

# **The Barker Family**

*A History of the Barker Family from William Barker, who was Born in 1811, to Sylvia Pearl Barker, who Died in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1927.*



**Including the Lewis Family**

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# Introduction

**T**his history spans three generations of the Barker family. It begins with William Barker and ends with Sylvia Pearl Barker, who was born in Ridgeway, Gallatin County, Illinois, in 1888. William Barker was born in North Carolina in 1811, but his parentage is uncertain. In 1839 he married Elizabeth Onyett, who was born in Chatteris, Cambridge, England, in 1820. They had nine children while living in Indiana and Gallatin County, Illinois. Their youngest child, Louis Sexton Barker, worked for the railroad and lived in Denver, Colorado, for many years before moving to Oklahoma and Little Rock, Arkansas, where he died in 1929. Sylvia Barker married Carlos Lee Sharp in Denver in 1904 when she was fifteen years old. She died when she was thirty-nine years old in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The first part of this account concentrates on my direct-line ancestry, with the history of more distant relatives being in the latter addition. This narrative is straight forward and rarely explains the historical setting in which events transpired.

The Barker Family is 44 pages long, has 11,128 words, 127 photographs and five maps. One of things that I enjoyed most about compiling this account was visiting family sites and personally taking most of these photographs.

I chose a non-traditional way of showing the change in generations by stating the direct-line relationship of each individual to me, Richard T. Martin. For example: William Barker is given as my Third Great-Grandfather, and his son, Louis Sexton Barker is shown as my Second Great-Grandfather. This makes it clear when a generation has changed but could be bothersome to non-related researchers. Older relatives will probably need to subtract a generation, while younger generations will need to add a generation or two so that William Barker becomes their Fourth or Fifth Great-Grandfather. Of course, with the passing of years more generations will need to be added.

The Barker Family is one of thirty-six histories that I have written over the past twenty-six years. The other histories are *The Ashbrook*, *Beeson*, *Bond*, *Bowles*, *Bratton*, *Buckingham*, *Capps*, *Cocke*, *Farrar*, *Fulk*, *Hastings*, *Houghton*, *Huntington*, *Jefferson*, *Massey*, *Mattix*, *Morgan*, *Nisbett*, *Onyett*, *Phillips*, *Rogers*, *Sharp*, *Sidenbender*, *Smith (2)*, *Tinker*, *Van Gundy*, and *Whitney Family*. These books are also compiled with other information in two encyclopedic publications entitled *My Father's House* and *Worthy to Remember*. (In 2023, I wrote abridgements of these two books.) During this time, I also wrote a history about my stepfather's ancestors, the Crocker family, which is entitled *Seasons to Remember*. In 2026, I wrote a history of my wife's ancestry entitled *The Kopacz and Porucznik Families*. Each of these histories can be viewed on my website: [americanfamilyhistory.com](http://americanfamilyhistory.com).

Remembering or honoring the dead is not new to man's history. The most notable examples are the monuments in Egypt. The Romans are known to have venerated the

memory of their noble ancestors. A thousand years ago the sons of Viking rulers placed rune stones over their father's burials. However, most of these monuments are now gone. Even more recently erected gravestones have not endured, having crumbled or eroded away. For example, in the Ancient Burying Ground in Hartford, Connecticut (the city's oldest cemetery), only 415 monuments remain of the original 6,000 burials. Most of our ancestor's homes vanished long ago, and many church and civil records are gone. Few people, even among the wealthy, wrote personal histories and fewer yet survive to this day. Usually, the best we can hope for is a few pieces of information about their lives and the circumstances in which they lived.

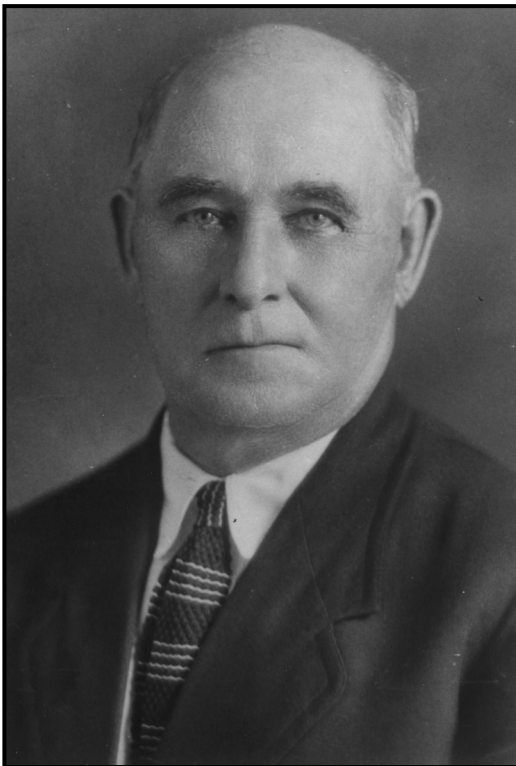
Since most of man's history has been lost, it is good to do what we can to record, remember, and appreciate "the old ones." This record is my attempt to preserve through photographs and the written word some of the history of my ancestors.

(A note to the LDS reader: Everyone named in this history has had their ordinance work completed with few exceptions—see 110-year rule.)

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*A history of William Barker, Third Great-Grandfather, of North Carolina, to Sylvia Pearl Barker, Great-Grandmother, who married Carlos Lee Sharp in Denver, Colorado, in 1903.*

**W**illiam Barker\* (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandfather; 1811-1876) was born on March 21, 1811, in North Carolina. He moved to Vanderburgh County, Indiana, by 1839 where he married **Elizabeth Onyett** (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandmother; born January 3, 1820, in Chatteris, England; died January 19, 1896) on October 29, 1839. They lived for



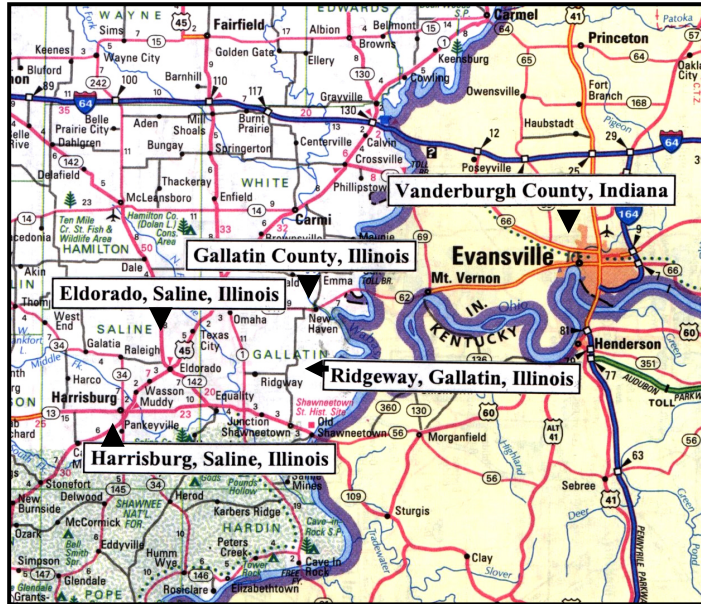
**Louis Sexton Barker and Maud Alice Fulk Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents).**

at least twenty-five years in Vanderburgh County before moving to Illinois in the 1860s. William died on June 21, 1876, in Gallatin County, Illinois. The value of his estate was appraised November 22, 1876, and the value of all of his personal property came to a total of \$252.50, itemized as follows: “Three beds, bedstead and bedding, \$36; household and kitchen furniture, \$28; one cow, \$15; one cow, \$12; one horse, \$25; one colt, \$22.50; four plows, \$8; two sets of double harness, \$20; one wagon, \$20; one buggy, \$5; corn in field, \$8; thirty bushels of oats, \$6; one lot hay, \$1; thirty bushels of wheat, \$27; ten bushels of potatoes, \$3; one lot of poultry, \$12, and one lot of tools, \$4.”

William and Elizabeth had six sons and three daughters, all born in Indiana: Mary (1840), Harriet (1841/1842), John (1844/1845), Anna (1847-1923), Elizabeth (1847/1848), Lucy (1853-1939), William (1856-after 1930), Emma (1858-1927) and **Louis Barker** (1864-1929).

## Louis Sexton Barker, Second Great-Grandfather

William's youngest son was **Louis Sexton Barker** (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandfather; 1864-1929). Louis was six years old when his mother went blind, and twelve years old when his father died.



In 1887 Louis married **Maud Alice Fulk** (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandmother; 1862-1931) in Ridgeway, Gallatin County, Illinois, and they became the parents of three daughters: **Sylvia Pearl Barker** (1888-1927), Mabel Blanche Barker (1893-1972) and Helen May Barker (1895-1980). Louis later moved to Eldorado and taught school in Harrisburg, Saline County, Illinois, in 1894. A few years later, he began working as a carpenter for the Rock Island railroad

Above: Barker family residences in Vanderburgh County, Indiana; Gallatin County and Saline County, Illinois. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003. Right: Downtown Eldorado, Illinois. Louis Barker lived in Eldorado in early 1890s. Lower right: Site of Louis Barker's first home on 3 Allyn Terrace in Denver, Colorado, 1897-1899.

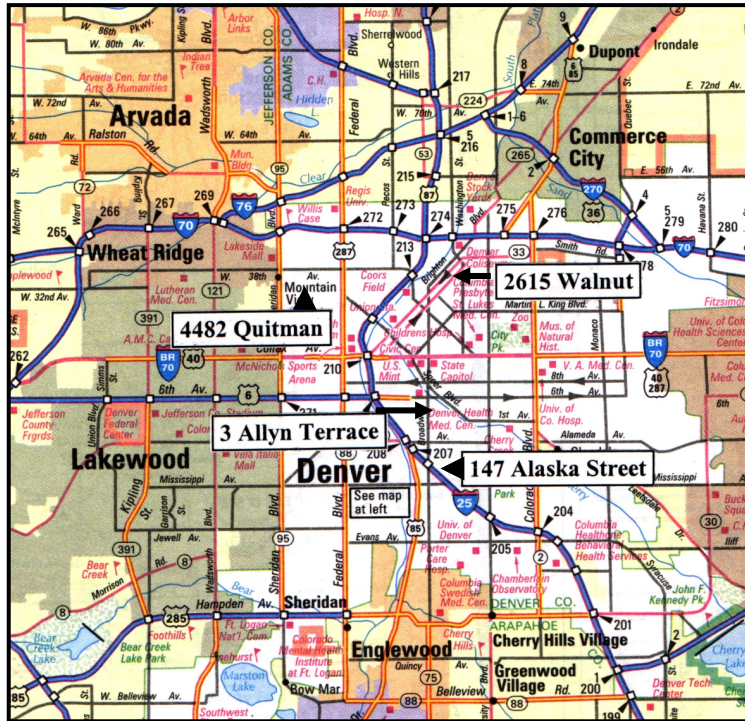


and was assigned to work in Denver, Colorado, in 1897. He first lived at 3 Allyn Terrace off 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between South 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. From 1899 to 1906 he lived at 147 Alaska Street, and from 1907 to 1912 he lived at 4482 Quitman. He may have lived at 2615 Walnut in downtown Denver for a few months in 1912.

I visited all four of Louis Barker's residences in Denver in 1997 and 1998. Louis' homes at 3 Allyn Terrace and 147 Alaska Street are no longer standing. His last home at 2615 Walnut is an old warehouse, but his third Denver home at 4482 Quitman still exists and is in good repair. I was grateful to find one of his homes still standing. When he purchased the home in 1907 it was a new middle-class house in a nice



recently developed area of town. The area, in general, is still well maintained. A few blocks away from Louis' home stands a building with the date 1908 on the front. It seems that Louis liked living in Denver and when he received orders from the railroad to transfer to El Reno, Oklahoma, he tried to stay. He had lived in Denver for fifteen years. His children had grown up there and he had friends and memories that he did not want to leave behind. He apparently decided to quit his job on the railroad and started working as a salesman for Curtis Tamale Company. He sold his



Above: Location of Louis Barker's (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandfather) residences in Denver. Louis lived in Denver from 1897 until 1913. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, 2003.



Above left: Railroad line near Louis Barker's home on Alaska Street. Louis lived at 147 Alaska Street from 1899 until 1906. The home was torn down many years ago. Above right: Buildings near Louis Barker's home at 147 Alaska Street in Denver.

home on Quitman and moved to 2615 Walnut, but this lasted only a few months. Sales can be a difficult way of making a living and after the economic realities of life set in, he decided to return to his old job with the railroad and made the move to El Reno in 1913.

While living in Denver, his oldest daughter, **Sylvia Pearl Barker** (Great-Grandmother; 1888-1927), met **Carlos Lee Sharp** (Great-Grandfather; 1882-1927). Sylvia was only fifteen years old when she married Carlos in 1903.

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In 1918 Louis moved from El Reno to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he lived at 624 North Louisa Street (once called North University Street). He lived in Shawnee until about 1924. In the 1923 Shawnee City Directory, Louis was listed as a carpenter for the C. R. I. & P. [Rock Island] Railroad. At the time of his death of Cardio-renal disease on December 13, 1929, he lived at 700 East, 14th South in Little Rock, Arkansas. His wife, Maude, died two years later of a stroke in El Reno,



Above: Louis Barker's third Denver home on 4482 Quitman, where he and his family lived, 1907-1912. Photographed in November 1998. Left: 1908 building near the Barker home on Quitman in Denver. Lower left: Union Railroad Station in Denver. Built in 1914, this building replaced another large station built in 1894. Louis Barker would have gone into this station many times.



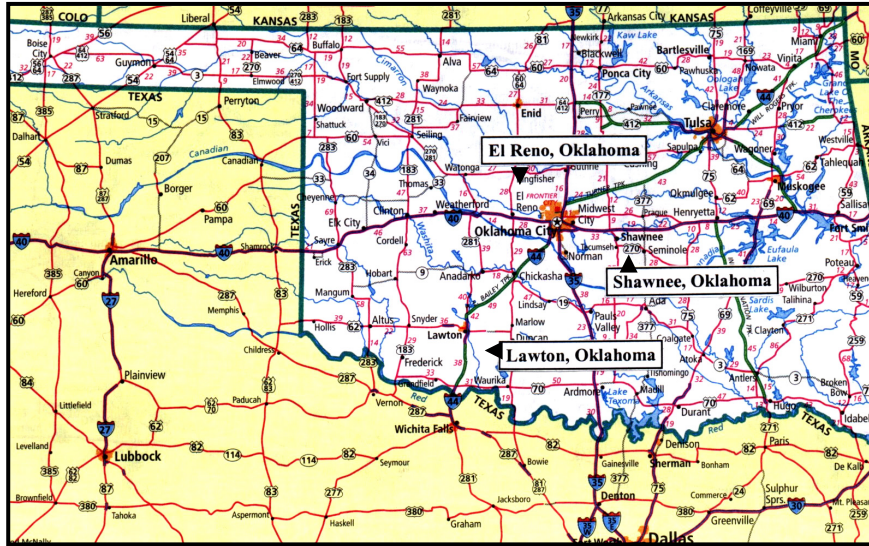
Oklahoma, at the home of her daughter, Mabel Davis. She was buried beside her husband in Roselawn Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas.

### Sylvia Pearl Barker, Great-Grandmother

**Sylvia Pearl Barker** (Great-Grandmother; 1888-1927) was described in one record as “a beautiful girl.” She and her husband, Carlos, lived in Denver for at least four years before the Rock Island Railroad transferred him to Little Rock, Arkansas, where they made their home at 1022 College Street in 1920.

Sylvia and Carlos had two children, both born in Denver, Colorado: **Marion Carlos Sharp** (1905-1988) and Alice Pearl Sharp (1907-1938). Sylvia died of tuberculosis when she was thirty-nine years old.

**Mabel Blanche Barker** (Great-Grandaunt; 1893-1972) wrote her sentiments in



the Barker family Bible just a few days after her niece, **Alice Pearl Sharp** (Great-Aunt; 1907-1938), died. She wrote: “This old Bible has been in the Barker family since 1855. This was written by Mabel Davis; May 17, 1938,

Above: Barker family residences in Oklahoma. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003. Middle: El Reno, Oklahoma, Rock Island Railroad Station. Louis Barker worked here from 1913 until 1918. Lower right: Louis Barker’s home in Shawnee, Oklahoma, from 1918 until 1923/1924. His employer, the Rock Island Railroad, transferred Louis from Denver to El Reno and Shawnee.



83 years later in the city of Lawton, Oklahoma. I have seen my father Louis Sexton Barker turn these yellow leaves many times as he read God’s word from its pages to his little family of three girls and our dear Mother. Many years have passed on. Father and Mother have been in that eternal city for several years—our sister Pearl is with them too, and now seven days ago we laid her, Pearl’s daughter, Alice, by their side to await the resurrection morning. Life is not long and we that are left shall one day go to join that innumerable throng and our dear ones gone before.”



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This excerpt was copied from the inside front cover of the Barker Bible in possession of Bonnie Jean Harris, a granddaughter of Sylvia Pearl Barker (Bonnie became a member



**Left: Only known photograph of Sylvia Pearl Barker (Great-Grandmother; 1888-1927). Above: 700 East 14th Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, where Louis Barker died in 1927. The home is no longer standing.**

of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the 1950's). I saw Bonnie in 1981 in Reseda, California, and she showed me the Bible. I copied everything pertaining to our family.

**Mabel Blanche Barker** (Great-Grandaunt; 1893-1972) did not have any children of her own. Meanwhile, **Marion Carlos Sharp, Senior** (Grandfather; 1905-1988) and his wife, **Claire Smith** (Grandmother; 1907-1991), were having marital difficulties so Marion arranged, with Claire's permis-

sion, for his aunt to adopt his second son, **Ronald Clair Sharp** (Uncle; 1928-1988). Mabel was thirty-five at the time and gladly adopted the beautiful baby boy in 1928. They raised him as their own son and changed his name to Lincoln Leroy Davis. Lincoln was raised at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, until he was eight years old. Then his family moved to Lawton, Oklahoma, in 1936, where they lived at 615 Euclid Street. Marion visited often and Lincoln called him "Uncle Marion." When Lincoln was fourteen years old, he learned that Marion was not his uncle, but in fact his father.

Mabel's husband, Lincoln Davis (1882-1946), died in 1946 and was buried close to their home in the Highland Cemetery (18<sup>th</sup> Street, Center Section) at Lawton. Mabel wrote a touching epitaph that was inscribed on his tombstone.

The inscription reads: "GOD COULD NOT HAVE MADE EARTHLY TIES / SO STRONG, TO BREAK THEM IN ETERNITY."

Mabel's sister, Helen Barker Martin, sent her sister a telegram after she received the news that Lincoln had died. She wrote: "News of Lincoln's death has shocked me terribly. There is no way I can get to you or I would come. Sister, take courage for Leroy's sake and be brave, as I feel so utterly miserable. But I love you and pray for God's guidance in this hour of trial. HELEN."

Mabel lived the rest of her life at her home in Lawton. She was a wonderful cook and made delicious baked goods. She was the only grandparent that the children of Lincoln Leroy Davis ever knew. Mabel was seventy-eight years old when she died. She was buried beside her husband in Highland Cemetery.



**Above: Mabel Barker Davis, age 18 (Great-Grandaunt). She raised Lincoln Davis (Uncle). Left: Home of Mabel Barker at 615 Euclid, Lawton, Oklahoma. Lincoln Davis (Uncle) was raised in this home from the time he was eight years old. When he was twenty-three, he literally married the girl next door, Jo Ann Mann.**

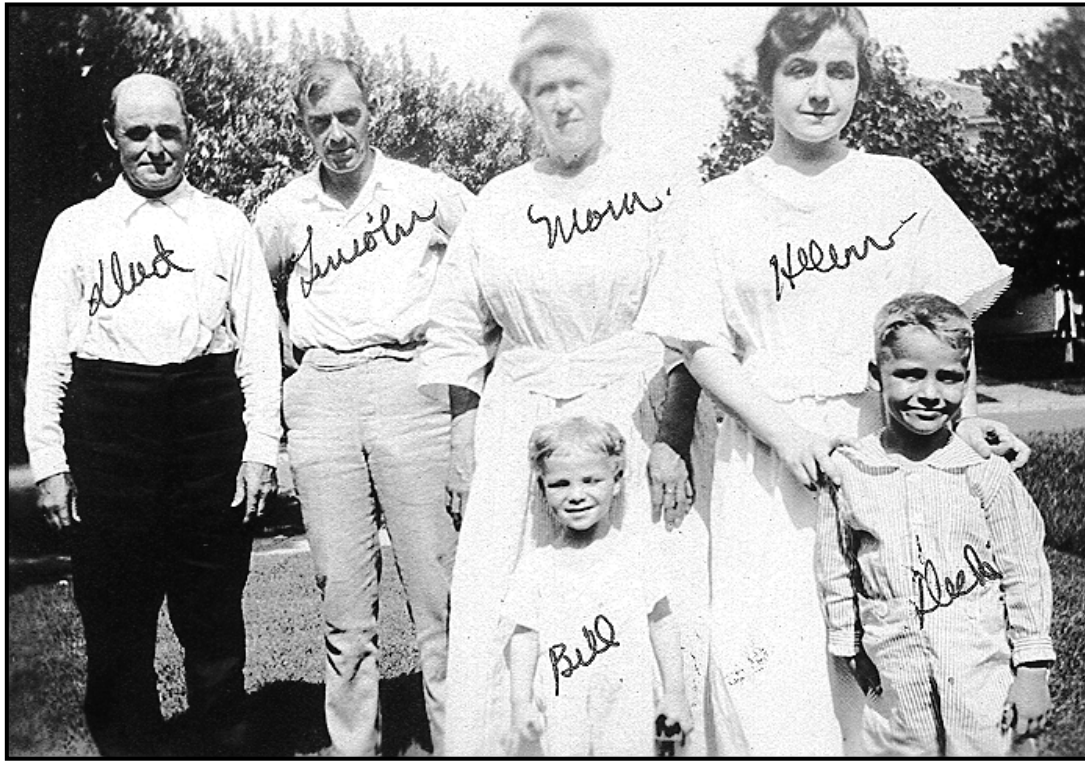
**Helen May Barker** (Great-Grandaunt; 1895-1980) died when she was eighty-five

years old. Her husband, William Obradley Martin, son of Richard D. Martin, lived one more year after Helen passed away. In 1981 my wife, Karen, and I visited William (who had gone blind) in Oklahoma. He enjoyed our visit and we talked late into the night. He and Helen had been married sixty-seven years when she died. William had diabetes and lived only six more months before he joined his earthly companion.

Helen and William had two sons: Richard Louis Martin and William D. Martin who

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both served as First Lieutenants in World War II. Richard married “Pinkie” Hamilton



Top left to right: Louis Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandfather), Lincoln Davis (husband of Mabel, Great-Grandaunt), Maud Fulk Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandmother), Helen Barker Martin (Great-Grandaunt), William Martin, and Richard Martin (Helen’s sons). Above: Monument of Lincoln (1882-1946) and Mabel Davis (Great-Grandaunt; 1892/1893-1972) in Highland Cemetery, Lawton, Oklahoma; Mabel wrote the epitaph. Her marker (right).



and had a son, Rick. William married Miss Gloria Read of Corner Brook, Newfoundland,

Canada, in 1943, but he died in an airplane crash at San Antonio, Texas in July 1945. William and Gloria had identical twin sons, Larry and Barry Martin, born in August

1973  
 May God Bless and keep you and yours.  
 Love Helen Martin - (His Aunt)

1944, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The boys never knew their father because he died just 11 months after they were born. Helen and William Martin raised the handsome boys.

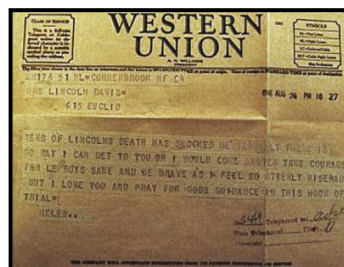
See **Carlos Lee Sharp, Great-Grandfather.**

**Additional Sources**

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Top: Conclusion to note written by Helen Barker (Great-Grand-aunt) to Frances Bowles in 1973. Above: Monument to Louis and Maud Fulk Baker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents) in Roselawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas. Left: William and Helen Baker Martin (Great-Grandaunt) in 1976. Below: Telegraph sent in 1946 from Helen to her sister Mabel after she learned that her husband, Lincoln Davis, had died. She wrote: "News of Lincoln's death has shocked me...Sister take courage for Leroy's sake and be brave as I feel so utterly miserable, but I love you and pray for God's guidance in this hour or trial.—Helen."



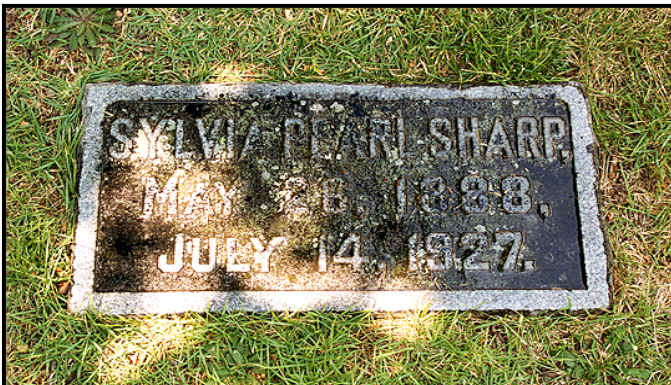
- 1850 Census of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, Union Township, page 592.

- 1860 Census of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, Perry Township, page 829, dated June 11, 1860.

- Barker Family Bible in possession of Bonnie Harris of Reseda, California.
- Personal Knowledge of Helen May Barker and William Obradley Martin.
- 1870 Census of Gallatin County, Illinois, White Oak Precinct, Dwelling 317.
- 1880 Census of White County, Illinois, Carmi Precinct, Dwelling 705.



Above: Denver, Colorado, in 1898. (Wikimedia.) Louis Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandfather) lived in Denver from 1897 until 1912. Left: Gravestones of Louis Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandfather; 1864-1929), Maud Alice Fulk Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandmother; 1862-1931), and Sylvia Pearl Barker Sharp (Great-Grandmother; 1888-1927) in Roselawn Cemetery in Little Rock.



- 1920 Census of Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma, Shawnee.
- Personal Knowledge of Marion Sharp, Senior.
- Family Records of Marcia Davis Herald, daughter of Lincoln Leroy Davis. Marcia married Eugene Francis Storey in October 1977. They had one son: Jeremiah "Jeremy" Adrian Davis, born June 6, 1979, in Houston, Texas. Marcia married James "Skip" Franklin Herald (born June 1, 1958, at Mullens, West Virginia) on July 9, 1988, in Richmond, Texas. They have one daughter: Sarah Ashley Herald, born Oc-

tober 24, 1989, in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

- Personal Knowledge of Jo Ann Walcott, wife of Lincoln Leroy Davis.

## Additional Barker History

Vital statistics for **Helen May Barker Martin** (Great-Grandaunt; 1895-1980) as listed in



Above: Helen May Barker Martin (Great-Grandaunt; 1895-1980) and her husband, William O. Martin (1895-1981). Below: Gravestones of Helen and William in Forest Park Cemetery in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Photographs from Larry W. Martin.

*Find a Grave*—“Name: Helen Martin; birth: 15 Feb 1895; death June 1980 in Hackett, Sebastian, Arkansas. Home in 1930: Paris, Logan, Arkansas; age 33. Relation to head of house: wife; mother’s name: Maude Alice; spouse’s name: W O. Race: white; household members by name and age: W O Martin 35, Helen Martin 33, Richard Martin 15, William Martin 12, Maude Alice Barker 67” (Maude, mother of Helen Barker Martin, who died the next year).



William Martin, husband of Helen Barker, in the 1910 Census: “Age in 1910: 14; estimated birth year: about 1896 [born November 16, 1895]; birth-place Kentucky; father’s name: R O Martin; father’s birth place: Kentucky; home in 1910: Calument, Canadian, Oklahoma; marital status: single; race: white; gender: male; household members by name and age: R. O. Martin, 39; Jennie Martin, 38; William Martin, 14; Ethel Martin, 14; Flora Martin, 9; R. D. Martin, 8; Florence Martin, 4; R. T. Martin, 2; and R. J. Martin, 10 months.”



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Helen Barker Martin and William Martin were buried in Forest Park Cemetery in Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas. This is a large cemetery, with over 12,000 burials.

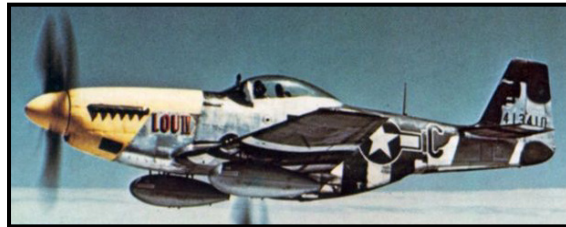


The service record of William D. Martin (1915-1945), son of Helen and William Martin: “Birth year: 1915; race: white; nativity state: Arkansas, state and county of residence: Sebastian, Arkansas; enlistment date: October 30, 1942; enlistment city and state: Little Rock, Arkansas; branch Air Corps; grade: private. Term of enlistment: Enlistment for the duration



**Above: Lieutenant William D. Martin (1916-1945; son of Helen May Barker Martin, Great-Grandaunt), decorated, combat, Mustang fighter pilot in World War II. He is buried beside his parents in Forest Park Cemetery in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Below left: Parents of William O. Martin: Richard D. Martin (1870-1943) and Jennie Martin (1872-1951). Photographs from Larry W. Martin. Below right: Fighter plane (P-51 Mustang) that Lt. William D. Martin flew in Europe during World War II.**

of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law. Education: Grammar school; civil occupation: clerk in



general office; marital status: married; height 68 inches; weight 133.”

The *Gettysburg Times* published an account of William Martin’s death on July 18, 1945: “Decorated veteran of combat duty as a Mustang pilot died in an airplane crash in Texas. Had received the Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross on the basis of his European service. Father of twin sons, Larry and Barry, who were born in August 1944 at the Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.”

In the early days of my Barker research, I checked different genealogical publications in the Houston Clayton Library. As the years went by and the Internet became the



**Above: El Dorado, Illinois, which is located about six miles southwest of Zion Church and Cemetery in Elba, Gallatin County, Illinois. Right: Country church, located within a few miles of Zion Cemetery. Below: Monument of Emma (Emmer) Barker Lewis (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grand-aunt; 1858-1927) and her husband, William Lewis (1851-1893), in Zion Cemetery (right).**



major source for new family history information, I would periodically check to see if anything new could be found. This Barker history is the smallest of the thirty family histories that I have written, and today (June 19, 2014) I did another check. Much to my surprise I found the burial site of two of my second great-grandmothers, and the wife and son of a second great-granduncle. A did some deductive reasoning and after finding one relative I checked the entire cemetery for others and found the other two. Even now as I type this it seems unreal because I have found so little on this line for such a long time.

**Barker Family in Zion’s Cemetery, Elba, Gallatin County, Illinois**



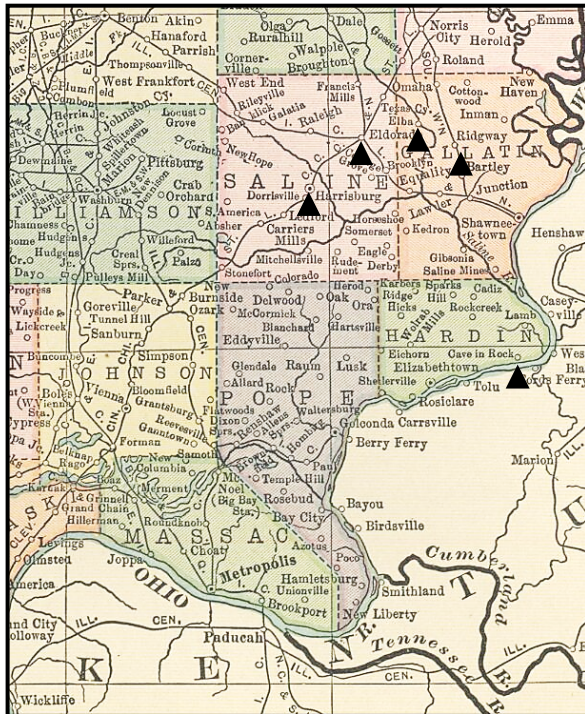
Zion Cemetery in Elba, Illinois, is located four miles northwest of Ridgeway, Illinois, on the north fork of the Saline River. (Elba is an unincorporated community in North Fork Township of Gallatin County, Illinois.) The cemetery is situated at the corner of Dickey Ford Road and Zion Cemetery

Road. El Dorado, Illinois, is located about six miles further southwest of the cemetery. Many members of the Barker family resided within a few miles of Elba in the middle to late 1800s.

“**Elba:** The Gallatin County town of Elba, located in the fork of White Oak and North Fork Creeks, came into its existence when a post office was established in William

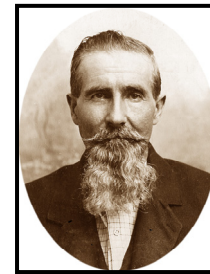
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Matherly's store March 12, 1866. The post office was on the site of Christmasville post office which had opened April 25, 1856, and closed October 16, 1861.”



Above: Downtown Elba, Illinois (William Matherly's store is on left; his portrait is below). Left: 1914 map of southeast Illinois. Left to right: Harrisburg, Eldorado, Elba, Ridgeway and Cave in Rock, Illinois. Many members of the Barker family are buried in Zion Cemetery in Elba, and Lewis Barker (possible 5<sup>th</sup> Great-Grandfather), founded Cave-in-Rock and operated a ferry here on the Ohio River in 1814. (The ferry is still operational.)

“The new village was laid out into 15 lots, and in April 1866, the inhabitants of Elba petitioned for a new school. By 1870, Doctors James C. Latham and William G. Hopkins were practicing medicine in the town, J. H. Waynick, Joseph Karnes, and William Matherly were the



merchants, Dan Files and John Gooch had blacksmith shops, William S. Elder operated a grist mill, and William Matherly was the postmaster. According to the 1880 census, a sawmill was in operation and Dr. William Scott had replaces Drs. Latham and Hopkins as the town physician.”

“Elba continued to grow until in addition to the above-mentioned business establishments it had a drugstore, eight saloons, two inns and at least thirty homes. The stage-coach made daily stops and in 1870 the population was 125. Due to the large number of saloons much drunkenness was experienced in the town.”

“There was a covered bridge over the creek in the north part of town that was said to be haunted. Some told of seeing a white ghost on the bridge at night and this so alarmed the citizens that business in the town began to suffer. Something had to be done, and four men, armed to the teeth, agreed to investigate. After dark, they stationed themselves at vantage points near the bridge. Sure enough, a white figure appeared and the rattling of a chain



**Above and left: North Fork Covered Bridge in Elba, Illinois (no longer standing). Below: School in Elba “probably during the late 1800s.” Elba was once a thriving village and most people knew each other, but by the early 1900s people were moving away. “The great flood of 1937 finished Elba for good.”**



was heard. The four men fired into the object, then ran for their lives. The next morning, Betty Allison’s white cow with a chain around her neck lay dead on the bridge. The cow had sought protection from the rain and cold wind.”

“The post office closed temporarily for a few months in 1879 but didn’t close permanently until August 15, 1907. However, the village had begun to decline several years before this. The last merchant there was W. P. Brown. The remaining blacksmiths, John and Riley Belt left in 1923. The great flood of 1937 finished Elba for good. Waves from the backwater had battered the wooden structures into debris that floated down the stream. The few brick buildings were ruined. Today, not much remains to remind one of the once-thriving village of Elba.” (*History and Families of Gallatin County, Illinois*, Volume 1, page 11, published 1988; Elba article by James F. Ralph.)

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**Emma or Emmer Barker Lewis** (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt; born 1858 in Posey County, Indiana; died 1927 in Gallatin County, Illinois) married William Henry Lewis (born

A DREAM AND A WISH.  
 Last night I dreamed of long ago  
 When you and I were boys.  
 Attending school at Elba  
 In dear old Illinois  
 And when I woke, I wished that we  
 Could spend an hour or so,  
 On ground where once we played  
 Some sixty years ago.

But no familiar face we'd see  
 If we were there today;  
 The scenes have changed and we also,  
 Since we were there to play;

Yes I'd rejoice to meet you there,  
 And I would gladly go,  
 To play once more with bat and ball  
 Where we played so long ago.

Alas we boys are scattered now  
 And some have passed away.  
 They're in their last long sleep  
 Awaiting judgement day.  
 I wish that all could meet us now,  
 And line up in a row  
 Where we lined up in spelling class,  
 Some sixty years ago.

Our teachers too have crossed the bar,  
 And could not meet us there.  
 But surely they will gain a crown,  
 Which all the ransomed wear;  
 They were a friend to every one  
 They loved us all I know;  
 They were so patient good and kind,  
 Some sixty years ago.

The years are passing now,  
 At least they seem to be.  
 The reaper soon will call us all,  
 Including you and me,  
 I wish we boys could meet again,  
 Before one more must go,  
 And play again the boyhood games  
 We played so long ago.

Walter.



Above: Elba, Illinois, school between 1910 and 1915. Left: Walter Williams lived in Elba and went to school there from 1884 to 1894. In March 1952 he typed out a list of his school-mates (totaling 162) and among these were the following: Clara Barker, Ethel Barker, Robert Barker, Arminda Harrison (later taught school in Elba), David Harrison, Emma Harrison, Eva Harrison, Jack Harrison, Atha Lewis, Doc Lewis, Edgar Lewis, Effie Lewis (deceased as of March 1952), Esther Lewis, Eva Lewis, Sylvia Lewis, Abner Trousdale, Arthur Trousdale, Beula Trousdale, Felix Trousdale, George Trousdale, Kassie Trousdale, Lucy Trousdale, and Mattie Trousdale. They are probably the children of William H. Barker and/or John Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Granduncles), Anna Barker Harrison (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grand-aunt), Lucy Barker Lewis and Emma Barker Lewis (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunts), and nieces and nephews of Elizabeth Trousdale (wife of William H. Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Granduncle). Twenty of his classmates later married and among these were Delbert Smith and Effie Lewis. "He wrote this poem to his brother in 1952 recalling his Elba days."

February 12, 1851; died March 15, 1893, in Gallatin County, Illinois; son of Joseph P. Lewis, born 1818 in North Carolina; buried in Crawford Cemetery in Ridgeway, Illinois, and Frances A. Johnson, born 1824 in Tennessee) about 1880, probably in Gallatin County, Illinois. They probably lived most of their married lives in Gallatin County. William was only 42 years old when he died on March 15, 1893, and was buried in Zion Cemetery in Elba, Gallatin County, Illinois. Emma is shown as Emmer (born July 12, 1858; died November 2, 1927) on her monument with William Lewis. Emmer is an unusual name for a woman, so I don't know if that was a nickname or if that was her real

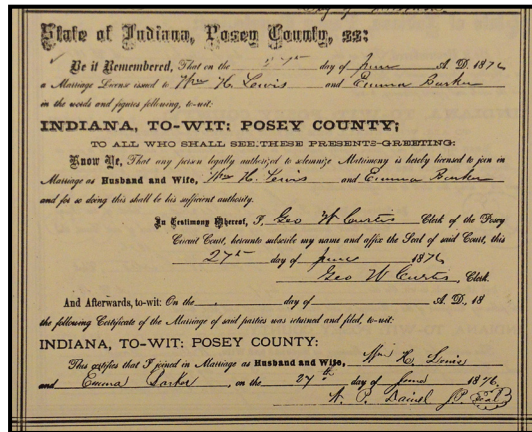
name. In three different censuses, including her marriage certificate, she is recorded as Emma, but the Lewis-Barker family Bible records her name as Emmer.

Emma Barker and William Lewis had 6 children: David M. Lewis (born in Gallatin County, Illinois; died in Saline County, Illinois), Nellie Lewis (1880-1881), Eva Lewis



(1882-1925), Edgar Lewis (1884-1950), Ester Lewis (1888-1928), and Sylvia Lewis (born 1891 in Illinois; died 197- in Harrisburg, Saline, Illinois; married George Fowler).

Emma/Emmer wrote in her family Bible: “What God hath Joined Together Let Not Man put Asunder. This Certifies that the Rite of Holy Matrimony was Celebrated between W. H. LEWIS of Gallatin Co. Ills



Top left: Mt. Vernon, Indiana, in Posey County, which is located on the Ohio River (above left) in the far southwest corner of the state (bordering Gallatin County, Illinois). Top right: Courthouse in Mt. Vernon (2014), built in 1876, where Emma/Emmer Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) and William H. Lewis were married on June 27, 1876 (marriage certificate, above). The following tragedy took place a year before Emmer’s marriage in Mt. Vernon and illustrates that people had serious problems even in the 1800s. “A BLOODY DEED...AXE MURDERED...1875. Blood curdling affairs may be hard to think of; but they occurred far more often than I would have imagined in our town’s [Mt. Vernon, Indiana] history. The 19th century was full of them, seemingly monthly. This story is about a husband and wife that had a problem of male jealousy. The wife, a very attractive lady by all indications, and a faithful wife by witnesses, was killed by her ex-husband. In the marriage they quarreled frequently and finally the wife was compelled to seek a divorce. There was a revival going on at a Baptist church in town. The ex-husband with his former wife in attendance pretended that he was converted, went to the mourner's bench and publicly declared his intention of reforming himself to become a better man. At the same time he had murder in his heart. After the service, the lady, Minerva, started home in the company of another man. Her ex followed her, and when they were a few steps away from the church, called to his former wife that he would like a few minutes conversation with her. She assented, walked up to where he was standing, near a tree, when, without saying a word, he dealt a fatal blow to the head with an axe which he had hidden there earlier for that purpose.” (*History of Mt. Vernon, Indiana*, by Ray Kessler.)

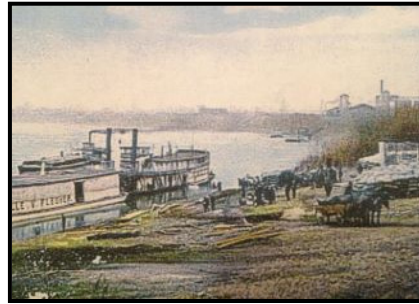
and Emmer BARKER of Posy Co Inda on June the 27<sup>th</sup> 1876 at Mount vernon Ind by W. P. DANIELS justis of pease Witness W. H. BARKER [and] Blany STEVNS.”

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“William H. LEWIS was married to Emmer BARKER at Mt. Vernon Ind. June 27, 1876.” (Their marriage was just six days after Emmer’s father death on June 21, 1876.)



Above: “Bird’s eye view of Mt. Vernon, Posey County, Indiana, in 1881.” Right: Two views of Mt. Vernon in 1905. Emma Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) wrote in her family Bible that she was “of Posey County, Indiana.” Below: Monument of Esther Lewis (daughter of Emmer Barker Lewis) in Zion Cemetery, Gallatin County, Illinois.



“He was a kind and affectionate Husband and a true christian father. His Delight was in the hapines of others Espeshely in his home where he was so mutch love and chereshed and in the Sunday Schol whitch was his Delight. He was Supertendant for 6 years and was not absent only on account of Siknes. When Death came, he was redy and rejoised to go. He was Saved and Sanktified Holy. Written by his Breeved wife Emmer Lewis.” (Original spelling has been retained.)



Bible family record: “William Henry LEWIS born February 12th A.D. 1851; Emmer BARKER LEWIS born July 12, 1858; ‘Infant son’ born Aug. 19, 1878; ‘Infant son’ born Aug. 25, 1879. Nellie LEWIS born Sept. 26, 1880; Eva LEWIS BORN April 27, 1882; Edgar LEWIS born April 20, 1884; David LEWIS born Sept. 26, 1886; Ester LEWIS born February 20, 1888; Silva LEWIS born September 1891.”

Bible record of Marriages: “David M. LEWIS and Rachel C. TROUSDALE was married March the 17th A.D. 1870. D. M. LEWIS and Lucy BARKER was married October the 25th 1874. W. H. LEWIS and Emmer BARKER was married June the 27th 1876. R. M. REAMS and Eva

LEWIS was united in holy wedlock December 28, 1898. Edgar LEWIS and Essie PARKS was united in holy wedlock December 20, 1905. David LEWIS and Goldie E. WODEN was united in holy wedlock December 20, 1905. David M. LEWIS & Rodie FAIRLESS were married 3/31/1909. Esther L. LEWIS and (blank) were married March 1, 1915.”

Bible record of Births: “Joseph P. LEWIS was Born on the 15th of March A.D. 1819. Francis A. LEWIS was Born on the 20th Day of April A. D. 1823. James White



**Top left: The Saline River, where it flows by the now extinct town of Elba, Gallatin County, Illinois. Above left: This modern bridge crosses the Saline River where the old, wooden cover bridge once stood in Elba. Top right: This is one of the few buildings remaining in Elba; 2014. Middle right: Old Schoolhouse Road in Elba. Above right: Zion Cemetery Road north of Elba. In 1880, Annie, Lucy, and Emmer Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunts) lived next to each other in Elba.**

LEWIS was Born February 4th A.D. 1827. David M. LEWIS was Born on the 3rd day of September A.D. 1845. Minerva Jane LEWIS was Born on the 9th day of November 1847. William Henry LEWIS was Born on the 12th Day of February A.D. 1851. Lucy BARKER was born October the 5-day 1852. Mary Elizabeth LEWIS was born on the first day of January A.D. 1854. Sarah Adaline LEWIS was Born on the 23rd day of January A.D. 1857. Alice LEWIS was born January 30<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1871. Rachel Caroline LEWIS was born (incomplete). Otha(?) Allen LEWIS was born on the 29th day of August A.D. 1875. Effie LEWIS was Born April the 9th, 1877. Emily LEWIS was born Sunday September the 28th 1879. Esther LEWIS was born Feb 20, 1888. Jewell Clyde REAMS Dec. 28, 1902. Edgar Frank REAMS Aug. 3, 1905. Winfield Wesley LEWIS Nov. 16, 1907. Dovie Lue LEWIS Dec. 9, 1907. (The date 1906 has been added). Helen

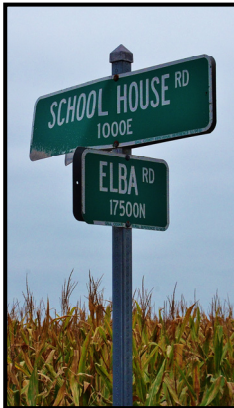
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Meera LEWIS May 7, 1908. Oval Austen LEWIS Jan. 8, 1910. William Evert LEWIS Dec. 11, 1910. John M. LEWIS Sept. 8, 1911. Donald Carl LEWIS Aug. 31, 1913. Irene



**Above left: School House Road in Elba, Illinois. Above: There appeared to be more horses living in Elba now than people in September 2014. Below: Monument of David M. Lewis (1886-1969) and his wife, Radie Fairless Lewis (1885-1977), in Zion Cemetery in Elba, Gallatin County, Illinois. David (called “D. M.” and “Doc”) was the father of David W. Lewis (1922-2010) of Harrisburg, Illinois.**

Velma LEWIS Dec. 28, 1916.  
Geneva LEWIS Feb. 7, 1919.  
David W. Lewis Feb. 15, 1922.  
Lucian LEWIS Dec. 22, 1924.”



Bible record of Deaths: “Adaline F. LEWIS departed this life January 29, 1857. Sarah Adaline LEWIS departed this life Septem-



ber 5th AD 1857. Joseph P. LEWIS departed this life Aug 10th 1871. Rachel Caroline LEWIS departed this life June 15th AD 1871. ‘Infant son,’ Died Aug. 21, 1878. ‘Infant Son,’ Died Aug. 25, 1879. Nellie LEWIS died March 16th, 1881. Mary E. SKEETON? SKELTON? departed this life July 2, AD 1883. David M. LEWIS departed this life November 25 AD 1885. W H LEWIS departed this life March 1893. Nervie LEWIS departed this life November 20, 1899. Samul STEAVENS Departed this life Feb. 28, 1906. Emmer LEWIS (BARKER) Nov. 2, 1927. Esther Virginia STY?? (LEWIS) Feb. 21, 1928. Eva REAMS (LEWIS) April 6, 1925. David M. LEWIS Aug. 23, 1969.”

The Lewis-Barker Bible was submitted by Marguerite E. Scott of Bogalusa, Louisiana, to *The Saga of Southern Illinois*. Marguerite E. Scott (June 14, 1931-September 2, 2013) was a great-granddaughter of Lucy Barker Lewis (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt). The original record was in possession of Lucian Lewis of Harrisburg, Illinois (deceased), a great-grandson of Emmer Barker Lewis (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt).

**Obituary of Marguerite E. Smith Scott:** “Marguerite E. Scott, a resident of Bogalusa, LA, age 82, born in Fort Benning, Georgia, on June 14, 1931, passed away on Monday,



**This page: Home and farm of David M. Lewis (son of Emmer Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt, and her husband, William Lewis) located south of Harrisburg, Illinois, on Lewis Lane. David had five sons (Winfield, Donald, John, Oval, David, and Lucian Lewis) and two daughters (Irene Lewis Rumsey and Geneva Lewis McDonald). Some of his descendants live on Lewis Road today (2014).**

September 2, 2013, at Rest Haven Living Center in Bogalusa, LA. (She was a member of the Eastern Star.)”

“She is survived by a son, Earl ‘Butch’ Scott; a daughter, Melinda Diane Ritchie Adams; a brother, Joel F. Smith; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.”

“She is preceded in death by her husband, Earl Lloyd Scott, Sr.; a sister, Jenny Smith Baggett; and a brother, Walker B. ‘Buddy’ Smith, Jr.”

Marguerite was buried in Hillview Memorial Gardens in Bogalusa, Louisiana.



**Obituary of David W. Lewis** (brother of Lucian Lewis, who owned the Lewis-Barker family Bible, son of David M. Lewis, and grandson of Emmer Barker Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt): “EVANSVILLE, INDIANA: David W. Lewis, 88 of Harrisburg, went home

to be with the Lord at 7:20 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2010, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.”



**Left: David W. Lewis (1922-2010; grandson of Emmer Barker Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt). Above: David loved to work on his farm of a few hundred acres located south of Harrisburg, Illinois. Below: Farmland near Zion Cemetery in Elba, Illinois; 2014.**

“David was born Feb. 15, 1922, in Gallatin County [Illinois] to the late D. M. and Radie (Fairless) Lewis. He married Oma Lee McClerren on July 30, 1950. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary later this month.”

“He accepted the Lord as his Savior at age 12. He began farming when he was 18 and

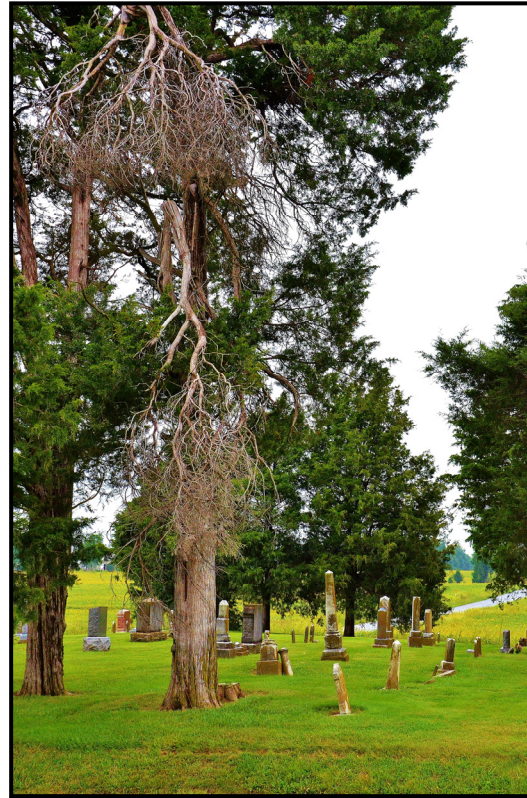


farmed for 70 years. His first farm was at Glen O. Jones Lake before it was converted into a lake. He and his family moved to Harrisburg in 1946 and continued to farm.”

“The love of his life was his God, his family and farming. He farmed with his brother, Lucian, for many years with his wife beside him in the family operation. In addition to farming, they operated a business in spreading limestone for many area farmers.”

“He is survived by his wife Oma Lee Lewis; children, Robert and Becky Claborn in

Enid, Oklahoma, Greg and Janet Lewis, Steve and Christy Lewis, Ted and Cindy Boulds, all of Harrisburg; and 11 grandchildren, Preston and Baret Claborn, Matthew and Brett



**Left: Monument of William Barker (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandfather; 1811-1876) and his wife, Elizabeth Onyett Barker (1820-1896), in Zion Cemetery, Elba, Gallatin County, Illinois (above), in September 2014. Top left: Barker plot in Zion Cemetery. This is the most important, known Barker burial ground in America. Buried here are William Barker (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandfather), Elizabeth Onyett Barker (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandmother), Annie Barker (no gravestone) and her husband, Alfred Harrison (military gravestone); Elizabeth Trousdale Barker, wife of William H. Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Granduncle), and their son, Walter E. Barker; Emmer Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, William Lewis; and Goldie Lewis, wife of David Lewis, the son of Emmer Barker Lewis (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt). Buried in the new section across the street are: Esther and David M. Lewis (children of Emmer Barker Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt), Atha Lewis (son of Lucy Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt), and Essie Lewis, wife of Edgar Lewis (son of Emmer Barker Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt).**

Lewis, Michelle, Dianne, and Daniel Lewis, Brad and Cassidy Russell, Austin and Jacob Lewis and Ryan and Courtney Boulds.”

“He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Debbie; his brothers, Winfield, Donald, John, Oval and Lucian Lewis; and his sisters, Irene Rumsey and Geneva McDonald.”

“He was a member of Equality Christian Center Church in Equality...Burial will be in Lindale Cemetery at Eldorado [Illinois].”



Above: Double monument of William Barker (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandfather) and his wife, Elizabeth Onyett Barker (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandmother), in Zion Cemetery, Elba, Gallatin County, Illinois. The inscription reads: “WILLIAM / BARKER / BORN MAR. 21, 1811 / DIED JUNE 21, 1876 / AGED 65 YR. 3 MO.” I had gone to Zion Cemetery on September 11, 2014 to see the gravestones of my Barker great-granduncles and grandaunts and was happily surprised to find the monument of my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandparents. The monument was not listed on the website, *Find-a-Grave*, so even though I thought they were buried in Zion Cemetery, I didn’t think they had a gravestone. Once I saw their monument I knew that I was meant to be on this genealogical trip. At this point in my research William’s parents are unknown, although there are some interesting possibilities.

**Anna Eliza Barker Harrison** (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt; born March 31, 1847, in Posey County, Indiana; died November 21, 1923, in Fairfield, Wayne County, Illinois) married Alfred Harrison (born 1844 in Indiana; died January 19, 1891, in Gallatin County, Illinois) on February 15, 1866, Posey County, Indiana. Alfred served in Company A, 91<sup>st</sup> Indiana Infantry, during the Civil War. Both are buried in Zion’s Cemetery in Elba, Illinois. (There is no gravestone for Anna, but there is a military marker for Alfred Harrison.)

Anna and Alford/Alfred had 10 children: Parthenia Harrison (1867-1946), Nancy Harrison (born 1868/1869 in Illinois), Emily Elizabeth Harrison (born August 11, 1871, in Illinois; died December



Above: Gravestone of Elizabeth Onyett Barker (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandmother), wife of William Barker (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandfather) in Zion Cemetery. The inscription reads: “ELIZABETH / WIFE OF / W. BARKER / BORN JAN. 1, 1820 / DIED JAN 19, 1896 / AGED 76 YR. 18 D.” Unlike her husband, her ancestry is well-recorded. Top left: Monument of Elizabeth and William Barker; 2014. Left: Military gravestone of Alfred Harrison, who served in Company A, 91<sup>st</sup> Indiana Infantry, during the Civil War.

19, 1939, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri),

John Harrison (born 1873 in Illinois), Aminda Harrison (born 1875 in Illinois; died in March 1940 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois), David Henry Harrison (1879-1957), Eva K. Harrison (born 1882 in Illinois), Alfred Louis Harrison (1885-1953), Mary Ann “Molly” Harrison (1888-1964), and Benjamin Franklin Harrison (born March 22, 1891, in Ridgeway, Illinois; died December 17, 1959, in Ventura County, California; married Roxie Beatrice Duncan, 1898-1959).

In 1880 Anna Barker Harrison lived next door to her sisters: Lucy Barker Lewis and Emma Barker Lewis in White Oak, Gallatin County, Illinois.

**Lucy Barker** (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt; born October 5, 1853, in Posey County, Indiana; died December 13, 1939, in Ridgeway, Gallatin County, Illinois; buried in North Fork, Gallatin County, Illinois) married David M. Lewis (born 1845/1846 in Illinois) and had 4 children: Alice Lewis (born January 30, 1871, in Illinois), Otha Lewis (born August 29, 1875, in Illinois),

Effie Lewis (born April 9, 1877, in Illinois) and Emily Lewis (born September 28, 1879, in Gallatin County, Illinois). Lucy married second, Joseph N. Buell (born March 1848 in Kentucky).



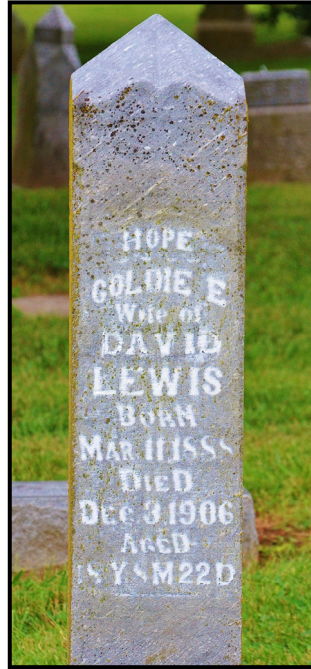
Above: Military monument of Alfred Harrison (husband of Annie Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grand-aunt), who served in Company A, 91<sup>st</sup> Indiana Infantry, during the Civil War. Left: Monument of Elizabeth Trousdale Barker, first wife of William H. Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Granduncle). The inscription reads: “ELIZABETH / WIFE OF / W. H. BARKER / BORN / JAN. 10, 1856 / DIED / APR. 8, 1898.” Both are buried in Zion Cemetery in Elba, Illinois.

**William H. Barker** (2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Granduncle; born September 1856; may have died on March 19, 1935, in Tulare, California; resided in Fresno, California in 1930, where he lived with his son, Herbert H. Barker, born 1882 in Illinois, and Herbert’s wife, Clara H. Barker, born 1892 in Nebraska) married Elizabeth Trousdale in 1877/1878, possibly in Gallatin County, Illinois. Elizabeth was born on January 10, 1856, and died on April 8, 1898. She was buried in Zion Cemetery in Elba, Illinois. Their first-born child, Walter E. Barker (1879-1881), died as an infant in 1881, and was buried next to his mother.

The *Greenhorn Bend News* in Gallatin County, Illinois, reported in 1877: “Her name was Miss Elizabeth Trousdale, and her heart beats true to loves responsive call and that’s why her name is now **Mrs. William H. Barker**. It happened last week.”

William and Elizabeth had five children, all probably born in Gallatin County, Illinois: Herbert Barker (born September 1881), Clara Barker (born August 1885), Ethel Barker (born September 1887), Addie Barker (born November 1889), and Irl Barker (a boy; born May 1893).

William married as his second wife, Mamie (born May 1880; 24 years younger than William), in 1899, and they are shown as having a daughter, Lorene Barker (born Decem-



ber 1899) in the 1900 Census of Gallatin County [North Fork], Illinois.

The 1880 Census of Gallatin County, Illinois, shows that William's mother, **Elizabeth Onyett Barker** (widow; 3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandmother), and his youngest brother, "**Lewis**" **S. Barker** (age 16; 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandfather), were living with him.

On September 11, 2014, I discovered that **William Barker** (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandfather) was buried with his wife, **Elizabeth Onyett Barker** (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandmother), in Zion Cemetery. *Find-a-Grave* had not listed them among the burials in the cemetery, so it came



Above: Gravestones of Walter E. Barker (1879-1881; son of William Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Granduncle), Goldie E. Wooden Lewis (1888-1906; wife of David Lewis, son of Emmer Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt), Essie Parks Lewis (1886-1914; wife of Edgar Lewis, son of Emmer Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt), and Atha Lewis (1876-1943; son of Lucy Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) in Zion Cemetery, Elba, Gallatin County, Illinois; 2014.

as a pleasant surprise when I happened upon their common monument. William lived in Perry, Vanderburgh County, Indiana, in 1860, but had moved to Carmi, White County, Illinois, in 1870. Carmi is not far from Elba, so I had surmised that he was buried in Zion Cemetery, but probably in an unmarked grave. (Note: Elizabeth Onyett was recorded as blind in the 1870 Census of White County, Illinois.) When I walked onto the cemetery grounds I immediately found the monument for Emmer Barker and her husband, William Lewis. I then turned and noticed the name of Elizabeth Barker on another gravestone. I

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knew that the wife of William H. Barker, Elizabeth Trousdale Barker, was buried in Zion so I assumed it was her monument, but when I looked more closely the dates were too early. Then I realized that this was my 3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandmother's monument. I looked on

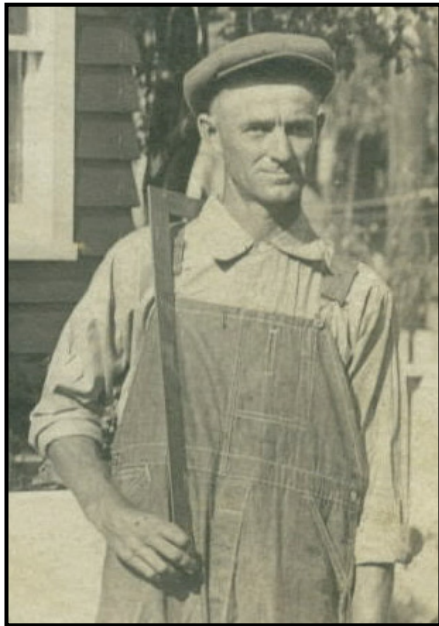


Above, front left: Edgar Lewis (1884-1950; son of Emmer Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) and his wife, Essie Parks Lewis (born 1886; back left). On right is Clyde Turner and Lena J. Turner (cousin of Essie Parks Lewis). Photograph circa 1905. Below: Edgar Lewis next to his home.

the opposite side and there was the name of William Barker, born in 1811 and died in 1876. At that moment I knew that the strong promptings that I had received earlier about taking this trip were inspired. That evening I met my cousin, Greg Lewis, at his home south of Harrisburg and talked to his sister, Becky Claborn, for the first time. They are children of David W. Lewis who was the son of David M. Lewis (son of Emmer Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grand-aunt).

I have come to expect special things to happen on my genealogical trips. By visiting the area where my ancestors lived, I get a feeling for the place, which goes beyond looking at a photograph or reading about it. I could go on, but the point I wish to make

is that I believe that all of this is meant to be.



**Edgar Lewis** (born April 20, 1884 in Illinois; died 1950 in Miami, Florida; son of William Lewis and Emmer Barker Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) married Essie Parks (born October 21, 1885, in Gallatin County, Illinois; daughter of George Washington Parks and Harriet Reynolds Parks) on December

20, 1905, in Harrisburg, Arkansas, and had three children: Dovie L. Lewis (born

December 1906 in Gallatin County, Illinois), Helen M. Lewis (born 1908 in Gallatin County, Illinois), and William E. Lewis (born 1910 in Gallatin County, Illinois). “Un-



Left, left to right: Dovie Lewis, Meda Parks, Helen Lewis, and Edith Parks. Dovie and Helen Lewis are daughters of Edgar Lewis (son of Emmer Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grand-aunt) and Essie Parks; Edith and Almeda Parks were sisters of Essie Parks. Above: William Lewis (born 1910), youngest child of Edgar Lewis. Below: Edgar’s signature on his World War I registration card, dated September 11, 1918.

fortunately, she did not live to see her children grown because she died in on February 1, 1914, in Ridgway, Gallatin County, Illinois, from Tuberculosis, just two months before her mother, Harriett, died from the same illness.” In 1910 the family was living in North Fork, Gallatin County, Illinois.

Edgar was living in Ridgway, Gallatin County, Illinois, at the time of his World War I registration on September 11, 1918. He stated he was working as a carpenter for Otto Palmer of Eldorado, Saline County, Illinois. His nearest relative was Dovie L. Lewis (his daughter) of Ridgway, Illinois, and given the choice of “short, medium or tall,” said he was physically “tall.”

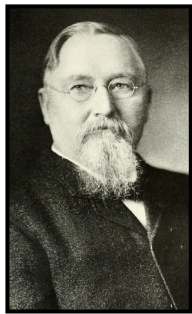


**Additional Information about the Family of Anna Eliza Barker Harrison, Second Great-Grand-aunt**

Alfred Harrison (son of Shadrack Harrison; died June 25, 1849, in Posey County,

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Indiana, and Martha Platt, born March 14, 1826, in Montgomery, Tennessee; died November 4, 1873, in Posey County, Indiana; they married October 6, 1842, in Posey



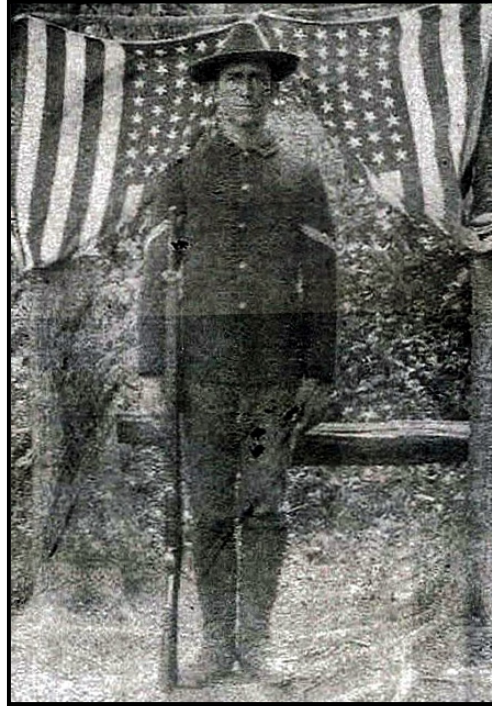
This page: Men who served in the 91<sup>st</sup> Indiana Infantry with Alfred Harrison (husband of Annie Elizabeth Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) during the Civil War. Top row, left to right: Private *Alexander Gartley* (1828-1912; Co. G), *William Williams* (1834-1870; Co. A), *Asmus Riecken* (1835-1919; Co. A), and *Frederick Theiring* (1839-1899; Co. B); second row: *William Greer* (1836-1923; Co. B), *William Schnee* (1843-1926; Co. A), *Morris Pote* (1844-1930; Co. A), and General *John Mehringer* (1826-1906; captain, major, and Lt. Colonel in 91<sup>st</sup>); third row: Private *James Martin Evans* (1825-1900; Co. E), *Zimri Garten* (1829-1919; Co. C.), *Jacob Wood* (1843-1914; Co. F), and Private *Richard Evans* (1834-1864); fourth row: *John Corbin* (1840-1911; Co. A), and *George Begle* (1842-1913; Co. E). Alfred Harrison served in Company A from 1861 to 1865 and was wounded in battle.

County, Indiana) husband of **Anna Eliza Barker** (also recorded as **Annie Elizabeth Barker**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt; 1847-1923), enrolled in the 91<sup>st</sup> Indian Infantry Regiment on August 10, 1862 and was mustered out on June 26, 1865. He was wounded in the face with a musket ball and given a pension of two dollars a month beginning in 1881. They were married on February 15, 1866, in Mt.

Vernon, Posey County, Indiana, and had ten children (listed earlier in this history). In 1866 Alfred Harrison was described as being of light complexion, with brown hair and blue eyes; he was five foot seven inches in height (probably the average height for that generation of men).

He and Annie moved from Mt. Vernon to Carmi, White County, Illinois by 1870 and continued to live there until sometime after 1880. After Alfred died in 1891 (part of her inheritance from Alfred was “one buggy, two cows one horse, two work horses, and one hog; total worth of \$57.00”) Annie lived in Ridgeway, Gallatin County, Illinois, and was there in the 1900 census and 1910 census. Apparently, she was buried next to her husband in Zion Cemetery in Gallatin County but has no monument.

**Ninety-first Indiana Infantry:** “Colonel John Mehringer; Lieut. Colonels John Mehringer and Charles H. Butterfield; Majors Charles H. Butterfield and James S. Carson. This regiment was organized at Evansville, Indiana, with but seven companies, in August 1862, and was formed into a battalion and mustered in October 1. It left the state on October 10, for Henderson, Kentucky, from where in detachments it was sent to Madisonville and Smithland for guard duty. The detachments reunited June 15, 1863, and moved in pursuit of Morgan’s forces, via Russellville, Bowling Green and Burkesville. Three companies, H, I and K, were sent on September 11, to complete the regimental organization and Lieut. Colonel Mehringer was made colonel. It then moved to Nashville, back to Russellville, thence to Camp Nelson, and finally to Cumberland Gap, where Company A had a sharp fight with a force of 1,200. On May 17 the regiment moved by way of Knoxville and Cleveland to Kingston, Georgia, where it joined Sherman’s army for the Atlanta campaign. It was assigned to 1st brigade, 2nd division, 23<sup>rd</sup> corps, was engaged near Pine Mountain, in the skirmishing about Kennesaw Mountain, and was actively engaged at New Hope Church. With its corps it effected a lodgment on the east bank of the Chattahoochee River July 7; was in a heavy skirmish at Decatur, fought at Peachtree Creek, before Atlanta on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and at Utoy Creek. On August 12 it was transferred from the 1st to the 3d brigade, and joined the movement to the right, aiding in the destruction of the railroad near Rough and Ready. It went into camp at Decatur September 8, and moved on October 4, in pursuit of Hood, proceeding as far as Gaylesville and Cedar bluffs, where its corps was detached and ordered to join General Thomas. Proceeding to Chattanooga, Nashville, Columbia and Centerville and back to Nashville, it took part in the Battles at Franklin November 30, and at Nashville in December. Marching to Clifton, it took steamer for Cincinnati, moved thence by rail for Washington City, and then by steamer to Wilmington, North



Above: Americus Hedden (1830-1920; Co. C), who served in the 91<sup>st</sup> Indiana Infantry with Alfred Harrison during the Civil War.

Carolina, its corps landing near the mouth of the Cape Fear River February 9, and capturing Wilmington. Marching to Goldsboro and Raleigh, it was in camp from April 14 to May 3, 1865, then moved to Salisbury and remained there until June 26, 1865, when it



was mustered out. Companies H, I and K and recruits were transferred to other regiments. The original strength of the 91<sup>st</sup> was 1,207; gain by recruits, 161; total, 1,368. Loss by death, 135; desertion, 82; unaccounted for, 155.”

**Parthenia Harrison** (1863 or 1867-1946; daughter of Annie Elizabeth Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Above: Gravestone of Parthenia Harris Miller (1863-1946; daughter of Annie Elizabeth Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Kennett, Dunklin County, Missouri. Right: Benjamin “Ben” Franklin Harris Sr. (1903-1982; son of Parthenia Harris Miller) and his gravestone in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

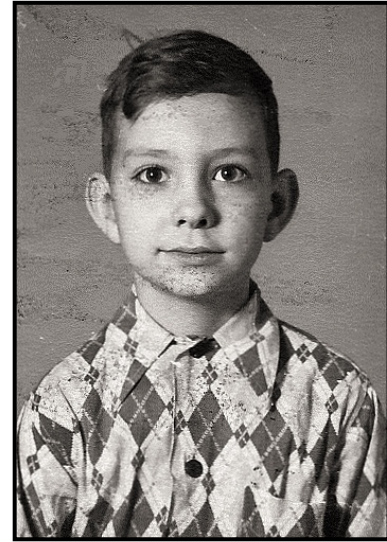


Great-Grandaunt) was born on June 19, 1867, in Indiana and died on November 16, 1946, in St. Louis, Missouri; buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery (section 16) in Kennett, Missouri (see gravestone). She married George E. Harris (born in May 1860 in Tennessee; died 1912 in Missouri; son of Thomas Mundigo Harris, born 1821, and Mary Jane Melvin, 1830-1913) on February 9, 1882, in White County, Illinois, and had 11 children: Mary Harris (born 1883), William Harris (born 1885), Lucy Harris (born 1886), Lula Harris (born 1887; died as an infant), Lillie P. Harris (born 1891), Orlando Burrel Harris (born 1895 or 1897; died after 1930), Lula D. Harris (born 1898), Minnie A. Harris (born 1898), Ethel Harris (1900-1988) married Herman

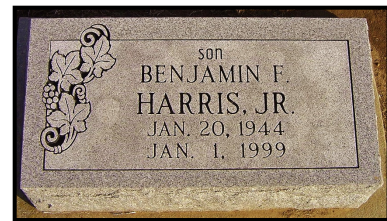


William Tiemann [born March 25, 1894, in Pinckneyville, Illinois; died April 16, 1971, in Wappapello, Wayne, Missouri] on August 4, 1921, in Waterloo, Monroe, Illinois), Benjamin Franklin Harris (born April 12, 1903, in Fairfield, Wayne, Illinois; died June 21, 1982, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri; buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Kennett, Missouri (see photograph and gravestone); married Ruby C. Scott [born February 2, 1905, in Hendricks, Indiana; died January 4, 1952, in Kennett, Dunklin, Missouri; see gravestone]

on December 5, 1933, in Kennett, Dunklin, Missouri; and had child: Benjamin Franklin Harris Jr., born January 20, 1944, in Kennett, Missouri; died January 1, 1999, in



Above: Gravestone of Ruby Scott Harris (1905-1953), wife of Benjamin Franklin Harris Sr. (son of Parthenia Harris Miller, daughter of Annie Elizabeth Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Kennett, Dunklin County, Missouri. Right: School photograph of Benjamin Franklin Harris Jr. (1944-1999; son of Ben Sr. and Ruby Scott Harris) at Kennett Elementary in Kennett, Missouri, and his gravestone in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Below: Monument of Dorothy Dean Faulk Harrison (1900-1950; second wife of Alfred Harrison, son of Annie Elizabeth Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt), in Woodlawn Cemetery in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.



Kennett, Missouri—see photograph and gravestone; Benjamin Sr. married second, Johnny Kathleen Cook [born May 9, 1912, in Indiana; died August 19, 1994, in Tulsa, Oklahoma] on January 29, 1954, in Missouri), and Theodore Ted “Teddie” Harris (1906-1931; married Louise Lavern Vernie Jones [born 1908 in Missouri; died 1935, probably in Kennett, Missouri; daughter of Joseph James Jim Jones, 1880-1920, and Susan A. Blakely, born 1875] on October 7, 1928, in Arkansas). Many years after George died, Parthenia married Joseph Marion Miller (born 1855) on November 19, 1938, in Rolla, Phelps, Missouri.

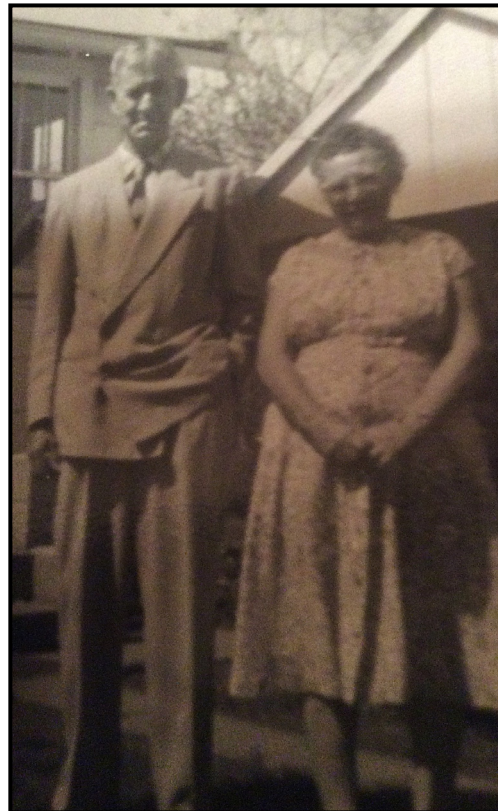
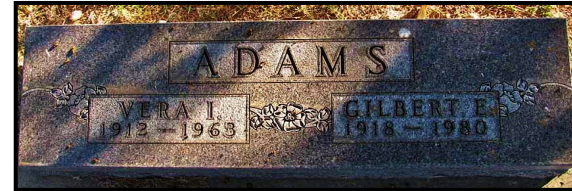
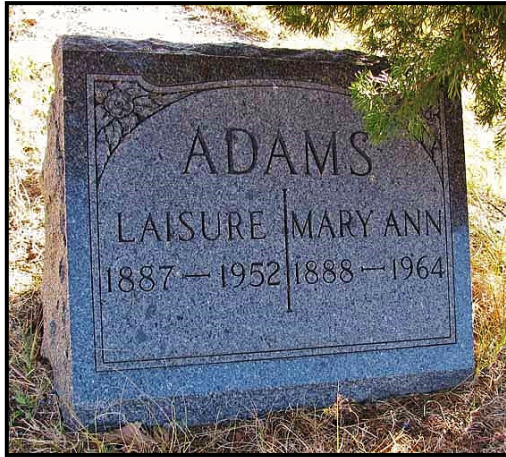
**David Henry Harrison** (1879-1957; son of Annie Elizabeth Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grand-aunt) was born December 28, 1879, in Ridgeway, Gallatin County, Illinois, and died December 18, 1957, in Festus, Jefferson, Missouri. He married Dora Batchell (born 1890) and had four children: three unknown, and Floria Harrison (born 1904).



**Alfred Louis Harrison** (1885-1953; son of Annie Elizabeth Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) was born October 26, 1885, in Ridgeway, Gallatin, Illinois, and died February 3, 1953, in Fairfield, Wayne, Illinois. He married first, Martha Eller Mathis (1889-1925), and had three children: Alfred Cecil Harrison (born January 23, 1911, in Eldorado, Saline, Illinois; died July 12, 1976, in Fairfield, Wayne, Illinois), Lorean Eva Harrison (born

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August 18, 1912, in Eldorado, Saline, Illinois; died May 3, 1992, in Flora Clay, Illinois), and Kenneth Harrison (born February 25, 1914, in Eldorado, Saline, Illinois; died June 4,



Top left: Monument of Mary Ann Harrison Adams (1888-1964; daughter of Annie Elizabeth Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandaunt) and her husband, Laisure Adams (1887-1952), in Scotty Philip Cemetery in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. Top right: Gravestone of Gilbert E. Adams (1918-1980), son of Mary Ann Harrison Adams, and his wife, Vera Lanyon Adams (1912-1963), in Scotty Philip Cemetery. Above and right: David M. Lewis (1886-1969; son of Emmer Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grand-aunt, and William Lewis) and his wife, Radie Fairless Lewis (1885-1977), next to their house near Harrisburg, Illinois. Photographs courtesy of Becky Lewis Claborn.

died July 4, 1937, in Cassville, Missouri, and Georgia Ann Surrentt, born December 3, 1870, in Flat Creek, Berry, Missouri, died September 19, 1957, in Monett, Barry, Missouri), in 1925 in Illinois and had two children: Gerald Allen Harrison (born November 11, 1926, in

Wayne City, Wayne, Illinois; died August 28, 2006, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri) and Leroy

Eugene Harrison (born October 16, 1929, in Cassville, Barry, Missouri; died February 17, 1982, in Farmington, St. Francois, Missouri).

**Mary Ann “Molly” Harrison** (1888-1964; daughter of Annie Elizabeth Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup>



Above David M. “DM” Lewis (1886-1969; son of Emmer Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grand-aunt, and William Lewis) and his wife, Radie Fairless Lewis (1885-1977), with six of their eight children (all now deceased), left to right: Irene Lewis Rumsey (1916-2005), Geneva Lewis McDonald (1919-2010), Donald Lewis (born 1913), Radie Fairless Lewis, Oval Lewis (1910-1987), David M. “DM” Lewis, David W. Lewis (1922-2010), and Lucian Lewis (1924-1987). Not pictured are Winfield Lewis (1906-1987) and John Lewis (born 1911). Photograph courtesy of Becky Lewis Claborn.

Great-Grand-aunt) was born October 25, 1888, in Fairfield, Wayne, Illinois, and died July 23, 1964, in Fort Pierre, Stanley County, South Dakota; buried in Scotty Philip Cemetery in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. She married Laisure Adams (born April 4, 1886, in Iowa; died June 2, 1952, in Stanley County, South Dakota) and had eight children: 6 unknown; Beulah A. Adams (born 1910), and Gilbert E. Adams (born April 12, 1918, in South Dakota; died March 12, 1980, in France; married Vera I. Lanyon [born February 12, 1912, in Illinois; died Sep-

tember 30, 1963; buried in Scotty Phillip Cemetery in Stanley County, South Dakota] on September 1, 1938, in Stanley County, South Dakota; buried in Scotty Phillip Cemetery; see gravestone).

**Irene Velma Lewis** (1916-2005; daughter of David M. Lewis, son of Emmer Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grand-aunt) was born December 28, 1916, in Equality, Gallatin, Illinois, and died April 4, 2005, in Herrin, Williamson, Illinois; buried in Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Harrisburg, Illinois. She married Richard Woodrow “Woody” Rumsey (born November 25, 1916, in Pope County, Illinois; died October 31, 2000, in Eldorado, Saline, Illinois; son of Seth Rumsey and Cora Whiteside) on December 24, 1946, in, probably, Illinois.

Her obituary was printed in the *Daily Register* on Tuesday, April 5, 2005: “Irene Rumsey, 88, of 1318 S. Roosevelt St., Harrisburg, died 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2005, at Herrin Hospital.”

“Services will be held 11 a. m. Thursday, April 7, 2005, at Reed Funeral Chapel with Dr. Blaine Welker officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Lawn Cemetery.”

“She was born Dec. 28, 1916, in Equality to the late David ‘Doc’ and Radie (Fairless) Lewis. On December 24, 1946, she married Richard ‘Woody’ Rumsey, who preceded her in death on Oct. 31, 2000.”

“She was a bookkeeper at Midland Development Company. She was a member of McKinley Avenue Baptist Church for more than 50 years, the Home Extension, the Pride of Arrow Rebekahs Lodge and the senior choir at McKinley Avenue Baptist Church.”

“She is survived by a daughter, Vinita (Steve) Riley of Harrisburg; two grandsons, Boston and Carson Riley of Harrisburg; a brother, David (wife: Oma Lee) Lewis of Harrisburg; a sister, Geneva McDonald of Mt. Polaski; and several nieces and nephews.”

“In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Lucian, Oval, Donald and Winfield Lewis.”

The obituary of her husband was printed in the *Daily Register* on Tuesday, October 31, 2000: “Richard W. ‘Woody’ Rumsey, 83, of 1318 S. Roosevelt St., Harrisburg, died 12:55 a.m. Tuesday, October 31, 2000, at Fountain View Nursing Home in Eldorado.”

“He was born November 25, 1916, in Pope County to the late Seth and Cora (White-side) Rumsey. He married Irene Lewis on December 24, 1946. She survives.”

“Visitation is 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2000, at Reed Funeral Home of Harrisburg. Graveside service is 11 a.m. Thursday, November 2, 2000, at Sunset Garden Cemetery in Harrisburg. The Rev. John Bailey will officiate.”

“Mr. Rumsey was retired from employment as a repairman with the Harrisburg Sewer Department and had also previously worked at Rumsey and Wilson Standard service station in Harrisburg. He was a five-year U.S. Army Veteran of World War II where he served as a Corporal with the 569th Signal Corps in Central Europe and Rhineland Theaters of Operation and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the American Legion George Hart Post #167 in Harrisburg. He enjoyed hunting and was also an avid sports fan of Harrisburg High School baseball, football, and basketball.”

“In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter Vinita (Steve) Riley of Harrisburg; two grandchildren Boston and Carson Riley of Harrisburg; and a sister, Fern Threlkeld of Jerseyville.”

“He was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters Vada Hise, Lela Watson, Bessie Crews, and Alena Robbs.”

## Possible Ancestry of William Barker, Third Great-Grandfather

**William Barker** (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandfather; 1811-1876) may be the son of a **William Barker** who resided in Hardin County (once part of Gallatin County), Illinois, and died there about 1835. He was the son of **Lewis Barker**, the founder of Cave in Rock, Hardin County, Illinois, which is located on the Ohio River. Lewis began a ferry on the Ohio River, which is still in operation to this day.

There is no absolute proof for this connection because the full will of William Barker (possible 4<sup>th</sup> Great-Grandfather; died about 1835) does not exist. This William was named in the will of his father, Lewis Barker (possible 5<sup>th</sup> Great-Grandfather; born about 1760; died 1829), and he is definitely the son of Lewis Barker, founder of Cave in Rock, and later a State Senator from Pope County, Illinois.

It is possible that Lewis Barker was the son of **George Barker Sr.** (possible 6<sup>th</sup> Great-Grandfather) who was born about 1730, lived in Rockbridge County, Virginia, and died about 1806 in Wilkes County, North Carolina. He married **Ann “Frankey” Kerr** (possible 6<sup>th</sup> Great-Grandmother) who was born about 1736 and lived in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

The circumstantial evidence is this: 1. William Barker (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandfather) is born at the appropriate time for William Barker (possible 4<sup>th</sup> Great-Grandfather) to be his father. 2. Their names. 3. Their places of residence. 4. William Barker (3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandfather) named his youngest son, Lewis Barker, which is an old tradition of naming a child after a grandparent. 5. Their economic levels are similar. 6. There are only a few men with the surname of Barker who lived in this part of the country in the early 1800s.

Nevertheless, people with even more circumstantial evidence than this are often not related, so this is only presented as a possibility, although an interesting one.

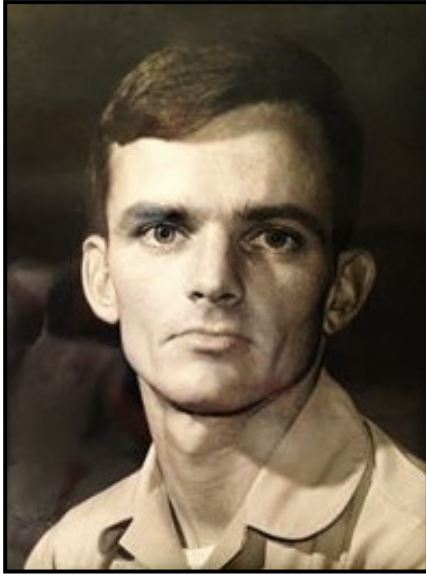
(On the Pedigree Chart is a photograph of the inscription on William Onyett’s [1766/1772-1836] grave slab in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was the father of Elizabeth Onyett Barker, 1822-1896, the wife of William Barker, 1811-1876. Also shown is a drawing of a riverboat, the kind that William Onyett captained down the Mississippi from Indiana, and a painting of New Orleans in the early 1800s. See *The Onyett Family* for more information.)



Above: Cave in Rock, which faces the Ohio River and from which the town founded by Lewis Barker (possible 5<sup>th</sup> Great-Grandfather), gets its name; 2014. The Lewis ferry is located only a couple of thousand feet away.

## Barry James Martin

**Barry James Martin** (1944-2000; son of William D. Martin, son of Helen May Barker, Great-Grandaunt; 1895-1980, and her husband, William O. Martin, 1895-1981) was born August 24, 1944, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and died April 27, 2000, in Sebastian County, Arkansas. He was the twin brother of Larry W. Martin. Barry married Helen M. (born August 20, 1948) on January 9, 1969, and they had two children: Tina Martin and Kenneth Martin.



Barry enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served as a staff sergeant in the Viet Nam War. He was buried

**Left: Barry James Martin (1944-2000; son of William D. Martin, son of Helen May Barker, Great-Grandaunt). He and his brother, Larry W. Martin, were raised by their grandparents after their father died in a plane crash. Lower left: The reverse side of Barry's monument in Mount Olive Cemetery in Midland, Arkansas. Below: Lula "Jean" Mills Martin (1946-2010), wife of Larry W. Martin. Photographs from Larry W. Martin.**

In Loving Memory Of Barry  
 God saw he was getting tired,  
 and a cure was not to be.  
 He put his arms around him,  
 and whispered, "Come with Me."  
 With tearful eyes we watched  
 Him suffer, and saw him fade away.  
 Although we loved him dearly,  
 we could not make him stay.  
 A golden heart stopped beating,  
 small frail hands at rest,  
 God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
 He only takes the best.

in Mount Olive Cemetery in Midland, Sebastian County, Arkansas. His wife put an epitaph on the front of his gravestone that reads:

"Great Love Lives On."

## Larry W. Martin

**Larry W. Martin** (son of William D. Martin, son of Helen May Barker, Great-Grandaunt) was born August 24, 1944, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and raised by his grandparents, Helen May Barker (1895-1980) and William O. Martin (1895-1981), after his father died in a plane crash in 1945. He married Lula "Jean" Mills (born August 27, 1946, of Sebastian County, Arkansas; died January 18, 2010; buried in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas). Larry wrote that she was "the love of my life."




(I discovered these photographs and information about Barry Martin and Jean Mills Martin on Find a Grave on July 28, 2020.)


# Barker Pedigree Chart and Family Group Sheets

## Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1




**2 William BARKER (3GG)**  
 B: 21 Mar 1811  
 P: North Carolina  
 M: 29 Oct 1839  
 P: Vanderburgh County, Indiana  
 D: 21 Jun 1876  
 P: Gallatin County, Illinois




**1 Louis Sexton BARKER (2GG)**  
 B: 24 Jan 1864  
 P: Indiana  
 M: 12 Jan 1887  
 P: Ridgeway, Gallatin, Illinois  
 D: 13 Dec 1929  
 P: Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas

**Maude Alice FULK (2GG)**  
 (Spouse of no. 1)




**3 Elizabeth ONYETT (3GG)**  
 B: 1 Jan 1820  
 P: Chatteris, Cambridge, England  
 D: 19 Jan 1896  
 P: Harrisburg, Saline, Illinois




**6 William ONYETT (4GG)**  
 B: 1766/1767 or 1769/1772  
 P: of Chatteris, Cambridge, England  
 M: 13 Sep 1797  
 P: Screddington, Lincolnshire, England  
 D: 7 Nov 1836  
 P: New Orleans, Louisiana


**7 Sarah PEACOCK (4GG)**  
 B: Abt 1772  
 P: prob Screddington, Linc., England  
 D: 1828  
 P:




**12 William ONYETT (5GG)**  
 B: Abt 1743  
 P: Kings Cliffe, Northampton, England  
 M: 17 Jan 1765  
 P: Warboys, Huntingdon, England  
 D: 1783  
 P:



**13 Ann ALLPRESS (5GG)**  
 B: 1739  
 P: Hartford, Huntingdon, England  
 D:  
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# Louis Sexton Barker

## Second Great-Grandfather

Family Group Record					Page 1 of 1
<b>Husband Louis Sexton BARKER (2GG)</b>					
Born	24 Jan 1864	Place Indiana	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Died	13 Dec 1929	Place Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas	Baptized	18 Dec 1984	DALLA
Buried	15 Dec 1929	Place Roselawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas	Endowed	19 Dec 1984	DALLA
Married	12 Jan 1887	Place Ridgeway, Gallatin, Illinois	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
Husband's father	William BARKER (3GG)		SealSp	29 Mar 1984	LOGAN
Husband's mother	Elizabeth ONYETT (3GG)				
<b>Wife Maude Alice FULK (2GG)</b>					
Born	13 Jun 1862	Place Ridgeway, Gallatin, Illinois	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Died	3 Sep 1931	Place El Reno, Canadian, Oklahoma	Baptized	29 Jan 1982	LOGAN
Buried	5 Sep 1931	Place Roselawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas	Endowed	26 Mar 1982	LOGAN
Wife's father	Ira P. FULK (3GG)		SealPar	26 Mar 1982	LOGAN
Wife's mother	Elizabeth Jane ABBOTT (3GG)				
<b>Children List each child in order of birth</b>					
<b>1 F Sylvia Pearl BARKER (GG)</b>					
Born	26 May 1888	Place Ridgeway, Gallatin, Illinois	Baptized	4 Jun 1980	SLAKE
Died	14 Jul 1927	Place Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas	Endowed	20 Jun 1980	SLAKE
Buried	16 Jul 1927	Place Roselawn Memorial Park Cem., Little Rock, Arkansas	SealPar	11 Dec 1981	LOGAN
Spouse	Carlos Lee SHARP (GG)				
Married	27 Feb 1904	Place Denver, Denver, Colorado	SealSp	24 Sep 1981	LANGE
<b>2 F Mabel Blanche BARKER</b>					
Born	26 Jul 1893	Place Ridgeway, Gallatin County, Illinois	Baptized	4 Jun 1980	SLAKE
Died	1 Jan 1972	Place prob. Lawton, Commanche, Oklahoma	Endowed	20 Jun 1980	SLAKE
Buried	Jan 1972	Place 18th St. in Highland Cem., Lawton, Oklahoma	SealPar	11 Dec 1981	LOGAN
Spouse	Lincoln DAVIS				
Married	15 Jan 1910	Place Denver, Denver County, Colorado	SealSp	28 Aug 1986	DALLA
<b>3 F Helen May BARKER</b>					
Born	15 Feb 1895	Place Eldorado, Saline County, Illinois	Baptized	29 Jan 1982	LOGAN
Died	15 Jun 1980	Place prob. Hackett, Sebastian, Arkansas	Endowed	26 Mar 1982	LOGAN
Spouse	William Obradley MARTIN				
Married	24 Feb 1913	Place El Reno, Canadian County, Oklahoma	SealSp	28 Aug 1986	DALLA

# William Barker

## Third Great-Grandfather

Family Group Record					Page 1 of 1
<b>Husband William BARKER (3GG)</b>					
Born	21 Mar 1811	Place North Carolina	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Died	21 Jun 1876	Place Gallatin County, Illinois	Baptized	15 May 1987	DALLA
Buried	29 Oct 1839	Place Zion Cemetery, Elba, Gallatin, Illinois	Endowed	9 Oct 1987	DALLA
Married	29 Oct 1839	Place Vanderburgh County, Indiana	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
Husband's father					
Husband's mother					
<b>Wife Elizabeth ONYETT (3GG)</b>					
Born	Jan 1820	Place Chatteris, Cambridge, England	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Chr.	6 Feb 1820	Place Chatteris, Cambridge, England	Baptized	8 Nov 1986	LOGAN
Died	19 Jan 1896	Place Harrisburg, Saline, Illinois	Endowed	5 Dec 1986	LOGAN
Buried	21 Jan 1896	Place Zion Cemetery, Elba, Gallatin, Illinois	SealPar	24 Apr 1987	LOGAN
Wife's father	William ONYETT (4GG)				
Wife's mother	Sarah PEACOCK (4GG)				
<b>Children List each child in order of birth</b>					
<b>1 F Mary BARKER</b>					
Born	1840/1841	Place Indiana	Baptized	14 May 1987	DALLA
			Endowed	28 Aug 1987	DALLA
			SealPar	12 Sep 1987	DALLA
<b>2 F Harriet BARKER</b>					
Born	1841/1842	Place Indiana	Baptized	14 May 1987	DALLA
			Endowed	9 Sep 1987	DALLA
			SealPar	12 Sep 1987	DALLA
<b>3 M John BARKER</b>					
Born	1844/1845	Place Indiana	Baptized	15 May 1987	DALLA
			Endowed	8 Oct 1987	DALLA
			SealPar	9 Oct 1987	DALLA
<b>4 F Annie Elizabeth BARKER</b>					
Born	31 Mar 1847	Place Posey County, Indiana	Baptized	14 May 1987	DALLA
Died	21 Nov 1923	Place Fairfield, Wayne, Illinois	Endowed	7 Oct 1987	DALLA
Spouse	Alfred Louis HARRISON				
Married	1866	Place of Gallatin County, Illinois	SealPar	8 Oct 1987	DALLA
<b>5 F Elizabeth BARKER</b>					
Born	1848	Place prob Posey County, Indiana	Baptized	14 May 1987	DALLA
			Endowed	7 Oct 1987	DALLA
			SealPar	8 Oct 1987	DALLA
<b>6 F Lucy BARKER</b>					
Born	5 Oct 1853	Place Posey County, Indiana	Baptized	14 May 1987	DALLA
Died	13 Dec 1939	Place Ridgeway, Gallatin, Illinois	Endowed	7 Oct 1987	DALLA
Spouse	David M. LEWIS				
Married	25 Oct 1874	Place of Gallatin County, Illinois	SealPar	27 May 1997	DALLA
Spouse	Joseph N. BUELL				
Married	Abt 1890	Place of Gallatin County, Illinois	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA
<b>7 M William H. BARKER</b>					
Born	Sep 1866	Place prob Posey County, Indiana	Baptized	15 May 1987	DALLA
Died	19 Mar 1935	Place Tulare, California	Endowed	8 Oct 1987	DALLA
Spouse	Elizabeth TROUSDALE				
Married	1877/1878	Place prob Gallatin County, Illinois	SealPar	9 Oct 1987	DALLA
Spouse	Mamie				
Married	1898/1899	Place prob Gallatin County, Illinois	SealSp		
<b>8 F Emma or Emmer BARKER</b>					
Born	12 Jul 1858	Place of Posey County, Indiana	Baptized	14 May 1987	DALLA
Died	2 Nov 1927	Place of Gallatin County, Illinois	Endowed	7 Oct 1987	DALLA
Buried	4 Nov 1927	Place Zion Cemetery, Elba, Gallatin, Illinois	SealPar	8 Oct 1987	DALLA
Spouse	William Henry LEWIS				
Married	27 Jun 1876	Place Mt. Vernon, Posey, Indiana	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA
<b>9 M Louis Sexton BARKER (2GG)</b>					
Born	24 Jan 1864	Place Indiana	Baptized	18 Dec 1984	DALLA
Died	13 Dec 1929	Place Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas	Endowed	19 Dec 1984	DALLA
Buried	15 Dec 1929	Place Roselawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas	SealPar	9 Mar 1985	DALLA
Spouse	Maude Alice FULK (2GG)				
Married	12 Jan 1887	Place Ridgeway, Gallatin, Illinois	SealSp	29 Mar 1984	LOGAN

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