County, Ohio), Barbara May (born April 29, 1803, in Ohio; died May 13, 1878, in Wyandot County, Ohio; married Pater Betzer on May 25, 1824, in Ross County, Ohio), Francis May (born 1807 in Ross County, Ohio; died November 18, 1867, in Macon County, Illinois; married June 20, 1831, in Ross County, Ohio; married second Sarah Swift), Christopher May (born 1790/1800; died after 1850), Sarah May (born 1815), and Elizabeth May (born 1817; died 1837).

Catherine Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandaunt; born 1775 in Pennsylvania; died December 27, 1861, in Ross County, Ohio) married Conrad Betzer (born August 4, 1773, in Alexandria, Hunterdon County, New Jersey; died October 27, 1861, in Ross County, Ohio) about 1796 in Pennsylvania. They had ten children: John G. Betzer (born July 23, 1797, in Ross County, Ohio; married Elizabeth Rowe or Rough), Mary Betzer (born about 1800 in Ross County, Ohio; married Lewis Plummer on December 29, 1819, in Ross County, Ohio), Elizabeth Betzer (born about 1801 in Ross County, Ohio), Frances "Fanny" Betzer (born December 6, 1806, in Ross County, Ohio), Susannah Betzer (born 1807 in Ross County, Ohio), Barbara Betzer (born 1807 in Ross County, Ohio; died August 22, 1866, in Macon County, Illinois; married Francis May on June 20, 1831, in Ross County, Ohio), Jacob Betzer (born about 1809 in Ross County, Ohio), Anthony G. Betzer (born December 27, 1809, in Ross County, Ohio), Lydia Betzer (born 1812 in Ross County, Ohio; died February 19, 1859, in Ross County, Ohio; married Samuel Barnhart on July 13, 1837, in Ross County, Ohio), and Aaron Betzer (born October 4, 1815, in Ross County, Ohio).

Note: "Catherine may not be the child of Christian and Ann, but is placed here due to dates and proximity until further verification of her correct lineage"—*Van Gundy Family Tree*.

Mary Ann Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandaunt; born July 17, 1777, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; died October 20, 1864, in Ross County, Ohio) married Isaac Conner, Sr. (born 1778; died August 1810 in Ross County, Ohio) about 1798. They had one child: Isaac Conner, Jr.

Mary Ann Van Gundy married second, Capt. Henry Ullery (died August 6, 1812, in War of 1812) on March 24, 1812. They had one child: Sarah J. "Ann" Ullery (died before 1850; married John Bixler or Pixler).

"One history said that Mary Ann Van Gundy had three children by Isaac Conner and another history states that she had six by Isaac. She was still widow 'Ulery' when her siblings sold their father's land on October 7, 1823. In 1850 she (along with her grandchildren, Mary Bixler, age 15, and John Bixler, age 13) was living with her son, Isaac Conner, Jr. and his family. In the 1860 Census she was still living with her son, Isaac."

"**Henry Van Gundy** (4th Great-Granduncle) married Miss Burney Grogan. Nothing more is known about his family."

"The only record found naming this person [Henry Van Gundy] was in connection with

Christian's court battle with Mr. Derr in 1789; all others named there are recognized as sons of Christian."

"In the 1800 Census in Bald Eagle Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, a Henry Vangundy was living there who was age 26-44 and had living with him 1 male under 10, 1 female under 10, and 1 at 26-44. Is this the son of Christian Van Gundy, Sr.?"

Jacob Van Gundy, Fourth Great-Grandfather

Residences of **Jacob Van Gundy** (4th Great-Grandfather): "In 1798 Jacob moved from East Buffalo Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, to Green Township, Ross County, Ohio. However, the Pioneers of First Families of Ohio recorded his arrival in Ohio as 1802. In the 1800 Census, Jacob was still living at the same address in Ross County, Ohio. His brothers, John and Samuel, were living in the same area. In Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, there were newspaper notices that there were letters left at the local post office for Jacob Gunde/Gundy in 1807, 1808, and 1809. In 1820 Jacob was still living in Green Township in Ross County, Ohio. His son, John, and brother, Samuel, lived nearby. In 1840 he was at the same address. His household included, besides himself at 70-80 years of age, 1 male 15-20, 2 males 20-30, 1 female 20-30 and his wife at 60-70. Next door was his son, Isaac, and in the other direction were Michael and Peter Van Gundy. In 1850 Jacob may have purchased a farm for his son, Abraham, in Dublin Township in Mercer County, Ohio. On August 2, 1850, Jacob was an 80 year old farmer with property valued at $4,000. His wife, Catherine, was 70 and living with them was granddaughter Caroline, 7, daughter of Henry, and his deceased wife. Next door was his daughter, Elizabeth Vandermark's family."

Children and Grandchildren of Jacob Van Gundy, Fourth Great-Grandfather

John Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; born 1801; died after 1860) married Mary Margaret Pixler (born 1809 in Ohio; died February 16, 1851, in Fountain County, Ohio) on January 16, 1826, in Ross County, Ohio. They had ten children: Calvin Van Gundy (born about 1829; married Priscilla Brooks on February 10, 1861, in Carroll County, Indiana), Deliah Van Gundy (born April 9, 1829; died February 14, 1847, in Carroll County, Indiana), Nelson Van Gundy (born January 11, 1831, in Ohio; died January 24, 1892, in Carroll County, Indiana; married Mary Elizabeth Turner on September 30, 1855, in Carroll County, Indiana), Carolina Van Gundy (born 1832 in Virginia; married August Riggin about 1859), Mary Ann Van Gundy (born 1832 in Ohio; married John Sneathen on November 1, 1849, in Carroll County, Indiana), Harriett Van Gundy, Unknown Van Gundy, Orville Van Gundy (born 1837; died December 3, 1904), Lewis Van Gundy (born November 9, 1840, in Ohio; died January 2, 1881, in Carroll County, Indiana; married Mary "Molly" Rupe on July 5, 1867, in Carroll County, Indiana), and William Van Gundy (born 1844 in Illinois).

John married second, Caroline Wade (born 1832 in Virginia), on April 13, 1851, in Carroll County, Indiana. They had two children: John Van Gundy, Jr. (born about 1857) and Mary Van Gundy (born about 1858).

"John Van Gundy was living in Dublin Township in Mercer County, Ohio, in 1840. He moved to Carroll Co, Indiana, before 1849. In 1860 he was living in Pocahontas, Bond County, Illinois, and listed as a farm laborer with only $25 in personal property; living with him were Caroline, 28, William, 16, John, 3, and Mary, 2."

Jacob Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; born January 7, 1804, in Ross County, Ohio, died July 26, 1893, in Ross County, Ohio) married Darcas Lavina Baker (born December 2, 1819, in Ross County, Ohio; died March 27, 1893, in Ross County, Ohio) on December 10, 1835, in Ross County, Ohio. They had nine children: Catherine Van Gundy (born January 14, 1837, in Ross County, Ohio; died June 9, 1919; married Ephraim Johnson), Valentine Van Gundy (born February 14, 1837, in Ross County, Ohio; died October 18, 1912, in Ross County, Ohio), Jacob Van Gundy (born May 5, 1841, in Ross County, Ohio; died September 2, 1882, in Ross County, Ohio; married Rebecca Jane Davis on March 16, 1867, in Ross County, Ohio), Henry A. Van Gundy (born August 5, 1843, in Ross County, Ohio; died July 21, 1922; married Lucy Jane Mick and second, Millie or Mollie Wilson), Shepherd Van Gundy (born July 1847, in Ross County, Ohio; died March 21, 1905; married Rebecca Jane Davis and Sarah F. Landman), Darcus Lavina Van Gundy (born April 15, 1851, in Ross County, Ohio; died August 18, 1934, in Madison County, Ohio; married Austin M. Bogard on July 3, 1869), Mary Ann Van Gundy (born 1853 in Ross County, Ohio; married William Marion on November 4, 1874), Hiram Van Gundy (born January 1, 1855, in Ross County, Ohio; died May 9, 1937; married Julia A. McCowan on October 15, 1884, in Ross County, Ohio), and Ephraim Van Gundy (born September 16, 1858, in Ross County, Ohio; died November 1, 1880, in Ross County, Ohio).

"Jacob Van Gundy was counted among the first families of Ohio along with his father and grandfather. He lived in Huntington Township in Ross County, Ohio, in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 Census. His farm was worth $600 in the 1870 Census."

Isaac Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; born March 6, 1805, in Ross County, Ohio, died August 3, 1871) married Sarah Ann O'Conner (born 1814 in Ohio; died after 1880) on July 10, 1837, in Fairfield County, Ohio. They had seven children: Susannah Van Gundy (born 1838 in Ross County, Ohio), William Lafayette Van Gundy (born 1840 in Ross County, Ohio), George W. Van Gundy (born 1844 in Ross County, Ohio, where he also died; married Mary Helen Garrett), John A. Van Gundy (born 1848 in Ross County, Ohio), Nancy Ellen Van Gundy (born 1849 in Ross County, Ohio), Elisa Van Gundy (born 1854 in Ross County, Ohio), and Leda Clarissa Van Gundy (born 1854 in Ross County, Ohio).

"Isaac Van Gundy was living in Green Township in Ross County, Ohio, in 1840. He was still living in the same place in the 1850 Census and besides his wife and children, had living with them, 'John Conner, 35, without occupation.' John was probably Sarah's brother. Next door was the Isaac Conner family with some Bixler children. Just down the road was Isaac's sister, Mary, and Jacob Fortner. Isaac's estate was valued at $50 in the 1850 Census. In 1860 he was in Kingston Township in Ross County, Ohio, and his property was valued at $450. He was in the same place in 1870 and his property was valued at $600."

"When the Mexican War began he enlisted as a soldier and served from June 4, 1846, to June 1847 as a private in Company I, 2nd Regiment of Ohio State Militia."

Above: Gravestone of Mary Van Gundy Fortner (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1806-1888) in Crouse Chapel Cemetery in Ross County, Ohio.

Mary Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt; born December 31, 1806, in Ross County, Ohio; died March 23, 1888; buried in Crouse Chapel Cemetery, Ross County, Ohio) married Jacob Fortner (born December 1808; died March 4, 1887, in Ross County, Ohio) on September 3, 1832, in Ross County, Ohio. They had three children: John Fortner (born 1827 in Ohio), Catherine C. Fortner (born July 30, 1831, in Ohio; died August 27, 1913, in Ross County, Ohio; married Jacob Hyne on November 7, 1850, in Ross County, Ohio), and Mary A. Fortner (born 1836 in Ohio; married William Woodring on January 30, 1855, in Ross County, Ohio).

Catherine Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt; born June 5, 1810, in Ross County, Ohio; died May 24, 1878, in La Porte County, Indiana) married Daniel Cowgill (born January 3, 1809, in Hampshire County, Virginia; died June 13, 1890, in Kirksville, Adaire County, Missouri) on February 5, 1834, in Ross County, Ohio. They had nine children: Malinda A. Cowgill (born November 11, 1834, probably in Ross County, Ohio), Amanda Cowgill (born on November 4, 1836, probably in Ross County, Ohio), Charlotte Cowgill (born on November 4, 1838, probably in Ross County, Ohio; died after 1880), Lucinda J. Cowgill (born on September 17, 1840, in Ross County, Ohio; died on March 10, 1865, in Berrien County, Michigan), Male Cowgill, Harriet "Hattie" Cowgill (born on June 21, 1843), Benjamin Franklin Cowgill (born on November 11, 1845), Lucille "Lucy" A. Cowgill (born on March 8, 1848, in Wyandotte City, Wyandot County, Ohio; died on July 3, 1912, in La Porte, Indiana), and Cyrus Cowgill (born on February 6, 1851).

Susan Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt; born about 1813) married David Bookwalter or Buckwalter on August 9, 1830, in Ross County, Ohio. Susan died soon after her marriage and may not have had any children.

Abraham Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; born May 1, 1815, in Ross County, Ohio; died July 1, 1897, in Mercer County, Ohio) married Maria Baum (born September 20, 1817; died August 11, 1842, in Mercer County, Ohio) before 1838 in Ross County, Ohio. They had two children: Della Van Gundy (born August 15, 1838, in Ohio; died September 23, 1840, in Mercer County, Ohio), and David Van Gundy (born 1842 in Ohio).

Abraham married second, Sarah Elizabeth Exline (born March 1, 1828, in Friends Cove, Bedford County, Pennsylvania; died July 30, 1895, in Mercer County, Ohio) on August16, 1849, in Mercer County, Ohio. They had nine children: Joseph S. Van Gundy (born August 8, 1851, in Ohio; died March 21, 1937; married Harriet Stetler and second, Emma Stetler), Alvina Van Gundy (born July 30, 1853, in Ohio; married William Henry

Ayers in 1878 in Van Wert County, Ohio), Rachel Emma Van Gundy (born October 8, 1856, in Ohio; died 1928; married James M. Stetler in 1885), Alpheus Van Gundy (born August 3, 1859, in Ohio; died July 1892; married Ida Alspaugh in 1885), Anna Maria

Above left: Monument of Daniel Cowgill (born January 13, 1809, in Hampshire County, Virginia; died June 13, 1890, in Kirksville, Missouri), husband of Catherine Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1810-1878), in Stukey Cemetery (top right) in Kirksville, Missouri; June 2012. Daniel and Catherine were married on February 5, 1833, in Ross County, Ohio. Catherine died on May 24, 1878, in La Porte County, Indiana. Above right: Farmhouse in Kirksville.

Van Gundy (born July 1862; died 1863), Lydia Destine Van Gundy (born October 2, 1865; married John F. Talbot), Della Van Gundy (born August 15, 1867, in Ohio; died September 23, 1890), and Myrtle M. Van Gundy (born 1871 in Ohio; died 1890; married Henry Felix Freed).

"In 1850 Abraham Van Gundy was living in Dublin Township, Mercer County, Ohio. Next door was David Exline, Elizabeth's parents, followed by George Pixler. In the same area was 60 year old Margaret Van Gundy, living alone. Abraham's property was valued at $380. In 1860 he was still living in the same place and in 1864 he served as the guardian of Jackson Pixler's children. Jackson had been killed in the Civil War. In 1870 he was still in Dublin Township and his property was valued at $3,000; in 1880 he was still residing in the same place. He is buried in Smith, First and East Cemetery in Ross County, Ohio."

Elizabeth Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt; born March 2, 1817, in Ross County, Ohio;

died April 20, 1881, in Ross County, Ohio) married Ezekiel J. Vandermark (born 1817 in Ohio; died between 1880 and 1900 in Ross County, Ohio) on March 3, 1841, in Ross

This page: Gravestones of four children of Hester Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, John W. Hickle, in Old Lowell Town Cemetery in Clarksville, Iowa: Elizabeth Hickle (1857-1939) (top left); Jacob Harrison Hickle (1841-1927), who served in Company E, 32nd Iowa Infantry (middle left); David V. Hickle (1848-1907) (lower left); Alfred Hickle (1845-193), who served as a private in Company G, 8th Regiment of Iowa Cavalry (above).

County, Ohio. They had six children: David C. Vandermark (born 1842 in Ross County, Ohio), Elenor A. Vandermark (born 1844 in Ross County, Ohio), Alfred Vandermark (born October 7, 1847, in Ross County, Ohio), Josephus Vandermark (born May 1850 in Ross County, Ohio), Mary C. Vandermark (born 1852 in Ross County, Ohio), and Anna Vandermark (born 1853 in Ross County, Ohio).

Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; born 1817 in Ross County, Ohio; died November 23, 1865) married Mary A. Rayburn (born about 1822 in Ohio; died March 2, 1857) on October 10, 1841, in Ross County, Ohio. They had eight children: Matilda J. Van Gundy (born 1841 in Ohio; died August 10, 1895; married Mr. Phillips about 1859), Caroline Van Gundy (born about 1843 in Ohio; died June 3, 1901), Melissa Van Gundy (born 1846 in Ohio; died September 2, 1921, in Chillicothe, Ross, Ohio; married Daniel Friend before 1874), Sarah "Sallie" Gordo Van Gundy (born November 27, 1848, in Ross County, Ohio; died May 12, 1935; married John Steltz and second, Charles E. Porter), John Van Gundy (born in February 1850 in Ohio), Laura Van Gundy (born December 10, 1852; died January 20, 1922; married Robert I. Goodman in June 1901 in Newport, Campbell County, Kentucky), Mary Van Gundy (born about 1854; died December 5, 1915; married Mr. Nyland), and Chester B. Van Gundy (born 1855 in Ohio).

"Henry served in the Mexican War and was in the Battle of Cerro Gordo. He must have

liked the sound of that place so much that when his next child was born she was named after it. Henry was listed as a cooper in the 1850 Census, where he lived in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio. In 1860, having lost his wife, he farmed out his children to friends and relatives to care for them.

Above: Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) fought at Cerro Gordo, where U.S. troops out-flanked and drove a larger Mexican Army from a strong defensive position on April 18, 1847. Right: Monument of David Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1821-1873), his wife, Sarah Ann Burke Van Gundy (1828-1893), and two of their children: Wesley J. Van Gundy (1850-1860), and Laura B. Van Gundy (1864-1881), in Old Lowell Town Cemetery in Clarksville, Iowa.

He was 41 years old and lived alone with Joshua Lee, 46, for company. Both men were day laborers without any property. Early in the Civil War, he enlisted July 17, 1861, in Company A, 27th Regiment Ohio Volunteers. Henry was discharged on December 31, 1863, at Prospect, Tennessee. He re-enlisted on January 1, 1864, as a private again in Company A, 27th Regiment and was discharged July 11, 1865. He was in the Siege of Savannah, Georgia. The cause of his early death is not stated."

Hester Van Gundy (3rd Great-Grandaunt; born July 7, 1820, in Ross County, Ohio; died June 26, 1910, in Butler County, Iowa) married John W. Hickle (born August 24, 1812, in Ross County, Ohio; died December 16, 1894) on October 14, 1840, in Ross County, Ohio. They had ten children: Jacob Harrison Hickle (born October 8, 1841, in Ross County, Ohio; died 1927; buried in Lowell Town Cemetery in Clarksville, Iowa; served in Company E, 32nd Iowa Infantry), William H. Hickle (born December 19, 1842, in Ross County, Ohio), Mary Catherine Hickle (born June 3, 1844, in Ohio or Illinois; died July 15, 1845, in Ross County, Ohio), Alfred John Hickle (born March 20, 1846, in Mclean County, Illinois; died January 18, 1933; buried in Lowell Town Cemetery in Clarksville, Iowa;), David Hickle (born March 9, 1848, in McLean County, Illinois), Maria Jane Hickle (born March 14, 1850, in McLean County, Illinois; died before May 1956), Joseph Morrison Hickle (born January 2, 1853, in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois; died before May 1856), James Warren Hickle (born December 2, 1854, in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois), Eliza Ann Hickle (born April 2, 1857,

in Butler County, Iowa; died 1939; buried in Lowell Town Cemetery in Clarksville, Iowa), and Charles Clifton Hickle (born September 28, 1859, in Butler County, Iowa).

Above and left: The Hans Herr (1639-1725) house, built by his son, Christian Herr, in 1719 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. It is "the oldest Pennsylvania German settlement still in existence today" (May 2014). Hans was a Mennonite, who immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1710 to escape persecution in Germany. Peter Van Gundy (7th Great-Grandfather; about 1712-1758) was also a Mennonite who settled in Lancaster County.

Alfred John Hickle (son of Hester Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Grandaunt, and John W. Hickle) enlisted in Company G, 8th Iowa Cavalry, on July 6, 1863, from his residence in Clarksville, Iowa, and was discharged on August 13, 1865, at Macon, Bibb County, Georgia.

On May 15, 1870, he married Ann Jane McClintock Hickle (born April 21, 1853; died

June 9, 1937). They had two children: Alvin D. Hickle (born February 18, 1872; died 1952), and Florence Mable Wooldridge (born June 26, 1879; died 1922).

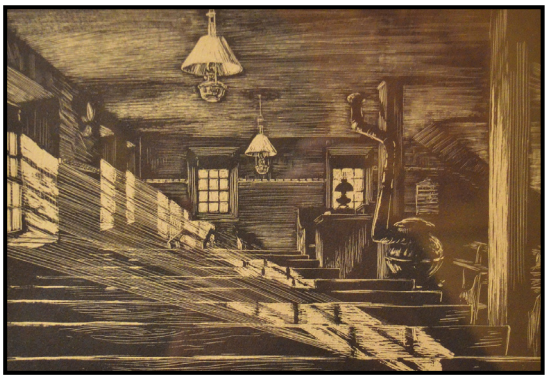
About 1858, **David Van Gundy** (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1821-1873) moved from Ohio to

Above: The Hans Herr house; still a handsome home 295 years after it was built in 1719. Middle right: Lancaster County has one of the highest concentrations of covered bridges in America; this one is near the Herr house. Right: Amish boys at school during recess; May 2014.

Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa. His older sister, Hester Van Gundy Hickle (1820-1910), had moved to Clarksville with her husband, John Hickle, in May 1856. Hester and John were both born in Ross County, Ohio, and had moved to Illinois before settling in Iowa.

David and his wife, Sarah Ann Burke Van Gundy (1828-1893), are both buried in Old Lowell Town Cemetery in Clarksville, Iowa. This cemetery is located on land once owned by David's brother-in-law, John Hickle. Two of their children are also buried with them: Wesley J. Van Gundy (1850-1860) and Laura B. Van Gundy (1864-1881). All four share a common monument. As mentioned earlier in this history, David's sister, Hester Van Gundy Hickle, is also buried here with her husband, John Hickle (1812-1894). The

original barn on the Hickle farm could still be seen from the cemetery in 2012. David Van Gundy's residence was located nearby.



Above: Amish children at school in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; May 2014. Top right: A woman being burned at the stake for her Mennonite beliefs in Switzerland/Germany. Right: Interior of a Mennonite meetinghouse; etching by Florence Starr Taylor, in Mennonite Museum.

David and Sarah had eight children: Wesley J. Van Gundy (born 1850 in Ohio; died 1860 in Butler County, Iowa), Almeda J. Van Gundy (born 1852 in Ohio), Hester A. Van Gundy (born 1855 in Ohio), Sarah Elizabeth Van Gundy (born 1858 in Butler County, Iowa), Emma Van Gundy (born 1862 in Butler County, Iowa), Laura B. Van Gundy (born February 2, 1864 in Butler County, Iowa; died July 22, 1881, in Butler County, Iowa; buried in Lowell Town Cemetery in Clarksville, Iowa), Minnie M. Van Gundy (born 1866 in Butler County, Iowa), and David E. Van Gundy (born October 1869 in Butler County, Iowa).

"In the 1850 Census, David Van Gundy of Kingston, Green Township, Ross County, Ohio, was listed as a 28 year old grocer with real estate worth $200. In 1860 he was living in Butler Township in Butler County, Iowa, 'just down the road from David's sister, Hester and her husband John Hickle.' In that year he was a 38 year old farmer with property values at $1,000. In 1870 he was still living in Butler Township and 'farming seems to have been profitable for him.' He was 48 with property worth $6,330 and personal assets of $2,230. 'William Burke, probably Sarah's brother, was living with them as a farm laborer and down the road was the James Burke family as well as Hester's relative, Reason Hickle.'"

(Most of the above information came from *Van Gundy Family Tree*, recorded September 2012, Internet. Most of the following new history came from *Ancestry.com* and *Find a Grave*.)

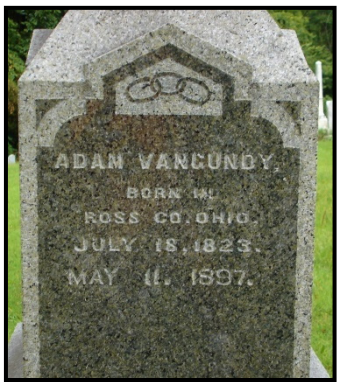
John Van Gundy, Son of Peter Van Gundy, Fifth Great-Granduncle

John Van Gundy (1767-1863; son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) married

Anna Maria Davis (1772-1854) in 1789 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and had eleven children: Michael Van Gundy (born 1791), John Van Gundy (1793-1874), Christopher Van Gundy (born 1796), Barbara Van Gundy (born 1799), Margaret Van Gundy (1802-1854), Peter Van Gundy (1800-1874), Catherine Van Gundy (1802-1854), David Van Gundy (1805-1874), Sarah Van Gundy (1808-1885), Mary Ann Van Gundy (1809-1879), Margaret Van Gundy (1814-1882).

He married second Margaret Sidenbender (born 1783 in Ross County, Ohio; daughter of George Sidenbender, and Suzanne Brendel; Margaret is a 3rd Great-Grandaunt on Sidenbender side of family) on February 11, 1820, in Ross County, Ohio, and had one child: Adam Van Gundy (1823-1897).

Adam Van Gundy, Grandson of Peter Van Gundy, Fifth Great-Granduncle



Top: Adam Van Gundy (1823-1897; son of John Van Gundy, son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) in 1860s (left) and in 1880s (right). Above and right: Monument of Adam Van Gundy shared with his two wives, Barbara and Elizabeth, and two infant children: Albert (born August 13, 1849; died October 3, 1849), and William (born February 18, 1847; died March 1, 1847), in Rockfield Cemetery in Rockfield, Indiana.

Adam Van Gundy (1823-1897; son of John Van Gundy, son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle, and Margaret Sidenbender [born 1785 in Ross County, Ohio], 3rd Great-Grandaunt) was born July 18, 1823, in Ross County,

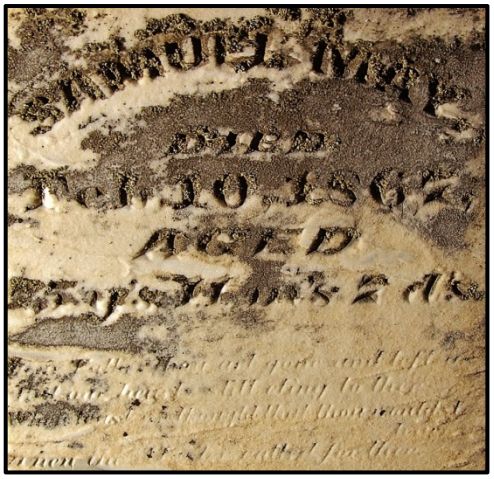
Ohio, and died May 11, 1897, in Carroll County, Indiana. He married Elizabeth (surname unknown; born January 13, 1823, in Indiana; died October 3, 1849) and had three

Above: Painting of the home of Adam Van Gundy (1823-1897). His home, which was shown earlier in this history, is evidence that he was prosperous; it is no longer standing. Left: Barbara Holman Van Gundy (1811-1877), second wife of Adam Van Gundy, with her daughter, Julia Van Gundy (born 1856) about 1868 in Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana.

children: **Willard Van Gundy** (born 1845, in Carroll County, Indiana; died October 28, 1930, in Indianapolis, Indiana; married Anna M. Groninger, [born August 2, 1849, in Rock Creek, Carroll, Indiana; died October 26, 1878, in Indiana; daughter of George W. Groninger, 1814-1869, and Margaret Silvers Martin, 1820-1902] on September 5, 1872, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had two children: Unknown, born 1872, and Nellie Van Gundy [born February 18, 1873, in Carroll County, Indiana; died May 13, 1906, in Logansport, Indiana; married Dr. Fred Emerson Roberts, 1872-1942, on February 8, 1892, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had four children: Hulda Marie Roberts, 1892-1892; Lura Maude Roberts {born March 27, 1893, in Albion, Edward, Illinois; died August 28, 1990, in Rockfield, Carroll, Indiana; married Jesse Yocum Been, 1889-1970, on October 27, 1909, and had six children: Unknown, Nellie Bernice Been, 1910-2012; Pauline Roberts Been, 1910-2002; Erma Rosalyn Been, 1913-1985; Eva Joan Been, 1919-2004, and Margaret Ann Been, born 1923} Carroll Castle Roberts, 1895-1956, and Pauline Annette Roberts, 1897-1994]; Willard married second, Sarah "Sadie" Emerick [born 1858] in 1879), **William A. Van Gundy** (born February 18, 1847; died March 1, 1847), and **Albert Van Gundy** (born August 13, 1849; died October 3, 1849). Adam married second, Barbara Holman (born 1811 in Ross County, Ohio; died May 8, 1877, in Carroll County, Indiana; daughter of Stephen Holman, 1774-1815, and Anna Betzer, 1778-1820), on November 10, 1850, in Carroll County, Indiana, and had two children: **Nelson W. Van Gundy** (born January 17, 1853, in Carroll County, Indiana; died September 23, 1894, in Carroll County, Indiana) and **Julia Van Gundy** (born June 28, 1856, in Carroll County, Indiana; died 1880).

Barbara Holman married first, Christopher May (1805-1850), and had five children:

Philip May (1831-1867; married Sarah Jane Sidenbender [born 1840 in Chillicothe, Ohio; died December 12, 1914, in Decatur, Illinois; daughter of George Sidenbender Jr., 1798-1839, and Ellen Lewis, 1807-1903] on September 3, 1854, and had five children: Charles May, 1857-1934; Barbara Ellen May, 1858-1932; Frank May, 1859-1870, Ida May, 1862-1946, and Laura Belle May, 1867-1945), David C. May (1832-1911), Elizabeth A. May (1835-1850), William M. May (1840-1925), and Mary Ellen May (1842-1922). After Christopher died in 1850 she married Adam Van Gundy (above), who was 12 years younger than her.



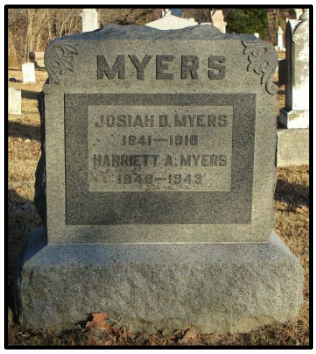
Right: Monuments of Anna May (1798-1822) and her brother, Samuel May (1791-1867) (children of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt), in Ross County, Ohio.

Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, Fourth Great-Grandaunt

Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy (1773-1841; 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born September 21, 1773, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and died September 23, 1841, in Ross County, Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery in Kingston, Ross, Ohio. She married George May Jr. (born October 31, 1760, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died December 19, 1849, in Salem, Ross County, Ohio; son of Johann George May, 1735-1798, and Catherine DeWald, 1736-1798) in 1790 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and had 11 children: Samuel May (1791-1867), John May (1792-1862), Jacob May (1796-1823), Anna May (1798-1822), Mary "Polly" May (1802-1868), George May III (1803-1857), Barbara May (1803-1876), Christopher May (1805-1850), Dr. Francis May (1807-1886), Sarah May (1810-1884), and Elizabeth May (1817-1859).

Samuel May (1791-1867; son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born on March 3, 1791, and died on February 10, 1867, in Ross County, Ohio. He married Charity Long (1799-1888) on September 1, 1824, probably in Ohio, and had 11 children: **Mary Ann May** (born June 19, 1825, in Ohio; died July 16, 1910, in Kingston, Ross, Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery in Kingston, Ross County, Ohio), **Jacob May** (born in October 1826; died in July 1927 in Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery), **William May** (born October 10, 1827; died March 27, 1901, in Kingston, Ross, Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery), **Michael May** (born in September 1830 in Ross County, Ohio; died November 24, 1862, in Ross County, Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery), **Sarah May** (born 1832), **Maria May** (born in

January 1833; died in September 1833 in Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery), **Amanda May** (born 1834), **Simon May** (born in 1836 in Ross County, Ohio; died

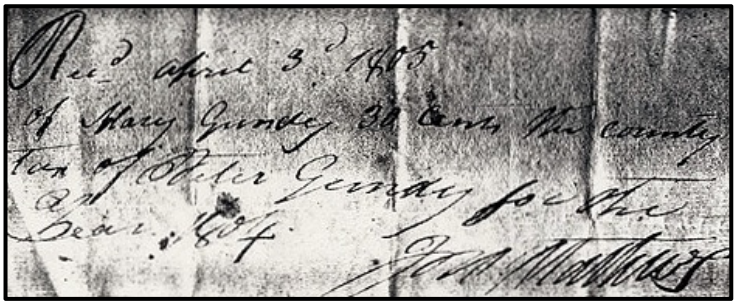


January 20, 1863, in Ross County, Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery; married Annie May, died 1865), **Reuben May** (born November 30, 1838, in Ohio; died December 8, 1910, in Pickaway County, Ohio; buried in Salem

Top right: Gravestones of David Van Gundy (1805-1880; son of John Van Gundy, son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) and his son, Nelson Van Gundy, in Concord Methodist Cemetery in Londonderry, Ross, Ohio. Above: Monuments of Sarah Van Gundy Myers (1808-1885; sister of David Van Gundy) and her husband, William Myers (1812-1901), in Centennial Cemetery in Yeddo, Fountain, Indiana. Top left: Monuments of Sarah's sons, Calvin N. Meyers (1837-1913; served for 3 years in Co. D, 63rd Indiana Infantry during Civil War), Josiah Meyers (1841-1910), and their wives, Elizabeth Marshall Myers (1839-1902), and Harriett Alward Meyers (1848-1943). Left: Monument of Maria Myers Lewis (1836-1886; daughter of Sarah Van Gundy Meyers) in Mount Hope Cemetery in Covington, Indiana.

White Church Cemetery; married Eliza Jane Pontious, 1843-1913), **Caroline May** (born August 1, 1840, in Ross County, Ohio; died August 17, 1840, in Ross County, Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery), and **Martha E. May** (born November 12, 1843, in Ohio; died November

14, 1916, in Ross County, Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery; married George F. Hassenpflug [1835-1917] and had at least two children: Sarah B.

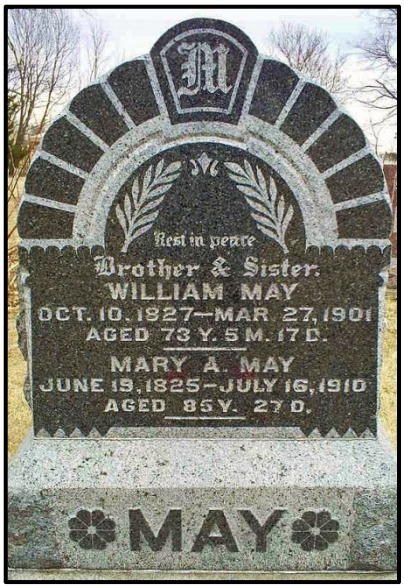


Above: Receipt dated April 3, 1805, for Ross County tax paid in 1804 by Mary Gundy (1768-1840) for her father, Peter Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1746-1812). Mary (Magdalena) Van Gundy later married Jacob Foy. Left: Gravestone of John May (1792-1862; son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt). Lower left: Monument of George May (1803-1867; brother of John May) in Rob Roy Cemetery (bottom), Fountain County, Indiana, and his photograph.

Hassenpflug, 1862-1910, and Freddie Hassenpflug, 1873-1882).

John May (1792-1862; son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born on September 18, 1792, in Pennsylvania and died on December 9, 1862, in Marshall, Clark, Illinois; buried in Marshall Cemetery in Marshall, Clark, Illinois. He married Mary Woosley (born May 26, 1797; died March 24, 1857; buried in Marshall Cemetery in Marshall, Clark County, Illinois) on June 10, 1819, in Ross County, Ohio, and had nine children: **Elizabeth Ann May** (1820-1882; see below), **Eliza Jane May** (born 1822; died July 24, 1875; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery in Kingston, Ross, Ohio; married Andrew Senff [1819-1893] and had nine children: Mary J. Senff, 1847-1928; Minerva Senff, 1848-1917; Samira A. Senff, 1850-1913; Addison L. Senff, 1852-1917; Loretta J. Senff, 1853-1936; Flora A. Senff, 1856-1885; Alva Monroe Senff, 1858-1953; John William Senff, 1859-1883, and Mildred M. Senff, 1863-1928), **Mary May** (born February 1824 in Ross County, Ohio; died July 24, 1875, in Ross County, Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery in Kingston, Ross, Ohio; married Jonathan Heffner[born about 1821 in Ohio; died April 16, 1849, in Ross County, Ohio; buried in Salem White Church Cemetery; has monument] on July 22, 1845, in Ross County, Ohio, and had son: Jacob A. Heffner, born 1847 in Ross County, Ohio),

Sarah Elizabeth May (born April 17, 1828, in Ross County, Ohio; died December 9, 1887, in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois; buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur, Illinois; married Emmanuel Glatfelter [1824-1901] on November 11, 1849, in Ross County, Ohio, and had two children: Isabelle M. Clatfelter [born 1854] and Marie I. Clatfelter, born 1856), **Pheraby** or **Ferby May** (1830-1890; see below), **John May Jr.** (born 1832 in Greenland, Ross County, Ohio, and died December 22, 1864, in Pine Bluff, Jefferson, Arkansas; married Martha Jane Archer, born 1837. John enlisted as a private in Company C, 62nd Illinois Infantry Regiment on December 31, 1863, and died in service of "remittent fever" at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on December 22, 1864), **William Lewis May** (1836-1896; see below), **Isabel Jane May** (1837-1913; see below), and **Miss May** (born 1838 in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio; died as infant).



Top left: Monument of William May (1827-1901) and Mary A. May (1825-1910). Left: Monument of Reuben May (1838-1910) and his wife, Eliza J. Pontious (1843-1913). Top right: Gravestone of Michael May (1830-1862). Below: Monument of Martha E. May Hassenpflug (1843-1916), her husband, George F. Hassenpflug, and children: Freddie and Sarah Hassenpflug. William, Mary, Reuben, Michael, and Martha May, all children of Samuel May (son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt), are buried in Salem White Church Cemetery in Kingston, Ross, Ohio.

Elizabeth Ann May (1820-1882; daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born June 26, 1820, in Ross County, Ohio, and died May 16, 1882, in Ross County, Ohio; buried in Bethel Cemetery in Salem, Ross, Ohio. She married Alfred McCartney (1815-1900) on April 23, 1837, in Ross County, Ohio, and had 15 children: Mary Louisa McCartney (1838-1895), Robert Shannon McCartney (1840-1887), Alfred McCartney (1842-1845), Nancy Jane McCartney (1843-1845), John William McCartney (1845-1848), Joseph Thomas McCartney (1847-1926), Joel Rinehart McCartney (1849-1929), Ann Eliza McCartney (1852-1861), Sarah Isabella McCartney (1853-1911), George Alexander McCartney (1855-1942), Charles Willard McCartney (1855-1942),

Pherubay Elizabeth McCartney (1859-1926), Martha Catherine McCartney (1861-1949), Reuben Elsworth McCartney (1864-1956), and Lewis May McCartney (1866-1947).

Ferby (Pheraby) May (1830-1890; daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born April 9, 1830, in Greene County, Ohio, and died October 16, 1890, in Ellsworth, McLean County, Illinois. She married Allen Dunlap (1832-1900) and had ten children: John Porter Dunlap (1853-1923), Norman Dunlap (1854-1874), Mary Eva Dunlap (1858-1901), William Allen Dunlap (1860-1940), Albert Kilgore Dunlap (1862-1943), Della Dunlap (1865-1955), Florence Alice Dunlap (1868-1957), Kate Dunlap (1871-1893), Charles Edgar Dunlap (1873-1874), and Iva Bette Dunlap (1875-1911).

Obituary of Ferba May Dunlap: "Ferba May Dunlap died October 16, 1890, at her home in Ellsworth from consumption and other diseases connected with it. She was the daughter of John May and was born April 9, 1830, in Kinnikinnick, Green County, Ohio, where she married Allen Dunlap September 12, 1852. She was familiarly known to everybody in Pada Township and was honored by all. The Angel of Peace came and relieved her sufferings and she died with a smile on her lips. Her last words were, 'I am almost to the happy land.' She was longing for the time to come when she might attend church, for she was a devout Christian. She died in the triumph of faith of enjoying the life that is beyond the grave and is now wearing the crown of her Savior. The first to greet her as she entered through the pearly gates were two children who died long years before. She was the mother of ten children, eight of whom survive her, five daughters and three sons. The sympathy of the public is extended to the husband and the bereaved family. The funeral

Top right: Elizabeth Ann May (1820-1882; daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Granduncle) and her monument (far right) in Bethel Cemetery in Salem, Ross, Ohio. Right: Monument of Eliza Jane May Senff (1817-1875; sister of Elizabeth Ann May) and her husband, Andrew Senff (1819-1893), in Salem White Church Cemetery in Kingston, Ross, Ohio.

was conducted by Rev. Owens of Arrowsmith, and the body was laid to rest in the Frankenberg Cemetery."

Top left: Ferby May (1830-1890; daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Granduncle). Left: Monument of Ferby May, her husband, Allen Dunlap (1822-1900), and three of their children: Norman (1854-1874), Charles (1873-1874), and Kate Dunlap (1871-1893) in Frankenberg Cemetery in McLean County, Illinois. Above: Five daughters of Ferba May Dunlap; back row: Iva Dunlap (born July 26, 1875; died 1911), Kate Dunlap (born December 29, 1871; died 1893); front row: Alice Dunlap (born July 3, 1868; died 1957), Della May Dunlap (born May 5, 1865; died 1955), and Eva Dunlap (born May 3, 1858; died 1901). All of the girls were born in McLean County, Illinois, except Eva, who was born in Ross County, Ohio.

Isabel Jane May (1837-19 13; daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born April 2, 1837, in Ross County, Ohio, and died March 26, 1913, in Chanute, Neosho County, Kansas; buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Chanute, Neosho County, Kansas. She married Henry Clatfelter (born October 23, 1827, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; died December 11, 1901, in Earlton, Neosho County, Kansas; buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Chanute, Kansas) in February 1853 in Ross County, Ohio, and had six children: Mary L. Clatfelter (born 1857), Susannah E. Clatfelter (1859-1880), Almira Jane Clatfelter (1861-1925), Frank C. Clatfelter (1866-1937), Bert Elmer Clatfelter (born 1879), and Harry Clatfelter (about 1883-1963).

Mary Louisa McCartney (1838-1895; daughter of Elizabeth Ann May, daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great- Grandaunt) was born in 1838 in Ohio and died July 27, 1895, in Fairfield County, Ohio. She married Josiah Feicht

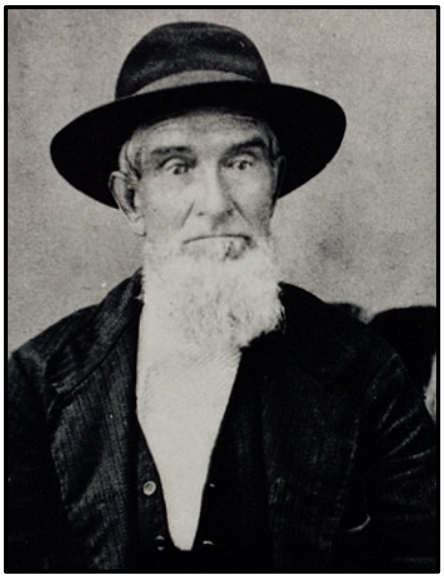
(born May 1841 in Pennsylvania; died April 4, 1921, in Van Wert County, Ohio; son of Henry Feicht, 1810-1889, and Catherine, 1809-1886) on October 2, 1864, in Ohio and

Above: William Lewis May (1836-1896; son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt), and his wife, Lovina Kildow (1833-1900). Right: Monument of William Lewis May in Piedmont Cemetery in Piedmont, Greenwood County, Kansas. Lower right: Gravestone of Jonathan Heffner (1821-1849; husband of Mary May, daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) in Salem White Church Cemetery in Kingston, Ross, Ohio.

had five children: Anna J. Feicht (1865-1917), Martha Feicht (1866/1867-1917), Lottie Belle Feicht (born 1870 in Ohio; died October 14, 1966; buried in Woodland Cemetery in Van Wert County, Ohio; married Samuel E. Bell [born 1866] in 1889 in Ohio and had 10 children, 9 listed: Lester Bell [1889-1968], Lulu Inez Bell [1891-1952], Josie Mabel Bell [1894-1903], Alma Marie Bell [1896-1898], Gladys Bell, [1899-1984], Richard Bell [1903-1962], Wilbert Bell [1905-1986], Goldie Bell [1907-1988], and La-Doyt Bell, 1910-1982), Henry A. Feicht (1872-1923), and John W. Feicht (born 1875).

William Lewis May (1836-1896; son of John May Sr., son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born on March 8, 1836, in Ross County, Ohio, and died on November 25, 1896, in Piedmont, Greenwood, Kansas; buried in Piedmont Cemetery in Piedmont, Kansas. He married Lovina Kildow (born June 20, 1833, in Guernsey County, Ohio; died September 11, 1900; buried in Winn View Cemetery, in Hitchcock, Oklahoma; daughter of George W. Kildow and Rachel Clatfelter) on May 29, 1856, in Clark County, Illinois, and had eight children: **Flora May** (1858-1911; see below), **Dora Emma May** (1861-1926; see below), **William Crawford May** (1865-1905; see below), **Elizabeth Ada May** (1863-1933; see below), **Charles Lynn May** (1868-1919; see below), **Samuel Grant May** (1871-1948; married Nora E. Thrasher, 1873-1963), **Lula Belle May** (1872-1960; see below), and **Mattie Clara May** (1874-1957; see below).

Flora May (1858-1911; daughter of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born September 22, 1858, in Marshall, Highland County, Ohio, and died February 23, 1911, in Thomas, Custer County, Oklahoma; buried in Winn View Cemetery in Blaine County, Oklahoma, with her husband. She married George W. Wellman (born May 11, 1855, in Paris, Edgar County, Illinois; died February 15, 1933, in Thomas, Custer, Oklahoma) and had four children: 3 unknown daughters and a son: Charles O. Wellman.



Flora May's obituary: "Mrs. Flora S. Wellman died Thursday morning February 23 at the home of her son, Charles O. Wellman, who resides east of Thomas, Oklahoma. Short funeral services were held by Rev. Rushing, Thursday afternoon, which was attended by a large crowd of mourning friends and relatives. The body was taken to Hitchcock, Friday for the burial. Mrs. Wellman was born in Marshall, Illinois, and was fifty-two years age at the time of her death. She leaves a husband, son and sister and a large circle of friends." The obituary of Flora's husband,

Top left: Alfred McCartney (1815-1882), husband of Elizabeth Ann May (1820-1890; daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and his daughter, Mary Louisa McCartney (1838-1895; above left). Above right: Josiah Feich (1841-1921), husband of Mary Louisa McCartney, and their grandson, Lester Bell.

George, states that "he came to Oklahoma territory 33 years ago (1900) and was truly a pioneer. He was the father of four children, three daughters and one son, Charles O. Wellman. The daughters preceded him to the great beyond. His wife died about 22 years ago."

Dora Emma May (1861-1926; daughter of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born November 5, 1861, in Marshall, Clark County, Illinois, and died September 13, 1926, in Hitchcock, Blaine

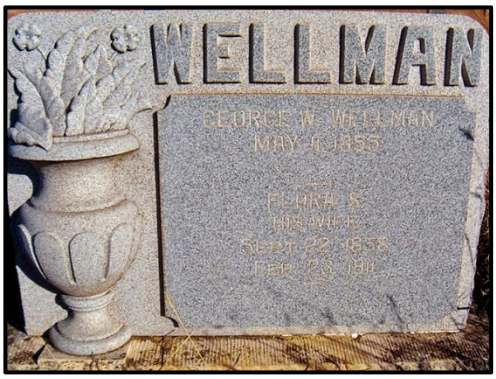
County, Oklahoma; buried in Watonga IOOF Cemetery in Watonga, Blaine, Oklahoma. She married Thomas Jefferson Grogan (born February 25, 1857, in Straitsville, Perry County, Ohio; died May 15, 1889, in Pana, Christian County, Illinois; an account of his death reads: "Thomas J. Grogan was killed in a coal mine accident by a barrel striking him on the head and face, killing him instantly. Springside Coal Mining Company owned the mine in Pana, Illinois where the accident occurred. He was entombed in the coal mine.") and had two children: Mabel C. Grogan (1885-1984) and Thomas Morris Grogan (1887-1976).

Above: Lottie Belle Feicht (1870-1966; daughter of Mary Louisa McCartney, daughter of Elizabeth Ann May, daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt), with her husband, Samuel E. Bell (1865-1945), and their first four children (two died young): Samuel holding Alma Marie Bell (1896-1898), Inez Bell (1891-1952), Josie Mabel Bell (1894-1903), and Lester Leroy Bell (1889-1968) in 1897. Below: John Feicht (seated; born 1875; brother of Lottie Feicht, above) with Lester Albey, about 1895 in Van Wert, Ohio.

After her husband' death, Dora married second, James C. Thompson (born 1856 in Ohio; died July 19, 1913, in Bartlesville, Washington, Oklahoma; his obituary reads: "James Thompson dropped dead at this home on Seneca Avenue this morning while he was dressing. He suffered a sudden attack of the heart trouble and died before medical aid could reach him. Mr. Thompson had suffered a few light attacks of the heart at previous times, but had not been very well the last few days. He was enjoying good health last night, and had not complained of any ill heath on arising this morning. Mrs. Thompson had left her husband only a moment to prepare a cup of coffee for him when she heard him groan in the next room. She hastened to his side to find that life had gone. Mr. Thompson was about 57 years of age and had resided in Bartlesville for several years. At the time of his death he was employed as manager for the Carey Commission Company and previously had been employed as head man for W. Wolcott, grocer for several years. He had many close friends in Bartlesville."

Dora's obituary: "Dora E. May was born November 5th 1860, at Marshall, Clark County, Illinois. While yet a child she moved with her parents to Redman, Edgar County, Illinois,

where she was married on October 23, 1884, to Thomas Jefferson Grogan. Two children were born to this union: Thomas Morris Grogan and Mabel Grogan Ortner. In 1889 her



husband was killed in a coal mine accident in Pana, Illinois. In 1898 she was married to James C. Thompson. In 1901 she moved with her husband and two children to Hitchcock, Oklahoma, and in 1905 to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where Mr. Thompson died in 1918. After that time Mrs. Thompson made her home with her children and families in Hitchcock, where she died September 12, 1926, at the age of 65 years,

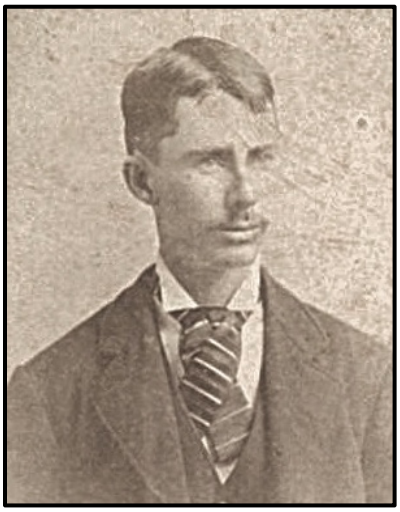
Top left: Flora S. May Wellman (1858-1911), her husband, George W. Wellman (1855-1933; above right), and their monument in Winn View Cemetery, in Baine County, Oklahoma (above left). Top middle: Gravestone of Mary Woolsey May (1797-1857; wife of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) in Marshall Cemetery in Marshall, Clark County, Illinois. Top right: Monument of Henry Clatfelter, husband of Isabel Jane May, daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt), in Elmwood Cemetery in Chanute, Neosho County, Kansas.

10 months and six days. Mrs. Thompson was endeared to all who knew her by her kind and cheerful personality. She was a consistent Christian, a member of the M. E. Church and Sunday school until so weakened by illness that she could labor no longer. Death came as a longed for relief from suffering."

William Crawford May (1865-1905; son of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born October 20, 1865, in Marshall, Clark County, Illinois; died June 29, 1905, in Hitchcock, Blaine County, Oklahoma; buried in Winn View Cemetery in Blaine County, Oklahoma; never married.

William's obituary in the *Hitchcock Clarion*, July 5, 1905: "William Crawford May

departed this life at the home of his sister, Mrs. Dora Thompson, in this city June 29, 1905, aged 39 years, 8 months and 9 days, leaving two brothers and five sisters, with a host of friends to mourn his demise. Mr. May was a sufferer for 19 years, bearing his affliction with great fortitude. He had only been confined to his bed about two months with typhoid fever, which was the immediate cause of his death. The deceased was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F. Lodges, the former order from Okeene and the latter of this city."



Top: Dora Emma May Grogan Thompson (1861-1926; daughter of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and her first husband, Thomas Jefferson Grogan (1857-1889), who died in a mining accident. Right: Dora May (1861-1926) with her daughter, Mabel C. Grogan (1885-1984), and son, Thomas Morris Grogan (1887-1976). Above: Dora's grave marker in Watonga IOOF Cemetery in Watonga, Blaine, Oklahoma.

Elizabeth Ada May (1863-1933; daughter of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born November 28, 1863, in Clark County, Illinois, and died September 19, 1933 in Watonga, Blaine, Oklahoma; buried in Watonga IOOF Cemetery in Watonga, Oklahoma. She married Henry Wager Crail (1862-1922) and adopted three children: Clarence Renaldo Crail (1899-1969), Claude Cleveland Crail (1899-1972), and Ivy Crail.

Elizabeth's obituary: "Elizabeth A. May, the daughter of William Lewis and Lovina May was born in Clark County, Illinois, on November 28, 1863, and died Tuesday evening about seven o'clock, September 19, 1933, at age of 69 years, 10 months and 21 days. In 1884 she moved with her sisters and brother to Climax, Kansas. On August 19, 1884, she was united in marriage to Henry W. Crail. Soon after they moved to Oklahoma and settled on a claim near Hitchcock. To this union no children were born, but being a lover

of children and anxious to serve God they adopted two brothers and a sister. Yet, feeling that she had not done her part, she has for the past three years been a devoted mother to little Pauline, a niece of the adopted children. Early in life she became a devoted Christian and was a faithful active member of the Methodist Church in Watonga at the time of her death. Her beloved husband preceded her in death February 19, 1922."

Left: Elizabeth Ada May (1863-1933: daughter of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and the grave markers of Elizabeth and her husband, Henry Wager Crail (1862-1922) in Watonga IOOF Cemetery in Watonga, Blaine, Oklahoma.

Obituary of Henry Wager Crail (1862-1922): "On Sunday evening about nine o'clock the rim monster death entered one of the best homes in Watonga and claimed for its own one of Blaine County's finest Christian men, Henry Wager Crail, a man that has long been recognized as a leading citizen of this county. Henry Wager Crail, the son of Rev. and Mrs. George B. Crail, a Methodist minister was born in Clark County, Missouri, on June 30, 1862. While but a boy he moved with his parents to Kansas where he grew to manhood. On August19, 1884, at Climax, Kansas he was married to Miss Elizabeth May who has been his faithful companion ever since. There were no children born to this happy couple but both being such a nature as to love children and wanting to do their part to rear some good children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, they adopted two brothers, twins, and their little sister. The two young men, Claude and Clarence and the young lady, Miss Ivy K., have always shown such love and kindness to their foster parents that anyone could see this was an ideal home. He leaves his good faithful wife, who has always been so kind and patient with him in all his sickness…"

Charles Lynn May (1868-1919; son of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born January 30, 1868, in Clark County, Illinois, and died January 2, 1919, in Hitchcock, Blaine County, Oklahoma; buried in Winn View Cemetery in Blaine County, Oklahoma. He married Clara Belle Gass (1871-1927) and had six children: Ivan William May (1889-1945), Cessna Edgar May (1894-1927), Jesse Lynn May (1895-1948), Guy Hobart May (1897-1951), Siegel R. May, Opal May (1901-1949), and Charles Theodore May (1904-1938).

Obituary of Charles Lynn May (1868-1919): "Charles Lynn May was born in Clark County, Illinois, January 30th, 1868, died at his home in Hitchcock, Oklahoma, January 2, 1919, at the age of 50 years, 11 months and 2 days. He was united in marriage to Clara Belle Gass on May 20th, 1888, at Eureka, Kansas, to which union was born six sons: Ivan W. Cessna E., Jesse L., Guy H., Siegel R., and Charles T., and one daughter Opal, all of Hitchcock, Oklahoma, except Guy who is in Camp Dodge, Iowa. Mr. May united with the M. E. Church at the age of 20 years. He was a man of excellent habits, fine moral character and sturdy constitution and continued active in his accustomed pursuits up until a few hours before his death, which came suddenly from a stroke of paralysis. He met most of the conditions and situations of life as a joke, he was a practical matter-of-fact man, but had his own peculiar way of extracting merriment from life, as it went along and he was not disposed to worry about matters that could be bettered in other ways. He was a good neighbor and there was no happier family circle than his. He believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He believed that the man who scatters flowers in the pathway of his fellowmen, who lets into the dark places of life the sunshine of human kindness, is following in the footsteps of his Master. The funeral services were in charge of the Modern Woodsmen of America, were held Tuesday." Written by JoAnn Adams.

Top right: William Crawford May (1865-1905; son of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and his monument (above right) in Winn View Cemetery in Blaine County, Oklahoma. Above left: Monument of Susannah Betzer (1802-1870), wife of Jacob May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) in Pleasant Cemetery in Marion, Marion County, Ohio. Top left: Charles Lynn May (1868-1919; brother of William Crawford May).

Lula Belle May (1872-1960; daughter of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born June 24, 1872, in Marshall, Clark County, Illinois, and died November 17, 1960, in Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma. She married Elbert Harlin Rice (born March 30, 1870, in Appanoose County,

Iowa; died April 6, 1956, in Watonga, Blaine, Oklahoma; son of John Milton Rice, 1844-1929, and Sarah T. Stanton, 1843-1902) and had one child: Roy H. Rice.

Above: Monument of Samuel Grant May (1871-1948; son of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and his wife, Nora Elizabeth Thrasher (1873-1963), in Winn View Cemetery in Blaine County, Oklahoma. Right: Lula B. May Rice (1872-1960; sister of Samuel Grant May). Lower right: The monument of Lula May Rice, and her husband, Elbert Harlin Rice (1870-1956), in Watonga IOOF Cemetery in Watonga, Blaine, Oklahoma. Below: Elbert Harlin Rice, husband of Lula May Rice.

Lula's obituary: "Funeral services for Lula Rice, 88, Watonga, Oklahoma, were held in the First Presbyterian Church Sunday with Rev. Jack Campbell officiating. Internment followed in the IOOF Cemetery. Mrs. Rice was born June 20, 1872, at Marshall, Illinois.

She was married in 1904 to Elbert Rice, area farmer who made the run into Oklahoma and lived east of Watonga until the early 30s moving into Watonga at that time. She was a resident of Watonga until the time of her death. Surviving is one son, Roy H. Rice of Watonga."

Mattie Clara May (1874-1957; daughter of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born December 22, 1874, in Marshall, Clark, Illinois, and died March 23, 1957, in Watonga, Blaine, Oklahoma; buried in Watonga IOOF Cemetery in Watonga, Oklahoma. She married Henry William Driever (born November 23, 1867, in Ohio; died June 4, 1944, in Watonga, Blaine, Oklahoma; obituary: "Henry William Driever was born near Pleasant-

plain, Ohio, November 23, 1867, and departed this life in his home in Watonga, Oklahoma, June 4, 1944, age 76 years, 6 months, and 11 days. At the age of 21 he moved

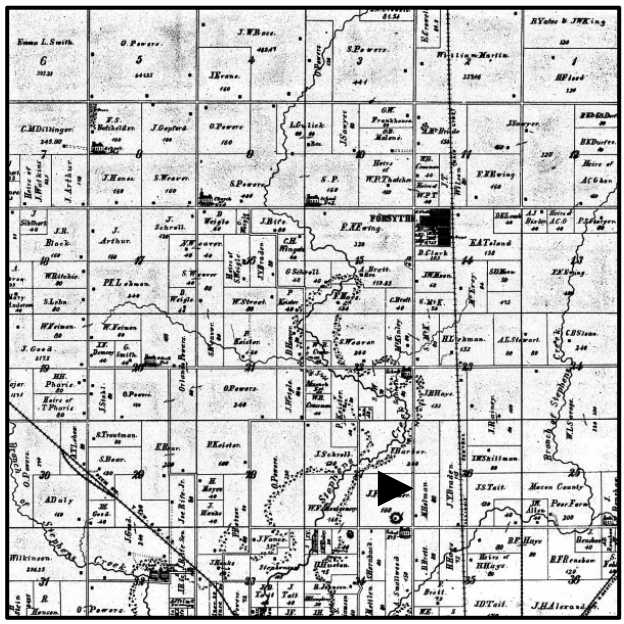
Right: Mattie Clara May Driever (1874-1957; daughter of William Lewis May, son of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, Henry William Driever (1867-1944); their monument (above) in Watonga IOOF Cemetery in Watonga, Blaine, Oklahoma. Lower right: Monument of Barbara May (1803-1876; daughter of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) in Sycamore Wyandot, Ohio.

to Iowa and three years later moved to Oklahoma, settling on a claim near Winn View in the fall of 1892. The homestead was his home until ill health forced him to retire about four years ago. Fifty years ago last Tuesday, June 6, 1894, he was united in marriage to Mattie Clara May. To this union 10 children; 9 of them are still living, the first child having died in infancy. He became a member of the Lutheran Church when a boy, joining the Community Church of Winn View soon after it was organized nearly fifty years ago, the church having been disbanded, he later became a member of the First Methodist Church at Watonga.") and had ten children, nine known: Earnest Ludwig Driever (1896-1976), Ebert William Driever (1898-1970), May Driever (1900-1987), Theron Crawford Driever (1902-1963), Chester Roy Driever (1904-1973), Ruby Driever (1907-2006), Lola E. Driever (1909-2007), Mattie Elizabeth Driever (1911-2004), and Earl Henry Driever (1915-1981).

Mattie's obituary: "Mattie May Driever, 82, died last Saturday in the Watonga Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Methodist Church. Mrs. Driever was born December 22, 1874, at Marshall, Illinois. On June 6, 1894, she was married to Henry W. Driever at Hitchcock. He preceded her in death. She was a member of the Methodist Church and the Royal Neighbors of America. Survivors include Ernest Driever, Coushatta, Louisiana; Elbert Driever, El Monte, California; Theron Driever, Pocatello, Idaho; Chester Driever, Watonga; Earl Driever, Hitchcock; May White, Chickasha; Ruby Bohr, El Monte, California; Lola Kelly, Watonga; Mattie Rageth, Chandler, and 26 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. Interment was in the IOOF Cemetery, Watonga."

Jacob May (1796-1823; son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born September 28, 1796, in Ross County, Ohio, and died October 6, 1823, in Ross County, Ohio; buried in Salem White Chapel Cemetery in Kingston, Ross, Ohio. He

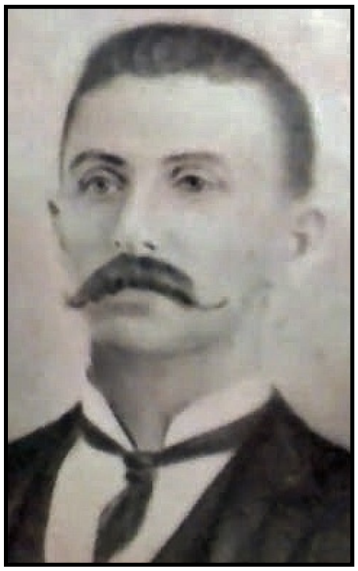
married Susannah Betzer (born 1802; died June 17, 1870, in Marion County, Ohio; after Jacob May died, married second, Henry Bolander, 1803-1867; buried in Pleasant Cemetery in Marion, Marion County, Ohio) on May 18, 1823, in Ross County, Ohio, and had one child: **Ferby May** (1824-1897; see below).



Top left: Ferby May (1824-1897; daughter of Jacob May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, Martin Holman (1820-1886; top right). Left: Monument of Ferby and Martin Holman in Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois. Above: Location of the farm of Martin Holman in Hickory Point Township, three miles north of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois.

Ferby May (1824-1897; daughter of Jacob May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born March 22, 1824, in Ross County, Ohio, and died January 11, 1897, in Caddo Parish, Louisiana; buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois. She married Martin Holman (born March 13, 1820, in Circleville,

Ross, Ohio, died October 22, 1886, in Decatur, Illinois; son of John Holman, 1790-1866, and Anna Christiana Eyestone, 1795-1844; resided in Hickory Point Township, Macon



Top left: Norman Brough Holman (1863-1931; son of Ferby May, daughter of Jacob May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and his wife, Sarah "Sally" Octavia Lawrence (1868-1962; left). Top middle: Sabrina E. Holman (1846-1886; sister of Norman Holman, and her monument (above) in Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois. Top right: Martin Holman (1820-1886), husband of Ferby May.

County Illinois in 1870 and 1880) on March 16, 1843, in Ross County, Ohio, and had 11 children: William Addison Holman (born September 4, 1844, in Circleville, Pickaway, Ohio; died September 25, 1926, in Decatur, Macon, Illinois; married Carrie Ford, 1856-1923, on January 14, 1886, in Decatur, Macon, Illinois), Sabrina Ellen Holman (born 1846; died 1886; buried Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur, Illinois; married Hiram Franklin Dillehunt [born March 1, 1844, in Decatur, Illinois; died December 23, 1922, in Decatur, Illinois; son of Benjamin F. Dillehunt, born 1816, and Martha E. Nesbitt, 1823-1906] on February 15, 1868, in Decatur, Illinois, and had at least six children: Elmer Clayton Dillehunt, 1870-1879; Frank Carlton Dillehunt, born 1872; Virgil H. Dillehunt, born 1881; Leiah B. Dillehunt, born 1883; Salvia Dillehunt, 1886-1922, and Sabrina E. Dillehunt, born 1886), John Albert Holman (born March 26, 1848, in Ross County, Ohio; died November 17, 1928), Jacob Wilson Holman (born July 3, 1849, in Ross County, Ohio; died July 24, 1849, in Ross County, Ohio), Clayton Lee Holman (born January 8, 1854, in Ross County, Ohio; died April 26, 1855, in Ross County, Ohio), David Truman

Holman (born September 19, 1855; died February 7, 1932, in Whitmore, Macon, Illinois; married Dora Bender, 1870-1960, on October 24, 1891, in Decatur, Illinois, and had three known children: Maude Holman, 1892-1960; Florence L. Holman, 1893-1956, and Bessie Holman, 1895-1965), Susan Clara Holman (born July 7, 1857, in Ross County, Ohio; died September 20, 1857, in Ross County, Ohio), Eva J. Holman (born January 24, 1860, in Macon County, Ohio; died Mansfield, DeSoto, Louisiana; married Benjamin F. Samuels, born 1860, on November 13, 1884, in Macon County, Illinois, and had two known children: Benjamin F. Samuels Jr., born 1880, and Harvey Holman Samuels, 1894-1981), Carey Lincoln Holman (born May 28, 1861, in Circleville, Pickaway, Ohio; died February 14, 1943, in Hickory Point, Macon, Illinois; married Mabel T. Toney, 1869-1950, on November 15, 1887, in Decatur, Illinois, and had six children: Norman Elwood Holman, 1889-1890; Grace Marie Holman, 1891-1966; Frank M. Holman, 1893-1893; William Frederick "Fred" Holman [born December 16, 1895, in Moultrie County, Illinois; died December 16, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois; married Catherine Caryl Crisman, 1898-1960, on July 4, 1917, in

Above left: William Addison Holman (1844-1926; son of Ferby May, daughter of Jacob May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt). Above middle: David Truman Holman (1855-1932; brother of William Addison Holman). Right: Norma Holman (1892-1968: daughter of Norman Holman, son of Ferby May). Below: Gravestones of Jacob Wilson Holman (1849-1849) and his brother, Clayton Lee Holman (1854-1855), sons of Ferby May, in Ross County, Ohio.

Illinois and had three children: Reva Winifred Holman, born 1918, and two unknown], Park H. Holman [born November 28, 1898, in La Place, Piatt, Illinois; died in November

TWO LA PLACE WEDDINGS, THURSDAY

Miss Grace Holman is Mrs. Roberts and Miss Mabel Toney Now Mrs. Peck.

Roberts-Holman.

Miss Grace Holman and Marcellus Roberts were married in the home of the bride's parents Thursday at noon by Rev. J. C. Ewing, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of La Place. The bride and groom were unattended and mingled with the guests until time for the ceremony. Promptly at 12 o'clock they entered the parlor and took their place in front of the decorations of pink roses, white hyacinths and narcissus. After the ceremony the couple led the way to the dining room where an excellent three-course dinner was served. The dining room decorations were pink and white carnations. The bride was tastefully gowned white crepe de chine with lace and pearl trimmings. The bridegroom wore dark blue. The bride is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holman residing two miles south of La Place; Mr. Roberts is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Roberts, north of La Place. The young couple will go to Rockwell City, Iowa, about the first of March, where they will be at home to their friends. The wedding presents consisted of linen, silverware, cut glass and china. The guests were relatives and a few intimate friends twenty-six were present.

Top right: Monument of Carey Lincoln Holman (1861-1943) and his wife, Mabel T. Toney (1869-1950) in Cerro Gordo Cemetery in Cerro Gordo, Piatt, Illinois. Top left: Grace Marie Holman (1891-1966), daughter of Carey Holman (son of Ferby May Holman, daughter of Jacob May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and her marriage announcement. Middle right: Military monument of Corp. Hiram Franklin Dillehunt (1844-1922; husband of Sabrina E. Holman, daughter of Ferby May, in Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur, Macon, Illinois; he served in Company I, 68th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War. Right: William Frederick "Fred" Holman (1895-1935) and his brother, Park H. Holman (1898-1980), sons of Carey Holman, son of Ferby May. Middle: Grave markers of Norman and Frank Holman, brothers who both died when infants, in Cerro Gordo Cemetery.

1980; married Mary Lucile Lesley, 1898-1972, on November 18, 1918, in La Place, Piatt, Illinois, and had four unknown children], and Rava Kathleen Holman [born January 13, 1902, in La Place, Piatt, Illinois; died December 25, 1983, in Santee, San Diego, California; married Roy Matthew Troxel, 1898-1972, in 1921, and had two unknown children), Norman

Brough Holman (born September 14, 1863, in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio; died

Above left: Reva Kathleen Holman (1902-1983; daughter of Carey Holman, son of Ferby May). Above right: Grace Marie Holman (1891-1966; older sister of Reva). Top right: Gravestone of George May (died December 17, 1839; son of George May III, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) in Rob Roy Cemetery in Rob Roy, Fountain County, Indiana. Middle and lower right: Monument of Mary "Polly" May (1802-1868; daughter of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, William Henry Barnhart (1802-1867), in Bethel Cemetery in Salem, Ohio.

March 8, 1931, in Marshall, Harrison, Texas; buried in Algoma Cemetery in Marshall, Harrison, Texas; married Sarah Octavia Lawrence [born June 22, 1868, in Mansfield, DeSoto, Louisiana; died October 8, 1962, in Marshall, Texas; daughter of Thomas Jefferson Lawrence and Dorinda Freeze, born 1830] on May 6, 1891, in Mansfield, Desoto, Louisiana; and had five children: Norma Octavia Holman {born March 27, 1892, in Fort Worth, Texas; died June 15, 1968, in Marshall, Harrison, Texas; married Franklin Ross Denison, 1891-1963, on March 10, 1921, in Marshall, Texas, and had one known daughter, Ferby Mae Denison, 1924-1997}, Montie Carey Holman, 1893-1975; Martin Thomas Holman, 1895-1964; Ferby May Holman, 1902-1998, and Joseph Albert Holman, 1904-1954), and George S. Holman (born 1864; died September 5, 1865, in Decatur, Macon, Illinois).

Obituary of Martin Holman in the *Decatur Daily Republican*, October 22, 1886: "We are called upon today to chronicle the death of Martin Holman, a well-known farmer, who passed away this morning at 7 o'clock at the family home three miles north of the city, in the 67th year of his age. Mr. Holman was afflicted with heart disease

and for four months his condition was such that he was compelled to sit in a chair, where he died. He had lived in the county for over 21 years and had hundreds of warm personal friends I in the city and county."

Above right: Monument of Elizabeth "Betsy" Van Gundy (1805-1860), wife and cousin of George May III (son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) in Rob Roy Cemetery in Rob Roy, Fountain County, Indiana. Above left: Monument of George May IV (born in November 1840; died June 10, 1841), son of George and Elizabeth May, in Rob Roy Cemetery. Below: Monument of David May (1828-1910; son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and his wife, Louisa Clatfelter May (1837-1907), in Elmwood Cemetery in Chanute, Neosho, Kansas.

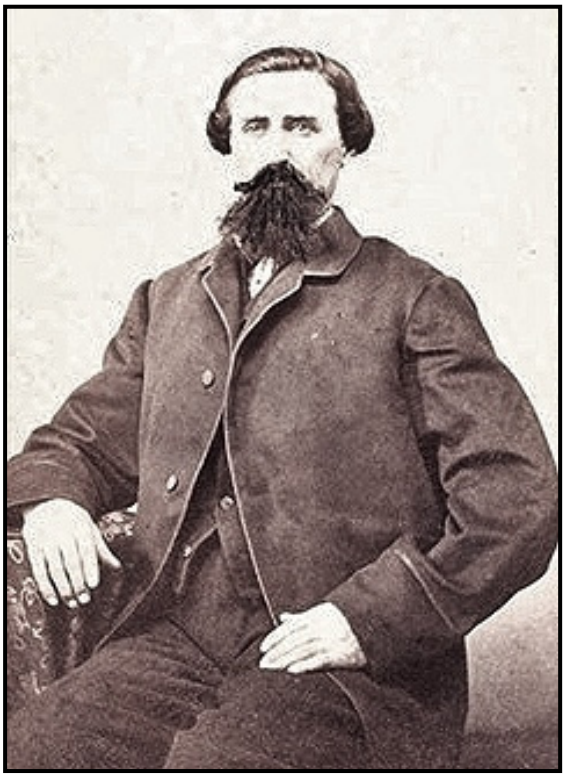
"Mr. Holman was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 13, 1820, and was married to Miss Ferby May, March 16, 1843. The family removed to Macon County in March 1865, and purchased a farm in Hickory Point Township, three miles north of Decatur."

The Decatur Daily Republican on October 23, 1886, reported: "The funeral of the late Martin Holman took place this forenoon, north of Decatur. Rev. D. P. Bunn officiated. There was a large attendance of friends. At noon the funeral cortege arrived in Decatur. The best of a good man was interred in Greenwood Cemetery."

Obituary of Ferby May Holman in the *Decatur Daily Republican*, January 12, 1897: "Mrs. Martin Holman, aged 70 years died last night at the home of her son, Norman B. Holman at Mansfield, Louisiana, where she had been making her home during the past three or four years. A telegram conveying the sad news was received this morning by W. A. Holman of this city, son of the deceased. The other sons are D. T. and C. L. Holman residing north of the city. The other son of the deceased is J. A. Holman whose home is at Storm Lake, Iowa. The remains are expected to arrive in Decatur on Thursday morning. They will be taken to the home of W. A. Holman 263 Bradford Street."

Anna May (1798-1822; daughter of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born August 30, 1798 in Ross County, Ohio, and died August 14, 1822, in Ross

County, Ohio. She was buried in Salem White Church Cemetery in Kingston, Ross County, Ohio).



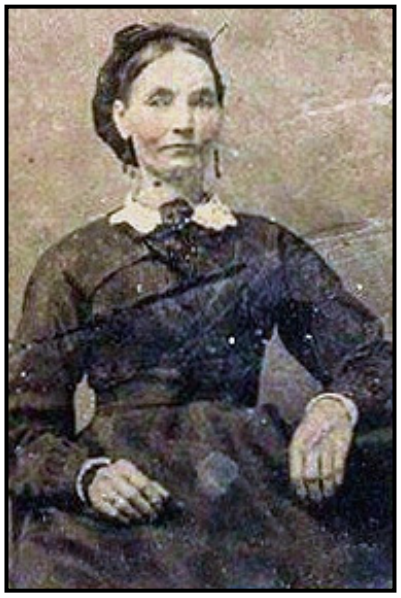
Above: Philip May (1831-1867; son of Christopher May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and his wife, Sarah Jane Sidenbender (1840-1914; daughter of George Sidenbender, 3rd Great-Granduncle), in 1860s in Carroll County, Indiana. Below: Nathaniel Barnhart (1827-1906; son of Mary "Polly" May, daughter of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy (4th Great-Grandaunt) and his wife, Elizabeth Mary Wheeler (1838-1901); their monument in Bethel Cemetery in Ross County, Ohio.

Mary "Polly" May (1802-1868; daughter of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born October 1, 1802, in Ross County, Ohio, and died October 16, 1868, in Ross County, Ohio. She married William Henry Barnhart (born August 12, 1802, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; died October 6, 1867, in Ross County, Ohio) on November 29, 1825, in Ross County, Ohio, and had seven children: Nathaniel Barnhart (1827-1906; married Elizabeth Wheeler in 1857 in Ross County, Ohio), Leah Barnhart (born 1830), Peter Barnhart (born 1834), Matthias Barnhart (1837-1916), John Barnhart (1838-1888), Rachel "Kate" Barnhart (1840-1870), and James Barnhart (1844-1867).

George May III (1803-1857; son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born April 25, 1803, in Ross County, Ohio, and died January 16, 1857, in Shawnee,

Above: Dr. Francis May (1807-1886; son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and his wife, Barbara Betzer (1807-1866). Below: Barbara Betzer.

Fountain, Indiana; buried in Rob Roy Cemetery in Rob Roy, Fountain County, Indiana, with his wife. He married Elizabeth "Betsy" Van Gundy (born March 3, 1805; died 1860 in Fountain County, Indiana) on October 14, 1824, in Ross County, Ohio, and had eight children: George May IV (died December 17, 1839; buried in Rob Roy Cemetery), Samuel May (died 1839), William May (died June 10, 1841; buried in Rob Roy Cemetery), David May (born July 23, 1828, in Ross County, Ohio; died April 9, 1910, in Chanute, Neosho, Kansas; buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Chanute, Kansas; married Louisa Clatfelter, 1837-1907), Barbara Ellen May (1834-1857), Mary A. May (born 1840), John May (born and died January 12,1846; buried in Rob Roy Cemetery), and Sarah May (born 1847).



Barbara May (1803-1878; daughter of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born in 1803 in Ohio and died May 13, 1878, in Sycamore, Wyandot, Ohio. She resided in Sycamore, Wyandot County, Ohio, from at least 1850 until her death in 1876. Barbara married Peter Betzer (1803-1889) on May 25, 1824, and had five children: Elizabeth Jane Betzer (1825-1912), John Betzer (1827-1878), Sarah A. Betzer (1835-1919), Barbara Betzer (1840-1912), and Samuel Betzer (1835-1918).

Christopher May (1805-1850; son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born in 1805 in Ohio and died in April 1850 in Carroll County, Indiana; buried in Rockfield Cemetery in Rockfield, Carroll County, Indiana (no gravestone). He married Barbara Holman (born 1811; died May 8, 1877, in Carroll County, Indiana; buried in Rockfield Cemetery in Rockfield, Carroll County, Indiana; married second, Adam Van Gundy, 1823-1897) on September 23, 1828, in Ross County, Ohio, and had five children: Philip May (1831-1867), David May (born September 24, 1832, in Ohio; died March 21, 1911, in Rockfield, Carroll, Indiana; buried in Rockfield Cemetery in Rockfield, Indiana; historical record reads: "Married Mary Ann Neff [born October 17, 1842; died September 23, 1863] and had a daughter, Sarah A. May, born about 1861; died April 1, 1864; David married second, Mary Ann Sinks, born May 6, 1841; died January 20, 1913, on June 13, 1867, and had three children: Ida, Minnie, and William May"), Elizabeth A. May (1835-1850), William M. May (1840-1925), and Mary Ellen May (1842-1922).

Right: Gravestones of Elizabeth May Barnhart (1815/1817-1859; daughter of Barbara Van Gundy May, 4th Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, Samuel Barnhart (1807-1859), in Rose Hill Cemetery in Darke County, Ohio.

Dr. Francis May (1807-1886; son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born July 20, 1807, in Ross County, Ohio, and died September 27, 1886, in Decatur, Macon, Illinois. He married Barbara Betzer (born May 19, 1807, in Ohio; died August 22, 1866, in Decatur, Macon, Illinois; daughter of John William Betzer, 1781-1856, and Margaret McHarvey, 1762-1838) on June 20, 1831, in Ross County, Ohio, and had five children: **William Harvey May** (1832-1882), **Susannah May** (1835-1904), **Margaret May** (1837-1921), **Emily May** (1840-1922), and **David L. May** (born 1849). Dr. Francis May married second, Sarah A. Swift, born 1825, on May 26, 1868.

Dr. Francis May's obituary appeared in the *Decatur Daily Republican* on October 1, 1886: "Dr. Francis May was born in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio, July 20, 1807; departing this life September 27, 1886, aged 79 years, two months and seven days. He married Miss Barbara Betzer, January 20, 1831. He leaves a family of five children, three daughters and two sons. The mother of those children died in 1866. He was married a second time, March 26, 1868, to Mrs. Sarah A. Swift, who survives him. Dr. May was raised a farmer and carried on that business in connection with his practice of medicine until his removal to Illinois in October 1857; since which date he has given his entire attention to the practice of medicine as a cancer doctor. He has lived in this city in the

same house purchased on his arrival in 1857. He was always regarded as an honest, able and worthy citizen, both here and in Ohio. Many friends and relatives will mourn

Above left: Dora Bender (1870-1960; wife of David Truman Holman [1855-1932], son of Ferby May, daughter of Jacob May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt). Above middle and right: Florence L. Holman (1893-1956; daughter of David Truman Holman) and her husband, Carl George Reynolds (born March 24, 1890, in Cisco. Illinois; died January 14, 1965, in Decatur, Illinois; married Florence Holman on February 19, 1913, in Decatur, Illinois; had 3 children: Marian Reynolds,1914-1995; George Truman Reynolds, 1916-1997, and Roy Howard Reynolds, 1919-2011). Below right: Marian Reynolds (born May 18, 1914, in Macon County, Illinois; died November 21, 1995, in Decatur, Macon, Illinois; married Roland W. Bachman, 1901-1990) in 1936. Below left: Marian Reynolds (right) with her sister-in-law, Virginia Mae Arnold (1920-2003; left).

his departure. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church even in early life. The members of the family are very grateful to their neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness displayed during the illness of the deceased."

Sarah May (1810-1884; daughter of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born in 1810 or 1815 in Ross County, Ohio, and died October 24, 1884, in Chanute, Neosho County, Kansas; place of burial unknown. She married John Delong (born January 29, 1809, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died September 8, 1875, in Saltcreek, Pickaway, Ohio; resided in Salt Creek, Pickaway County, Ohio, from at

least 1850 until his death in 1875), on January 26, 1837, in Ross County, Ohio, and had five children, all born in Pickaway County, Ohio: Franklin Delong (1838-1929), George

Top left: George Truman Reynolds (born September 10, 1916, in Illinois; died September 7, 1997, in Van Nuys, Los Angeles, California; son of Florence L. Holman; see previous page). Top middle and right: Roy Howard Reynolds (born July 7, 1919, in Macon County, Illinois; died January 9, 2011, in Tucson, Arizona; son of Florence L. Holman) and his wife, Virginia Mae Arnold Reynolds (1920-2003). Left: Roy Reynolds served in the Pacific during World War II; middle, wearing a white hat. Lower left: Mound School in Hickory Point, Macon County, Illinois, in 1898. Left on the front row is Florence (1893-1956) and Maude Holman (1892-1960), daughters of David Truman Holman.

Delong (1839-1919), John May Delong (1842-1925), Mary Delong (1848-1864), and William H. Delong (1849-1923). William Delong wrote a letter to one of his brothers to inform him of their mother's death: "Office of Lindell Hotel; Chanute, Kansas. Monday, November 1, 1884. Dear Brother, Sir: Mother died October 24, 1884. I have buried her nice. I bought a lot in the cemetery for her. She told me it looked so nice up there and said she was ready to go home. She was to her

mind all right to the last. She died the easiest the people say of any one they ever seen die. She is better off there. I ask if you can…Dear Brother ever yours, W. H. DeLong").

Above: Family of Lottie Belle Feicht (1870-1966; daughter of Mary Louisa McCartney, daughter of Elizabeth Ann May, daughter of John May, son of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt), with her husband, Samuel Elsworth Bell (born July 2, 1865, in Pique County, Ohio; died May 25, 1945, in Ohio); sons, left to right: Ladoyt Versile Bell (born April 5, 1910, in Ohio; died March 5, 1982, in Van Wert, Ohio), Richard Bell (born September 4, 1903, in Ohio; died November 15, 1962, in Van Wert, Ohio), Lester Bell (1889-1968), and Wilbur Bell; daughters, left to right: Lulu Inez Bell (born July 28, 1891, in Ohio; died September 17, 1952, in Ohio), Gladys Mae Bell (born December 19, 1899, in Ohio; died March 4, 1984, in Fort Wayne, Indiana), and Goldie Evelyn Bell (born July 12, 1907, in Ohio; died February 14, 1988, in Van Wert, Ohio). Left: Lulu Inez Bell, Lester Leroy Bell, Goldie Evelyn Bell, and Richard E. Bell (baby) in 1904.

Elizabeth May (1817-1859; daughter of Barbara Elizabeth Van Gundy, 4th Great-Grandaunt) was born 1817 in Ohio, and died February 13, 1859; buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Darke County, Ohio. She married Samuel Barnhart (born in September 1807; died December 25, 1859; buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Darke County, Ohio) on September 21, 1837, in Ross County, Ohio, and had three children: James Arthur Barnhart (1843-1930), Aaron Barnhart (1845-December 8, 1861), and Reuben Barnhart (1847-1898); all three sons

served in the Union Army during the Civil War. (The preceding is an expansion of the family of Barbara Van Gundy presented earlier in this history.)

David Van Gundy, Grandson of Peter Van Gundy, Fifth Great-Granduncle

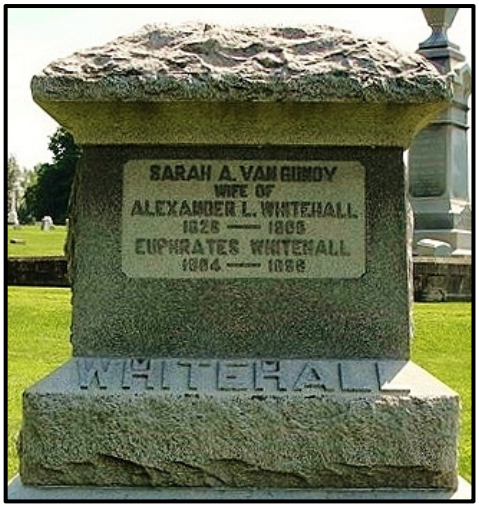
David Van Gundy (1819-1895; son of Samuel

Van Gundy, son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle)

Top left: Gladys Mae Bell (1899-1984; daughter of Lottie Bell) and her husband, Stanley Spohr (1894-1905) on January 13, 1924. Top right: Children of Lottie Bell in 1897, L to R: Josie Bell (1894-1903), Alma Bell (1896-1898), Lester Bell (1889-1968), and Inez Bell (1891-1952). Middle right: Richard Bell (1903-1962), with his wife, Marguerite Lewis (1902-1990), and children: Harry (1922-1985), Mildred (1925-2002), and Shirley Bell (1935-2010). Above left: Monument of David Van Gundy (1819/1820-1895; son of Samuel Van Gundy, son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle). Above middle: Gladys Mae Bell (left) with Marquerite Lewis (1902-1990; sister-in-law). Above right: Monument of Lottie Belle Feicht (1869-1966) and her husband, Samuel Elsworth Bell (1865-1945), in Woodland Union Cemetery in Van Wert, Ohio.

was born on June 28, 1819, in Bowling Green, Ross County, Ohio, and died September

12, 1895, in Neosho Rapids, Lyon County, Kansas. He married Isabella Taylor (1817-1867) and had seven children: Sarah Elizabeth Van Gundy (1840-1856), William Franklin Van Gundy (1841-1921), Rachel Van Gundy (1843-1929), John Crawford Van Gundy (1846-1929), Joseph Taylor Van Gundy (1848-1912), Mary L. Van Gundy (born 1852), and Melissa Van Gundy (1857-1947).



Left: Monument of Sarah Ann Van Gundy (1828-1906; daughter of Samuel Van Gundy, son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle), her husband, Alexander Whitehall (1826-1908), and their son, Euphrates Whitehall (1864-1896) in Riverside Cemetery in Attica, Fountain County, Indiana. Below: George Van Gundy (son of Michael Van Gundy, son of Christian Van Gundy, son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Mary E. Swinehart (1839-1921).

David married second, Emily Minerva Brown (1839-1916), and had five children: Guy Van Gundy (1872-1958), Eli Van Gundy (born 1874), May Van Gundy (born 1876), Hugh Van Gundy (born 1878), and Ina Van Gundy.

Sarah Ann Van Gundy, Granddaughter of Peter Van Gundy, Fifth Great-Granduncle

Sarah Ann Van Gundy (1828-1906; daughter of Samuel Van Gundy, son of Peter Van Gundy, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born July 30, 1828, in Ross County, Ohio, and died October 14, 1906, in Attica, Fountain, Indiana. She married Alexander LeGrand Whitehall (1826-1908) on September 17, 1846, in Fountain County, Indiana, and had nine children: Samuel Whitehall (1847-1923), Ofelia Whitehall (1848-1858), Arrelia Whitehall (1850-1851), Elizabeth Whitehall (born 1852), Amelia Whitehall (1854-1855), Alice Whitehall (1857-1914), Allen Whitehall (born 1857), Mattie Whitehall (1859-1867), and Euphrates "Frait" W. Whitehall (1864-1896).

George Ann Van Gundy, Great-Grandson of Peter Van Gundy, Fifth Great-Granduncle

George Van Gundy (1831-1907; son of Michael Van Gundy [1788-1856], son of Christian Van Gundy [1765-1807], son of Peter Van Gundy [1746-1812], 5th Great-Granduncle) was born August 1, 1831, in Ohio, and died November 27, 1907, in Sycamore, Wyandot County, Ohio; buried in Old Sycamore Cemetery in Sycamore, Ohio. He married Mary E. Swinehart (born 1839 in Ohio; died 1921 in Wyandot County, Ohio; buried next to husband) and had nine children, all born in Ohio: Louisa Van Gundy (born 1861/1862), John Van Gundy (born 1864), Myrtie Van Gundy (born 1866), Hettie Van Gundy (born 1869), Detta Van Gundy (born April 19, 1871; died April 9, 1872, in Wyandot County, Ohio), Cecil R. Van Gundy (born September 27, 1873, in Wyandot County, Ohio; died December 3, 1953; married Lina A. Quanst, 1872-1940, and had two known children: Mary E. Van Gundy [1908-1973] and Ray Van Gundy [1911-1911]), Harry Van Gundy (born 1878), Mr. Willie Van Gundy (born February 9, 1878; died July 31, 1883, in Wyandot County, Ohio), and infant son Van Gundy (died May 18, 1881, in Wyandot County, Ohio).

Above: Clara Laurettie Van Gundy (1816-1920; daughter of Samuel Van Gundy, son of John Van Gundy, son of John Van Gundy, 4th Great-Granduncle) when a young woman and later in life. Below: Monument of Willie (1878-1883), infant (died 1881), and Detta Van Gundy (1871-1872), children of George Van Gundy, in Old Sycamore Cemetery in Sycamore, Wyandot, Ohio.

Clara Laurettie Van Gundy, Great-Granddaughter of John Van Gundy, Fourth Great-Granduncle

Clara Laurettie Van Gundy (1861-1920; daughter of Samuel Van Gundy [1838-1900; see his picture earlier in this history], son of John Van Gundy [1799-1874], son of John Van Gundy, 4th Great-Granduncle) was born March 27, 1861, in Atchison County, Missouri, and died March 23, 1920. She married Elmer Ellsworth Ensley (1861-1944) and had six known children: Grace Lee Ensley (1888-1968), Mabel Hilda Ensley (1890-1976), Margaret Helen Ensley (1892-1972), Carrie Jane Ensley (1896-1985), Mary Maude Ensley (1899-1984), and Clara Gladys Ensley (1901-1929).

Van Gundy Pedigree Chart and Family Group Sheets

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

1 **Ann VAN GUNDY (3GG)**
B: 4 Oct 1808
P: Ross County,Ohio
M: 21 Jun 1827
P: Ross County,Ohio
D: 18 Feb 1898
P: Rockford,Mercer,Ohio

Joseph SIDENBENDER (3GG)
(Spouse of no. 1)

2 **Jacob VAN GUNDY (4GG)**
B: 19 Apr 1770
P: Earl Township,Lancaster Co.,Penn.
M: 1798/1800
P: Northumberland County,Pennsylvania
D: 29 Oct 1854
P: Kingston,Ross,Ohio

3 **Catharine CONNER (4GG)**
B: 25 Sep 1780
P: Northumberland County,Pennsylvania
D: 7 Mar 1856
P: Ross County,Ohio

4 **Christian VAN GUNDY (5GG)**
B: 1742
P: Earl Township,Lancaster Co.,Penn.
M: 1765
P: (prob) Lancaster County,Pennsylvania
D: Mar 1813
P: Ross County,Ohio

5 **Ann ULLERY (5GG)**
B: Abt 1745
P: (of) Lancaster County,Pennsylvania
D:
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6 **Jacob CONNER (5GG)**
B: Abt 1753
P: (of) Northumberland Co.,Penn.
M: Abt 1773
P: (of) Northumberland Co.,Penn.
D: 18 Mar 1805
P: (of) Green Township,Ross County,Ohio

7 **Magdalena (5GG)**
B: Abt 1754
P: (of) Northumberland Co.,Penn.
D: Aft 1805
P: (prob) Ross County,Ohio

8 **Peter VAN GUNDY (6GG)**
B: Abt 1712
P: (prob) Bern,Switzerland
M: Abt 1734
P: Earl Township,Lancaster Co.,Penn.
D: 1758 or 1763
P: Pennsylvania

9 **Fornich or Veronica Ann FARNEY**
B: Abt 1717
P: (of) Lancaster County,Pennsylvania
D: Abt 1763
P: Earl Township,Lancaster Co.,Penn.

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Jacob Van Gundy

Fourth Great-Grandfather

Family Group Record

Husband	**Jacob VAN GUNDY (4GG)**						
	Born	19 Apr 1770	Place	Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Died	29 Oct 1854	Place	Kingston, Ross, Ohio	Baptized	19 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Buried	1 Nov 1854	Place	Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ross, Ohio	Endowed	19 Jul 1985	DALLA
					SealPar	20 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Married	1798/1800	Place	Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	28 Aug 1986	DALLA
	Husband's father	Christian VAN GUNDY (5GG)					
	Husband's mother	Ann (POSS) ULLERY (5GG)					
Wife	**Catharine CONNER (4GG)**						
	Born	25 Sep 1780	Place	Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Died	7 Mar 1856	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	26 Oct 1985	DALLA
	Buried	9 Mar 1856	Place	Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	7 Feb 1986	DALLA
					SealPar	14 Feb 1986	DALLA
	Wife's father	Jacob CONNER (5GG)					
	Wife's mother	Magdalena (5GG)					
Children	List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1 M	**John VAN GUNDY (11 children)**						
	Born	1802	Place	(prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
	Died		Place	Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	10 Jan 1987	DALLA
	Buried		Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealPar	30 May 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	Polly PIXLER					
	Married	16 Jan 1827	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	5 Jul 1984	LOGAN
	Spouse	Caroline WADE					
	Married	13 Apr 1851	Place	Carroll County, Indiana	SealSp	18 Feb 1994	OGDEN
2 M	**Jacob VAN GUNDY Jr. (Union Civil War Soldier-Co. I, 73rd Ohio Inf.)**						
	Born	7 Jan 1804	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	18 Dec 1984	DALLA
	Died	26 Jul 1893	Place	Huntington Township, Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	Mar 1985	DALLA
	Buried	28 Jul 1893	Place	Johnson's Cem., Huntington Township, Ross Co., Ohio	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Dorcas Lavina or Luviney Danders BAKER					
	Married	10 Dec 1835	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	20 Feb 1981	IFALL
3 M	**Isaac VAN GUNDY (Seven children)**						
	Born	6 Mar 1805	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	19 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Died	3 Aug 1871	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	19 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Buried	5 Aug 1871	Place	Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ross County, Ohio	SealPar	20 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Sarah Ann O'CONNER					
	Married	10 Jul 1837	Place	Fairfield County, Ohio	SealSp	7 Mar 1985	DALLA
4 F	**Mary VAN GUNDY**						
	Born	31 Dec 1806	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	19 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Died	23 Mar 1888	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	19 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Buried	25 Mar 1888	Place	Crouse Chapel Cem., GreenTownship, Ross Co., Ohio	SealPar	20 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Jacob FORTNER					
	Married	3 Sep 1832	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	18 Feb 1981	IFALL
5 F	**Ann VAN GUNDY (3GG)**						
	Born	4 Oct 1808	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	18 Jan 1984	LOGAN
	Died	18 Feb 1898	Place	Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Endowed	8 May 1984	LOGAN
	Buried	20 Feb 1898	Place	Smith Cemetery (also called East Cem.), Rockford, Ohio	SealPar	16 May 1984	LOGAN
	Spouse	Joseph SIDENBENDER (3GG)					
	Married	21 Jun 1827	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	1 Feb 1981	IFALL
6 F	**Catherine VAN GUNDY**						
	Born	5 Jun 1810	Place	(prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	19 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Died	24 May 1878	Place	Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri	Endowed	19 Jul 1985	DALLA
					SealPar	20 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Daniel COWGILL					
	Married	5 Feb 1834	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	19 Feb 1981	IFALL
7 F	**Elizabeth VAN GUNDY (Six children)**						
	Born	2 Mar 1811	Place	(prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	19 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Died	20 Apr 1881	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	19 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Buried	22 Apr 1881	Place	Johnson's Cem., Huntington Township, Ross Co., Ohio	SealPar	20 Jul 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Ezekiel VANDEMARK					
	Married	3 Mar 1841	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	10 Jul 1981	OGDEN
8 F	**Susan VAN GUNDY**						
	Born	1813/1820	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
	Died	Aft 1830	Place	Died Relatively Young (prob after 1830) Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	13 Sep 1986	DALLA
					SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	David BOOKWALTER OR BUCKWALTER					
	Married	9 Aug 1830	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	13 Feb 1981	IFALL

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Husband	Jacob VAN GUNDY (4GG)						
Wife	Catharine CONNER (4GG)						
Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
9 M	Abraham VAN GUNDY						
	Born	1 May 1815	Place (prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	19 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Died	1 Jul 1897	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	19 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Buried	3 Jul 1897	Place Smith Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	20 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Spouse	Maria BAUM (Two children)					
	Married	9 Oct 1842	Place Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	10 Jul 1981	OGDEN	
	Spouse	Elizabeth EXLINE (Eight children)					
	Married	16 Aug 1849	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	1 Jul 1981	SLAKE	
10 M	Henry VAN GUNDY (Union Civil War Soldier-Co. A., 27th Ohio Inf.)						
	Born	1817	Place (prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA	
	Died	23 Nov 1865	Place Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	3 Apr 1987	DALLA	
	Buried	25 Nov 1865	Place Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ross County, Ohio	SealPar	30 May 1987	DALLA	
	Spouse	Mary RABURN OR RAYBURN (Seven children)					
	Married	10 Oct 1841	Place Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	14 Jul 1981	OGDEN	
11 F	Hester VAN GUNDY						
	Born	7 Jul 1820	Place (prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	19 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Died	26 Jun 1910	Place Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa	Endowed	19 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Buried	28 Jun 1910	Place Old Lowell Town Cemetery, Clarksville, Butler, Iowa	SealPar	20 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Spouse	John HICKLE					
	Married	14 Oct 1840	Place Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	26 Feb 1981	IFALL	
12 M	David VAN GUNDY						
	Born	22 Dec 1821	Place (prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	19 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Died	31 Jan 1873	Place	Endowed	19 Jul 1985	DALLA	
				SealPar	20 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Spouse	Sarah Ann BURKE					
	Married	24 Dec 1848	Place Jefferson County, Ohio	SealSp	3 Jun 1987	JRIVE	

Christian Van Gundy

Fifth Great-Grandfather

Family Group Record

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Husband	Christian VAN GUNDY (5GG)						
	Born	1742	Place Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
	Died	Mar 1813	Place Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	1 Nov 1983	WASHI	
	Buried	Mar 1813	Place (poss) White Church Cem., Green Twp., Ross Co., Ohio	Endowed	20 Nov 1983	WASHI	
				SealPar	11 Nov 1983	WASHI	
	Married	1765	Place (prob) Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	28 Aug 1986	DALLA	
	Husband's father	Peter VAN GUNDY (6GG)					
	Husband's mother	Fornich or Fronica or Veronica Ann FARNEY (6GG)					
Wife	Ann (POSS) ULLERY (5GG)						
	Born	Abt 1745	Place (of) Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
				Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA	
				Endowed	3 Sep 1986	DALLA	
				SealPar	15 Mar 2005	PROVO	
	Wife's father						
	Wife's mother						
Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
1 M	Christian VAN GUNDY Jr. (Five children)						
	Born	3 Feb 1766	Place Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA	
	Died	1 Oct 1836	Place Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	7 Nov 1986	DALLA	
	Buried	3 Oct 1836	Place Lewisburg Cemetery, Lewisburg, Union County, Pa.	SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA	
	Spouse	Mary Magdalena FALLMER OR FULLMER					
	Married	30 Jun 1794	Place Lancaster or Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	8 Feb 1990	JRIVE	
2 M	Jacob VAN GUNDY (4GG)						
	Born	19 Apr 1770	Place Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	19 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Died	29 Oct 1854	Place Kingston, Ross, Ohio	Endowed	19 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Buried	1 Nov 1854	Place Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ross, Ohio	SealPar	20 Jul 1985	DALLA	
	Spouse	Catharine CONNER (4GG)					
	Married	1798/1800	Place Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	28 Aug 1986	DALLA	
3 F	Barbara VAN GUNDY						
	Born	21 Sep 1773	Place Northumberland (later Union) County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA	
	Died	23 Sep 1841	Place Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	4 Sep 1986	DALLA	
	Buried	25 Sep 1841	Place White Church Cem., Green Township, Ross Co., Ohio	SealPar	3 Apr 1987	SDIEG	
	Spouse	George MAY					
	Married	1790/1792	Place Buffalo Valley, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	28 Jun 1988	CHICA	

4	M	**John VAN GUNDY (Moved from Ross County, Ohio to Fountain County, Ohio in 1836)**					
	Born	1775	Place	(prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
	Died	27 Oct 1860	Place	Scotts Prairie, Fountain County, Indiana	Endowed	31 Jan 1987	DALLA
	Buried	29 Oct 1860	Place	Centennial Cemetery, Fountain County, Indiana	SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	Anne Marie or Margaret DAVIS					
	Married	Abt 1795	Place	(prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	8 Feb 1990	JRIVE
	Spouse	Margaret SIDENBENDER					
	Married	11 Feb 1820	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	17 Feb 1994	OGDEN
5	M	**Peter VAN GUNDY**					
	Born	Jan 1775	Place	(prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	Cleared	
	Died	26 Feb 1863	Place	Ross County, Ohio (age 88 yrs, 1 mo.)	Endowed	Cleared	
	Buried	1 Mar 1863	Place	Hopetown Cem., Springfield Township, Ross Co., Ohio	SealPar	26 Jul 1989	SGEOR
	Spouse	Henrietta RING					
	Married	18 Jul 1838	Place	Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	24 Feb 1981	IFALL
6	F	**Ann Mary VAN GUNDY**					
	Born	Abt 1777	Place	Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
	Died	1 May 1856	Place	Marion County, Ohio	Endowed	13 Sep 1986	DALLA
					SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	John WOLFE (Eight children-Moved to Marion County, Ohio in 1825)					
	Married	Abt 1793	Place	Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	18 Feb 1994	OGDEN
	Spouse	Garnet HIGHLAND					
	Married	13 Dec 1845	Place	Marion County, Ohio	SealSp	17 Feb 1994	OGDEN
7	F	**Mary Ann "Anna" VAN GUNDY**					
	Born	17 Jul 1777	Place	East Buffalo Township, Northumberland County, Pa.	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA
	Died	20 Oct 1864	Place	Ross County, Ohio (age 87 yrs., 3 mos., 3 days)	Endowed	13 Sep 1986	DALLA
	Buried	22 Oct 1864	Place	Bethel M.E. Church Cem., Green Township, Ross Co., Ohio	SealPar	3 Apr 1987	DALLA
	Spouse	Isaac CONNER (Three children)					
	Married	Abt 1797	Place	(prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	28 Dec 1989	JRIVE
	Spouse	(Captain) Henry ULLERY					
	Married	24 Mar 1812	Place	(prob) Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	17 Feb 1994	OGDEN

Peter Van Gundy

Sixth Great-Grandfather

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Husband	**Peter VAN GUNDY (6GG)**				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Born	Abt 1712	Place	(prob) Bern, Switzerland	Baptized	14 May 1987	DALLA
	Died	1758 or 1763	Place		Endowed	9 Oct 1987	DALLA
	Buried	1758	Place	Near Harrisburg, or in Earl Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.	SealPar	31 Mar 2005	PROVO
					SealSp	26 Aug 1987	DALLA
	Married	Abt 1734	Place	Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania			
	Husband's father						
	Husband's mother						
Wife	**Fornich or Fronica or Veronica Ann FARNEY (6GG)**				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Born	Abt 1717	Place	(of) Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	14 May 1987	DALLA
	Died	Abt 1763	Place	Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	7 Oct 1987	DALLA
					SealPar	31 Mar 2005	PROVO
	Wife's father						
	Wife's mother						
Children	List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
1	M	**John (Johannes) VAN GUNDY**					
	Born	1735	Place	Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	1 Nov 1983	WASHI
	Died	24 Jul 1817	Place	(prob) Lancaster County, Pennslyvania	Endowed	10 Nov 1983	WASHI
	Buried	26 Jul 1817	Place	Mennonite Cemetery in Martindale, Lancaster Co., Pa.	SealPar	11 Nov 1983	WASHI
	Spouse	Mrs. Anne VANGUNDY					
	Married	Abt 1765	Place	(of) Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	3 Dec 2003	COLUM
2	M	**Christian VAN GUNDY (5GG)**					
	Born	1742	Place	Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	1 Nov 1983	WASHI
	Died	Mar 1813	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	20 Nov 1983	WASHI
	Buried	Mar 1813	Place	(poss) White Church Cem., Green Twp., Ross Co., Ohio	SealPar	11 Nov 1983	WASHI
	Spouse	Ann (POSS) ULLERY (5GG)					
	Married	1765	Place	(prob) Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	28 Aug 1986	DALLA

3	M	**Peter VAN GUNDY**				
	Born	1746	Place	Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	1 Nov 1983 WASHI
					Endowed	10 Nov 1983 WASHI
					SealPar	11 Nov 1983 WASHI
4	F	**Magdeline (Magdalena) VAN GUNDY**				
	Born	1748	Place	(prob) Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	1 Nov 1983 WASHI
					Endowed	10 Nov 1983 WASHI
					SealPar	11 Nov 1983 WASHI
	Spouse	Christian HERSHBERGER				
	Married	Abt 1770	Place	Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	31 May 1995 LANGE
5	M	**Joseph VAN GUNDY OR GUNDY (Rev. War Soldier from Berks County, Pa.)**				
	Born	1750	Place	Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	1 Nov 1983 WASHI
	Died	Jan 1823	Place	Carrollton, Carroll, Ohio	Endowed	10 Nov 1983 WASHI
	Buried	Jan 1823	Place	Conotton Methodist Burying Ground, Carrollton, Ohio	SealPar	11 Nov 1983 WASHI
	Spouse	Margaretta HALDEMAN				
	Married	1767	Place	(of) Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	
	Spouse	Fronica or Veronica KAUFMAN				
	Married	Abt 1773	Place	(prob) Berks County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	2 Dec 2003 COLUM
6	M	**Benjamin VAN GUNDY**				
	Born	1752	Place	(prob) Lancaster County, Pennslyvania	Baptized	1 Nov 1983 WASHI
	Died	Abt 1816	Place	(poss) Berks County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	10 Nov 1983 WASHI
					SealPar	11 Nov 1983 WASHI
	Spouse	Eva BROWN				
	Married	1780	Place	Tulpehocken, Berks County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	9 Dec 2000 OAKLA
7	M	**David VAN GUNDY**				
	Born	6 Apr/May 1755	Place	Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	1 Nov 1983 WASHI
	Died	2 May 1827	Place	Springfield, Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	10 Nov 1983 WASHI
	Buried	5 May 1827	Place	Bethel M.E. Graveyard, Green Township, Ross Co., Ohio	SealPar	11 Nov 1983 WASHI
	Spouse	Anna				
	Married	Abt 1780	Place	Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	17 Dec 1998 BOUNT

Jacob Conner

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Husband	**Jacob CONNER (5GG)**				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
	Born	Abt 1753	Place	(of) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania		
	Died	18 Mar 1805	Place	(of) Green Township, Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	10 Jan 1986 DALLA
					Endowed	6 Mar 1986 DALLA
					SealPar	31 Mar 2005 PROVO
	Married	Abt 1773	Place	(of) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	14 Feb 1986 DALLA
	Husband's father					
	Husband's mother					
Wife	**Magdalena (5GG)**				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
	Born	Abt 1754	Place	(of) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania		
	Died	Aft 1805	Place	(prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	10 Jan 1986 DALLA
					Endowed	7 Feb 1986 DALLA
					SealPar	
	Wife's father					
	Wife's mother					
Children	List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
1	M	**Samuel CONNER**				
	Born	Abt 1774	Place	(prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	10 Jan 1986 DALLA
	Died	Dec 1803	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	7 Feb 1986 DALLA
					SealPar	14 Feb 1986 DALLA
2	M	**Abraham CONNER**				
	Born	Abt 1776	Place	(prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	10 Jan 1986 DALLA
					Endowed	7 Feb 1986 DALLA
					SealPar	14 Feb 1986 DALLA
3	M	**Isaac CONNER (Had six children)**				
	Born	Abt 1778	Place	(prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	10 Jan 1986 DALLA
	Died	Aug 1810	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	14 Feb 1986 DALLA
					SealPar	14 Feb 1986 DALLA
	Spouse	"Mary" Ann VAN GUNDY				
	Married	Abt 1798	Place	(of) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	28 Dec 1989 JRIVE
4	F	**Catharine CONNER (4GG)**				
	Born	25 Sep 1780	Place	Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	26 Oct 1985 DALLA
	Died	7 Mar 1856	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	7 Feb 1986 DALLA
	Buried	9 Mar 1856	Place	Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ross County, Ohio	SealPar	14 Feb 1986 DALLA
	Spouse	Jacob VAN GUNDY (4GG)				
	Married	1798/1800	Place	Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	28 Aug 1986 DALLA

5	F	**Miss CONNER**					
		Born	Abt 1785	Place (prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	10 Jan 1986	DALLA
		Died	1790/1805	Place	Endowed	7 Feb 1986	DALLA
					SealPar	14 Feb 1986	DALLA
6	F	**Elizabeth CONNER (Had eight children)**					
		Born	1788	Place Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	26 Oct 1985	DALLA
		Died	Jun 1832	Place Wyandot County, Ohio	Endowed	22 Nov 1985	DALLA
					SealPar	14 Feb 1986	DALLA
		Spouse	William GOODMAN				
		Married	18 Oct 1805	Place Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	19 Oct 1985	DALLA
7	M	**John C. CONNER**					
		Born	5 Dec 1790	Place (prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	10 Jan 1986	DALLA
		Died	21 Dec 1880	Place Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	14 Feb 1986	DALLA
		Buried	23 Dec 1880	Place Bourneville Methodist Cemetery, Twin Twp., RC, Ohio	SealPar	14 Feb 1986	DALLA
		Spouse	Mrs. Sadie or Sally CONNER				
		Married	Abt 1815	Place (Prob) Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	1997	DALLA
		Spouse	Mrs. Martha CONNER				
		Married	Abt 1843	Place (Prob) Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	1997	DALLA
8	F	**Magdelena or Magdalin CONNER**					
		Born	Abt 1793	Place (prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	10 Jan 1986	DALLA
					Endowed	14 Feb 1986	DALLA
					SealPar	14 Feb 1986	DALLA
9	F	**Hester CONNER**					
		Born	25 Jan 1795	Place (prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	10 Jan 1986	DALLA
		Died	30 Sep 1854	Place Ross County, Ohio	Endowed	8 Feb 1986	DALLA
		Buried	1 Oct 1854	Place Union Chapel Cemetery, Green Township, RC, Ohio	SealPar	14 Feb 1986	DALLA
		Spouse	George KELLER				
		Married	1 Aug 1814	Place Ross County, Ohio	SealSp	19 Oct 1985	DALLA

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	Husband	**Jacob CONNER (5GG)**					
	Wife	**Magdalena (5GG)**					
	Children	List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple
10	F	**Susannah CONNER**					
		Born	Abt 1797	Place (prob) Northumberland County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	27 Jan 1986	DALLA
					Endowed	8 Feb 1986	DALLA
					SealPar	14 Feb 1986	DALLA
11	F	**Anna CONNER**					
		Born	Abt 1799	Place (prob) Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	10 Jan 1986	DALLA
					Endowed	8 Feb 1986	DALLA
					SealPar	14 Feb 1986	DALLA

Family Cemeteries, Churches and Homes

Above: Monuments of Alexander and Agnes Ramsey Nisbett, Sixth Great-Grandparents, and Abraham Sharp, Fifth Great-Granduncle.

It is sobering to realize that within a short time after we die, virtually all evidence that we ever existed will be gone. For most people, the monument standing over their burying place is the only memorial left to show that they ever lived. That is why I have included a separate section in this book for cemeteries.

Most of our ancestors were buried near the church where they worshipped, on their farm or in a community graveyard. The majority of original churches are now gone, but a few are still standing, such as the small Tirzah Church in Union County, North Carolina. By visiting the cemetery we are close to the place where an important part of their lives was spent. In Virginia, most people were buried on their family farm. Unfortunately, most of these family plots are now gone or almost impossible to find. For example, Mathias Schaub was buried on his farm near Massanutten Mountain, in Rockingham

County, Virginia, but now the location of his burial is unknown. Nearby stood his home, but this crumbled to the earth long ago. Benjamin Bratton, Sr. and some of his family were buried on his farm on top of Round Mountain near Leslie, Arkansas. The view from the cemetery is wonderful, but it is difficult to reach. Most recent burials, such as those in Little Rock, Arkansas, are in community graveyards. These are less personal than the other two, but are often park-like and peaceful.

Most people have no recognizable gravestone remaining. In poorer or pioneer communities the first graves were often marked by uninscribed fieldstones. Until the early 1800s most members of the Society of Friends felt that it was worldly to place anything but a fieldstone over their graves. In the 1800s it became fashionable to use white marble for gravestones. Although at first they looked like they would last forever, the porous stone weathered easily and today some of these gravestones are impossible to read. Most burials no longer have a monument marking the resting-place of the deceased. When we can identify the burying place of one of our ancestors, it is a special event, because the majority are unknown.

As I have visited the graves of our ancestors, I have felt a special spirit. It doesn't seem real that you and I will soon be buried and life as we know it cease. Our ancestors were probably more aware of the shortness of life than we are today. A number of ancient gravestones have this epitaph: "As you are now so was I / As I am now so will you become / Prepare." Yet, with their acceptance of the reality of death they were, for the most part, optimistic about the future. They were people of faith and were confident in the resurrection and the immortality of the soul. Most saw death as a passageway to a future, higher existence.

With most of their homes gone, and only the location of a few of their farms known, the closest that we can usually get to our ancestors is to visit their burying places. One of my favorite experiences has been to sit under the shade of a tree beside one of my relatives' graves and ponder on their lives and life in general. There is a unique spirit in such contemplation.

The cemeteries within this section are arranged by state in alphabetical order beginning with Alabama and ending in West Virginia. The few family homes that remain standing are also included. Directions to the cemeteries and houses are included in most instances.

In Great Britain, Ireland, France and Germany churches and castles are also included in the important places to see. Ruling families lived in castles and they served as their residence. Many ancient churches still stand in Europe, but very few gravestones or monuments to ancestors remain in the old world. Three major events of a person's life took place in some of these churches: christening soon after birth, marriage, and a funeral. Most of the churches included in this book are over five hundred years old.

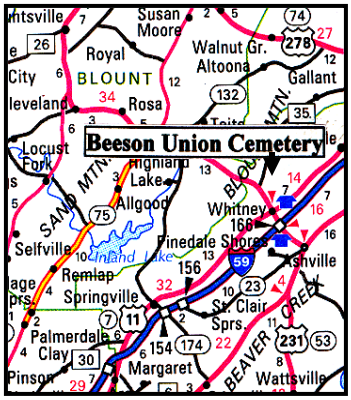
Alabama

Whitney, St. Clair County, Alabama

Beason Union Cemetery

Edward Beeson (1757-1837), Sixth Great-Granduncle; Revolutionary War Soldier.

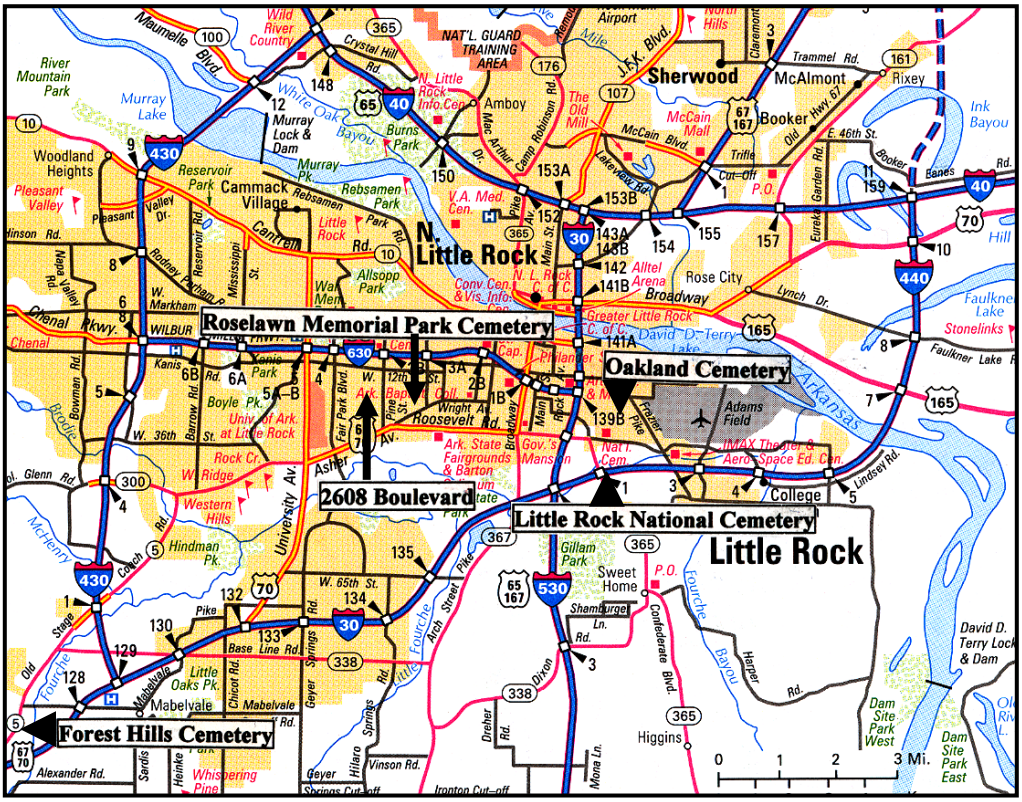
Beason Union Cemetery is located about a mile north of Whitney, Alabama, off Highway 231. Traveling north on I-59 take the Ashville exit (exit 166). Go north on Highway 231 about one or two miles to Whitney (Highway 11). Continue north on 231 one mile and turn right on Beason Cove Road. Go four-tenths of a mile and you will see the cemetery on your right next to a church. Edward was originally buried near his home in Carlton Cemetery south of Boaz, Mississippi. His body was removed to Beason Cemetery in 1920. The Alabama Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has marked his grave with the War Department's official marker for Revolutionary War Soldiers. There is also a tall monument, honoring Edward Beeson and his family that was erected in 1972 by one of his descendants. His son, Curtis Grubb Beason (1807-1867), was a state senator.



Top left: Beeson Union Cemetery. Above: Revolutionary War gravestone of Edward Beeson (6th Great-Granduncle). Middle left: Location of Beeson Cemetery, about 40 miles northeast of Birmingham, Alabama. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003. Left: Another monument to Edward Beeson in Beeson Union Cemetery.

Arkansas

Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas



Above: Four Little Rock Cemeteries, where members of the Sharp family are buried. Also, the location of 2608 Boulevard, where the family of Marion Sharp, Jr. lived in the early 1950s. The home was later sold to Cora Bratton Smith (Great-Grandmother) and her daughters, Mary Smith and Henryette Smith. Cora, Mary and Henryetta died there. Below: Entrance to Roselawn Cemetery. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, 2003.

Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery
(501) 663-0248

Great-Grandparents

James Simpson Sharp (1858-1926), Second Great-Grandfather. **Willie James Stevens Sharp** (1864-1908), Second Great-Grandmother. **Carlos Lee Sharp** (1882-1937), Great-Grandfather. **Sylvia Pearl Barker Sharp** (1888-1927), Great-Grandmother. **Louis Sexton Barker** (1864-1929), Second Great-Grandfather. **Maude Alice Fulk Barker** (1862-1931), Second Great-Grandmother.

Above: Sharp plot in Roselawn Cemetery, where members of the Sharp and Barker families are buried.

Great-Grandaunts

Nanka Jewel Sharp Watson (1894-1977), Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Edward Elgin Watson. **Alice Pearl Sharp Braesfield** (1907-1938), Great-Aunt.

Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery is located on Asher Avenue at Woodrow Street about three miles southwest of downtown Little Rock. All burials are located in the subdivision called West Edgewood in Lot 62 for Sharps and Lot 26 for Barkers. To find the burials enter the cemetery through the front gate and keep to the road on your right. After you see the sign West Edgewood, look for the prominent Dickinson and/or Shoppach monuments on your right. The Sharp tombstones are about thirty-feet beyond these monuments. The Barker gravestones lie about fifty-feet beyond those of the Sharp family.

Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

National Cemetery

Marion Carlos Sharp, Jr. (1924-1980), Father. World War II combat soldier.

Above: Overview of the National Cemetery in Little Rock. Left: Gravestone of my father, Marion Carlos Sharp, Jr., in the National Cemetery.

The National Cemetery is located near the corner of East Roosevelt Road and Confederate

Boulevard, about two miles southeast of downtown Little Rock. My father's tombstone is located on the left-hand (north) side immediately across the street from the Administration Building, twelfth row, and eighth gravestone from the right. The Administration Building is located about five hundred feet north of the front entrance gate.

Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Oakland Fraternal Cemetery

(501) 372-6429

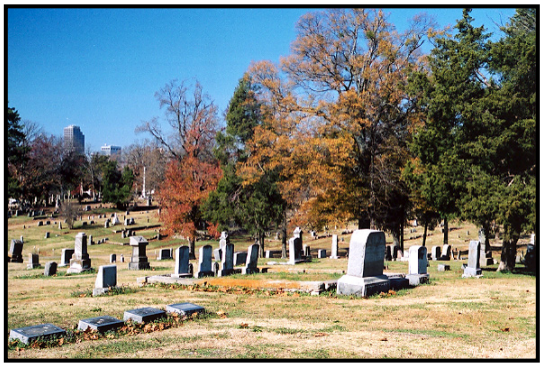
Great-Grandparents

Clyde Van Smith (1868-1919), Great-Grandfather. **Cora Luberta Bratton Smith** (1881-1966), Great-Grandmother. **Sarah Miranda Capps Harris Stevens Chapman** (1835-1927), Third Great-Grandmother.

Great-Grandaunts

Nellie P. Chapman (1874-1914), Second Great-Grandaunt. **Helen Marian Smith Shaw** (1911-1949), Great-Grandaunt. **Margaret Nell Smith** (1905-1919), Great-Grandaunt.

Oakland Cemetery is located near the corner of East Roosevelt Road and Confederate Boulevard about two miles southeast of downtown Little Rock. Sarah Chapman, Third Great-Grandmother, and Nellie Chapman, Second Great-Grandaunt, are buried on Alyssum Street. To find Alyssum Street, drive through the main entrance about a quarter of a mile then turn right in front



Top right: Entrance to Oakland Cemetery. Middle: Smith Plot in Oakland Cemetery. Right: Gravestone of Clyde Van Smith (Great-Grandfather) in Oakland Cemetery. Above: Overview of Oakland Cemetery. Downtown Little Rock is in the background.

of the mausoleum. Then take an immediately left and go up the hill. You will see Alyssum Street on your right (or left if you took the second street up the hill). Sarah and Nellie are about five lots from the end of the block on the north side of the street. Clyde, Great-Grandfather, Cora, Great-Grandmother, Helen and Margaret, Great-Grand-aunts, are located on Lot 1552 on Maple Street. To find Maple Street drive through the main entrance and pass perhaps seven streets. Turn left on Maple Street. About half way down the street on the right side are their gravestones.

Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

Forest Hills Cemetery

(501) 778-0989

Great-Grandaunts

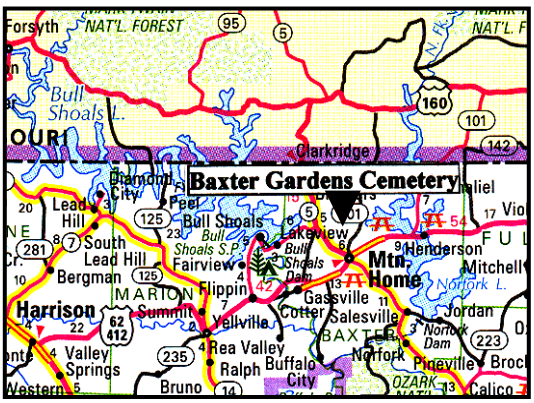
Maria Kate "Katherine" Smith Spaggins (1901-1977), Great-Aunt, and her husband, Elmer Spaggins (died 1979). **Henrietta Smith Browne** (1909-1986), Great-Aunt.

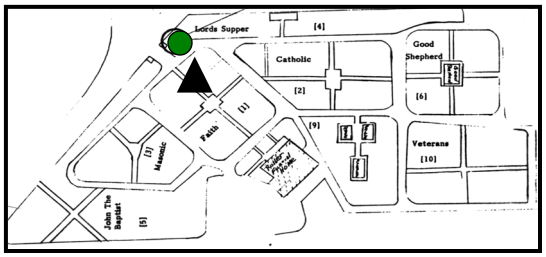
Forest Hills Cemetery is located at the corner of County Line Road and Highway 5 North. Katherine is buried in the "Garden of Faith" section of this very large 160-acre cemetery. The cemetery has an office to give directions to the burial site. Their address is 10201 Highway 5 North, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209. To reach the cemetery going north on Interstate 30 from Texarkana to Little Rock, take exit 126 (County Line Road) and go north. Continue on County Line Road until you reach Highway 5 (Stage Coach Road) where you will see the cemetery.

Mountain Home, Baxter County, Arkansas

Roller Funeral Home and Baxter Gardens Cemetery

(870) 425-2161 or (870) 425-2163



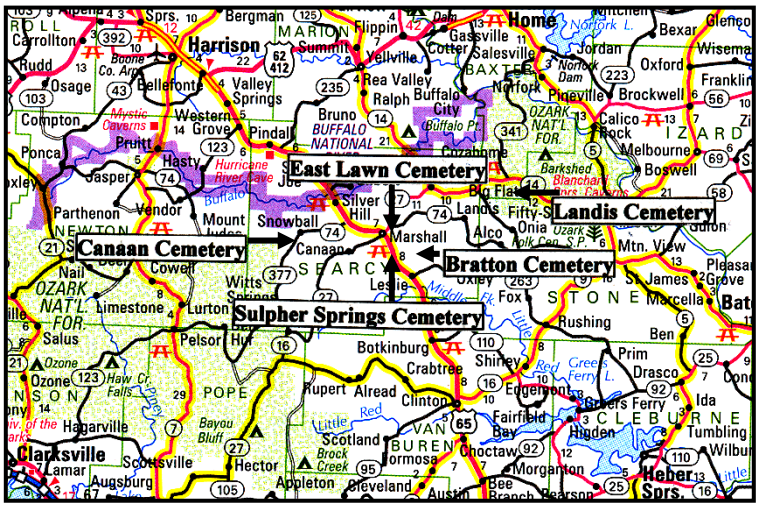


Above: Burial site of Marion Sharp, Sr. (Grandfather) and his wife, Lillian, in Baxter Gardens Cemetery in Mountain Home. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003.

Marion Carlos Sharp, Sr. (1905-1988), Grandfather, and his wife, Lillian Maggie McCallum Sharp (1907-1987).

Baxter Gardens Cemetery is located off Highway 5, where Walker Road (County Road 27) intersects, about two miles northwest of downtown Mountain Home.

Marion and Lillian are buried in Section 4, Lot 25, Grave Number 1. Section 4 is also called *The Lord's Supper* and borders the highway. Their double gravestone is located about 150 feet left of the main cemetery entrance in front of the third large tree from the entrance. Marion and Lillian were both cremated. A flat steel marker covers their ashes.



Above: Location of cemeteries in Searcy County, Arkansas. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003. Lower right: Sulphur Springs Cemetery, 2002, and a view of the cemetery from Highway 65.

Searcy County, Arkansas

Sulphur Springs Cemetery

Great-Grandparents

Mary Fredonia Redman Bratton (1846-1886), Second Great-Grandmother. **Mary Matthews Brown Redman** (1810-1877), Third Great-Grandmother.

Great-Grandaunts and Granduncles

Grover Cleveland Bratton (1884-1914), Great-Granduncle. **James Bratton** (1838-1920), Second Great-Granduncle, and his wife Dicey A. Hatchett (1835-1906). **John Bratton** (1841-1923), Second Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Olevia Delnarre Duck Bratton. **Francis M. Bratton** (1843-1938), Second Great-Granduncle (Civil War soldier), and his wife, Mary Frances Henson Bratton. **Ambrose Bratton** (1856-1912), Second Great-Granduncle. **Dicey Bratton Baldwin** (1862-1930), Second Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, John W. Baldwin (1862-1946).

Sulphur Springs Cemetery is located about half way between Marshall and Leslie, Arkansas. Drive about four miles north of Leslie, Arkansas, on Highway 65 and turn right on the first road after Highway 65 makes a curve. Travel about three-tenths of a mile then turn right on the first road to

your right. Go two-tenths of a mile and you will see the cemetery sign on your left. Unhook the chain and go up the hill until you see the cemetery.

Leslie, Searcy County, Arkansas

Bratton Cemetery

Top: Bratton Cemetery is located on top of Round Mountain in Searcy County, Arkansas; 2001. Above: Property owner, Mr. Ray LaMarr, and Jonathan Martin, age three, at Bratton Cemetery in 1986. It was a cold winter day.

Benjamin "Cuff" Bratton, Sr. (1815-1905), Third Great-Grandfather. **Laura Williams Bratton** (1817-1893), Third Great-Grandmother. **Greenwood M. Bratton** (1867-1867), Second Great-Granduncle.

Bratton Cemetery is located two miles northwest of Leslie on the Green Thomas farm on top of a round hill northwest of the farmhouse. Follow the main road northwest out of Leslie that is not Highway 65. Ask for permission to visit the cemetery from the owner of the farm. When we visited the cemetery in 1986, Mr. LaMarr was the owner of the farm. He was very friendly and accompanied Ron and me to the top of the hill. Mr. Ray LaMarr, a direct descendant of Benjamin Bratton, Sr., passed away at the age of seventy-five in 1998. I saw him twice more before he died.

Canaan, Searcy County, Arkansas

Canaan Cemetery

Rachel Bratton Rose (1815-1907), Third Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Silas Rose.

Canaan Cemetery is located about four or five miles southwest of Marshall, Arkansas. Take Highway 27 southwest from the town center

Right: Ron and Richard Martin (3rd Great-Grandnephews of Rachel Bratton) at the entrance to Canaan Cemetery, located southwest of Marshall.

of Marshall. The village of Canaan is small and the cemetery easy to locate. Rachel and her husband Silas are buried near the back of the graveyard. The cemetery is beautifully situated, surrounded by hills and meadows.

Marshall, Searcy County, Arkansas
East Lawn Cemetery

Drusilla Bratton Mays (1888-1977), Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Edmund M. Mays. **Sallie Lucetta Bratton Whitlock** (1875-before 1970), Great-Grandaunt (she died in Marshall, but we don't know where she is buried), and her husband, Henry H. Whitlock.

East Lawn Cemetery is located about two miles northeast of downtown Marshall. If you are traveling north on Highway 65 from Leslie turn right on Highway 27 just before you reach downtown Marshall. Continue about a mile to East Lawn Cemetery. The gravestones of Drusilla and her husband, Ed Mays, are located near the front fence of the cemetery.

Landis, Searcy County, Arkansas
Landis Cemetery

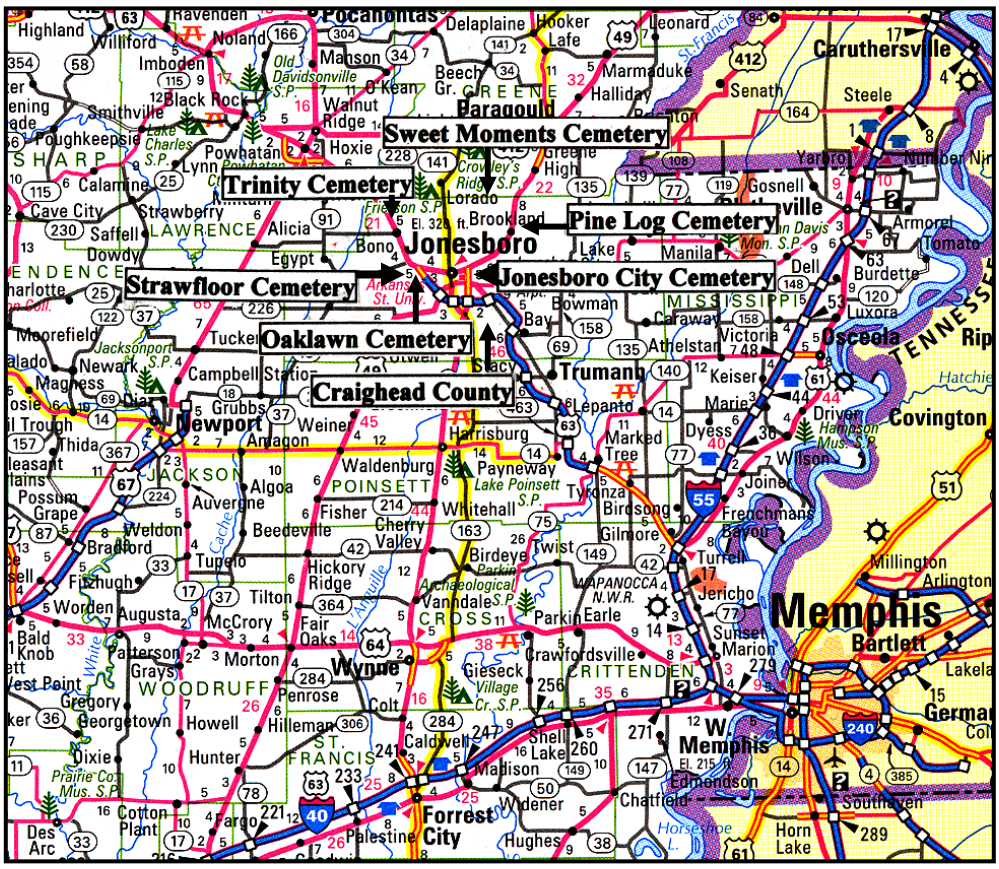
Martha "Patsy" Ann Bratton Massey (born 1818), Third Great-Grandaunt (no dates on gravestone), and her husband, Thomas Massey (died 1879).

Landis is a small town about twelve or thirteen miles east of Marshall, Arkansas. Going north on Highway 65 turn right on Highway 27 just before you reach downtown Marshall. Travel about a mile and turn right on Highway 74 and drive 12.1 miles to junction with County Road 64. Turn left on County Road 64 and go about 100 yards. The fenced cemetery will be up the hill on your right.

Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas
City Cemetery

William Washington Nisbett (1836-1889), Third Great-Grandfather. Mary

Above: East Lawn Cemetery. Right: Jonesboro City Cemetery. The land was once owned by James Nisbett, Fourth Great-Grandfather.



Above: Family cemeteries in Craighead County, Arkansas. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003. Below: Trinity Cemetery in Bono, Arkansas.

Mattix (1837-1927), daughter of Edward Mattix, Third Great-Granduncle, and wife of William Nisbett. **Mary Elizabeth Nisbett Smith** (1861-1932), Second Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Jessie Robin Smith. **Martha Clifton Nisbett Houghton** (1863-1943), Second Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Henry H. Houghton. **James Thomas Nisbett** (1879-1883), Second Great-Granduncle.

The Jonesboro City Cemetery is located on land once owned by **James Nisbett**, Fourth Great-Grandfather. The cemetery is located in central downtown Jonesboro on Matthew's Avenue, three blocks east of Main Street.

Bono, Craighead County, Arkansas

Trinity Cemetery

Minnie May Nisbett Armour (1877-1967), Second Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Dr. Charles Armour (1872-1951). Bono is located

near Jonesboro, Arkansas. Going north on Highway 63 turn right on College Street in Bono. Cross the railroad tracks and turn left on CR 328 and go one mile. Turn right on CR 380. Go two miles. Trinity Cemetery will be on the left.

Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas

Strawfloor Cemetery—1102 Strawfloor Drive

Above: Entrance to Strawfloor Cemetery.

James Nisbett (1811-1880), Fourth Great-Grandfather, and **Jane Young Rodgers Nisbett** (1812-1887), Fourth Great-Grandmother. (No original tombstones; graves may be surrounded by a short metal or concrete border.) **William Seward Nisbett** (1867-1961), Second Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Laura Evans Nisbett (1869-1961).

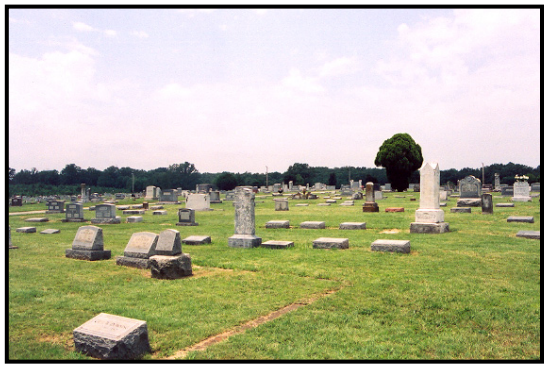
Strawfloor Cemetery is located about twenty blocks west of downtown Jonesboro. Turn north on Matthews Street off Highway 63 (south freeway) and go about half of a mile to Strawfloor Baptist Church. The cemetery is located behind the chapel. A new monument for James and Jane Nisbett was erected in 2007.

Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas

Oaklawn Cemetery—West Matthews Avenue at Loberg Lane

Benjamin Franklin Nisbett (1853-1920), Third Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Arkansas Cricket Goodman Nisbett (1851-1917). **Joseph Alexander Nisbett** (1856-1927), Third Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Mary Kentucky Goodman Nisbett.

Oaklawn is located around the corner from Strawfloor Cemetery, above, due west from downtown Jonesboro. The Nisbett graves are in the third (middle) lower section near the front by Loberg/Lobern Lane.



Above: Nisbett graves, middle foreground, in Oaklawn Cemetery; 2002.

Brookland, Craighead County, Arkansas

Pine Log United Methodist Church Cemetery

John Gilliam Rodgers Nisbett (1844-1901), Third Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Jane Heard Nisbett (1848-1920).

Brookland is located about seven miles northeast of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Going north on Highway 49 turn left on CR 762 and go a mile to Pine Log.

Goobertown, Powell Township, Section Six, Craighead County, Arkansas

Sweet Moments Cemetery

Jane Mattix Thompson (1806-1836), Fourth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Laurence Thompson (1799-1856).

Above: Sweet Moments Cemetery near Goobertown, Arkansas. Left: Black Cemetery, located behind this tree in the woods. The cemetery can be seen in the wintertime, but not in summer because of the dense foliage.

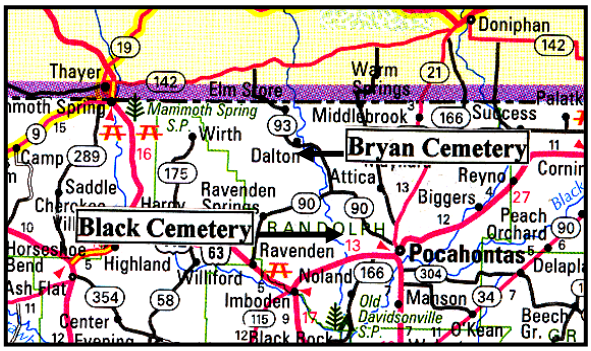
Sweet Moments Cemetery is located about a mile northwest of Goobertown, Arkansas, on land once owned by Jane and her husband, Lawrence Thompson. The cemetery is situated one-fourth mile south of the Greene County line and one mile west of Highway 49 on County Line Road. Goobertown is located three miles north of Brookland, Arkansas, which is about five miles northeast of Jonesboro, Arkansas. The nearby creek is called Thompson Creek, named for Jane's husband.

Randolph County, Arkansas

Black Cemetery

Edward Mattix, II (1782-1854) and his wife, **Elizabeth Bond Mattix** (1787-1857), Fifth Great-Grandparents (no original gravestones). A new monument was erected in 2007.

Black Cemetery is situated on a rise overlooking Elevenpoint River in the Blacks Ferry Community. Originally 1.5 acres in size, there are only two tombstones remaining and both of them are broken. Cattle have been allowed to roam and have ruined "a once beautiful cemetery."

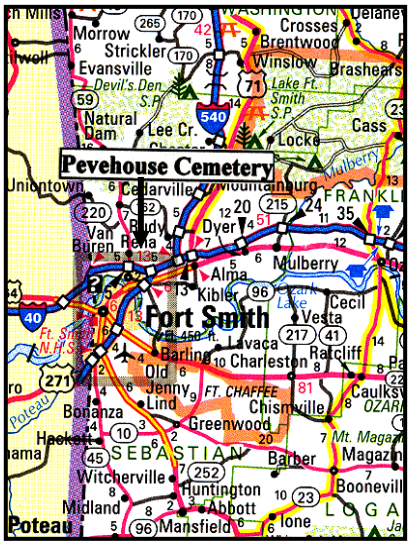


Above: Location of Black Cemetery and Bryan Cemetery in northeast Arkansas. Maps courtesy of Rand McNally. Right: Bryan Cemetery.

Go west from Pocahontas on Highway 90 for thirteen miles. Turn left on Blacks Ferry Road and proceed 4.5 miles to the end of the road, which will intersect another highway. Turn left (east) and continue over the Eleven Point River. Turn left (north) into the first farm. At this point you will need permission from the owner of the property, Mrs. Laura Robertson, to proceed on to the cemetery. The cemetery is .3 miles down the farm road and located in the woods on the right side (east) of the road, a short distance from Eleven Point River. (Edward Mattix's farm was located off Blacks Ferry Road at the entrance to Tweedy Ranch. Edward's land laid mostly east and southeast of this entrance to Eleven Point River. His house was located about a hundred feet northeast of the entrance, but is no longer standing.)

Dalton, Randolph County, Arkansas

Bryan Cemetery



Above: Pevehouse Cemetery is off a gravel road in Rena, Arkansas. The town of Rena is located immediately north of Interstate 40. Right: Pevehouse Cemetery.

Jennie Capps (1842-1878), Third Great-Grandaunt (no original gravestone, but new monument erected in 2009), and her husband, Dr. John W. Bryan (1826-1880).

Bryan Cemetery is located near Dalton, Arkansas.

Crawford County, Arkansas

Pevehouse Cemetery

Pevehouse Cemetery is located at the end of Pevehouse Road on Lee Creek in Rena. Approaching Fort Smith on Interstate 40 exit north on Highway 59. Turn left (first or second traffic light) on Rena Road and travel about 1½ miles and turn right on Pevehouse Road. Go about two miles to the very end of the half-dirt road to the cemetery, which is located on the left. The Capps/Moore family plot has a concrete border.

Patsy Capps Moore (1809-1875) Fourth Great-Grandaunt. The inscription on her gravestone reads: "Patsy Moore, wife of Ransom Moore, died October 7, 1875, age 66 yrs., 9 mo., 12 days. No Pontius marble to thy name we raise; this humble stone bespeaks thy praise. Parental fondness did thy life attend, a tender mother, a faithful friend."

Children of Patsy Capps and Ransom Moore: Mathew Moore (1837-1877), Mary Jane Moore Woosley (born 1839; no marker), and Sarah Ellen Moore (born 1834; no marker).

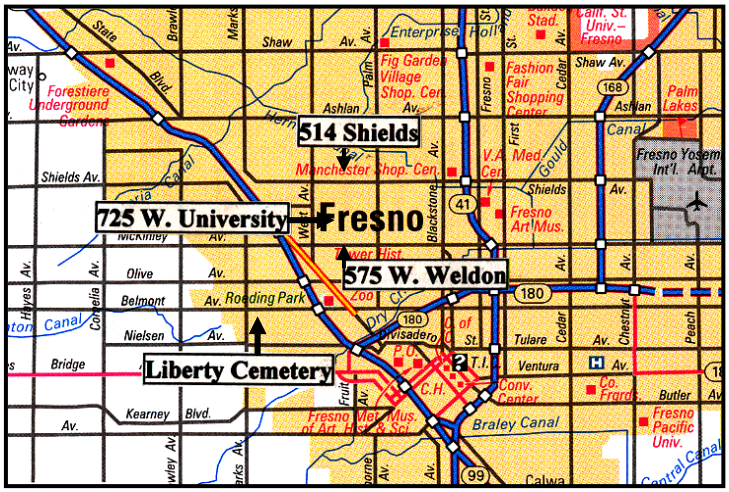
Children of **Jane Capps,** Fourth Great-Grandaunt, and James W. Turman: Miranda Turman, Mary Turman and Austin Turman. (No dates on any of their gravestones.)

California

Fresno, California

Liberty Cemetery

Benjamin Bratton, Jr. (1845-1936), Second Great-Grandfather, and his second wife, Martha J. Cotton Bratton (1866-1942).



Above: Location of three Bratton homes in Fresno, California, in the 1920s and 1930s; also Liberty Cemetery. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003. Benjamin Bratton lived at 575 W. Weldon in 1928 and 514 Shields in 1929. Nindie Bratton lived at 725 W. University from 1926 until 1935.

Liberty is located within the city limits of Fresno, California. It is the only military cemetery in Fresno. "Liberty Cemetery is a park-like place, with green well-tended lawns and shade trees, rows and rows of small white military headstones and an occasional large monument" (*Fresno County Cemeteries*, page 8).

Liberty Cemetery is located on West Belmont Avenue immediately west of Interstate 99. Traveling north on Interstate 99 take the Belmont exit and turn left. Liberty Cemetery is the third cemetery on the left (south). Benjamin's grave is located in the back in Section J. Liberty is listed as Fresno County Cemetery on some city maps.

Benjamin Bratton, Jr., Second Great-Grandfather, moved to Fresno, California, in 1927 or 1928. In 1928 Benjamin and his wife, Josephine Cotton Bratton, lived at 575 West Weldon Avenue in Fresno. In 1929 they were living at 514 Shields Avenue. Benjamin and Josephine were not listed in the 1931 to 1935 city directories. (*Fresno City Directories*, 1928 and 1929.)

Today, Benjamin's home on 575 West Weldon is still standing in good condition. His home on 514 Shields was torn down and is now a small church building.

Nindie Bratton, Great-Granduncle; 1896-1972, lived with his wife, Jean, at 725 West University Avenue in Fresno, California, from at least 1926 until 1935. Today there is no house with the street number 725, but the house number may have changed to 727 West University. (*Fresno City Directories*, 1926-1935.)

Colorado

Denver, Colorado

Barker and Sharp Family Homes

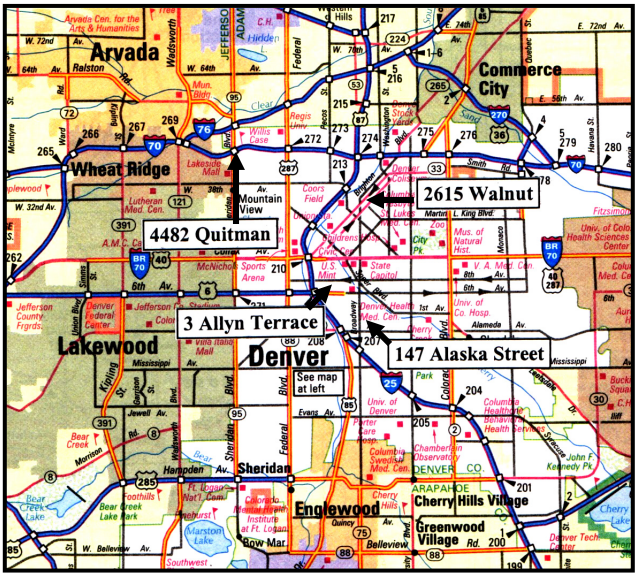
Louis Sexton Barker, Second Great-Grandfather; 1864-1929, moved to Denver in 1897, where he lived at 3 Allyn Terrace located between South 9th Street and South 10th

Above left: Louis Barker's home on 4482 Quitman, 1907-1912. Left: Last work place and/or residence of Louis Barker (2615 Walnut) in downtown Denver in 1912.

Street (near the corner of 1st Avenue West and South 10th Street). In 1899, he moved to 147 Alaska Street where he lived for eight years. In 1907, he moved to 4482 Quitman, where he resided until 1912. He may have lived at 2615 Walnut for a few months in 1912. In 1913, after living in Denver for fifteen years, Louis moved to El Reno, Oklahoma. While living in Denver his oldest daughter, **Sylvia Pearl Barker,** Great-

Grandmother; 1888-1927, met **Carlos Lee Sharp,** Great-Grandfather; 1882-1937, who lived nearby. Carlos and Louis both worked for the Rock Island Railroad.

In 1904 Sylvia and Carlos Sharp married in Denver and their two children were born there: **Marion Carlos Sharp, Sr.**, Grandfather; 1905-1988, and **Alice Pearl Sharp,** Great-Aunt; 1907-1938. Carlos and Alice probably lived with relatives or friends during their first years of marriage in Denver. (Carlos is not listed in the 1897 to 1913 Denver City directories, but he is known to have lived there from at least 1903 until 1907.)



Above: Location of four residences of Louis Barker (2nd Great-Grandfather) in Denver, 1897-1912. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003. Below: Craig Cemetery in Craig, Colorado.

My brother Ron and I stopped in Denver in 1997 and saw Alaska Street. The house had been torn down and in its place stood a new shopping center. Two or three blocks of homes had been leveled to create the large shopping area. Nearby was a transit stop on the old railroad line. In 1998 I photographed the Barker home on Quitman St.

Craig, Moffat, Colorado

Craig Cemetery

Sue "Luella" Sharp Blevins (1861-1950), Second Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Nathan W. Blevins (1854-1932). Moving from the east to Craig, Colorado, was at first a trial for Luella. Nevertheless, the climate may have suited her well for she lived to be eighty-nine years old.

Craig Cemetery is located east of downtown. Going east on Highway 40 turn left (north) on Yampa Avenue, which is the main street in the center of town. Go about a mile and turn right (east) on Seventh Avenue. Go one mile and turn right (south) on Ashley Road. The cemetery will be on your left and the Blevins graves are located just above the Veteran's Memorial.

Illinois

Ridgeway, Gallatin County, Illinois

Crawford Campground Cemetery

Above: Crawford Campground Cemetery located near Ridgeway, Illinois. Sterling Abbott's military gravestone is situated on the right side of this sign.

Sterling H. Abbott (1828-after 1870), Third Great-Granduncle. Civil War Soldier in Company L, 6th Illinois Cavalry.

Crawford Cemetery is located a couple of miles northwest of downtown Ridgeway, Illinois.

Asbury Township, Gallatin County, Illinois

Asbury Cemetery

Above: Asbury Church and Cemetery in Gallatin County, Illinois. Sylvester Nelson Fulk (2nd Great-Granduncle) is the only Fulk buried in this cemetery. He was twenty-one years old when he died, which may indicate that he died in an accident. His gravestone is the first monument on the right on the first row, foreground. The cemetery is a pleasant, well-maintained, country church burial ground.

Sylvester Nelson Fulk (1858-1879), Second Great-Granduncle.

Indiana

Ellettsville, Monroe County, Indiana

Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery

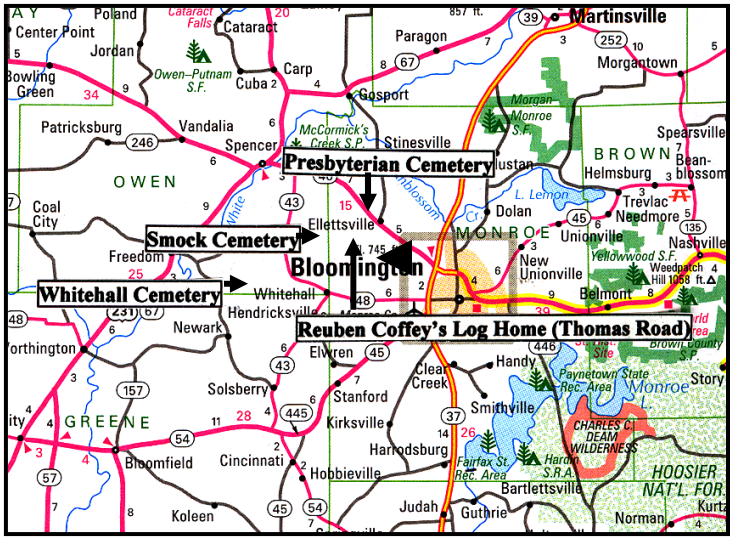
Great-Grandparents

George Washington Sharp (1831-1862), Third Great-Grandfather. (His broken gravestone was kept for many years in the service building on the cemetery grounds, but now has been reassembled; also a new monument has been erected next to his grave.) **James Simpson Sharp** (1807-1877), Fourth Great-Grandfather (one of tallest monuments in the cemetery). **George Sharp** (1767-1830), Fifth Great-Grandfather. (Base of stone exists, but the original gravestone is missing; a new monument was erected in 2007.) George is buried beside his wife, **Sarah (Sally) Johnston Sharp** (1783-1861), Fifth Great-Grandmother.

Above: Part of Sharp Plot in Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery in Ellettsville, Indiana.

Great-Grandaunts & Granduncles

Thomas Johnson Sharp (1817-1897), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Sarah (Sally) Parks Sharp (1812-1896). **Hubbard Sharp** (1805-1873), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Mary Reeves Sharp (1805-1877). **Simpson Sharp** (1849/1852-1914), Third Great-Granduncle. **Nancy Sharp Edmondson** (1800-1851), Fourth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, William M. Edmondson (1793-1868). **Amanda C. Sharp** (1851-1851), Second Great-Grandaunt (died young). **Nancy A. Sharp Allen** (1839-1901), Third Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, James N. Allen (1839). **Thomas J. Ashbrook** (no dates), Third Great-Granduncle. **Rachel Ashbrook** (born 1834) and her husband, Andrew Jack Brown (died 1888). **Sarah Ashbrook** (1840-1895), Third Great-Grandaunt, and her husband Hugh Hogue (1850/1854-1901). **James W. Coffey** (1819-1885), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Theresa S. Wampler Coffey (1820-1872). **Hiram Coffey** (1802-1889), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Charlotte Stansbury Coffey (1810-1877). **Francis "Frank" Marion Sharp** (1851-1922), Second Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Lidia M. Whaley Sharp (1852-1909).



Above: Location of family cemeteries in and near Ellettsville, Indiana. Also the location of the home of Reuben Coffey (5th Great-Grandfather) on Thomas Road about two miles south of downtown Ellettsville. Arrow on right points to location of Vernal-Mayfield Cemetery off Highway 48 and N. Oard Road. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003.

In Presbyterian Cemetery there is also a Civil War memorial honoring Ellettsville soldiers who died in the service of their country and were buried away from their homes. Most of those so honored served in Company G, 38th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Among those listed are: **John Ashbrook**, Third Great-Granduncle, **C. C. Coffey**, Cousin, **G. C. Coffey,** Cousin, **James Sharp**, Cousin, and **John Sharp**, Cousin.

Presbyterian Cemetery is located just northwest of downtown Ellettsville off Highway 46 (Temperance Street). Going north on Highway 46, turn left on Edgewood Drive (where the split highway joins together again) and the cemetery will be on top of a hill.

Ellettsville, Monroe County, Indiana

Smock Cemetery

Reuben Coffey (1772-1851), Fifth Great-Grandfather, and his wife, **Naomi Hayes Coffey** (1778-1857), Fifth Great-Grandmother (no original gravestones). A monument for Reuben and Naomi Coffey was erected over their graves in November 2008. **Isom Coffey** (1812-before 1870), Fourth Great-Grand-uncle (no gravestone), and possibly his wife, Martha Smock Coffey.

Smock Cemetery is both easy and difficult to find. Go southwest of downtown Ellettsville to Thomas Road. Turn right (west) off Thomas Road and go about two-tenths mile to 7250 Ratliff Road. Drive up to the second house and ask for permission to walk behind the owner's property. Go northwest of the back of their home for about one-tenth of a mile. The cemetery is located in a field, but hidden from view by pine trees. There are four stones standing.

Top: Smock Cemetery. This family cemetery is located on land that was once part of the estate of Reuben and Naomi Coffey (5th Great-Grandparents). Their log cabin is still standing about three-tenths of a mile away. There are a number of other burials in this graveyard. A new monument honoring Reuben and Naomi Coffey was erected in November 2008. Above: Whitehall Cemetery.

Whitehall, Monroe County, Indiana

Whitehall Cemetery

Minerva Coffey Neill (1814-1850), Fourth Great-Grandaunt. "Wife of G. W. Neill-Died Jan. 2, 1850 aged 35 yrs. 11 mos., 10 days."

Whitehall is located off Highway 48, about eight miles west of Bloomington, Indiana. Minerva's gravestone stands alone.

Monroe County, Indiana

Vernal-Mayfield Cemetery

Deniz[s]a Coffey Mayfield (1812-1842), Fourth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, William M. Mayfield (1793/4-1873). See photographs later in this account.

Vernal-Mayfield Cemetery is located west of Bloomington. Go south on Highway 37 to Bloomington. Turn west on Highway 48. Turn north on N. Oard Road to the cemetery.

Washington Township, Owen County, Indiana

Old Secrest/McHenry Cemetery

Top: Old Secrest/McHenry Cemetery in Owen County, Indiana. Above: Heights Chapel Cemetery in Gibson County, Indiana. Below: Home of Jane Ashbrook and Jefferson Wampler in Gosport, Indiana.

Thomas Ashbrook (1758-1848), Fifth Great-Grandfather. (No original gravestone—a Revolutionary War monument was erected in 2007.) **Francis Ashbrook** (1803-1851), and his wife, **Jane Baker Ashbrook** (1805-1851), Fourth Great-Grandparents. (A new monument was erected in 2007.) **Jane Ashbrook Wampler** (1812-1834), Fourth Great-Grandaunt. Her husband, Jefferson Wampler, is buried in VanBuskirk Cemetery, located at the corner of West Wampler Road and Moon Road, on top of a hill in Owen County.

To find Secrest Cemetery go northwest from Ellettsville, Indiana, on Highway 46 and turn right on Concord Road. Go about two and a half miles and turn left on Williams Road. Go about three tenths of a mile to a curve in the road, but continue straight onto the farm road. The farm is located at the corner of Williams and MacVille roads. Go through the farm gate and follow the road for about three hundred feet to the cemetery, which is fenced and situated on a small hill. A new sign was placed on the fence in 2007.

Clay Township, Section 23, Owen County, Indiana

Wylie Coffey Cemetery

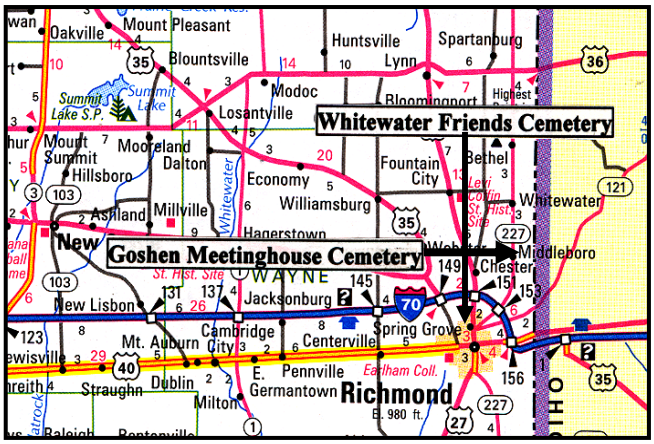
Elijah Coffey (1779-1863), Fifth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Mary Constance Dyer Coffey.

Elijah and Mary are buried here, but their stones are broken and/or gone and could not be found.

Gosport, Owen County, Indiana

Home of Jane Ashbrook, Third Great-Grandaunt

The home once owned by **Jane Ashbrook** (1812-1834), Third Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Jefferson Wampler, is still standing at the corner of South Street and South Second Street in Gosport, Indiana.



Top: Family cemeteries in Richmond (Whitewater) and Middleboro (Goshen), Indiana. Above: Goshen Cemetery near Middleboro, Indiana. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003.

Princeton, Gibson County, Indiana

Heights Chapel Cemetery

Thomas Onyett (1809-1872), Third Great-Granduncle, and his second wife, Semira Aldrich Onyett (1822-1899).

Heights Chapel is located about two miles east of Highway 41 south of Princeton. The farm and home of Thomas Onyett on Heights Chapel Road is now the site of a major highway maintenance building.

Middleborough, Wayne County, Indiana

Goshen Meetinghouse Graveyard

Edward Bond (1742-1821), Sixth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Ann Bond (died 1826). Edward donated the land for Goshen meetinghouse and graveyard from part of his farm.

Goshen Cemetery is located on the west side of Indiana State Road 227, north of Interstate 70. Traveling north from Richmond, Indiana, take state Road 227 pass I-70 and continue until you see the cemetery on your left. The original Goshen chapel burned down and was replaced with the present building.

Whitewater, Wayne County, Indiana

Whitewater Friends Cemetery

Robert Bratton (1746-1824), Fifth Great-Grandfather.

Whitewater Cemetery is located on the east side of the Ninth State Bridge in Richmond, Indiana. Robert Bratton was buried here in 1824, but all burials were removed to Earlham Cemetery in

early 1950s because of the construction of the new Ninth Street Bridge. The Friends meeting-house was located across the street, where Robert Bratton served as the clerk from 1811 until 1813.

Linton, Greene, Indiana

Old Linton Cemetery

Top: Whitewater Friends Cemetery in Richmond, Indiana. Middle: Site of the home of John Sharp (3rd Great-Granduncle) in Newtonville, Indiana. Above: Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City, Iowa. The remains of Alice Joyce Sharp Herrick are in the small building on the left hand side of the pond.

Mary Sharp Dowell Lucas, Third Great-Grandaunt, 1837-1916, and her husbands, James Lewis Dowell (1817-1895) and/or Samuel Lucas.

Linton is located about forty miles southwest of Ellettsville, Indiana.

Newtonville, Spencer, Indiana

Site of the Home of John Sharp, Third Great-Grand-Uncle

Site of the home of **John N. Sharp**, Third Great-Granduncle, is located one half mile north of Highway 70 on 600 East on the east side of the road near downtown Newtonville. Funeral services were held for John Sharp in September of 1905 at the M. E. Church. His home is no longer standing.

Iowa

Sioux City, Iowa

Memorial Park Cemetery

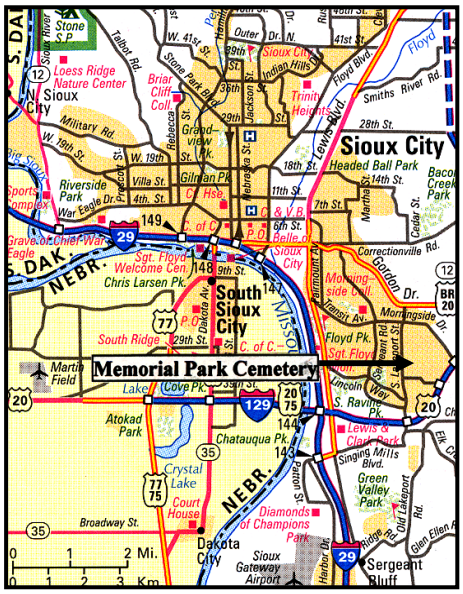
Alice Joyce Sharp Herrick (1925-1996), Aunt.

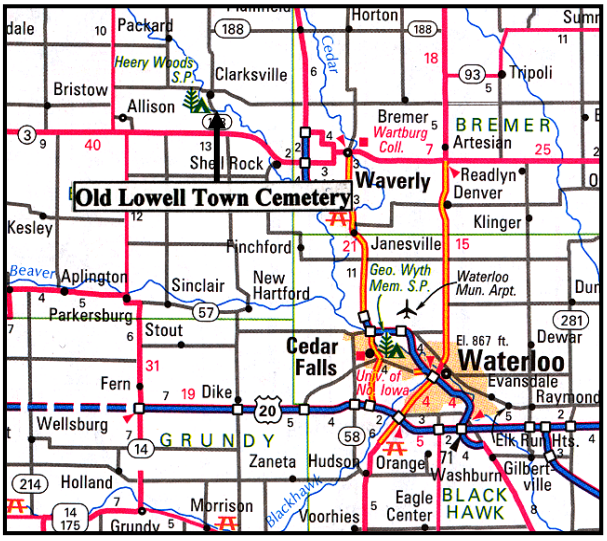
Alice was cremated. Her remains are located in a small mausoleum near a pleasant pond in the "Garden of Memories." It is interesting to note that Alice chose to be cremated just as her father did nine years earlier. Most members of the family have chosen to be buried in the traditional way.

Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa

Old Lowell Town Cemetery

Hester Van Gundy (1820-1910), Third Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, John Hickle (1812-1894).





Top left: Old Lowell Town Cemetery near Clarksville, Iowa. The farm and barn of John and Hester Van Gundy Hickle can be seen in the background. Above: Location of Old Lowell Town Cemetery, near Clarksville, Iowa. Left: Location of Memorial Park Cemetery on 6605 Morningside Avenue, off Highway 20 in Sioux City, Iowa. Maps courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003.

Old Lowell Town is named after the village that existed here during the 1800s. The cemetery is located on the farm of John and Hester Hickle and their barn and some modern storage facilities stand a few hundred feet away. To locate the cemetery go east on Highway 3 to County Road 188 that goes into Clarksville. Continue on Highway 3 east across 188 and pass a gravel road. At the second gravel road turn left (north). This is the last gravel road before reaching the railroad overpass. Drive about half a mile to the bend in the road and continue about a thousand feet to the cemetery. The closest farm east of the cemetery is the Hickle homestead from the 1850s. Their home was torn down in 2001.

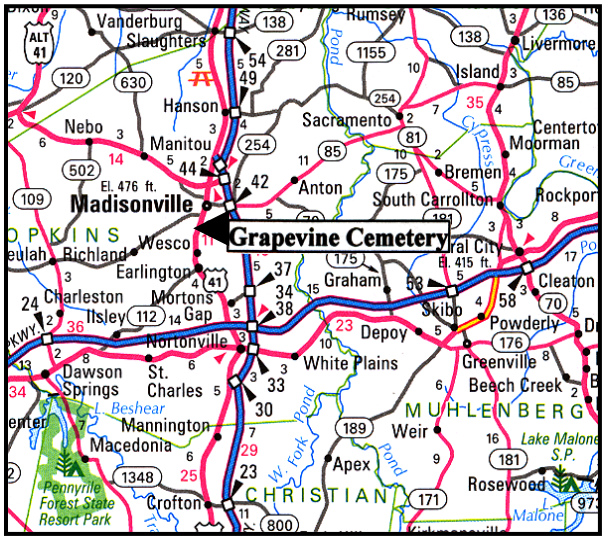
Centerville, Linn, Kansas

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

William P. Sharp (1820-1903), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Mary J. Finley

Sharp (1818-1905). Buried beside them is their daughter, Mary J. Sharp (1863-1876), who died at the age of twelve.

Go south of Centerville on W. 1077 Road (the only road south from Centerville) for 2.8 miles. Turn left (east) on W. 1100 Road and go 5.8 miles to the cemetery. The old church house is located across the highway. The names of these roads are not on standard maps. William P. Sharp was referred to as reverend in the Ellettsville newspaper and probably served as the minister of Wesley Chapel. His gravestone is near the cemetery entrance.



Top right: Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Centerville, Kansas. Above: Location of Grapevine Cemetery, south of Madisonville, Kentucky. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003. Right: Grapevine Cemetery and the monument to James Nisbet. His monument and inscription are unique.

Kentucky

Madisonville, Hopkins County, Kentucky

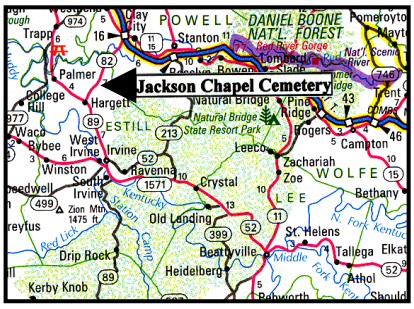
Grapevine Cemetery

James Nisbet (1765-1845), Fifth Great-Grand-uncle (Revolutionary War soldier), and his wife, Jane Nisbet (1764-1840). Many of their children are also buried here.

Grapevine Cemetery is located near the intersection of Hopkinsville and Grapevine roads south of downtown Madisonville, Kentucky. Nisbet is spelled Nesbet on James' unique monument.

Estill County, Kentucky

Jackson Chapel Cemetery



Top: Gravestone of James Nisbet/Nesbet. Above and top right: Jackson Chapel Cemetery in Estill County, Kentucky. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003. Right: Gravestone of Abraham Sharp, Revolutionary War soldier, in his family graveyard.

Rachel Sharp McPherson (1775-1878), Fifth Great-Grandaunt.

Rachel's is the oldest burial in the cemetery. She lived to be over 102 years old.

Jackson Chapel Cemetery is located on County Road 82. Traveling north on Highway 89 from Irvine to Winchester, Kentucky, turn right on County Road 82. The cemetery is located a few miles distant.

Mercer County, Kentucky

Abraham Sharp Family Graveyard

Abraham Sharp (1744-1827), Sixth Great-Granduncle. His original gravestone, if he ever had one, no longer stands, but many years ago a military monument was placed over his grave. His wife, Rebecca Armstrong Sharp, may be buried beside him, but it is not known when she died. She was born about 1760. A daughter, Elizabeth Sharp Adams, died in 1831, four years after Abraham.

Abraham Sharp's home was located on what was once known as the Goodlet Farm. His family graveyard was situated about a hundred feet from his cabin, which no longer stands. It is now in a grove of tall trees.

Go north of Harrodsburg on Highway 127. Turn left (west) on Highway 1160 and travel to Kirkwood Baptist Church. Go seven-tenths of a mile to 1676 Kirkwood. The site of Abraham's home and grave are located about a quarter of a mile behind the current farm owner's house.

Top: Home of Aaron Sharp (5th Great-Granduncle), built in the late 1790s. Middle: Site of the home of George Sharp (5th Great-Grandfather). Above: Adam Sharp Family Cemetery, where Adam (6th Great-Grandfather) is buried. All three sites are located on Hardwick Creek Road (CR 1057) near Clay City, Kentucky.

Clay City, Powell, Kentucky

Home of Aaron Sharp Adam Sharp Farm and Family Cemetery Site of George Sharp's Home and Mill

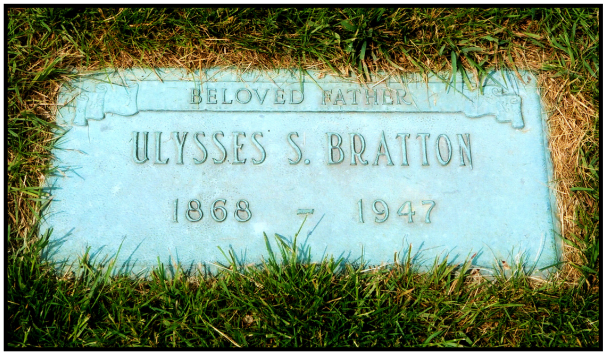
The home of **Aaron Sharp**, Fifth Great-Granduncle, probably built in the 1790s, is still standing in good condition at 2601 County Road 1057 (Hardwick Creek Road), which is about four miles southeast of Clay City, Kentucky. On the same road, half a mile away, is the site of **George Sharp's**, Fifth Great-Grandfather, home, which burned down in 1979. (George Sharp's home and mill were located at the corner of County Road 1057 and County Road 2001 in Vaughn's Mill, which was once known as Sharp's Mill.) The farm of their father, **Adam Sharp**, Sixth Great-Grandfather, is located at 1161 County Road 1057 (Hardwick Creek Road). About two hundred feet behind the current owner's home is the family cemetery of Adam Sharp, where he is buried. A new monument was erected to his memory in 2007. His wife, **Phebe**, Sixth Great-Grandmother, and their children are also listed on the gravestone.

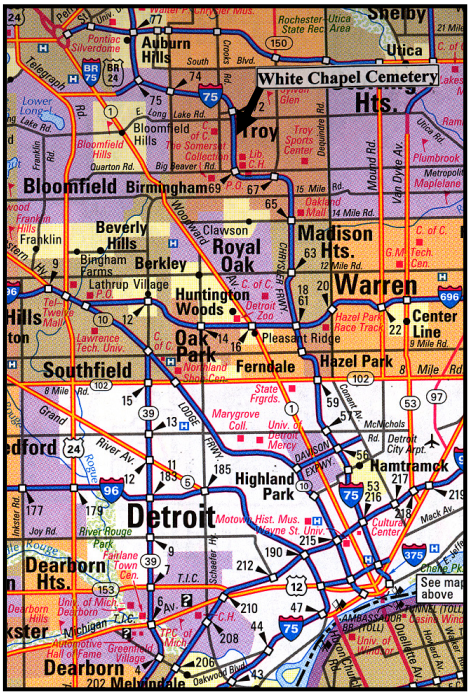
Michigan

Troy, Michigan

White Chapel Cemetery (248) 362-7670

Ulysses S. Bratton (1868-1947), Great-Grand-uncle, and his wife, Martha Tennessee "Mattie" Bryant.





Above: Location of White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, Michigan. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003. Ulysses Bratton (Great-Granduncle) was the only attorney in the state of Arkansas that would defend the blacks in the Leona race riots in 1919. He won, but as a result had to move from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Detroit, Michigan. Left: Old Doniphan Cemetery in Doniphan, Missouri.

White Chapel is located at 621 West Longlake Road off I-75 at the Crooks Road exit. The Bratton graves are in Block J in the immediate left (east) corner in front of the main reception center.

Missouri

Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri

Old Doniphan Cemetery

Valentine Capps (died 1851), probably Third Great-Granduncle.

Lemuel Kittrell (died April 9, 1865), "Doniphan, Missouri, First Settler," is also buried in Old Doniphan Cemetery. He was a Mexican War and Civil War veteran. Lemuel was the third husband of Lurana Ponder, who was the second wife of Nimrod Capps, Fourth Great-Grandfather.

Old Doniphan Cemetery is located in downtown Doniphan. Valentine Capps' gravestone no longer exists, and Lemuel Kittrell is buried next to the fence in the back of the cemetery.

Kirkville, Adair, Missouri
Stukey Cemetery

Daniel R. Cowgill (1809-1890), husband of **Catherine Van Gundy** (1810-1878), Third Great-Grandaunt.

Catherine may be buried beside Daniel, but her gravestone is no longer standing. It may have fallen and is now under the earth, was broken by cattle, or none was placed over her grave. The Adair County Cemetery book said that the cemetery was not well cared for at one time. There was no charge for burials. "Families just staked out their own plots."

To find Stukey Cemetery "take Highway 63 South from Kirkville to the Airport Road, thence west for one mile to the cemetery."

Ripley County, Missouri
Old Town Cemetery

Above: Gravestone of William Franklin Capps (3rd Great-Granduncle) in Old Town Cemetery. Right: Johnston Baptist Church in Ripley County, Missouri.

William Franklin Capps (1846-1879), Third Great-Granduncle.

The cemetery is very difficult to find. It is located on the property of Jack and Betty Kernodle. Take highway 142 west from Doniphan. Turn south (left) on Road "P." Turn left on "P-1" a dirt and gravel road. Travel about two miles to the end of the road. Walk across the creek and up the small hill into the trees about one-fourth mile. The cemetery was covered in grass and bushes when I visited William Capps' grave in May 1999.

Ripley County, Missouri
Johnston Baptist Church

Nimrod Capps, Fourth Great-Grandfather, probably help build the original log church in the 1850s. The current building has been standing since 1890. Nimrod was buried in Siloam Cemetery, Middlebrook, Randolph County, Arkansas, in 1876.

Ripley County, Missouri

Old Ponder Cemetery

Lurana Eudaley (1828-1903), second wife of Nimrod Capps, Fourth Great-Grandfather.

This cemetery lies off 142 East, to the south about a mile before the village of Ponder. The cemetery is covered in brush and tall grass, but is surrounded by a barbed wire fence. Turn left at the Phillip's 66 sign at the old two-story house with a white porch. Travel down the dirt road about two thousand feet. The cemetery will be on your left.

Glendora, Gloucester Township, Camden County, New Jersey

John Ashbrook's Burial Ground

John Ashbrook, Ninth Great-Grandfather, his first wife, **Mrs. John Ashbrook**, Ninth Great-Grandmother, and his second wife, Mary Howell Ashbrook. **John Ashbrook, Jr.**, Eighth Great-Granduncle, and his first wife. Descendants of John Ashbrook are probably also buried here, but some are unknown because none of their gravestones remain.

Top left: Gravestone of Lurana Eudaly (1828-1903), second wife of Nimrod Capps (4th Great-Grandfather) in Old Ponder Cemetery. Middle: John Ashbrook's Burial Ground. Above: Site of Ashbrook's Landing on Big Timber Creek.

Ashbrook's Burial Ground is located in Glendora, New Jersey, near the point where the communities of Glendora, Runnemede and Deptford meet. To visit Ashbrook Cemetery drive south from Philadelphia/Camden on Interstate 42 going towards Atlantic City. Leave

the freeway at exit 10 and turn left (east) on Black Horse Pike toward Glendora/Runnemede. Go one and one half miles and turn left (north) on Station Road. Go about a mile and the cemetery will be on the right side of the road. Ashbrook Landing was on Timber Creek at the very end of Station Road.

Ashbrook's Landing

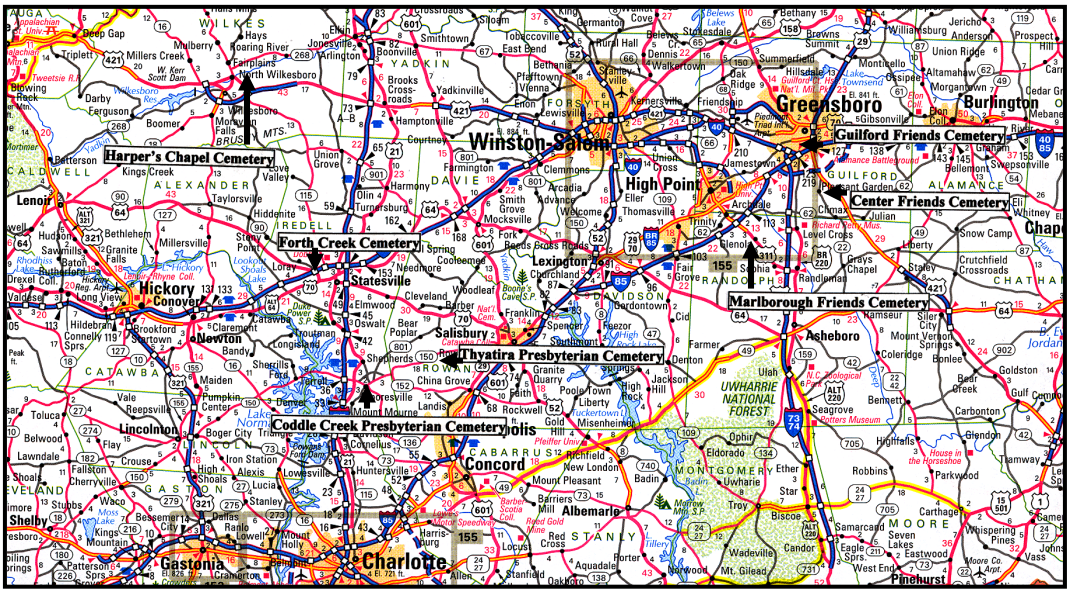
"Ashbrook's Landing on Big Timber Creek, near Clement's Bridge is located in Camden County, New Jersey," and flows through Glendora. (*Origin Meaning of Place Names in Camden County, New Jersey*, Volume 1, No. 8, by Charles S. Boyer.) Camden County was once part of Gloucester County. This site was named after **John Ashbrook,** Ninth Great-Grandfather, who was the first to own the landing.

North Carolina

Southeast Iredell County, North Carolina

Coddle Creek A. R. Presbyterian Church Cemetery

John Gillon (1753-1833), Sixth Great-Grandfather, and his wife, **Jane Young Gillon** (1757-1855), Sixth Great-Grandmother.



Above: North Carolina cemeteries, where members of the Beeson, Bond, Gillon, Millikan and Nisbett families are buried. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003.

Coddle Creek Cemetery is located five to ten miles south of Mooresville, North Carolina, on Highway 3 (was Highway 136) near the border of Iredell County and Cabarrus County. Go to downtown Mooresville, where Highway 3 begins and travel south to Coddle Creek Church and Cemetery. John and Jane are buried on one of the rows farthest back from the Chapel.

Guilford County, North Carolina

Center Friends Cemetery

Top: Coddle Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Iredell County, North Carolina. The gravestones of John and Jane Young Gillon (6th Great-Grandparents) are in the foreground. Middle: Center Friends Cemetery in Guilford County, North Carolina. Above: Guilford Friends Cemetery in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Great-Grandparents

Richard Beeson (1684-1777), Eighth Great-Grandfather. **Charity Grubb Beeson** (1687-1761), Eighth Great-Grandmother. **Jane Beeson Bond** (1760-1792), Sixth Great-Grandmother.

Great-Granduncles

Isaac Beeson (1739-1811), Sixth Great-Granduncle. **William Beeson** (1734-1826), Sixth Great-Granduncle.

There are no inscribed tombstones remaining for any of these relatives. The older burials are marked by uninscribed fieldstones.

Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina

Guilford Friends Cemetery

Joseph Bond (1704-1760), Seventh Great-Grandfather.

Guilford Cemetery is located across the street from Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina. Joseph Bond's gravestone may be one of the many uninscribed fieldstones in the graveyard. Faithful Friends did not have inscribed gravestones in the 1700s and this policy did not change until the 1800s. It had nothing to do with one's social standing or lack of money, but apparently a policy to avoid pretentiousness. Other relatives may also be buried in Guilford Cemetery.

Millbridge, Rowan County, North Carolina

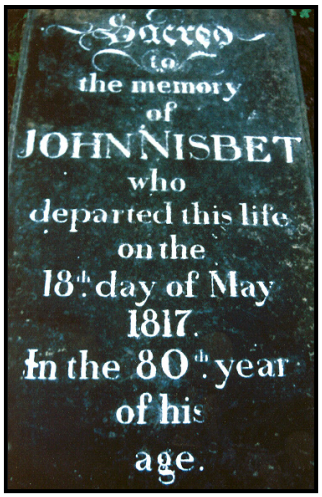
Thyatira Presbyterian Church Cemetery

John Nisbet (1705-1755), Seventh Great-Grandfather. **Sarah Brevard Nisbet** (1710-1764), Seventh Great-Grandmother. **James Nisbet** (1733-1763), Sixth Great-Granduncle.

Thyatira Presbyterian Cemetery is located in Millbridge off Highway 150 about ten miles west of Salisbury, North Carolina. John, Sarah and James Nisbet are buried on a row at the far end of the cemetery away from the Chapel.

Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina

Presbyterian Church



Top right: Thyatira Presbyterian Church in Millbridge, North Carolina. Above left: Forth Creek Cemetery in downtown Statesville, North Carolina. An old brick wall surrounds the cemetery. Walk across the street from the church and through the iron gate. The first tomb on the left is that of John Nisbet (6th Great-Granduncle). Above right: Inscription on John Nisbet's tomb. John was one of the leading and most prosperous citizens of Statesville.

William Nisbet (1735-1799), Sixth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Mary Chambers Fulton Nisbet.

William and Mary are buried beneath the church lecture room under marble slabs.

Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina

Forth Creek Cemetery

John Nisbet (1737-1817), Sixth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Mary Osborne Nisbet.

Forth Creek Cemetery is located across the street from Forth Creek Presbyterian Church in downtown Statesville, North Carolina. The church is situated on a rise overlooking the city. It appears that the most prominent families in the city were buried in Forth Creek Cemetery.

Caldwell County, North Carolina

Harper's Chapel Cemetery

Thomas Coffey (1743-1825), Sixth Great-Granduncle.

Harper's Chapel Cemetery is located half a mile east of the post office in Patterson, North Carolina, on Road 268 (Lenoir and Blowing Rock Road). The cemetery is across the road from the Yadkin River.

Above: Harper's Chapel Cemetery. Right: Marlborough Friends Cemetery. Middle right: Cemetery in Globe, North Carolina. Lower right: Coffey Cemetery (behind center trees). Reuben Coffey (6th Great-Grandfather) is probably buried in the Globe or Coffey Cemetery.

Randolph County, North Carolina

Marlborough Friends Meeting House Cemetery

Benjamin Millikan (1755-1834), Fifth Great-Granduncle (no inscribed gravestone).

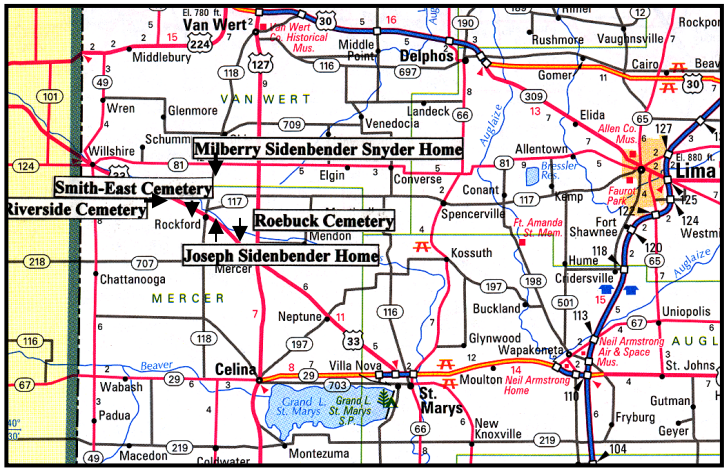
For a time William Millikan (1720-1800), Sixth Great-Grandfather, attended church at Marlborough Meeting House with his son Benjamin Millikan. Benjamin is probably buried here, but William was buried in the burying ground next to Centre Friends Meeting House. The older burials are marked by uninscribed fieldstones.

Globe Settlement, Caldwell County, North Carolina

Reuben Coffey (1744-1818), Sixth Great-Grandfather (no inscribed gravestone). **Sally Scott Coffey** (1750-1837), Sixth Great-Grandmother (no inscribed gravestone).

There are two cemeteries in the Globe community and another one four miles north of Globe, named Coffey Cemetery. All of the older burials are marked by fieldstones without any inscriptions of any kind. It is almost certain that Reuben and Sally Coffey were buried in one of these three cemeteries under an uninscribed fieldstone.

Ohio



Above: Family cemeteries and homes in Mercer County, Ohio. Map courtesy of Rand McNally & Co., Copyright © 2003.

Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio

Riverside Cemetery

Great-Grandparents

Henry K. Smith (1841-1924), Second Great-Grandfather, and his wife, **Maria Jane Sidenbender Smith** (1845-1928), Second Great-Grandmother.

Great-Grandaunts and Uncles

Above: Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio, where many members of the Smith and Sidenbender families are buried.

Cornelius B. Smith (1836-1911), Second Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Nancy E. Hedges Smith (1840-1913). **John W. Smith** (1838-1903), Second Great-Granduncle (Civil War Veteran-Private), and his wife, Harriet A. Blake Smith (1844-1896). **Alvina B. Sidenbender Smith** (1835-1907), Second Great-Grandaunt (second wife of James Finley Smith, Second Great-Granduncle). **Milberry Ann Sidenbender Snyder** (1837-1928), Second Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Lafayette Snyder (1836-1888). **Joseph Van Sidenbender** (1841-1907), Second Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Mary Whitley Sidenbender (1840-1923). **Seymour B. Sidenbender** (1843-1914), Second Great-Granduncle (Civil War Veteran-Musician). **Catherine Elizabeth Sidenbender Work** (1839-1894), Second Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Clayborne Work (1840-1918) (Civil War Veteran-Corporal).

Riverside Cemetery is located about two miles northwest of downtown Rockford, Ohio, on Highway 33.

Rockford, Ohio

Home of Milberry Sidenbender Snyder, Second Great-Grandaunt

Above: Home of Milberry Sidenbender Snyder (2nd Great-Grandaunt).

Milberry Sidenbender, Second Great-Grandaunt—1837-1928; married Lafayette Snyder and they made their home about two miles north of Rockford, just across the county line in Van Wert County. Go north on Highway 118 from Rockford to the County Line Road. Turn right (east) on County Line Road. Milberry and Lafayett's original home and barn are the first buildings that you will see on your left (north) about a quarter mile down the road.

Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio

Smith Cemetery (Once called East Cemetery)

Above: Smith/East Cemetery in downtown Rockford, Ohio. The cemetery was converted into a baseball field in the 1950s.

Great-Grandparents

Joseph Sidenbender (1802-1880), Third Great-Grandfather, and his wife, **Ann Van Gundy Sidenbender** (1808-1898), Third Great-Grandmother.

Great-Granduncles

Richard I. Sidenbender (1847-1847), Second Great-Granduncle. **Bishop H. Sidenbender** (1850-1850), Second Great-Granduncle. **Abraham Van Gundy** (1815-1897), Third Great-Granduncle, and his first wife, Mariah Baum Van Gundy (1818-1842). Also, Abraham's second wife, Elizabeth Exline Van Gundy (1828-1895).

In 1958 Smith Cemetery was converted to Tu-Way Little League Baseball Field. The field is located on East Pearl Street near the center of downtown Rockford. The stones were apparently bulldozed and used for rock along the creek behind the Masonic Lodge. The burials may or may not have been moved to Riverside Cemetery. I spoke

with local authorities in 1996, but none of the city officials knew whether or not the bodies had been removed and, if so, where they were relocated.

Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio

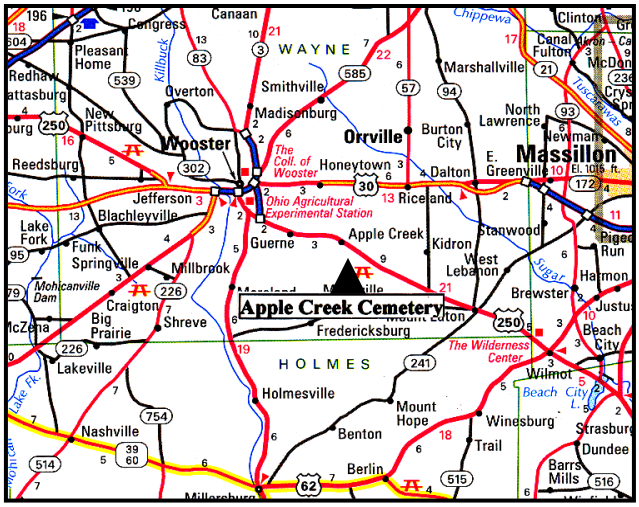
Roebuck Cemetery

James Finley Smith (1831-1877), Second Great-Granduncle, and his first wife, Phebe A. Slater Smith (1836-1863).

Located on Frysinger Road about two miles north of US 33, two or three miles southeast of Rockford, Ohio. Stay on Frysinger Road and cross St. Mary's River. The cemetery is on the right (east) across from a curve in the road.

Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio

Old Presbyterian Cemetery-Apple Creek



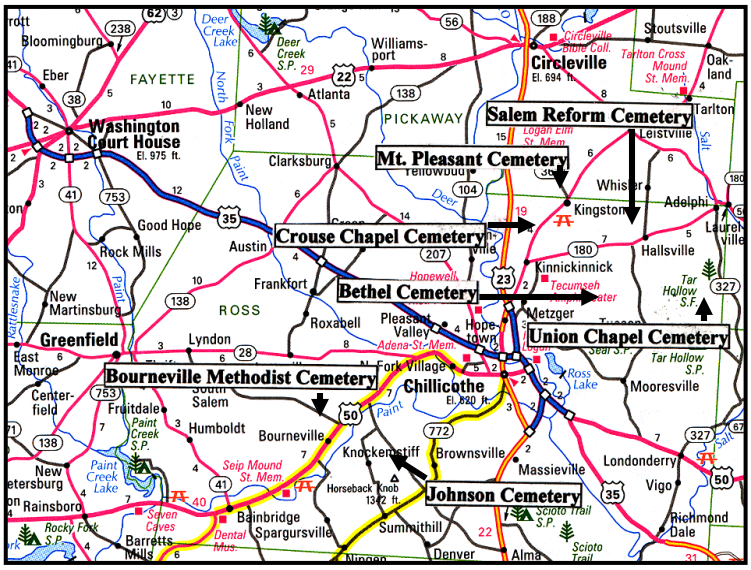
Top: Roebuck Cemetery near Rockford, Ohio. In summer the fields are covered with a crop of corn, which blocks any view of the cemetery. Above: Old Presbyterian-Edinburgh Cemetery in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio. Map courtesy of Rand McNally.

Jacob Smith (1780-1848), Fourth Great-Grandfather, and his wife, **Sarah Smith** (1784-1860), Fourth Great-Grandmother. **Philip Smith** (1761-1838), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Agnes Smith (1766-1850). **Katherine Smith Franks**, Fourth Great-Grandaunt (died 1834, age 72) and her husband, Jacob Franks (War of 1812 Soldier, 1782-1868). Conrad Franks (War of 1812 Soldier, 1786-1869). Jacob and Conrad are both sons of **Abigail Smith Franks**, Fifth Great-Grandaunt. George Philip Smith (1788-1873), Philip Smith, III (1792-1845) and Nathan Waits Smith (1804-1885). George, Philip and Nathan are sons of **Philip Smith, Jr.**, Fifth Great-Granduncle.

Apple Creek Presbyterian Church was founded in 1815. The congregation first met in the old gristmill at the "west end of Edinburgh." In the summer of 1817 they built

their first log church on a three-acre plot of ground. Part of this plot was used as a cemetery. The first burial was in 1819.

Old Presbyterian Cemetery is located off Highway 250 in Apple Creek, Ohio. Take Highway 250 southeast out of Wooster, Ohio, until you reach Apple Creek. The cemetery is located off Church Street on your left (north). The Smith graves are located at the north end of the cemetery, which is on the upper part of the hill, next to where the church once stood.



Top left: Apple Creek Cemetery. Above: Location of seven family cemeteries in Ross County, Ohio. Rand McNally map. Left: Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Green Township, Ross County, Ohio

Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Jacob Conner (1753-1805), Fifth Great-Grandfather. **Jacob Van Gundy** (1770-1854), Fourth Great-Grandfather. **Catherine Conner Van Gundy** (1780-1856), Fourth Great-Grandmother. **Isaac Van Gundy** (1805-1871), Third Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Sarah O'Conner Van Gundy. **Henry Van Gundy** (1817-1865), Third Great-Granduncle (Civil War soldier).

Go north on Highway 23 out of Chillicothe, Ohio, and continue to Blackwater Road. Turn right (east) on Blackwater, go past Blackwater Creek, and immediately the cemetery will be on your right (south). Mount Pleasant is a large cemetery. Most of the family burials are on the west side, center section of the cemetery. Jacob Conner's gravestone is on the far east side of the graveyard where there is a special memorial to soldiers.

Green Township, Ross County, Ohio

White Churches Cemetery (Salem Reformed Lutheran Church Cemetery)

Barbara Van Gundy May (1773-1841), Fourth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, George May (1766-1849). **Christian Van Gundy** (1743-1812), Fifth Great-Grandfather, is probably buried here, but no original monument; a new one was erected in 2007.

Top: White Churches Cemetery. Top right: Memorial to soldier's buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The gravestone of Jacob Conner (5th Great-Grandfather), a Revolutionary War soldier, is in front of the flagpole. Middle and above: Bethel Methodist Cemetery.

Green Township, Ross County, Ohio

Bethel Cemetery

Mary Ann Van Gundy Ullery (1777-1864), Fourth Great-Grandaunt. (Her husband, Captain Ullery, was killed in the War of 1812.) **David Van Gundy** (1755-1827), Fifth Great-Granduncle. (His gravestone was standing in 1954, but was missing in 1998.) **Shepherd Sidenbender** (1827/1828-1829), Second Great-Granduncle. Shepherd died when he was two years old. His gravestone is located about twenty or thirty feet behind the chapel. It is the oldest gravestone that I have ever found inscribed with the name Sidenbender.

To visit Bethel Cemetery go north from Chillicothe on Highway 235. Turn right (east) on Highway 180 and continue to County Road 223. Turn right on CR 223 and continue south until you see the cemetery on top of a hill on your right. The church overlooks a valley.

Green Township, Ross County, Ohio

Crouse Chapel Cemetery

Mary Van Gundy Fortner (1806-1888), Third Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Jacob Fortner (1809-1887).

Above: Gravestone of Shepherd Sidenbender in Bethel Cemetery; 2004. Top right: Crouse Chapel Cemetery and Mary Van Gundy Fortner's broken monument. Lower right: Johnson Cemetery in Ross County, Ohio. Sarah Martin is standing next to the gravestone of Jacob Van Gundy, her fourth great-granduncle, and his wife Lavina Baker in 1994. They died just three months apart in 1893.

To find Crouse Chapel Cemetery go north on Highway 23 out of Chillicothe. Turn right (east) on Crouse Chapel Road (County Road 275) and continue until you see the church and cemetery on a hill to your left (north). It is a small cemetery and the broken gravestone of Mary and her husband, Jacob, is easy to find.

Huntington Township, Ross County, Ohio

Johnson Cemetery

Jacob Van Gundy (1804-1893), Third Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Dorcas Lavina

Baker Van Gundy (1819-1893). **Elizabeth Van Gundy Vandemark** (1811-1873), Third Great-Grandaunt.

Go west from Chillicothe on Highway 50; turn left (south) on County Road 158; turn left (northwest) on Minney Hill Road. Johnson Cemetery will be on the left, back off the road.

Bourneville, Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio

Bourneville Methodist Cemetery

John C. Conner (1790-1880), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his first wife, Sadie (or Sally) Conner (1786-1841). Also, John's second wife, Martha Conner (1796-1871). **Isaac Conner** (1754-1836), Fifth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Rachel Conner (1786-1861).

Bourneville Methodist Cemetery is located in Bourneville near the high school.

Green Township, Ross County, Ohio

Union Chapel Cemetery

Hester Conner (1795-1854), Fourth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, George Keller (1789-1858).

To find Union Chapel Cemetery go northeast on Highway 235 out of Chillicothe. Turn right (east) on Highway 180 and continue to County Road 223. Turn right on CR 223 and continue south until you come to a bend in the road and turn left on Chapel Creek Road (T-249). The cemetery will be on the left (east) side of the road.

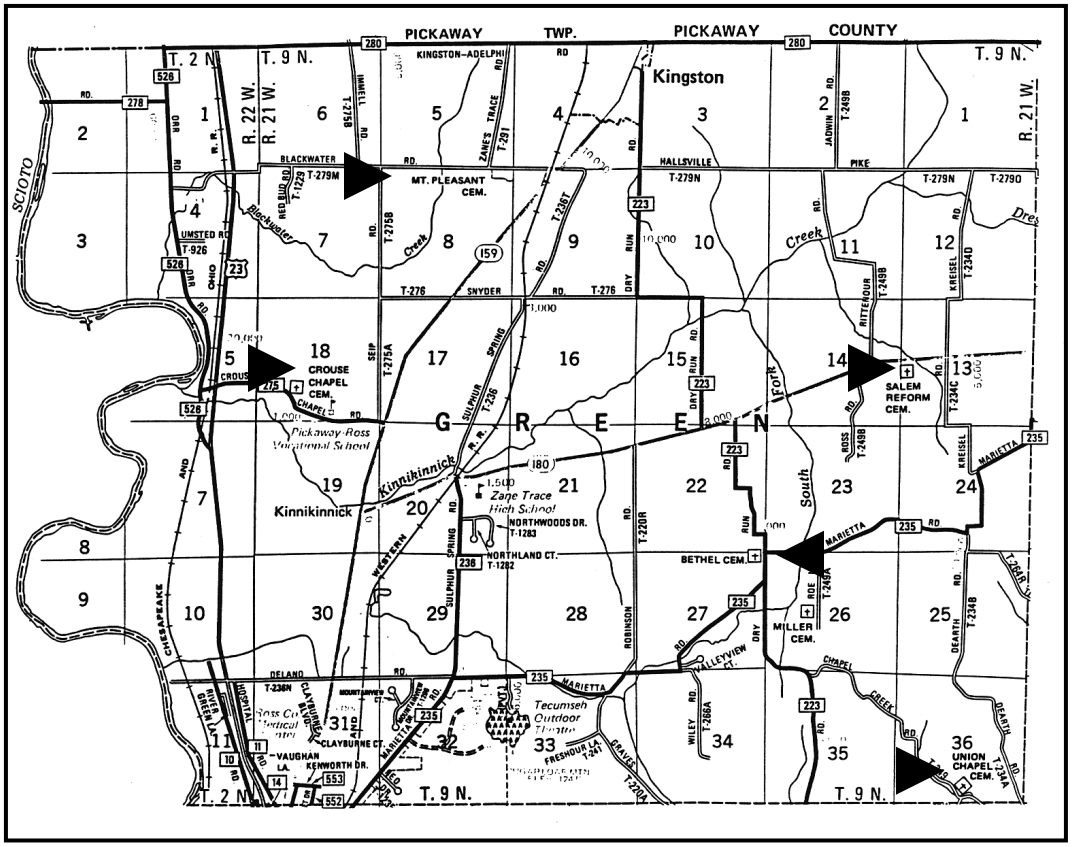
Top: Bourneville Methodist Cemetery, where Isaac Conner, a Revolutionary War soldier, is buried. Above: Union Chapel Cemetery.

Carrollton, Carroll County, Ohio

Conotton Methodist Burying Ground

Joseph Van Gundy (1750-1823), Fifth Great-Granduncle (Revolutionary War soldier; only given name discernible on original inscription, but he has a new marker), and

his wife, Fronica or Veronica Kaufman Van Gundy. (Inscription on her gravestone is completely worn away, but she also has a new gravestone.)



Above: Map of Green Township, Ross County, Ohio. The arrows point (left to right) to: Crouse Chapel Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Bethel Cemetery, Salem Cemetery and Union Chapel Cemetery.

Sycamore, Wyandot, Ohio

Old Sycamore Cemetery

William Goodman (1781-1870), husband of **Elizabeth Conner Goodman** (1788-1832), Fourth Great-Grandaunt.

Old Sycamore Cemetery is "situated adjacent to State Route 231 on the west side, 1.5 miles north of Sycamore, Ohio."

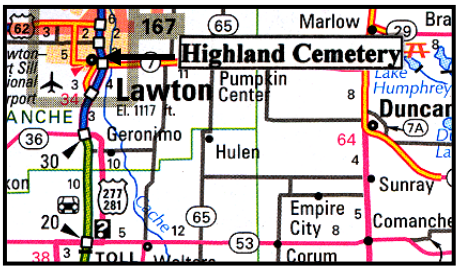
Oklahoma

Okemah, Oklahoma

Highland Cemetery

Fredona Leana Bratton Melton (1885-1966), Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Dr. Andrew "Andy" Singleton Melton (1885-1958).

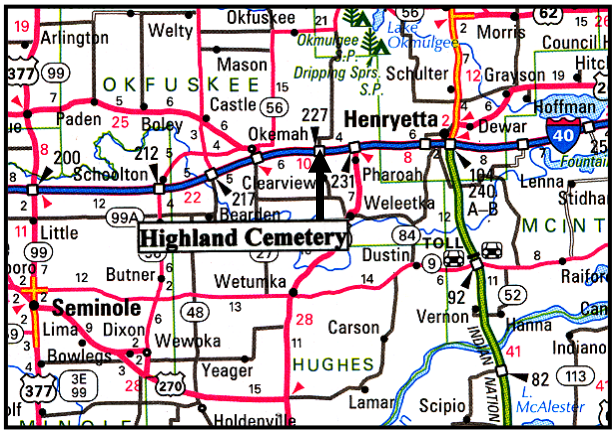
Highland Cemetery is located off Highway 27 immediately north of downtown Okemah, Oklahoma. Highland Cemetery is called Hillcrest Cemetery on the Okemah city map, but Highland is its correct name.



Lawton, Oklahoma
Highland Cemetery

Mabel Barker Davis (1893-1972), Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Lincoln Davis (1882-1946).

Highland Cemetery is located on Ft. Sill Blvd. just south of Ft. Sill Military Reservation. The Davis tombstone is located on 18th Street in the center section of the cemetery.



Top left: Fredonia Bratton Melton's gravestone in Okemah, Oklahoma. Top right: Location of Highland Cemetery in Lawton, Oklahoma. Middle: Gravestone of Mabel Barker Davis and her husband, Lincoln Davis, in Highland Cemetery, Lawton, Oklahoma. Above: Highland Cemetery in Okemah, Oklahoma. Maps courtesy of Rand McNally.

Family Residences in Oklahoma

El Reno, Canadian County, Oklahoma

Maude Alice Fulk Barker, Second Great-Grandmother; died in El Reno at the home of her daughter, Mabel Barker Davis, Great-Grandaunt, in 1931. Maude was buried in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Louis Sexton Barker, Second Great-Grandfather; lived in El Reno in the 1910s. He worked for the railroad and lived near the railroad station.

Top: Louis Barker's home at 624 North Louisa Street in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Above: Home of Mabel Barker (Great-Grandaunt) in Lawton, Oklahoma, where Lincoln Davis (Uncle) grew up. Right: Martindale Mennonite Cemetery in Martindale, Pennsylvania. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company.

lived at 615 Euclid Street. She lived here from the 1930s until her death in 1972. Uncle Lincoln's first wife, Jo Ann Mann, lived across the street at 701 Euclid.

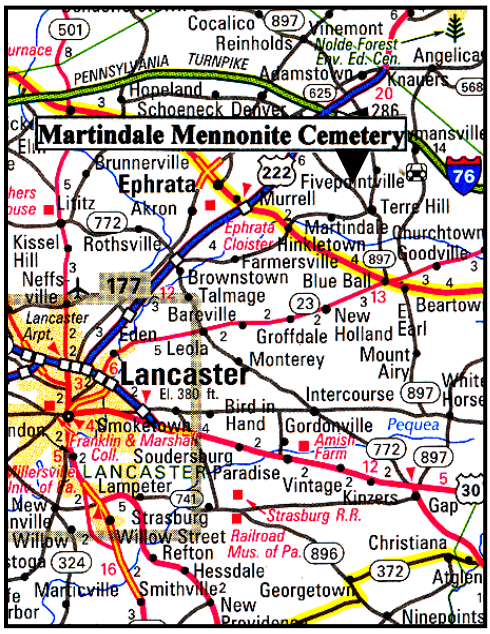
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Louis Sexton Barker, Second Great-Grandfather; lived at 624 North Louisa Street (once called North University Street) in Shawnee. (1920 Census and 1919 Shawnee City Directory, p. 48; 1923 Shawnee City Directory, p. 45.)

Walter S. Stevens, Great-Granduncle; died in Shawnee in 1942.

Lawton, Oklahoma

Mabel Barker Davis, Great-Grandaunt, who adopted Uncle Lincoln Leroy Davis,



Pennsylvania

Martindale, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Martindale Mennonite Cemetery

John Van Gundy (John Gundi on tombstone) (1735-1819), Fifth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Anne Van Gundy.

Martindale Mennonite Cemetery is located near the corner of Gristmill Road and Martindale/Lancaster Road in Martindale, Pennsylvania. Traveling north on Twenty-Eighth Division Highway (Highway 322), turn right on Gristmill Road. Go one and a

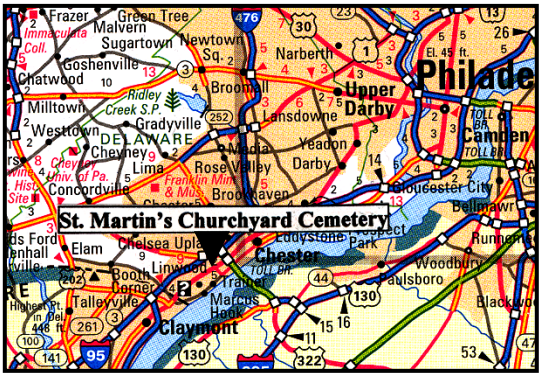
half miles to Martindale and turn left on the Martindale/Lancaster Road. Travel one-half mile and on your left will be a white Mennonite Church. The cemetery is located behind the chapel. (Peter Van Gundy, Sixth Great-Grandfather, and Christian Van Gundy, Fifth Great-Grandfather, lived nearby on Muddy Creek.)

Above: Martindale Mennonite Cemetery in Martindale, Pennsylvania. Right: St. Martin's Cemetery in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania.

Marcus Hook, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

St. Martin's Churchyard Cemetery

John Grubb (1652-1708), Ninth Great-Grandfather (no gravestone). **Emanuel Grubb** (1682-1767), Eighth Great-Granduncle.



Above: St. Martin's Churchyard Cemetery in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003. Emanuel Grubb (8th Great-Granduncle) was one of the first five (some say first) English children born in the Delaware Valley.

St. Martin's Churchyard is located in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania. Take Highway 291 south from Philadelphia to Marcus Hook. Turn left on the main road in Marcus Hook and drive toward the Delaware River shore. The churchyard is prominently marked. Emanuel Grubb's stone is located on the right side of the church.

Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania

Lewisburg Cemetery

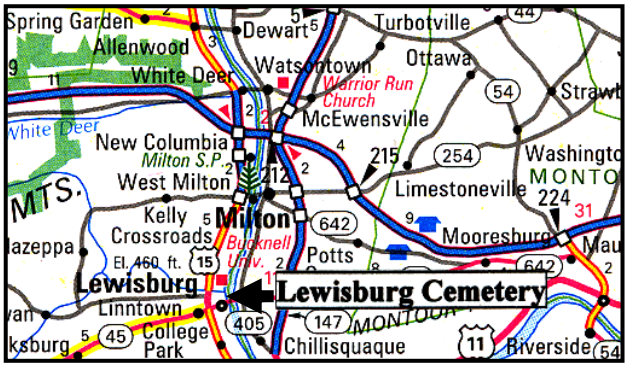
Christian Van Gundy, Jr. (1766-1836), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Mary Magdalene Fulmer (1771).

Lewisburg Cemetery is located next to Bucknell College off Highway 15.

Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania

Home of Christian Van Gundy

Christian Van Gundy, Jr., Fourth Great-Granduncle, built a log home in southern Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. There is a possibility that the home



was originally built by his father, Christian Van Gundy, Sr., Fifth Great-Grandfather. The log home is now a Federal-style structure with double joined chimneys. Dr. David Bruce has recently (1999) renovated the house and made a major addition to the home.

Above: Lewisburg Cemetery in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Map courtesy of Rand McNally. Right: Home of Christian Van Gundy. Below: Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The home is located on Gundy Lane off Route 15. Drive about a mile south of the Bucknell College campus and take a left on Gundy Lane. Go straight downhill into the private drive.

German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery

Henry Smith, Sr. (1752-1838), his wife, **Elisabetha Grovenstadt Smith** (1758-1796), Fifth Great-Grandparents, and his second wife, Margaret (Margaretha) Sheeter Smith, 1764-1839. (Their monuments are near the reconstructed schoolhouse/log cabin.) **Henry Smith Jr.,** Fourth Great-Granduncle, buried close to Henry Smith, Sr. (1776-1855), and his wife Catherine Smith, 1768-1861. Also, all but one of their children are buried here: Sarah Smith 1804-1870; Abigail Smith 1806-1869; George Peter Smith, 1813-1819, Mariah Smith 1817-1891; William Smith, 1819-1901; Selina Smith, 1820-1897; Malinda/Belinda Smith, 1825-1894; and Joseph Smith, 1848-1869.

Abigail Smith Franks (1767-1845), Fifth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband George Franks (1764/1765-1821).

To find the cemetery go east from Masontown on Highway 21. Turn left (south) on County Road 3013 in McClellandtown. Go two miles to stop sign. Continue south for 2/10 of a mile and turn left. Go 6/10 of a mile to Lutheran Church Road and the cemetery.

Smithfield, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery

Daniel Smith (1806-1899), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Elizabeth Rothruck Smith (1806-1897). Four of their children are also buried here: Louisa Smith (1829-1839), Orlando Smith (1839-1850), Andrew Jackson Smith (1842-1926), and his two wives: Eliza Jane Deyarman Smith (1840-1884), and Miranda M. Anderson Smith (1844-1914); Daniel Porter Smith (1846-1910), and his wife, Margaret Hertzog Malaby (1846-1903).

Above: Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery. Below: Gravestone of Squire Smith, son of Solomon Smith, in Little White Rock Cemetery.

Keziah Davis Smith (1791-1831), wife of Henry Smith (1791-1872), possibly Fourth Great-Granduncle. He is buried in an unknown cemetery in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Mary Rothruck Smith (1807-1830), first wife of Solomon Smith, Fourth Great-Granduncle.

Fairchance, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Little White Rock Cemetery

Solomon Smith (1799 or 1804-1877), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his second wife, Mary Smith (died 1871). Also, his son, Squire Smith (1834-1841), is buried beside him.

Little White Rock Cemetery is located near Fairchance, Pennsylvania.

Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Home of Philip Smith, Sixth Great Grandfather

The cabin built by **Philip Smith**, Sixth Great-Grandfather, is still standing (2004) near the corner where County Road 3009 and T419 (the road to Jacob's Lutheran Church) meet in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. In 1769 the home of **Philip** and **Barbara Smith**, Sixth Great-Grandparents, was located on 315 acres at the headwaters of York's Run in the southwestern part of George's Township, ten miles southwest of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. It was called The Cottage. His land took up all the acreage slightly west of the corner of SR 3009 and T419, then east just beyond the creek. Jacob's Lutheran Church is located one mile east of his cabin. Jacob's Creek is southeast of his original plantation. His land was surveyed June 1, 1769.

To reach Philip's home exit Highway 119 as it loops around Uniontown at County Road 3009. CR 3009 will go east for a couple of miles before bending southwest for about two miles to the site of his house and plantation at CR 3009 and T419. (See map.)

Fayette County, Pennsylvania

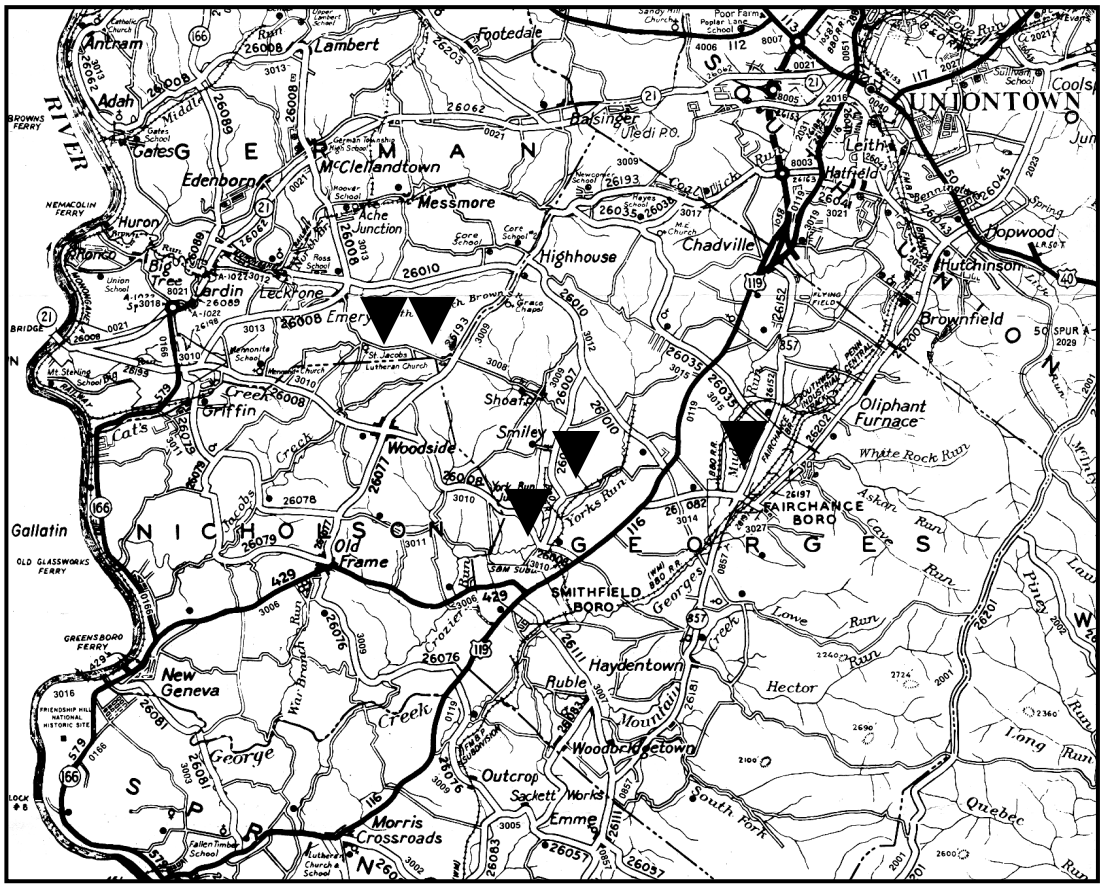
Home of Henry Smith, Fifth Great-Grandfather

The cabin built by **Henry Smith** (1752-1838), Fifth Great-Grandfather, is still standing (2004) at the corner of Smithfield High House Road and Sleepy Hollow Road in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He built his home on 280 acres on York's Run in Georges Township in 1770. His son, **Daniel Smith**, Fourth Great-Grand-uncle, inherited his home and half of his land.

Top left: Home of Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Above: Home of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather), also in Fayette County.

To visit the home of Henry Smith go southwest from Uniontown on Highway 119. Turn right on County Road 3010. Turn right on County Road 3025 (Smithfield

High House Road) and continue to Sleepy Hollow Road. The cabin built by Henry Smith is standing south of where the two roads meet. York's Run is immediately south of his home.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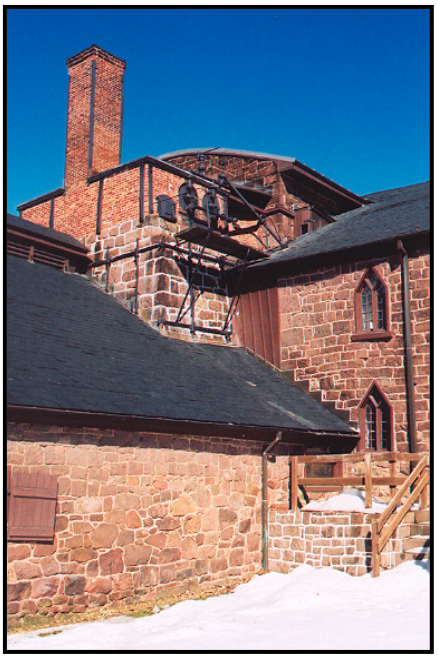
was still standing next to the cemetery in 1930. It was reportedly the oldest meetinghouse in Reading at that time, dating from the middle 1700s.

To visit the cemetery, go east on Business Route 422 and exit Museum Road (5th Avenue). Continue going south and southwest and turn right at Mill Road. Turn right on the second street, which is Thrush Road. Turn right on Old Wyomissing Road. The cemetery is surrounded by a stonewall on top of a hill behind an old house.

Brickerville, Pennsylvania
Home of Peter Grubb, Eighth Great-Granduncle

Above: Bernhard Adam Cemetery in Reading, Pennsylvania. Below: Home of Peter Grubb (8th Great-Granduncle) near Brickerville, Pennsylvania. Lower right: Cornwall Iron Furnace, built by Peter Grubb.

The home of Peter Grubb (1700-1754), Eighth Great-Granduncle, known as *Hopewell Forge Mansion*, is still standing and in excellent condition. Built about 1740, the mansion is located on Highway 322, two miles west of Brickerville, Pennsylvania, just across the county line from Lebanon County.



Cornwall, Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Cornwall Iron Furnace

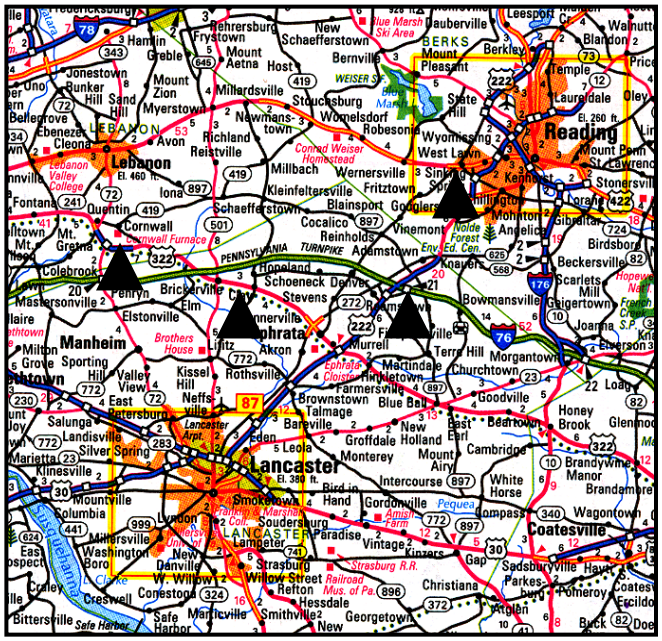
Peter Grubb, Eighth Great-Granduncle, built Cornwall Iron Furnace in 1742. He named the town Cornwall after Cornwall, England, where his father was born in 1652. The iron works were continually in operation from 1742 until

1883, and were the oldest in operation in the New World at the time they were closed. The works are now administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and is open to the public for tours. It is called "one of the world's greatest iron mines" and the "best surviving example of the early Pennsylvania ironworks."

Alleghenyville, Berks, Pennsylvania

Allegheny Church Cemetery

Heinrich Seidenbender, Sixth Great-Grandfather, is probably buried here. All gravestones from his era are unreadable, but one has a date of 1775, about the time of his death. **Rosina Seidenbender Trostel,** Fifth Great-Grand-aunt, and her husband, George Trostel (1730-1804) are buried here. Rosina's gravestone is either no longer standing or is unreadable. George is listed in the Allegheny Cemetery record, but Rosina is not because her stone could not be read.



Above: Allegheny Church Cemetery. Left: Location of major family sites north and northeast of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Arrows left to right: Cornwall Furnace, Hopewell Forge Mansion, Alleghenyville, and Bernhard Adam Cemetery. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, 2003.

Abraham Brendel (1766-1852), son of Johann Heinrich Brendel, Fifth Great-Granduncle.

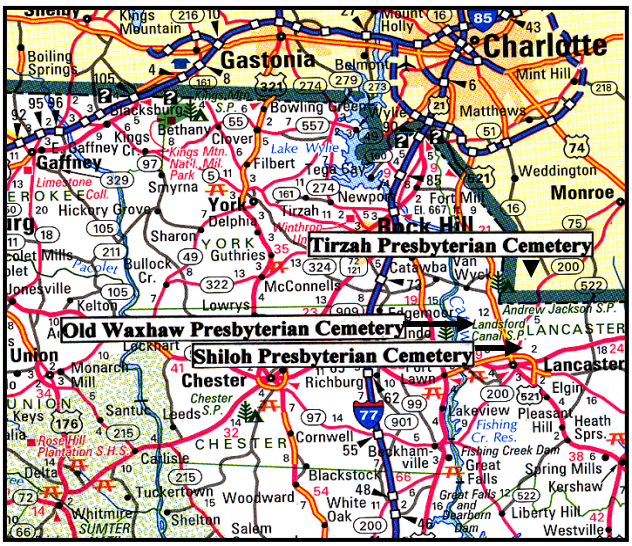
The church and cemetery are located north of Interstate 76, about fifteen miles northwest of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Going north on Highway 222, pass over Interstate 76 and go right (east) on County Road 588. Turn right on Allegenyville Road (3024) and continue to Allegheny Union Church Cemetery, which will be on your right.

Waxhaw Area, Lancaster County, South Carolina

Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Alexander Nisbett (1731-1773), Sixth Great-Grandfather, and his wife, **Agnes Ramsey**

Nisbett (1727-1797), Sixth Great-Grandmother. **Martha Nisbett Grier** (1752-1805), Fifth Great-Grandaunt. Isabella White Nisbett, wife of Major John Nisbett, Fifth Great-



Above: Gravestone of Alexander and Agnes Nisbet (6th Great-Grandparents) in Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Cemetery. Top right: Cathy Martin in Old Waxhaw Cemetery, 1994. Right: Family cemeteries in Lancaster County, South Carolina, and Union County, North Carolina. Tirzah is about three or four miles across the border from South Carolina. Rand McNally map.

Granduncle. **Isabella Nisbett** (1773-1795), Fifth Great-Grandaunt. **John Rodgers** (1745-1815), Sixth Great-Granduncle. (Note Nisbett is sometimes spelled Nisbet.)

To find Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church Cemetery go north from Lancaster, South Carolina, on Highway 521. Turn left on North Corner Road and go 1.3 miles to Old Hickory Road. Turn left on Old Hickory and go 1.3 miles to the cemetery, which will be on your left.

Waxhaw Area, Lancaster County, South Carolina

Shiloh Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churchyard Cemetery

John McMurray, Sr. (1750-1842), Sixth Great-Grandfather. **John McMurray, Jr.** (1776-1813), Fifth Great-Granduncle.

Shiloh Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churchyard Cemetery is located about a mile from Highway 521 off Race Track Road. Going north from Lancaster, South Carolina, turn right on Shiloh road, go about a mile and turn right on road number 264, which will dead end into Shiloh Church.

South Carolina/North Carolina Border, Waxhaw Area, Union County, North Carolina

Tirzah Presbyterian Cemetery

Top: Ron Martin preparing a headstone to be photographed, in Shiloh Presbyterian Cemetery. Above: Tirzah Presbyterian Cemetery in Union County, North Carolina. Three great-grandparents, two great-granduncles, four great-grandaunts, and many cousins are buried here. There are a number of fine and interesting gravestones in Tirzah, but many relatives lie in unmarked graves. A new monument to Joseph Nisbett was erected in 2008.

Isabella Rodgers (1749/1750-1830), Sixth Great-Grandmother. **James Rodgers** (1777/1778-1828), Fifth Great-Grandfather. **Joseph Nisbett** (1770-1825), Fifth Great-Grandfather (no original gravestone). A new monument was made for Joseph Nisbett and erected in 2008. **Mary Elizabeth Rodgers** (1814-1816), Fourth Great-Grandaunt. **Major John Nisbett** (1759-1829), Fifth Great-Granduncle. **Colonel William Nisbett** (1753-1831), Fifth Great-Granduncle (Revolutionary War monument). **Martha Hannah McMurray Nisbett** (1799-1855), Fifth Great-Grandaunt. **Elizabeth Nisbett** (1830-1841), Fourth Great-Grandaunt (no gravestone). **Elizabeth Jane Nisbett** (1839-1841), Third Great-Grandaunt (no gravestone).

Traveling north on Highway 521 turn right (east) on East North Corner Road. Go 4/10 of a mile and turn right on Tirzah Church Road. Go four miles to the church. (On the way you will cross the North Carolina border.) To see the historic corner boundary marker from 1813 go one block beyond the turn to Tirzah on East North Corner Road.

This is one of the most important cemeteries recorded in this book.

Tennessee

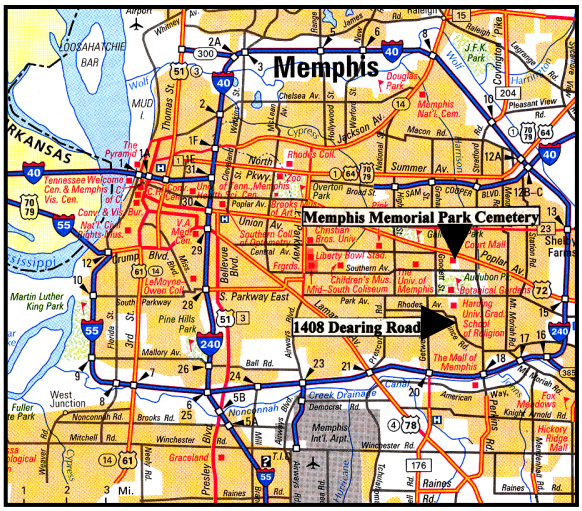
Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee

Memphis Memorial Park Cemetery

Claire Smith Sharp Wilson (1907-1991), Grandmother.

Memphis Memorial Park Cemetery is located in southeast Memphis off Loop 240 and

Poplar Avenue (Highway 72). Exit Loop 240 at Poplar (Highway 72) and continue west to 5668 Poplar Avenue. Claire's grave is located in section 20, grave number four of the area known as *Pinelawn*, near the mausoleum. Claire's grave is one of the last graves in a narrow area before the section changes to *Crestlawn*.



Top: Location of the home of Carol Sharp Bradshaw (Aunt) and Memphis Memorial Park Cemetery (middle). Above: Economy Graveyard in Morristown, Tennessee.

Near Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Swanson/Walker Farm

Alexander Nisbett (1762-1841), Fifth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Mary Pauline Woods.

This small cemetery is on the Swanson/Walker farm, which is located five miles south of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Out of forty graves, the only gravestones still standing in 1957 were those of Alexander Nisbett and his wife, Mary.

Morristown, Hamblen County, Tennessee
Economy Graveyard

William Millikan, Jr. (1753-1838), Fifth Great-Granduncle. (Revolutionary War Soldier; no inscribed monuments, "only rude natural stones.")

Economy Graveyard is located in the western part of Morristown, Tennessee.

Lost Creek, Jefferson County, Tennessee
Lost Creek Quaker Meetinghouse Graveyard

Sarah Millikan Mills (1737/1740-1826), Fifth Great-Grandaunt (possibly buried in Indiana, instead), and her husband, John Mills. Some of their descendants are probably buried here, as a couple of monuments have the surname, "Mills."

The first meeting of Lost Creek Friends was held in Sarah and John Mills' cabin. To find the meetinghouse and graveyard go west on Highway 34 from Morristown, Tennessee. Turn right (north) on Whitaker Road, which follows Lost Creek. The meetinghouse will be on the left side of the road. There are only a few gravestones in the cemetery, but many unmarked burials, including Sarah Millikan Mills and her husband.

Brownsville, Haywood, Tennessee

Zion's Baptist Church Cemetery

Robert McMurray (1783-1857), Fifth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Mary Permeiah Montgomery McMurray. Zion's Baptist Church Cemetery is located in an attractive area of the state. The immediate surroundings have an ancient feeling about them.

Top: Lost Creek monument on site of graveyard in Jefferson County, Tennessee. Above: Zion's Baptist Church Cemetery, near Brownsville, Tennessee. Left: Ledbetter Cemetery in Crump, Hardin County, Tennessee.

Take Alternate Highway 70 East out of Brownsville (one of two roads from Brownsville to Jackson, Tennessee). Go about four or five miles and turn left on Upper Zion's Road at a sign that says, "Zion's Baptist Church." (Start looking for the sign and road when you see Tritt Cotton Gin.) Go approximately a mile and a half to the cemetery, which is located on Upper Zion's Road at Poplar Corner Road. Reece Moses is a member of Zion's Baptist Church and a genealogist. She cheerfully provided information about the church and cemetery.

Crump, Hardin County, Tennessee

Ledbetter Cemetery

William H. Rose (1801-1872), once thought to be relative of Sally Hicks, Fourth Great-Grandmother. William is not close kin.

Go east on Highway 64 toward Savannah. Turn right (south) on Highway 22, which is the same road that goes to Shiloh National Military Park. Go about one and a half miles and turn right (west) on New Hope Drive. Go another one and a half miles to the end of the road, which should be Blanton Road. Turn left (south) and the cemetery will be on your immediate right (there is a sign).

Other Roses listed in the county on tax lists etc. are: James C. Rose (1853/1854-13th and 9th

Above: Ross Cemetery Number Three. Right: Road to Bratton Cemetery. Both are in Hardin County, Tennessee.

District), John Rose (1859-2nd District), W. J. Rose (1853-9th District), J. F. Rose (1850-1st District), Henry Rose (1856-1st District), Frederick Rose (1836-owned 30 acres on Judean Creek), Enos Rose (1852/1853-1st District), and Eli Rose (1847-3rd District).

Hardin County, Tennessee

Ross Cemetery Number Three

John J. Williams (1800-1863), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Sarah Williams (March 11, 1812-July 31, 1827). Martha W. Williams (1813-1833), second wife of John J. Williams and daughter of Daniel Wagoner. Daniel Williams (1829-1851), son of J. J. Williams. Susan M. Williams (1827-1847), daughter of J. J. Williams. (John J. Williams was found in 2012 *not* to be related to Laura Williams, Third Great-Grandmother.)

"Ross Cemetery #3 is located on the top of a knob southeast of the Mt. Tabor Church on Highway 69. It can be reached by automobile and is kept in good condition (1980). It is one of the oldest cemeteries in Hardin County with the earliest marker dating to

1827." Go south from Savannah on Highway 69 for about seven or eight miles. Mt. Tabor Church will be located on your right (west). Turn right on the first gravel road past the church. Drive up the road for about one fourth of a mile to the cemetery. If the road is blocked by a chain then walk the rest of the way. The cemetery is only a short distance up the hill.

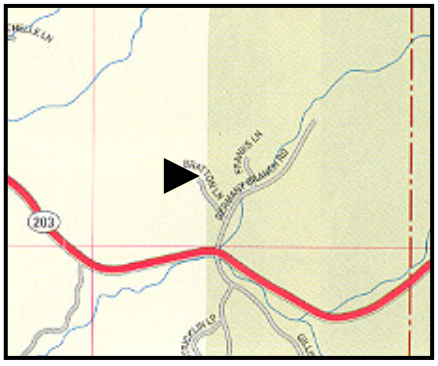
The Williams and Ross families are listed in the Hardin County Deed books together. John J. Williams petitioned for the incorporation of the town of Savannah in 1850 with twenty-seven other men.

Hardin County, Tennessee

Bratton Cemetery

Paul Bratton (1852-1940), grandson of **Paul Bratton**, Fourth Great-Grandfather, and his wife Fannie Tilley Bratton (1860-1904). Also, their daughter, Allie Bratton (1895-1973), is buried in this cemetery.

Above: Bratton Cemetery. Top right Bratton Cemetery, probably where Paul Bratton (4th Great-Grandfather; 1782-1858) and his family lived and are buried. His grandson, Paul Bratton, son of Robert Jackson Bratton, is buried in Bratton Cemetery. There are a number of older unmarked graves next to his. A new monument to Paul Bratton was erected in 2008. Lower right: Close-up of Bratton Lane. Benjamin Bratton (3rd Great-Grandfather) owned land on Indian Creek, which is located northeast of Bratton Lane.



"Bratton Cemetery is a family plot owned by the Bratton family. This cemetery is located at the top of a hill west of the Allie Bratton house in the Bratton Hollow, north of the Gillis Mill Store in southeast Hardin County. You can drive to it in a car and it can be seen from the gravel road." Travel east on 203 out of Savannah for about nine or ten miles to the German Branch Road, which is the last road in Hardin County before reaching the Wayne County border. Turn left (north) on German Branch Road (which runs along a creek) and turn left (northwest) at the first road, which is Bratton Road.

Follow the road to the cemetery. If there is a locked gate on the road, which there was when I visited the site, walk the rest of the way. The cemetery is only a short distance from the gate.

This cemetery is certainly where Paul Bratton, Fourth Great-Grandfather, is buried. There are a few old fieldstones marking older burials and certainly one of these marks the final resting place of Paul Bratton. A new monument honoring Paul Bratton and listing fourteen of his children was erected here on November 8, 2008.

Hardin County, Tennessee

Smith/Rose Cemetery

Eli Rose (born December 25, 1778), probably Fourth Great-Granduncle, or possibly, Fifth Great-Grandfather. (Eli Rose was found in 2012 to not be related.)

"This cemetery is located on the north side of the Smith Fork Creek, southwest of the Old Lacefield Place. It is very difficult to find." Smith/Rose Cemetery is probably located off Highway 64 midway between Savannah and the border of Wayne County. Go east from Savannah on Highway 64 for about seven miles and turn left (north) on Smith Fork Road. Begin looking for the cemetery immediately. Smith Fork Road is called Lonesome Pine Road south of Highway 64 and it is possible that the cemetery is located on this side of the road. The directions given in the county cemetery book are incomplete. Herbert Hills Academy Nursing Home is located nearby.

Atoka, Tipton, Tennessee

Salem Cemetery—Site of oldest ARP Church in the West

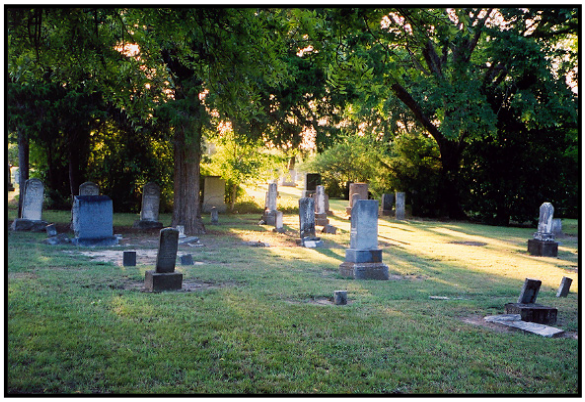
Margaret Nisbet Moore McCain (1756-1843), Fifth Great-Grandaunt. Also, her children: 1. Martha Moore McCain (born 1786) and her husband, Hugh Johnson McCain (1795-1870). 2. Alexander Moore (1790-1879) and wives: Nancy McCombs Moore (1794-1840) and Margaret Moore (1804-1889). 3. Margaret Moore Wright (1794-1865) and her husband, James Wright (1792-1874). 4. John Nisbet Moore (1796-1875) and his wife, Lennah McCombs Moore (1798-1876).

Atoka is located twenty-eight miles northeast of Memphis, Tennessee.

Texas

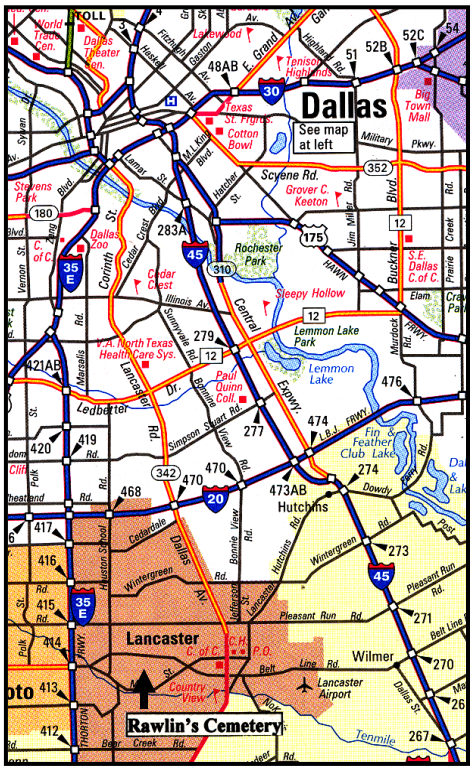
Lancaster, Dallas, Texas

Rawlins' Cemetery



Above: Rawlins' Cemetery near Lancaster in Dallas County, Texas.

Malinda Sharp Parks (1803-1872), Fourth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Meredith Parks (1800-1848).

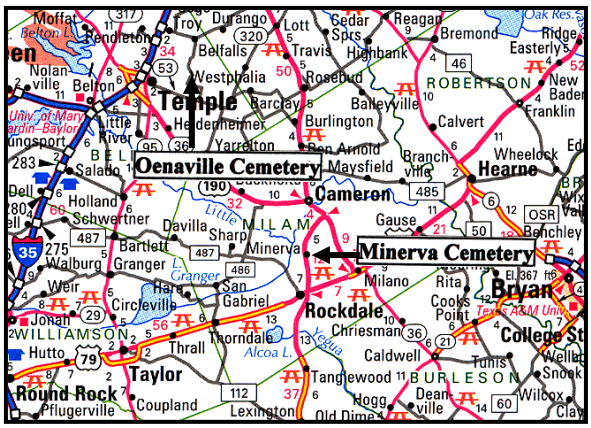


Polly (Mary) Sharp Rawlins (1801-1846), Fourth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, William Rawlins (1800-1869). **Amelia Sharp Parks** (1811-1877), Fourth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Curtis Parks (1809-1868).

Lancaster is about ten miles south of Dallas, Texas. Go south from Dallas toward Houston on Interstate 45. Turn right on exit number 270 (Belt Line Road) in Wilmer, Texas. Go approximately two miles west of 342 (Lancaster) on Belt Line Road. Turn left (south) on N. Bluegrove Road and go ½ mile to W. Main Street. Turn right (west) and go 3/10 of a mile to the cemetery, which will be on your left.

Oenaville, Bell County, Texas

Oenaville Cemetery



Top: Rawlins' Cemetery is in Lancaster, Texas, about ten miles south of Dallas. Above: Oenaville Cemetery and Minerva Cemetery in central Texas. Minerva Cemetery is located off Highway 77, north of Rockdale. Going north to Minerva turn right on the first major street into town and follow it to the cemetery, which is pleasantly situated. Right: Oenaville Cemetery. The town of Oenaville is not listed on most maps, but by going east about ten miles on Highway 438 out of Temple one will find the town. Rand McNally map.

Peridine Bratton Ligon (1870-1958), Great-Grandaunt.

The town of Oenaville is located about ten miles east of Temple, Texas. The cemetery is located in the small town

of Oenaville and is the only cemetery in town. Take Highway 438 east out of Temple until you reach Oenaville. Highway 438 goes through the middle of the town, which is so small that it is not listed on most maps. The road continues on to Belfalls, Texas, which is on most maps. Many of Peridine Bratton's descendants are buried near her.

Minerva, Milam, Texas

Minerva Cemetery

Cathy Ann Martin (1947-2002), Sister. **Patricia Bowles Crocker** (1927-2006) Mother.

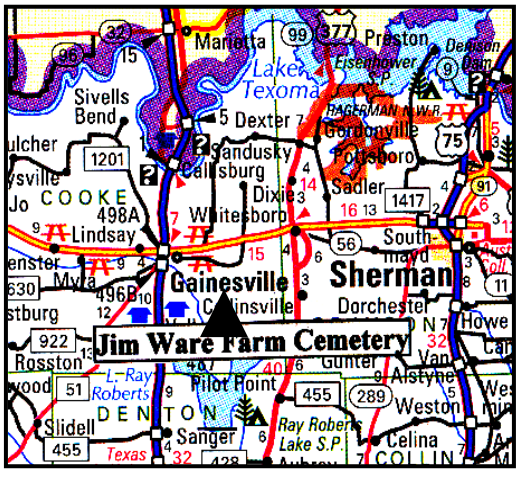
Minerva Cemetery is located about eight miles north of Rockdale, Texas, off Highway 77 in the small town of Minerva, Texas.

Left: Gravestone of Cathy Martin in Minerva Cemetery. The inscription reads: "In Memory / of / CATHY ANN MARTIN / Beloved Sister of / Nancy, Ron and Richard Martin / Daughter of / Patricia Bowles Crocker / Stepdaughter of / Vester L. Crocker / Born / 25 January 1947 / Little Rock, Arkansas / Died / 10 September 2002 / Rockdale, Texas. / She gave us the gospel / And changed our lives forever." Above: Minerva Cemetery on January 25, 2004, Cathy's birthday. Below: The Jim Ware Farm Cemetery. The cemetery is located in the trees and covered with bushes. Rand McNally map.

Cook County, Texas

Jim Ware Farm Cemetery

John L. Redman (1846-1872), Second Great-Granduncle.



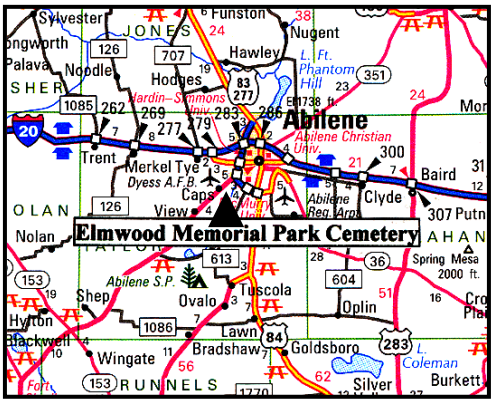
The cemetery is located one mile west of Highway 678 on the south side of Road 144 in

a grove of Oak trees. The gravestone is now broken, but the base remains and the inscription "1872" on a piece of broken stone still remains. The cemetery is difficult to visit, being heavily over-grown with weeds and shrubs.

Abilene, Taylor, Texas

Elmwood Memorial Park

5750 Highway 277 South (277 is also called 14th Street) Abilene, Texas 79606
(915) 692-0655. Office hours are Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

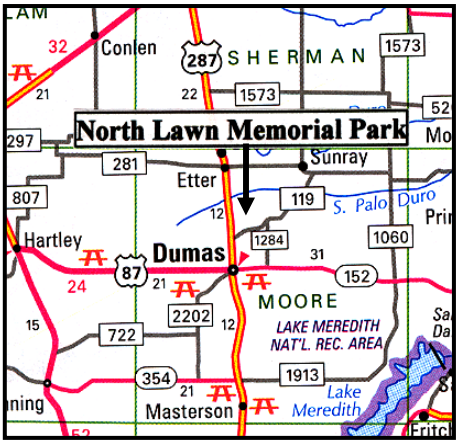


Lincoln Leroy Davis (born Ronald Claire Sharp) (1928-1988), Uncle.

Traveling west on Interstate 20, exit south on Highway 277/83. Go about three miles and exit at 277/14th Street. Turn right on 277 and travel about a mile to Elmwood Memorial Park, which will be on your right. Lincoln is buried in the *Garden of Ten Commandments*, space number five, about three or four rows from the back of the cemetery. His grave is located about twenty feet to the right of a statue of Moses.

Dumas, Moore, Texas

North Lawn Memorial Park



Top left: Gravestone of Lincoln Davis (Uncle) in Elmwood Memorial Park Cemetery in Abilene, Texas. Above: North Lawn Memorial Park, north of Dumas, Texas. Maps courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003.

Marion Sharp Luette (1905-1956), Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Herman Luette (died 1997).

North Lawn Cemetery is located approximately four miles north of Dumas, Texas, on Farm Road 119. Drive north of Dumas on Highway 287 about three or four miles and turn right on Farm Road 119 (a sign also says that it is the road to Sunray). Go about a quarter of a mile and you will see the cemetery on your left. Marion's grave is located next to a tree (there are only four in the cemetery) and about twenty feet from a monument on the left-hand side of the park.

Rockett, Ellis, Texas

Bells Chapel Cemetery

Thomas R. Coffey (1822-1890), Fourth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Sarah Rockett Coffey (1822-1902). Two of their sons are buried next to them: Wallace Coffey (1866-1932) and his wife Betty (1870); and John F. Coffey (1854-1902) and his wife Lizzie (1859-1891). Two infant children of John and Lizzie are buried next to them: Pearl Coffey (1887-1889), and Guy Coffey (1887-1888).

Above: Bells Chapel Cemetery near Rockett, Texas.
Lower left: Gravestone of Thomas R. Coffey.

The cemetery is located on Bells Chapel Road near Rockett, Texas. Rockett is located off Highway 983 about ten miles northeast of Waxahachie, the county seat, and about ten miles west of Interstate 45, the major freeway between Dallas and Houston. Going north from Houston exit Interstate 45 at Palmer. Go on Highway 878 about a mile and turn right (northwest) on Highway 813 and follow the signs to Rockett. Highway 813 goes into Highway 983. In Rockett turn right (northwest) on Bells Chapel Road and go about three miles to the cemetery.

Cooke County, Texas

Greene School and Church Cemetery

Margaret Ann Mattix Autry (1808-1861), Fourth Great-Grandaunt.

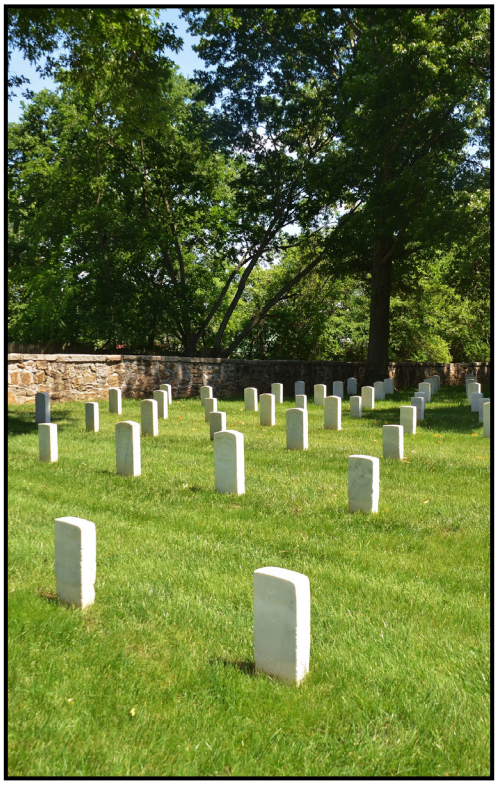
Cooke County is located north of Dallas. The location of Greene School and Church Cemetery is unknown.

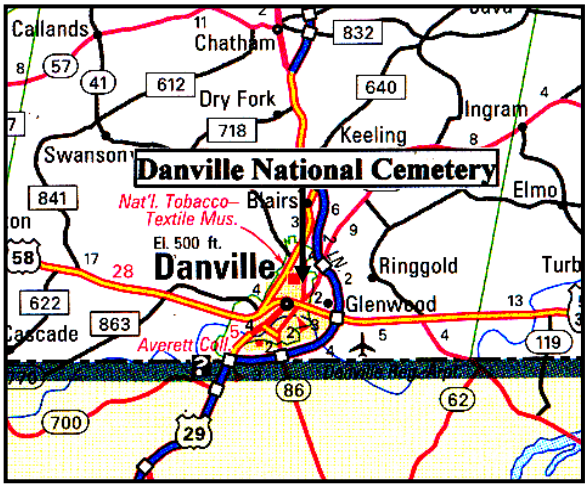
Virginia and West Virginia

Danville, Virginia

Danville United States National Cemetery

John Ashbrook (about 1844-1864), Third Great-Granduncle (Union Soldier).





Left: Danville National Cemetery; first gravestone is that of John Ashbrook, 2014 Most burials are Union soldiers that died in the Civil War. Below: Home and plantation of Richard Beeson (7th Great-Granduncle). Map courtesy of Rand McNally.

The United States National Cemetery is located at the corner of Berryman Avenue and Lee Street, about one mile south of downtown Danville. Take the Jefferson exit south off Main Street in downtown Danville and go about a mile until you see Lee Street, where you will turn left. The cemetery will be on your right. John's gravestone is located on the sixth row from the front, the ninth stone from the wall on the left.

Martinsburg, West Virginia

Home of Richard Beeson, Seventh Great-Granduncle Providence Meeting Cemetery

"**Richard Beeson II**, Seventh Great-Granduncle, settled near the site of Martinsburg, Virginia, and erected a mill on Tuscarora Creek, and here he was surrounded

with the comforts of a refined home. His wife was Ann Brown and they were the parents of nine children, two of whom, Henry and Jacob, became the founders of Uniontown, Pennsylvania" (*History of Uniontown, Pennsylvania*, page 9, published 1913).

Providence Meeting Cemetery is

Above right: Providence Meeting Cemetery. There are no ancient gravestones in the cemetery. Left: Location of Providence Meeting Cemetery and Richard Beeson's home west of Martinsburg. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003.

located across the road from the home of Richard Beeson, II. His father, Richard Beeson, Eighth Great-Grandfather, originally owned the land. Buried in the cemetery are: **Richard Beeson II** (about 1710-1748), Seventh Great-Granduncle; **Isaac Beeson** (1739-1811) and **William Beeson** (1744-1826), Sixth Great-Granduncles. Following the Quaker tradition of the 1700s and early 1800s, there are no gravestones for any of these three men.

Richard Beeson's home and Providence Meeting Cemetery are located two miles west of downtown Martinsburg, West Virginia, at 9363 Tuscarora Road.

Europe

Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, England

St. Peter's and St. Paul's Parish Church

William Onyett, Jr., Fourth Great-Grandfather, and his first wife Sarah Kisby (1771/1776), were married in Chatteris Parish Church in 1792. All of William's surviving children were christened in St. Peter's and St. Paul's before he moved to America in 1820.

Sarah Kisby's grandparents, William Kisby (about 1717) and Martha Skeeles married (about 1721), in the ancient church in 1739. Their five children: Alice Kisby (1742), Mary Kisby (1747), Susan Kisby (1751), Sarah Kisby (1753), and William Kisby (Sarah's father) (1744) were baptized in the church.

Chatteris is located about forty miles northwest of Cambridge, England. The church is in the center of the town.

Lacock, England
St. Cyriac's Church

Lacock in Wiltshire, England, is considered one of the most beautiful in England. "The curving streets of Lacock are flanked by whitewashed, half-timbered cottages and houses built out of warm gray stone, not one of which was constructed later than the eighteenth century. Many indeed are medieval. Some lean out over the streets; others are gabled, such as Porch House on the High Street, while on East Street can be seen a fourteenth-century barn. Two ecclesiastical buildings add more to this lovely village. The mainly fifteenth-century parish church of St. Cyriac is perpendicular in style; its east window is especially magnificent, as are its splendid aisles." The second is Lacock Abbey, which Sir William Sharington set about converting into a stately home in the 1500s. "Sir William died in 1553. His delicately carved monument stands in a fan-vaulted chapel of the church of St. Cyriac" (*The Most Beautiful Villages of England*, page 186, by James Bentley).

Above: Interior and exterior of Chatteris Parish Church. Left: St. Cyriac Parish Church in Lacock, England, 2003. Edward Bond (9th Great-Grandfather) was baptized here in 1626.

Edward Bond (1626-1687), Ninth Great-Grandfather, **George Bond** (1628-1717), Ninth Great-Granduncle, and **Joseph Bond** (1629)**,** Ninth Great-Granduncle, were christened in St. Cyriac's Church in Lacock.

Bromham, England

St. Nicholas, Bromham Parish Church

Above: Bromham, England. Left: St. Nicholas the parish church of Bromham. John Paradise and Mary Snelling (10th Great-Grandparents) were probably married in St. Nicholas and their ten children were probably christened here.

John Paradise (about 1600), Tenth Great-Grandfather, lived at Bromham in Wiltshire, England. He and **Mary Snelling** (about 1603), Tenth Great-Grandmother, of Bromham, were probably married in St. Nicholas in 1624. John and Mary were the parents of ten children, all born at Bromham: John Paradise (1625-1699), Joan Paradise (1626), William Paradise (1629-1663), Ann Paradise (1630), Mary Paradise (1632-1709), Thomas Paradise (1634), Martha Paradise (1636), Elizabeth Paradise (1639), Sarah Paradise (1640), and Abigail Paradise (1644). There were 101 persons with the Paradise name buried at Bromham between 1560 and 1700.

Bromham is located about twenty-five miles southeast of Bristol in Wiltshire County, England.

Great Ponton, England

Great Ponton Parish Church

Bennett Beeson (born 1725), son of **William Beeson, Sr.,** Eighth Great-Granduncle, was baptized in Great Ponton Parish Church on May 9, 1725. Probably some of his other children were christened here as well. Descendants of William Beeson, Sr. are buried in the church graveyard.

Great Ponton is on the A1 north of Peterborough in Lincolnshire, England.

Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, England

Stoke Climsland Parish Church

John Grubb, Ninth Great-Grandfather, was born in Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, England, where he was christened in the parish church on August 16, 1652. **Henry Grubb, Jr.** (1617-before 1674), Tenth Great-Grandfather, was born in July 1617 in Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, England, and died there before 1674, when he was 56. He was a butcher and tenant farmer by occupation. **Henry Grubb, Sr.** (1581-1645), Eleventh Great-Grandfather, was baptized on February 18, 1581, in Stoke Climsland, England, and buried there on June 19, 1645. "By the time John Grubb, the immigrant, was born in 1652, all known Grubbs in southeastern Cornwall were descended from **Thomas Grubb** (born about 1540-died July 1616, age 76), Twelfth Great-Grandfather. The Grubb family lived in Stoke Climsland, Cornwall,

Leicester, England

St. Mary de Castro Church

Thomas Beeson (born about 1628; died after 1650) and **Ann Pecke** (born 1632; died after 1650), possibly Tenth Great-Grandparents, were married in St. Mary de Castro church in Leicester, England.

St. Mary de Castro is located near the castle in the center of Leicester. It is a large ancient church dating from Norman times, but is hidden from view by modern buildings.

Top left: Great Pondon Parish Church. Above: Interior and exterior of St. Mary de Castro Parish Church in Leicester, England. Below: Stoke Climsland Parish Church and Cemetery.

England, for at least 200 years before Thomas was born, possibly longer. On July 28, 1329, Ralph Grubbe, a hunter, was granted permission to trespass on the Keyrbullock

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Great-Grandfather, lived most, if not all, of his life in Slaughterford, Wiltshire, England. All of his children were born in Slaughterford. His daughter, Susanna, became a member of the Society of Friends.

The Paradise family probably worshipped in the Slaughterford parish church. The Parish church would have been a familiar sight to members of the Bond family, who made Slaughterford their home. The Bonds became Quakers and followers of George Fox.

Slaughterford is a hamlet located about four miles south of Motorway 4, about fifteen miles east of Bristol, England.

Top: Another view of Slaughterford Parish Church. Middle: The parish church of All Saints and St. James in King's Cliffe, England, which dates from the 12th century. William Unyett and Mary Armesby, Seventh Great-Grandparents, were married in All Saints and St. James in 1706. Probably all of their children were christened here. William Onyett, Fifth Great-Grandfather, was born in King's Cliffe about 1743. Right: St. Mary the Virgin, the parish church of Great Weldon, England, where Mary Armesby, Seventh Great-Grandmother, was christened on March 8, 1695.

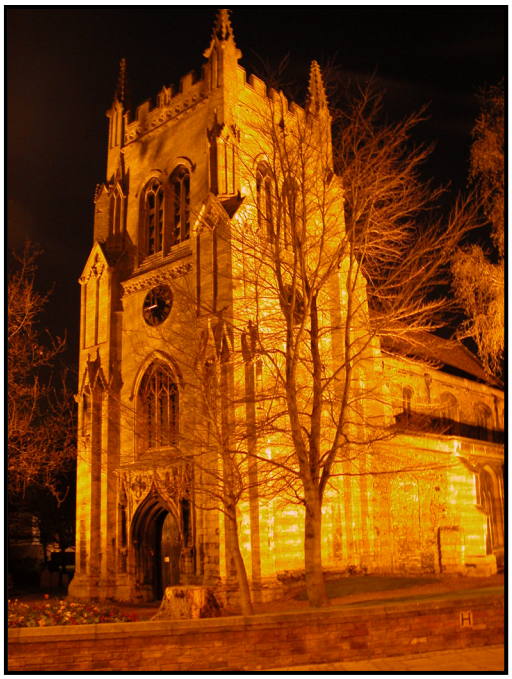
King's Cliffe and Great Weldon England

Parish Churches

William Unyett, Seventh Great-Grandfather (1660-1736), was born in King's Cliffe, Northamptonshire, England, in 1660. He married **Mary Armesby** (about 1665-1752) in King's Cliffe in 1706. Mary was christened at Great Weldon in Northamptonshire on March 8, 1695. She was the daughter of **John Armesby,** Eighth Great-Grandfather. Other generations of Unyetts were christened and married in All Saints and St. James before 1660.

William and Mary were the parents of four children: **William Unyett/Onyett** (born about 1710), Catherine Unyett (1712-1713), John Unyett (born 1714), and Stephen Unyett (about 1716-1719). Their three youngest children were born in King's Cliffe.

King's Cliffe is located about thirteen miles west of Peterborough and about two miles south of A47. Great Weldon is located about seven or eight miles southwest of King's Cliffe off A43.



Huntingdon and Hartford, England

Parish Churches

William Onyett, Sixth Great-Grandfather, was baptized in 1709 in King's Cliffe. England. He married **Ruth Poulter,** Sixth Great-Grandmother (1714-1774), in St. Mary's Church in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, England on January 22, 1736. (Another source says they were married at Warboys, Cambridgeshire, England.) Ruth was the daughter of **John Poulter** and **Jane Martiall,** Seventh Great-Grandparents.

Above: St. Mary's Parish Church in Huntingdon, England, where William Onyett and Ruth Poulter, Sixth Great-Grandparents, were probably married on January 22, 1736. Middle left: All Saints the parish church of Hartford, England, where Ann Allpress, Fifth Great-Grandmother, was christened on October 7, 1739. Lower left: Canal adjacent to grounds of All Saints. Henry Allpress and Mary Love, Sixth Great-Grandparents, resided in Hartford in the early 1700s.

William and Ruth had three children: **William Onyett** (about 1743-1783), Ann Onyett (born 1737) and Poulter Onyett (born 1741). All of their children were born in King's Cliffe, Northamptonshire, England.

William Onyett, Fifth Great-Grandfather (died 1783), was born about 1743 in King's Cliffe, Northamptonshire, England. He married **Ann Allpress**, Fifth Great-Grandmother (christened at Hartford in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, England, on October 7, 1739), on January 17, 1765, in Warboys, Cambridgeshire, England. Ann was the daughter of **Henry Allpress** and **Mary Love,** Sixth Great-Grandparents.

Huntingdon is located off the A1 about sixty miles north of London and south of Peterborough. Hartford is located about two miles east of downtown Huntingdon.

Warboys, England
Warboys Parish Church

"The church of St. Mary Magdalene has been the pride of Warboys, England, since before the time of the Magna Carta."

Perhaps the family of **Henry Allpress** and **Mary Love,** Sixth Great-Grandparents, resided in Warboys. Generations of their lines may have lived in Warboys, but this is not known. As mentioned above, **Ann Allpress** married **William Onyett**, Fifth Great-Grandparents, in St. Mary Magdalene in 1765.

There was an interesting, but tragic, case of witchcraft in Warboys in the early 1590s. An entire innocent family was accused and hung for supposed witchcraft. The main events took place in the Manor House located next door to the parish church.

Top: St. Mary Magdalene the parish church of Warboys, England, where William Onyett and Ann Allpress, Fifth Great-Grandparents, were married on January 17, 1765. Above: Manor House located next to St. Mary Magdalene, where the main events surrounding a case of supposed witchcraft took place in the early 1590s.

Warboys is located about six miles northeast of Huntingdon off A141 on its way to Chatteris.

Kilmarnock, Scotland
Kilmarnock Cross

In the center of downtown Kilmarnock, at Kilmarnock Cross, is a round granite circle

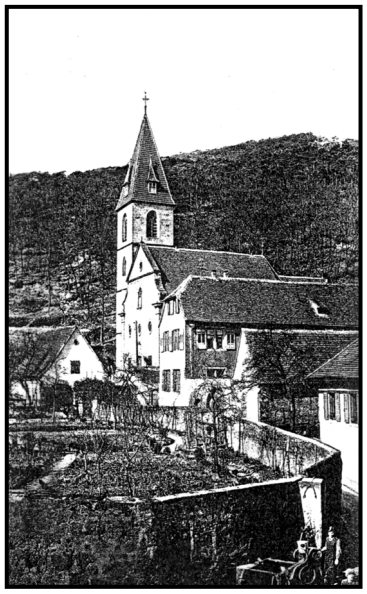
that marks the exact spot where **John Nisbet,** son of **James Nisbet,** possible Ninth Great-Granduncle, was hung for being a Covenanter in 1683.

Kilmarnock is located near the west coast of Scotland, about twenty miles southwest of Glasgow. Kilmarnock Cross is in the center of downtown, now a modern shopping center.

Konigsbach, Germany

Konigsbach and Ruppertsberg Churches

Mathias Schaub (born about 1655) and his wife, **Anna Barbara Pfornt** (born about 1660-died about 1690), Eighth Great-Grandparents, had two children who were christened in Konigsbach Church: **Mathias Schaub** (1685-1750), Seventh Great-Grandfather, in 1685, and Wilhelmus Schaub, who was christened in 1689. After Anna died Mathias married Catharina Haries, and their three children: Schaub (1696), Joannes Schaub (1700) and Jacobus Schaub (1703), were christened in the same church.



Matthias Schaub married Anna Barbara Pfornt on November 9, 1683, in the church in Ruppertsberg.

Top left: Granite marker noting the very place that John Nisbet was executed on April 14, 1683, in Kilmarnock, Scotland. Above right: Konigsbach Church. Above left: Ruppertsberg Church.

Ruppertsberg is located about two miles northeast of Konigsbach, which is west of Speyer and north of Neustadt, off Highway 271.

Gross-Sachsenheim, Germany

Gross-Sachsenheim Church

Hans George Meiers/Meyers, Seventh Great-Grandfather, was probably christened in Gross-Sachsenheim Church in 1674. He married **Barbara** (surname unknown) here about 1707, and five of their seven children were christened in Gross-Sachsenheim: Christopher Maiers (born 1708), **Michael Myers** (1709-1771), Sixth Great-Grandfather,

Maria Susanna Maiers (christened 1711), Catherina Barbara Maiers (christened 1711) (twin to Maria), and Catharina Barbara Maiers (christened 1714).

Hans Martin Maiers/Mayer, Eighth Great-Grandfather, born in Raterschen, Switzerland, married his wife, Anna Hein, in the church in Gross-Sachsenheim.

Gross-Sachsenheim is located northwest of Stuttgart, Germany, off Highway E41 and Highway 27. Bissingen (below) is located a few miles southeast of Gross-Sachsenheim.

Bissingen, Germany

Bissingen Church

Above left: Gross-Sachsenheim Church. Above right: Bissingen Church.

Martin Henn, Ninth Great-Grandfather, was born about 1626 in Bissingen, Wurttemberg, Germany, and probably christened there in the church. He and his wife, **Catherine** (surname unknown), had four children: **Anna Henn** (about 1647-1706), Michael Henn (christened 1651), Michael Henn (christened 1652) and Michael Henn (christened 1655). All of their children were born in Bissingen, Germany and probably christened in the same church.

Quirnbach and Glan-Munchweiler, Germany

Konken Reformed Church and Glan-Munchweiler Lutheran Church

Heinrich Cressman/Christman, Sixth Great-Grandfather, and his wife, **Anna**

Margaretha, were parents of seven children. The first five were baptized in Konken Reformed Church in Quirnbach: Anna Margareta (christened October 20, 1719), Catherine Barbara (christened February 20, 1722), Elizabeth Catharina (christened February 27, 1724), Maria Appollonia (christened October 25,1725), and Maria Elizabeth (christened July 21 1730). Their two youngest children, John Nichel (christened May 2, 1736), and John Peter Cressman or Christman (christened March 16, 1738) were baptized nearby in Glan-Munchweiler Lutheran Church.

Quirnbach and Glan-Munchweiler are located off Highway 62 west of Kaiserslautern.

Above left: Glan-Munchweiler Lutheran Church in Glan-Munchweiler, Germany. Above right: Konken Reformed Church in Quirnbach, Germany.

Raterschen, Elsau, Zurich, Switzerland

Raterschen Protestant Church

Hans Martin Maiers/Mayer, Eighth Great-Grandfather, was born 1647, in Raterschen, Zurich, Switzerland, and probably christened in the parish church. He was the son of **Jakob Maiers/Mayer,** Ninth Great-Grandfather. His father, **Casper Maiers/Meyer,** also lived in Raterschen**.** Casper and **Margreth Bachmann** were married about 1638 in the Raterschen church.

Raterschen is in Elsau, which is a few miles west of Winterthur, Switzerland, on Highway 7. It is located northeast of Zurich. Many detailed maps do not list the village of Raterschen, but do show Elsau.

Oberbronn, Alsace, France

Oberbronn Lutheran Church

The christening of **Johann Heinrich Brendel**, Sixth Great-Grandfather, is recorded in the Lutheran Parish Church records in Oberbronn, France: "Baptized **Johann Heinrich** in the year 1683 the 11th October,

Above left: Oberbronn Lutheran Church. Above right: Raterschen Protestant Church. Right: Froeschwiller Church (possibly rebuilt after war).

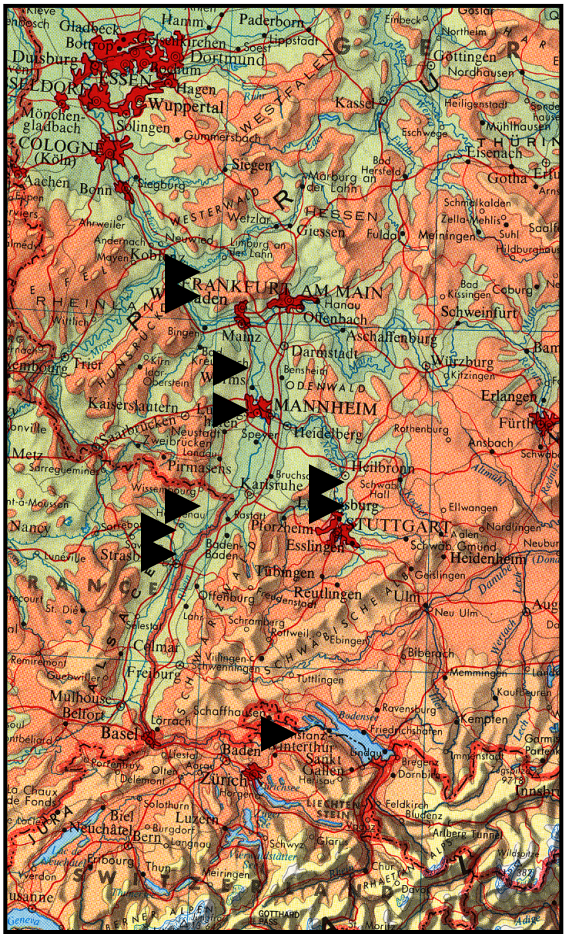
son of **Hans Heinrich Brendel,** Burgher and Tailor, and of **Maria** (Seventh Great-Grandparents) his wife."

Johann Heinrich Brendel married **Anna Barbara Boeltzer,** Sixth Great-Grandmother, on October 14, 1710, in the Oberbronn Lutheran Church.

Also recorded in the same church record is the christening of Johann's brother: "Baptized 1680 Friday the 28th May in the afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock, gave **Maria Hans Henrich Brendel** (Seventh Great-Grandmother), the Burgher and Tailor's wife, birth to a young son who received the baptism on the 31st (was Monday after Pentecosta) and named **Johann Philipp**" (Sixth Great-Granduncle).

Hans George Brendel, Fifth Great-Granduncle, was born April 18, 1713, in Oberbronn, France, and died about 1783 in Heidelberg Township, Berks, Pennsylvania.

The Oberbronn Lutheran Parish record has this entry: "1710 on the 14th of October married **Monsieur Johann Heinrich Brendel**, Fifth Great-Granduncle, son of **Johann Heinrich Brendel**, Sixth Great-Grandfather, Burgher, Tailor, and Merchant of this place, the young man as Laquay of our Good Lady Countess, and Miss **Anna Barbara Baltzer**, Sixth Great-Grandmother, daughter of the deceased **Johannes Baltzer**, Seventh Great-Grandfather, in his life a Burgher of Froeschwiller, and this marriage took place in the presence of a number of witnesses in agreement with the text saying: Nearest Friends Will Testify."



Above: Langensoultbach, Germany. The Lutheran Church is on the left (possibly not original). Right: Location of family sites in Germany, France and Switzerland. Top to bottom: Quirnbach, Glan-Munchweiler, Ruppertsberg, Konigsbach, Gross-Sachsenheim, and Bissingen, Germany; Langensoultzbach, Froeschwiller, and Oberbronn, France; and Raterschen, Switzerland. Rand McNally map.

Froeschwiller, Alsace, France

Froeschwiller Church

"Death Record and Partake of Goods left at death and divided between heirs. Notary Records: 6 E 46 Woerth in Froeschwiller. At time of death of **Johann Heinrich Brendel's wife**, who died in Froeschwiller the 27th December 1737, husband of **Barbara Boeltzel** (Sixth Great-Grandmother), Schoolmaster once in Lagensoultzbach."

Johannes Baltzer, Seventh Great-Grandfather, was a Burgher of Froeschwiller and probably attended the Froeschwiller Church.

Langensoultzbach, Froeschwiller, and Oberbronn, France, were in an area of major fighting during the Franco-Prussian War of 1877, and probably heavily damaged.

Langensoultzbach, Alsace, France

Langensoultzbach Lutheran Church

The death record in Langensoultzbach, France, records: "The 30 December 1737 in Soultxback died piously Mrs. **Anna Barbara Brendel** (Sixth Great-Grandmother), born **Boltzel**, wife of the Right Honourable and Devoted Schoolmaster **Johann Heinrich Brendel** (Sixth Great-Grandfather), our Schoolmaster here for 23 years now in the Lutheran Church School, his beloved wife."

The death records of the Langensoultbach Protestant Church record: "In year 1763 after birth of Jesus Christ, the 2nd of July died in this place our former schoolmaster, **Johann Heinrich Brendel** (Sixth Great-Grandfather), has been in function here for 42 years, he had been ill for a few weeks and weakened. Was found dead in his bed in the morning and buried on the 3rd of the same, aged 80 years 8 months, 12 days, was married to Anna Barbara Belzel, who gave him 7 sons and 1 daughter, of the sons died 2 and the daughter also. 3 sons have left for the new world and two are still living for sure. After his first wife had died (he had lived in marriage for 26 years with her) he married a second time to deceased Anna Maria Waltzinger, who gave him no children. Which is testified by: Ludwig (Louis) Heinrich Brandel, son."

Johann Philip Brendel, Fifth Great-Grandfather, was christened in the Langensoultzbach Lutheran Church in 1718.

Additional Cemeteries and Homes

Stone County, Arkansas

Freeman Cemetery

Above left: Salem A. R. P. Cemetery in Atoka, Tennessee, 2005, where Margaret Nisbet McCain (5th Great-Grandaunt; 1756-1843) is buried. Above right: Gravestone of Nancy Bratton Tilley (3rd Great-Grandaunt) in Freeman Cemetery near Big Flat, Arkansas.

Nancy Bratton Tilley (1824 or 1829-1920), Third Great-Grandaunt. Her husband died

in the Civil War. Also, buried in the same cemetery are her children: Elisha J. "Lish" Tilley (1853-1934), Martha Caroline Tilley Freeman (1857/1858-1943), Samuel Tilley (1860-1928), and John Columbus Tilley, Jr. (1864-1913).

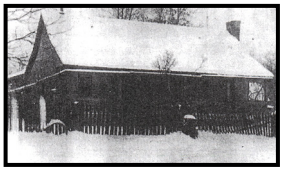
In 2007 my brother, Ronald Martin, and I placed seven monuments on the graves of twelve great-grandparents. With the exception of George W. Sharp, none had an existing gravestone. Top to lower left: George Sharp (5th Great-Grandfather), George W. Sharp (3rd Great-Grandfather), Adam and Phebe Sharp (6th Great-Grandparents), Edward and Elizabeth Bond Mattix (5th Great-Grandparents), James and Jane Rodgers Nisbett (4th Great-Grandparents), Christian and Ann Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandparents), and Francis and Jane Baker Ashbrook (4th Great-Grandparents). Three other monuments were made in late 2007 and placed on the graves of Paul Bratton (4th Great-Grandfather), Reuben and Naomi Hayes Coffey (5th Great-Grandparents), and Joseph Nisbett (5th Great-Grandfather) in 2008. Children of each ancestor are listed on the reverse side of every gravestone.

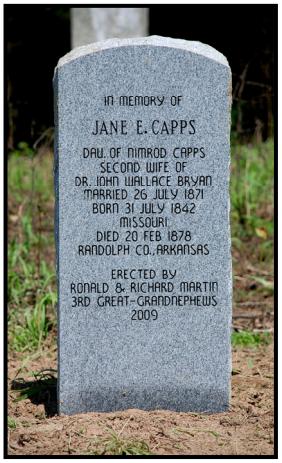
Freeman cemetery is located about three miles south of Big Flat, Arkansas, near the junction of Baxter, Searcy and Stone Counties. Go northeast on Highway 27 from Marshall until 27 joins Highway 14 and continue east to the junction of 14 and County Road 263. Turn right (south) on CR 263 for about a mile. Turn right on the third gravel road and go south about a mile or more until the road dead ends at the cemetery.

Dalton, Randolph, Arkansas

Home of Jane E. Capps Bryan, Third Great-Grandaunt

This once well-built home is now in ruins. A fireplace and a well are all that remain. Built in 1853 by Dr. John W. Bryan, husband of **Jane E. Capps**, Third Great-Grandaunt.





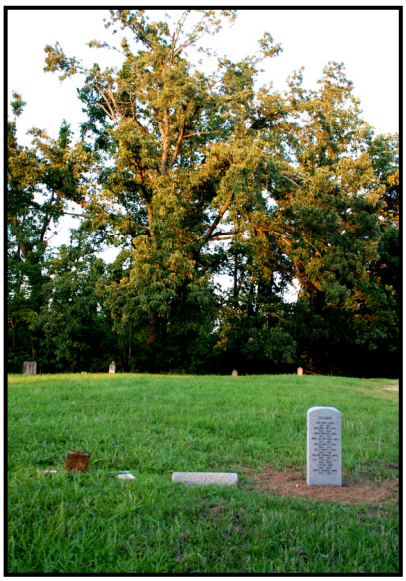
Above: Ruins of home of Jane Capps Bryan, the original house, and Jane's gravestone in Bryan Cemetery, located nearby. Below: Monument of Nimrod and Cynthia Capps in Siloam Cemetery.

The house is located two miles northwest of Highway 93 off Baker Den Road on the east side of Eleven Point River in Dalton, Arkansas. The road will make a turn at the two mile mark, but instead of going into the curve, go straight onto the farm road, across the creek and to the owner's farmhouse. The owner will be able to tell you the location of the house, which is on top of a hill, close to the road in the woods, but difficult to find without directions.

Middlebrook, Randolph, Arkansas

Siloam Cemetery

Nimrod Capps (1806-1876) and **Cynthia Mattix Capps** (1813-1867), Fourth Great-Grandparents. **Mary Cinderella Capps Johnston** (1848-1888), Third Great-Grandaunt.



To find the cemetery, drive north of Pocahontas on Highway 115 to the town of Middlebrook. Turn right (east) on Middlebrook Road. Turn right (south) on Siloam Cemetery Road. The cemetery will be on your left (east). Nimrod's original gravestone may

be the broken stone pieces lying adjacent to his new monument erected in 2009.

Pocahontas, Randolph, Arkansas

Masonic Cemetery

Charles G. Johnston (1849-1933), husband of Mary C. Capps, Third Great-Grandaunt. **Lelia Thalia Sarah Wallace Bryan** (1876-1960), daughter of Jane E. Capps Bryan, Third Great-Grandaunt. (She is buried under name of Lelia Blanchard.)

Masonic Cemetery is located at the corner of West Pyburn Street and South Park Street west of downtown Pocahontas.

Doniphan, Ripley, Missouri

Oak Ridge Cemetery

Thalia Capps Robinson (1853-1937), Third Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Don M. Robinson (1854-1915). Oak Ridge Cemetery is located on the north side of downtown

Top: Gravestones of Lelia Bryan Blanchard, daughter of Jane E. Capps, Third Great-Grandaunt; Charles G. Johnston, husband of Mary C. Capps, Third Great-Grandaunt; and Thalia Capps Robinson, Third Great-Grandaunt. Above: Monuments to Joseph and Elizabeth Nisbett, Fifth Great-Grandparents; Paul Bratton, Fourth Great-Grandfather; and Reuben and Naomi Coffey, Fourth Great-Grandparents; all erected in 2007.

Doniphan off Highway 160. Turn right (east) on CR 160 E-2 and go southwest to the cemetery, which will be on your right.

Monroe County, Indiana

Vernal-Mayfield Cemetery

Denisa Coffey Mayfield (1812-1842), Fourth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, William Mayfield (1794-1873).

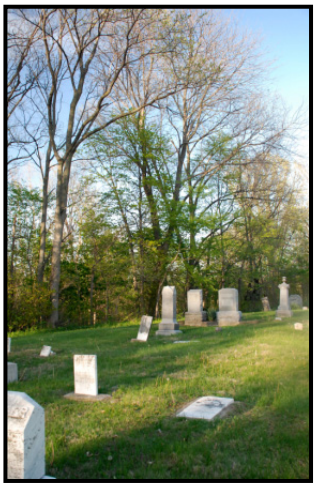
Vernal-Mayfield Cemetery is located west of Bloomington. Go west on Highway 48. Turn right (north) on Oard Road. The cemetery will be on the right in the woods before you reach the bend in the road and the quarry company.

Yeddo, Fountain, Indiana

Centennial Cemetery

John Van Gundy (1767-1860), Fifth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Anna Maria Davis Van Gundy (1772-1854).

Centennial Cemetery is located east of the small unincorporated community of Yeddo in Fountain County at the corner of Highway 41 and CR 800 East. John Van Gundy probably lived in this community or nearby.



New Orleans, Louisiana

Lafayette Cemetery Number One

Top: Gravestone of Denisa Coffey Mayfield (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1812-1842). Above: Gravestone of John Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1767-1860) in Centennial Cemetery (above right). Left: Lafayette Cemetery and Diamond/Onyett tomb; 2011.

William Onyett (1770/1771-1836), Fourth Great-Grandfather, **Ann Onyett** (1814-1830), Third Great-Grandaunt, **Mary Onyett Diamond** (1804-1864), Third Great-Grandaunt, her husband Charles Diamond (1795-1867), and their children (as listed on their single grave slab): John A. Diamond (1832-1876), Robert E. Diamond (1837-1881), Sarah Diamond (1821-1822), Mary Ann Diamond (1825-1827),

Benjamin Diamond (1822-1822), Mary Ann Diamond (1828/1829-1830), Emily Diamond (1831-1831), and Thomas Diamond (1823-1856).

Lafayette Cemetery is located in the Garden District of New Orleans. Go south on I-10 to Highway 90 and exit at St. Charles Avenue (streetcars run on this street). Go west on St. Charles and turn left (south) on Washington Avenue. Travel two blocks and this famous burying ground will be on your right. It is closed on Sunday.

Miller County, Missouri

Spring Garden Cemetery

Joel Bond (1784-1856), Fifth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Jane Hinds Bond; **Isaac Bond** (1785-1856), Fifth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Anna Mercer Bond (1789-1866); and **William Bond** (1789-1876), Fifth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Charity Bond (1789-1861). Joel, Isaac and William were brothers, and sons of **John Bond** (born 1765) and **Jane Beeson Bond** (1760-1792), Sixth Great-Grandparents.

Spring Garden Cemetery is located about twenty miles southwest of Jefferson City, Missouri. Journey southwest from Jefferson City on Highway 54, and immediately after crossing the Miller County line, turn right (north) on Highway AA. Go about two miles to the cemetery, which will be on the right side of the road.

Top left: Grave slab of eleven relatives in Lafayette Cemetery in New Orleans, Louisiana. Above: Spring Hill Cemetery. The graves of Joel, Isaac and William Bond (5th Great-Granduncles) are near each other on the far right side of the cemetery.

Randolph County, North Carolina

Gray's Cemetery

Jane Bond Lineberry (1792-1883), Fifth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Samuel Lineberry (1789-1874), in Gray's Cemetery in Randolph County, North Carolina.

Left: Gravestone of Jane Bond Lineberry (5th Great-Grandaunt; 1792-1883) in Gray's Cemetery in Randolph County, North Carolina.

Janes's mother, **Jane Beeson Bond** (1760-1792), Sixth Great-Grandmother, died giving birth to Jane on January 9, 1792. Jane Lineberry was born in 1792, not 1791 (gravestone).

Chillicothe, Ross, Ohio

Grandview Cemetery

Christian Van Gundy (1740-1812), Fifth Great-Grandfather; monument honoring Christian's service as a sergeant during the Revolutionary War.

Grandview Cemetery is located on Belleview Avenue in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Conotton, Harrison, Ohio

Conotton Cemetery

Rev. Joseph Gundy (1750-1822), Fifth Great-Granduncle, and his wife, Fanny Kauffman Gundy (died also in 1822).

Conotton Cemetery is prominently located on a hill in the small town of Conotton, Ohio. Exit Highway 250 at Highway 150 (southeast of Canton, Ohio). Travel northeast until you reach the town of Conotton.

Hopetown, Ross, Ohio

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

Top left: Revolutionary War monument to Christian Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandfather). Above: Monument to Rev. Joseph Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle; 1750-1822) and his wife, Fanny Kauffman Gundy. Left: Gravestone of Peter Van Gundy (4th Great-Granduncle) or son of Peter Van Gundy (5th Great-Granduncle) in Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

Peter Van Gundy (1775-1863), Fourth Great-Granduncle, son of Christian Van Gundy, Fifth Great-Grandfather. Peter's daughter, Phebe Van Gundy Graves (1822-1909), wife of Samuel Graves, is also buried in Wesley Chapel (no monument). Peter Van Gundy probably lived near the cemetery.

Wesley Chapel Cemetery is located off U. S. Route 23 at Hopetown, east of Hopewell Culture National Historical Park. Exit left from Route 23 at Hopetown Road and soon turn left on Vine Road to the cemetery.

Additional Cemeteries, Churches and Homes II

The amount of new family information is increasing each year, largely through the Internet. Without these new, powerful sources some of this history would probably never be known. This second addition is presented in alphabetical order by state.

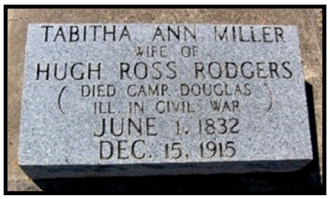
Goshen, Pike County, Alabama

Davison-Folmar Cemetery and Elam-Davidson Memorial Cemetery

Sarah Gillon Rodgers (5th Great-Grandaunt; 1792-1859). Her monument honors her husband, Matthew Rodgers (5th Great-Granduncle), her children, and grandchildren.

Davidson-Folmar Cemetery is located southwest of Troy, Alabama, in the southeast portion of the state, near or in the town of Goshen near Elam Church (built 1850; corner of CR 5 and CR 46).

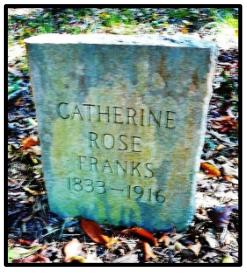
Tabitha Ann Miller Rogers (1832-1915), wife of **Hugh Ross Rodgers** (son of Matthew and Sarah Rogers, above; he is equivalent to a 4th Great-Granduncle), is buried in **Elam-Davidson Memorial Cemetery**, also in Goshen. The cemetery is located a short distance north of downtown Goshen on CR 5 where it meets CR 46. Five of their children are also buried here: Thomas Matthew Harris Rodgers (1851-1936), Sarah Tryphosa Rodgers Folmar (1856-1941), Oliver Hugh Rodgers (1859-1951), Charles Nicholas Rodgers (1861-1871), and Frances Ross Rodgers Folmar (1865-1946). Also, Martha "Mattsy" Virginia Rodgers Walker (1876-1966), daughter of Thomas Matthew Harris Rodgers, is buried here with her husband, John Thomas Walker (1872-1947).



Lauderdale County, Alabama

Wates Cemetery

Catherine Rose Franks (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1833-1916) and her husband, Jacob Franks (1835-1920).



Top: Davison-Folmar Cemetery. Middle: Photograph of Hugh Ross Rodgers and gravestone of his wife, Tabitha Ann Miller. Right: Gravestone of Catherine Ross Franks.

Wates Cemetery is located on the Tennessee River. Leave Waterloo, Alabama, on CR 103 (Pea Ridge Road) from Main Street and go approximately 8 miles. Turn left on Stateline Road and travel 5.5 miles, turning left. Travel for 1.3 miles and the cemetery

will be on the left side of the road. It is an old cemetery with the oldest birthdate being 1813. There are three other Frank gravestones.

Ivanhoe, Tulare County, California

Lone Oak Cemetery

Cinderella Mattix Rodgers (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1817-1889). No gravestone.

Directions: Lone Oak Cemetery is northeast of Visalia, California. Go east on Highway 198 from Visalia and turn left (north) on CR 168 (9th Ave E) and turn right (east) on Avenue 324 to the cemetery. This is the oldest cemetery in the county; unfortunately there are few gravestones remaining.

Lakeport, Lake County, California

Hartley Cemetery 707-263-0910

Malinda Nevill Thompson (5th Great-Grandaunt; 1758-1869), wife of David Thompson. Note: Malinda lived to be 111 years old, which is stated on her monument. Also, buried next to her grave are Malinda's son, Major J. T. Thompson (1811-1869), and grandson, William Nevill Thompson (1847-1909), who married Tenitia Inn in 1869.

Hartley Cemetery is a large cemetery, with over 3,700 burials. It is located at 2552 Hill Road off Highway 29 in Lakeport. Malinda's gravestone is situated next to the main road that runs down the center of the burying ground.

Arden, Delaware

Grubb Burying Ground

"**William Grubb** (1713-1775) (son of John Grubb Jr., 8th Great-Granduncle; 1684-1758), established the Grubb Burying Ground next to his home in modern Arden, Delaware (three of William's children are buried here: Mary Grubb Robinson, 1745-1769; Charity Grubb, 1758-1760; and Deborah Grubb Craig, 1761-1791). William's younger brother, **Samuel Grubb** (1722-1769), is also buried here.

Top right: Lone Oak Cemetery. Middle: Gravestone of Malinda Nevill Thompson (5th Great-Grandaunt) in Hartley Cemetery. Above: Grubb Burying Ground with the home built by William Grubb in the background.

Grubb Burying Ground is located on Grubb/Harvey Road in Arden, Delaware. Go north on I-95 and turn left on Harvey Road which changes to Grubb Road.

Claymont, Delaware

Home of John Grubb, Ninth Great-Grandfather

Above: Home of John Grubb (9th Great-Grandfather; 1652-1708), built in 1684, in Claymont, Delaware. Below: Broken monument of Mary Sharp Dowell (3rd Great-Grandaunt) in Old Linton Cemetery.

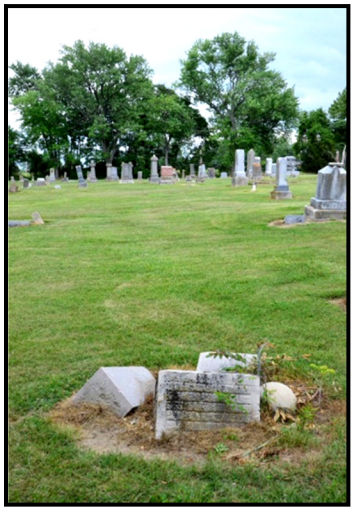
The home of **John Grubb** (9th Great-Grandfather; 1652-1707), which he built in 1684, is located at 3200 Philadelphia Pike Road (Highway 13), which is south of the intersection of Interstate 495 and Highway 13. A new state historical marker was placed in front of the house in May 2012.

"John Grubb's house was often rebuilt and expanded. In 1919 it became known as the Grubb Worth house and today (2012) serves as the administrative office for the Holy Rosary Church in Claymont, Delaware" (302-798-0123; closes at 4 p. m.).

Elba, Gallatin County, Illinois

Zion Cemetery

Elizabeth Trousdale Barker (1856-1898; wife of William H. Barker, 2nd Great-Granduncle) and their son, Walter E. Barker (1879-1881), who may have been their first-born child. Apparently, sometime after Elizabeth Barker died, William Barker (born 1858/1859) moved to California, where he was still residing in 1931. His burial place is unknown and unlisted in *Find a Grave*.



Zion Cemetery is located east of El Dorado, Illinois. Go north on Highway 45 that loops around El Dorado and turn right on Dewey Road, which will become CR 25. The name of this road will change again to 1650 ON and then become Dickey Ford Road. The cemetery is located at the corner of Zion Cemetery Road and Dickey Ford Road.

Linton, Greene County, Indiana

Old Linton Cemetery

Mary Sharp Dowell (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1837-1916) and her husband, James L. Dowell (1817-1895).

Old Linton Cemetery is located about 40 miles west of Bloomington, Indiana. Go south on Highway 59 from downtown Linton. Turn right (west) on A Street SW; turn left (south) on SW 6th Street; turn right (west) on SW 3rd Street, which will turn into CR 40 North. The cemetery will be on the north side of the road.

Northfield, Boone County, Indiana

Hutton Memorial Cemetery

Matilda Ashbrook Smith (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1836-1903) and her husband, John S. Smith (1827-1904).

Hutton Memorial Cemetery is located northwest of Indianapolis, Indiana, and east of Interstate 65. Go north from Indianapolis on I-65 and turn right on E 300 S (take the S 400 E exit) and travel east on 300 through the town of Whitestown. Continue to S 975 E, where the cemetery is located on the corner, which is before you reach Highway 421.

Top right: Monument of Matilda Ashbrook Smith (3rd Great-Grandaunt). Above: Broken gravestone of Rachel Ashbrook Wilson (4th Great-Grandaunt).

Chariton, Lucas County, Iowa

Salem Cemetery

Rachel Ashbrook Wilson (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1811-1883), her husband, William M. Wilson (1803-1853), and two of their sons: Francis M. Wilson (1836-1908) and Isaac M. Wilson (1847-1871). Four children of Francis M. Wilson are buried here: Margaret Wilson Day (1860-1904), Rachel Wilson Clark (1863-1923), Ira G. Wilson (1869-1869), and Lewis B. Wilson (1872-1873).

"Salem is located two miles southeast of Chariton and two and a half miles due west of Russell, just south of the intersection of the Blue Grass and New York roads."

"The Blue Grass Road here follows the path of the old Mormon Trace, the trail blazed from Dodge's Point in Appanoose County northwest past old Greenville and then due west through what became Russell to Chariton Point and beyond by Mormons during the late spring and the early summer of 1846. The Trace was used thereafter by most of

the thousands of Nauvoo Saints forced to flight by non-Mormon neighbors in Illinois who would not tolerate their differentness. They moved past what became Salem in ox-drawn wagons, on horseback and on foot toward Chariton Point, then Garden Grove or Mount Pisgah, across western Iowa to the Missouri River and beyond through Nebraska and Wyoming to Utah." (*Lucas County's Salem Cemetery*.)

"The first burial in Salem Cemetery was a Mormon refugee," Ora Gartin (exact location of grave is unknown), who had fled from persecution in Illinois, but died here in the 1840s.

Top left: Salem Cemetery, with Rachel Ashbrook Wilson's gravestone in the foreground. Above: Monument of David Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle), his wife, Sarah, and two of their children: Wesley and Laura Van Gundy.

Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa

Lowell Town Cemetery—Additional Burials

David Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1821-1873) and his wife, Sarah A. Van Gundy (1828-1893). Two of their children are also buried with them: Wesley J. Van Gundy (1850-1860) and Laura B. Van Gundy (1864-1881). All four share a common monument. David's sister, **Hester Van Gundy Hickle** (1820-1910), is also buried here with her husband, John Hickle (1812-1894). The original barn on the Hickle farm could still be seen from the cemetery in 2012.

Lowell Cemetery is located southeast of Clarksville, Iowa. Go south from Clarksville on Highway 188; turn left (east) on Terrace Avenue, which will curved into 200th Street. Turn left (east) on 202nd Street, which will curve into Timber Road. Turn right on Timber Road and the cemetery will appear almost immediately.

Right: Monument of David, Sarah, Wesley and Laura Van Gundy in Lowell Town Cemetery.

West Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

Head Cemetery

Margaret Sarah Nisbett Wink (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1842-1917) and her husband,

Philip Henry Wink (1837-1885). Three of their six children are also buried here: James Arthur Wink (1867-1964), Samuel Austin Wink (1871-1915), and Lydia Annorn Wink Morris (1874-1937).

Head Cemetery is located southwest of Monroe, Louisiana. Go south from Monroe on Highway 557; turn right (west) on Cypress School Road and soon make another right on Charles Griggs Road; turn left on Barney Firth Road and the cemetery will be on the right side of the road.

Cedar County, Missouri

Hackleman Cemetery

Robert Williams, Sr. (5th Great-Granduncle; 1770-1846), son of Ambrose Williams and Mary Moor (6th Great-Grandparents).

Top right: Broken gravestone of Margaret Sarah Nisbett Wink (3rd Great-Grandaunt). Above: Two views of Hackleman Cemetery.

Robert Williams (son of Robert Williams Sr, 1806-1881) and his wife, Martha Williams (2nd wife; 1821-1856). **Nancy Hicks Williams** (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1788-1843). **John G. Williams** (4th Great-Granduncle; 1780-1843). **Levicy Williams** (daughter of John G. Williams, 4th Great-Granduncle, and Nancy Williams, 4th Great-Grandaunt; she is equivalent to a 3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1812-1846). Also, John Williams (1810-1852) and William E. Williams (died 1850).

Hackleman Cemetery is located southeast of El Dorado and west of Caplinger Mills, Missouri. Travel south from El Dorado on Highway 39 and turn right (west) on CR 570. The cemetery will soon appear on the right (north) side of the road.

Located near Hackleman Cemetery is Hazel Dell Cemetery, where **Harden M. Williams** (grandson of Robert Williams, 5th Great-Granduncle; 1842-1909), his wife Ida Sherman Williams (1853-1932), and two sons, John Robert Williams (1871-1946) and Oscar Bertie Williams (1873-1960) are buried. To visit Hazel Dell Cemetery continue south on Highway 39 from Hackleman Cemetery. Turn right (west) on State Highway K. Turn right on Highway U and take another right (north) on S701 Road. Turn left (west) on Jack's Corner Road. The cemetery will be on the right (north) side of the road.

Crocker, Pulaski County, Missouri

Crocker Memorial Park

Mary Jane Smith Van Loon (Grandaunt; 1903-1988) and her husband, Jacob Arthur Van Loon (1887-1952). Jacob was a World War I soldier, serving as a private in the 387th Missouri Infantry of the 97th Division.

Directions: Crocker Memorial Park is located in Crocker, Missouri, which is south of Jefferson City, and northwest of Waynesville, Missouri. Go north on Highway 17 from Waynesville into Crocker; turn left (west) on Keeth Road or 12th Street. The cemetery is located between Keeth Road and 12th Street near downtown Crocker.

High Point, Guilford County, North Carolina

Springfield Friends Meetinghouse and Cemetery

Charity Beeson Mendenhall (7th Great-Grandaunt; 1715-1809) and her husband, Mordecai Mendenhall (1713-1803). Also, a monument to **William Millikan** and his wife,

Top: Gravestone of Mary Smith Van Loon (Grandaunt). Left: Springfield Friends Meetinghouse and Cemetery. Above: Monument of Charity Beeson Mendenhall (7th Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, Mordecai Mendenhall.

Jane White Millikan (7th Great-Grandparents), is located next to the old meetinghouse. Micajah Haworth (1743-1822; son of Rachel Beeson Haworth, 7th Great-Grandaunt; and Stephanus Haworth) and his wife, Mary McCurry Haworth (1747-1834).

The brick meetinghouse dates from 1853. Robert Bratton (5th Great-Grandfather) and his son, Paul Bratton (4th Great-Grandfather), moved their membership from Centre Meeting to Springfield Meeting in 1801. Robert Bratton with his wife, Mary, and son, Jonathan, moved their membership from Springfield to Deep River Meeting in 1807.

Directions: Exit south on Brentwood Street off Interstate 85 in High Point, North Carolina. Continue south and turn right (west) on East Springfield Road to Springfield Cemetery.

Micajah Haworth (1743-1822; son of Rachel Beeson Haworth, 7th Great-Grandaunt, and Stephanus Haworth) settled on the South fork of Rich Fork [Creek], a tributary of Abbott's Creek, in Davidson County, North Carolina, three and one-half miles from High Point, where he was deputy sheriff. "The old house in which he lived and died is still (1899) standing…[He] erected a mill on Abbott's Creek, which is still in use and belongs to some of his descendants."

Directions: Go west on Interstate 74 (Highway 311) from High Point and exit south on Highway 61 (Homey-town Road). Go right (west) on Curry Road and left on Browntown Lane, which goes to Abbotts Creek Cemetery, where John Franklin Hayworth (1765-1814; son of Micajah Haworth) is buried. Micajah Haworth's home and mill are in the immediate area.

Top: Deep River Friends Meetinghouse and Cemetery (above).

High Point, Guilford County, North Carolina

Deep River Friends Church Cemetery—Additional Burials

Rachel Beeson Haworth (7th Great-Grandaunt; 1724-1777) and her husband, Stephanus Haworth (1713-1765).

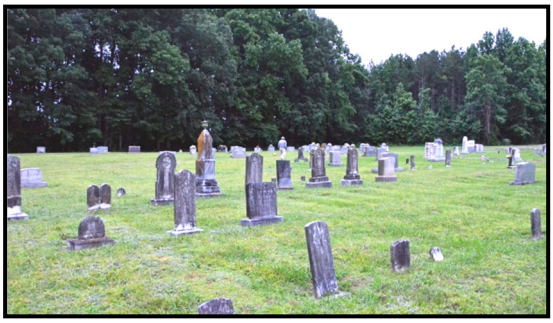
Directions: At Interstate 73 near intersection of Interstate 40 turn left (west) on Wendover Avenue West and continue to the cemetery, which will be on the right side of the road.

Randolph County, North Carolina

Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery

Jane Bond Lineberry (1792-1883), Fifth Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, Samuel Lineberry (1789-1874), in Gray's Cemetery in Randolph County, North Carolina.

Jane's mother, **Jane Beeson Bond** (1760-1792), Sixth Great-Grandmother, died giving birth to Jane on January 9, 1792. Jane Lineberry was born in 1792, not 1791 (gravestone).



Gray's Chapel Cemetery is located southeast of Greensboro, North Carolina. Go southeast on Highway 421 and turn right (west) on Old Liberty Road (will pass Herman Husband Historic Mill Site). Continue to Highway 22 and turn left (south). The cemetery will be on the immediate left hand side of the road. (Northeast of the cemetery is Lineberry Lake.)

Sophia, Randolph County, North Carolina

Old Union United Methodist Church Cemetery

Top: Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Above: Old Union United Methodist Church Cemetery. Lower left: Gravestones of Mary Magdalena Smith Franks (4th Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, Conrad Franks in Old Presbyterian Cemetery.

Rachel Brattain (Bratton) Clark (5th Great-Grandaunt; 1752-1797) and her husband, **Samuel E. Clark** (5th Great-Granduncle; son of Samuel Clark; 1748-1817). **John Clark** (5th Great-Granduncle; 1759-1816). Rachel Brattain/Bratton, Samuel Clark, and John Clark do not have gravestones.

Old Union United Methodist Church Cemetery is located at 5077 Walker Mill Road, which is east of the Freeway 220, and northeast of the intersection of Highway 311 and Branson Davis Road/Beeson Farm Road at New Market, North Carolina. Randleman Lake is nearby.

Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio

Old Presbyterian Cemetery—Additional Gravestones

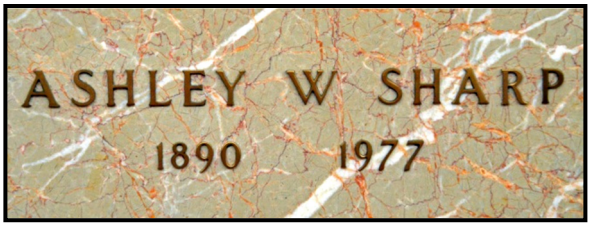
Mary Magdalena Smith Franks (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1786-1868) and her husband, Conrad Franks (1786-1869).

Old Presbyterian Cemetery is located in Apple Creek, Ohio, immediately north of Highway 250.

Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

Spring Grove Cemetery and Home of Ashley Sharp

Ashley Walter Sharp (Great-Granduncle; 1890-1977) and his wife, Lillian D. (or O.) Carlisle Sharp (1897-1981). Also buried beside them is their son, Leslie Gordon Sharp (1915-1977).



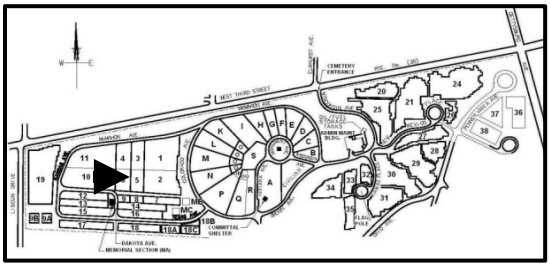
Top: Home of Ashley Walter Sharp (Great-Granduncle) in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his burial (above); 2012. Right: Gravestone of Noble Sharp (Great-Granduncle), which is in Section 5 on the left hand side of the map (below).

Ashley was living at 4738 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45223 at the time of his death. This home was built in 1921 and is currently (2012) listed for $96,100. It was a large home for its day with five bedrooms and 2,112 square feet. To find the house go north on Interstate 75. Turn left (north) on Highway 127, which is also called Hamilton Avenue. The house will be on the right side of the road.

Directions to Spring Grove: Go north of downtown Cincinnati on Interstate 75. Turn left (north) on Clifton Avenue or West Mitchel Avenue; turn left (west) on Spring Grove Avenue and continue to the cemetery, which has over 226,000 burials. Ashley is buried inside the Memorial Mausoleum (open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p. m.), which is the largest of the mausoleums. Get a key at the administration building (513-681-7526).

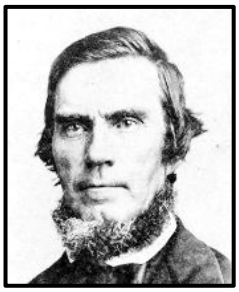
Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio

Dayton National Cemetery 937-262-2115



Noble C. Sharp (Great-Granduncle; 1900/1901-May 12, 1931), Section 5, Row 5, Gravesite 43. Noble served as a private in 81st Field Artillery Ohio. A World War I veteran,

he served in Europe from May 15, 1918, until February 14, 1919. He died on May 12, 1931, in Montgomery County, Ohio (cause unknown).



Above: Richard Martin standing next to the monument of Elias "Eli" Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Elizabeth Beerbower Smith (photographs on right), in Mansfield Cemetery; 2012.

Dayton National Cemetery is located at 4100 West 3rd Street in Dayton. Go north on I-75 and turn left (west) on I-35. The cemetery is on the north side of I-35, about a mile from the intersection of both freeways. Afternoon is the best time to see his stone as it faces the west.

Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio

Mansfield Cemetery

Elias "Eli" Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1789-1854) and his wife, Elizabeth Beerbower Smith (1790-1865). None of their eleven children are buried here.

Directions: Mansfield is located northeast of Columbus, Ohio, and west of Wooster, Ohio. Go north on Interstate 71 and exit at Highway 13 and go north towards town. Turn right (east) at East Chestnut Street, which leads directly to Mansfield Cemetery. Eli's monument is about 100 feet to the left of the East Chestnut Street entrance near the side road. The burying ground was established in 1845 and has over 6,000 burials to date (2012).

Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio

Wooster Cemetery (330-264-9090)

Barbara Markley Smith (6th Great-Grandmother; 1730-1818/1819). It is not certain that Barbara is buried here. She is not on the official list of burials and has no gravestone.

Wooster Cemetery is located immediately south of Highway 250 at 938 Madison Avenue, which is south of downtown Wooster, Ohio. This is a large cemetery with over 7,000 burials.

Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma

Letitia Cemetery

Mary Lucenda Bratton Shipman (2nd Great-Grandaunt; 1858-1941) and her husband, Isaac Penson Shipman (1855-1942). Four of their nine children are also buried here:

Ollie Shipman Cosgrove (1882-1958), Luther Irwin Shipman (1887-1980), Thomas Jacob Shipman (1896-1984), and John Terrell Shipman (1898-1989).

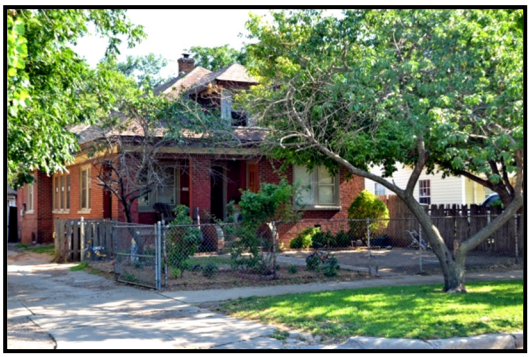
Top: Letitia Cemetery. Above: Family of Mary Bratton (2nd Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, Isaac Shipman. Right: Gravestone of Milton Dale Sharp (Great-Granduncle) in Memorial Park Cemetery and his home (lower right) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 2012. Below: Milton's plot.

Letitia Cemetery is located near Lawton, Oklahoma. Go north on Interstate 44 and turn right (east) on State Highway 7 for 9.1 miles. Turn south on State Highway 65 for 0.8 miles. The cemetery will be on the left, next to the Letitia Baptist Church.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City County, Oklahoma

Memorial Park Cemetery and home of Milton Dale Sharp

Milton Dale Sharp (Great-Granduncle; 1888-1935) was probably working for the railroad when he died at the age of 47 in 1935. In 2012 he was found to be buried in Memorial Park Cemetery. His flat, granite gravestone shows that he was a mason.



Memorial Park Cemetery is located at 13400 North Kelley Avenue off Highway 77 (west of I-35) and north of the John Kilpatrick Turnpike in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This is a huge cemetery with thousands of burials. His gravestone is located in section 10, which is the oval area immediately left of the park's office. This is at the entrance (west side) of the cemetery. Park at the north end of section 10 and walk south down the sixth row to plot 303, which is the 13th grave from the north side of the section.

Milton was living at 1424 Northwest 2nd Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106 at the time of his death. The home is still (2012) standing and was recently for sale ($47,900). The house, built in 1910, has 3 bedrooms, one bathroom, and 1,535 square feet.

Directions: In Oklahoma City go west from Interstate 235 on Interstate 40 and exit at North Classen Blvd. Go north on Classen Blvd. and turn left (west) on NW 2nd Street; go four blocks (pass North McKinley Avenue) to the house.

The official cemetery record states that Milton D. Sharp was born July 29, 1888, and died August 25, 1935.

Boothwyn, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

Chichester Meetinghouse Cemetery

John Grubb, Jr. (8th Great-Granduncle; 1684-1758). No gravestone; his sister, Phebe Grubb Hadley, stated in a letter that he was buried here. John's family attended Chi-

Top left: Chichester meetinghouse in the 1800s and in 2012 (above left). Top right: Gravestone of Joseph Grubb (1717-1751; son of Emanuel Grubb, 8th Great-Granduncle) in Old Saint Martin's Episcopal Cemetery in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania. Above right: Gravestone of Richard Flower (1724-1762) in Saint Martin's Cemetery.

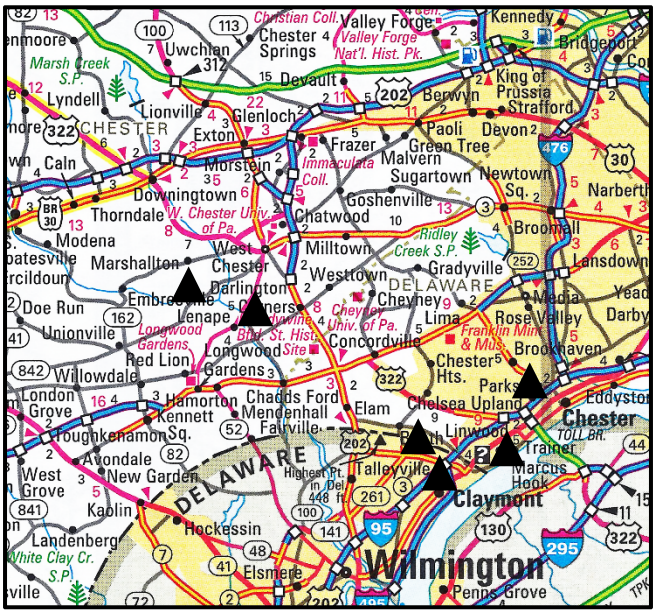
chester Meeting. The original meetinghouse was built in 1688, but after a fire was rebuilt in 1768.

The cemetery is located northeast of Marcus Hook and Linwood, Pennsylvania, on 611

Meetinghouse Road near Boothwyn. Go north on interstate 95 and exit Chichester Avenue. Go north (under the freeway) on Chichester Avenue and turn right on Meetinghouse Road to the cemetery, which will be on the right side of the road.

John Grubb, Jr.'s daughter, Hannah Grubb Flower Wall (1728-1810), and her first husband, Richard Flower (1724-1762; has an interesting gravestone), are buried nearby in Old Saint Martin's Episcopal Cemetery in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Grubb (8th Great-Granduncle; 1684-1747) is also buried in Old Saint Martin's (no gravestone) and Joseph Grubb (1717-1751), son of Emanuel Grubb (8th Great-Granduncle), is buried here and has an interesting gravestone.



Above: Location of Bradford meetinghouse in Marshallton, Pennsylvania (Phebe Grubb Hadley, 8th Great-Grandaunt; 1690-1769, is buried here), Birmingham meetinghouse, near West Chester, Pennsylvania (Samuel Grubb, 8th Great-Granduncle; 1691-1760, was overseer here between 1749 and 1756), Grubb Burying Ground in Arden, Delaware (two sons of John Grubb, Jr., 8th Great-Granduncle, are buried here), home of John Grubb (9th Great-Grandfather; 1652-1708), built in 1684, in Claymont, Delaware, Old St. Martin's Episcopal Cemetery in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania (John Grubb, 9th Great-Grandfather, two of his sons, and some grandchildren, are buried here), and Chichester meetinghouse near Boothwyn, Pennsylvania (John Grubb Jr., 8th Great-Granduncle; 1684-1758, is buried here). Rand McNally map.

Marshallton, Chester County, Pennsylvania

Bradford Meetinghouse Cemetery

Phebe Grubb Buffington Hadley (8th Great-Grandaunt; 1690-1769; no gravestone). **Samuel Grubb** (8th Great-Granduncle; 1691-1760; no gravestone).

Bradford Meetinghouse was built in 1764. It is located on the east side of Northbrook Road in Marshallton, Pennsylvania. Go west from West Chester, Pennsylvania, on Highway 162 (West Strasburg Road) until you reach Marshallton. Turn left on Clayton Road, then take an immediate left on Northbrook Road to the cemetery.

Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Oak Grove Cemetery

Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1791-1872) and his second wife, Eliza Wilkins Smith (1815-1883). Four of their children are also buried here: Henry P. Smith (1835-1905), Elias Milton Smith (1839-1879), Alpheus Estep Smith (1843-1881), and Harriet Melvina Smith Boger (1844-1916).

Directions: Traveling southwest in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, on Highway 119 turn left at Highway 40 (West Main Street). The cemetery will be immediately on the right side of the road. Henry Smith's grave is on the West Main Street side of the cemetery.

Walhalia, Oconee County, South Carolina

Neville Cemetery

Jesse Neville (5th Great-Granduncle; 1759-1842) and his wife, Margaret McCarter Neville (1755-1838). Alexander "Alex" Neville (son of Jesse Neville, 1796-1880).

Jesse Nevill (Neville) was a Revolutionary War soldier, who served 40 months of active duty and fought at Kings Mountain. He personally captured the Cherokee Chief of Estatoe, *Big Acorn*, and made him his prisoner. One comrade stated that "he was one of the bravest, most active and efficient soldiers on the frontiers of South and North Carolina" (statement made by Stephen Fuller in 1833). Jesse Nevill received a pension (S21899) for his service.

Top right: Henry Smith's (4th Great-Granduncle) monument in Oak Grove Cemetery (top left). Above: Plot of Jesse Nevill (5th Great-Granduncle) (spelled Neville in this cemetery, but Nevill is correct) in Neville Cemetery; 2012. Right: Original fieldstone marking Jesse Nevill's grave.

Directions to Neville Cemetery: Find intersection of 28 and 183 in downtown Walhalia; drive 2.1 miles northwest of Highway; cemetery is located on a hill on the left side of the road across from the Rocky Knoll Baptist church.

West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania

Birmingham Meetinghouse

Samuel Grubb was a stonemason and built many of the important buildings associated with the Grubb family. He was overseer of the Birmingham Meeting between 1749 and 1756, and contributed fifty pounds towards the construction of the Birmingham Meetinghouse (built in 1763), which is still in use today at 1245 Birmingham Road in West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania. "The building and the adjacent cemetery were near the center of fighting on the afternoon of September 11, 1777 at the Battle of Brandywine. During the Battle of Brandywine, the British forces attempted to flank the Continental forces under General George Washington. The Continental forces rushed north to meet the British in the area of the meetinghouse. It was used as a hospital first for the Americans, and after the battle for British officers. The stone wall around the cemetery was used as a defensive position by the Americans. After the battle, dead British and American soldiers shared a common grave in the cemetery."

Above: Birmingham meetinghouse that was built in 1763 near West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania; June 2012. Samuel Grubb (8th Great-Granduncle; 1691-1760) was overseer of the Birmingham Meeting between 1749 and 1756, and contributed fifty pounds towards the construction of the Birmingham meetinghouse, which is still in use today at 1245 Birmingham Road. The building and the adjacent cemetery were near the center of fighting on the afternoon of September 11, 1777, at the Battle of Brandywine.

Birmingham Meetinghouse is located south of West Chester off the Wilmington Pike. Going south on the Wilmington Pike turn left on West Street Road then left on South Birmingham Road to the meetinghouse and cemetery.

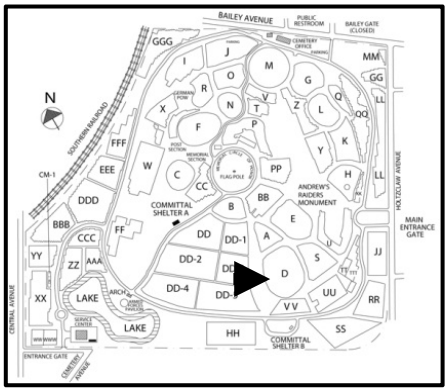
Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee

Chattanooga National Cemetery

James S. Sharp (grandson of James Simpson Sharp, 4th Great-Grandfather) died in 1864 while serving as a Union soldier during the Civil War.

Directions: Going east on Interstate 24 in downtown Chattanooga, turn left on Central

Avenue; right on East Main Street and left on South Holtzclaw Avenue, which will take you to the entrance of the cemetery. James is buried in Section D, Site 12846.



Above: Chattanooga National Cemetery (gravestone of James S. Sharp is on the far right). James is buried in Section D, which is in the lower right hand corner of the map (right). Below: Whites Creek Cemetery, where Robert Bratton (3rd Great-Granduncle) is buried.

Hardin County, Tennessee

Whites Creek Cemetery

Robert Jack Bratton (3rd Great-Granduncle; born 1838), no dates on gravestone. Robert is the father of Paul Bratton (1858-1940) who is buried in Bratton Cemetery in Hardin County.

Directions to Whites Creek Cemetery: Go south on Highway 69 to Walnut Grove in south Hardin County, Tennessee. In Walnut Grove, turn left on Morris Road and go northeast for a few miles. Turn left on Whites Creek Road to the graveyard.

Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee

Clark Cemetery

John Kelly Clark (son of Samuel E. Clark, 5th Great-Granduncle, and Rachel Bratton, 5th Great-Grandaunt; he is equivalent to 4th Great-Granduncle; 1773-1850) and his wife, Rebecca Covington Clark (1757-1848) (double gravestone). Note: John's wife was 16 years his senior. John's daughter, Julia Benson Clark Townes (1797-1870), who was noted as a talented musician, and her husband, Col. James T. Townes (1786-1857).

John Kelly Clark served in the War of 1812 and was a member of the Tennessee Legislature. His son-in-law, James Townes, also served in the War of 1812.

Clark Cemetery, which was donated by John Kelly Clark and named after him, is located

in downtown Huntingdon (northeast of Jackson, Tennessee). Turn left on Highway 22 (Paris Street) from East Main Street (Highway 70/1; also called Broadway of America). Turn right on Carter Lane, which leads to the graveyard.

Whitleyville, Jackson County, Tennessee

Hunting Creek Cemetery

Yelvaton Nevill (5th Great-Granduncle; 1763-1860) died in Haydenburg, Jackson County, Tennessee, and was buried in Hunting Creek Cemetery. Three of Yelvaton's daughters are also buried here: Easter Nevill (1790-1872), Harriet Nevill (1795-1857), and Mary Polly Nevill Wilson (1797-1876).

Yelvaton Nevill was a Revolutionary War soldier and received a pension (S4614) for his service. He served for a time under his father, Captain William Nevill (6th Great-Grandfather).

Directions to Hunting Creek Cemetery: "From Gainesboro take Highway 56 going towards North Springs. Turn left on Hunting Creek, which is about 2 miles before you get to North Springs. The cemetery is about 7/10 of a mile on the left side of the road." The cemetery is now covered with woods and almost impossible to find without a guide. There is a house near the graveyard where the owner of the property lives. He took me into the woods in June 2012 and I photographed the Nevill monuments. (Whitleyville is located northeast of Nashville, Tennessee.)

Top left: Richard Martin next to the monument of John Kelly Clark in Clark Cemetery (middle); May 2012. Top right: Portrait of John Kelly Clark. Above: Hunting Creek Cemetery and gravestone of Yelvaton Nevill (5th Great-Granduncle); June 2012.

Bebe, Gonzales County, Texas

Liberty Cemetery

John Bratton (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1812-1907) and his wife, Louise N. Bratton

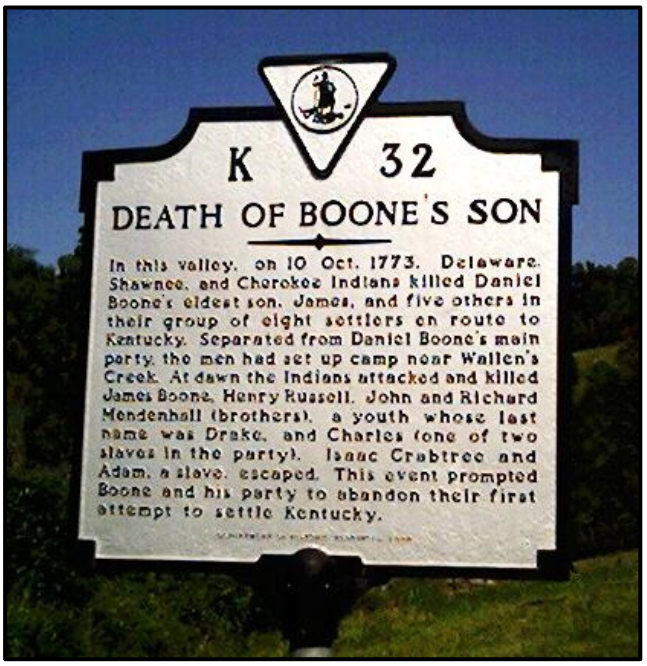
(1818-1899). Emma L. Bratton (1869-1893; wife of B. P. Bratton, son of John Bratton).

Liberty Cemetery is located north of Bebe, Texas. Going east on Highway 97, turn left (northwest) on CR 145 in Bebe. Continue northwest, then northeast, on CR 145 until you reach the graveyard, which will be on the immediate left side of the gravel road, soon after passing over a small creek.

Stickleyville, Lee County, Virginia

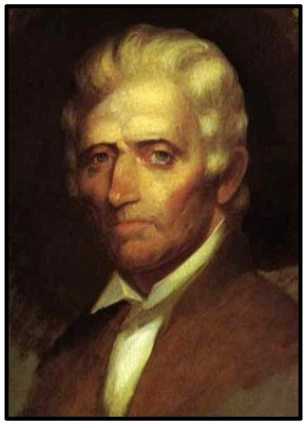
Site of Indian Attack in 1773

Richard Mendenhall (1737-1773) and **John Mendenhall** (sons of Charity Beeson, 7th Great-Grand-



Above: Monument of John Bratton (3rd Great-Granduncle) in Liberty Cemetery, June 2012. Left: Virginia state historical sign, noting the death of James Boone and five other men, including John and Richard Mendenhall (sons of Charity Beeson, 7th Great-Grandaunt), by Indians on October 10, 1773. Below: Portrait of Daniel Boone. The Boone's and Mendenhalls knew each other because they, or their relatives, had at one time been practicing Quakers.

aunt, and Mordecai Mendenhall) were killed by Indians along with James Boone, son of Daniel Boone, while on the way to meet up with Daniel Boone's party. They were buried at the site of his death in the woods, about 10 miles east of Cumberland Gap in Lee County (Stickleyville), Virginia.

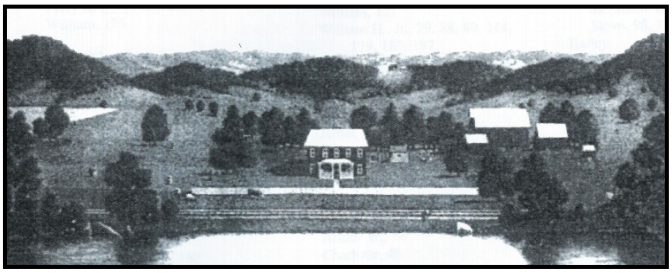


"James Boone was tortured to death by an Indian War Party at 'Wallen's Ridge' (Wallen's Creek in the Powell Valley). Also killed were five others (two killed instantly; one tortured to death with James; two others were missing—one found miles away and killed by an Indian war party; and the remains of one were found about twenty years later)."

Romney, Hampshire County, West Virginia

Ashbrook Farm

Approximately three miles north of Romney in Hampshire County, West Virginia, is a



Above: Estate called "Ashbrook" located three miles north of Romney, West Virginia, on the South Branch of the Potomac River. Aaron Ashbrook (6th Great-Grandfather) owned 110 acres that bordered "Ashbrook" in 1771. It may be that Thomas Ashbrook (5th Great-Grandfather) spent some of his childhood years here in the mid-1700s. Left: Location of Romney and the South Branch of the Potomac River in Hampshire County, West Virginia. Below: Gravestone of Gordon Jarstad, husband of Ann Van Gundy Smith (Great-Aunt), in Woodlawn Cemetery near Green Bay, Wisconsin.

farm called "Ashbrook." The origin of the name is unknown, but it is believed that the owners had some connection with the family of Aaron Ashbrook (6th Great-Grandfather; born about 1732; died 1810). Bordering this property is 110 acres that was owned by Aaron Ashbrook in 1771. Thomas Ashbrook (5th Great-Grandfather; 1758-1848) stated in his Revolutionary War pension application that he was raised on the Potomac River in Hampshire County, Virginia. A painting was commissioned of the plantation called "Ashbrook" in the 1800s, which shows the surrounding hills, the South Fork of the Potomac River, a house built in 1834, a stone kitchen built in the mid-1700s (next to the house), a large barn, some out-buildings, and train tracks between the house and the river. It is a remarkable painting for its era, for few paintings were commissioned of estates in the 1800s, and fewer still have survived. In the background of this painting are the 110 acres once owned by Aaron Ashbrook.

Allouez, Brown County, Wisconsin

Woodlawn Cemetery

Ann (Anna) Van Gundy Smith Jarstad (Great-Aunt; 1916-1986) and her husband, Gordon Kermit Jarstad (1914-1987).

Directions: In downtown Green Bay, Wisconsin, exit Interstate 43 and go southwest on North Webster Avenue. Continue on Webster past St. Vincent Hospital and the cemetery will soon appear on the right side of the road.

Newmilns, Loudoun Parish, Ayrshire, Scotland

Hardhill, Home of John Nisbet, Possible Ninth Great-Grandfather, to Murdoch Nisbet, Possible Distant Great-Grandfather

John Nisbet (1627-1685), possible Ninth Great-Grandfather, **James Nisbet** (born 1602), possible Tenth Great-Grandfather, **Alexander Nisbet**, possible Eleventh Great-Grandfather, and **Murdoch Nisbet** (died in 1558), possible Distant Great-Grandfather, all lived at Hardhill, their estate in Newmilns of Loudoun Parish, Ayrshire Scotland. Newmilns is located about eight miles east of Kilmarnock, Scotland. The ruins of one the buildings at Hardhill could still be seen in 1898, but now is covered with sod. To visit Hardhill go east on Highway A71 from Kilmarnock until you reach the outer limits of Newmilns. Hardhill is located immediately north of Highway A71, about a mile from the center of Newmilns, at what is called the Glebe.

Right: Two views of the estate of Hardhill in Newmilns, Loudoun Parish, Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1898 (top) and in 2009. In the top photograph the ruins of the homestead can still be seen on the side of the hill, but are covered in grass today. Murdoch Nisbet (possible distant-great-grandfather) "constructed a vault at the bottom of his house" in order to hide his translation into the Scots of the New Testament. To possess a layman's version of the Bible was punishable by imprisonment or death in his day. (1898 photograph courtesy of *Ayrshire Roots*.)

Apparently, Hardhill was a prosperous estate for many generations. James Nisbet noted in his autobiography that his parents had many possessions and a number of servants. He said that they had "office houses" and "stock and variable effects, which were considerably great." Because they were Covenanters their property was taken from them and they were driven from their home. James said that his mother died, after an illness of eight days, in 1683. "She died on a sheep's cot, where there was no fire, no light, but that of a candle; no bed except a little straw, no stool or chair, only the ground to sit on."

Additional Cemeteries, Churches and Homes III

Concordville, Delaware, Pennsylvania

Concord Friends Meetinghouse and Burial Ground; Homes of John Mendenhall Jr., Benjamin Mendenhall, and Aaron Mendenhall; Nathaniel Newlin's Gristmill

John Mendenhall (8th Great-Grandfather; 1659-1743), emigrated from Ramsbury, England, before 1683 to Concord Township in Chester (now Delaware) County, Pennsylvania. He was appointed the township's first constable in 1683. John gave the land for the first Concord Meetinghouse in 1697. John Mendenhall built a home off modern day Route 1 at the intersection of Route 322 in Concordville between 1695 and 1705; it has been moved. Homes built by **John Mendenhall, Jr.** (7th Great-Grandfather; 1688-1765) about 1712, **Benjamin Mendenhall** (8th Great-Granduncle) in 1713, and **Aaron Mendenhall** (7th Great-Granduncle; 1690-1765) in 1713, are still standing in Concord today (2014). **Mary Mendenhall** (8th Great-Grandaunt) married Nathaniel Newlin and he built a grist mill in Concord in 1704 and "the mill has been grinding grain ever since." **Elizabeth Maris Mendenhall** (8th Great-Grandmother; 1664-1705) was buried in Concord Friends Burial

Left row: Newlin Mill (built by Nathaniel Newlin, husband of Mary Mendenhall, 8th Great-Grandaunt), and home of Aaron Mendenhall (7th Great-Granduncle). Right row: Concord Friends Meetinghouse and Burying Ground; homes of John Mendenhall, Jr. (7th Great-Grandfather) and Benjamin Mendenhall (8th Great-Granduncle); all in Concordville, Pennsylvania.

Ground in 1705. There are also a number of interesting historic buildings in the community dating from the 1700s, many with later family connections.

Upland, Delaware, Pennsylvania
Home of Caleb Pusey

Caleb Pusey was a friend of **John Mendenhall** (8th Great-Grandfather; 1659-1743). His home, built in 1683, is the second oldest English house in Pennsylvania open to the public.

Thorndale, Chester, Pennsylvania
Old Caln Meetinghouse and Burial Ground

John Mendenhall (7th Great-Grandfather; 1688-1765) provided the land for the first Caln Meetinghouse and the adjacent burial ground, in 1716. The first meetinghouse was built of logs. The current meetinghouse dates from 1726 and is located in the village of Thorndale, Pennsylvania. **Aaron Mendenhall** (7th Great-Granduncle) was buried in Old Caln Friends Burial Ground in 1765, and **Thomas Pierson** (8th Great-Grandfather) is presumed to be buried here.

Darby, Delaware, Pennsylvania
Darby Friends Meetinghouse

John Mendenhall (8th Great-Grandfather) married **Elizabeth Maris** (8th Great-Grandmother) in Darby, Pennsylvania, in 1685. The current (2014) Darby Friends Meetinghouse dates from 1805.

Kingsessing (Philadelphia), Pennsylvania
Home of Ann Mendenhall Bartram

Ann Mendenhall Bartram, daughter of Benjamin Mendenhall (8th Great-Granduncle),

Left: Home of Caleb Pusey in Upland, Pennsylvania, built in 1683; Old Caln Friends Meetinghouse, built in 1726. Right: Darby Friends Meetinghouse, which dates from 1805; home of Ann Mendenhall Bartram, daughter of Benjamin Mendenhall (8th Great-Granduncle), built in 1728.

and her husband, John Bartram (an early American botanist, horticulturist and explorer), built their home on the Schuykill River in Kingsessing (at 54th Street and Eastwick Avenue in southwest Philadelphia; three miles from downtown), Pennsylvania, about 1728. Their son, William Bartram (also a famous naturalist), is buried on the grounds.

Kennett Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania

Kennett Friends Meetinghouse and Burial Ground

Rose Dixon (9th Great-Grandmother) is presumed to be interred in the Burial Ground of Kennett Friends Meetinghouse. The meetinghouse (first constructed in 1710) and burying ground are located on Route 1, about 3 miles east of Kennett Square, near Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

England

Mildenhall, England

The Mildenhall family in England is connected in various ways with the town of Mildenhall. Some members of the family may have been christened in ancient times in St. John the Baptist Parish Church in Mildenhall, England. Much of the building dates from the 1200s and part of the tower is Saxon in origin. A Roman town, Cunetio, was located across the River Kennet from Mildenhall from the 2nd century to 5th century A.D., but was abandoned. The largest hoard of Roman coins (55,000) ever found in England was discovered here in 1978.

Left: John Bartram (1699-1777) by Howard Pyle. John Bartram (husband of Ann Mendenhall Bartram, daughter of Benjamin Mendenhall, 8th Great-Granduncle) "was an early American botanist, horticulturist and explorer. Carolus Linnaeus said he was the 'greatest natural botanist in the world.'" "His 8-acre botanic garden, Bartram's Garden in Kingsessing, Pennsylvania, is frequently cited as the first true botanic collection in North America. He was one of the co-founders, with Benjamin Franklin, of the American Philosophical Society in 1743." He traveled extensively in the eastern American colonies collecting plants, and was awarded by George III a pension of £50 per year as King's Botanist for North America in 1765. Above: Kennett Friends Meetinghouse, from 1710. Below: Interior of St. John the Baptist Church in Mildenhall, England; Church of the Holy Cross in Ramsbury, England (lower left).

Ramsbury, England

Church of the Holy Cross

Thomas Mildenhall married **Anne** (11th Great-Grandparents) in the Church of the Holy Cross in Ramsbury, Wiltshire, England, about 1603. The church, which dates from the 13th century, "has a ghost story: according to local legend, if you count the hundred studs on the north door at midnight, it will open, and the ghost of 'Wild' William Darrell of Littlecote House will come out." The earliest written history of Ramsbury can be traced from the Saxon era. Littlecote Roman Villa, with its excellent mosaics, is in the parish.

Aldbourne, Wiltshire, England

Church of St. Michael

Thomas Mildenhall (9th Great-Grandfather) married **Jone (Joane) Stroud** (9th Great-Grandmother) in Aldbourne, Wiltshire, England, on August 12, 1649 (presumably in St. Michael, which dates from 1200 A.D).

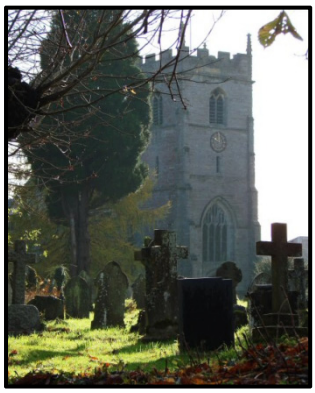
Bristol England

Thomas Pierson (8th Great-Grandfather; 1653-1722) wrote that on the 24th of 8th month 1675 in Bristol, England, "I had servd my Apprenticeship." His master, Joseph Kippin, stated in a written certificate that "Tho: Peirson: hath served me the full terme of seven years according to his Indenture…" Thomas sailed from Bristol on the *Comfort of Bristol* and "arrived in Upland in Pennsylvania ye 28th of September 1683."

Grafton Flyford, Worcestershire, England

St. John the Baptist Church

George Maris (9th Great-Grandfather) was christened in St. John the Baptist Church on December 12, 1632. His parents, **George Maris** and **Alice Collier** (10th Great-Grandparents), were buried here in 1659 and 1666. **Richard Maris** and **Anne** (11th Great-Grandparents) were probably married here about 1595, and certainly buried in St. John.



Inkberrow, Worcestershire, England

St. Peter's Church

George Maris (9th Great-Grandfather) and at least three of his siblings, **John**, **Richard**, and **Susanna Maris**, where born in Inkberrow, and may have been christened in St. Peter's Church in Inkberrow.

Top left: Aldbourne, England, and the Church of St. Michael. Middle: Bristol Cathedral, and St. John the Baptist Church (above) in Grafton Flyford, England. Left: St. Peter's Church in Inkberrow, England.

Bradley Green, Worcestershire, England

St. John the Baptist Church

George Maris and **Alice Collier** (10th Great-Grandparents) were married in St. John the Baptist Church in Bradley Green on June 20, 1622.

Hanbury, Worcestershire, England

Churchyard of St. Mary the Virgin

Henry Collier and **Frances Jones Collier** (11th Great-Grandparents) were buried in the churchyard of St. Mary the Virgin in Hanbury in 1648 and 1636.

Feckenham, Worcestershire, England

St. John the Baptist Church

Henry Collier (11th Great-Grandfather) was christened in St. John the Baptist in Feckenham in 1562. **Robert Collier** (12th Great-Grandfather) was born and buried here (1588), and **Henry Collier** (13th Great-Grandfather) was buried here in 1557.

Droitwich, Worcestershire, England

Grave Marker in St. Peter De Witton Church

John (died in 1557) and **Isabell Moore Wythe** (died in 1545) (13th Great-Grandparents) were buried in St. Peter De Witton Church in Droitwich, England. Their grave marker is one of the oldest known of any ancestor. The inscription reads: "buried…/ Ocbr in the year 15…/ Isabell wyfe to the / syde Jo / Wythe and dowgt and hryr to the / sonne and hrye of John Moore / and Rose his wife: wch Rose was / Daught and hryr to Willa Brace / The sayd Isabel Was Buried Ye 30 day of Mach / Anno Domini /

Right column from top: St. John the Baptist Church in Bradley Green, England; St. Mary the Virgin Church in Hanbury, England; St. John the Baptist Church in Feckenham, England. Left: St. Peter De Witton Church in Droitwich, England.

1545. / John Wythe [coat of arms] eldest sonne / To the sayde John Wythe / and Isabell his Wyfe." This is the oldest memorial in the Church of St. Peter De Witton.

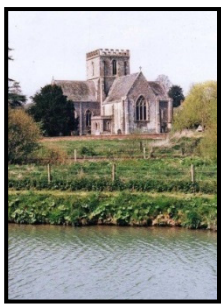
Baydon, Wiltshire, England
Church of St. Michael

Jone (Joane) Stroud (9th Great-Grandmother) was christened in St. Nicholas parish church on May 6, 1631, in Baydon, England. **Anthony Stroud** and **Margery Barley Stroud** (10th Great-Grandparents) were married in Baydon (probably in St. Nicholas) in 1624. Both died here; he in 1666, and she in 1678, and both are buried in the churchyard. Baydon is a hill top village, close to the Ridgeway, a pre-Roman road, considered the oldest in Britain.

Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire, England
St. Mary's Church

Anne (10th Great-Grandmother), wife of **Thomas Mildenhall, Jr.** (10th Great-Grandfather), was probably christened in St. Mary's Church in Great Bedwyn in 1613; St. Mary's dates from the 12th century. Sir John Seymour, father of Queen Jane Seymour, wife of Henry VIII, is buried in St. Mary's.

Above: Grave slab of John (died in 1557) and Isabell Moore Wythe (died in 1545) (13th Great-Grandparents) in St. Peter de Witton Church in Droitwich, England. Right: Church of St. Michael in Baydon, England; St. Mary's Church in Great Bedwyn, England. Below: St. Michael's Church in Little Bedwyn, England.



Little Bedwyn, Wiltshire, England
St. Michael's Church

Thomas Mildenhall, Sr. (11th Great-Grandfather) died in 1637/1638 in Little Bedwyn, England, and was probably buried at St. Michael's Church in Little Bedwyn, which dates from the 12th century.

Additional Cemeteries, IV

Vernon, Monroe County, Kentucky

Sims Cemetery

Nancy Matthews Parish (3rd Great-Grandaunt; born about 1800; died before 1840) lived most of her life in or near Vernon in Monroe County, Kentucky. She married Dr. Parish Sims, and is probably buried in Sims Cemetery (no monument; most of the early burials do not have gravestones).

Sims Cemetery is located about a mile northeast of Vernon, Kentucky. Going north on CR 216, turn right (east) on Vernon Road in Vernon. Go about a mile and the cemetery will be on the right (south) side of the road.

Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas

Matthews Cemetery

Joseph Matthews (4th Great-Granduncle; about 1767-1854) died in Rockwall (originally Kaufman County), Texas, and was buried in Matthews Cemetery. He married Pennina Crisp about 1792. There is no listing for a Matthews Cemetery in Rockwall County.

Cooke County, Texas

Indian Creek Cemetery

Walter Matthews (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1818-about 1882) was born in Monroe County, Kentucky, and moved to Cooke County, Texas, where he died. He married Eliza J. Smith in 1840.

Top left: Sims Cemetery in Vernon, Monroe County, Kentucky, where Nancy Matthews Parish (3rd Great-Grandaunt), her husband, Dr. Parish Sims, and son, Dr. John Sims (1832-1909), are probably buried (no gravestones). This cemetery is on, or near, land once owned by members of the Matthews family in Vernon, Monroe County, Kentucky, in the early to mid-1800s. Above: Monument of Walter Matthews, Jr. (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1818-1886) in Indian Creek Cemetery in Cooke County, Texas.

To visit Indian Creek Cemetery: "Take Burns City Road (FM 372) southeast from downtown Gainesville, Texas. Go east on FM 902 for approximately 10 miles to CR 203, turn right (south) on CR 203, then turn right (west) on 232;turn right on CR 211 [to the cemetery]."

Near Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas

Dye Cemetery

Elizabeth Matthews McLerran (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1825-1883) was born in Monroe

Above: Dye Cemetery and portrait of Dorcas McLerran Redman Click (1848-1884) (gravestone, lower right), daughter of Elizabeth Matthews McLerran (3rd Great-Grandaunt; 1825-1883) (gravestone top right); both monuments are in Dye Cemetery. Right: Gravestone of Samuel Matthews (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1813-1886) in McWright Cemetery.

County, Kentucky, and moved to Cooke County, Texas. She married Bennett J. McLerran in 1844. Her daughter, Dorcas McLerran, is also buried in Dye Cemetery.

To visit Dye Cemetery "take Route 902 east out of Gainesville about 5 miles toward Lake Kiowa until you reach Route 3496. Turn south and the cemetery is about a mile father on the left side of the road."

Kingston, Hunt County, Texas

McWright Cemetery

Samuel Matthews (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1813-1886) was born in Monroe County, Kentucky, and moved to Hunt County, Texas, where he died. He married Rachel McLerran (1814-1886) about 1836, and she is buried beside him.

Location of McWright Cemetery: Go northwest from Greenville (northeast of Dallas off Interstate 30) on Highway 69. Turn left (west) on CR 2194 and continue to McWright Cemetery, which will be on the left hand side of the road.

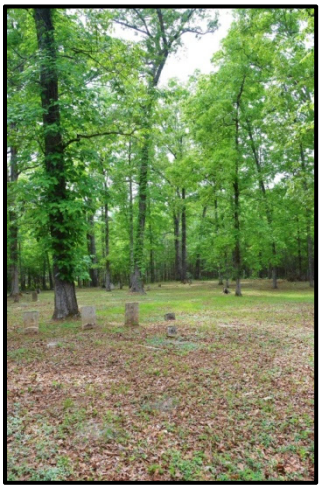
Jacksboro, Jack County, Texas
Oakwood Cemetery

William Alonzo Sharp (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1882-1932) and his wife, Theresa Holliday Sharp (1864-1910), are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Jacksboro, Texas (no gravestones). His sons, Roy C. Sharp (1882-1932) and James Carl Sharp (1897-1950; soldier in World War I), are also buried in Oakwood Cemetery and both have monuments.

Oakwood Cemetery is located north of downtown Jacksboro. Go north of downtown on North Main Street (Highway 281) and turn right (north) on Old Post Oak Road to the cemetery.

Newberry, Newberry County, South Carolina
Bush River Quaker Meeting Cemetery

Robert Evans (5th Great-Granduncle; 1744-1784) was one of the first members of Bush River Quaker Meeting (established in 1770), located near Newberry in Newberry County, South Carolina. "Robert Evans came from Camden, South Carolina, probably between 1768 and 1769" (*Bush River Quakers*, by William Wade Hinshaw, Volume 1, published in 1936).



Top: Gravestone of James Carl Sharp (son of William Alonzo Sharp, 2nd Great-Granduncle) in Oakwood Cemetery in Jacksboro, Texas. James was a soldier in World War I. Right: Bush River Quaker Meeting Cemetery, and gravestone with date of 1785 (above). Robert Evans (5th Great-Granduncle) was very active in the Quaker faith and was one of the first Friends to move from Camden, South Carolina, to this western part of South Carolina, in 1769. He died on March 4, 1784, and his monument is an uninscribed fieldstone.

Robert, and his wife, Rebeckah, had 8 children: Ann (born August 18, 1763), Martha (May 19, 1766), Moses (October 3, 1770), Joseph (January 11, 1773), Margarett (May 13, 1775), Sarah (September 22, 1777), Rebeckah (July 2, 1780) and Robert Evans (December 8, 1783). Robert died on March 4, 1784, just four months after his youngest child was born, and was buried in Bush River Meeting Cemetery. He is buried under one of the many uninscribed fieldstones that dot the graveyard. There is an interesting grave marker with the date "1785" inscribed, but with no name. No other member of his family was buried here.

To find the cemetery go southwest of downtown Newberry on Highway 34. Go about a mile from downtown and turn left (south) on Dennis Dairy Road. Go maybe two miles and Bush River Meeting Cemetery will be on your right. There is a state historical marker next to the burying ground.

West Milton, Miami County, Ohio

Old West Milton City Cemetery

Joseph Evans (1773-1837; son of Robert Evans, 5th Great-Granduncle) was the founder of West Milton,

Left: Gravestone of Joseph Evans (1773-1837; son of Robert Evans, 5th Great-Granduncle) in Old West Milton City Cemetery in West Milton, Miami County, Ohio. Joseph Evans was the founder of West Milton, which, according to tradition, he named after his daughter's favorite author, John Milton, author of *Paradise Lost*. The inscription reads: "SACRED / to / the memory of / JOSEPH EVANS / who / departed this life / on the 1st day / of the 12th / month AD 1837: / aged 10 years / 10 months / 20 days." Below: Downtown West Milton, Ohio.

Ohio. He settled in Miami County, Ohio, in 1806 with other Quaker settlers who had arrived as early as 1796. "The Quaker Research Center and Museum pays tribute to this heritage. Nearby is a replica of an 1804 log Quaker meetinghouse, a state historical site…The Stillwater State Scenic River runs along the eastern edge of the town." West Milton currently has a population of about 5,000 and is noted as being an attractive city.

Old West Milton City Cemetery is located south of downtown off South Main Street (Highway 48). Going south turn left on East Water Street. The road ends and the cemetery is still further east, a couple of hundred feet more out in the fields. (In the photograph above, the lady holding Joseph's gravestone is Marie Crossley [October 1993], a direct descendant of Joseph Evans. The stone was lying flat on the ground. Photograph added to *Find a Grave* by Ann Davis.)

(Note: This edition of Family Cemeteries, Churches, and Homes does not include additions made to most of the individual histories in My Father's House.)

Family Military History

Above left: Marion Carlos Sharp, Jr., World War II combat soldier. He saw action in Africa, Sicily, Anzio and Rome; took an active part in the Invasion of Southern France, being one of the first to go ashore, and went into Germany with General Patton's Third Army. He fought in Germany until the end of the war and the defeat of the Nazis. Photograph taken in Italy, February 1944, just before he fought at Anzio. Above right: His gravestone in the National Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was fifty-five years old when he died.

Our ancestors fought in nine major American wars. They fought the French in the French and Indian War. When the American colonies sought their independence from England, many of our ancestors enthusiastically joined in the rebellion. Our relatives also fought in the War of 1812 and the Mexican and American War. John Nisbet (Fifth Great-Granduncle) served as a Major under General Andrew Jackson at the famous Battle of New Orleans in 1815.

The American Civil War, the bloodiest in American history, saw the Sharps and their allied families fight mainly for the Union. George Washington Sharp (Third Great-Grandfather) gave his life while in service during the Civil War. He left behind a wife and four young children. John Ashbrook (Third Great-Granduncle) died of disease in a tobacco warehouse that had been converted into a confederate prison in 1864. Some of our relatives were wounded and many died from disease. A third great-grandfather, two third great-granduncles and at least six cousins served in the 38th Volunteer Indiana Infantry Regiment, where forty percent of its fighting men were lost during the Civil War. They were on the front lines in many major battles.

Dole Smith (Great-Uncle) died while serving in France during World War I and my father, Marion C. Sharp, Jr., fought in seven major campaigns in Europe during World War II. Lincoln Davis (Uncle) served in Korea and Vietnam. My brother, Ron Martin, was stationed with the army in Thailand during the Vietnam War.

Joseph Nisbett (Fifth Great-Grandfather) was only ten years old when he served as a horseman with his older brother in the Revolutionary War. His brother, William Nisbett, became a Colonel and fought the British in more than half a dozen major battles in South Carolina. John Ashbrook (Fifth Great-Grandfather) was in the Battle of Yorktown "from the beginning to the end." He said that he saw three ships blow up and after the battle he guarded the British soldiers who had surrendered. The home of William Millikan (Sixth Great-Grandfather), a Quaker, was burned by the Tories, and they would have killed him if they had been able to find him.

Above: Sergeant James Bratton (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1838-1920) of the 3rd Arkansas Calvary, Union army. This photograph was taken in 1864 or 1865.

Although most were not called on to give their lives, most were willing to die for their country. They left their families behind and suffered many hardships. During the Revolutionary and Civil Wars they often lacked adequate food and supplies. Both of these wars were long conflicts and tested the resolve of our relatives.

Most of our relatives were not professional soldiers, and as far as we have record, all of them volunteered for the service and were not drafted. A few relatives rose to the rank of Colonel, but most did their duty as privates.

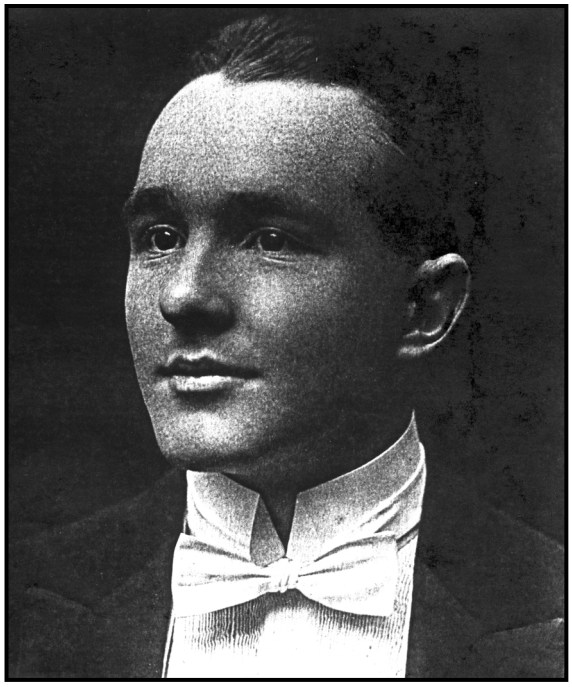
Our family history is intertwined with the history of America. The freedom we enjoy in the greatest country in the world is due to our family, and that of thousands of other families, which were willing to fight when necessary to secure our way of life.

Union General Joshua L. Chamberlain insightfully wrote, "Generations that know us not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things suffered and done for them, shall come to this deathless field, to ponder and dream." Five generations removed from the Civil War era of Joshua Chamberlain I have fulfilled his prophetic words and "heart-drawn" walked the battlefields of my ancestors and "pondered and dreamed."

Vietnam and Korean Wars

Ronald Marion Sharp (Martin) (Brother; 1948-2012) was a military policeman stationed in Thailand in 1969/1970.

Lincoln Leroy Davis (Uncle; 1928-1988) served in Vietnam and Korea.



Above left: Monument to the 99th Ohio Infantry, marking where the regiment fought during the Civil War battle of Chickamauga in 1863. This was Henry K. Smith's (2nd Great-Grandfather) regiment. Above right: Dole Smith (Great-Uncle) died in France during World War I, and was buried in Arlington Cemetery.

World War II

Marion Carlos Sharp, Jr. (Father; 1924-1980) served in General Patton's Third Army as a tank commander in the 19th Tank Battalion. He received seven battle stars from action in Africa, Sicily, on the Anzio beachhead, Rome, and the Invasion of Southern France between 1943 and 1945.

World War I

Dole Smith (Great-Uncle; 1894-1918) died on October 27, 1918, in France.

American Civil War

Great-Grandfathers

Benjamin Bratton, Jr. (2nd Great-Grandfather; 1845-1935) served as a private in Company I, 3rd Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry (Union). He enlisted August 25, 1864, at Lewisburg, Arkansas, and was honorably discharged July 30, 1865.

Henry K. Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather; 1841-1924) was a sergeant in Company D, 99th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (Union). He fought in the battles of Perryville and Stones River.

William Washington Nisbett (3rd Great-Grandfather; 1836-1889) was a private in company A & M of the 30th Arkansas Infantry from June 24, 1862, until June 15, 1863. He later served as a captain in another regiment and was possibly wounded in battle.

Above right: Monument to the 38th Indiana Regiment marking where the regiment fought during the Battle of Chickamauga. Above left: Gravestone of Union soldier, George Sharp (3rd Great-Grandfather), who died in service in 1862. George served as a private in the 38th. Thomas J. Ashbrook (3rd Great-Granduncle), his brother, John Ashbrook, and many cousins fought in the 38th. Left: Location of the 38th during the Battle of Chickamauga.

George Washington Sharp (3rd Great-Grandfather; 1831-1862) served as a private in Company G, 38th Indiana Volunteer Infantry (Union). He enlisted September 18, 1861, and died December 15, 1862, from chronic diarrhea. (40% of his regiment died in the Civil War—255 men died from disease compared to 156 in battle.) George saw action at the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky, on October 8, 1862.

Great-Granduncles

James Bratton (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1838-1920) was a sergeant in the 3rd Arkansas Cavalry (Union).

This page: Chickamauga Battlefield. Ron Martin (above) next to the 94th Ohio Infantry monument, which is next to that of the 38th Indiana Infantry monument. Richard Martin (right) next to the 40th Ohio Infantry monument (John W. Smith, 2nd Great-Granduncle, served in the 40th) on top of Snodgrass Hill, where the 40th, under General Thomas, held off repeated Confederate attacks until ordered to retreat at sunset. Top right: Battle line where the 99th Ohio and 38th Indiana fought on the second day of the Battle of Chickamauga. Although a Union defeat, the 38th held their position until ordered to retreat at the end of the second day.

John V. Bratton (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1841-1923) was a corporal in the 3rd Arkansas Cavalry (Union).

Francis Marion Bratton (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1841-1923) was a private in the 3rd Arkansas Cavalry Volunteer Regiment (Union).

Seymour B. Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1843-1914) was a musician (drummer) in the 99th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (Union).

John W. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1838-1903) was a private in Company D, 40th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (Union).

Sterling Hudgins Abbott (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1825-after 1870) served in Company L, 6th Illinois Cavalry Regiment (Union), and survived the war.

Above: Gravestone of John Ashbrook (3rd Great-Granduncle), who served in the 38th Indiana Infantry, and was captured at the Battle of Chickamauga. He died in a Civil War prison in Danville, Virginia, in January 1864. Top right: South entrance to Chickamauga Battlefield. More members of the Sharp family fought in this major battle than in any other during the Civil War. Right: Near this cabin the Confederates under General Longstreet broke through the Union lines at Chickamauga. Relatives in the 38th Indiana and 99th Ohio held firm though, preventing a total rout. James S. Sharp (Cousin) gave his life at this battle. Chickamauga is special in that the regimental monuments mark the very places where they fought during the battle.

Thomas J. Ashbrook (3rd Great-Granduncle), corporal in Company G, 38th Indiana Infantry Regiment (Union). Thomas was discharged due to wounds (shot through knees) received at Battle of Perryville on October 8, 1862. He applied for a pension on May 4, 1863 (app. #21,045, cert. 24,435).

John Ashbrook (3rd Great-Granduncle; about 1844-1864) served in Company G, 38th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Union). He enlisted in 1861. John was taken prisoner by the Confederates after the Battle of Chickamauga, and died while being held as a prisoner of war in Danville, Virginia, on January 16, 1864.

Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; 1817-1865) served in Company A., 27th Ohio Infantry (Union). He died just a few months after he was honorably discharged at the end of the war.

Cousins

James Curtis Sharp (son of Thomas Johnston Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle) was a soldier in Co., G., 38th Regiment of Indiana Infantry.

James S. Sharp (1st Cousin) served in the 38th Indiana Infantry. He died in the Battle of Chickamauga and is buried in the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Top left: Gravestone of Jesse Williams, son-in-law of Temperance Coffey (4th Great-Grandaunt), who in February 1864, died of disease at Chattanooga during the Civil War. Top right: Gravestone of James S. Sharp (Cousin), who died in the Battle of Chickamauga in 1863. Both are buried in the National Cemetery in Chattanooga. Above: James Blunner, a Union reenactment soldier, is standing at the approximate location where the 99th Ohio Infantry Regiment fought at the Battle of Stones River. Henry K. Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather) was a sergeant in the 99th. Middle right: Cravens' house on Lookout Mountain, which the Northern troops stormed in the battle for Chattanooga. Sharp relatives were in the town of Chattanooga, Tennessee, during the Confederate siege until the Union breakout early in 1864. Right: Stones River Battlefield. Down this turnpike the Union Army held off the attacking Confederate Army. The 38th Indiana and 99th Ohio fought in this battle.

Samuel S. Sharp (son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle) was a soldier in Co. G., 38th Indiana Infantry. He saw action at Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, and in the Atlanta campaign. Samuel

was wounded in the face and neck at the Battle of Jonesboro (south of Atlanta) on September 1, 1864.

Above and right: Location on the field of battle at Perryville where the 38th Indiana Infantry fought on October 8, 1862. George Sharp (3rd Great-Grandfather) fought at this very spot. Below: Kennesaw Battlefield. The 38th Indiana fought in this battle located about twenty miles north of Atlanta. They were positioned on the hill left of the road.

J. J. Parks (1st Cousin) was a soldier in Co. C., 2nd Partisan Texas Rangers (Confederate), which resisted General Banks expedition up the Red River in 1864.

Henry Van Gundy (1st Cousin) served as a soldier in Company M, 1st Ohio Volunteer Heavy Artillery (Union). He enlisted in 1863.

Jacob Van Gundy, III (1st Cousin) served as a soldier in Company I, 73rd Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry (Union). He was given a medical discharge after being wounded by gunshot in the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg. A ball entered his hip joint causing him to have to use crutches for the rest of his life. He later died from this war wound.

Valentine Van Gundy (1st Cousin) was a soldier in Company F, 82nd Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry (Union). He was at the Siege of Atlanta, Georgia, and in the March to the Sea.

Mexican-American War

Benjamin "Cuff" Bratton (3rd Great-Grandfather; 1815-1907) enlisted in 1846 under Captain Hemely in the United States Army, but was never sent to Mexico.

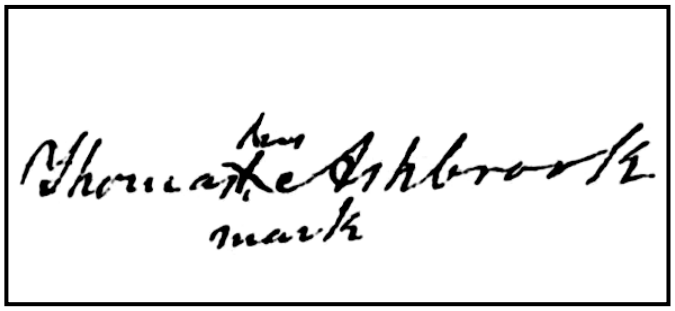
War of 1812

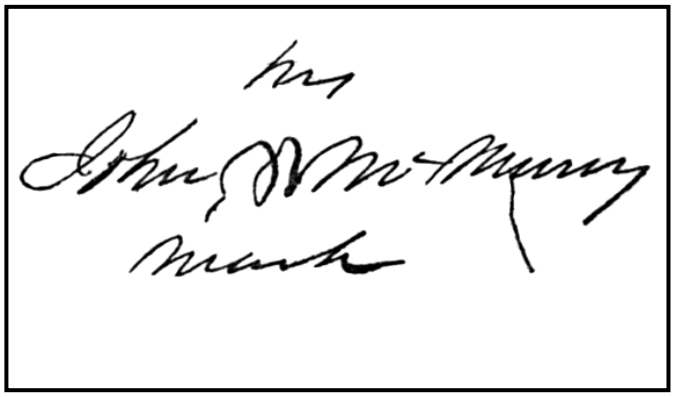
Great-Grandfather

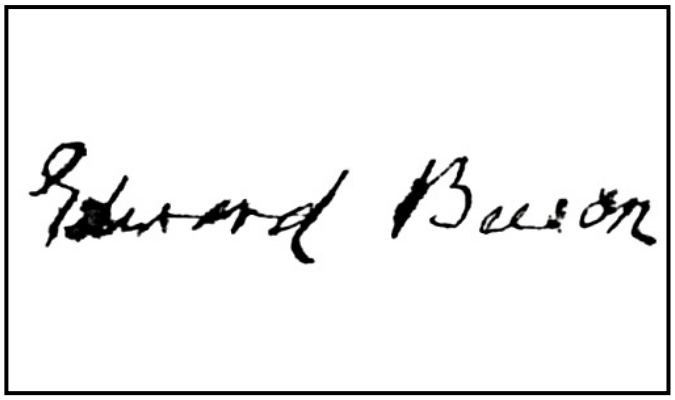
Edward Mattix (5th Great-Grandfather; 1782-1859) was a soldier in Captain Richard Quinley's company in the 5th Indiana Militia. He enlisted on September 23, 1812, in Harrison County, Indiana, but the entire company was discharged on October 24, 1812.

Great-Granduncles

John Sidenbender (3rd Great-Granduncle) served as a soldier under Captain Adam Berry from April 11, 1813, until May 12, 1813, and from April 11, 1814, to May 12, 1814.







Top: Mark of Thomas Ashbrook (5th Great-Grandfather) on his Revolutionary War Pension Application, which was approved. He fought in the Battle of Yorktown "from the beginning to the end." Middle: Mark of John McMurray (6th Great-Grandfather) on his Revolutionary War Pension Application, which was approved. Signature of Edward Beeson (6th Great-Granduncle) on his Revolutionary War Pension Application, which was approved. Lower right: Site of the Battle of Hanging Rock in Lancaster County, South Carolina. John McMurray (6th Great-Grandfather), Joseph Nisbett (5th Great-Grandfather), John Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) and William Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) fought in this battle.

Felix Ashbrook (5th Great-Granduncle; about 1768-about 1845) served at Fort Boonesboro in Kentucky during the War of 1812.

John Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle; 1759-1829) served as a major with Andrew Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans.

Revolutionary War

Great-Grandfathers

George Sidenbender (4th Great-Grandfather; born about 1764) was a soldier in Captain Jacob Meyer's Company from Berks County, Pennsylvania, which company belonged to the Sixth Pennsylvania Militia Battalion in 1782.

Thomas Ashbrook (5th Great-Grandfather; 1758-1848) enlisted June 20, 1781, in Colonel Dark's Virginia Regiment. He served

Top left: Gravestone of Colonel William Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle), who fought in many Revolutionary War battles in South Carolina. Top right: Road leading to King's Mountain. Both armies marched down this road to the site of the battle, where Edward Mattix (5th Great-Grandfather), John and Charles Mattix (5th Great-Granduncles) fought in 1781, as well as Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, Captain Robert Cleveland, Larkin Cleveland, and Benjamin Coffey (6th Great-Granduncle). Left: Victory monument at King's Mountain, marking the site of Ferguson's camp. Above: Colonel William Bratton's home in Brattonville, South Carolina, site of Huck's Defeat. James Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) fought in this battle and later married Colonel Bratton's daughter.

throughout the entire Battle of Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781. Thomas guarded the British prisoners after the battle and was granted a pension for his service during the war.

Mr. Baker (5th Great-Grandfather; born about 1760) was a Revolutionary War soldier, who settled in Kentucky.

Jacob Conner (5th Great-Grandfather; about 1753-1805) served as a private in a Pennsylvania Militia unit probably from Northumberland County.

Joseph Nisbett (5th Great-Grandfather; about 1770-about 1825) served as a soldier when he was only ten years old. He served as a horseman in his brother's (Colonel William Nisbett) regiment from 1780 to 1781. Joseph was present at the battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, and Camden (all located in South Carolina).

Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather; 1752-1838) served as "an Indian spy" in the militia between 1774 and 1782 and qualified for a pension.

Christian Van Gundy (5th Great-Grandfather; 1742-1812) was a sergeant in the Northumberland County, Pennsylvania Militia. Christian was sent to rescue an older couple, but had to fight his way out of a cabin after being surrounded by Indians in May of 1779. He later said, "I never expected to get out alive."

Ambrose Williams (5th Great-Grandfather; born about 1755) was a soldier.

Above: Monument honoring four patriots (including Captain John Mattocks—5th Great-Granduncle), who were killed in the Battle of Kings Mountain. The inscription reads: "Sacred to the memory of / Major William Chronicle, Captain John Mattocks / William Babb and John Boyd. / Who were killed at this place on the 7th of / October 1780. Fighting in defense of America. / Colonel Ferguson an officer of his Britannic / Majesty was defeated and killed at / this place on the 7th of October 1780. / Note: This inscription is a copy of that on / the old monument erected by Dr. William / MacLean in 1815." The four fell charging the Tory position on top of the hill, about a hundred feet from this monument.

John Gillon (6th Great-Grandfather; 1753-1833) was a private in Captain John Reid's

company of cavalry in Colonel William Davie's North Carolina Militia. John was wounded by several "cuts of sword." So severe were his wounds that "the prevailing opinion was that he could not recover." He received a pension.

Edward Mattix (6th Great-Grandfather; born about 1757), initially a Loyalist soldier, fought under Colonel Patrick Ferguson at the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780. He changed sides after the battle, being "cured of his Toryism."

John McMurray (6th Great-Grandfather; 1750-1842) served as a private for 69 days in the militia on horseback. He was a lieutenant in 1780-1781. He fought at the Battle of Hanging Rock during his first 69 days of duty. John received a pension.

William Millikan (6th Great-Grandfather; 1717-

Top left: Major John Nisbett (5th Great-Grand-uncle) (gravestone, left) was at the Battle of Fishing Creek and, being surprised, saved his life by "swimming the river [Catawba] from bank to bank, and landed without one rag of clothes." Above: Common grave of American soldiers killed in the massacre at Buford Battlefield in the Waxhaws on May 29, 1780. The Revolutionary War was serious and bloody.

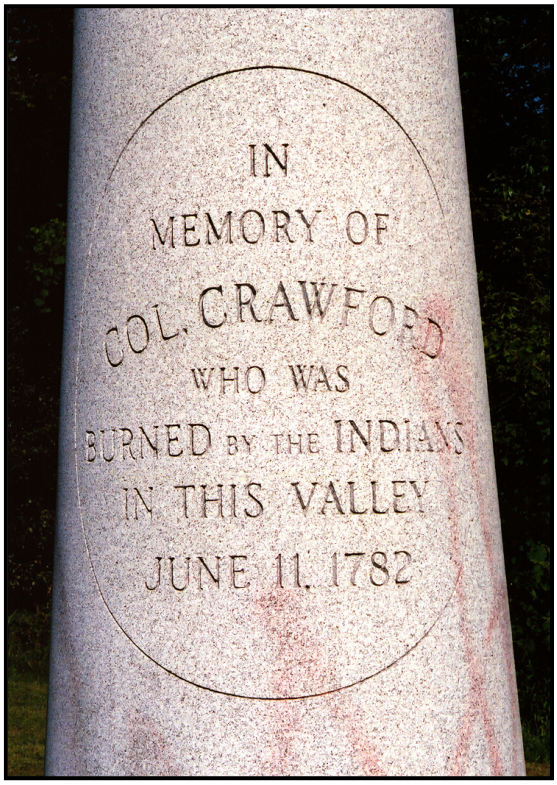
1800) was a patriot. The Tories (British) burned his home for supporting the patriots.

Adam Sharp (6th Great-Grandfather; about 1742-1816) was a patriot. (*DAR Index*, Volume 3, page 2624.)

Richard Beeson (8th Great-Grandfather; 1684-1777) was a patriot.

Great-Granduncles

Philip Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) was a soldier in Captain Benson's company from Pennsylvania, and fought at the Battle of Sandusky in June 1782, where he was wounded.



Above: Monument to Colonel William Crawford, leader of the patriot forces at the Battle of Sandusky in Ohio. Attempting to rescue his son, he was captured by Indians and burned at the stake on June 11, 1782. Philip Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) was wounded at Sandusky. He escaped capture, but suffered hunger and fatigue on his long retreat home.

Aaron Ashbrook (5th Great-Granduncle; about 1755-1777) served in Captain William Vause's company, 12th Virginia Regiment from Hampshire County, Virginia, commanded by Colonel James Wood. He enlisted January 23, 1777, and died May 24, 1777.

William Millikan, Jr. (5th Great-Granduncle; 1753-1838) served as a soldier in a company from North Carolina.

John Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle; 1759-1829) served as a soldier in the Infantry and Cavalry. He participated in the fighting at Camden and Hanging Rock and carried messages for the army. (John also served in the War of 1812 as a major under Andrew Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans.)

James Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle; 1765-1845) served as a horseman in his older brother's (Colonel William Nisbett) company from 1778 to 1781. He fought with his brother, William, in the Battle of Huck's Defeat at Brattonville, York County, South

Carolina, on July 12, 1780. The battle was fought on land owned by Colonel William Bratton. It was the first patriot victory after the fall of Charleston. James later married Colonel Bratton's daughter in 1791.

William Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle; 1753-1831) served as a private, captain and colonel. He participated in the battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Camden, Big Sand Hill (near Camden) and Fishing Creek. During the Battle of Hanging Rock, "General Sumter ordered William to shoot the British Major, which he did through the head, thus ending the fight."

Levi Ashbrook (6th Great-Granduncle; born about 1740) was a Lieutenant in Captain Elisha Bell's company and Captain John Perrill's company. His nephew, Thomas Ashbrook (5th Great-Grandfather), served under him in the same companies in 1782. He was assigned to guard the British soldiers, who surrendered at Yorktown.

Thomas Ashbrook (6th Great-Granduncle; born about 1734) was killed by Indians in the Revolutionary War or the French and Indian War.

Top: Monument to Baron DeKalb, who died valiantly fighting for America at the Battle of Camden. Baron DeKalb was wounded many times in this fight before he died. The inscription reads: "BARON DEKALB / MORTALLY WOUNDED / ON THIS SPOT / AT BATTLE OF / CAMDEN / AUG. 16, 1780." Because this was an American defeat, there are few monuments and no cleared fields or museums. Joseph Nisbett (5th Great-Grandfather), Col. William Nisbett and John Nisbett, (5th Great-Granduncles) fought at Camden. Above: Redoubt No. 10 at Yorktown. The Americans took this position, being led by Lt. Col. Alexander Hamilton. Thomas Ashbrook (5th Great-Grandfather) was at the Battle of Yorktown "from beginning to end."

Edward Beeson (6th Great-Granduncle; 1757-1837) enlisted in the spring of 1778. He was commissioned an ensign and later a lieutenant in Captain David Brower's company of Colonel Thomas Dugan's North Carolina Regiment. In April 1779, he was commissioned a captain of a company of foot in Colonel Thomas Dugan's Randolph County Militia.

Richard Beeson (6th Great-Granduncle; 1747-1817) was a patriot. (*DAR Index*, page 214.)

Benjamin Coffey (6th Great-Granduncle; 1747-1834) served as a soldier for five months in 1776, mostly fighting Cherokee Indians on the frontier of Burke County, North Carolina. He served again in 1780 in the regiment commanded by his first cousin, Benjamin Cleveland. He missed the Battle of Kings Mountain because he lost his horse the night before the battle. Benjamin received a pension for his service.

James Coffey (6th Great-Granduncle; 1729-1786) was a patriot. Three of his sons were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. They served in Colonel Benjamin Cleveland's (their cousin) "Wilkes County Bulldogs."

Above: Plaque by Redoubt No. 10 at Yorktown. Top left: Redoubt No. 9, taken by the French. Middle left: Moore House, where the terms of the surrender were negotiated. Lower left: Surrender field, where the British army marched to lay down their arms. Thomas Ashbrook (5th Great-Grandfather) witnessed the surrender of the British at Yorktown.

Martin Johnston (6th Great-Granduncle; born 1758) served in the Virginia Line from Culpeper County, Virginia. (Pension File W436.)

Charles Mattix (Mattocks) (6th Great-Granduncle; born about 1755) was a soldier. He fought along the side of his brother, John, in the Battle of Kings Mountain. After the battle he saved his brother, Edward Mattix (6th Great-Grandfather), from being hanged. Charles convinced Edward to change sides.

John Mattix (Mattocks) (6th Great-Granduncle; about 1753-1780) was captain of a company of Lincoln County, North Carolina men who fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780. John was killed while leading his men on an assault up the hill.

David Nisbett (6th Great-Granduncle; 1736-1811) was a patriot. He was elected to the Provincial Congress from Rowan County, North Carolina, at Hillsborough on April 4, 1776. David loaned 333 pounds of tallow for the Continental Army.

John Nisbett (6th Great-Granduncle; 1735-1799) was a patriot. He was a member of the Revolutionary Committee of Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1775; a member of the Provincial Congress and the first Senator from Iredell County, North Carolina.

William Nisbett (6th Great-Granduncle; 1735-1799) was a patriot. He was a member of the Committee of Safety for Rowan County, North Carolina, during the war and was authorized to buy gunpowder for the Army.

Abraham Sharp (6th Great-Granduncle; 1744-1827) was a private in a Bedford County Militia Company from Virginia. After the Revolutionary War, Abraham served under General George Rogers Clark on his expedition against the Wabash Indians in 1786.

John Sharp (6th Great-Granduncle; 1740-1830) served as a soldier in the Bedford County, Virginia militia under Captain John Trigg beginning on December 1, 1780. He spied on Tories under orders of Colonel Evans Shelby.

Above: Location of Fort Garard in Greene County, Pennsylvania, where Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) was stationed in 1776 during the Revolutionary War.

Rebecca Sharp (6th Great-Grandaunt; 1735-1793) was a patriot. (*DAR Index*, page 857.)

Mr. Williams (5th Great-Granduncle) was a soldier in the French and Indian War.

Cousins

Benjamin Cleveland (Cousin) was a colonel and commander of the "Wilkes County Bulldogs" in the Battle of Kings Mountain. He was one of the major commanders at the battle.

Larkin Cleveland (Cousin) served as a lieutenant and was badly wounded in the Battle of Kings Mountain. He was crippled for the rest of his life.

Robert Cleveland (Cousin) served as a captain and fought "in a number of daring skirmishes with the Tories." He fought at Kings Mountain, and ten months later rescued his brother Benjamin after the Tories had captured him.

Osborn Coffey (Cousin) served as a soldier for two years.

Solomon Sharp (Cousin) participated as a soldier in the Battle of Guilford Court House (North Carolina) in 1781 under Colonel Charles Lynch.

Battles

Our ancestors fought in many major battles throughout recorded time. The following is a list of battles in which relatives are known to have fought. No doubt the list would be much greater if all historical information was known. Note that in the American Civil War regiments are listed first. All are Union regiments, with the exception of the Confederate regiments at the battles of Prairie Grove and Stones River.

Revolutionary War
1775-1783

Huck's Defeat (South Carolina)
July 12, 1780

James Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) served as a horseman in the company of his older brother, Colonel William Nisbett, from 1778 to 1781, and fought with him in this patriot victory. The battle was fought on land owned by Colonel Bratton. James later married Colonel Bratton's daughter in 1791.

William Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) served as a private, captain and colonel. He was a commander at Huck's Defeat.

Rocky Mount (South Carolina)
August 1, 1780

Joseph Nisbett (5th Great-Grandfather; about 1770-about 1825) served as a soldier when he was only ten years old. He served as a horseman in the regiment of his brother, Colonel William Nisbett, from 1780 to 1781.

William Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) served as a private, captain and colonel. He was a commander at Rocky Mount.

Hanging Rock (South Carolina)
August 6, 1780

Joseph Nisbett (5th Great-Grandfather) served as a soldier when he was only ten years old. He served as a horseman in the regiment of his brother, Colonel William Nisbett, from 1780 to 1781.

John McMurray (6th Great-Grandfather) served as a lieutenant in this battle.

William Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) served as a private, captain and colonel. He was a commander at Hanging Rock. During the battle, "General Sumter ordered William to shoot the British Major, which he did through the head, thus ending the fight."

John Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) served as a soldier in the infantry and cavalry.

Camden (South Carolina)
August 16, 1780

Joseph Nisbett (5th Great-Grandfather) served as a soldier when he was only ten years old. He served as a horseman in the regiment of his brother, Colonel William Nisbett, from 1780 to 1781.

William Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) served as a private, captain and colonel. He was a commander at Camden.

John Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) served as a soldier in the infantry and cavalry.

Fishing Creek (South Carolina)
August 18, 1780

William Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) served as a private, captain and colonel. He was a commander at Fishing Creek.

Kings Mountain (South Carolina)
Sunday afternoon, bright sunshine, October 7, 1780

Edward Mattix (6th Great-Grandfather), initially a Loyalist soldier, fought under Colonel Patrick Ferguson at this battle. He changed sides after the battle, being "cured of his Toryism."

Charles Mattix (Mattocks) (6th Great-Granduncle) fought along side his brother, John, in the Battle of Kings Mountain. After the battle he saved his brother, Edward Mattix (6th Great-Grandfather), from being hanged. Charles convinced Edward to change sides.

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mishes with the Tories." He fought at Kings Mountain, and ten months later rescued his brother Benjamin from sure death after the Tories had captured him.

Guilford Court House (North Carolina)
March 15, 1781

William Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) served as a private, captain and colonel. He was a commander at Guilford Court House.

Solomon Sharp (Cousin) was a soldier under Colonel Charles Lynch in this important battle.

Yorktown (Virginia)
October 6-19, 1781

Thomas Ashbrook (5th Great-Grandfather) enlisted June 20, 1781, in Colonel Dark's Virginia Regiment. According to his own words, he was at the Battle of Yorktown from the beginning to the end. Thomas guarded the British prisoners after the battle and was granted a pension for his service during the war.

Sandusky (Ohio)
June 4, 1782

Philip Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) was a soldier in Captain Benson's company from Pennsylvania. He was wounded, but managed to escape capture.

War of 1812
1812-1815

Battle of New Orleans (Louisiana)
January 8, 1815

John Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) served as a major with Andrew Jackson in this important American victory.

American Civil War
1861-1865

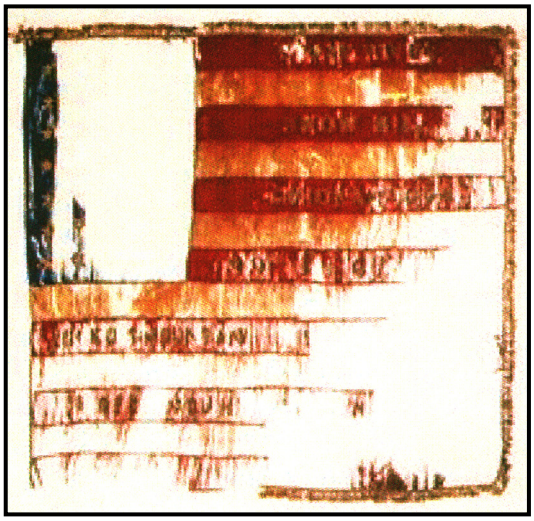
Island Number 10 (Mississippi River)
Siege and capture March 15-April 8, 1862

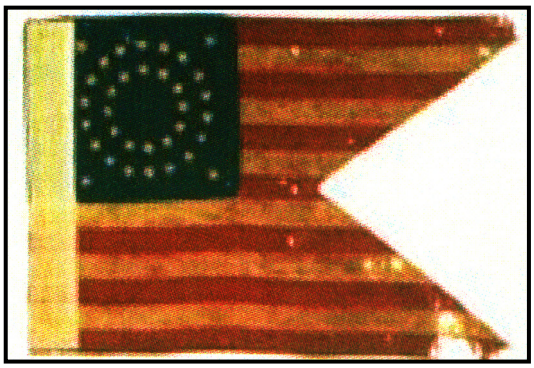
27 Ohio Infantry, Co. A. (Henry Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Granduncle; private.)

Corinth (Mississippi)
October 3-4, 1862

27 Ohio Infantry, Co. A. (Henry Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Granduncle; private.)

Perryville (Kentucky)
October 8, 1862





Top: National Colors of the 99th Ohio Infantry Regiment. Henry K. Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather), Seymour B. Sidenbender (2nd Great-Granduncle) and David Van Gundy (Cousin) were soldiers in the 99th. Above: Regimental flag of the 40th Ohio Infantry. John W. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle) was a private in the 40th. Photographs courtesy of *Fight for the Colors, the Ohio Battle Flag Collection*.

38th Indiana Infantry, Co. G. (George W. Sharp, 3rd Great-Grandfather, private; James Curtis Sharp, private—son of Thomas Johnston Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; James S. Sharp, private; John M. Sharp, private; Mathew Sharp, private, Co. H.; Samuel S. Sharp, private—son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; John Ashbrook, 3rd Great-Granduncle, private; Thomas Ashbrook, 3rd Great-Granduncle, private; Oliver N. Coffey, sergeant.)

99th Ohio Infantry, Co. D. or F. (Henry K. Smith, 2nd Great-Grandfather; sergeant; Seymour B. Sidenbender, 2nd Great-Granduncle—drummer, and David Van Gundy; private, Co. F.)

Prairie Grove (Arkansas)
December 7, 1862

32nd Arkansas Infantry, Co. F (Confederate). Francis Marion Bratton, John V. Bratton and James Bratton (2nd Great-Granduncles) were conscripted into the Confederate army against their wills. They were present at the Battle of Prairie Grove, but soon deserted and later joined the 3rd Arkansas Cavalry, Co. I (Union). Their younger brother, Benjamin Bratton, Jr. (2nd Great-Grandfather), joined them in the 3rd as soon as he became old enough to serve.

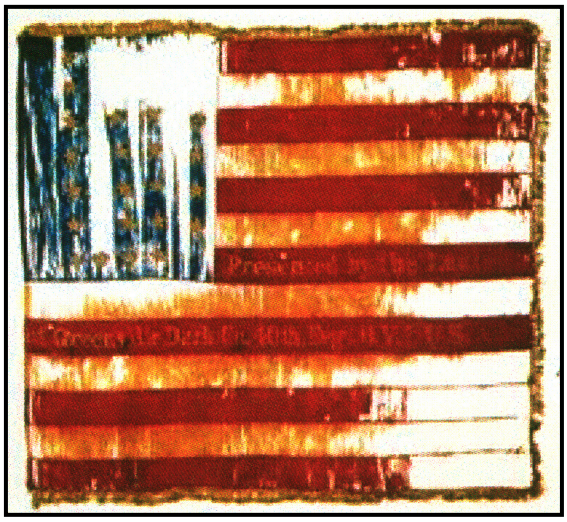
30th Arkansas Infantry, Co. A (William W. Nisbett, private; 3rd Great-Grandfather.)

Stone's River (Tennessee)
December 30-31, 1862 and January 1-3, 1863

38th Indiana Infantry, Co. G. (James Curtis Sharp, private—son of Thomas Johnston Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; James S. Sharp, private; John M. Sharp, private; Mathew Sharp, private, Co. H.; Samuel S. Sharp, private—son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; John Ashbrook, 3rd Great-Granduncle, private; Oliver N. Coffey, sergeant.) Line of Command at this battle: Brigade—Scribner, Division—Rousseau, Wing—Thomas.

99th Ohio Infantry, Co. D or F. (Henry K. Smith, 2nd Great-Grandfather, sergeant; Seymour B. Sidenbender, 2nd Great-Granduncle—drummer, and David Van Gundy, private, Co. F.) Line of Command: Brigade—Price, Division—Van Cleve, Wing—Crittenden. This was Henry K. Smith's last battle. He was honorably released after Stone's River.

5th Arkansas, Infantry Co. F. (Confederate) (Clifton Mattix, son of Edward Mattix, III, 4th Great-Granduncle.) Clifton was wounded in the left arm and so badly that he could not use his gun. Col. John E. McMurray commander of the 5th Regiment wrote, "He then came to me and said, 'Colonel, I am too badly wounded to use my gun, but can carry the flag; may I do it?' I gave him the desired permission, and he carried it through the rest of the battle, keeping in front of the Regiment. Three color bearers had been shot previous to this." One third of his regiment was killed, wounded or missing in the Battle of Stones River. Clifton was cited (equivalent to Medal of Honor) for bravery. The 5th also fought in the battles of Chickamauga and Atlanta.



Top: National Colors of the 40th Ohio Infantry Regiment. Above: Regimental flag of the 27th Regiment of Ohio Infantry. Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) served in the 27th. Photographs courtesy of *Fight for the Colors, the Ohio Battle Flag Collection*.

Port Hudson (Louisiana)

Siege and battles; May 24-July 9, 1863

6th Illinois Cavalry, Co. L. (Sterling Hudgins Abbott, 3rd Great-Granduncle; private.)

Gettysburg (Pennsylvania)

July 1, 1863-July 3, 1863

73rd Ohio Infantry, Co. I. (Jacob Van Gundy, III, cousin, private; he was severely wounded in this battle by the [now] 73rd monument across the street from the Gettysburg Visitor Center.)

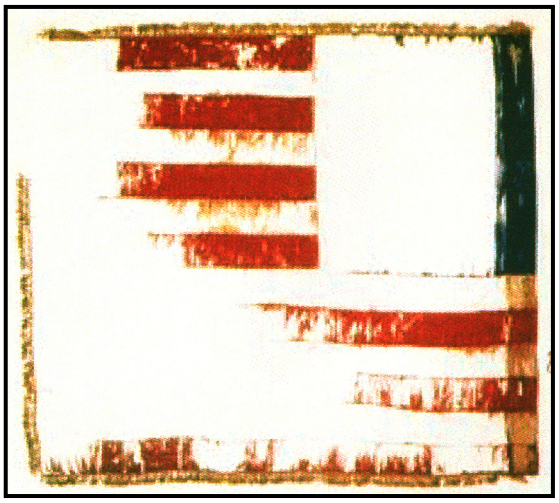
82nd Ohio Infantry, Co. F. (Valentine Van Gundy, Cousin, private.)

Chickamauga (Georgia)

September 19, 1863-September 20, 1863

38th Indiana Infantry, Co. G. (James Curtis Sharp, private—son of Thomas Johnston

Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; James S. Sharp, private; John M. Sharp, private; Mathew Sharp, private, Co. H.; Samuel S. Sharp, private—son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; John Ashbrook, 3rd Great-Granduncle, private; Oliver N. Coffey, sergeant.)



Top: National Colors of the 73rd Ohio Infantry Regiment and the 82nd Ohio Infantry Regiment (above). Jacob Van Gundy, III (Cousin) fought in the 73rd and was wounded at Gettysburg. Valentine Van Gundy (Cousin) served in the 82nd. Photographs courtesy of *Fight for the Colors, the Ohio Battle Flag Collection*.

99th Ohio Infantry, Co. D or F. (Seymour B. Sidenbender, 2nd Great-Granduncle—drummer, and David Van Gundy, private, Co. F.)

40th Ohio Infantry, Co. D. (John W. Smith, 2nd Great-Granduncle; private.)

Chattanooga Siege and Battles (Tennessee)

September 24, 1863-November 25, 1863

(Includes battles of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge)

38th Indiana Infantry, Co. G. (James Curtis Sharp, private—son of Thomas Johnston Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; John M. Sharp, private; Mathew Sharp, private, Co. H.; Samuel S. Sharp, private—son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; Oliver N. Coffey, Sergeant.)

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40th Ohio Infantry, Co. D. (John W. Smith, 2nd Great-Granduncle; private.)

Jenkin's Ferry (Arkansas)

April 30, 1864

3rd Arkansas Calvary Union. (The Bratton brothers joined this regiment shortly after this battle.)

Chancellorsville (Virginia)

May 1, 1864-May 5, 1864

82nd Ohio Infantry, Co. F. (Valentine Van Gundy, cousin, private.)

Atlanta Campaign (Georgia)
May 1, 1864-September 8, 1864

(Includes battles of **Resaca** [May 14-15]; **Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills** [May 25-June 5]; **Kennesaw Mountain** [June 27]; **Siege of Atlanta** [July 22-August 25] **and Jonesboro** [August 31-September 1, 1864].)

38th Indiana Infantry, Co. G. (James Curtis Sharp, private—son of Thomas Johnston Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; John M. Sharp, private; Mathew Sharp, private, Co. H.; Samuel S. Sharp, private—son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; Oliver N. Coffey, sergeant.)

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27 Ohio Infantry, Co. A. (Henry Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Granduncle; private.)

Above: Regimental Colors of the 1st Ohio Artillery Regiment. Henry Van Gundy (Cousin) served in this regiment. Photograph courtesy of *Fight for the Colors, the Ohio Battle Flag Collection*.

40th Ohio Infantry, Co. D. (John W. Smith, 2nd Great-Granduncle; private.)

73rd Ohio Infantry, Co. I. (Jacob Van Gundy, III, cousin, private; he had been severely wounded at Gettysburg and was no longer present with the 73rd.)

March to Sea (Georgia)
November 15, 1864-December 10, 1864

38th Indiana Infantry, Co. G. (James Curtis Sharp, private—son of Thomas Johnston Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; John M. Sharp, private; Mathew Sharp, private, Co. H.; Samuel S. Sharp, private—son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; Oliver N. Coffey, sergeant.)

27 Ohio Infantry, Co. A. (Henry Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Granduncle; private.)

82nd Ohio Infantry, Co. F. (Valentine Van Gundy, Cousin; private.)

Franklin (Tennessee)
November 30, 1864

99th Ohio Infantry, Co. D or F. (Seymour B. Sidenbender, 2nd Great-Granduncle—drummer, and David Van Gundy, private, Co. F.)

6th Illinois Cavalry, Co. L. (Sterling Hudgins Abbott, 3rd Great-Granduncle; private.)

Siege of Savannah (Georgia)

December 10, 1864-December 21, 1864

38th Indiana Infantry, Co. G. (James Curtis Sharp, private—son of Thomas Johnston Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; John M. Sharp, private; Mathew Sharp, private, Co. H.; Samuel S. Sharp, private—son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; Oliver N. Coffey, sergeant.)

27 Ohio Infantry, Co. A. (Henry Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Granduncle, private.)

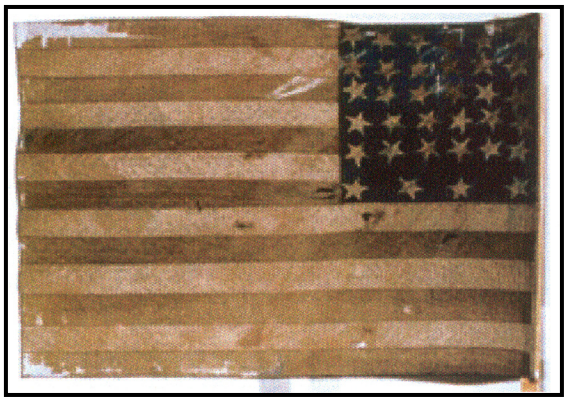
82nd Ohio Infantry, Co. F. (Valentine Van Gundy, Cousin; private.)

Battle of Bentonville (North Carolina)

March 19, 1865-March 21, 1865

38th Indiana Infantry, Co. G. (James Curtis Sharp, private—son of Thomas Johnston Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; John M. Sharp, private; Mathew Sharp, private, Co. H.; Samuel S. Sharp, private—son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; Oliver N. Coffey, Sergeant.) In the Battle of Bentonville the 38th was in the Third Brigade, which sustained 89 causalities. The brigade was commanded by Lt. Colonel David Miles and consisted of the 38th Indiana, 21st Ohio, 74th Ohio and 79th Pennsylvania regiments.

27 Ohio Infantry, Co. A. (Henry Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Granduncle; private.) In this the final major battle of the western armies, the 27th was part of the First Brigade, which sustained 54 causalities. The brigade was commanded by Brigadier General John W. Fuller and consisted of the 27th Ohio, 64 Illinois, 18th Missouri, and 39th Ohio regiments.



Top: Homemade National Flag carried by the 6th Illinois Cavalry Regiment. Sterling Abbott (3rd Great-Granduncle) served in the 6th throughout the war. Photograph courtesy of John Schmale and the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois. Above: Regimental flag of the Confederate 30th Arkansas Infantry. (Oddly, there were two regiments [briefly] called the 30th at the same time; this was actually the flag of the 25th Arkansas Infantry.) William W. Nisbett (3rd Great-Grandfather) served as a private in company A of the 30th from June 24, 1862, until January 15, 1863. It is probable that he left this regiment and joined another, or even changed sides and joined the Union Army, but wherever he served, he did so as a captain.

82nd Ohio Infantry, Co. F. (Valentine Van Gundy, Cousin; private.)

Surrender of Johnston and His Army (Durham, North Carolina)

April 26, 1865

38th Indiana Infantry, Co. G. (James Curtis Sharp, private—son of Thomas Johnston Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; John M. Sharp, private; Mathew Sharp, private, Co. H.; Samuel S. Sharp, private—son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; Oliver N. Coffey, sergeant.)

27 Ohio Infantry, Co. A. (Henry Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Granduncle; private.)

82nd Ohio Infantry, Co. F. (Valentine Van Gundy, Cousin; private.)

The Grand Review (parade of Union troops in Washington D.C.)

May 24-25, 1865

38th Indiana Infantry, Co. G. (James Curtis Sharp, private—son of Thomas Johnston Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; John M. Sharp, private; Mathew Sharp, private, Co. H.; Samuel S. Sharp, private—son of Hubbard Sharp, 4th Great-Granduncle; Oliver N. Coffey, sergeant.)

Top right: Regimental flag of the 38th Indiana Infantry Regiment. The regiment was in so many battles that by the end of the war all that remained was a small strip of blue and a bit of gold fringe. Middle: National Colors of the 38th Indiana Infantry Regiment. For some unknown reason the letters were sewed in backwards. The flag was in part shredded. The brighter red part of the flag was sewed on later and was not part of the original. Right: Mirror image of the 38th's colors. The 38th was in almost every major battle of the western theater from Perryville to Bentonville. More relatives served in this regiment than any other. Flags courtesy of Indiana War Memorials.

27 Ohio Infantry, Co. A. (Henry Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Granduncle; private.)

82nd Ohio Infantry, Co. F. (Valentine Van Gundy, Cousin; private.)

Top: Gravestone of James W. Marksbury (son of Amanda Ashbrook, 3rd Great-Grandaunt, and stepson of James Simpson Sharp, 4th Great-Grandfather) in Presbyterian Cemetery in Ellettsville, Indiana. Above: Example of tank and crew that Marion Sharp "Junior" served with during World War II. This is a tank from the 752nd Tank Battalion guarding a crossroad to Pisa, Italy.

Note: Other men that served in the 38th Volunteer Indiana Infantry Regiment with close family ties were James Marksbury (son of Amanda Ashbrook, 3rd Great-Grandaunt and stepson of James Simpson Sharp, 4th Great-Grandfather) and Andrew "Jack" Brown (husband of Rachel Ashbrook, 3rd Great-Grandaunt).

World War II

1939-1945

Africa, Sicily, Anzio, Rome, Southern Invasion of France, Invasion of Germany

1943-1945

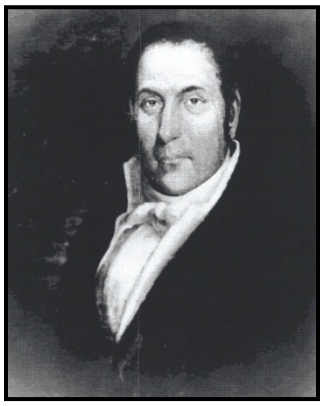
Marion Carlos Sharp, Jr., Father, served in General Patton's Third Army as a tank commander in the 19th Tank Battalion. He began in Africa, fought through Sicily, Italy and France, and concluded the war in Germany. In one difficult engagement, his tank was the only one in his group to survive the battle. It was one of many instances wherein his life was preserved.

Sources: *A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*, by Frederick H. Dyer; *Units of the Confederate States Army*, by Joseph H. Crute, Jr.; and *An Encyclopedia of Battles, Accounts of Over 1,560 Battles from 1479 B.C. to the Present*, by David Eggenberger. *America at War in Color*, pages 126-127.

Addition to Family Military History

The amount of new family information is increasing each year, largely through the Internet. Much of the information in this addition has come from *Find a Grave* and *Southern Pension Records*. Relatives are presented in alphabetical order by surname and a few are repeated here because of new or expanded information.

John Kelly Clark (son of Samuel E. Clark, 5th Great-Grand-uncle, and Rachel Bratton, 5th Great-Grandaunt; equivalent to 4th Great-Granduncle) served in the War of 1812 and was a

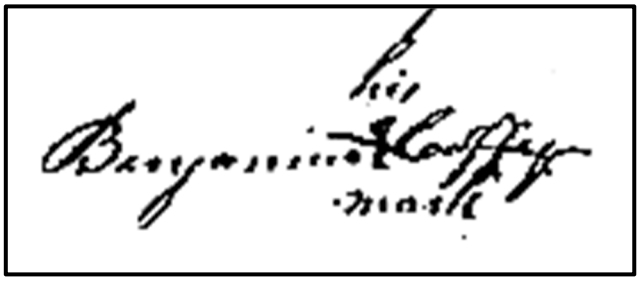


Right: John Kelly Clark (equivalent to 4th Great-Granduncle; 1773-1850). Lower right: Gravestone of Reuben Coffey, a Revolutionary War soldier (son of Rev. James Coffey, 6th Great-Granduncle), in Elk Springs Valley Cemetery in Oil Valley, Wayne County, Kentucky. Below: Second mark of Benjamin Coffey (6th Great-Granduncle) on his Revolutionary War application for pension on May 25, 1833.

member of the Tennessee Legislature. He lived in Fayetteville, North Carolina, in 1815, and eventually moved to Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee, where he was buried in Clark Cemetery, which land he donated and was named after him. He married Rebecca Covington Clark (1757-1848).

Reuben Coffey (1759-1842) (son of James Coffey, 6th Great-Granduncle) was a Revolutionary War soldier who served as a private in the North Carolina Line.

"Pension application of **Benjamin Coffey** (6th Great-Granduncle; 1747-1834), S1655 fn15NC. Transcribed by Will Graves on November 24, 2010."



"State of Tennessee, Hawkins County. On this 25th day of May 1833 personally appeared before me Lewis Mitchell one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Hawkins State of Tennessee duly commissioned by the Governor and qualified according to law Benjamin Coffey a resident of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee aged Eighty six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration."

"I entered the service of the United States in Birk [sic, Burke] County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1776 under the command of Captain Thomas Whitson on

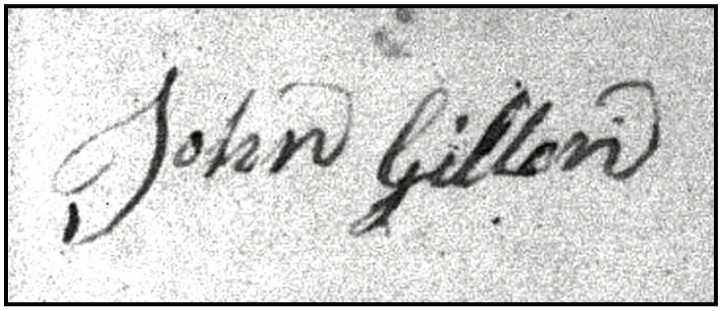
the first of April the commanding officer being Colonel Joseph McDowell. Marched to the frontier of said County in said State of North Carolina against the Cherokee Indians that was making inroads and doing mischief on the frontiers of said State. We built a fort on the frontiers of said County called by the name of Crider's fort on Lower Creek while I laid there I was employed in scouting on the frontier from place to place to keep the Indians in awe until the month of September in the same year I was discharged and returned home. I volunteered my services. I moved from Burke County into Wilkes County in said State on what day by two not now recollect and resided in said Wilkes County until the first of April in 1780. I then entered the service again as a volunteer under the command of Captain John Barton and the Regiment being commanded by **Colonel Benjamin Cleveland** I was some time employed in marching to diverse places where it was understood Tories were embodied sometimes in Wilkes County and sometimes in Burke County until I received orders to march to Kings Mountain against some Tories and British collected there under the command of Major Feargason [sic, Patrick Ferguson]—we marched on through Lincoln County in said State of North Carolina under the command of Colonel Benjamin Hearn and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland until we were joined by the forces of Colonel Campbell [William Campbell], Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] and Colonel Williams [James Williams]. There was an action took place and Ferguson killed and his men defeated. I was not in the battle in consequence of losing my horse the night before and having to join the footmen under Colonel Benjamin Hearn and the foot did not come up until the battle was over on the American side Colonel Williams was killed. I was then sent on to guard the prisoners to Moravian town in North Carolina during which march I was attacked with a pain in my ankles and was furloughed on the first of November in the same year I got home and I never was out any more. My terms of service making in aggregate of 12 months. I have no proof of my service further than I can prove by one George Hays who lived in the State and who now lives near and in this State of Tennessee Hawkins County of my Entering the service and my being gone but was not with me whose affidavit I herewith enclose."

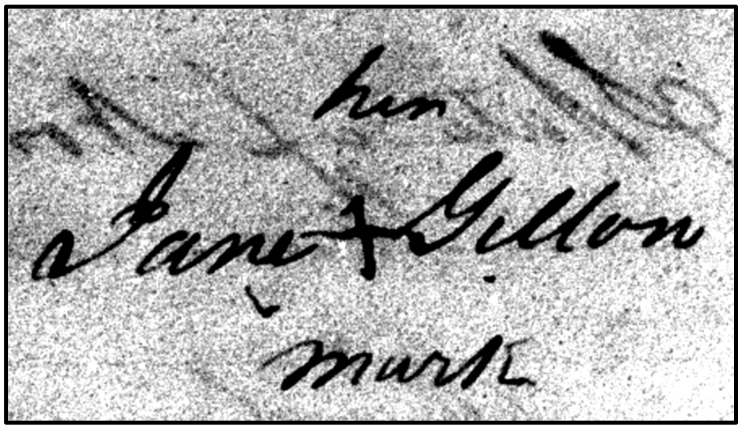
"I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State."

"Attest: Signature / Lewis Mitchell Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date before mentioned Signature / Benjamin Coffey, X his mark"

"Questions proposed to Benjamin Coffey an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832: 1st: When and in what year were you born? I was born in Spotsylvania County in Virginia in 1747. 2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it? I have it with me. 3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Once in Burke County in the State of North Carolina and once in Wilkes County in said State from whence I removed to the State of Tennessee Hawkins County where I now live. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute? I volunteered. 5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such

Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Colonel Campbell, Colonel Sevier, Colonel Shelby, Colonel Cleveland, Colonel Williams. [6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?--omitted] 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. William Walker, George Wolf, Thomas Epperson, Ransom Hayes, John Mills."





Above: Signature of John Gillon (6th Great-Grandfather) on document dated February 11, 1822, and mark of his wife, Jane Young Gillon (6th Great-Grandmother).

"We the undersigned do certify that Benjamin Coffey is a neighbor of ours we have been acquainted with him some years we certify he is a man of veracity we supposed him to be the age he states and believe him to have been a revolutionary soldier."

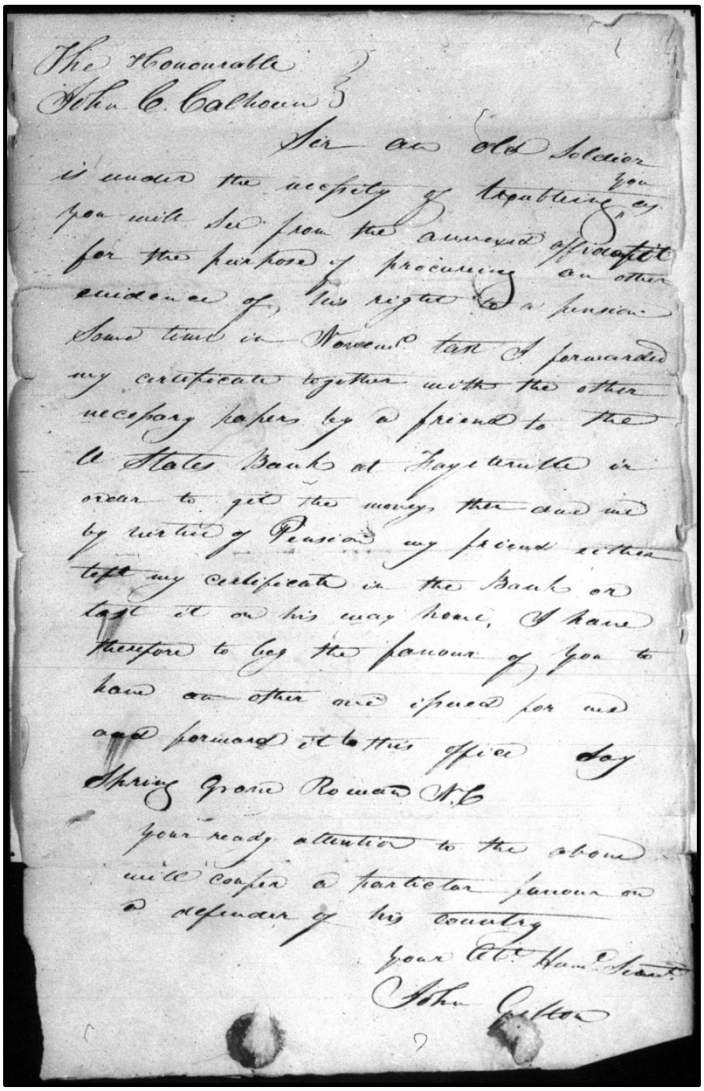
"Given under our hands 25th May 1833. Signature / Bennet Coffey Signature / William Walker"

(Entire pension record of Benjamin Coffey is from *Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters*, Internet.)

"Pension application of **John Gillon**, W7523 Jane fn74NC. Transcribed by Will Graves."

"State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County. This may certify that this day came John Gillon personally before me John Houston one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and made Oath that he was lately in possession of a Certificate of Pension from the War Office Showing that he had Served in the Revolutionary War as a private Soldier in the Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain John Reed under Col. William R. Davie of the North Carolina Militia in which Service he was wounded whereby he became enrolled first on the Pension list of North Carolina and afterwards on that of the United States as set forth by said Certificate which Certificate is lost or misplaced and for the want of which he the said John Gillon is denied his Pension."

"Sworn to and Subscribed for me this 18th day of February 1822."



Left: Letter written by or for John Gillon (6th Great-Grandfather). "The Honorable / John C. Calhoun / Sir an old Soldier / is under the of necessity of troubling you / for the purpose of procuring another / evidence of his right to a pension. / Sometime in November I forwarded / my certificate together with the other nicesary papers by a friend to the / -- State Bank at Fayettville in / order to get the money then due me / by virtue of Pension my friend either / left my certificate in the Bank or / lost it on his way home. I have / therefore to beg the favour of you to / have other— opened for me / and forward it to this office day / Spring Prarie Rowan N. C. / Your ready attention the above / will confer a— favour on / a defender of his country / Your—Humb Servant / John Gillon." Apparently, John C. Calhoun helped him for he was able to acquire the desired pension.

"Signature / John Houston, JP Signature / John Gillon"

[facts in file: John Gillon married Jane Young August 16th 1783 in Lancaster District, SC at the house of Mary Young; John Gillon died September 6, 1833; Gillon was an 'invalid pensioner' of the US having been wounded in service; on April 25, 1855, while living in Cabarrus County, NC, Jane Gillon stated she was 97 years old; John Stevenson, 95, gave an affidavit in Murray County, Ga., on April 29, 1845, stating that he is half-brother of Jane Young Gillon and he saw her marry John Gillon in Lancaster SC by Robert Montgomery, JP, 'two years after the fall of Charleston.']

"This is to Sertify that John Gillon and his wife Jean has lived in the bounds of the waxhaw Congregation for several years past and his beheaved themselves Regular Members of Society and is free from publick scandil Sertified by mee. Signature / John Nutt."

"Agust the 13th 1784. Steele Creek [Mecklenburg County, North Carolina] Nov. 10, 1796. That John Gillon and Jean his Wife have resided nearly for the Space of 10 years in this Congregation, & during that Time conducted themselves in an honest, sober & Christian Manner is certified by Signature / James McRee. Steele Creek Congregation."

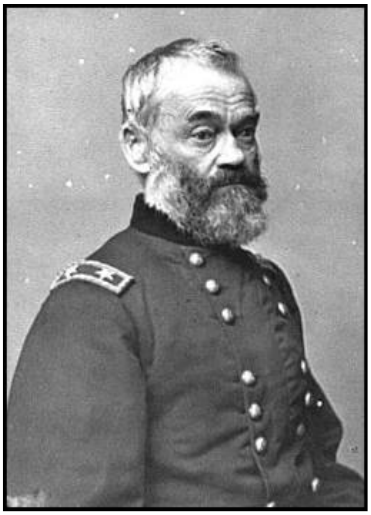
Note: Soon after their marriage on August 26, 1783, John and Jane Young Gillon moved from the Waxhaws in Lancaster County, South Carolina, to Steele Creek in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. They were still living there in 1796 and 1809. In 1822 and 1833 they were living in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. On September 6, 1833, John died and Jane remained a widow the rest of her long life.

Right: Photograph of David Benton Grubb (1836-1906), son of Jehu Grubb (grandson of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle), who served in the 76th Ohio Infantry. Lower right: Edward Burd Grubb (1841-1913), son of Edward Burd Grubb Sr. (Great-Grandson of Peter Grubb, 8th Great-Granduncle; 1810-1867), Civil War Union Brevet Brigadier General.

David Benton Grubb (1836-1906), son of Jehu Grubb (grandson of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle) left the pulpit as a minister in the Church of the Brethren to enlist as a private in the 76th Regiment of Ohio Infantry, enlisting on October 8, 1862. Because of his military service, he was unable to return to his ministry.

Edward Burd Grubb (1841-1913), son of Edward Burd Grubb Sr., Civil War Union Brevet Brigadier General. Edward "enlisted in the Union Army at the age of 19 on May 25, 1861, and was mustered in as a 1st Sergeant in Company C of the 3rd New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. Less than a month later, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, and was tabbed by regimental commander, Colonel George W. Taylor, to become part of his staff. He participated in the July 1861 First Bull Run campaign, where his unit was held in reserve. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant of Company D on November 8, 1861, he remained on George Taylor's staff after that officer was promoted to Brigadier General in June 1862, and was placed in command of the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, VI Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac, better known as the 'First New Jersey Brigade.' After serving as the General's aide through the 1862 Peninsular Campaign, E. Burd Grubb was at General Taylor's side when the First New Jersey Brigade blundered into the entire Army of Northern Virginia Army corps commanded by General Thomas J. 'Stonewall' Jackson on August 27, 1862, and Taylor was mortally wounded. As his regiment was routed, Lieutenant Grubb brought the injured General to safety. In grat-

itude, just before he died in Alexandria, Virginia, General Taylor sent one of his shoulder straps to Grubb to honor him. After accompanying Taylor's remains back to New Jersey, he found himself promoted to major, and was transferred to the nine-month enlistment regiment, 23rd New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, on November 24, 1862. With his new regiment he participated in the fighting in the December 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg before being promoted to lieutenant colonel on December 26, 1862, and to colonel and commander on April 9, 1863. At the May 3, 1863, Battle of Salem Church during the Chancellorsville Campaign, he was wounded as he



Left: Parker Grubb (1843-1864), son of Edward Burd Grubb Sr., (Great-Grandson of Peter Grubb, 8th Great-Granduncle) 1st Lieutenant, Adjutant of the 37th New Jersey Infantry. Lower left: Samuel Peter Heintzelman (1805-1880), son of Hannah Elizabeth Grubb Heintzelman (granddaughter of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle); "Civil War Union Major General."

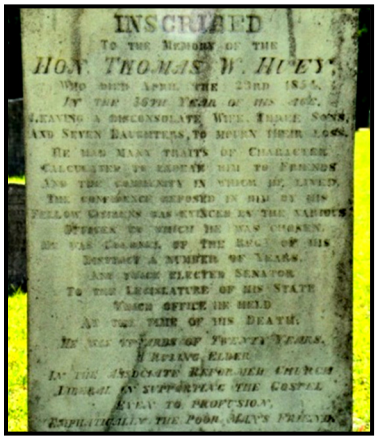
led his men in the brave, but ultimately futile charge, the First New Jersey Brigade made on entrenched Confederate positions there. Mustered out of the 23rd New Jersey on June 27, 1863, he served in recruitment duty, and commanded Camp Cadwalder in Beverly, New Jersey. On June 23, 1864, he accepted a commission as colonel and commander of the 37th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, a 100-day enlistment unit. He led them in the field, where they served in the trenches around Petersburg, Virginia, and gained the nickname of 'Grubb's Gamecocks.' Mustered out on October 1, 1864, he was brevetted Brigadier General, US Volunteers on March 13, 1865, for 'gallant and meritorious services in the war.'

Parker Grubb (1843-1864), son of Edward Burd Grubb Sr., 1st Lieutenant, Adjutant of the 37th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, which was commanded by his brother, Edward Burd Grubb. "He served until he sickened from typhoid fever, and died at Spring Hill, Virginia, on August 11, 1864."

Samuel Peter Heintzelman (1805-1880), son of Hannah Elizabeth Grubb Heintzelman (granddaughter of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle); "Civil War Union Major General. Graduated from the United States Military Academy, Class of 1826. Commanded a division at First Battle of Bull Run in July 1861 and was wounded there (shattered elbow from gunshot). Later commanded the Third Corps of the Army of the Potomac at the Battles of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Oak Grove, Glendale, Malvern Hill, and Second Bull Run. Commanded the Department of Washington, with orders to defend the capital. Previous to the Civil War, he commanded troops in the 'Cortina War,' which was a border conflict between the United States and Mexicans under Cortina in 1859."

Alfred John Hickle (son of Hester Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Grandaunt, and John W. Hickle) enlisted in Company G, 8th Iowa Cavalry, on July 6, 1863, from his residence in Clarksville, Iowa, and was discharged on August 13, 1865, at Macon, Bibb County, Georgia.

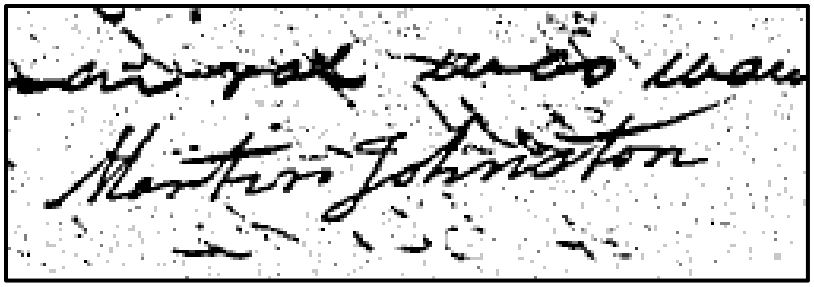
Colonel Thomas W. Huey (husband of Martha Linn McMurray Huey, daughter of John McMurray Jr., 5th Great-Granduncle) owned 37 slaves. From 1833 to 1847 he was a colonel in the South Carolina 47th Regiment, and served as a state senator from 1844 to 1848 and 1852 to his death in 1854. He was a ruling elder for 20 years in the Tirzah Presbyterian Church.



Right: Gravestone of Thomas W. Huey (husband of Martha Linn McMurray Huey, daughter of John McMurray Jr., 5th Great-Granduncle) in Tirzah Cemetery in Union County, North Carolina. Below: Gravestone of Gordon Jarstad (1914-1987), husband of Ann or Anna Van Gundy Smith Jarstad (Great-Aunt), near Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Pension application of **Martin Johnston** (6th Great-Granduncle; born on February 1, 1758; died July 3, 1820), W436. Transcribed by Will Graves.

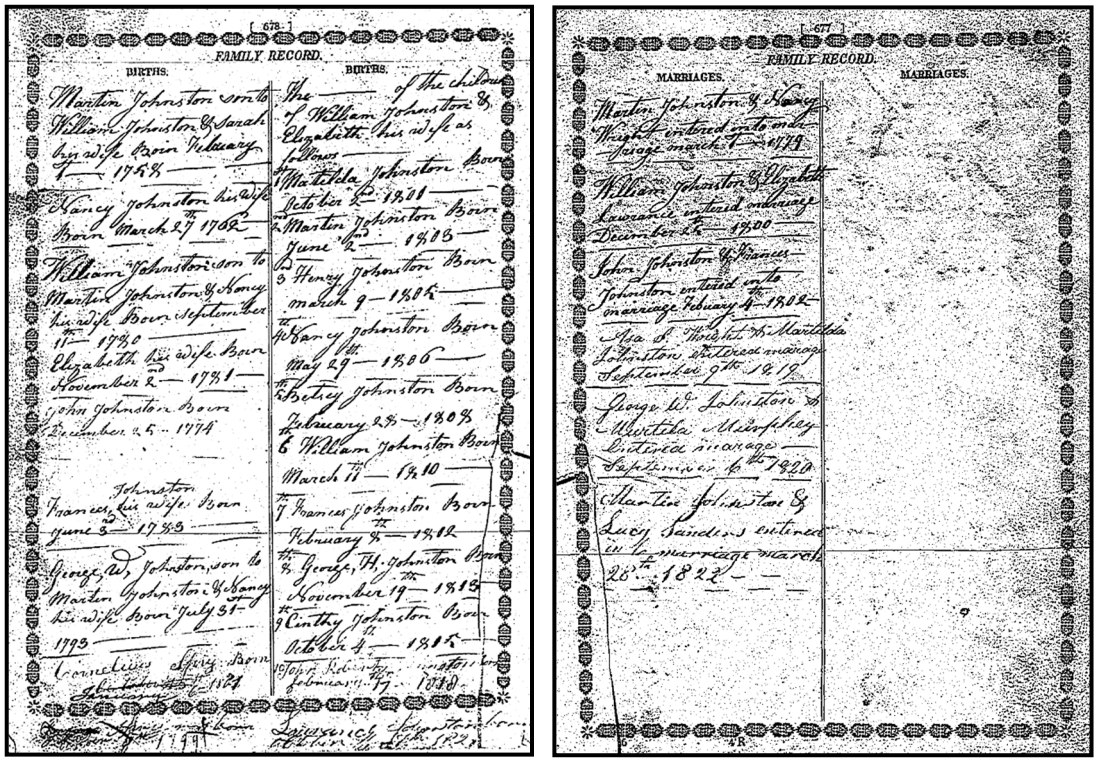
"State of Kentucky. Martin Johnston of Clark County and State aforesaid came before me James Clark one of the Circuit Judges for the State aforesaid this 20th day of June 1818 and made the following statement upon oath for the purpose of obtaining a pension under an Act of Congress entitled an act 'to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War.'"



Above: Signature of Martin Johnston (6th Great-Granduncle; born in February 1, 1758; died July 3, 1820) on his pension application in Clark County, Kentucky, June 18, 1818. Martin served in the 3rd Virginia Regiment of the regular army from February 8, 1776, to February 8, 1778, and fought in the Battle of Trenton on December 26, 1776. Before the expiration of his term he was attached to Morgan's riflemen. He afterwards enlisted in a militia company and fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

"Being first sworn [he] makes the following statement: That he is at present a citizen

of Clark County and State of Kentucky—that he is by birth a Virginian. That he was two years a soldier in the war of the Revolution on Continental establishment. That



Above: Family Bible of Martin Johnston (6th Great-Granduncle; 1758-1820). These two pages are among the pension papers filed by his wife in 1839. Most of the record is in Martin Johnston's handwriting. His signature on the previous page was made a year before his death, which may account for some minor differences in his signature and the Bible record. The family record reads: "First column: "Martin Johnston son to / William Johnston & Sarah (7th Great-Grandparents) / his wife Born February 1 / 1758 / Nancy Johnston his Wife / Born March 27, 1762…"

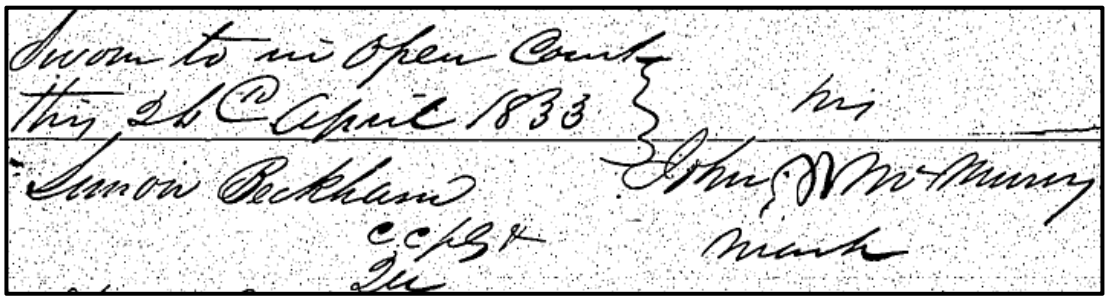
on the 9th of February 1776 in Culpeper County Virginia he enlisted for the period of two years in Captain John Thornton's Company, Third Regiment, Virginia line in the Continental establishment. That he faithfully served the two years and was on the eighth day of January February 1778 duly and regularly discharged at Valley Forge Pennsylvania which discharge was issued by the General Woodford which discharge he has lost or misplaced so that at this time he cannot find it. He further states that he is about 61 years old and from infirmity he is incapable of labor and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of sustenance from his Country for his support. **The said Johnston further states that he can prove that he was a soldier as aforesaid by his Excellency James Monroe President of the United States who was part of the time Lieutenant of the company in which he belonged and was present with him at the Battle of Trenton where the said Monroe was wounded."**

"Signature / Martin Johnston"

[Transcriber's Note: the above quoted text is the only direct testimony given by Johnston in support of his application that is given in the *Heritage Quest* file. A letter dated February 12, 1940, which abstracted the information in the full file indicates that subsequent to the service described above, Johnston served at the Battle of King's Mountain.]

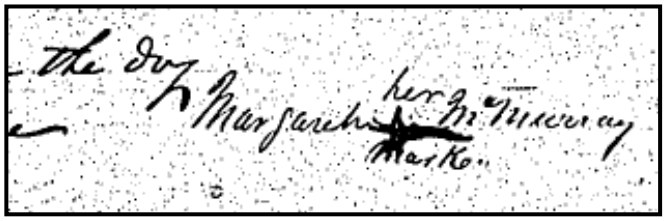
(Entire pension record of Martin Johnston is from *Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters,* and original papers in his pension file.)

"Pension application of **John McMurry [McMurray]** (6th Great-Grandfather), W4290 Margaret fn40SC. Transcribed by Will Graves 3/25/09."



Above: Original mark of John McMurry [McMurray] (6th Great-Grandfather) on his Revolutionary War pension application in Lancaster County, South Carolina, on April 26, 1833. Below: Second mark of Margaret Adams McMurray (age 71), widow of John McMurray on her widow's pension application in Lancaster County, South Carolina, on October 20, 1853.

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original.]



"State of South Carolina Lancaster District On this 26th day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Richard Gantt a Judge in the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for the District now sitting John McMurry a resident of the District & State aforesaid aged 82 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That on or about the first day of November 1780 he was enrolled or drafted in the militia of South Carolina & entered into the service of the United States, as a private, under the following Officers in the Company of Capt. Montgomery of Col. Kershaw's Regiment General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Brigade on a 6 months tour & served until the first May 1781—was engaged in the Battles of Hanging Rock, (August 6, 1780), Rocky Mount (July 30, 1780) &c at the expiration of said term was verbally discharged."

"That about the 10th of May 1781 he entered as a volunteer under Capt. Coffee as first Lieut. and joined the Camp of General F. Marion shortly after at Murry's ferry on Santee River in the State of South Carolina, in this Campaign he served as first Lieut. in Capt. Coffee's Company 7 months say till the 10th day of December 1781, as near as he now can recollect in this last Campaign he was engaged in the battle of the Eutaw Springs (September 8, 1781)—Battle of Edisto &c—(that he marched through every part of the State and was engaged in many different battles besides various skirmishes &c.— That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. To the interrogatories propounded he answers as follows – Ans 1st Antrim County Ireland the 6th May 1750. Ans 2nd Has not any record of his age. Ans 3rd Lancaster District South Carolina where he has resided ever since. Ans 4th Drafted in Snowy Campaign under Capt. Montgomery—volunteered under Capt. Coffee. Ans 5th General Sumter, General Marion, Col. Kershaw, Col. Hampton &c. Ans 6th Never received a written Discharge but invariably a verbal one. Ans 7th (as a private) He names R W Gill Esquire Rev. Thomas Kitchen who can testify to his character as a man of veracity & their belief of his revolutionary services. Ans 7th (as an officer) Don't recollect positively whether or not he received a commission—but is inclined to believe he served through the express which & choice of Capt. Coffee his Company—if he was commissioned he lost it. Sworn to in open Court this 24th April 1833."

"Signature / Simon Beckham, Clerk Signature / John McMurry, X his mark"

"On October 20, 1853 in Lancaster District South Carolina Margaret McMurry, 71, filed for a widows pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John McMurry, a pensioner at the rate of $21.66 per 6 months; that she married him October 10 1815; that he died June 3rd 1842; and that she remains his widow."

Colonel William Harper McMurray (son of John McMurray, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born September 27, 1801, in Lancaster County, South Carolina; died December 27, 1846, in Mexican War; He was buried in Tirzah Cemetery in Union County, North Carolina. The inscription on his gravestone reads: "Col. Wm. H. McMurray / who departed this life / the 27th day of December 1846 / aged 45 years and 3 months. / leaving a wife, 3 sons, 4 daughters, / and a large circle of relatives to / mourn their irreparable loss."

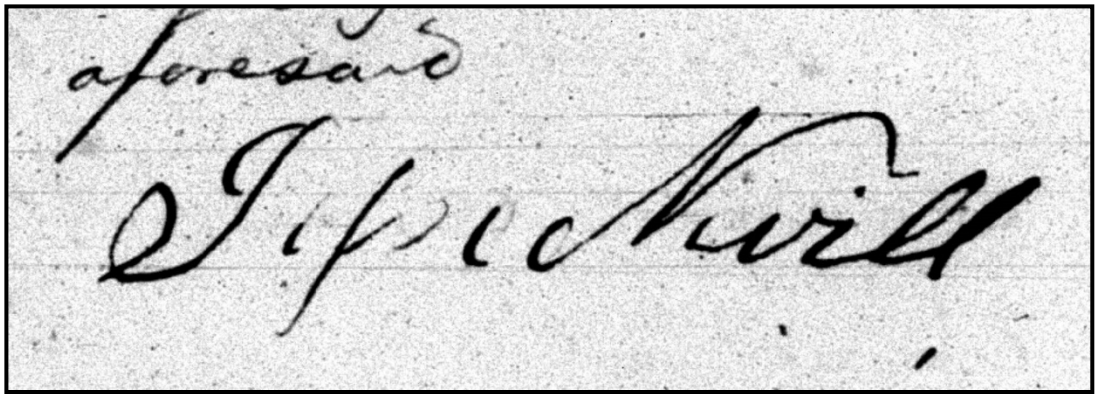
William Nevill (6th Great-Grandfather) "apparently saw service in two wars. He is shown as an ensign in the Fauquier County, Virginia, Militia in 1762 at which time we were engaged in the French and Indian War. He was also a captain in the Revolutionary War stationed on the frontiers of Rutherford and Tyron Counties, North Carolina. William never received a pension, but references to this service can be found in a pay voucher at the North Carolina State Archives and also in the pension records of his son, Yelverton (S4614), and in the pension of Thomas S. Musick (S16897). His son, Jesse, also served in the Revolutionary War and was pensioned (S21899)."

Thomas R. Musick stated in his pension application "that in the beginning of the year 1778, he went to Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina and volunteered as a

private in a light horse company under the command of **Captain William Neville [Nevill]** (6th Great-Grandfather) and served in that company one year (being the period of his engagement) that after the expiration of this period of service in the [year] 1779, he the applicant took the place of one Hardin and again served as a private in the same company under the same commander for a further period of 3 months – That the company commanded by Captain Neville [Nevill] was employed during the whole period of the applicants service as aforesaid in the protection of the frontier against the inroads of the Indians." Thomas went on to say that he was not in any regular battle, "but during the period of his service under Captain Neville [Nevill] was in some skirmishes with the Indians…"

Pension Application of Jesse Nevill, Fifth Great-Granduncle

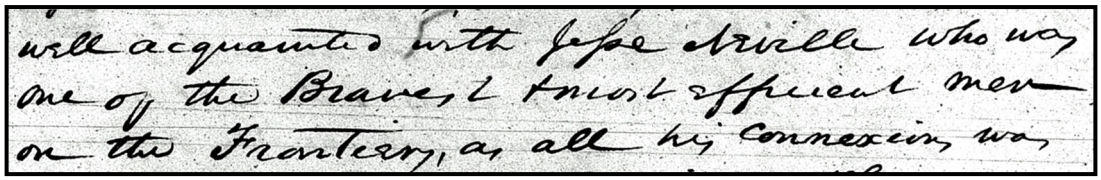
"On this the 2nd day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court,



Above: Original signature of Jesse Nevill (5th Great-Granduncle) on his pension application dated October 2, 1832, when he was 73.

before the Honorable Richard Gantt, in the Superior Court of Sessions and Common pleas, now sitting at Pickens Court House, Jesse Nevill a resident of the State and District aforesaid, aged 73 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. To wit: That he entered the service as a volunteer on the 6th July 1776, was 17 years old on 5th July 1776, under the following officers, General Rutherford, Col. Graham, Capt. George Paris. Took up arms in Rutherford NC and assisted to build the Fort at the head of White Oath Creek, Rutherford, then a part of Tryon County, where he then resided, was engaged in scouting about the mountains after Indians. Remained in active service this time for 6 months. Next, entered the service in South Carolina under Capt. John Earle, was stationed at __ or Jamison's Fort on the South Pacolet River some time, then marched to Seneca station in Pendleton SC was under General Williamson (thinks also Col. Wood) Capt. Tutt was the regular Capt., though I entered the service under a militia Capt. Earle, was engaged against the Indians on the frontier. The Indians made some treaties, was in the service this time 4 months and was discharged: this was in 1777. Next in 1778 he entered the service the 3rd time in North Carolina at Mills, Rutherford or Tryon, under Capt. Porter and Col. Graham as I believe,

was engaged in scouting and caught some Tories, remained in service this time 7 months. Next entered the service, the 4th time, at Francis Williams under the following officers, Col. Brenan [sic, Thomas Brandon?] who I believe was under General Sumter, and Capt. Wood. Kept a Garrison at Williams was engaged in keeping down the Tories, marched to


well acquainted with Jesse Neville who was
one of the Bravest & most efficient men
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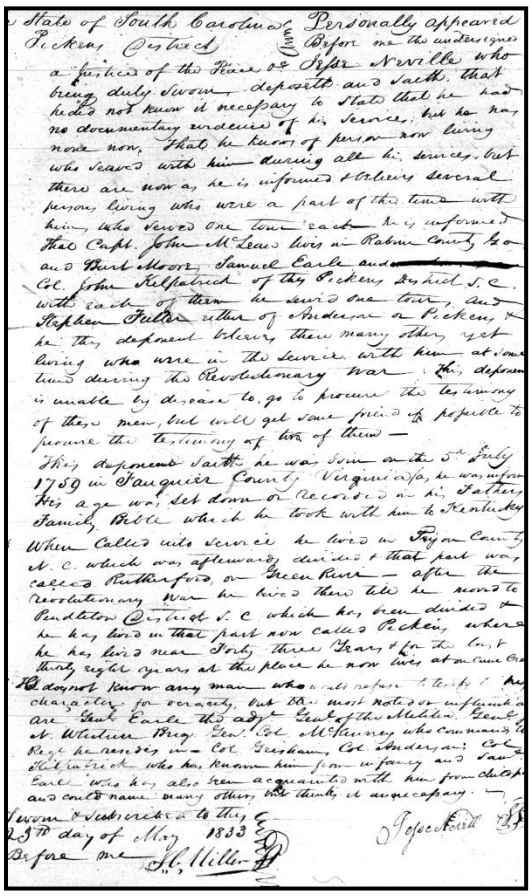
Above: Statement made on June 1, 1833 by J. C. Kilpatrick, a fellow soldier of Jesse Nevill (5th Great-Granduncle; 1759-1842), in which he declared that he was "well acquainted with Jesse Nevill who was one of the Bravest & most efficient men on the Frontier…" Below: Grave-stone of Jesse Nevill (1759-1842) in Neville Cemetery in Walhalla, South Carolina.

North Carolina and carried 30 Tories taken in North Carolina to (among them Col. Mills)

Salisbury NC remained in the service this time 3 months and was disbanded as before, the service being done for the time. Next for the 5th time, entered the service as a volunteer as before, under Capt. Carruth who was under Col. McLain & Lieut. Col. Hampton, was engaged this time in ranging and scouting the country for Indians & Tories, was in an engagement with the Indians, and with 8 men who beat off 55 Indians at Mills Gap, and killed some, was in the service this time 3 months. Next entered the service the 6th time as volunteer under Capt. Edward Hampton, Col. Branan & General Sumter, was in an engagement with Tories & British at the head of North Pacolet, killed a good many & chained them down to Princes, remained at this time 4 months in the service. Next for the 7th time, and enlisted under Capt. Miller whom I was with from his being Ensign until he was a General, entered in Rutherford NC, was stationed there some time, was attacked & bore upon by the British under Col. Ferguson. Retreated up into Burke [County] joined General McDowell, then marched down again into Rutherford and met the British and was beaten in an engagement with Ferguson. Then marched to Watauga and remained there till Col. Campbell, Col. Sevier and Col. Shelby raised forces and joined us. The whole forces then set upon the British and gained the Battle at Kings Mountain. Miller was now promoted to a Colonelcy, and my Capt. was now Musick, while under Capt. Musick marched into the Indian nation on Eastatoe & Tennessee, killed & took a good many Indians under Big Acorn Chief, this time the deponent remained 12 months in the service. The whole

number of months served as an actual soldier in the cause of America was 40 months and now resides in Pickens District South Carolina. And hereby releases every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court Signature / William L. Keith, Clerk Signature / Jesse Nevill [Jacob Lewis, a clergyman, and John C. Kilpatrick gave the standard supporting affidavit The State of South Carolina, Pickens District Z."



Right: Original second pension application of Jesse Nevill (5th Great-Granduncle), dated May 23, 1833, and close-up of his signature (above).

"Personally appeared Before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace &c Jesse Neville who being duly sworn Deposeth and Saith that he did not know it necessary to state that he had no documentary evidence of his Services, but he has none now. That he knows of no person now living who served with him during all his services, but there are now as he is informed & believes several persons living who were a part of the time with him, he served one tour each he is informed that Captain John McLean [sic, John McClain][1] lives in Rayburn County Georgia and Burt Moore,[2] Samuel Earle[3] and Col. John Kilpatrick of this Pickens District S. C. with each of them he served one tour, and Stephen Fuller either of Anderson or Pickens & he this deponent believes there were many others yet living who were in the Service with him at some time during the Revolutionary War. This deponent is unable by disease to go to procure the testimony of these men, but will get some friend if possible to procure the testimony of two of them – 1. This deponent saith he was born on the 5th July 1759 in Fauquier County Virginia, he was informed. 2. His age was set down or recorded in his Father's Family Bible which he took with him to Kentucky. 3. When called into service he lived in Tryon County N. C. which was afterwards divided & that part was called Rutherford, on Green River—after the Revolutionary War he lived there till he moved to Pendleton Districts S. C. which has been divided & he has lived in that part now called Pickens where he has lived near 43 years & for the last 38 years at the place he now lives. 7. He does not know any man who would refuse to testify to his character for veracity, but the most noted or

influential are General Earle the adjutant General of the Militia. General Joseph Whitner, Brigadier General Colonel McKinney, who commands this Regiment he lives in—Col Grisham, Col Anderson, Col Kilpatrick, who has known him from infancy and Samuel Earle who has also been acquainted with him from childhood and could name many others but thinks it unnecessary. Sworn & subscribed to this 23rd day of May 1833 before me. Signature / S. C. Miller, JP Signature / Jesse Nevill {SEAL} [fn p. 27] State of South Carolina."

Pension Application of Yelvaton Nevill, Fifth Great-Granduncle:

[Yelvaton Nevill] "entered the service of the United States in that part of the County of

Above: Original signature of Yelvaton Nevill (5th Great-Granduncle) on his pension application, dated February 12, 1832.

Roann [sic, Rowan] State of North Carolina now Rutherford County in November 1780 the day not recollected as a volunteer for two years under Captain Earl [sic, Earle?] & Lieutenant John Cummings Ensign not recollected – to scout the country from the line of South Carolina to Mumford's Cove near the head of Catawba River, and guard the frontiers of North Carolina against the Indians and Tories. He remained in the service until January 1782 when he was verbally discharged by said Captain Earl. He was not attached to any Regiment. During his term of service aforesaid, the Cherokees took & burnt Goin's Fort and Mills's Station, but applicant & the company in which he served was not present at the time of their being destroyed but was at both the Fort & Station soon afterwards. He served during said term 13 months."

"Applicant again entered the service of the United States in the said County of Rowan North Carolina in that part now called Rutherford County in January 1782 the day of the month not recollected as a Substitute for John Fisher who was drafted for three months under Captain Neville [Nevill] [his father], Lieutenant Cummings Ensign not recollected. He marched under said officers to John Cummings Station near Tryon Nob [sic, Tryon Knob] was engaged in scouting from the South Carolina line to Mumford's Cove but nearer the mountains than during his formal service, until sometime about the first of April 1782, he was verbally discharged by said Captain Neville [Nevill]. He served out his full term of three months. He was not attached to any Regiment."

"Applicant again entered the service of the United States in Rutherford County State of North Carolina where he then resided in August 1783 the day of the month not

recollected, being drafted for three months, under Captain John Lewis, Lieutenant Robert Louis, he has forgotten the name of the Ensign & Colonel James Miller and Major James Gray. He marched under command of said Officers to John Young's on White Oak Creek, then to a Branch of Pigeon River where he joined the troops commanded by General Charles McDowell whose command consisted of Colonel Miller's Regiment from Rutherford County to which applicant belonged, Colonel Joseph McDowell's Regiment from Burke County and a Regiment from Mecklenburg County the name of its Colonel is not recollected. Applicant marched under said officers to the Cherokee nation where the troops cut and destroyed the corn, burned the houses, killed one Indian and took some women & children prisoners then returned towards home and at said Branch of Pigeon River now in Buncombe County North Carolina applicant and the rest of the Regiment to which he belonged was dismissed by said Captain Lewis sometime in October 1783 with directions to meet at Rutherford Court house at October Court to receive discharges. He attended at the Court house but no discharge was given. He served during this last term against the Cherokees two months. Whilst the troops were in the Cherokee nation as above stated, Captain Lewis Music, who commanded a volunteer company, was killed accidentally by one of his own men, who shot at an Indian. During the last term of service Captain John Lewis was appointed adjutant and Robert Louis was appointed Captain & took command of the company to which he belonged."

Above: Gravestone of Yelvaton Nevill (5th Great-Granduncle; 1763-1860) in Hunting Creek Cemetery (left) near Whitleyville, Jackson, Tennessee. Yelvaton listed his date and place of birth on his pension request (25 Dec 1763 Fauquier County, Virginia). He lived in Rowan County, North Carolina (later Rutherford County) then he entered the Revolutionary War. He enlisted three times, serving a total of 11-13 years. He later moved to Barren County, Kentucky, and then Jackson County, Tennessee. His father was a captain in the Revolutionary War and then High Sheriff of Rutherford County, North Carolina. Yelvaton served as his deputy.

"Applicant did not serve with any Continental regiments or companies nor were there any Regular officers with the troops where he served. Applicant was born in Fauquier County State of Virginia on the 25th December 1763 his age was recorded in his father's family Bible. Applicant has a copy of his age from said register. He does not know in whose possession his father's family Bible is."

"Applicant has lived since the Revolutionary War in Barren County Kentucky and Jackson County Tennessee where he now resides."

Capt. Harvey Neville (son of John Neville, 5th Great-Granduncle, and his cousin,

Melinda Neville; 1805-1877). In 1846 Harvey served as a 1st Lieutenant in the 2nd Illinois Volunteers in the Mexican War. He wrote a diary, which was later published by his grandson (son of William), Morell Keith Neville. He was also a Union officer in the Civil War. He enlisted as a 1st Lieutenant in Company H, 22nd Infantry Regiment

Left: Capt. Harvey Neville (son of John Neville, 5th Great-Granduncle, and John' cousin, Melinda Neville; 1805-1877). Harvey served in the Mexican War and the Civil War. Middle left: Capt. James Neville (son of Capt. Harvey Neville; 1838-1921) enlisted as a 1st Lieut. in Company D, Illinois 80th Infantry in the Civil War and was promoted to captain on March 15, 1863. He was mustered out September 22, 1864. Lower left: Above: Dr. Joseph Neville (son of Capt. Harvey Neville; 1840-1900). He served as a quartermaster and a sergeant during the Civil War.

Illinois on June 25, 1861, promoted to Captain on January 17, 1862, and resigned on February 8, 1864.

Judge James Neville (son of Capt. Harvey Neville; 1838-1921) enlisted as a 1st Lieut. in Company D, Illinois 80th Infantry in the Civil War and was promoted to captain on March 15, 1863. He mustered out September 22, 1864. The 80th Illinois Infantry fought in the Battle of Perryville on October 1, 1862, where 14 were killed and 58 wounded; it fought in the Battle of Dun Gap and Sand Mountain, but surrendered at the Battle of Blount's Farm to a vastly superior force of Gen. Forrest on May 3, 1863, and later exchanged. It was in all of the major battles leading to the fall of Atlanta in 1864.

Dr. Joseph Neville (son of Capt. Harvey Neville; 1840-1900). He served as a quartermaster and a sergeant during the Civil War, enlisting in the Union Army at Camp Butler in Illinois, 1861.

Joseph Nisbett, Fifth Great-Grandfather

"The South Carolina Archives of the World War memorial Building in Columbia, South Carolina (file # 5479), Stub entries for claims growing out of the Revolution states **Joseph Nisbet** (5th Great-Grandfather; 1770-1825) sold pork, beef and corn to the Army on April 2, 1779, to 1780. Joseph Nisbet also served as a horseman under Captain Collins of Colonel William Nisbet's (Joseph's brother) Regiment from June15, 1780, through June 1, 1781."

"This was signed by Joseph Nisbet (mark) (Joseph was only about ten at this time)."

"Revolutionary War Records of Colonel William Nisbet show that Joseph served with him from June 1780 to 1781. Joseph served in Sumter's Calvary from June 25 to September 14, 1780; and from February 16 to March 8, 1781, in the battles of Rocky Mount and Hanging Rock; from April 23 to May 13, 1781 under Colonel John Marshall at the Battle of Camden, South Carolina and also at the time of General Gates' defeat at Sandhill near Camden."

"After the Revolutionary War, Joseph Nisbet and his wife settled on his farm in the Jacksonham District of Lancaster County, South Carolina."

Above: Gravestone of Joseph Nisbett (5th Great-Grandfather) and his wife, Elizabeth McMurray (5th Great-Grandmother) in Tirzah Cemetery, Union County, North Carolina. At the age of about 11, Joseph served as a horseman in the Revolutionary War.

John G. Nisbet (son of William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle, and his second wife, Nancy Agnes Gillen; 1816-1863) and his wife, Jane Ross of Coddle Creek, were members of Tirzah Church in Union County, North Carolina, for the first years of their marriage before moving to Coddle Creek Church in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. On February 14, 1862, at the age of 46, John enlisted as a private in Co. E, 11th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. He served until January 1863 when he reported sick and was sent to a hospital in Goldsboro, North Carolina. In March and April 1863 he was sick in a hospital in Wilson, North Carolina. He was sent home to Charlotte, North Carolina, in May 1863, where he died of disease on June 20, 1863."

Adam Ross Nisbet (son of John G. Nisbet, above, and grandson of William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle; 1835-1888) "was a merchant in Lincolnton, North Carolina, when he enlisted on September 11, 1861, age 26, height five feet six inches. He was mustered in as a 1st sergeant in Co. E., 34th Regiment of North Carolina Infantry at Camp Fisher. He was promoted to sergeant-major on January 18, 1862, and then to captain on May 31, 1862, of the A.C.S. 34th Regiment North Carolina Infantry at Camp Gregg, Virginia. He was captain in commissary department on July 1, 1862, under General Robert E. Lee. He served as captain in A.C.S. in Thomas Brigade, Wilcox Division and was a prisoner of war at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865."

William Calvin Nisbet (1832-1864) (son of Alexander Nisbet, 1794-1849; grandson of Col. William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle, 1753-1831, and Martha McMurray Nisbett,

5th Great-Grandaunt; 1799-1855) and his wife, Nancy W. Nelson Nisbet (1831-1893; his third cousin; buried in Tirzah Cemetery in Union County, North Carolina; never remarried), were living on their farm in Lancaster County, South Carolina, with their three young children when the Civil War began. William enlisted in the Confederate Army on May 10, 1862, as a private in Company I, 17th Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers. He was in thirteen battles, including the battles of Kinston, Big Black, and Pearl River, and in the Siege of Jackson, Mississippi, Charleston, South Carolina, and Petersburg, Virginia. He died on June 2, 1864, of a severe head wound that he received at Petersburg, which became infected. William was buried in the Military Cemetery in Petersburg, Virginia.

William Calvin Nisbet wrote a letter to his wife, Nancy, from Camp Secessionville, James Island, Charleston, South Carolina, on May 16, 1863. "Dear Wife: I seat myself this morning to write you a few lines. I am well and harty [hearty] though I cannot write with the spirit that I did yesterday. My heart is saddened with the news that we will get orders shortly to move for the West…Well, Nancy the order has come for us to leave for Jackson, Mississippi…It may be I will not have the opportunity of writing to you soon again. It may be God's will that we meet no more on Earth again, but if so I hope we may live so that we will meet in another and better World…Farewell, my wife, and children, Farewell. [signed] William C. Nisbet"

Before the war, William Nisbet was an Elder in the Tirzah Presbyterian Church in 1855.

"State pension application of **William Nisbet** (5th Great-Granduncle) (South Carolina), SC2. Transcribed by Deborah Parks; South Carolina Department of History and Archives Revolutionary War Accounts and Audits. RW2796 William Nisbet; South Carolina, Lancaster District."

"To the speaker and honorable house of representatives met at Columbia the 22 day of November the year 1824. I will give a short account of service done by me in the revolution war. I served my first tour of duty in what was called the Snow Company as a private soldier of ___ July under the command of General Richardson [Richard Richardson] at Rayburns [Raborn's Creek—modern spelling Rabon Creek, in Laurens County] Creek. Again in Camden to Purrysburgh [sic, Purysburg] under Col. Kershaw [could be either Eli or Joseph Kershaw] again to Augusta and down to the Three Runs under the Col. Kershaw. I was with General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] when he attacked the British at Rocky Mount - was with him at battle at the Hanging Rock—was with him when General Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated near Camden and continued in actual service ___ and stayed till he was defeated—was doing duty under Major Kimbrel [probably, Frederick Kimball] ___ and General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] fought the British at the Big Sand Hill near Camden. Served in company under General Marion [Francis Marion] near Orangeburg from that to near Monks Corner [sic, Moncks Corner] when the British burned Bigam [sic, Biggin] Church from that to quimbee [sic, Quinby]. I was lying near the great road above Camden keeping watch to see that the British did not ___ and march. We took the other end of the road and we occupied the grounds they left. I will not trouble the house with any more. Enough has been shown that I made it a

point to do my duty. I was an officer through the war only my first company. I was born in Lancaster District and lived in it ever since am now going in seventy years old as upon the decline fast. My petition and request is that if as an old soldier that has served his country by night and day am intitled to anything of past services I would still count it a honor to be among my old friends for what you believe to be right and while I live I will be my duty to pray for you and prosperity of my country."

"Signature / William Nisbet"

"The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of William Nisbet praying to be allowed a pension, report that your committee have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted. Therefore recommend that Wm Nisbet be allowed a pension from and after the session of the Legislature, respectfully submitted by your committee. December 1824 Wm Reuss."

"June 1779 - State of S. Carolina paid to William Nisbet sundries to 27 days in the foot under Major John Marshal at Jackson's Borough."

"June the 23rd 1780 to September the 11th - To 82 days in General Sumter Cavalry a Lieutenant under Major Robert Crawford."

"February the 16th 1781 to March the 8th - To 21 days in General Sumter's Cavalry a Captain under Col. John Marshal."

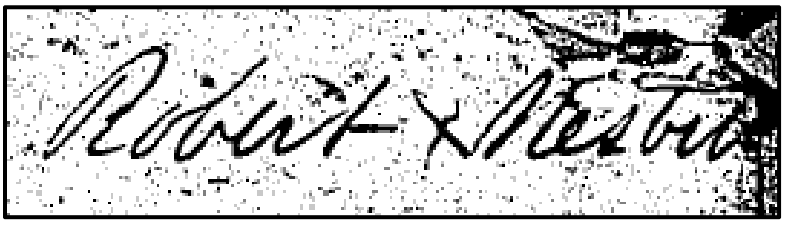
"April the 23rd 1781 to May the 11th - To 20 days in the Cavalry a Captain under Col. John Marshal at Camden."

"To one horse, saddle, and gun appraised by James Dunlap and Roth Guthery."

"Pension application of **Robert Nisbett** (cousin of Capt. John Nisbett, 5th Great-Granduncle; nephew of Capt. Samuel Nisbett), S4617 fn21SC. Transcribed by Will Graves 10/15/08."

"State of Tennessee, Dickson County: Circuit Court October Term 1836 Robert Nisbett Senior personally appeared before the Circuit Court of Dickson County the 10th day of October in the year 1836 & being duly sworn deposeth & saith (for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the Act of the 7th of June 1832) as follows to wit, that he was born in Ireland in the 5th of March 1766 as he is informed & believes—he has seen the record of his age in his father's family Bible many years ago which was then in the possession of his brother, removed some years ago to the Western district of Tennessee & died where he presumes the Bible now is—he never had the possession of the Bible & has not seen it for 4 or 5 years—his father came to this country when he was very young & settled in South Carolina & resided in Spartanburg district at the Commencement of the War, that he served in various campaigns & various periods from the year 1778 to 1782 but is unable to specify the length of the campaigns or the precise time that he served—one of his old companions William Caldwell now resides in South Carolina &

upon examining the record has enclosed the statement of an account by the State, which shows services between those years amounting to 280 days as a Horseman & 82 days in the Infantry in the Companies of Captain John Berry, Colonel Andrew Berry, Captain John Collins, Captain John Nesbitt (5th Great-Granduncle) & Captain Samuel Nisbett companies in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Roebuck—that he is now old & his memory frail & feels confident that he served a longer time than the numbered days specified but cannot now remember with sufficient accuracy the different terms or the precise periods at which these services were performed—that he recollects well to have been stationed 3 months in the frontier under Captain John Berry, on Tugaloo River—he also recollects having served a tour of 3 months under the command of his cousin John Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) and also remembers Captain Andrew Berry (not Barry) written in the account a brother of Captain John Berry and also remembers a short service under his uncle Captain Samuel Nisbett—he remembers Roebuck well I was with him when he was wounded at Little River by the Tories & died of his wounds—he also remembers to have served 2 months as a spy with Caldwell whose deposition accompanies this application he does not remember to have received any discharge at any time for the services performed by him—that he has not heretofore made application because upon application to his friends, who talked with him he doubted whether his recollection was sufficiently precise to satisfy him in making an application, until he received from Caldwell the papers which now accompany this application—that after the War he continued to reside in South Carolina until about the year 1798 when he removed to Tennessee & shortly after settled in the County of Dickson where he now resides—he also annexes hereto the deposition of Captain John Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) his cousin with whom he served a short time—he hereby relinquishes all claim to any annuity or pension except the one provided

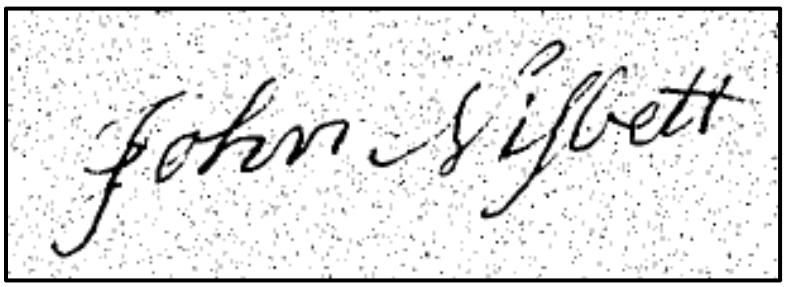


Above: Mark of Robert Nesbit on his Revolutionary War pension application in Dickson County, Tennessee, October 11, 1836. Below: Gravestone of Samuel Nesbitt (August 20, 1766-August 21, 1824), who may be the same Capt. Samuel Nesbitt mentioned as an uncle in the Revolutionary War application of Robert Nesbitt. Samuel is buried in Fairview Presbyterian Church Cemetery, in Fountain Inn, Greenville County, South Carolina. Robert Nesbit (Nesbitt) was a cousin of John Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle).

by the law of 1832 and he also declares that he is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State."

"Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 11 October 1836."

"Signature / John C. Collier, Clk Signature / Robert Nesbitt, X [his mark]"



Above: Signature of Col. John Nisbett (5th Great-Granduncle) on October 11, 1836, in Robert Nisbett's pension application papers. John Nisbett stated that he knew Robert before the Revolutionary War, having resided in the same neighborhood and that he has known him ever since [being neighbors].

"State of Tennessee, Dickson County: Circuit Court October Term 1836. Colonel John Nisbett personally appeared in Open Court & being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that he is well acquainted with Robert Nisbett the applicant for a pension that he knew him before the War, both having resided in the same neighborhood & that he has known him ever since &, having been neighbors ever since—that he recollects well, that said Robert Nesbitt was in the company as a soldier of Captain John Berry & also in Collins company before he joined the company which I commanded,—he was sometime in my company & I feel confident served about 3 months at least in my company but my memory is not sufficient to be precise—he recollects that during the time he was in my company, we marched to a Fort occupied by the Tories called Williams Fort on the waters of the Saluda & that we retreated to the orders of Little River & were pursued by the Tories & had a skirmish with them—that he knows of said Robert having acted occasionally as a spy but the time or the officers under whom he served he cannot specify."

"Sworn to & subscribed in open Court Signature / John Nisbett Signature / John C. Collier, Clk"

Robert Nesbitt, Sr. died in March 1847 in Dickson County, Tennessee, and was buried in Nesbitt Cemetery in Charlotte, Dickson County, Tennessee, in an unmarked grave. Robert had at least three children: Robert Nesbitt Jr., Sarah F. Nesbitt Shropshire and Samuel A. Nesbitt.

Samuel Bratton Nisbett (son of James Nisbett, 5th Great-Granduncle; 1794-1876) served in Captain William R. McGary's Company, 5th Regiment of Kentucky volunteers commanded by Colonel Henry Remick in the War of 1812. He was 18 years old when he fought in the Battle of the Raisin and Thames River. After the War, Samuel lived in Hopkins County, Kentucky, where he was a shoemaker. His wife, Agnes, was twenty when they married and had nine children, but died soon after the birth of her ninth child.

"Samuel Bratton Nisbet was selected in 1862 by Colonel John W. Foster of the Union Army as one of three responsible citizens to whom Foster turned over a $13,335.38 levy

he had collected from Hopkins County citizens who had provided succor to guerillas, described as Secession Sympathizers of Hopkins County, a stronghold in western Kentucky."

William Blackstock Nisbet (son of John G. Nisbet, above, and grandson of William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle; 1847-1892) enlisted as a private in Co. B, 7th Regiment of North Carolina Infantry on October 10, 1864, in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. He was mustered out or paroled in Greensboro, North Carolina, on May 4, 1865, and returned home.

Above: Major battle sites during the Revolutionary War. Relatives fought in many of these battles.

John L. Redman's (3rd Great-Grandfather; 1795-1866) War of 1812 Bounty Land Affidavit in 1853: "State of Arkansas, County of Searcy. On this seventh day of December AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty three personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace only authorized to administrate oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid John L. Reaman [Redman] fifty eight years old and resident of Searcy County in the State of Arkansas who being duly sworn according to law declared that he is the identical John L. Reaman [Redman] who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Manly Ford in the Regiment of volunteers commanded by Col. Means in the war of the United States against Great Britten [Britain] of 1812 that he volunteered at Spartanburg District in the State of South Carolina and was mustered

into service at Union District South Carolina on or about September AD 1814 for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of five months and was honorably discharged at Orangeburg, South Carolina on or about March AD 1815 on account of having served the full term required by the officers in command of said company (having in the meantime been attached to the Battalion commanded by

Right: Hugh Ross Rodgers (son of Sarah Gillon, 5th Great-Grandaunt, and Matthew Rodgers, 5th Great-Granduncle, making him equivalent to a 4th Great-Granduncle; 1827-1865) died in Camp Douglas (above) in Chicago, Illinois, in 1865.

Major William Shields and was discharged with the Battalion under his command) and will appear by the muster rolls of said company he not having his original certificate of discharge now in his possession."

"He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States before September 28th 1850 never received or knowing that he is entitled under any former act of Congress. But this is the second application for bounty land for the afore service but for some cause unknown to him no certificate for land has ever come to his hands and he further declares that he never sold or conveyed nor authorized any other person to sell or convey the same."

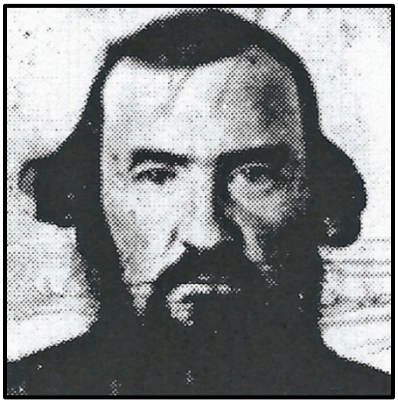
"John L. Redman." (Signed in John's own hand with the "d" somewhat obscured, but obviously there.) There follows the signature of the Justice of the Peace, Andrew Melton, and then several others attesting to the authority of Mr. Melton, etc. (Original copy from National Archive and Records Administration. Posted on Internet by John Stevens.)

John L. Redman received 120 acres in Searcy County in 1860 based on his service in Lieutenant Colonel John Ashe Alston's 3rd Regiment South Carolina Militia. He was a private in Captain Ford's Company. Warrant number 54841. He was in the same company as a William Redman. Detail of John's land patent: Township 014N, Range 015W, Aliquots E ½ SE ¼ Section 18 and NW ¼ SW ¼ Section 17.

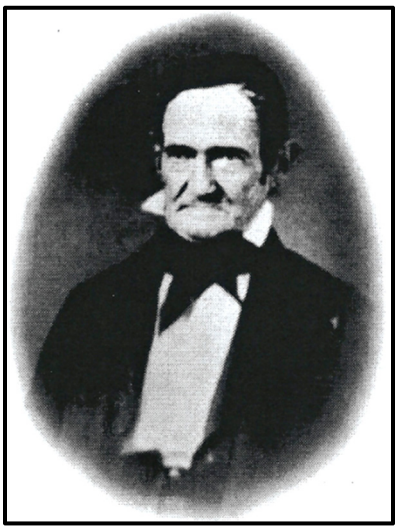
Hugh Ross Rodgers (son of Sarah Gillon, 5th Great-Grandaunt, and Matthew Rodgers, 5th Great-Granduncle, making him equivalent to a 4th Great-Granduncle; 1827-1865) enlisted in Company C, 46th Alabama Infantry on October 26, 1846, and was captured by northern troops at Nashville, Tennessee, two months later on December 16, 1864. He was sent to Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois, and died of congestion in a little over a month. There he was buried in a soldier's mound.

James Townsend Thompson (1811-1869; son of Malinda Nevill Thompson, 5th Great-Grandaunt), was born April 19, 1811, White County, Tennessee, and married Louisa Clay, November 22, 1835, Cole County, Missouri. He served in the Black Hawk War (Blwt 63529-55-160).

Right: Gravestone of Major James Townsend Thompson (son of Malinda Nevill Thompson, 5th Great-Grandaunt) in Hartley Cemetery, Lakeport, California. Middle right: Dr. John Marion Townes (grandson of John Kelly Clark, equivalent to a 4th Great-Granduncle), who was medical doctor for the 12th Regiment Tennessee Infantry. He wrote a letter from Shreveport, Louisiana, in February 1865 stating, "I think it [Shreveport] one of the most wicked and corrupt places on earth. Everybody seems to be for self and all manner of debauchery and swindling is carried on to perfection. All seem to take a share in it." Lower right: Col. James T. Townes (1786-1857), husband of Julia Clark, daughter of John Kelly Clark (equivalent to 4th Great-Granduncle). He was an officer in the War of 1812.



Dr. John Marion Townes (grandson of John Kelly Clark) attended Emory College in Atlanta, Georgia. He began his practice as a medical doctor in Henderson County, Tennessee, in 1850. During the Civil War he served as a medical doctor in the 12th Regiment, Tennessee Infantry. He wrote a letter home from Shreveport, Louisiana, in February 1865: "This is a town of considerable size say four thousand inhabitants, before the war, some very fine and handsome houses, the business part of town lies on the bank of Red river but I think it one of the most wicked and corrupt places on earth. Everybody seems to be for self and all manner of debauchery and swindling is carried on to perfection. All seem to take a share in it. Citizens soldiers male and female, all high-fellows well met…"



"The street is lined and thronged with the gay and mirthful fancy draped ladies and brass

mounted officers carriages, hacks fine horses and everything else pertaining to a gay life in time of peace, and the aristocracy give those big officials a big ball about three nights in a week and have two or three brass bands serenading the town every night."

"I am seldom out of camp myself for I am too low spirited to enjoy anything of that kind even if I had plenty of means to do so. We are all out of money in our company, not even enough to pay for our washing and no talk of drawing any soon."

"There is plenty of goods here but the prices out of the reach of a common soldier.

Top right: Names of Abraham Sharp (6th Great-Granduncle) and his cousin, John Sharp, on a Revolutionary War monument in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Middle right: Painting of Battle of Point Pleasant on a mural wall, and Battlefield Park in Point Pleasant, West Virginia; 2011. Abraham Sharp fought in this "extremely intense" battle with his brother-in-law, Lt. Thomas Dooley, and over 1,000 militiamen on October 10, 1774. Lower right: View of Point Pleasant across the Ohio River.

Half of our company have gone to Texas to purchase horses for the artillery so I have but little to do now as the men are generally healthy. We only eat two meals a day. Our rations we draw being quite short in the way of corn meal and blue beef but yesterday very much to our surprise we drawed a good mess of flour and some nice lard and Lincoln Coffee. Also three plugs of tobacco to the man. The boys all said peace was made. We got plenty of corn for our horses. There is a great talk here of the citizens giving this Div. a big barbecue of dinner on the 18th. I think they will be badly fooled if they undertake to feed five thousand half-starved soldiers but I am anxious for them to try it for I never have seen a spark of their patriotism displayed here yet. The majority of them would not give a soldier shelter out of the coldest of weather but however perhaps this state of affairs will end sometime or other." [Signed] John Marion Townes.

Abraham Sharp (6th Great-Granduncle; 1744-1827) fought in the Battle of Point

Pleasant on October 10, 1774. Thomas Dooley, his brother-in-law (husband of Rebecca Sharp, 6th Great-Grandaunt; 1735-1793), served as a Lieutenant in the same company of forty-four men from Bedford County, Virginia. Their commander was Captain Thomas Bedford, who died the next day from wounds received in the battle. Thomas Dooley then assumed command of the company. Later, Abraham and Thomas both served in the Virginia militia in the Revolutionary War.

Above: 84-foot-tall granite shaft erected at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, in 1909 to honor the dead and wounded of the Battle of Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774.

"The Battle of Point Pleasant was the only major battle of Dunmore's War. It was fought on October 10, 1774, primarily between Virginia militia and American Indians from the Shawnee and Mingo tribes (300-500 warriors) along the Ohio River near modern Point Pleasant, West Virginia. American Indians under the Shawnee Chief Cornstalk attacked Virginia militia (numbering 1,000 to 1,200 men) under Andrew Lewis, hoping to halt Lewis' advance into the Ohio Country. After a long and furious battle, Cornstalk retreated. After the battle, the Virginians, along with a second force led by Lord Dunmore, the Royal Governor of Virginia, marched into the Ohio Country and compelled Cornstalk to agree to a treaty, ending the war."

"Cornstalk's forces attacked Lewis' camp where the Kanawha River flows into the Ohio River, hoping to trap him along a bluff. The battle lasted for hours and was extremely intense; the fighting eventually became hand-to-hand. Cornstalk's voice was reportedly heard over the din of the battle, repeatedly urging his warriors to 'be strong.' Lewis sent several companies along the Kanawha and up a nearby creek in order to attack the Indians from the rear, reducing the intensity of the Shawnee offensive. At nightfall, the Shawnees silently withdrew back across the Ohio. The Virginians had held their ground, and so are considered to have won the day. In fact the loss was a ratio of 5 to 1 in favor of the Shawnees. Cornstalk withdrew because he was informed by runners that reinforcements were being sent down the Ohio River and would arrive in three hours giving him just enough time to safely withdraw."

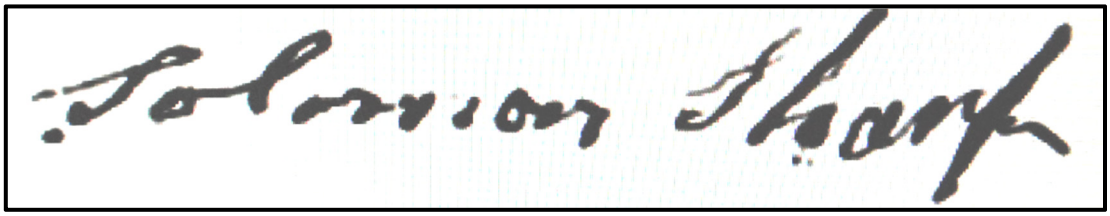
"The Virginians suffered about seventy-five killed and one hundred-forty wounded. The loss of the enemy could not be accurately ascertained.

"The outcome of the Battle of Point Pleasant forced Cornstalk to make peace with Dunmore at the Treaty of Camp Charlotte, ceding Shawnee land claims south of the Ohio (modern Kentucky) to Virginia."

"In April 1775, before the Virginians had all returned home from Dunmore's War,

Lexington and Concord occurred. Lord Dunmore led the British war effort in Virginia. The colonial militia which had fought at Point Pleasant was instrumental in expelling Lord Dunmore and the British Army from Virginia by the end of 1775. Before his expulsion by force of arms, Lord Dunmore sought to enlist American Indians as British allies—the very Indians defeated by the Virginia militia at Point Pleasant in 1774" (*Wikipedia; The Battle of Point Pleasant*).

"Pension application of **Solomon Sharp** (son of John Sharp, 6th Great-Granduncle) R9433 f15VA. Transcribed by Will Graves on February 1, 2012."



Above: Signature of Solomon Sharp (son of John Sharp, 6th Great-Granduncle) on his pension application dated September 6, 1841, in Mercer County, Kentucky. Below: Solomon Sharp (son of John Sharp, 6th Great-Granduncle) helped guard McAfee and McCown stations in Mercer County, Kentucky, in 1782, and for four or five years after the end of the Revolutionary War, according to his pension application. The Indians attacked McAfee station about this time. His uncle, Abraham Sharp (6th Great-Granduncle), lived nearby and members of his family were captured by Indians while he was away.

"State of Kentucky Mercer County"

"On this 6th day of September in the year of our Lord 1841 personally appeared in open court (being a Court of record) for the said County (made so by the act of the Legislature and having power to fine and imprison) Solomon Sharpe aged seventy eighty years being born 29th of February 1762 & having no record in this country resident of said County of Mercer, and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare That he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz. That about the middle of February 1781, In the County of Bedford & State of Virginia he enlisted in the company of Thomas Watkins & in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lynch for three months, when he was only about eighteen years of age and marched soon after to Guilford Court House, and was with the Virginia line in the said Battle of Guilford on the 15th of March following where he faithfully performed his duty & was honorably discharged, That in the next year 1782 he moved to

Kentucky & settled at McAfee's & McCown's Stations on Salt River, and was by the orders of General George Rogers Clark stationed as a scout or Ranger on the Frontiers at Mr. Lyons, Arnold's & other Frontier posts under the command of Captain Robert

Left: Gravestone of James S. Sharp (grandson of George Sharp, 5th Great-Grandfather) in Chattanooga National Cemetery (above). James died while serving as a soldier from Indiana in the Civil War.

Armstrong—where he served during fifteen months being a young [man] he was continually engaged for five tours in succession during that year and the next, and was often employed in pursuit of the Indians when they attacked the stations, particularly at McAfee's & Arnold's Stations, making in all eighteen months service before the Revolutionary war was ended, and for four [or] five years after he was also engaged in many scouts & skirmishes which took place almost every few months for many years, That he is not a pensioner at this time & has been prevented from applying heretofore on account of his living in a remote quarter of this County & was uninformed as to his right to a pension until within a few years past since which time he has been engaged in hunting up his evidence & has not been able to find it until within a short period sense & now makes this application, Witness my hand this 6th day of September 1841."

"Sworn to in open Court September 6, 1841 Signature / Solomon Sharp"

[f p. 13: Elizabeth McCown Senr., 85, gave testimony in Mercer County Kentucky on May 17, 1842, that she was born on August 29, and will be 86 years old on her next birthday; that she came to Kentucky in 1779, and settled at McAfee's Station on Salt River and was then a married woman; that she became acquainted with Solomon Sharp; that he lived in her family nearly 3 years; that he acted as a soldier and guard at said station and the adjacent stations. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

(Entire pension record of Solomon Sharp is from *Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters*, Internet.)

James S. Sharp (grandson of George Sharp, 5th Great-Grandfather) was a Union soldier from Indiana in the Civil War. He died in 1864 and was buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Left: Gravestone of Noble C. Sharp (Great-Granduncle; 1901-1931) in Dayton National Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio (above, front row); 2012. A World War I veteran, he served in Europe from May 15, 1918, until February 14, 1919.

Noble Sharp (Great-Granduncle; 1901-1931) was a private in the 81st Field Artillery. He served in Europe during World War I from May 15, 1918, until February 14, 1919. He is buried in National Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.

Henry Sidenbender (cousin) was a sergeant in Company A, 41st Indiana Volunteer Regiment (2nd Indiana Cavalry). He enlisted on September 18, 1861, age 29. Discharged on January 7, 1863, due to wounds (possibly from Battle of Perryville on October 8, 1862). Reenlisted on December 25, 1863, in Company M, 126th Indiana Volunteers (11th Indiana Cavalry). He was promoted to corporal on May 31, 1864, and to sergeant on July 5, 1865. Henry was mustered out with his regiment at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 19, 1865. He was the brother of Samuel Sidenbender.

George W. Sidenbender (1833-1911; cousin) was a Union soldier during the Civil War. "He enlisted as a private on August 25, 1862, at the age of 29 in Company A., 73rd Ohio Infantry. He was mustered out of the same company on June 9, 1865, at Camp Dennison, Ohio." George died on January 25, 1911, and was buried in Grace Hill Cemetery in Perry, Noble County, Oklahoma.

Isaac Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; born March 6, 1805, in Ross County, Ohio; died August 3, 1871) enlisted as a soldier in the Mexican War and served from June 4, 1846, to June 1847 as a private in Company I, 2nd Regiment of Ohio State Militia."

Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle; born 1817 in Ross County, Ohio; died November 23, 1865) married Mary A. Rayburn (born about 1822 in Ohio; died March 2, 1857) on October 10, 1841, in Ross County, Ohio. They had eight children: Matilda J. Van Gundy (born 1841 in Ohio; died August 10, 1895; married Mr. Phillips about 1859),

Caroline Van Gundy (born about 1843 in Ohio; died June 3, 1901), Melissa Van Gundy (born 1846 in Ohio; died September 2, 1921, in Chillicothe, Ross, Ohio; mar-ried Daniel Friend before 1874), Sarah "Sallie" Gordo Van Gundy (born November 27, 1848, in Ross County, Ohio; died May 12, 1935; married John Steltz and second, Charles E. Porter), John Van Gundy (born in February 1850 in Ohio), Laura Van Gundy (born December 10, 1852; died January 20, 1922; married Robert I. Goodman in June 1901 in Newport, Campbell County, Kentucky), Mary Van Gundy (born about 1854; died December 5, 1915; married Mr. Nyland), and Chester B. Van Gundy (born 1855 in Ohio).

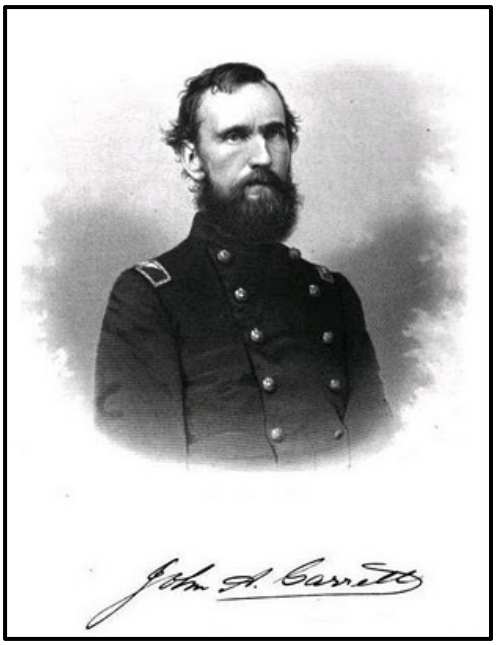
Above: Military gravestone of George W. Sidenbender (1833-1911) in Grace Hill Cemetery in Perry, Oklahoma; 2012. George was in Company A, 73rd Ohio Infantry from 1862 until the end of the Civil War in 1865.

"Henry served in the Mexican War and was in the Battle of Serro Gordo. He must have liked the sound of that place so much that when his next child was born she was named after it. Henry was listed as a cooper in the 1850 Census, where he lived in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio. In 1860, having lost his wife, he farmed out his children to friends and relatives to care for them. He was 41 years old and lived alone with Joshua Lee, 46, for company. Both men were day laborers without any property. Early in the Civil War, he enlisted July 17, 1861, in Company A, 27th Regiment Ohio Volunteers. Henry was discharged on December 31, 1863, at Prospect, Tennessee. He re-enlisted on January 1, 1864, as a private again in Company A, 27th Regiment and was discharged July 11, 1865. He was in the Siege of Savannah, Georgia. The cause of his early death is not stated."

Jacob Van Loon (1887-1952) was husband of Mary Jane Smith Van Loon (1903-1988). He was a private from Missouri in the 387th Infantry 97th Division in World War I.

Agnes Waits (wife of Philip Smith, 5th Great-Granduncle) was the daughter of John Waits, who served before and during the Revolutionary War in the First Light Dragoons of Virginia, with commission of coronet until he resigned in 1782. For his service he received land in Fayette County, Pennsylvania (then Virginia) located in German Township called 'Germany,' patented in 1785, after moving there in 1782.

"**Ambrose Williams** (6th Great-Grandfather) was born about 1730 in Newport, Pembroke, Wales. "He was a millwright, farmer and Revolutionary War soldier." "He possessed a large property, but this was broken up by the depreciation of Continental money."



Above: Grave marker of Jacob Van Loon (1887-1952), husband of Mary Jane Smith Van Loon (1903-1988; Great-Grandaunt) in Crocker Memorial Park in Crocker, Missouri. Left: Colonel John A. Garrett, commander of the 40th Iowa Infantry. Hardin Moor Williams served as a captain under Col. Garrett. Below: *Siege of Vicksburg*, by Kurz and Allison, 1888. The city of Vicksburg surrendered on July 4, 1863. The 40th Iowa Infantry served at Vicksburg.

Hardin (Harden) Francis Williams (son of John Garrett Williams, 4th Great-Granduncle, and Nancy Hicks, 4th Great-Grandaunt; equivalent to a 3rd Great-Granduncle) was a soldier in the Mexican War.

Hardin (Harden) Moor Williams, son of Judge Robert and Lavica [Levicy] Williams, and the grandson of Robert Williams, Sr. (5th Great-Granduncle), "Although born and reared in the South, he was a stanch Union man during the war, and held the rank of captain." He enlisted on August 15, 1862, in "Company F, 40th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was in active service for three years. He was in the siege of Vicksburg, was at the capture of Little Rock with Steel's expedition, and was at the capture of Camden. He was mustered out at Fort Gibson, I. T., and was discharged at Davenport, Iowa, August 15, 1865. He was never captured or wounded, and rode the same horse home which he had taken from home in 1861."

James Williams (5th Great-Granduncle) was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He

fought in the battles of Cowpens, Kings Mountain and Eutaw Springs; all in South Carolina.

The Battle of Cowpens (January 17, 1781) was a decisive victory by the Continental army forces under Brigadier General Daniel Morgan. Above: *The Battle of Cowpens*, painted by William Ranney in 1845. The scene depicts an unnamed black soldier (left) firing his pistol and saving the life of Colonel William Washington (on white horse in center). Top left: Battlefield monument at Cowpens. Left: Lt. Colonel Banastre Tarlton and Brig. Gen. Daniel Morgan, commanders at Cowpens. James Williams (5th Great-Granduncle) fought at Cowpens.

James Knox Polk Williams, youngest brother of Hardin Moor Williams (son of Judge Robert and Lavica [Levicy] Williams, and the grandson of Robert Williams, Sr., 5th Great-Granduncle) "was born in Cedar County, Missouri, in 1845 and served two years, from April 1863, in the Union Army, in different commands,. He first enlisted in Company E, Sixtieth Volunteer Cavalry Enrolled Missouri Militia, in Southwest Missouri, and later served in company D, Twenty-sixth Missouri State Militia."

George Johnston (6th Great-Grandfather; about 1758-1743) enlisted as a private in the Virginia Militia in Culpeper County, Virginia, during the Revolutionary War. (Pension R5612.)

Battles

Note: This is an addition to the list of Battles that is shown earlier in this account. Soldiers on the previous list are not recorded in this new group. Unknown means that the battle(s), if any, that the relative participated in is not known.

French and Indian War
1754-1763

Unknown

William Nevill (6th Great-Grandfather) was an ensign in the Fauquier County, Virginia, Militia in 1762.

Revolutionary War
1775-1783

Battle of Point Pleasant (pre-Revolutionary War; October 10, 1774)

Abraham Sharp (6th Great-Granduncle; 1744-1827) fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774. Thomas Dooley, his brother-in-law (husband of Rebecca Sharp, 6th Great-Grandaunt; 1735-1793), served as a Lieutenant in the same company of forty-four men from Bedford County, Virginia. Their commander was Captain Thomas Bedford, who died from wounds and was replaced by Thomas Dooley.

Top: Bend in the Delaware River where Washington crossed to attack the British at Trenton, New Jersey. Above: Old barracks in Trenton (built in 1758), where the Hessians were quartered before the Battle of Trenton; an overwhelming American victory. These are the only buildings remaining from the battle and are the oldest barracks in America. Martin Johnston (6th Great-Granduncle; 1758-1820) fought in the Battle of Trenton on December 26, 1776.

Battle of Trenton (December 26, 1776)

Martin Johnston (6th Great-Granduncle) was a private in the 3rd Regiment Virginia

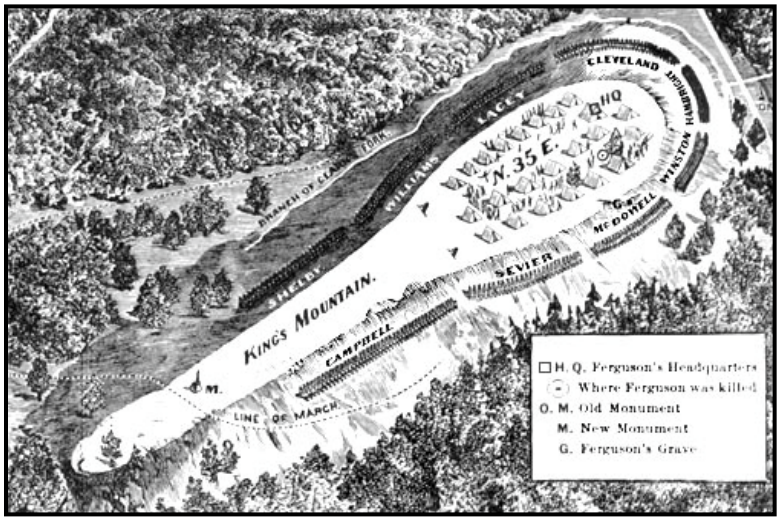
Line in the Continental establishment. His Lieutenant at Trenton was the future president of the United States, James Monroe, who was wounded in the battle on December 26, 1776.

Battle of Kings Mountain (October 7, 1780)

James Williams (5th Great-Granduncle).

Jesse Nevill (5th Great-Granduncle).

Martin Johnston (6th Great-Granduncle) was in the militia in this battle.



Above: Diagram of the Battle of Kings Mountain. James Williams (5th Great-Granduncle), Jesse Nevill (5th Great-Granduncle), and Martin Johnston (6th Great-Granduncle) fought in this great patriot victory on October 7, 1780. Martin had served for two years in the regular American Army and fought in the Battle of Trenton. When he learned of the threat to the backcountry by the Loyalist Army under Patrick Ferguson, he joined the militia and, no doubt, his experience was a help to his fellow soldiers.

Battle of Cowpens (January 17, 1781)

James Williams (5th Great-Granduncle).

Battle of Eutaw Springs (September 8, 1781)

James Williams (5th Great-Granduncle).

John McMurry [McMurray] (6th Great-Grand-father), was a 1st Lieutenant.

Battle of Edisto River (December 20, 1781)

John McMurry [McMurray] (6th Great-Grandfather) was a 1st Lieutenant.

Indian Battles

William Nevill (6th Great-Grandfather).

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Unknown

Reuben Coffey (son of Rev. James Coffey, 6th Great-Granduncle).

Agnes Waits (wife of Philip Smith, 5th Great-Granduncle) was the daughter of John Waits, who served before and during the Revolutionary War in the First Light Dragoons of Virginia, with commission of coronet until he resigned in 1782. For his service he received land in Fayette County, Pennsylvania (then Virginia), located in German Township called 'Germany,' patented in 1785, after moving there in 1782.

War of 1812
1812-1815

Battle of the River Raisin (January 18-23, 1813)

Samuel Bratton Nisbett (1794-1876; son of James Nisbett, 5th Great-Granduncle) served in Captain William R. McGary's Company, 5th Regiment of Kentucky volunteers commanded by Colonel Henry Remick. He was 18 years old when he fought in the Battle of the River Raisin.

Battle of the Thames (October 5, 1813)

Samuel Bratton Nisbett (1794-1876; son of James Nisbett, 5th Great-Granduncle). This over-whelming American victory is known as the battle where the great Indian chief, Tecumseh, was killed. It took place in Upper Canada near Chatham, Ontario.

Above: National Colors of the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the *Ohio Battle Flag Collection,* courtesy of Ohio Historical Society. Isaac Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) served in 2nd regiment from June 4, 1846, to June 1847 (Mexican War). He was one of 7,000 men who served from Ohio.

Unknown

John L. Redman (3rd Great-Grandfather; 1795-1866), 3rd Regiment South Carolina Militia.

John Kelly Clark (equivalent to 4th Great-Granduncle).

Colonel James T. Townes (1786-1857), husband of Julia Clark, daughter of John Kelly Clark, who is the equivalent of a 4th Great-Granduncle.

Top: Battle of Buena Vista, which Capt. Harvey Neville fought in on February 23, 1847. The Americans won a great victory against a much larger Mexican force. Buena Vista is a small village seven miles south of Saltillo, in northern Mexico. Above: Battle of Cerro Gordo; on April 18, 1847, Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) fought at Cerro Gordo, where U. S. troops out-flanked and drove a larger Mexican Army from a strong defensive position. Isaac Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) was probably also in this battle. (Both paintings by Carl Nebel, 1851.)

Black Hawk War
1832

Major James Townsend Thompson (1811-1869; son of Malinda Nevill Thompson, 5th Great-Grandaunt).

Mexican War
1846-1848

Battle of Buena Vista (February 23, 1847)

Capt. Harvey Neville (son of John Neville, 5th Great-Granduncle, and his cousin, Melinda Neville), 1st Lieutenant in the 2nd Illinois Volunteers. He served from June 1846 to June 1847, and fought at the Battle of Buena Vista on February 23, 1847.

Battle of Cerro Gordo (April 18, 1847)

Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle). He named a daughter: Sarah "Sallie" Gordo Van Gundy, after the battle. In this battle (also called Sierra Gordo), United States troops out-flanked and drove Santa Anna's larger Mexican army from a strong defensive position.

Isaac Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle). "When the Mexican War began he enlisted as a soldier and served from June 4, 1846, to June 13, 1847, as a private in Company I, 2nd Regiment of Ohio State Militia." He certainly fought in the Battle of Cerro Gordo and others.

Unknown

Hardin (Harden) Francis Williams (equivalent to a 3rd Great-Granduncle).

Colonel William Harper McMurray (son of John McMurray, 5th Great-Granduncle; born September 27, 1801, in Lancaster County, South Carolina; died December 27, 1846, in Mexican War; he was buried in Tirzah Cemetery in Union County, North Carolina).

American Civil War
1861-1865

First Battle of Bull Run (July 21, 1861)

Samuel Peter Heintzelman (1805-1880), great-grandson of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle. (Commanded a Union division at Bull Run and was wounded.)

Edward Burd Grubb (1841-1913), son of Edward Burd Grubb Sr. (Great-Grandson of Peter Grubb, 8th Great-Granduncle; 1810-1867).

Siege of Yorktown (April 5 to May 4, 1862)

Samuel Peter Heintzelman (great-grandson of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle) commanded the Third Corps of the Army of the Potomac.

Battle of Williamsburg (May 5, 1862)

Samuel Peter Heintzelman (great-grandson of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle) commanded the Third Corps of the Army of the Potomac.

Battle of Oak Grove (June 25, 1862)

Samuel Peter Heintzelman (great-grandson of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle) commanded the Third Corps of the Army of the Potomac.

Battle of Glendale (June 30, 1862)

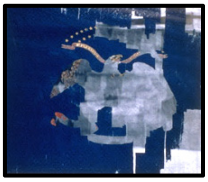
Samuel Peter Heintzelman (great-grandson of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle) commanded the Third Corps of the Army of the Potomac.

Battle of Malvern Hill (July 1, 1862)

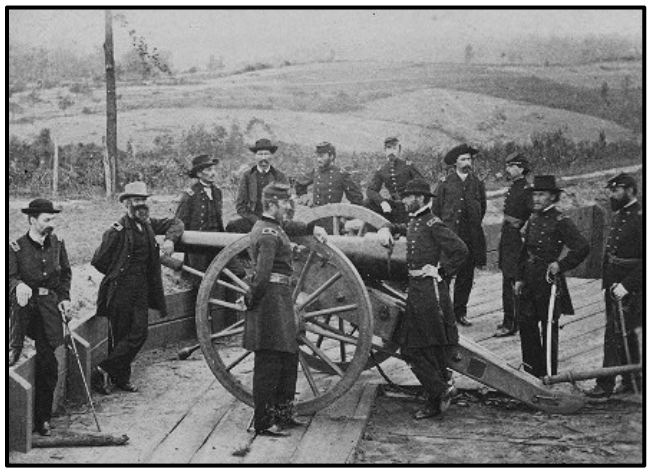
Samuel Peter Heintzelman (great-grandson of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle) commanded the Third Corps of the Army of the Potomac.

Second Battle of Bull Run (August 28-30, 1862)

Samuel Peter Heintzelman (great-grandson of Peter Grubb Sr., 8th Great-Granduncle) commanded the Third Corps of the Army of the Potomac.



Lieutenant James Neville was with the 80th Illinois Infantry (regimental flag. left, and national flag, right) when it fought in the Battle of Perryville, October 8, 1862, the Battle of Resaca, May 13-15, 1864 (painting dates from 1889, top left), Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864 (Union entrenchments at the foot of Kennesaw Mountain, left) and the Siege of Atlanta; ended September 2, 1864 (General Sherman outside Atlanta, lower left). Henry Sidenbender (3rd Great-Granduncle), who served in the 27th Ohio Infantry, was also in all of these battles.

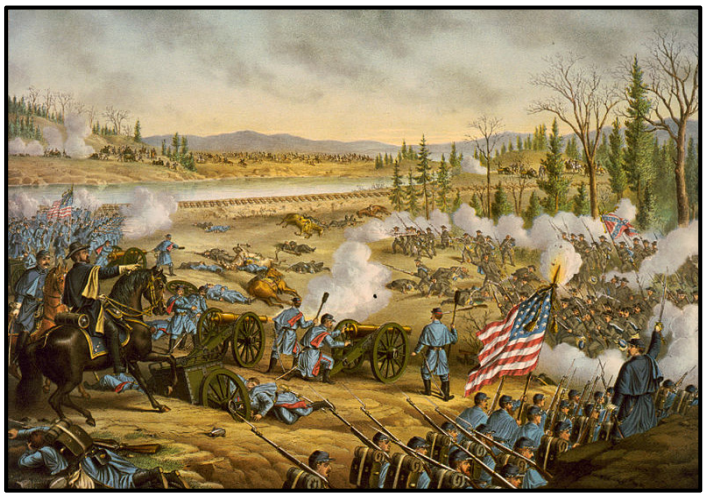


Battle of Charleston, [West] Virginia (September 13, 1862)

William Calvin Nisbet (1832-1864), son of Alexander Nisbet, grandson of Col. William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle, and Martha McMurray Nisbett, 5th Great-Grandaunt.

Battle of Perryville (October 8, 1862)

Lieutenant James Neville (1838-1921; son of Capt. Harvey Neville, who was the son of John Neville, 5th Great-Granduncle, and his cousin, Melinda Neville) enlisted as a 1st Lieutenant in Company D, Illinois 80th Infantry; promoted to captain on March 15, 1863. He was mustered out on September 22, 1864. The 80th fought in the battles of Perryville (October 8, 1862), Resaca (May 13-15, 1864), Kennesaw Mountain (June 27, 1864), and the Siege of Atlanta, before he completed his service.



Above: *Battle of Stones River*, by Kurz and Allison (1891). Capt. Harvey Neville (son of John Nevill, 5th Great-Granduncle) fought in this battle where 58% of the men in his regiment, involved, were killed, wounded, or missing.

Henry Sidenbender (cousin) was a sergeant in Company A, 41st Indiana Volunteer Regiment (2nd Indiana Cavalry). He enlisted on September 18, 1861, age 29. Discharged on January 7, 1863, due to wounds (possibly from Battle of Perryville on October 8, 1862). Re-enlisted on December 25, 1863, in Company M, 126th Indiana Volunteers (11th Indiana Cavalry). He was promoted to corporal on May 31, 1864, and to sergeant on July 5, 1865. Henry was mustered out with his regiment at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 19, 1865. He was the brother of Samuel Sidenbender.

Battle of Fredericksburg (December 11-13, 1862)

Edward Burd Grubb (1841-1913), son of Edward Burd Grubb Sr., Great-Grandson of Peter Grubb, 8th Great-Granduncle.

Battle of Kinston (December 14, 1862)

William Calvin Nisbet (1832-1864; son of Alexander Nisbet, grandson of Col. William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle, and Martha McMurray Nisbett, 5th Great-Grandaunt) and his wife, Nancy W. Nelson Nisbet (1831-1893), his third cousin, were living on their farm in Lancaster County, South Carolina, with their three young children when the Civil War began. William enlisted in the Confederate Army on May 10, 1862, as a private in Company I, 17th Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers. He was in thirteen battles, including the battles of Kinston, Big Black, and Pearl River, and in the Siege of Jackson, Mississippi, Charleston, South Carolina, and Petersburg, Virginia. He died on June 2, 1864, of a severe head wound that he received at Petersburg, which became infected.

William was buried in the Military Cemetery in Petersburg, Virginia. (The Battle of Kingston took place near Kinston, North Carolina.)

Battle of Stones River (December 31, 1862, until January 2, 1863)

Capt. Harvey Neville (son of John Nevill, 5th Great-Granduncle) enlisted as a 1st Lieutenant in Company H, 22nd Infantry Regiment Illinois on June 25, 1861, promoted to captain on January 17, 1862, and resigned on February 8, 1864. The 22nd engaged in the Battle of Stones River from December 31, 1862, to January 2, 1863. In this battle, 199 out of 342 men going into action were lost. Lieutenant Colonel Swanwick was wounded and taken prisoner, and remained at Atlanta and Richmond until May, 1863. It is a singular fact that at the Battle of Stones River, every horse belonging to the Regiment, including the Battery, was killed."

Battle of Days Gap on Sand Mountain (April 30, 1863)

Capt. James Neville (1838-1921), son of Capt. Harvey Neville, who was the son of John Neville, 5th Great-Granduncle, and his cousin, Melinda Neville). Note: James had been promoted from lieutenant to captain before this battle.

Battle of Blount's Farm (May 2, 1863)

Capt. James Neville (1838-1921), son of Capt. Harvey Neville, who was the son of John Neville, 5th Great-Granduncle, and his cousin, Melinda Neville.

Battle of Salem Church (May 3-4, 1863)

Edward Burd Grubb (1841-1913), son of Edward Burd Grubb Sr., Great-Grandson of Peter Grubb, 8th Great-Granduncle.

Siege of Jackson, Mississippi (May 14, 1863)

William Calvin Nisbet (1832-1864), son of Alexander Nisbet, grandson of Col. William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle, and Martha McMurray Nisbett, 5th Great-Grandaunt.

Battle of Big Black (May 17, 1863)

William Calvin Nisbet (1832-1864), son of Alexander Nisbet, grandson of Col. William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle, and Martha McMurray Nisbett, 5th Great-Grandaunt.

Battle of Pearl River

William Calvin Nisbet (1832-1864), son of Alexander Nisbet, grandson of Col. William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle, and Martha McMurray Nisbett, 5th Great-Grand-aunt.

Siege of Vicksburg (May 18, 1863, to July 5, 1863)

Above: National colors of the 27th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle), served in the 27th from July 17, 1861, until July 11, 1865. (Photograph courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society.) Left: Rebecca Martin (age 17) at the monument to the 38th Indiana Infantry regiment at Chick-amauga in March 2013. Many of her relatives fought in this regiment.

Hardin (Harden) Moor Williams (grandson of Robert Williams, Sr., 5th Great-Granduncle).

Little Rock (September 10, 1863)

Hardin (Harden) Moor Williams (grandson of Robert Williams, Sr., 5th Great-Granduncle).

Battle of Chickamauga (September 19-20, 1863)

An historical marker in the south part of the battlefield (on the east side of LaFayette Road, 300 yards north of the south boundary) reads: "The **99th Ohio Infantry regiment**, Col. Peter T. Swaine commanding, moved with the brigade into action September 19th, 1863, at 3:00 p.m., advancing in an easterly direction from this point, through a dense

woods; was attacked by a superior force on front and flank; after a spirited battle, lasting till near 5:30 p.m. was forced to retire, which was done in good order."

"September 20th, at 10:30 a.m. engaged the enemy near General Baird's left, at the north

Above right: Cravens' house on Lookout Mountain. A major portion of the battle took place around this home. Above left: The tall Ohio monument next to the Cravens' house. The 40th and 99th Ohio Infantry regiments fought here and helped secure the Union victory. They are prominently listed on the Ohio monument (see below); 2013.

end of Kelly's Field, maintaining position there until the Army retired to Rossville at night. Loss: Killed 3, wounded 30, captured or missing 24, total 57."

Battle of Lookout Mountain (November 24, 1863)

An historical marker next to the Cravens' house on Lookout Mountain overlooking Chattanooga reads: "Whitaker's Brigade (made up of the 96th Illinois, 35th Indiana, 8th Kentucky, **40th Ohio**, 51st Ohio, and **99th Ohio**) crossed Lookout Creek with Geary's Division about 9 o'clock and formed the second line. The right of the brigade reached the foot of the palisades, and in the advance maintained its position next to the palisades, and upon reaching the north point of the mountain moved down upon the Cravens'

house position, attacking the flank of the Confederate line which was opposing Geary's advance, and pressing on some 200 years beyond Cravens, assisted in holding the line

Above left: Rebecca Martin next to the Ohio monument on Lookout Mountain. The 38th Indiana Infantry regiment fought near the 40th and 99th Ohio regiments on Lookout Mountain. Close relatives fought in all three fighting units. Above right: *Battle of Lookout Mountain*.

until the Confederates withdrew from the mountain. On the morning of the 25th five volunteers from the 8th Kentucky, under Captain Wilson of Company C, climbed the palisades to the top of the mountain, and finding it evacuated unfurled the flag of the regiment on the point."

Another historical marker in next to the Cravens' house on Lookout Mountain reads: "At 2 p.m. Carlin's brigade (made up of the 104th Illinois, **38th Indiana**, 42nd Indiana, 88th Indiana, 2nd Ohio, 33rd Ohio, and 94th Ohio) detailed to occupy Fort Sheridan, this brigade marched from its position near Fort Negley, crossed Chattanooga Creek near its mouth on a flat boat under orders from General Hooker, climbed Lookout Mountain to Cravens and after dark relieved the troops on General Geary's line between the foot of the palisades and a point 150 yards below the Cravens' house and holding that part of the line until the withdrawal of the Confederates at 2 a.m. the 25th."

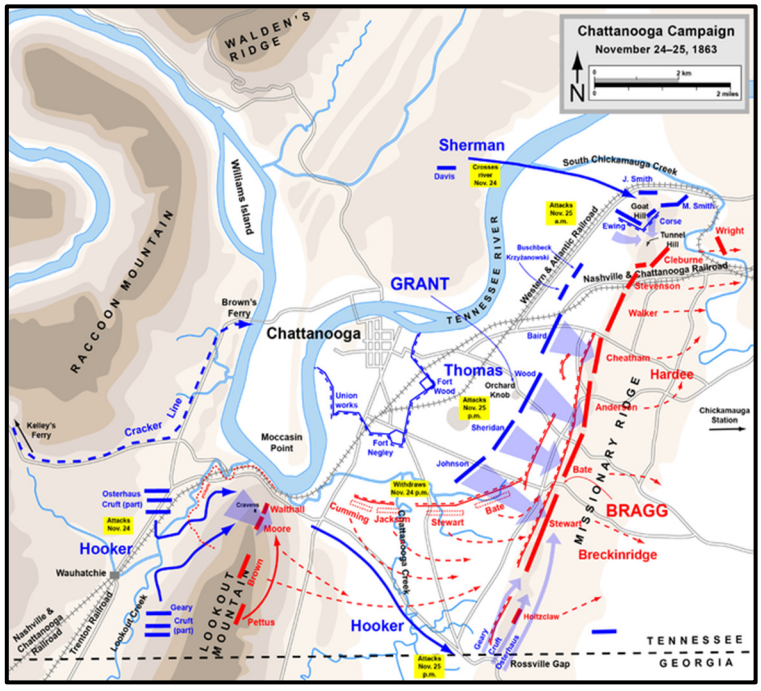
Battle of Missionary Ridge (November 25, 1863)

An historical marker at 310 South Crest on Missionary Ridge reads: "Carlin's brigade (made up of the 104th Illinois, **38th Indiana**, 42nd Indiana, 88th Indiana, 2nd Ohio, 33rd

Ohio, and 94th Ohio), marched on the afternoon of November 24th, from Chattanooga, and reinforced Hooker in the Battle of Lookout Mountain. Leaving Hooker's column as

Right: Place where the 40th and 99th Ohio regiments overcame the Confederates on Missionary Ridge. The 38th Indiana was nearby. Below: Map of the Battles of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge.

it descended the mountain, November 25th, it joined its division, becoming the right of General Thomas' assaulting lines, and was ordered by General Johnson to prepare to attack the enemy on Missionary Ridge. Moving forward in two lines with the general advance, it took the rifle-pits near the foot of the ridge, and charged for the summit. The right of the brigade was at first repulsed, but a rifle-pit half way up being carried by the 42nd Indiana, the 104th Illinois, and the 89th Indiana, forming the left of the brigade, the whole line advanced to the summit. The 2nd Ohio moved 300 yards to the right and captured a considerable part of the 38th Alabama with its colors." The 38th Indiana was at 326 South Crest in this fight and suffered seven wounded.



Another historical marker at 700 South Crest Road reads: "The **40th Ohio Infantry regiment** participated with its brigade in the assault on Lookout Mountain, November 24, advance to Rossville Gap the 25th, and the south end of Missionary Ridge. It reached the summit at this point about 5 p.m., participating in turning the left flank of the Confederate line and forcing it from its position on the ridge. The line pushed northward along the summit. The regiment took part on the 26th in the pursuit to Ringgold. Strength in action: 16 officers, 333 men. Casualties: Killed, 1 officer and 11 men; wounded, 1 officer, 15 men; missing, 2 men."

Camden (April 15, 1864)

Hardin (Harden) Moor Williams (grandson of Robert Williams, Sr., 5th Great-Granduncle).

Atlanta Campaign (May 7, 1865, until September 2, 1865)

Above: *The Battle of Missionary Ridge*, November 25, 1863. The ridge above Chattanooga was taken by the Union forces because of their sheer determination.

The Atlanta Campaign included the battles of Rocky Face Ridge (May 7-13), Resaca (May 13-15), Adairsville (May 17), New Hop Church (May 25-25), Dallas (May 26-June 1), Pickett's Mill (May 27), Marietta (June 9-July 3), Kolb's Farm (June 22), Kennesaw Mountain (June 27), Peachtree Creek (July 20), Atlanta (July 22), Ezra Church (July 28), Utoy Creek (August 5-7), Dalton (August 14-15), Lovejoy's Station (August 20), and Jonesborough (August 31-September 1, 1865).

Henry Van Gundy (3rd Great-Granduncle) enlisted on July 17, 1861, in Company A, 27th Regiment Ohio Volunteers and discharged on December 31, 1863, at Prospect, Tennessee. He reenlisted on January 1, 1864, as a private again in Company A, 27th Regiment and was discharged July 11, 1865. The 27th was the battles of Island No. 10, Corinth, Luka, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Allatoona, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy's Station, Sherman's March to the Sea, Siege of Savannah, Carolinas Campaign and Bentonville. Henry probably served in all of these battles and engagements.

Captain James Neville (1838-1921) was captain of Company D, 80th Illinois Infantry, in the battles of Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, and the Siege of Atlanta, before he completed his service.

Alfred John Hickle (son of Hester Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Grandaunt, and John W. Hickle) enlisted in Company G, 8th Iowa Cavalry, on July 6, 1863, from his residence in Clarksville, Iowa, and was discharged on August 13, 1865, at Macon, Bibb County, Georgia. The 8th was in the battles of Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, Franklin, and Nashville.

Siege of Petersburg (June 9, 1864, to March 25, 1865)

Edward Burd Grubb (1841-1913), son of Edward Burd Grubb Sr., Great-Grandson of Peter Grubb, 8th Great-Granduncle.

William Calvin Nisbet (1832-1864), son of Alexander Nisbet, grandson of Col. William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle, and Martha McMurray Nisbett, 5th Great-Grandaunt. He died on June 2, 1864, of a severe head wound that he received at Petersburg, which became infected. William was buried in the Military Cemetery in Petersburg, Virginia.

William Blackstock Nisbet (son of John G. Nisbet, and grandson of William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle; 1847-1892) enlisted as a private in Co. B, 7th Regiment of North Carolina Infantry on October 10, 1864, in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. He was mustered out or paroled in Greensboro, North Carolina, on May 4, 1865, and returned home. The 7th was part of the Army of Northern Virginia, and was in most of its famous battles during the Civil War, including Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, The Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. By the time William Nisbet joined the 7th they were entrenched, protecting Petersburg and Richmond from Grant's Army, and were to lose the war six months later.

Shreveport (not a battle)

Dr. John Marion Townes (grandson of John Kelly Clark, who is equivalent to a 4th Great-Granduncle) was stationed here in 1865.

Battle of Franklin (November 30, 1864)

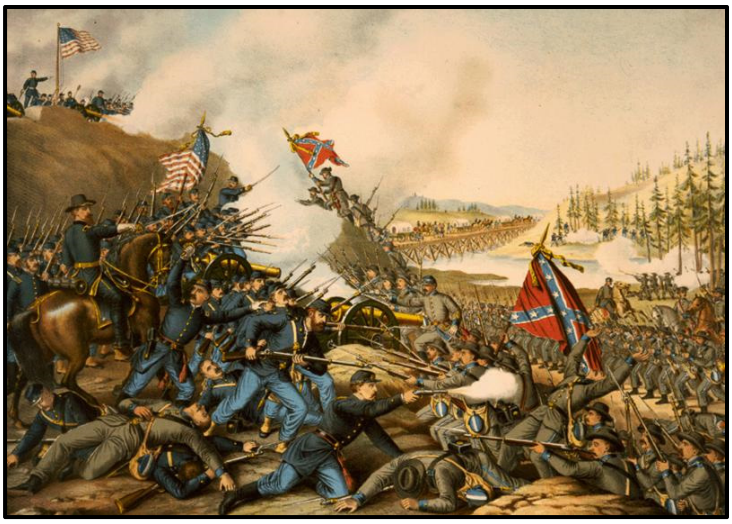
Alfred John Hickle (son of Hester Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Grandaunt, and John W. Hickle) served in Company G, 8th Iowa Cavalry, from 1863 to 1865.

Battle of Nashville (December 15-16, 1864)

Alfred John Hickle (son of Hester Van Gundy, 3rd Great-Grandaunt, and John W. Hickle) served in Company G, 8th Iowa Cavalry, from 1863 to 1865.

Appomattox Court House (April 9, 1865)

Capt. Adam Ross Nisbet (1835-1888; son of John G. Nisbet, above, and grandson of William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle) "was a merchant in Lincolnton, North Carolina, when he enlisted on September 11, 1861, age 26, height five feet six inches. He was mustered in as a 1st sergeant in Co. E., 34th Regiment of North Carolina Infantry at Camp Fisher. He was promoted to sergeant-major on January 18, 1862, and then to captain on May 31, 1862, of the A.C.S. 34th Regiment North Carolina Infantry at Camp Gregg, Virginia. He was captain in commissary department on July 1, 1862, under General Robert E. Lee. He served as captain in A.C.S. in Thomas Brigade, Wilcox Division and was a prisoner of war at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865."



Top: *Battle of Franklin* (1864), by Kurz and Allison, Art Publishers, 1891. Franklin was one of the worst defeats of the Civil War for the Confederacy. Above: McLean House at Appomattox Court House (2014), site of the surrender of Robert E. Lee on April 9, 1865.

Unknown

Dr. Joseph Neville (son of Capt. Harvey Neville, who was the son of John Neville, 5th Great-Granduncle, and his cousin, Melinda Neville) served as a quartermaster and a sergeant during the Civil War, enlisting in the Union army at Camp Butler in Illinois, 1861.

John G. Nisbet (son of William Nisbet, 5th Great-Granduncle, enlisted as a private in Co. E, 11th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. He served until January 1863 when he reported sick and was sent to a hospital in Goldsboro, North Carolina. In March and April 1863 he was sick in a hospital in Wilson, North Carolina. He was sent home to Charlotte, North Carolina, in May 1863, where he died of disease on June 20, 1863."

Most of the famous battles that the 11th fought in, including Gettysburg, were fought after John G. Nisbet left the regiment.

James S. Sharp (grandson of George Sharp, 5th Great-Grandfather) is buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery; he died while serving as a soldier from Indiana in the Civil War.

World War I
1914-1918

Jacob A. Van Loon (1887-1952; husband of Mary Smith Van Loon, Great-Aunt) was a private in the 387th Infantry 97th Division during World War I.

World War II
1939-1945

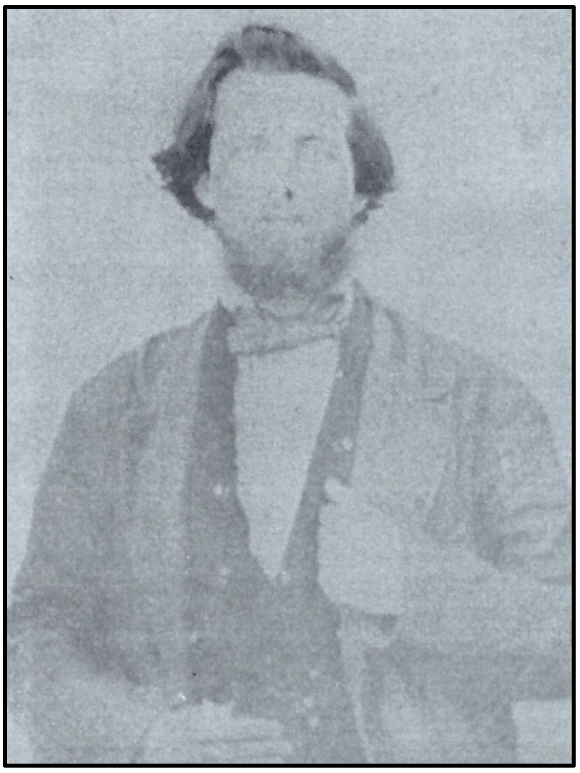
Gordon Jarstad (1914-1987; husband of Ann Van Gundy Smith Jarstad, Great-Aunt) was a 1st lieutenant in United States Army.

Above: *Surrender of Santa Anna* after Battle of San Jacinto in 1836. Painting made in 1886. Mansil Matthews (son of Joseph Matthews, 4th Great-Granduncle) "was made army surgeon, and was with Houston attending his wounds, when Santa Anna was brought in a captive."

Texas War of Independence
1835-1836

Dr. Mansil Matthews (1806-1891; son of Joseph Matthews, 4th Great-Granduncle) "was

made army surgeon, and was with Houston attending his wounds, when Santa Anna was brought in a captive." Mansil knew David "Davy" Crockett (1786-1836), famous frontiers-



Above: Dr. Mansil Matthews (1806-1891) and Robert Evans Matthews (left) (1800-1864) (sons of Joseph Matthews, 4th Great-Granduncle), who both served in the Texan Army during the Texas War of Independence in 1836. Top left: Texas historical marker next to Mansil's grave in Paradise, Wise County, Texas.

man, who died at the Alamo. He became acquainted with Crockett after he moved to Gibson County, Tennessee. Crockett and his men journeyed for a time with Mansil when he made his move to Texas in 1835/1836.

Robert Evans Matthews (1800-1864; son of Joseph Matthews, 4th Great-Granduncle) went to Texas in 1835 and joined the Army of the Republic of Texas, serving 2 months and 16 days in Captain William Becknell's Company. He later received 320 acres for his service. One of Robert's daughters described her father as "witty, charming, and utterly adored by them all."

William Oliver Matthews (1797-1847; son of Joseph Matthews, 4th Great-Granduncle) journeyed to Texas in 1835 with the Matthews-DeSpain party. Upon his arrival, William

joined with other family members in joining Captain Becknell's troops, aiding in the Texas fight for independence. For his service he received a 320 acre donation grant for service from April 28, 1836, to July 28, 1836. He later volunteered in the Red River Rangers from November 28, 1838, to May 26, 1839.

John W. Matthews (1796-1868/1870) was the oldest son of Joseph Matthews, 4th Great-Granduncle. He served as a private in the War of 1812. It is not recorded if he served in the Texas Army with his younger brothers. John died in Hopkins County, Texas, in 1868/1870.

Andrew Young (husband of **Mary Matthews**, daughter of Joseph Matthews, 4th Great-Granduncle) served in Captain William Becknell's Company in the Army of the Republic of Texas in 1836. His discharge paper still exists: "28th day of May 1836—Sulphur fork Prairie—I hereby certify that Andrew S. Young a private of my company entered the service of the Republic of Texas county of Red River as a Ranger furnished himself with a horse gun and all equipment necessary and has faith fully discharged his duty for the term of 3 months according to the discharge roll. He is therefore entitled to 3 month's pay and three hundred and twenty acres of land according to law. He is this day honorably discharged from service. William Bicknal, Capt. of the Red River Rangers." Young later served 3 additional months in the military and participated in a number of Indian engagements.

James D. Gahagan (1813-1855; husband of **Margaret Matthews**, daughter of Joseph Matthews, 4th Great-Granduncle) studied medicine, probably under Mansil Matthews' tutelage. He "immigrated to Texas with the Matthews-DeSpain party of 1835. In May of 1836 he married his brother-in-law's sister, Margaret, with Mansil performing the ceremony. Gahagan served in the War for Texas Independence, as a private soldier and physician in Captain Becknell's Company."

Author's Note: I found this new information about relatives who served in the Texas War of Independence less than six months ago in October 2013. I lived most of my life in Texas and never knew that any of my relations were directly involved. I was in the fourth grade in Houston, Texas, when we were required to study the Texas Revolution. It was then that I discovered that I loved history; I didn't want to put the book down. That year we went on a field trip to the San Jacinto Battlefield and I remember being in the back of the bus and talking to the teacher about the war most of the way home. It would have been special to have known about these relatives then.

(Note: This edition of Family Military History does not include additions made to most of the individual histories in My Father's House.)

Conclusion

A few years ago, I read that astronomers at UCLA had discovered the brightest star thus far found in the universe. The object is estimated to be ten million times more luminous than our sun. (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, 1998 Year Book, "Astronomy.") It had not been seen before because, until recently, scientists did not

Top left: Nauvoo, Illinois, Temple in May 2002. Top right: Houston, Texas Temple; 2002. Above left: Salt Lake City, Utah Temple in December 1994. Above right: Idaho Falls, Idaho Temple, 1994, where I was married in 1977. Genealogical research has its own merit, but the work done for ancestors in temples such as these, takes it to a higher, deeper level of meaning.

have instruments that could penetrate the dust and gas of the Pistol Nebulae that blocked our view.

I believe that like the dust blocking our view of a magnificent star, the veil over the earth prevents our view of the spirit world where our ancestors now dwell. I look forward

to the day when I shall join my family there in a great reunion. It will be special meeting James Simpson Sharp, George Sharp, Benjamin Bratton, Clyde Smith and many others. One of the questions I will ask them is whether or not they knew of this book.

Top right: Michael Martin in front of the San Diego, California Temple in 1999. Right: The Kirtland, Ohio Temple in 1994, which was completed in 1836. Above: The Dallas, Texas Temple 1994. My heart turned to my ancestors as a young person, and now at the age of 59 I care about them even more. I have felt a moral obligation to complete this compilation of my family's history in a manner worthy of their legacy. It has given my life a deeper meaning, and I'm grateful to have had this privilege.

Personally, I like to think that they know about this record and are pleased that they have not been forgotten. It is possible that they are just as interested in our lives as we are in theirs.

In 1946 my great-aunt, Mabel Barker Davis, placed a meaningful epitaph on her husband's gravestone. It reads: "God could not have made earthly ties so strong to break them in eternity." She had not been taught that marriage relationships could be eternal, but sensed that this should be the case. No one wants to be separated from their loved ones and through the gospel of Jesus Christ we can be together forever. This is one of the great truths of life.

My ancestors have enriched my life even though most of them passed away a long time ago. It is by the design of God and through them that I am now in the middle of my mortal existence. And when my life is over and I pass through that veil I will see clearly, as they do now, that "all things have been done in the wisdom of Him who knoweth all things."