

Some Bliss Family History

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IMPORTANT NOTE: This compiler's original frame of reference for compiling the Bliss family's history was an outline created for Great-Aunt Etta (Bliss) Kendrick to prove ancestral military participation on the American side of the Revolutionary War. She needed same for procuring membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), membership No. 145454 circa 1919. This compiler assumed that the outline's contents were fully researched and completely accurate. However, it later developed that the outline was at variance with a multivolume set of books entitled Genealogy of the Bliss Family in America, compiled by Aaron Tyler Bliss of Midland, Michigan, and published in 1982.

Profound variances mostly occur regarding generations prior to Captain Samuel Bliss, Sr., of Rehoboth, especially the family's history on the east side of the Atlantic Ocean. They include differences in ancestral names, locations, relationships, origins, and circumstances surrounding the family's immigration to America. Disavowed is any link to the town and bloodlines formerly connected with Blois, France, and erased or totally unaccounted for is the religious trauma so prevalent in early Bliss family history recounting.

Not fully convinced that some form of whitewash is not taking place, the Bliss family history prior to Captain Samuel Bliss, Sr., in the following compilation, mostly still reflects the original referenced outline and thus, perhaps, should be taken with one or more grains of salt. Aaron T. Bliss's version, which today is generally accepted by Bliss researchers, can be found elsewhere.

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Parents of Jennie Louise Barnes

Will and Nellie (Bliss) Barnes

Jennie (Barnes) Paige's parents were Nellie Mae (Bliss) and William Hood Barnes. William was born at Horton, Michigan, on May 27, 1870, to parents David and Mary (Hood) Barnes, and died at home in Jackson, Michigan, December 10, 1946. Nellie Mae was born at Albion, Michigan, on August 17, 1874, to parents Sidney E. and Helen M. (Hubbard) Bliss, and died at the Thayer Rest Home in Blackman Township, Jackson County, on April 21, 1962. They were married at Albion on November 29, 1899, by Nellie's brother-in-law, Rev. William Kendrick. Witnesses were Thomas Barnes and Harriet Pugsley. Also present at the ceremony were:

Mr. & Mrs. S. E. Bliss	Mrs. Mary Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Barnes	Edith Hamlin
Mrs. Mary Barnes	Bertha Howard
Mr. & Mrs. Fales	Dora Dean
Mr. Martin Barnes	Cassie Barnes
Mr. & Mrs. Craig	Mr. & Mrs. C. Williams
Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Kendrick	Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Bliss
Dr. & Mrs. Dunham	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hubbard
Rena Fuller	Mr. Guy Strickland
Ralph Gillette	Mr. & Mrs. D. Hubbard
Mr. & Mrs. James Sears	Mrs. Chas. Reid
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Manee	Mrs. Fessenden
Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Kendrick	Miss Minnie Ball
Carlotta Kendrick	Mr. Ray Gould
Mr. & Mrs. Passmore	Miss Nora Sloan
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Bliss	Miss Mable Sloan
Mrs. R. S. Bovn	Georgia Doolittle
Mrs. Nettie Gardner	Margaret White
Miss Mable Anderson	Gertie Hoaglin
Miss Della Perine	Myrtie Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. A. Amidon	Floyd Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Durhee	Ralph Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. L. White	Maude Roberts
June Barnes	Susie Bliss
Miss Martin	Mr. & Mrs. H. Williams
Ethel Hubbard	Lelia Williams

The following article appeared in a St. Clair, Michigan, newspaper during the latter part of 1976. Dar, who was more a friend than a relative of H. Howard Field (the "uncle" who sent him the

book), took the following excerpt from "The Year of the Farm," an essay found in the Barnes and Related Families Abridged Genealogical Record.

Along the Way

By Dar Hollinrake, Columnist

Life's dubiousness may be fate; or chance. I don't know, and don't suppose you know either. My grandfather, Tom Hollinrake, became sick and tired of getting up every morning, sick and tired, and going to work in a British coal mine. He flipped a coin, heads for Australia, tails for the United States. It came up tails. That's why you are reading this, if you are. Genealogy is an engaging subject. It's the hobby of an uncle of mine in New York. He sent me a book the other day about family people who preceded me on Mother Earth. Some strange things happened to them. Strange and sad and funny. The highlight of the book, for me, was the bit about Will and Nellie. "ANOTHER MISADVENTURE OCCURRED WHEN THE FAMILY WAS PREPARING TO TAKE THE CAR INTO HORTON (Michigan) ONE EVENING. AS NELLIE BENT DOWN TO PICK SOMETHING UP OFF THE GROUND, CHUCK LOOKED BACK FROM HIS VANTAGE POINT ON THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND SAW ALL CLEAR BEHIND. HE THUS BACKED THE CAR DOWN THE DRIVEWAY. UNFORTUNATELY HIS MOTHER HAD BENT DOWN DIRECTLY BEHIND THE CAR AND WAS THUS RUN OVER. OWING TO THE WAY THOSE CARS WERE BUILT, SHE CAME OUT OF IT RELATIVELY UNHARMED. THERE WERE OTHER MALADIES, SUCH AS THE TIME CHUCK GOT KICKED BY A HORSE AND ANOTHER WHEN THE ENTIRE FAMILY CAME DOWN WITH A SIEGE OF BOILS SO BAD THAT WILL COULDN'T GO TO WORK. BY THE FALL OF 1920, WILL AND NELLIE HAD HAD ENOUGH."

I think Will and Nellie had more than enough!

Before they were married, William was employed as a signalman with the railroad and living in Chicago. He returned to Michigan long enough for the marriage, after which the couple made the "windy city" their home. Jennie's ex-husband recalls his father-in-law telling him how it was that he quit railroading. As the story goes, Will was returning from a job one day pumping a manual handcar along the tracks. Suddenly a train appeared heading toward him at full speed. Will had no choice but to jump for his life just moments before the handcar was pulverized. Will told Howard he walked away from the mess and never again returned to work for the railroad.

Will's next job in Chicago was entitled "civil engineer," and he was in charge of heating all buildings at Palmer Park, a recreational area with a wide assortment of amusement facilities, including an outside pavilion for concerts and the like, picnic areas, and buildings within which were a gymnasium, auditorium, and classrooms where people could learn things like working with clay and other artistic pursuits. In the meantime, his growing family lived in a house at 10943 Wabash Avenue, and Will invested some of his money in land. The family eventually returned to Michigan, where they settled in Horton, Jackson County, in 1918. Years later, when

the couple were living at 1114 E. Ganson Street in the city of Jackson, Will took his automobile out one day on some errand. He had never liked to drive and had for many years gotten out of doing it by "letting" his eager children do the chore. But by now Charles, Helen, Tom, and Jennie had long ago gotten married and were off having families of their own. So on this particular wintry day he was on his own on the icy street. Not far from home he suddenly lost control—the car swerving and skidding until finally coming to a stop. He then turned the car around, slowly drove it into his garage, and sold it shortly thereafter. Will never drove again.

Will Barnes was for many years a rim inspector for the Tire and Rim Association of America, in Jackson. During and after the Great Depression, he and Nellie let rooms for additional income—both upstairs and, occasionally, downstairs, where they converted the dining room into a bedroom by closing the sliding wooden doors that separated the dining room from the rest of the house. Will loved to smoke cigars and seemed always to be puffing on one. He'd have several of his cronies over to play cards, and they'd sit around with their hats on and cigar smoke filling the house. (For accounts of Will's Barnes and Hood ancestry, see the Barnes and Related Families Abridged Genealogical Record, Los Angeles: 1976, or its replacement Descendants And Ancestors Of Aaron And Martha (Eggleston) Barns/Barnes Of Connecticut And New York, Etc.; Update and replacement for the: Barnes And Related Families Abridged Genealogical Record Los Angeles: 2011. Also, Great-Great-Grandfather Duncan Married... a Sister of Alexander Wilson the Ornithologist of Philadelphia, Los Angeles: 2007.)

Nellie loved salt-rising toast. While I was little and Grandma Nellie still owned the house on Ganson Street, she continued to let rooms. I recall vividly even today the pungent odor of toasting salt-rising bread whenever I'd enter the house—a smell that seemed never absent.

When Nellie sold her house near the end of the 1950s, she gave this writer a 900-page, oversize book entitled, The Life of Jesus Christ for the Young, by Richard Newton, D. D., (Philadelphia: 1880). The religious book was dedicated "to Christian Parents, Ministers, Teachers, and all who are Striving to Follow the Command of Our Blessed Lord to His Apostle Peter, 'Feed my Lambs'...." The book, which was probably given to Nellie by her parents, contains passages from the Scriptures, together with real-life anecdotal dramatizations of their meanings and how they related to the then (1880s) modern world. Along with the written text, there were also twenty-one picture prints from steel engravings, twenty wood engravings printed as plates, and dozens more "engravings on wood printed with the text." Also included, but not part of the original edition, were newspaper articles Nellie had clipped, apparently thinking they were memorable in some way. There were, also, a piece of paper with these words scribbled, "Must You Go," and a locket-size miniature of her mother. (Many years later, this writer gave this book to his sister Charlene.)

These few things, along with the memories of her held by people who knew Nellie, are all that remain of her subjective character. Objectively she was petite, standing only about five feet tall as compared to her husband's six-foot height. She was basically religious, a trait inherited from generations of devout Christian predecessors. Yet Will's dislike of attending church eventually turned her away from going herself, though she always kept the spark of faith burning in her heart.

Nellie's funeral was conducted by her granddaughter Charlene's husband, Rev. Robert Garrett, then pastor of the Warren Avenue Church in Saginaw. She was buried at the Horton Cemetery near her husband. In her obituary, she was listed as a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Horton Chapter #135; as having attended the Horton Methodist Church; and as active in the

Horton WSCS (Women's Society for Christian Service). Her hobbies were shown as making quilts for her grandchildren and crocheting, knitting and sewing doll quilts for the little girls of the family.

Will's Parents and Family

Information on Will's ancestry, parents, and siblings can be found in the Barnes and Related Abridged Genealogical Record, 1976, or its replacement Descendants And Ancestors Of Aaron And Martha (Eggleston) Barns/Barnes Of Connecticut And New York, Etc.; Update and replacement for the: Barnes And Related Families Abridged Genealogical Record Los Angeles: 2011.

Nellie's Parents and Family

Nellie was a daughter of Sidney E. and Helen M. (Hubbard) Bliss. Helen and Sidney were married at Clyde, Wayne County, New York, on January 10, 1861. The minister was John N. Brown, Gospel Minister, and witnesses were Mr. Alvin Williams and Miss Mary S. Bliss. The newlyweds then settled at Galen, Wayne County, where they had Mary Seraph on October 31, 1861, and Charles S. on November 13, 1862. Then in 1866 the family, along with those of Sidney's brother John Bothwell and sister Mary Seraph, moved to Michigan, where they settled at Tekonsha, Calhoun County. Soon thereafter Sidney and Helen moved their family to a farm three miles south of Albion, Calhoun County. Here, Sidney and Helen had William H., born August 2, 1866—died December 28, 1939; Susan Ella, born August 28, 1868—died April 12, 1945; Etta Marie, born June 11, 1870—died January 26, 1970; and Nellie Mae, born August 17, 1874—died April 21, 1962. For much of Sidney's life he was a farmer. However, at the time of his death his occupation was listed as “carpenter.”¹

Mary Seraph married Sennet E. Ferguson on October 29, 1884, and their children were: Myrtle B., b. December 2, 1886; Floyd H., b. March 8, 1889; and Ralph V., b. April 18, 1893. Sennet died February 19, 1898, after which Mary was later married to George Buckman. They had a farm in Hanover, Michigan, where Mary died of a sun stroke in the mid-1950s, having outlived George by several years.

Charles S. married Ida S. Stancroff at Albion on March 17, 1892, and the ceremony was conducted by R. W. Van Schoick, Minister of the Gospel. Ida's parents were Herman Stancroff and wife, the former Miss Hart. Charles and Ida's child was Helen, born in September of 1893.

Etta M. married druggist Henry M. Hoffman, age 32, at Albion on June 15, 1893, a marriage performed by J. C. Floyd, Minister of the Gospel. Henry had been born at Clarkfield, New York, to Moses and Alvira (Lane) Hoffman. And witnesses were W. H. Bliss and Adalaide Hoffman. However, Etta soon thereafter married a Methodist minister by the name of William F. Kendrick, on October 27, 1896. He was born at Dryden, Lapeer County, Michigan, a son of Frank and Fedelia (Foot) Kendrick. Etta and William's daughter Gladys Fidelia was born April 22, 1903. William died on August 5, 1945, yet Etta continued to attend Michigan's Methodist Conference at Albion until after 1964. In 1964 she was honored at the conference for having attended sixty-one consecutive sessions. The 94-year-old widow was greeted with a kiss by Bishop Reed.

¹ Additional material on Nellie, her siblings, and parents can be found below in the section titled Sidney E. Bliss.

From: "Reminiscing With Pearl Playford, A Collection of local and human interest columns printed in The Watervliet Record, 1959-1966," Compiled by Richard Russell:

Thursday, July 9, 1964

Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit, presided over the annual Michigan Conference of Methodist churches held recently at Albion. But it marked the last time that Bishop Reed would serve in that capacity. It was the 129th annual session and it brought several changes. At the Jurisdictional Conference being held this month in Cleveland, Ohio, Bishop Reed will retire from the office of bishop after serving 16 years in that capacity.

Attending the recent Conference was Mrs. William F. Kendrick, widow of a former pastor in the Michigan Conference, who is 94 years of age and is credited with having attended 61 consecutive years at the Conference.

In 1919 Etta had joined the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR #145454, Vol. #146, citing as qualifications the Revolutionary War participations of her great- and great-great grandfathers, both Samuel Blisses. She passed away just months before attaining her 100th birthday.

Nellie Mae and William H. Barnes had the following children, all born in Chicago:

- Charles Aaron, born 7-29-1901—died 9-16-1985 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI
- Helen Mary, born 12-19-1902—died 4-18-2001 in Spring Arbor, Jackson Co., MI
- Thomas Sidney, born 1-3-1906—died 9-25-1972 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI
- Jennie Louise, born 5-27-1908—died 8-19-2003 in Spring Arbor, Jackson Co., MI

William H. married a lady by the name of "May." Their child was Mabel, born June 6, 1903. Susan Ella, called "Susie," was married at Albion to her brother-in-law Martin Barnes, on May 16, 1900. They were united by still another brother-in-law, Rev. William F. Kendrick. Witnesses were William H. Barnes and Mrs. Wm. F. Kendrick. Martin and Susie resettled a number of times in the next sixteen years. Martin was nine years older than Susie and had been married before, to Birdella Johnson (or Johnston). Martin and Birdella's children had been: David Lee, born in Jackson on September 25, 1884; Earl Allen, born May 4, 1887; and Kenneth A., born November 4, 1894. Martin and Susie's child was George Sidney, born on February 27, 1903.

Martin died at Duluth, Minnesota, on January 10, 1916, after which Susie returned to Albion with her son George. By 1918, Kenneth Barnes had joined the U. S. Navy, Lee was living in Missoula, Montana, and Earl was in Flint, Michigan—Earl eventually becoming a high executive with Chrysler Corporation and a personal friend of its founder, Walter Chrysler. In about 1917 Susie went to work as a housemother at the Sigma Nu fraternity house near Albion College, where she continued until her death in 1945. In 1942, a reception was held in her honor to commemorate her twenty-five years of service. At that time it was announced that an investigation had failed to turn up any other housemother who had served a single fraternity so

long. Susan Ella was buried at the Horton Cemetery next to her husband. (For more information on the Martin and Birdella Barnes family and the Martin and Susie Barnes family, see the Barnes and Related Families Abridged Genealogical Record, Los Angeles: 1976, or its replacement Descendants And Ancestors Of Aaron And Martha (Eggleston) Barns/Barnes Of Connecticut And New York, Etc.; Update and replacement for the: Barnes And Related Families Abridged Genealogical Record Los Angeles: 2011.)

Helen (Hubbard) Bliss died of pneumonia at Albion on March 20, 1901. Later, Sidney was one of the early people in the family to own an automobile. He purchased a new Ford when in his 70s and took great pride in keeping its chrome finely polished. (See Page 168.) He enjoyed family get-togethers and encouraged the continuation of the Bliss Family Reunion, an annual event held on July 4th, which continued into the 1940s. On March 29, 1916, Sidney also died of pneumonia at Albion.

Helen M. Hubbard

Helen was born on January 14, 1840, to parents Mary (McClellan) and Adam F. Hubbard, at Moravia, Cayuga County, New York. Mary had been born in 1816 and Adam in 1813—both in New York. A Charles Hubbard, born in 1834, was listed in the household at the time of the 1850 Federal census but was not listed in the 1840 census, making it questionable whether he was a member of the immediate family. At least two children were born to Mary and Adam, and two more children were born to Adam and his second wife Ann (DeCamp). Helen's brother Daniel and sister-in-law Ella, with their son Ed and his wife, all attended Nellie Bliss' wedding in 1899. At the time of the 1850 federal census, Adam was working as a "laborer."

Mary McClellan was probably a daughter of William McClellan of Moravia. In 1850, William (b. 1795 in N.Y.) had living with him Lenora (b. 1810 in N.Y.), and Matilda (b. 1836 in N.Y.). Lenora was probably a second wife of William, making their daughter Matilda a half-sister of Mary. Also living in Moravia was the family of Daniel "McLean" (b. 1817 in N.Y.), with wife Sally Ann (b. 1818 in N.Y.) and children: William A. (b. 1846); Matilda A. (b. 1848); and a son Dorr whose name was unreadable from the 1850 census—all born in New York. Daniel's occupation was "manufacturer" in 1850, but years later was listed as "plumber" in a Cayuga County directory.

William McClellan was the nightwatch at the Moravia Cotton Mill for over thirty years. His daughter Matilda married the colorful and active Orsamus R. VanEtten.

William McClellan

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM¹ MCCLELLAN was born 1795 in NY. He married (1) SUSAN. She was born 3-12-1793, and died 9-30-1835 in Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY. He married (2) LENORA. She was born 1810 in NY.

Notes for WILLIAM MCCLEAN:

William was living in Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY at the time of the 1840 Federal census and also that of 1850.

A "William McClane" born in "America," died October 27, 1886 in Auburn, Cayuga Co., NY of "spinal disease" and was buried at the St. Joseph's Cemetery, lot 51, grave 1-SE, Section 2.

St. Joseph's Cemetery
Lake Avenue
Auburn, NY 13021

(located just outside of Auburn in the town of Fleming)

-also-

Another "William McClean," born 1795 in NY, had parents: Uriah McLain and Elizabeth Morell, and died 21 JAN 1873 at North West, Williams Co., Ohio.

Notes for SUSAN (NEE) MCCLEAN:

In the Moravia and Dry Creek Cemetery is buried a "Mrs. Susan McClean, wife of Wm. McClean." She died September 30, 1835 at age 42 years, 6 months and 18 days. Calculations show that this would make her date of birth March 12, 1793. Next to her is her infant son Philip, who died December 23, 1835, at age 4 months, making his date of birth August 23, 1835.

Susan is the Most Distant Known Link to My mtDNA Origins

One's mtDNA genetics do the same for the female line of descent as Y-DNA does for the male line. Y-DNA is passed down from father to son each generation back through time but never passed along to daughters. One's mtDNA, on the other hand, is passed down from mothers to children each generation back through time. However, although a mother's mtDNA is passed to both sons and daughters, only the daughters can pass it along to the next generation.

Consequently, my mtDNA was received from my mother Jennie Louise (Barnes) Paige, which came to her from her mother Nellie Mae (Bliss) Barnes, which came from her mother Helen M. (Hubbard) Bliss, which came from her mother Mary (McClellan) Hubbard, which came from her mother Susan (nee ?) McClellan, and so forth. Now it has been passed along to me and to my sisters and their children, and from my sisters' daughters to their children, and so on.

An analysis of the locations and some of the people with mtDNA similar to mine seems to point toward a genetic proximity to some people claiming descent from most if not all of the major Jewish groups, including: Sephardic or Sephardim, the Jews of Iberia (in Hebrew, Sepharad) and the Spanish diaspora; Ashkenazic or Ashkenazim, the Jews of Germany and Northern France (in Hebrew, Ashkenaz); and even Mizrahi or Mizrahim—Oriental Jews.

Marriage Notes for WILLIAM MCCLEAN and SUSAN:

William and Susan may have had as many as thirteen children by the time of Susan's death in 1835, after which William remarried to Lenora or Leonora by 1836. If so, his child by Lenora would have been his fourteenth.

The 1840 Federal census found the family living at Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY. In the household were the following people:

Males:	Females:
1 between 20-30 years	1 under 5 years
1 between 40-50 years	2 between 5-10 years
	2 between 10-15 years
	5 between 15-20 years
	2 between 20-30 years
	1 between 30-40 years

Here is a potential partial elucidation on members of the family:

- A) 1 male between 20-30 years = son Daniel McClean (a.k.a. McLean)
- B) 1 male between 40-50 years = William McClean
- C) 1 female under 5 years = Matilda S. McClean, dau. of Wm and Lenora
- D) 2 females between 5-10 years = currently unknown (possibly daughters of Wm and Susan)
- E) 2 females between 10-15 years = currently unknown (possibly daughters of Wm and Susan)
- F) 5 females between 15-20 years (possibly daughters of Wm and Susan)
- G) 2 females between 20-30 years = Sally (Lick) McClean, Daniel's wife since 1836, plus 1 currently unknown (possibly a daughter of Wm and Susan)
- H) 1 female between 30-40 years = William's second wife Lenora, mother of Matilda S.

Add two more to the above potential eleven children of William and Susan: Mary, who had already married Adam F. Hubbard and moved away; and Philip, who died the same year as Susan.

It is also possible that other people were included with the family group.

Marriage Notes for WILLIAM MCCLEAN and LENORA:

The 1840 Federal census found the family living at Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY. In the household were fifteen people, including William, Lenora, and their one child together, Matilda S. The remainder of the household may have included some of William and his first wife Susan's children and in-laws.

At the time of the 1850 Federal census, the following were living in Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY:

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Hubbard, Mary M. 34 F NY
Hubbard, Helen 11 F NY
Hubbard, Adam F. 37 M Laborer NY
Hubbard, Charles 16 M NY

page 108, Dwelling/Family #37

McLean, Daniel 33 M Manufacturer \$800 NY
McLean, Sally Ann 32 F NY
McLean, William A. 4 M NY
McLean, Matilda A. 2 F NY
McLean, Dorr 1 M NY

page 109, Dwelling/Family #45

McCleane, William 55 M \$1,000 NY
McCleane, Lenora 40 F NY
McCleane, Matilda 14 F NY

William and Lenora McCleane were living with their daughter Matilda S. and her husband O. R. "Orsamus" VanEtten at Niles, Cayuga Co., NY, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: O. R. VanEtten, 26 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$3,750 and personal estate valued at \$900; Matilda VanEtten, 23 years old; William "McLean," 64 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$2,800 and personal estate valued at \$150; and Lenora McCleane, 50 years old. All were born in NY.

Children of WILLIAM MCCLEAN and SUSAN include:

2. i. Mary² McCleane, b. Abt. 1816, NY.
3. ii. Daniel McCleane, b. 3-22-1817, NY.
- iii. Philip McCleane, b. 8-23-1835, Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY; d. 12-23-1835, Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY.

Child of WILLIAM MCCLEAN and LENORA is:

- iv. Matilda S.² McCleane, b. 1836, Cayuga Co., NY; d. 6-28-1905, Highmore, Hyde Co., SD; m. Orsamus R. VanEtten; b. 7-14-1834, Niles, Cayuga Co., NY; d. 2-26-1920, Highmore, Hyde Co., SD.

Notes for Orsamus R. VanEtten:

The Dakota Cyclone

Captain VanEtten is a folk hero of the people of Highmore, SD, and some of them still talk of him and his life exploits. I placed a call to the County Clerk's office in Highmore in 1981 to obtain information about the VanEttens. The official I spoke with became animated and enthusiastic over the phone, when he heard the name Orsamus VanEtten. Come to find out his father had known the Captain well and had told his son many tales about the man who seemed bigger than life.

Orsamus was born at Niles, NY, July 14, 1834, and moved to Moravia November 7, 1853. He taught school two winters on Cow Lane (now School Street) in Moravia,

starting in 1855. After he married Matilda, the couple became leading choir singers at Moravia Methodist Church. Then the Civil War began, and Orsamus enlisted at Auburn, NY, on October 25, 1861, for three years. The unit he enlisted in, the First Independent Battery, Light Artillery (Veteran), better known as "Cowan's First NY," had only been organized as of October 18. (His name is spelled "Orasmus R. VanEtten" in company records, where he was listed as "Bvt. Capt. Orasmus R. VanEtten," meaning captain by brevet.)

Orsamus remained with the Battery until the end of the war. He was in twenty-three battles, including Cedar Creek, Gettysburg, and Bull Run. And he is said to have fired the first salute after Lee's surrender. During his military career he went from private to sergeant, to second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and finally to captain by brevet on October 19, 1864.

Wounded in action on June 5, 1864, at Cold Harbor, Virginia, Orsamus removed the bullet, which had passed almost through his right arm, using a razor. Until his death he kept the bullet as a souvenir. While home on furlough, his arm in a sling, he was asked to address an audience in Auburn to solicit funds to help the sick and wounded. While speaking he fainted, and the chairman was able to collect \$1635 from the emotionally effected spectators.

The Captain mustered out with the battery at Syracuse, NY, on June 23, 1865. He then returned to Moravia, where he was listed as a deputy sheriff and undertaker in the "Gazetteer and Business Directory of Cayuga County, N.Y. for 1867-8," originally compiled and published by Hamilton Child, page 200, under subtitle "MORAVIA—KELLOGGSVILLE." At some point he became a temperance lecturer and traveled to nearly every state in the Union and to England, delivering thousands of speeches. It was during this time he became known as the "Dakota Cyclone," after he and Matilda settled in Highmore sometime before 1889.

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/dakotalawmakers/v.pdf> :
"Orasmus R. VanEtten" served in the Dakota Territorial Legislative Assembly, house of representatives, in 1889.

Matilda died at Highmore June 28, 1905, and Orsamus passed away February 26, 1920. In 1918, at the Highmore Memorial Day celebration, he read the following poem which he had composed:

A Laugh at the Kaiser

Bring the good old bugle boys we'll toot another toot;
Then you'll laugh your liver sore to see the Kaiser scoot;
For he never can endure to hear the loyal whoop When we
go marching thru Germany. Chorus— Hylee, Hylo, the
Kaisers got to go, Hylee, Hylo, what makes him tremble

so? Ten million of our Yankee boys Will surely lay him
low, When we go marching thru Germany.

Now what's the use of Kaiser Bill a hanging on to fight;
For what we're going to do to him you bet yer life is right
We'll teach him he can't trample down our liberty and
might, When we go marching thru Germany.

We'll take a rap at Helgoland, the base of Bill's supplies,
We'll clean up the pesky place and take it for a prize. The
jig is up, the die is cast, we'll flag him for his lies, When
we go marching thru Germany.

Among his many attributes, Orsamus also gave freely of his time and money to his religious interests, including an annuity to the Dakota Wesleyan University, and \$500 to a Dakota Conference to help raise \$100,000 for the Conference Claimanance Fund. He was also a member of the trustees of his home church at Highmore.

Marriage Notes for Matilda McClean and Orsamus VanEtten:

Matilda S. and O. R. "Orsamus" VanEtten were living at Niles, Cayuga Co., NY, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: O. R. VanEtten, 26 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$3,750 and personal estate valued at \$900; Matilda VanEtten, 23 years old; William "McLean," 64 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$2,800 and personal estate valued at \$150; and Lenora McLean, 50 years old. All were born in NY.

Generation No. 2

2. MARY² MCCLEAN (WILLIAM¹) was born Abt. 1816 in NY. She married ADAM F. HUBBARD Abt. 1833 in NY. He was born 7-4-1813 in NY, and died 3-11-1892.

Notes for MARY MCCLEAN:

Additional material on the family of Mary (McClearn) and Adam F. Hubbard can be found in section titled: Adam F. Hubbard a.k.a. Adam F. Hubbard a.k.a Adam F. Hubbardt.

3. DANIEL² MCCLEAN (WILLIAM¹) was born 3-22-1817 in NY. He married SALLY ANN LICK 10-6-1836 in Auburn, Cayuga Co., NY. She was born 1818 in NY.

Notes for DANIEL MCCLEAN:

Daniel's occupation was "manufacturer" in 1850, but years later was listed as "plumber" in a Cayuga County directory.

Marriage Notes for DANIEL MCCLEAN and SALLY LICK:

The family was living at Homer, Cortland Co., NY, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: Dan'l McLean, 44 years old, who worked with "carding"; Sally, 43 years old; William, 16 years old; Matilda, 12 years old; Dorr, 11 years old; Edward, 4 years old; Michael, 2 years old, and Amos, 1 year old. All were born in NY.

The family was living at Sempronius, Cayuga Co., NY, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: Daniel McClean, 53 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$7,000 and personal estate valued at \$1,700; Sally A., 53 years old; William A., 26 years old, a farm laborer; Dorr, 20 years old, a farm laborer; Hoytt E., 14 years old; Adella Williams, 17 years old, a house keeper; and Hattie Williams, 33 year old, a house keeper. All were born in NY.

Children of DANIEL MCCLEAN and SALLY LICK are:

- i. William A.³ Mcclean, b. Abt. 1846, NY.
- ii. Matilda A. Mcclean, b. Abt. 1848, NY.
- iii. Dorr Mcclean, b. Abt. 1849, NY; m. Emma (nee) Mcclean; b. Abt. 1854, NY.

Marriage Notes for Dorr Mcclean and Emma Mcclean:

"Dor" and wife Emma McClean were living at Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY at the time of the 1880 Federal census. Dor was 30 years old, a farmer, and Emma was 26 years old. Both were born in NY.

- iv. Hoytt Edward Mcclean, b. Abt. 1856, NY.
- v. Michael Mcclean, b. Abt. 1858, NY.
- vi. Amos Mcclean, b. Abt. 1859, NY.

Adam F. Hubbard a.k.a. Adam Frink Hubbard a.k.a. Adam Frink Hubbard

1. ADAM FRINK³ HUBBARD (*THOMAS*² *HUBBART*, *JOHN*¹ *HOBART*) was born 7-4-1813 in NY, and died 3-11-1892. He married (1) MARY MCCLEAN Abt. 1833 in NY, daughter of WILLIAM MCCLEAN and SUSAN MCCLEAN. She was born Abt. 1816 in NY. He married (2) ANN M. DECAMP Bef. 1860 in NY. She was born Abt. 1816 in NY, and died Bef. 1880. He married (3) MARIAH MCCARTHY (also spelled MCCARTY) 6-6-1880 in Clarence, Calhoun Co., Michigan. She was born 9-1-1815 in NY, and died 12-3-1906 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for ADAM FRINK HUBBARD:

Adam's date of birth and death come from one of several notations in the back of his granddaughter Nellie Mae Bliss's schoolbook, passed down to her daughter Jennie, my mother:

"Grandpa Hubbard died Mar. 11, 1892, age 78, 8 mos, 7 days." /C.W. Paige

Adam was listed as a "laborer" at the time of the 1850 Federal Census of Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY.

Adam's name appeared a number of ways over the years, vis.:

In the 1840 Federal census of Galen, Wayne Co., NY, the name was spelled "Adam F. Hibbard," in the 1850 census of Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY, it was "Adam F. Hubbard," in the 1860 census of Aurelius, Cayuga Co., NY, it was "Adam F. Hubard," in the 1870 census of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, it was "Adam Hubbart," on daughter Helen (Hubbard) Bliss's 1901 death certificate it was "Adam Hubbard," when his second youngest son Levi Bartlett Hubbard died, it was "Adam Frink Hubbard," and when the youngest son Thomas died, it was listed simply as "Adam Frink."

Someone has filed information for Adam F. Hubbard with the Mormon Church's genealogical database claiming that Adam was buried on a farm at Thornapple, Barry Co., MI, but this has yet to be verified by any official record(s).

Adam's parents Thomas and Silence (Bartlett) Hubbart were buried at the Gravesville Cemetery, town of Russia, Herkimer Co., NY. Additional information about Thomas and Silence and their children can be found online at:

<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=millerm&id=I00631>²

Notes for MARY MCCLEAN:

Mary was listed as the head of the household (topmost name in the census account) at the time of the 1850 Federal census of Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY, as follows:

Hubbard, Mary M. 34 F NY

Hubbard, Helen 11 F NY

Hubbard, Adam F. 37 M Laborer NY

Hubbard, Charles 16 M NY

NOTE: The census taker grouped the names of all females together and all males together in each household rather than the more common approach of listing by age. Looking at how several neighboring households were recorded, it didn't seem to matter which sex was listed first in each household. Sometimes males were listed first and other times females.

Mary's relationship with the William and Susan McClean, herein listed as her parents, is not solidly proven, sorry to say, but very probable per various circumstantial evidences.

Marriage Notes for ADAM HUBBARD and MARY MCCLEAN:

Apparently the family was living at Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY in January of 1840, as that was where daughter Helen Hubbard was born according to her death certificate.

The Hubbards were living in Galen, Wayne County, NY at the time of the 1840 Federal census. In the household of Adam F. "Hibbard" were: 1 male between 20-30 and 1 male between 40-50

² I emailed Marvin G. Miller, the person who placed the Adam Frink Hubbart information online, only to receive a return email from his daughter sometime later that her father had been killed recently while riding his bicycle.

years old, 1 female under 5 years old, and 1 female between 20-30 years old. (Charles Hubbard, who appeared in the family's 1850 census as 16 years old, was not demarked in the 1840 census.)

The "Hubbard" family was living in Moravia at the time of the 1850 Federal census. In the household were: Mary M., 34 years old; Helen, 11 years old; Adam F., 37 years old; and Charles, 16 years old. All were born in NY. Adam was listed as a laborer with no real estate value shown.

According to son Daniel's obituary the family was still residing near Auburn, Cayuga Co., when he was born in 1851.

Notes for ANN M. DECAMP:

Ann's maiden surname is given as "De Kamp" on her son Levi's death certificate. A search of the website for Cayuga Co., NY, turns up no De Kamps but lots of De Camps and DeCamps. Thus I made a judgment call and made the spelling "DeCamp." /C.W. Paige

Marriage Notes for ADAM HUBBARD and ANN DECAMP:

At the time of the 1860 Federal census, eight months after son Thomas was born, the family was living at the town of Aurelius in Cayuga Co., NY. In the household were: Adam F. "Hubard", 47 years old, a farmer with no real estate and personal estate valued at \$300; Ann M., 44 years old; Daniel, 8 years old; Levi, 4 years old; Thomas, 8 months old. All were born in NY.

Adam and Ann had moved to Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, by the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: Adam "Hubbart," 54 years old, a farmer, with no real estate and personal estate valued at \$500; Ann, 50 years old; Levi, 14 years old; and Thomas, 11 years old.

Notes for MARIAH MCCARTHY:

Most online sources list the bride's name as Maria(h) "McCarthy" or "Mccarty." Kimball was her former married name. In 1900 "Mariah Hubbard" was living with her son Lamont Kimball in Clarence, Calhoun Co., MI. She was 85 years old and a widow. All 10 of her children were still living. The census states she was born in Vermont in September 1815, and Lamont was born in Michigan in February 1847. He was a divorced farmer. Both of Lamont's parents were stated as born in Vermont. (On Montraville "Lamont" Kimball's 1903 death certificate it lists Wm and Mariah as his parents and that they were born in NY.)

Mariah's first marriage was to William Kimball, born Abt. 1809 in NY, and died Bet. 1856 – 1870, by whom she had ten children, nine of which are listed below:

- i. Daniel² Kimball, born Abt. 1834 in NY.
- ii. Polly H. Kimball, born Abt. 1835 in NY.
- iii. Malvina Kimball, born Abt. 1838 in MI.
- iv. Arminda Kimball, born Abt. 1840 in MI.
- v. Fidelia Kimball, born Abt. 1841 in MI.
- vi. Adelbert Kimball, born 1843 in MI; died 4-13-1920.

Notes for Adelbert Kimball:

Adelbert is buried in the Clarence Center Cemetery, Clarence Twp., Calhoun Co., MI.

- vii. Montraville "Lamont" Kimball, born 2-2-1846 in Hillsdale Co., MI; died 9-10-1903 in Clarence, Calhoun Co., MI. He married Jennie Snyder 7-16-1876 in Ceresco, Calhoun Co., MI.
- viii. Cornelia Kimball, born Abt. 1848 in MI.
- ix. Ora Kimball, born 11-1856 in MI. He married Carrie May Fall; born Abt. 1859 in MI.

The Kimball family was living in Scipio Twp., Hillsdale Co., MI, at the time of the 1850 Federal census. Also in the household was Polly Sharpstein, 76 years old.

By the time of the 1870 Federal census, Maria Kimball and sons Montraville and Ora were living at Clarence, Calhoun Co., MI.

Maria was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, under the name Maria H. Hubbard.

Marriage Notes for ADAM HUBBARD and MARIAH MCCARTHY:

At time of marriage:

"Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride, if a Widow."

Adam F. Hubbard was listed as a farmer born in NY and living in Sheridan [Calhoun Co., MI]

Maria Kimball was listed as being born in NY and living in Clarence [Calhoun Co., MI]

Place of Marriage: Clarence

Husband Age at Marriage: 66

Wife Age at Marriage: 61

United by James M. Gifford, Justice of the Peace

Witnesses were Margaret F. Gifford and Aseuatto (sic) Gifford of Clarence.

This was one of many marriages performed by James M. Gifford and others in Calhoun County that were recorded in the county's marriage report on June 8, 1881. Record #4473, Page 178, "To the Hon. Secretary of State of Michigan. Return of Marriages in the County of Calhoun for the year ending December 31st, A. D. 1880."

Children of ADAM HUBBARD and MARY MCCLEAN are:

- i. Charles² Hubbard, b. Abt. 1834, NY. (Possibly a son but missing from 1840 Federal census)

2. ii. Helen M. Hubbard, b. 1-14-1840, Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY; d. 3-20-1901, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI.

Notes for Helen Hubbard:

Additional material on the family of Helen (Hubbard) and Sidney E. Bliss can be found in section titled: Sidney E. Bliss.

- iii. Daniel Hubbard, b. 7-10-1851, Auburn, Cayuga Co., NY; d. 12-5-1939, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI; m. Ella Turner, 8-26-1870, Morgan, Barry Co., MI; b. 6-14-1853, Penn Yan, Yates Co., NY; d. 9-27-1945, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI.

Notes for Daniel Hubbard:

At time of the 1870 Federal census of Assyria, Barry Co., MI, 18-year-old Daniel was staying with the family of James (32) and Adaline (30) Odell with their daughter Amelia (5), who were farmers. Daniel was listed as a farm laborer. Also in the household was Barney McKay (42), also a farm laborer. All were born in New York.

Daniel Hubbard The Albion Recorder, dated December 6, 1939

Daniel Hubbard, 88 years old, died at his home at 11:15 p.m. Tuesday evening thereby severing the bonds of the oldest of Albion's married couples. He had been seriously ill for two weeks.

Mr. Hubbard, a retired farmer, teamster and caretaker, whose home was at 802 Perry street, was married Aug. 26, 1870, to Miss Ella Turner. They had resided in this vicinity for approximately 67 of their 69 years of married life.

Born July 10, 1851, in Cayuga county, near Auburn, N.Y., Mr. Hubbard came to Albion in 1866, and worked for three years as a farm hand. He then went to Barry county to work and while at a "donation" supper at a Methodist parsonage there, met his bride-to-be. They were married at the home of her parents, Mr. And Mrs. Elijah Turner, near Morgan, when Mr. Hubbard was 19 and his bride was 17.

Soon after, the couple returned to the Albion community and for nearly 35 years Mr. Hubbard worked large farms in this vicinity. They last farmed for twenty years on the Murdock farm on the Newburg road. Almost 35 years ago, they moved into the city and Mr. Hubbard served as a teamster till automobiles ended that business. He served for a decade as Robinson hall janitor at Albion college before retiring a few years ago.

Mr. Hubbard was a member of the First Methodist church and a charter member of the Albion Three-Quarters-Century club.

Besides his wife, the surviving family includes four sons: Fred, Edwin and Frank Hubbard, Albion; and Bert Hubbard, Marshall; a daughter, Mrs. E. H. Webster, Holt;

12 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Marsh funeral home Saturday at two p.m., Dr. F. S. Goodrich officiating. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

Notes for Ella Turner:

Mrs. Daniel Hubbard The Albion Recorder, dated September 28, 1945

Mrs. Ella Hubbard, 92, died early Thursday evening at her home, 802 Perry street. She was born in Pennyan, N.Y., July 14, 1853, and has been an Albion resident for 61 years, coming here from Nashville [MI]. Mrs. Hubbard was a member of the First Methodist church, the Twentieth Century club and the Three-Quarters-Century club. Mr. Hubbard died Dec. 5, 1939, ending 68 years of married life.

Surviving Mrs. Hubbard are three sons, Bert, Edwin and Frank Hubbard, all of Albion; a daughter, Mrs. Albert Webster, Holt; 11 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Another son, Fred Hubbard, died May 13.

Funeral services will occur Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at the Marsh funeral home. Dr. F. S. Goodrich officiating; burial in Riverside cemetery.

Marriage Notes for Daniel Hubbard and Ella Turner:

1870 United States Federal Census

Name: Daniel Hubbard

Birth: abt 1852 - New York

Residence: 1870 - Assyria, Barry, Michigan

From 1880 Federal census of Castleton, Barry, MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Danl. HUBBARD	Self	M	Male	W	29	NY	Farmer	NY	NY
Ella HUBBARD	Wife	M	Female	W	27	NY	Keeping House	NY	NY
Freddie HUBBARD	Son	S	Male	W	9	MI		NY	NY
Eddie HUBBARD	Son	S	Male	W	5	MI		NY	NY
Frank HUBBARD	Son	S	Male	W	2	MI		NY	NY
Rosa HUBBARD	Dau	S	Female	W	6M	MI		NY	NY

Daniel and Ella were renting a farm at Homer, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. Also in the household were their son Frank Hubbard, and Daniel's mother-in-law Ann Seaman (sic), 78 years old born in June, 1821, in NY. Ella was notated as having had 7 children, with 5 of them still living.

Daniel and Ella were renting a farm on S. Kenbury Road at Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Daniel, 59 years old, a

general farmer; Ella, 57 years old; widower Fred Erhardt, 83 years old, a boarder, born in Germany; and Winford Burnham, 16 years old, a hired hand, born in MI. Daniel and Ella had been married 39 years.

Daniel and Ella were living in a house they owned free of mortgage at 802 Perry Street in the 2nd Ward of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. There was nobody else in the household. Daniel was working as a teamster.

Daniel and Ella were still living in the house they owned free of mortgage at 802 Perry Street in the 5th Precinct of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. There was nobody else in the household. Daniel was working as a janitor at Albion College.

Children of ADAM HUBBARD and ANN DECAMP are:

- iv. Levi Bartlett⁴ Hubbard, b. 5-24-1856, NY; d. 12-18-1911, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI; m. Margaret Ann Wilson, 1-29-1879, Kalamo, Eaton Co., MI; b. Abt. 1862, MI.

Notes for Levi Bartlett Hubbard:

Levi was listed as a pattern maker on his death certificate. His father's name was shown as Adam Frink and mother as Miss DeKamp. He died at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit's 3rd Ward. Burial at Kalamazoo, MI, 12-20-1911.

More About Levi Bartlett Hubbard:

Cause of Death: shock from surgical operation due to intestinal obstruction

Notes for Margaret Ann Wilson:

Per the 1900 Federal census of Muskegon Twp., Muskegon Co., MI, both of Mary's parents were claimed to have been born in Ireland. It is probable, from strong circumstantial evidence, that Margaret and the Mary Wilson who married Levi's brother Thomas were first cousins. At the time of the 1870 Federal census of Kalamo, Eaton Co., MI, the family of George and Isabella Wilson was living next door to the family of Lowrey and Jane Wilson, Mary's family. Although all the children were born in MI, Lowrey and Jane, and George and Isabella were all born in Ireland. Also, the ages of George and Lowrey were within a couple of years of each other. (In 1880, both Margaret and Mary (Wilson) Hubbard claimed their parents were born in NY. However, in 1900 Margaret claimed they were born in Ireland. Thomas and Mary have not yet been located in the 1900 census.)

From 1880 Federal census of Castleton, Barry Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Levi HUBBARD	Self	M	Male	W	24	NY	Farmer	NY	NY
Maggie HUBBARD	Wife	M	Female	W	18	MI	Keeping House	NY	NY
Chas. WELLMAN	Other	S	Male	W	23	MI	Servant	NY	NY

The Levi and Margaret Hubbard family was living in a house free of mortgage on Jefferson Street, Muskegon Heights Village, at the time of the 1900 Federal census of Muskegon Twp., Muskegon Co., MI. In the household were: Levi B., 44 years old, a pattern maker; wife Margaret A., 38 years old, a pattern maker; son Lloyd D., 16 years old; son Leonard W., 14 years old; son Dennis L., 10 years old; and daughter Ellene L., 8 years old. All were born in MI except for Levi, who was born in NY. Levi and Margaret had been married 21 years, and 4 of their 5 children were still living.

- v. Thomas Hubbard, b. 11-7-1859, NY; d. 4-29-1906, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI; m. Mary Wilson, 7-13-1879, Bellevue, Eaton Co., MI; b. Abt. 1860, MI.

Notes for Thomas Hubbard:

Thomas was by profession a marble cutter.

Notes for Thomas Hubbard:

Thomas was by profession a marble cutter at time of death. His father was listed as Adam Frink Hubbard and mother listed as "Don't know" on death certificate. Death reported by Frank Hubbard and burial was at Kalamo, MI, on May 2.

More About Thomas Hubbard:

Cause of Death: pulmonary tuberculosis

Notes for Mary Wilson:

Per the 1800 Federal census of Castleton, Barry Co., MI, both of Mary's parents were claimed to have been born in NY. It is probable, from strong circumstantial evidence, that Mary and the Margaret Wilson who married Thomas's brother Levi were first cousins. At the time of the 1870 Federal census of Kalamo, Eaton Co., MI, the family of Lowrey and Jane Wilson was living next door to the family of George and Isabella Wilson, Margaret's family. Although all the children were born in MI, Lowrey and Jane, and George and Isabella were all born in Ireland. Also, the ages of George and Lowrey were within a couple of years of each other. (In 1880, both Mary and Margaret (Wilson) Hubbard claimed their parents were born in NY. However, in 1900 Margaret claimed they were born in Ireland. Thomas and Mary have not yet been located in the 1900 census.)

Marriage Notes for Thomas Hubbard and Mary Wilson:

From 1880 Federal Census of Clarence, Calhoun Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital		Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
		Status	Gender						
Thomas HUBBARD	Self	M	Male	W	21	NY	Farm Laborer	NY	NY
Mary HUBBARD	Wife	M	Female	W	20	MI	Keeping House	NY	NY

Nellie's Hubbard/Hubbart/Hobart Ancestry

Generation No. 1

1. Adam Frink Hubbard, born 7-4-1813 in NY; died 3-11-1892. He was the son of **2. Thomas Hubbard** and **3. Silence Bartlett**. He married **(1) Mary McClean** Abt. 1833 in NY. She was born Abt. 1816 in NY. She was the daughter of William McClean and Susan (nee) McClean. He married **(2) Ann M. DeCamp** Bef. 1860 in NY. She was born Abt. 1816 in NY, and died Bef. 1880. He married **(3) Mariah McCarthy** (also spelled **McCarty**) 6-6-1880 in Clarence, Calhoun Co., Michigan. She was born 9-1-1815 in NY, and died 12-3-1906 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

[Adam's wives and children are discussed earlier. /C.W. Paige]

Generation No. 2

2. Thomas Hubbard, born 1760 in Woodbury, Litchfield Co., CT; died 4-22-1821 in Russia, Herkimer Co., NY. He was the son of **4. John Hobart** and **5. Mary (nee ?) Hubbard**. He married **3. Silence Bartlett** 9-30-1787 in Kinderhook, Columbia Co., NY.

3. Silence Bartlett, born Abt. 1767 in Sharon, Litchfield Co., CT; died 8-8-1839 in Oneida Co., NY.

Notes for Thomas Hubbard:

Motto from Hobart family crest: "Auctor pretiosa facit" (translated: "The Giver makes them valuable")

Thomas Hobart/Hobert/Hubbart was born in the area of Woodbury, Litchfield Co., CT, although some of his descendants placed his birth at Waterbury, New London Co., CT. He was a Revolutionary War veteran, pension file W15916.

Thomas became part of the American Revolution in January 1776, at age 16, when he joined at Southbury Nathaniel Tuttle's Company in the 2nd Connecticut Regiment under the command of Colonel Charles Webb, serving for one year (his brothers Elisha and John, Jr. would join the same regiment in May of 1777). Thomas was wounded in his right leg, causing him problems with fever sores later in life. He was a mason by trade, and built most of the chimneys for the older houses in Russia settlement.

Here's a bit about my 2nd great-grandfather Adam Frink Hubbard(t)'s namesake Esq. Adam Frink, from a letter about pioneer memories from a fellow by the name of Aner Sperry, son of Pitkin and Lucy (Sanford) Sperry, written to Mrs. John Lanning, dated Apr. 30, 1906, and appearing on webpage: <http://www.herkimer.nygenweb.net/russia/rusfams6.html>.

"We lived on the Beecher Hollow Road. It ran from Russia Corners to the Creek Road. Deacon Johnson (Isaiah Johnson) lived on the corner of the Creek Road. Some winters it was not broke

out until spring. I remember one spring the road was broke out about the tenth of April and we got to the foot of the road near the corners and I was sent up to Esq. Frink's (Adam Frink) store for a jug of rum. As Deacon Johnson was the oldest man there it was handed to him first and he sampled it and said it is proper good.

"I would pick blackberries and lug a twelve-quart pail full to the Corners (Russia) and generally get two cents a quart, but sometimes could not sell them and Esq. Frink would take them and give me a yard of cotton cloth."

I would surmise that ol' Thomas Hubbart spent most of his money in Frink's store, presumably much of it on Frink's rum considering Thomas's locally (Russia) well-known weakness for liquor--reference to this appearing in Thomas's Revolutionary War pension papers. /C.W. Paige

Thomas's burial was at Gravesville Cemetery, town of Russia, Herkimer Co., NY.

Additional note about Esq. Adam Frink:

from <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nanc/avery/aqwg28.htm>

"1991 M viii Adam FRINK 1 was born 8 Mar 1756 in Stonington, New London Co., Connecticut.

"THE HISTORY OF STONINGTON, CONN., by Richard A. Wheeler, page 378.
64. Adam, b. March 8, 1756."

On this website Adam Frink was listed as a child of David Frink and Eunice Gallup of Stonington.

Notes for Silence Bartlett:

Known siblings of Silence were her older brother Levi Bartlett, b. 1760 at Belchertown, Hampshire Co., MA, d. ?; and younger sister Abilena Bartlett, b. Abt. 6-1772 in Sharon, Litchfield Co., CT, and d. 8/27/1855—buried in Auburn, Cayuga Co., NY.

Silence's sister Abilena, wife of William Tyler, was living in Cayuga County, New York, in 1854 when her deposition was taken in support of Silence's pension claim regarding Thomas Hubbart's service in the Revolutionary War.

State of New York }

County of Cayuga } Abilena Tyler after first being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says, that she was personally acquainted with Thomas Hubbard late a pensioner as early as 1787 that he married this deponent's sister, who was Silence Hubbard, & before her marriage her name was Silence Bartlett, that the parties were married in 1787, that this deponent was herself married on the 26th April 1794, that her sister the said Silence Hubbard & her husband Thomas Hubbard had at that time three children, that the said parties had three children as the fruits of their marriage in April 1794 when this deponent was married, this deponent's own marriage & a perfect recollection of her said sister

Silence Hubbard having three children at that time is an unmistakable data for the fact of the marriage of the said parties in 1787. – That the said Silence Hubbard in whose behalf an application for a pension has been made since her decease, or renewed since her decease, was the identical person & widow of the said Thomas Hubbard late a pensioner.

Abilena Tyler

Sworn & Subscribed before me }
this 25th day of January 1854 }

I certify that the above named Abilena Tyler is a responsible person & a worthy & reliable witness, that I have no hand or part in the agency of this case, the residence of the witness is Throopsville, N.Y.

Chancy S. Wheaton }
Justice of the Peace }
of Cayuga County }

Burial at Gravesville Cemetery, town of Russia, Herkimer Co., NY. She was 72 years old at time of death.





Badly Weathered Combined Tombstone for Thomas and Silence Hubbart

Children of Thomas Hubbart and Silence Bartlett are:

- i. Joseph Hubbart, born 1788 in NY; died 10-21-1875 in Marengo, Calhoun Co., MI; married Laura (nee ?) Hubbart; born 1-30-1793 in NY; died 5-24-1869 in Calhoun Co., MI.

Notes for Joseph Hubbart:

In 1850 a Joseph Hubbard, 65 years old in 1850, occupation laborer, born in New York, was living in Galen, Wayne Co., NY. In the household were Joseph Hubbard and wife Laura, 60 years old in 1850, also born in New York. Joseph b. Abt. 1785; Laura b. Abt. 1790 by census age computation.

From 1860 Federal census of The Town Of Rose, Wayne Co., NY:

Joseph Hubbart

71 years

Estimated birth year 1789

Birthplace New York

Gender Male

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From 1860 Federal census of The Town Of Rose, Wayne Co., NY

Laura Hubbart

67 years

Estimated birth year 1793

Birthplace New York

Gender Female

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~micalhou/cemetery/RiceCreek.htm>

Rice Creek Cemetery, Section 36, 24 Mile Road and L Drive North, Lee Twp.,
Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI.

Hubbard, Laura (Mrs Joseph) 76y3m24d 1869 May 24 (computed date of birth:
01-30-1793).

Joseph Hubbard b. 1784 d. 21 Oct 1875 in Marengo, Calhoun Co., MI, age 91
years; laborer, widowed;

Died of consumption

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- ii. Belinda Hubbart, born 2-17-1790 in NY; died 9-18-1876 in Russia, Herkimer Co., NY; married James Barker 10-16-1808; born 6-20-1784 in Westfield, Hampden Co., MA; died 11-21-1880 in Russia, Herkimer Co., NY.

Notes for Belinda Hubbart:

Burial at Gravesville Cemetery, town of Russia, Herkimer Co., NY.

Notes for James Barker:

Burial at Gravesville Cemetery, town of Russia, Herkimer Co., NY.

iii. Sarah Hubbart, born 1792.

iv. Levi Bartlett Hubbart, born 10-17-1795 in Kortright, Delaware Co., NY; died 4-30-1877 in Leon, Cattaraugus Co., NY; married Nancy Emily Hall 3-14-1827 in Boonville, Oneida Co., NY; born 7-4-1807 in CT; died 2-22-1886 in Cattaraugus Co., NY.

Notes for Levi Bartlett Hubbart:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycattar/1879history/leon.htm>

Levi served in the War of 1812 according to the HISTORY OF CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, NEW YORK.

<http://www.paintedhills.org/CATTARAUGUS/TreatMemorial.html>

He was buried at the Treat Memorial Cemetery AKA: Leon Union Cemetery & Leon Centre Cemetery

Located on the East Side of Route 62 at Leon, Cattaraugus Co., NY.

Notes for Nancy Emily Hall:

<http://www.paintedhills.org/CATTARAUGUS/TreatMemorial.html>

She was buried at the Treat Memorial Cemetery AKA: Leon Union Cemetery & Leon Centre Cemetery

Located on the East Side of Route 62 at Leon, Cattaraugus Co., NY.

v. Polly Hubbart, born 12-13-1800 in Newport, Herkimer Co., NY; died 1-20-1899 in Rome, Oneida Co., NY; married Rodman Gardner Vincent 1826; born 6-13-1800 in Russia, Herkimer Co., NY; died 11-11-1868 in Annsville, Oneida Co., NY.

Notes for Polly Hubbart:

Polly joined the Fort Stanwix Chapter of the D.A.R. in 1896 when she was 96 years old. She was believed to be the only actual daughter of an American Revolution soldier to be a charter member of a National D.A.R. Chapter. It was in 1896 that Mrs. William H. Bright, Miss Phoebe Stryker, and Mrs. James Searles formed the Fort Stanwix Chapter in Rome, Oneida Co., NY.

In the history of the Fort Stanwix Chapter, Polly has been honored thus:

http://www.fortstanwixdar.com/dar/chapter_history.htm

The chapter was proud to record that it numbered among the first members a Real Daughter (a DAR member who was the daughter of a Revolutionary War soldier

or patriot), Mrs. Polly Hubbard Vincent. Born in December 1800, she was the daughter of Thomas (Pvt. CT) and Silence Bartlett Hubbard. In 1826 she married Rodman Gardner Vincent. Mrs. Vincent passed away on January 21, 1899, at age 99, in Rome, NY. She is buried in Gravesville Cemetery, Town of Russia, Herkimer County, NY.

In 1932 Polly's grave received a bronze tablet from the Fort Stanwix Chapter commemorating her unique charter membership.

From the: Lineage book - National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Volume 13, 12001--13000. 1896. By Daughters of the American Revolution, Susan Riviere Hetzel, Historian General. Washington, D.C.; Harrisburg, PA.: Press of Harrisburg Publishing Company, 1901.

MRS. POLLY HUBBARD VINCENT. 12395

Born in New York.

Widow of Rodman Gardner Vincent.

Descendant of Thomas Hubbard of Connecticut.

Daughter of Thomas Hubbard and Silence Bartlett, his wife.

Thomas Hubbard entered the army from Woodbury when sixteen, served several enlistments during the war, was wounded and honorably discharged. He was a pensioner when he died, 1821, at Russia, N.Y., aged sixty-one.

The following newspaper interviews recount stories told by Polly near the end of her 99-year life:

Story #1 (transcribed by Robert C. Neibling, descendant of Thomas's brother Elisha Hubbart, from an article published in the Rome, New York Daily Sentinel on 24 September, 1932)

Uncle Killed By Indians

“One of the earliest incidents of her father’s (Thomas Hubbart) life, which Mrs. Vincent related, was of an Indian uprising, in which her father’s brother was killed. This happened about the time of the commencement of the Revolution. Mr. Hubbard’s brother was living in Connecticut at the time. The Tories led the Indians into the neighborhood and they attacked the house. He was shot and wounded as he jumped from a window. His wife, mother-in-law and three children were taken captive. The wife begged to go back to take care of her husband. The Indians said they would take care of him, and they led her back and killed him before her eyes.”

“Years afterwards one of the children left the Indians and came back to civilization. He stayed only a little while, however. He had lived with the savages

so long, that he was not content to live with his kindred, and soon returned to the people of his adoption.”

Story #2 (transcribed by Charles W. Paige, from an article published in the Rome, New York Semi-Weekly Citizen on 11 December, 1896—following an earlier but similar telling of Story #1 above)

“Another incident she relates took place in one of the old log cabin hotels. In the presence of her father a Tory there said, in a bragging way, that he had often carried babies around with a bayonet run through their bodies, just to torture the mothers. When the Tory had finished his story, Mrs. Vincent’s father picked up a big wooden chair and with that he laid the Tory low, breaking the chair. He then turned to the landlord and asked him what the damages were for breaking the chair, and the reply was: ‘Nothing, you can break every chair in the place that way, if you want to.’”

Story #3 (transcribed by Charles W. Paige, from an article published in the Rome, New York Daily Sentinel on 24 September, 1932)

“The War of 1812 was as fresh in the mind of Mrs. Vincent as the Civil War is in the minds of this generation. She remembered meeting a body of troops in the road, and she was of course very much frightened, as would be natural for a child of her years. She got out of the road and close to a fence, to get as far away as possible. The soldiers saw her fright, and reassured her by telling her they would not harm her. A company of soldiers was for some days encamped near where her father lived.”

Polly was buried at the Gravesville Cemetary, Town of Russia, Herkimer County, NY.

- vi. John Hubbart, born 1802.
- vii. Ruth Hubbart, born 1804.
- viii. Ann Hubbart, born 1807 in NY.
- 1 ix. Adam Frink Hubbard, born 7-4-1813 in Russia, Herkimer Co., NY; died 3-11-1892 in Prob. Calhoun Co., MI; married (1) Mary Mcclean Abt. 1833 in NY; married (2) Ann M. DeCamp Bef. 1860 in NY; married (3) Mariah McCarthy (also spelled McCarty) 6-6-1880 in Clarence, Calhoun Co., Michigan.

Generation No. 3

4. John Hobart, died 12-20-1782 in South Britain, New Haven, CT. He married **5. Mary (nee ?) Hubbart**.

5. Mary (nee ?) Hubbart

Children of John Hobart and Mary Hubbart are:

- 2 i. Thomas Hubbart, born 1760 in Woodbury, Litchfield Co., CT; died 4-22-1821 in Russia, Herkimer Co., NY; married Silence Bartlett 9-30-1787 in Kinderhook, Columbia Co., NY.
- ii. Abiah Hubbart, married Jonathan Wildman 1-14-1768.
- iii. Sarah Hubbart, married David Franklin 6-17-1771 in South Britain, New Haven, CT.
- iv. Joseph Hubbart, married Martha Brooks 11-19-1771 in Southbury, New Haven Co., CT.

Notes for Joseph Hubbart:

AKA Joseph Freeman Hubbart and Freeman Hulbert

- v. John Hubbart
- vi. Elisha Hubbart, married Esther Willison.

Nellie's Bliss Ancestry

First Few Hundred Years of the House of Blois

The surname of Bliss may be a derivation of Blois, the House of Blois having been established in England in the twelfth century A.D. by Stephen of Blois, Count of Boulogne, who became King of England after Henry I. King Stephen's line of direct male descent ended shortly, but others of his kinsmen took up residence on the conquered British Isle under the now favorable conditions.

It is said that those who go by the name of Bliss are descendants of the counts of Blois, who enjoyed a few hundred years of wealth and power in Normandy and probably some time before that in Scandinavia, whence they came.³ The House of Blois was first established in France by Gello (d. 928), a prince of the Norse invaders, on lands given to the followers of Rollo the Dane as a peace measure by France's King Charles the Simple. But the hereditary countship of Blois was first acquired in 940 by Gello's son, Tibaut I (variously spelled "Theobald"), who expanded the territory through force and by marriage.

The central stronghold of Blois (pronounced Blwa') is the town by that name in north central France, currently the capital of Loire-et-Cher department. The town is in the Loire Valley, on the Loire River halfway between Orleans and Tours. Blois is best known for its 13th-century chateau, which ranks among the finest in the Loire Valley.

³ The House of Blois connection is based on a long-standing tradition. However, this family origin is questioned by Aaron Tyler Bliss in his [Genealogy of the Bliss Family in America](#) published in 1982. He disassociates the Bliss line from the House of Blois and claims the name Bliss is most likely of Saxon derivation. Aaron has also changed some of the early ancestral line of descent from what was presented in the lineage outlined in Aunt Etta (Bliss) Kendrick's version. The investigator who researched and prepared Aunt Etta's version most likely would have consulted current sources on the Bliss line, which generally offered the Blois explanation of the family's founding. Not having done direct source research myself, I cannot comment authoritatively on which version is more correct. The trend of the genealogical community, however, seems to favor Aaron's compilation.

The Chateau of Blois was originally built by the counts of Blois as a feudal castle. It was later added onto during the Renaissance by its d'Orlean owners. After Louis XII, who was born at the chateau, succeeded to the French throne in 1498, the manse was often used by the Crown. In fact, for two hundred years Blois became like a second capital of France. The chateau's walls were privy to the inspiration of Joan of Arc, who left Blois in 1429 to lift the siege of Orleans; saw the murder of Henri de Guise, who had plotted the takeover of the throne from Henry III of France, on the chateau's second floor December 23, 1588; witnessed the death of the queen mother, Catherine d' Medicis, a few days later in her room just below that of de Guise; and heard the weeping of Marie d' Medicis, who was imprisoned in the chateau by her son Louis XIII for two years until her escape. The walls, themselves, also played a role, honeycombed as they were with secret panels and passageways. Bombing by the Allies during WWII leveled most of the town between the chateau and the Loire, yet miraculously the chateau itself was left untouched.

Tibaut I passed the countship of Blois down to his son Tibaut II, who had no male heir and had to leave it to his brother Eudes I, then it went to Eudes' son Eudes II, who added the prized countship of Champagne to the growing territory. Next it was passed to Tibaut III, son of Eudes II, and then to Tibaut's son Stephen, Count of Blois, Champagne, Chartres, and Tourain. However, the countship of Blois-Champagne reached its zenith under Stephen's son Tibaut IV. Tibaut's brothers Stephen and Henry were respectively King of England and bishop of Winchester. And these coincidences helped make Tibaut IV second in power only to the French king himself. At his own discretion Tibaut was sometimes ally and other times enemy of Kings Louis VI and Louis VII.

Tibaut IV's daughter Adele of Champagne married Louis VII, and their son Philip II is credited as the first French king to make France a powerful and respected nation. It was Philip II who returned from the Third Crusade to divide up the French landholdings of England's King Richard the Lionhearted while the monarch was still in the Mideast, and who plotted against him with Richard's brother John. (The first wife of Louis VII had been the infamous Eleanor of Aquitaine, whose conduct as she accompanied her husband on the Second Crusade had greatly embarrassed the Crown. Among her exploits was riding on her horse bare-breasted. After Louis divorced Eleanor, she married Henry Plantagenet and mothered five sons, two of which, like their father, would be kings of England—Richard and John.) Adele of Champagne's marriage to Louis VII mixed the blood of the counts of Blois with that of the kings of the Capetian Dynasty and on down until the French Revolution. With the birth of England's King Edward III, son of Edward II and Isabella, daughter of France's King Philip IV, it passed into the veins of English kings as well.

In 1152 the various territories of Tibaut IV were divided among his heirs, and this marked the decline of the countship of Blois. It passed to the House of Chatillon in 1230 and was later sold to Louis de France, duc d'Orleans, in 1398. It became crown property in 1498 upon Louis XII's succession to the French throne. (Louis XII was the son of Duke Charles d'Orleans and grandson of Louis, duc d'Orleans—brother of King Charles VI. The crown went to Louis XII after Charles VIII died and left no male heir.) Thus the lands of Blois remained royal property until Louis XIV gave it to his brother Philippe I, duc d'Orleans, whose descendants held it until the French Revolution.

The influence of the House of Blois was felt strongly in Britain during, and for some years after, the Norman invasion in 1066. Stephen, Count of Blois and Champagne, had landed during the campaign with his father-in-law William the Conqueror. After Stephen's return to Blois, from where he ventured out on the First Crusade and was slain at Rhames, his son Stephen usurped the crown of England following the death of the Conqueror's son, King Henry I. Stephen's credentials were that he was the son of Adela, the Conqueror's favorite daughter, and that his grandfather had supposedly told him it was his wish that Stephen next become king. To secure his claim Stephen sailed from Normandy and seized the royal treasure after his uncle's death, being proclaimed king at Christmastide. However, Henry I had intended for his daughter, Empress Matilda—widow of Henry V of the Holy Roman Empire, to become queen. So, although Stephen reigned for nearly twenty-one years, most of it was consumed in civil war between his supporters and those of his cousin. It was finally agreed, through the instrument of the Treaty of Wallingford in 1153, that Stephen would rule until his death, after which Matilda's son Henry, from her marriage to Geoffrey Plantagenet, Count of Anjou, would become king. Stephen died the next year, and Henry became Henry II of England.

Additional influence was exerted by King Stephen's brother Henry, bishop of Winchester. It was during these years that the Blois (Bloys, Blysse, Blisse, Bliss) family became entrenched on English soil. By the early seventeenth century, some families had been members of the yeomanry class in Devonshire for centuries. And like most English people, they had changed from Roman Catholics to members of Henry VIII's newly established Church of England in the sixteenth century. But the fortunes of some Blysse families, along with many other people throughout Britain, were soon on an irreversible course toward confrontation with the Crown of England. They had been influenced by the teachings of Calvin and joined a controversial religious belief called "Puritan."

Puritan Strain

Excesses by the new Church of England resulted in the creation of Puritanism, Puritans being a sect of Protestant 16th/17th-century England seeking simplicity in doctrine and worship, and strictness in religious discipline. These people detested the loose manners of church clergy and laymen, especially the Sunday sports church people took part in. (Sunday sports were traditionally started by Queen Elizabeth I and continued by her nephew, King James I.) One of the most detested sports was bear baiting, a sport so popular that even after it was prohibited by King James I it still occurred illegally. During one of the bootleg contests a bear, maddened by baiting dogs, broke from the ring and fatally injured John Blysse, who was traveling to church one Sunday afternoon. This incident helped to enforce the Blysse family's resolve to purify the English church. In counterpoint, the Crown was bent on purifying England of its Puritan troublemakers and nonconformists.

The Blysse family in the south of England were members of the yeomanry class, or farmers, though some members at times had become knights or gentry. They owned the houses and lands where they dwelled, were freeholders, and were entitled to vote for members of Parliament. Their coat-of-arms was: Sable, a bend vair, between two fleurs-de-lis or. (Interpreted from heraldic expression, this means: a black shield with a silver or azure fur band extending from the dexter chief—upper part of shield on observer's left and bearer's right—down to the bottom of the opposite side, or sinister base. The band is between two gold fleurs-de-lis, or devices resembling three pedals or floral segments of an iris tied by an encircling band; the

distinctive bearing of the royal family of France.) Their crest was a hand holding a bundle of arrows. And their motto was: *Semper Sursum*, or "ever upwards." On their farms they raised cattle and sheep, which brought wealth and ensured a stability at first barely disturbed by the family's growing adherence to Puritan beliefs. However, fate was mustering its forces to unseat this stability under the guise of Charles I of England.

Writs issued by King Charles I on January 29, 1628, called for the assembly of the two houses of Parliament. This caused excitement throughout the land, since it was rumored Charles was planning to bring in foreign troops, and the people wished to express their distress and disapproval. Charles was attempting to restore pre-Magna Carta power to the Crown, and it was feared the foreign troops were being brought for Charles to use against the English people. So in response to the writs men were elected to the House of Commons who were not likely to be intimidated by the Crown. Also, when it came time for elected members to travel to London, they were accompanied by supporters to protect them from bandits and king's men. Among those sent to London was Oliver Cromwell, a young farmer from Huntingdon—his first time elected to Parliament.

At this time, Nellie Bliss' ancestors were living near Okehampton, in the parish of Belstone and shire of Devon. Thomas Blyse (b.1550-60) was the father of those who came to America. His five children were: Jonathan, Thomas, Elizabeth, George (b.1591), and Mary. Sons Jonathan and Thomas accompanied their Parliamentarian to London, along with thirty other supporters. All shaved their hair short in political protest, and Jonathan and Thomas rode iron grey horses with pistols in the holsters of their saddles. While in London, the Blyse sons heard some of the speeches given in the House of Commons. And the two brothers were grieved when Parliament was dissolved prematurely by the false-hearted king.

The king, also, was unhappy. Too many people were over-excited and massing in the streets of London. He thus set about tracking down his enemies, persecuting those known to have attended the House of Commons or who espoused its causes. On the list compiled by king's spies were the names of Thomas and Jonathan Blyse. From that day the Belstone family was marked for destruction, persecuted by civil and religious authorities under the directions of Archbishop Laud. Over the next seven years: Jonathan and Thomas were fined thousands of pounds for nonconformity; occasionally thrown into jail for weeks at a time; their elderly father was dragged through the streets; officers of the high commission seized all their horses and sheep, except for one ewe that was so frightened it ran into the house and under a bed; and the king's officers seized the Blyse cattle and most of their household goods, some highly valued for their beauty and antiquity. The breaking point came when the three brothers were led through the marketplace in Okehampton, along with twelve other Puritans, by ropes tied around their necks. Again they were fined heavily, and Jonathan and his father were thrown into prison. The family was able to secure the release of old Thomas, but Jonathan had to remain until the family property could be disposed of and release money obtained. During this time Jonathan suffered thirty-five lashes with a three-corded whip at Exeter.

The family's existence had by now been so reduced that old Thomas and his wife had to seek refuge with their daughter Elizabeth, who had married Sir John Calcliffe of Belstone, a member of the Established church and thus above reproach. Sons Thomas and George feared to wait for the release of their brother before escaping to the Colonies. So they with their families

set sail, arriving in Boston in 1635. George purchased a house in Lynn, on the north of Boston Bay, and Thomas settled in Braintree, south of Boston.

Jonathan died before his release from prison. His son Thomas had remained in England to attend his father. But now there was no reason to stay, so Thomas and his family sailed to the Colonies, arriving in Boston in 1636. With him came his wife, Dorothy Wheatley, (m. 1614) now known by the title "Mistress Ide." She had been the widow of Nicholas Ide before she became Mrs. Blysse. Her son Nicholas Ide (later spelled "Hyde") also came, as did Thomas and Mistress Ide's children Jonathan, Mary and Nathaniel Blysse, and a daughter who married Thomas Williams. The newly arriving family took up residence at Braintree, either with or near their uncle Thomas.

New Land, New Hope

Nellie Mae Bliss comes from the Thomas Bliss and Mistress Ide branch. For some time after their arrival, the Blisses could rely on occasional parcels of clothing, food, and books from Elizabeth (Bliss) Calcliffe. She also kept the colonial family informed of news of those still in England. However, Uncle Thomas was being favorably impressed by the preaching of Rev. Thomas Hooker. When in 1639 Uncle Thomas and his wife, Margaret (Lawrence), decided to take their family to the clergy's colony at Hartford, nephew Thomas and family joined the migration. The group made their way through the wilderness to the Connecticut settlement. Yet no sooner had they arrived than Uncle Thomas died, about 1640.

There came a parting of the ways of the two families around 1642. Margaret was planning on taking her large family to the Pynchon colony of Springfield the next year, and she asked her nephew Thomas to bring his family with them. However, Thomas was being persuaded to take his to the settlement of Weymouth, near Braintree, by his friend Harmon. So that year Thomas and Mistress Ide left malaria-ridden Connecticut, with its many swamps and insects, and made their way to Weymouth.

The first record of Margaret Bliss in Springfield was in 1646. Her daughter Ann had married Robert Chapman of Saybrooke, Conn., on April 29, 1642, and stayed at Saybrooke. Thomas Bliss Jr. also remained in Connecticut, moving to Norwich in 1659. He died April 15, 1688. Widow Margaret purchased a tract of land in Springfield, on the Connecticut River, where she continued until her death August 28, 1684, having lived ninety years. One street laid out on her tract was named Margaret Street; another was named Bliss Street. Of Margaret's other children: Mary married Joseph Parsons, who had arrived at Boston on the vessel "John and Mary" in 1630, and they were married in 1646—some years later Mary was tried on a charge of witchcraft and acquitted; Nathaniel died November 8, 1654; Lawrence died 1676; Samuel was born in 1624; Sarah, born at Boston around 1635, married John Scott at Springfield July 20, 1659; Elizabeth, who was born at Boston about 1637, married Miles Morgan on February 15, 1669-7—Miles was one of the founders of Springfield; Hannah, born at Hartford in 1639, died unmarried January 25, 1662; and John, born at Hartford in 1640, died September 10, 1702.

George Bliss was forty-four years old when he came to America—the youngest of the three brothers. He first settled at Lynn but two years later removed to Sandwich, Massachusetts, on the southwest side of Cape Cod Bay. Here he stayed for twelve years, making improvements and planting an orchard, before selling out and moving to Newport, Rhode Island. His name appears in Newport land records as late as March 22, 1660, and he died there August 31, 1667.

George's son John was his only known child. John inherited a fortune from his father's estate, which was combined with that inherited by his wife, the former Damaris Arnold of Newport, in 1677. (Damaris was a daughter of Benedict Arnold, first governor of Rhode Island under its new charter, who had come with his father to America in 1636 and settled at Newport in 1653. Governor Arnold was elected to the position several times, and was invaluable in Indian negotiations, since he knew their manners and language. Governor Arnold was the great-grandfather of Benedict Arnold the traitor.) John and Damaris' daughter Freelove, named after Damaris' sister, was accounted the richest heiress in Newport.

Rehoboth

(See also "Bliss Family History and Genealogy" at Website: <http://www.usgennet.org/family/bliss> . This Website generally dispels the English history of our Bliss family that we have believed since Aunt Etta Kendrick had research done to join the DAR, and it also makes some corrections to the American Bliss line.)

Nephew Thomas Bliss and family took Harmon's advice and settled at Weymouth, which was an older settlement and nearer communications with England. Thomas took up some land and built a house expecting to remain permanently. He took the freeman's oath at Cambridge on May 18, 1642. But Weymouth had already become divided on religious matters. And the situation worsened until the Bliss' pastor, Rev. Newman, convinced his flock it was time to establish a new town.

The site chosen for the new settlement was on a section of land called "Seekonk" by the Indians. "Seekonk" means "black geese," in honor of great flocks of the birds that landed there twice a year. The original town of Rehoboth, besides Seekonk, took up an area called Pawtucket ("Potuxit" is an Indian word signifying streams or falls of water), and another called "Wannamoiset" (which later formed part of the offshoot towns of Swansea and Barrington). Permission for the settlement had already been received as early as 1641 from the land grant holder William Bradford. Additional lands were purchased in 1666, and in 1689 the son of the deceased William Bradford, William Jr., signed a quit-claim to all properties claimed by the town of Rehoboth. Ironically, Rehoboth, which was incorporated June 4, 1645, was indirectly indebted to Charles I of England for its existence. Early in his reign Charles had renewed Bradford's grant originally given by James I.

In order to make the move to the lands destined to become Rehoboth, Rev. Newman's constituents first had to sell their properties, which most of them did at great financial sacrifice. Then they moved lock, stock and barrel in the autumn of 1643. At the new location each family was apportioned property equal to that which they had sold at Weymouth. (On a list made by the settlement's administrators which shows estate values of heads of households, there were twenty-nine shown as possessing more than Thomas and twenty-nine listed as having less.) There were two or three families already living in the settlement area, however. Thomas bought shoots for his apple orchard from one of these families by the name of Blackstone, William Blackstone having lived and had an orchard on the Boston peninsula as early as 1625. (When Governor Winthrop and his Puritan company arrived at Charlestown in 1630, they found Blackstone in possession of Shawmut, the peninsula where Boston now stands. With the money Blackstone received to take leave of the land, he was able to purchase cattle and move to the Pawtucket area. Further back in history, William Blackstone had been a non-conformist minister of the Episcopal

Church in England. Not willing to endure "the tyranny of the Lord-Bishops," he had fled to North America, where he died about 1655.)

The name "Rehoboth" was chosen because of its biblical relevance from Genesis, Chapter XXVI, Verses 20-22. The land was situated on both sides of the Palmer River and consisted of woodland, upland, and a meadow. In the autumn of 1645, Thomas and his son Jonathan shot and snared fifty-eight geese, a fact recorded in the town's annals. No doubt the biannual arrival of the seekonk or black geese helped feed the colony until its inhabitants had established their farms and orchards.

The people of Rehoboth had no intention of allowing the same religious divisiveness to occur in their town as had at Weymouth. To safeguard the purity of their beliefs, no person was permitted to sell his lands and buildings except to someone who was pre-approved after an examination by the church under the direction of Rev. Newman or his assigns. Newman's iron rules continued long past his death July 5, 1663. Members who violated the many ordinances were cited and, in some cases, expelled by the whole.

On June 9, 1645, Thomas Bliss drew lot No. 30 on the Great Plain in Seekonk. In 1646 he was appointed "to view the fence of the town lots," and in 1647, "surveyor of highways." Thomas died in June of 1649, four months after the birth of his first grandson by son Jonathan, and five months after the tyrant Charles I, instigator of the Bliss migration to America, was beheaded. The family remaining at Rehoboth were Nathaniel Ide II and his family, and Jonathan Bliss and family. Daughter Mary had been married to Nathaniel Harmon of Braintree.

The Will and Holdings of Thomas Blysse/Blise/Bliss

The following will and holdings, scribed in auld English, give a glimpse into the family and final substance of Thomas Bliss.

Last Will and Testament of Thomas Blise

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Blise being sick in body but in perfect memory made the seventh Day of the eighth month; 1647 the said will allso Exhibbited unto the Court holden at new Plymouth the eighth of June 1649, upon the oathes of Steven Payne Edward Smith

Imprimus I give in the name of the father sonn and holy Goste my soule into the hands of god yt gave it and my body to the earth

It I give unto my soon Jonathan my house and home lot Conditionally yt hee shall give unto my sonninlaw Thomas Willmore his lot wh hee now hath and allso the one half of my broken up ground for two yeares and shall healp him to build him an house and let him peacably and quietly live in the house with him untell they shall bee able to set up a house for him

It I give unto Jonathan two of my oxen Called Spark and Swad and my heifer wh is Called traveler and my heifer Calfe at the Iland and all my beding and all my

tooles Conditionly yt hee shall use them in my trade or els they shalbee Devided to my fouer Children

It I give unto my eldest Daughter and her husband Thomas Willmore my other two oxen Called quick and benbo an my broad headed heifer and my Cow Called Damson and all my wearing aparrell

It I give to my Daughter Mary and her husband Nathaneill harmon my three two yeare ould steers and ten bushells of wheat

It I give unto Nathaneell the sonn of my sonninlaw Nicolas Ide my browne heifer and my two steere Calves wh are at the Iland

It I give unto Nicolas Ide ten bushells of Rye

It I give unto my sonn Jonathan and my sonninlaw Thomas Willmore the Resedew of my Corn and allso the Rye now sowne on the ground and my Coult and all my tackling and Implements as plowes Cart and Chaines all these to be equally Devided between them allso my pot and ketell; and I Doe make them exequters Joyntly of this my will and Testament; and I Doe Intreat my trusty and wellbeloved frends Richard Wright and Steven Payne to bee overseers of this my Will yt it bee Dewly and Justly performed in Wittness heerof I have set to my hand the Day and yeare first above written; I give unto my fouer Children my hide of leather which is in William ffeilds hand to be equalli Devided between them; and if any of my Children shall seeck to Defraude the others of any pt of their Right or shall bee any wayes troublesom and it bee Justly proved hee shall forfeite all his part heer mensioned to be equally Devided between the Rest

In the prsence of Thomas Blise
Steven Payne
Edward Smithe

Inventory of the Thomas Blise Estate

An Inventory of the goods and chattells of the late deseassed Thomas blise takein The 21 of the eight month [October] 1647.

Item	£ s d
Impri his wearing aparell	3 0 0
It one fether bede 2 bolsters one blanked and one coverlid and 2 sheets	4 0 0
It one Iron pot one brasse kittle	0 10 0
It 3 payls one tube	0 6 0
It in bookes	0 5 0

**An Inventory of the goods and chattells of the late deseassed Thomas blise
takein The 21 of the eight month [October] 1647.**

Item	£ s d
It 3 axsses one throw one hatchet one adds one wimble	0 12 0
It 2 sithes one how	0 6 0
It one ould muskate one pistoll one pistollbarell and one barell of a peece and 2 ould swords	1 10 0
It 3 pitchforks one mukeforke .	0 5 0
It Iron and Steele	0 9 0
It 2 beetleRings one wedge one mortising axe	0 6 0
It one warming pan one pot crooke one paire of pot hooks one frying pan	0 10 0
It one payer of stillyards	0 3 0
It one horse harnesse one Sadle tree	0 7 0
It 2 meale troughs tow old hoggsheads	0 6 0
It one ould bagg	0 10
It in oattes pilcorn and peasen	0 12 0
It all the tooles belonging unto the Smiths trade	22 0 0
It one hyde of soallether	1 4 0
It 2 sives	0 1
It 2 oxen	12 0 0
It one Cow	5 5 0
It 2 oxen	22 0 0
It one Cow	5 0 0
It one heaifer	4 15 0
It 3 young Steers	8 0 0
It one Cow	5 5 0
It one court	7 0 0
It 3 calves	4 0 0
It 2 swyne	2 10 0
It haye	8 0 0
It wheat	6 15 0
It Rye	1 0 0
It in chaynes	0 12 0
It 2 plows and plow Irons	1 0 0
It one cartrope	0 4 0
It 2 yookes	0 5 0
It one cart	1 0 0
It Indian corn	1 6 0
It hempe	0 1 0
It one ould Sawe and other ould lumber	0 10 0

**An Inventory of the goods and chattells of the late deseassed Thomas blise
takein The 21 of the eight month [October] 1647.**

Item

£ s d

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Aprised by Steven payne and Richard Bowin
at a generall court holden at neu plimouth the 7th of March 1647
Johnathan Blise and Thomas willmore testified Upon oath before the said
court yt this is a true Inventory of the goods and chattells of thomas Blise
above written

Another Plague

The life of Jonathan Bliss doesn't ever seem to have been one of rest or ease. From almost the time of his birth in England he and his family had been in difficulty. First there was Charles I, then Archbishop Laud, the prison death of his grandfather Jonathan, having to leave his homeland for a wilderness called America, topped off by his family's trudging to Connecticut only to return to Weymouth and finally to Rehoboth. As Rehoboth grew and Swansea split off, it must have seemed to him, and to others who had suffered for so long, that their time of feast had finally come. However, there was one more plague that would make many wish they were back in England facing King Charles' men.

Shortly before the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, disease had swept through the Wampanoag tribe, which lived in the area between Cape Cod and Narraganset Bay, including most of the Rhode Island area. The plague had reduced the tribe to about 300 people, and this left them weak and vulnerable to invaders. So in 1621, Massasoit, the sachem (chief) of the tribe approached Governor Carver of the Plymouth colony with 60 warriors, and the two chiefs created a treaty of peace.

Peace with their Indian neighbors was exactly what the colonists needed to build their towns and expand their populations. New settlements were constantly being started, and immigration from England was enhanced by the diminished Indian threat. Yet in 1639, the same year as the Bliss exodus to Hartford, a son was born to Massasoit, probably in the chief's wigwam at Sowams (in present town of Warren, Rhode Island). As young Metacomet grew up, he watched the white settlers taking more and more land, and it shouldn't be surprising that he became alarmed. What had started out as a tiny trickle of these strange white people had turned into a veritable flood, and he decided something had to be done to close the floodgate.

As long as Massasoit lived there was always a check on the son. But the sachem died in 1661, and this left the new sachem free to convince his people of his belief. Over the next fourteen years there were many tribal meetings, all of which were kept secret from whites. Also in on the conferences were the Narragansets, another tribe who espoused a similar desire to rid their lands of the white people. The colonists were becoming alarmed by 1670. The frequency of tribal meetings was becoming painfully obvious, and settlers were beginning to be found murdered. So the authorities requested that the Indian chiefs come and explain what was going

on, and to surrender their arms. Some time elapsed, and it appeared the Indian problem was at an end, until one day an Indian convert named Sausamon blew the lid off of Metacomet's ruse. The Indian said the two tribes were secretly preparing for war. For his efforts Sausamon was murdered by fellow Indians, who were in turn executed by the settlers. However, the Indians did not see the executions as justice and thus demanded revenge.

Near the border between the towns of Rehoboth and Swansea lived Rachel (Bliss) and husband Thomas Mann. He was born in Scituate, Plymouth Colony, on August 15, 1650, to parents Richard and Rebecca Mann. It was now June 24, 1675, and Rachel and Thomas had only been married since October of the year before. It was quiet, and many people were returning from church, where they had been observing a religious ritual called "in the way of Humiliation." Suddenly peace ended as an ambush sprang on the returning group. Simultaneously Indians attacked Swansea, setting blazes and killing a few settlers caught in the open. Rachel and the baby in her arms were two of the first victims in Swansea, both having their heads bashed in by an Indian who had been a friend of the family and often helped by Mrs. Mann (this per a poem written of the time by Deacon Walker). While the raid was in progress, two men were killed on the road while attempting to fetch a surgeon. Among the other deaths that day were those of Gershom Cobb, Joseph Lewis, John and William Salisbury, John and Robert Jones, John Fall, Nehemiah Allen, and William Lohum. Another possible victim, William Hamon (or "Harmon"), was buried June 29.

Metacomet's decision to war on the colonists was probably based on his observance of their insistence on peace. This peaceful tendency may have impressed him as reflecting weakness and cowardliness. If this were the case, then a few bloody massacres should send the settlers fleeing back to their foreign home. How could the sachem know that most of those landing on his shore considered they had no other home. Also, how could he know that the quiet manners and love of peace of these strangers was only the flip side of a people who were fierce fighters when it came to protecting their own, or securing that which they believed had been ordained to them by God—the land.

Swansea was burned, as were Brookfield, Deerfield, and Hadley. There were also burnings and massacres at Weymouth, Groton, Medfield, and Lancaster, Massachusetts, and at Providence, Rhode Island. However, by 1676 the tide was turning, especially after Governor Josiah Winslow led troops who destroyed an entire Narraganset village. By the time mid-1676 had arrived, only a combined 200 people of the two once powerful tribes had survived. Captain Benjamin Church tracked the fleeing Metacomet, called King Philip by the English, until the sachem had been cornered in a swamp. Then the demoralized chief was killed by an Indian friendly to the English, and his head was sent to Plymouth, where it was mounted on a gibbet and put on display for some time. In all about 600 colonists were killed, 600 buildings burned, and thirteen towns destroyed.

Thomas Mann was badly wounded in Captain Michael Pierce's fight in Rehoboth on 26 March, 1676. He was one of only three English troop survivors. Yet he survived the war to marry, on July 3, 1676, Mary Wheaton, b. at Rehoboth on November 4, 1656. Her parents were Robert and Alice (Bowen) Wheaton.

It isn't known whether the Jonathan Bliss family entertained a wish to return to England during the year-long King Philip's War. What is known is that they stayed, rebuilt their homes, and continued to rebuild their lives around the rough circumstances of their environment. Perhaps

they felt the Biblical reference to their town's ancient namesake was a prediction of the calm to come, and the end of their plagues:

Genesis 26, v. 20-22

Then ²⁰the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours," So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. ²¹Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also; so he called its name Sitnah. ²²And he moved from there and dug another well, and over that they did not quarrel; so he called its name Rehoboth, saying, "For now the Lord has made room for us and we shall be fruitful in the land."

The Early American Blisses

Samuel, son of Jonathan and Miriam (Harmon) Bliss, was the first of Nellie's Bliss ancestors to be born in America, coincidentally the first to be born at Rehoboth. Three generations later another of Nellie's Bliss ancestors named Samuel was the first to move away from Rehoboth since its founding in 1643. His departure occurred about the end of the Revolutionary War. His ancestors are listed in the section Samuel Bliss, Jr. and Some Generations of His Ancestors , and the ancestors of his wife Anna (Mason) is in section Ancestors of Anna Mason.

The following two sections, The Two Contemporary Captain Samuel Blisses and Samuel Bliss, Sr. in the Revolutionary War as Militia Captain are about the father of this last Samuel—described below in the table column designated **Capt. Samuel Bliss, Sr., Patriot**.

The Two Contemporary Captain Samuel Blisses

	Capt. Samuel Bliss, Loyalist	Capt. Samuel Bliss, Sr., Patriot	
Associated with	Greenfield and Concord, MA and St. Andrew, New Brunswick, Canada	Rehoboth, MA	
Birth	November 19, 1750	July 25, 1730	
Bliss Book	# 416, p. 114	# 473, p. 124	
Children	Mary Harwood, b. 1783	(1) Hannah, b.1755 (2) Molly, b. 1758 (3) Susie, b. 1759 (4) Samuel, b. 1761	(5) Esther, b. 1764 (6) Lepha, b. 1766 (7) Lydia, b. 1794
DAR/ Loyalists	<u>Advanced Loyalist Studies</u> http://www.royalprovincial.com/index.htm <u>The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada</u> http://www.uelac.org/	Listed in Patriot Index, Centennial Edition, p. 284	

	Capt. Samuel Bliss, Loyalist	Capt. Samuel Bliss, Sr., Patriot
Death	February 28, 1803, St. Andrew, NB	January 5, 1820, Rehoboth, MA
Education	Unknown	Unknown
Marriage	Mary Harwood of ?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hannah Carpenter of Rehoboth, MA 2. Keziah Carpenter of Rehoboth, MA 3. Lydia Perry of Rehoboth, MA
Occupation	Merchant	Farmer
Parents	Daniel Bliss and Phebe Walker	Nathaniel Bliss and Mehitable Whittaker
Pedigree	<p>Hartford Line:</p> <p>#001 Thomas Bliss + Margaret Hulins #014 Samuel Bliss + Mary Leonard #052 Thomas Bliss + Hannah Cadwell #147 Rev. Daniel Bliss + Phebe Walker #416 Capt. Samuel + Mary Harwood</p>	<p>Rehoboth Line:</p> <p>#002 Thomas Bliss + Dorothy Wheatlie #021 Jonathan Bliss + Miriam Harmon #067 Samuel Bliss + Mary Kendrick #167 Nathaniel Bliss + Mehitable Whittaker #473 Capt. Samuel Bliss + 3 wives</p>
Service	<p>Lieut. and Captain, British Army, Young Royal Highland Emigrants, June 14, 1775, and Highland Fusiliers</p> <p>"Favored the cause of Great Britain during the Revolutionary War and was charged with helping to plot the British Force to Concord April 19, 1775 and with giving them suggestions as to where to search for contraband of war and also of pointing out the dwelling places of the leading rebels." He was proscribed and banished in 1778. He joined the British Army and served with distinction in New York and New Jersey.</p>	<p>Captain of a company of 43 minute men, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775 to April 27, 1775; service, 8 days. Ephraim Bliss, Amos Bliss, and Levi Bliss were privates in the company.</p> <p>Captain in Col. Timothy Walker's (Bristol Co.) Regiment; commissioned May 24, 1775 to December 1775. Cpl. Nathaniel Bliss and privates Ephraim, Charles, and David Bliss served under him.</p> <p>Enlisted and served three years under Captain Slade; promoted to captain. Served as Gen. George Washington's steward at Morristown, 1777.</p>
WWW Resources	<p><u>MA Banishment Act</u> http://personal.nbn.net.nb.ca/halew/Mass-Banishment-Act.html</p> <p><u>Highland Fusiliers</u> http://www.royalprovincial.com/military/courts/cmellis.htm</p>	<p><u>Soldiers of the Revolution</u> http://www.angelfire.com/ri/reaspage/revwar.html</p> <p><u>Morristown National Park</u> http://www.nps.gov/morr/</p> <p><u>Morristown Headquarters</u> http://www.nps.gov/morr/morr1.htm</p>

[<http://www.usgennet.org/family/bliss/features/2001/april01/april3.htm>]

Samuel Bliss, Sr. in the Revolutionary War as Militia Captain

Following is a "muster roll of Capt. Samuel Bliss's company of minute men, from Rehoboth, from the 19th of April to the 27th—each eight days service:" (A comprehensive discussion of Sergeant Samuel Bliss, Sr.'s service during the Revolutionary War can be found starting Page 54, and of Private Samuel Bliss, Jr.'s service starting Page 47.)

Samuel Bliss, Capt.	Samuel Munroe,	Jonathan Drowne,
Aaron Walker, Lieut.	William Fairbrother,	Ezekiel Hix,
Joseph Allen, Ensign,	Benjamin Comer,	Joseph Allen,
Aaron Read, Sergeant,	William Allen,	Jacob Fuller,
James Bullock do.	Oliver Jones,	Comfort Stanley,
Noah Allen, do.	Samuel Allen,	
Christopher Ormsbee, do.	Joseph Ingals,	
Nathan Wheeler,(+)	Thomas Campbell,	
Jonathan Nash,	John Dryer,	
Elijah Perry,	Christopher Blanding,	
Peter Read,	Nathan Turner,	
John Brown,	Nathaniel Turner,	
Oliver Peck,	Ephraim Bliss,	
Amos Bliss,	Levi Lewis,	
Philip Peck,	Valentine Wheeler,	
Solomon Peck,	Jonathan Macomber,	
Elnathan Lake,	Abel Hix,	
Josiah Perry,	Preserved Bullock,	
Ichabod Wade."	Laben Lake,	

There was a second company of Minute Men from Rehoboth, commanded by Capt. Bliss, for eight months from April or May of 1775. [Arnold, Vital Records of Rehoboth (1897).] References in brackets [] or { } are to books, or other materials, listed in the Joseph Bucklin Society Library List.

[http://www.bucklinsociety.net/JBSAdmin/JBS_Library_List.htm]

VERSION ONE: Capt. Samuel Bliss, Lieut. Aaron Walker, Ensign Joseph Allen, Serjeant Aaron Read, Serjeant James Bullock, Serjeant Noah Allen, Serjeant Chrisstopher Ormsbee, Nathan Wheeler, Jonathan Nask, Elijah Perry, Peter Read, Hohn Bown, Samuel Munroe, William Fairbrother, Benjamin Coomer, William Allen, Oliver Jones, Samuel Allen, Joseph Ingals, Thomas Campbell, Hohn Dryer, Nathan Turner, Nathaniel Turner, Ephraim Bliss, Levi Lewis, Valentine Wheeler, Jonathan Macomber, Able Hix, Preserved Bullock, Laben Lake, Jonathan Drowne, Ezekiel Hix, Joseph Allen, Jacob Fuller, Comfort Stanley, Oliver Peck, Amos Bliss, Philip Peck, Solomen Peck, Elnathan Lake, Josiah Perry, Ichabobod Wade.

VERSION TWO: Capt. Samuel Bliss, Lieut. Aaron Wheeler, Ensign Joseph Allen, Sergeant Aaron Read, Sergeant James Bullock, Sergeant Noah Allen, Sergeant Christopher Ormsbee, Corporal Nathaniel Bliss, Corporal Nathaniel Wheeler, Corporal Jonathan Macomber, Corporal Elijah Wheeler, Drummer James Wheeler, Fifer Cyriel Smith, Joseph Allen, Samuel Allen, Wiliam Allen, Ephraim Bless, Charles Bless, David Bliss, Levi Baldwin, Thomas Baldwin, Preserved Bullock, Isaac Burr, Samuel Baker, Eliphalet Corbin, James Cole, Thomas Campbell, John Dryer, William Fairbrother, Simon Goff, Abel Hix, Joseph Ingals, _____ Ide, Oliver Jones, Labin Lake, Levi Lewis, Samuel Munroe, Jonathan Nash, David Perry, Sylvester Peck, Peter Read, Nathaniel Round, Richard Round, Comfort Robinson, David Turner, Nathan Turner, Valentine Wilmot, Jonathan Drown, Christopher Blanding.

Samuel Bliss was afterwards General Washington's steward at Morristown, in the winter of 1777.

[http://www.bucklinsociety.net/rehoboth_minute_men.htm]

VERSION THREE: The following lists one of two companies in Col. Timothy Walker's regiment from Rehoboth:

"A list of men under Capt. Samuel Bliss, who enlisted for eight months from April and May, 1775, in Colonel Timothy Walker's regiment.

Samuel Bliss, Capt.	Eliphalet Corbin,(*)
Aaron Wheeler, Lieut	James Cole,
Joseph Allen, Ensign,	Thomas Campbell,
Aaron Read, Sergeant,	John Dryer,
James Bullock, do.	William Fairbrother,
Noah Allen, do.	Simon Goff,
Christopher Ormsbee, do.	Abel Hix,
Nathaniel Bliss, Corporal,	Joseph Ingals,
Nathan Wheeler, do.	(???)(*) Ide,
Jonathan Macomber, do.	Oliver Jones,
Elijah Perry, do.	Labin Lake,
James Wheeler, drummer,	Levi Lewis,
Cyriel Smith, fifer,	Samuel Munroe,
Joseph Allen,	Jonathan Nash,
Samuel Allen,	David Perry,
William Allen,	Sylvester Peck,
Ephraim Bliss,	Peter Read,
Charles Bliss,	Nathaniel Round,
David Bliss,	Richard Round,
Levi Baldwin,	Comfort Robinson,
Thomas Baldwin,	David Turner,
Preserved Bullock,	Nathan Turner,
Isaac Burr,	Valentine Willmot,
Samuel Baker,	Jonathan Drown."
Christopher Blanding,	

"This roll," says a note appended to it, "was made up to the 1st of August, 1775, and paid by the State, and afterwards was paid by the United States for the other five months." The History of Rehoboth, p. 149-151.

[http://www.familytreemaker.com/_glc_/3318/3318_150.html]

The following is a list of some officers in Col. Timothy Walker's regiment. Col. Walker was a resident of Rehoboth as were, also, at least part of his officers.

STAFF OFFICERS: Timothy Walker, Esq., Col.; Nathaniel Leonard, Lieut, Col.; Abiel Mitchell, Major

CAPTAINS: John Perry, Peter Pitts, Mason Shaw, Silas Cobb, John King, Daniel Parker, Samuel Bliss, Caleb Richardson, Jacob Fuller, Francis Liscomb, Olive Soper, Maxcy Williams, Samuel Tubbs, Jr.

LIEUTENANTS: John Paine, Samuel Lane, Simeon Cobb, Isaac Smith, Enoch Robinson, Aaron Walker, Zebedee Raiden, John Shaw, Matthew Randall, Noah Hall,

ENSIGNS: Thomas Bucklin, John Cook, Thomas Williams, Isaac Fisher, Solomon Stanley, Joseph Allen, Henry Briggs, Jowl Tubbs, Seth Pratt, Abraham Hathaway

[http://www.bucklinsociety.net/rehoboth_minute_men.htm]

Captain John Perry married Leaffe Walker, April 16, 1761. She was born in Rehoboth, Mass., Aug. 4, 1742, the daughter of Timothy, Jr., and Elizabeth Walker. Her father was a captain of a militia company when he was the representative to the General Court of Massachusetts in 1757, 1758, 1759. The Journals of the Provincial Congress show that Colonel Timothy Walker was the delegate from Rehoboth, 1774-75. The Records in the Military Archives of Massachusetts rank him as *Colonel*, who "marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, for Lexington." His son-in-law, John Perry, was a captain in the same regiment.

[<http://www.hooperconnections.com/williamhooper1635bio.html>]

Some Blisses in the Revolutionary War

BLISS, Aaron of Royalston. SOURCE: [5] Royalston Rev War Soldiers. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~maworces/roy-rev.htm>

BLISS, Aaron, Jr. of Longmeadow. On the list of minute-men of the regular Longmeadow company, under Capt. David Burt who marched to Boston on April 20, 1775 for service of 10 days. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Alexander of Springfield. On a list of names, "all of whom are presumed to have answered the call and enrolled themselves for service", found on reverse side of a formal written announcement of the attack on Lexington, April, 1775. On the list of minute-men of the regular Springfield company, under Maj. Andrew Colton who marched to Boston on April 20, 1775 for service of 10 days; private. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Allen of Rehoboth. Capt. Cole's Company; service for three years. SOURCE: [34] The History of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts; page 156.

BLISS, Blodgett Theodore of Brimfield. Capt. Toogood's Company, Col. Nixon's Regiment; 3 years Continental service, 1777. Also Capt. Smith's Company, Col. Marshall's Regiment; 3 years Continental service, 1777. SOURCES: [22] History of Brimfield, Mass 1701-1878 (Windham County, CT <http://w3.nai.net/~lmerrell/brimfieldindex.html> website website); and [23] A History of Hampden County Massachusetts, Vol I, II, & III.

BLISS, Calvin of Springfield. On a list of names, "all of whom are presumed to have answered the call and enrolled themselves for service", found on reverse side of a formal written announcement of the attack on Lexington, April, 1775. On the list of minute-men of the regular Springfield company, under Maj. Andrew Colton who marched to Boston on April 20, 1775 for service of 10 days; Private. On list of Capt. Gideon Burt's company of April 24, three days after the minute-men had left, enlisted for three months' service; Private. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Daniel of Springfield. Responded to call in April, 1777, ordering the Hampshire County militia to take part in the expedition against Ticonderoga in Col. David Seward's regiment. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, David of Rehoboth. Capt. Martin's Company; service for three years. SOURCE: [34] The History of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts; page 156.

BLISS, Ebenezer of Springfield. Capt. Nathan Rowle's company in Col. Jacob's regiment. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Elijah of Westfield. On a list of others who served as soldiers during some part of the war. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 408-410.

BLISS, Elisha of Rehoboth. Capt. Martin's Company; service for three years. SOURCE: [34] The History of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts; page 156.

BLISS, Gad of Springfield. On a list of names, "all of whom are presumed to have answered the call and enrolled themselves for service", found on reverse side of a formal written announcement of the attack on Lexington, April, 1775. On list of six-months' men who enlisted in 1780. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Henry of Brimfield. Capt. Shaw's Company, Col. Porter's Regiment of Gates Northern army; May, 1779. Capt. Browning's Company, Col. Murray's Regiment; July - Oct, 1780 for 3 months. Capt. Browning's Company, Col. Burt's Regiment; 1780 for 6 months. SOURCES: [22]

History of Brimfield, Mass 1701-1878 (Windham County, CT <http://w3.nai.net/~lmerrell/brimfieldindex.html> website website); and [23] A History of Hampden County Massachusetts, Vol I, II, & III.

BLISS, Isaac of Springfield. Capt. Browning's Company, service for three months in 1780. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, John of Brimfield. Capt. Thompson's Company, Col. Danielson's Regiment; Lexington Alarm, April 19, 1775. SOURCES: [22] History of Brimfield, Mass 1701-1878 (Windham County, CT <http://w3.nai.net/~lmerrell/brimfieldindex.html> website website).

BLISS, Joshua of Rehoboth. Capt. Cole's Company; service for three years. SOURCE: [34] The History of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts; page 156.

BLISS, Justin of Springfield. Capt. Browning's Company, service for three months in 1780. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Moses of Springfield. On the list of minute-men of the regular Springfield company, under Maj. Andrew Colton who marched to Boston on April 20, 1775 for service of 10 days; Private. On list of Capt. Gideon Burt's company of April 24, three days after the minute-men had left, enlisted for three months' service; Private. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Moses of Springfield. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Moses, Jr. of Springfield. On list of six-months' men who enlisted in 1780. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Nathan of Springfield. On list of Capt. Gideon Burt's company of April 24, three days after the minute-men had left, enlisted for three months' service; Private. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Noah of Springfield. On the list of minute-men of the regular Springfield company, under Maj. Andrew Colton who marched to Boston on April 20, 1775 for service of 10 days; Private. On list of Capt. Gideon Burt's company of April 24, three days after the minute-men had left, enlisted for three months' service; Private. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Samuel of Rehoboth. Capt. Slade's Company; service for three years. Who afterwards bore the title of Captain, was General Washington's steward at Morristown, in the winter of 1777. SOURCE: [34] The History of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts; page 156.

BLISS, Samuel of Springfield. On a list of names, "all of whom are presumed to have answered the call and enrolled themselves for service", found on reverse side of a formal written announcement of the attack on Lexington, April, 1775. On the list of minute-men of the regular Springfield company, under Maj. Andrew Colton who marched to Boston on April 20, 1775 for service of 10 days; Private. On list of Capt. Gideon Burt's company of April 24, three days after the minute-men had left, enlisted for three months' service; Private. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Samuel, Jr. of Rehoboth. Capt. Cole's Company; service for three years. SOURCE: [34] The History of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts; page 156.

BLISS, Thomas of Brimfield. Capt. Chapin's Company, Col. Woodbridge's Regiment of Gates Northern army; Aug - Nov, 1777; sergeant. Two entries for a Thomas Bliss in source #22, but only one in source #23. SOURCES: [22] History of Brimfield, Mass 1701-1878 (Windham County, CT <http://w3.nai.net/~lmerrell/brimfieldindex.html> website); and [23] A History of Hampden County Massachusetts, Vol I, II, & III.

BLISS, Thomas, Capt. of Brimfield. Col. Lamb's Artillery Company; 1776-1779, taken prisoner. Two entries for a Thomas Bliss in source #22, but only one in source #23. SOURCES: [22] History of Brimfield, Mass 1701-1878 (Windham County, CT <http://w3.nai.net/~lmerrell/brimfieldindex.html> website website); and [23] A History of Hampden County Massachusetts, Vol I, II, & III.

BLISS, Zadock of Springfield. On a list of names, "all of whom are presumed to have answered the call and enrolled themselves for service", found on reverse side of a formal written announcement of the attack on Lexington, April, 1775. On the list of minute-men of the regular Springfield company, under Maj. Andrew Colton who marched to Boston on April 20, 1775 for service of 10 days; Private. On list of Capt. Gideon Burt's company of April 24, three days after the minute-men had left, enlisted for three months' service; Private. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

BLISS, Zenas of Springfield. Capt. Browning's Company, service for three months in 1780. SOURCE: [40] A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts, 1902; pages 40-46.

[<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ma/state/revwar/index.html>]

Slippage in Time

An event took place in the middle of the eighteenth century that set English and American calendars ahead eleven days. The Julian Calendar, inaugurated in 46 B.C. by Julius Caesar, had been found in error to the sum of ten days by 1582. To correct the flaw the Gregorian Calendar was created. Its implementer, Pope Gregory XIII, deducted ten days making October 5 become October 15. However, the Church of England, having recently broken with the Roman Catholic Church, rejected making the move, especially since it was recommended by the Pope. Thus the British Isles and American colonies continued with the old calendar for nearly two hundred years more. Finally an Act of Parliament was passed in 1751 and went into effect September 3, 1752. By this time the Julian Calendar was eleven days ahead of Sun Time, so September 3 became September 14.

Samuel Bliss, Jr. and Some Generations of His Ancestors

Generation No. 1

1. Samuel Bliss, Jr. was born 9-4-1761 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA, and died 3-15-1837 in Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY. He married **Anna Mason** 9-6-1790 in Cheshire, Berkshire Co., MA, daughter of **Brooks Mason** and **Anne Eddy**. She was born 9-5-1768 in Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA, and died 1-10-1840 in Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY.

Notes for Samuel Bliss:

Samuel was a carpenter by occupation.

He served over a period of three years in the Revolutionary army, though not continuously, and it has often been claimed that he was a private in Capt. Cole's Company. [The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) have Samuel listed as a "Colonel" in their records.]

Near the end of his last enlistment Samuel became sick at Sakonnet Point, Newport County, Rhode Island, to where he had marched after the Battle of Butts Hill, a "Battle on Rhode Island between the Americans under General Sullivan & the British." This illness required hospitalization and basically ended his active participation in the Revolutionary War. His father would fetch him back to Rehoboth from Freetown, Bristol County, Massachusetts, where Samuel's regiment was then located.

During his enlistments, Samuel served under a number of officers, including Colonel [Timothy?] Walker, Captain Israel Hicks (variously spelled Hix; other regiments Hicks/Hix served in were those of colonels Thomas Carpenter and John Daggett), Lieutenant James Horton, Ensign Samuel Carpenter; Colonel John Jacob, Captain Jacob Fuller, Lieutenant Samuel Horton, Ensign Michael Mollon, etc. The following paragraph is about Lieutenant James Horton.

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/RIGENWEB/2003-03/1047054549>

Lieutenant James Horton was born July 10, 1741, died in Rehoboth, Mass., August 10, 1833. In March, 1776, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in Captain Stephen Bullock's Sixth Company, Colonel Thomas Carpenter's first Bristol regiment of Massachusetts militia. He was later first lieutenant in Captain Simeon Crary's regiment, General John Fellow's brigade, and was in the list of men stationed in New York for five months, taking part in the evacuation of New York and the battle of White Plains. After that battle he was transferred to Captain Hix's company, Colonel John Daggett's regiment. Lieutenant Horton was in command of a company in Colonel Thomas Carpenter's regiment for eight days, August 1, 1780, to August 8, 1780, when the company marched to Tiverton, R. I., on an alarm. He was a very vigorous, active man, and lived to the age of ninety-two years.

The following is some important genealogical information gleaned from Samuel's pension application.

Samuel "was born in the Town of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in the State of Massachusetts, where he resided until the spring of the year 1782; when he removed to the State of Rhode Island, where he resided until the spring of the year 1785; when he moved to the County of Berkshire in the State of Massachusetts, where he resided <Page 3> until the spring of the year 1803, when he resided in the County of Saratoga in the State of New York until the year 1807, when he moved to the Town of Pownall in the County of Bennington, in the State of Vermont, where he resided until the spring of the year 1815, when he removed to the now Town of Broome in the County of Schoharie, State of New York, where he has since resided." The preceding was from a declaration made by Samuel "in open court before the Honorable William Beckmann, Harry Shafer and William Mann, The Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie in the State of New York," which occurred the "sixth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred thirty three."

Michael Fitzgerald, Samuel's 6th great grandson, has transcribed National Archives copies of pension/service-related sworn statements by Samuel and his sister Esther (Bliss) Kingsley, wife of Cranston Kingsley.

State of New York
Schoharie County

On this sixth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Honorable William Beckmann, Harry Shafer and William Mann, The Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie in the State of New York, now SAMUEL BLISS, a resident of the Town of Broome in the said County of Schoharie, aged seventy years, nearly seventy one years, who being they duly sworn according to Law doth in his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

-That he enlisted in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated Colonel Walker, Captain Israel Hick, Lieutenant James Horton, Ensign Samuel Carpenter. – That he does not recollect the names of the other officers, nor the Christian name of the Colonel. – That he entered the Service as a private in the first day of January in the year 1777, and that he left the service the first day of April in the same year. – That he resided in the Town of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in the state of Massachusetts when he entered the service. – That he entered the service as a volunteer to enlist for the term of three months. – That he joined the Company at Rehoboth, immediately on his enlistment marched with them to Providence in the State of Rhode Island & there joined the Regiment to which he belonged, and marched to the Town of Warwick in the State of Rhode Island, lay there as a guard to the shore until the expiration of the term of his enlistment, when he was dismissed and returned

home. – That he was in no battle & saw no Continental Regiment, Company, or Officer during the period.

And the said Bliss further saith that he again entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated: Colonel Jacobs, Captain Jacob Fuller, Lieutenant Samuel Horton, Ensign Michael Mollon. That he does not recollect the names of the other officers nor the Christian name of the Colonel. – That he entered the service as a private in the fore part of the month of March in the year 1778, the day of the month he does not recollect, and left the Service the <page 2> for part of the month of March in the year 1779, one year from the time he entered it. – That he resided in the Town of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in the State of Massachusetts, when he entered the Service. – That he entered the Service as a Volunteer & enlisted for one year. – That he joined his Company at Rehoboth immediately on his enlistment and marched with them to the Town of Freetown in the said County of Bristol. Soon after he arrived at this place he was in a skirmish with a party of British, who had come from Rhode Island for the purpose of burning Fall River mills. They succeeded in burning one of the mills and then retreated. – That he lay there about five months with the Company and then marched to the Town of Taunton in the State of Rhode Island where he joined his Regiment and immediately crossed into the Islands of Rhode Island, and marched to Butts Hill in the said Islands, and there joined the Army of General Sullivan. – That he lay on the Islands of Rhode Island about three weeks. – That he was in the Battle on Rhode Island between the Americans under General Sullivan & the British. – That soon after this battle he marched with his Regiment to Sakonnet <Seconnet sic!> Point on the main land. Lay there about six weeks. – That he was taken sick at this place and was confined to the hospital. – That the Regiment then marched back to the Town of Freetown in the State of Massachusetts. – That he was carried with them and stayed there a short time. Then he went home on his parole. – That he returned unable to do duty until the expiration of his term of enlistment. – That it was at least eight months from the time he enlisted into the service until he went home.

And, the said Bliss further saith that he has no documentary evidence of his Service as above states, and that he never received any written discharge from the Service. – And, that he knows of know person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Esther Kingsley, whose affidavit is hereto annexed. – That he was born in the Town of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in the State of Massachusetts, where he resided until the spring of the year 1782; when he removed to the State of Rhode Island, where he resided until the spring of the year 1785; when he moved to the County of Berkshire in the State of Massachusetts, where he resided <Page 3> until the spring of the year 1803, when he resided in the County of Saratoga in the State of New York until the year 1807, when he moved to the Town of Pownall in the County of Bennington, in the State of Vermont, where he resided until the spring of the year 1815, when he removed

to the now Town of Broome in the County of Schoharie, State of New York, where he has since resided. – That he has a record of his age in his family Bible.

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 any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year
aforesaid in open court.

JOHN GEBHARD JR., CLERK

SAMUL BLISS [his own
signature.]

Originally transcribed by me, 27 June 1997, from copies of the records as appear in the Pension File of Samuel Bliss, # S 12239. Michael J. Fitzgerald, Ph. D., 19 September 2008.

State of New York
Schoharie County

Before me, Ephraim TREADWELL, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared this day, ESTHER KINGSLEY, a lady that is well known to me to be of respectability and truth, and made oath that SAMUEL BLISS (who also was present before me) is brother to said deponent. And that said SAMUEL is two years older than herself, and from records she was born in the year 1764 on the 4th day of March, and that she well recollects of hearing this family talking of her brother's being in the service of the United States under two different Captains to her personally known. The first was Captain Israel Hicks, of Rehoboth Massachusetts, and the second, Captain Jacob Fuller of the said State. She recollects that her father went after his son – brought him home sick. Does not recollect how long sick - Gave out after time - She also says that said SAMUEL was all the own brother she had, and recollects her fears of never seeing him again after she heard that he was sick in the Army, and further remembers not.

Subscribed and given
Before me Aug. 18th 1832

E. Treadwell
Justice of the Peace

Esther Kingsley

Transcribed from copy of the original in the Pension File of Samuel Bliss, # S 12239, by Michael J. Fitzgerald, Ph. D., 19 September 2008.

Michael also provided the following excerpt:

From the collection of Beatrice Mattice, Conesville Town Historian. There is an excerpt from a letter to the previous town historian Kathrine X. Harrington, dated 28 April 1977.

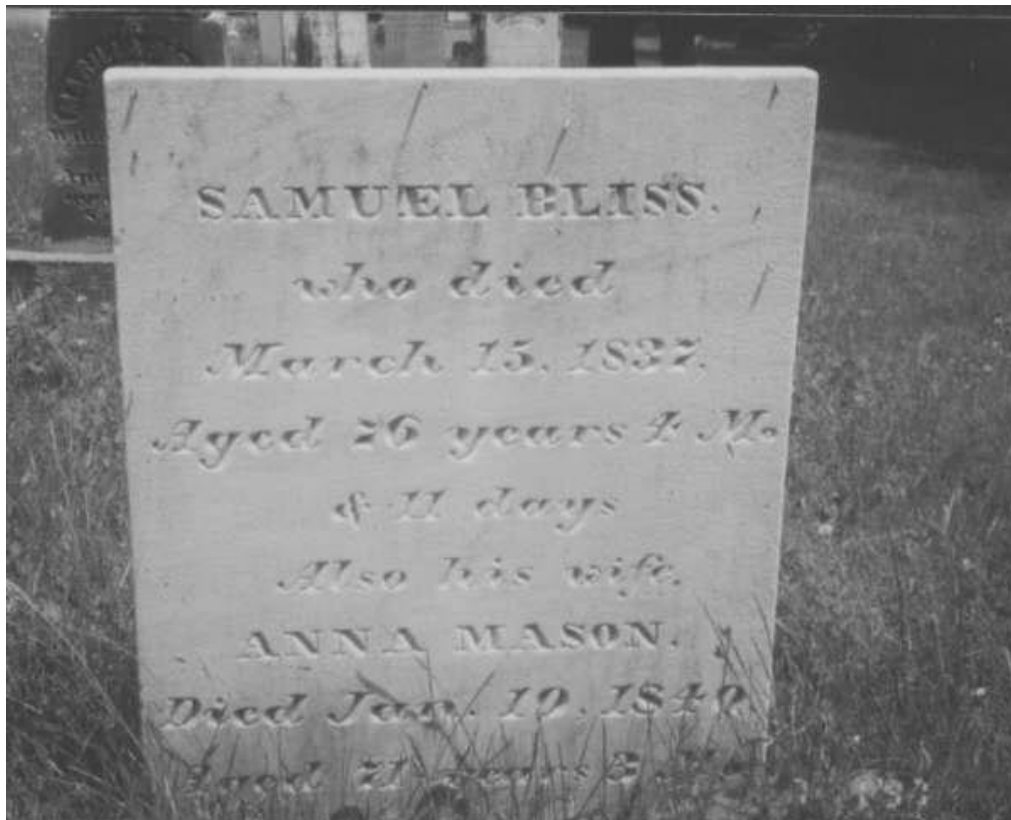
"At least one other veteran of the Revolution is buried in the same cemetery (Flat Creek), my great, great grandfather Samuel Bliss (with his wife, Anna Mason) whose father Captain Samuel Bliss, also fought in the Revolutionary War, but is buried in Rehoboth, Massachusetts <sic !>. The "Flat Creek" Samuel Bliss served in the First New York Regiment of the Line, under Col. Goose Van Schaick, and was at the Battle of Saratoga, and several of the other battles participated in by the Famous First New York Regiment of the Line. I have his pension certificate, issued many years after the Revolution for his service in that War; as I recall it, he received a pension of \$33.33 per year!

Sincerely,
F. Walter Bliss."]

From: The 1st New York Regiment in the Revolutionary War
<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/states/ny/ny-01.htm>

1st New York Regiment was raised on May 25, 1775 at Albany, New York for service with the Continental Army under Colonel Van Schaick. The regiment would see action in the Invasion of Canada, Battle of Valcour Island, Battle of Saratoga, Battle of Monmouth, the Sullivan Expedition and the Battle of Yorktown. The regiment would be furloughed June 2, 1783 at Newburgh, New York and disbanded November 15, 1783.

Samuel was buried at the Flat Creek Cemetery, Gilboa, NY, on Flat Creek Road near Parsonage Hill Rd. (He shares a headstone with wife Anna. His age at time of death per the headstone was "76 years 4 Mo & 11 days," which, if correct, would make his date of birth 11-4-1760.)



Notes for Anna Mason:

Anna was a 2nd great-granddaughter of Sampson and Mary (Butterworth) Mason of England and Rehoboth, Bristol County, MA.

Sampson and his father Robert Mason fought in the English civil war against King Charles I, and Robert died at the Battle of Bolton during that conflict.

At least one account has Anna born 9-5-1771.

Anna was buried at the Flat Creek Cemetery, Gilboa, NY, on Flat Creek Road near Parsonage Hill Rd. (Anna shares a headstone with Samuel.)

Marriage Notes for Samuel Bliss and Anna Mason:

Samuel Bliss, Jr. and "Anny Mason" were married in the Second Baptist Church of Cheshire, Berkshire Co., MA, by Elder Nathan Mason (who died there 26 March, 1804).

NOTE (From Michael J. Fitzgerald, Ph. D.): The hand written "marriage entry" for Samuel and "Anny" is in an early Marriage Book from Lanesborough. It lists their marriage as taking place on 16 September 1790, but the *History of the Town of Lanesborough, Mass., 1741-1905*, Part 1, by Charles Palmer, 1905, has their marriage as 6 September 1790, in Appendix VIII, p. 49—perhaps, a transcription error?? I guess we can take our pick, but I prefer the handwritten one myself.

They settled at Galway, NY, and later at Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyschoha/towns.html>

GILBOA *- was formed from Blenheim and Broome, March 16, 1848. It is the central town upon the S. border of the co. Its surface is a mountainous upland, broken by deep ravines. Schoharie Creek* flows N. through the center, receiving Platter Kil from the E. and Mine Kil from the W. The streams are bordered by steep hillsides rising to a height of 2,000 to 3,000 ft. above tide. The soil is a gravelly and clayey loam. **Gilboa**, (p.v.) upon Schoharie Creek, contains 2 churches, a private seminary, cotton factory,** gristmill, tannery, and 566 inhabitants. **South Gilboa**, (p.v.) in the W. part, contains a church and 20 dwellings. **West Gilboa**, (p.o.) in the N.W. part, is a hamlet. **Mackeys Corners**, (Broome Center p.o.) in the E. part, contains a church and 15 dwellings. **Mine Kil Falls** is a p.o. Settlement was commenced in 1764, by Matthew and Jacob Dise.*** The first preacher was Rev. Joel Peebles, settled in 1808.

*A fall in the creek at the village was called by the Indians De-was-e-go.

**The Gilboa Cotton Mills Co. has a capital of \$50,000, and runs 100 looms.

***These two settlers joined the British and fled to Canada during the Revolution. Among the early settlers after the war were Richard Stanley, Joseph Desilva, Benoni Frazer, Cornelius Lane, John Breaster, Isaac Van Fort, Daniel Conover, and Jacob Homer,-all from New England. Ruloff

Voorhees kept the first inn, in 1785; John Dise built the first mills in 1764; and Jonah Soper the first tannery, in 1800. This town embraces a part of the Blenheim Patent, with parts of grants to Ury Richtmeyer, David Buffington, (July, 1770,) and ___ Scott, with a portion of the "State Lands." The last named tracts comprised the lands escheated to the State by failure of title, and the confiscated estates of Tories.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyschoha/gilcemrv.html>

Cemetery Reinterments - Gilboa

The main street of the village of Gilboa was razed in October of 1925. Its site became part of the artificial lake, five miles long and holding twenty-two billion gallons of water, which provides water to the City of New York. The years of 1918 through 1921 saw the removals and reinterments, from the cemeteries of Gilboa, to make way for this new reservoir.

Children of **Samuel Bliss** and **Anna Mason** are:

- i. Susan H.⁹ Bliss, b. 2-22-1792; d. 8-23-1793, Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY.
4. ii. Harvey Carpenter Bliss, b. 1-10-1794, Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY; d. 5-14-1874, Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY.
- iii. Lydia Bliss, b. 6-4-1795; d. 6-4-1861; m. Samuel More; b. Aft. 1785.
5. iv. Anna Bliss, b. 5-19-1797, Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA; d. 2-28-1862, LaGrange, Cass Co., MI.
- v. Samuel Bliss, b. 1-8-1799; d. 4-10-1812.
6. vi. Calvin Hall Bliss, b. 12-20-1802, Galway, Saratoga Co., NY; d. 4-27-1891, Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA. [See page 73 for Calvin's family.]
7. vii. Barnum Bliss, b. 3-20-1805, Galway, Saratoga Co., NY; d. 1-14-1893.
8. viii. Susan Bliss, b. 3-10-1807; d. 7-31-1867, Cohoes, Albany Co., NY.
9. ix. Nathaniel Franklin Bliss, b. 6-5-1808, Pownal, Bennington Co., VT; d. 10-6-1876, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI. [See page 173 for Nathaniel's family.]

Generation No. 2

2. Samuel "Captain" Bliss, born 7-25-1730 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 4-17-1816 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He was the son of **4. Nathaniel "Captain" Bliss** and **5. Mehittabell Whittaker**. He married **3. Keziah Wilmarth** 6-2-1757 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

3. Keziah Wilmarth, born 1-5-1721/22 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died Bef. 1798 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. She was the daughter of **6. Nathaniel Wilmarth** and **7. Mary Perry**.

Notes for Samuel "Captain" Bliss:

Samuel's first wife had been Hannah Carpenter, whom he had married January 12, 1755. Hannah was a daughter of Jotham and Mehitabel (Thompson) Carpenter. Leaving no children Hannah died February 20, 1757. Samuel's third wife would be Lydia Perry, to whom he would be married January 3, 1793, in Rehoboth, by Shubael Peck Esq. Their only child would be Lydia Bliss, born 2-17-1794.

Captain Samuel Bliss commanded a company of eight day minute men April 19-27, 1775, afterwards a company of eight months men in Col. Timothy Walker's regiment. (On its roll were the Bliss names of Charles, Nathaniel, David, Elisha, Allen, and Samuel Jr.) He was in Captain Slade's Company three years, and was General Washington's steward at Morristown, in the winter of 1777. It is said he was a man of considerable influence and was much respected for his patriotism and other excellent traits.

Captain Bliss's descendant Etta M. (Bliss) Kendrick joined the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) in 1919 by listing him as an ancestor.

From Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, Vol. I-XVII. Boston, MA, USA: Wright and Potter Printing Co., 1896:

Bliss, Samuel, Rehoboth. Captain of a company which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 8 days; also, Col. Timothy Walker's (Bristol Co.) regt.; list of officers; commissioned May 24, 1775; also, returns for supplies, etc., for his company, dated Roxbury, June 8-July 25, 1775; also, muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; engaged April 28, 1775; service, 3 mos. 11 days; also, company return dated Oct. 6, 1775.

According to a sworn statement by Samuel (below), when applying for a pension, he enlisted in the "War of the Revolution as Searjeant in the Continental Establishment, for the term of three years in the Sixteenth Massachusetts... Regiment, commanded by Col. Henry Jackson." Additional records, such as The History of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, page 156, indicate he served in Capt. Slade's Company. (It would appear that Samuel received the honorary moniker of "Captain" after the war, commemorating his minute-man service rank.)

I, SAMUEL BLISS, of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do testify and say that I served in the War of the Revolution as Searjeant in the Continental Establishment, for the term of three years in the Sixteenth Massachusetts <insertit supra lineam> Regiment, commanded by Col. Henry Jackson, and <aliqua delevit> at the expiration of which terms <insertit supra lineam>, to wit, on the fourth day of September 1780, was formally discharged from the Continental Army, having completed the terms according to engagement, willfully appear by this discharge, herewith essential. I further testify and claim that I am in redound circumstances, and stand in need of support from my Country.

SAMUEL BLISS <sig.>

This is to certify that Sam^{el} Bliss, Sgn^t in the 16th Massachusetts Regt. Commanded by Col. Henry Jackson, has this day faithfully completed the term of three years which he engaged to serve the United States and is hereby honorable discharged from this American Army. - Given under my hand at Camp Ten-Eyck, Sept. 4th 1780.

David Cobb, Lt. Col., Commandant <sig.>
it may Concern }

Transcribed from copies of the original Pension file # S 3404, by [Michael J. Fitzgerald, Ph. D.](#), 20 September 2008

The following two paragraphs are from page 112 of:
New England Historical and Genealogical Register Volume 46, 1892 #znr46
By New England Historic Genealogical Society Staff
Published by Heritage Books, 1997
ISBN 0788406515, 9780788406515
518 pages

In April, 1777, Capt. Jackson was ordered with his company to Rhode Island, and was on duty there some weeks. He had been commissioned by Congress on the twelfth of January, 1777, colonel of an additional continental battalion, and on his return from Rhode Island he recruited, in Boston and vicinity, the sixteenth Massachusetts Regiment, called the Boston Regiment, which at once **took a high rank for its soldierly appearance and excellent discipline**, demonstrating its valor on several hard-fought battle fields....

The Boston Regiment left Boston on the 7th of October, 1777, to join the main army near Philadelphia, and took part in the battles of Monmouth, June 28, 1778, Quaker Hill, R.I., August 29, 1778, and Springfield, N.J., June 23, 1780.

From <http://dictionary.sensagent.com/16th+massachusetts+regiment/en-en/>:

16th Massachusetts Regiment
Active: 1777-1781
Allegiance: Continental Congress of the United States
Type: Infantry
Part of Massachusetts Line
Nickname: Henry Jackson's Additional Continental Regiment
Battles/wars: Battle of Monmouth, Battle of Rhode Island
Notable commanders: Colonel Henry Jackson

Philadelphia campaign, 1777–1778
Brandywine – Paoli – Germantown – White Marsh – Matson's Ford – Crooked Billet – Monmouth

Northern theater after Saratoga, 1778–1781

Rhode Island – Wyoming Valley – Carleton's Raid – Cherry Valley – Stony Point
– Penobscot expedition – Sullivan expedition – Newtown – Springfield – Groton
Heights

General George Washington, by the spring of 1777, was on the lookout for a particular set of men with whom to surround himself. He realized his immediate vulnerability in respect to his papers and other belongings of military and historical import. To remedy the situation he sent two letters (below). In April he sent one to Alexander Spotswood, “Headquarters, Morris Town,” requesting that a set of men be selected to become his personal guard, because “in the Course of the Campaign, my Baggage, Papers, and other Matters of great public Import, may be committed to the Sole care of these Men.” In May he sent a four-page letter to “Captn Gibbs at present in Philadelphia” requesting that a butler or steward be provided.

Two Letters Written by Gen. George Washington that May Shed Light on the Process by which Samuel Bliss Became His Steward

The following is from a transcription of a letter that General George Washington wrote to Alexander Spotswood April 30, 1777, from George Washington Writings, published in 1997 by the Library of America (p. 271). The contents of the book were selected by John Rhodehamel, who did not include the letter referenced by the George Washington Papers Project, mentioned further below. The Spotswood letter gives a very good idea of the qualities in men preferred by GW in his personal guards. The referenced letter attests to the fact that GW also wanted to add a butler or steward to his staff in 1777.

To Alexander Spotswood
Headquarters, Morris Town, April 30, 1777.

Sir: I want to form a Company for my Guard⁴. In doing this I wish to be extremely cautious; because it is more than probable, that in the Course of the Campaign, my Baggage, Papers, and other Matters of great public Import, may be committed to the Sole care of these Men. This being premised, in order to impress you with proper attention in the Choice, I have to request that you will immediately furnish me with four Men of your Regiment, And, as it is my further wish, that this Company should look well and be nearly of a Size, I desire that none of the Men may exceed in Stature 5 feet 10 Inches, nor fall Short of 5 feet 9 Inches, Sober, Young, Active and well made. When I recommend care in your Choice, I would be understood to mean Men of good Character in the Regiment, that possess the pride of appearing clean and Soldierlike. I am satisfied there can be no absolute security for the fidelity of this Class of people, but yet I think it most likely to be found in those who have Family Connections in the Country. You will therefore send me none but Natives, and Men of some property, if you have them. I must

⁴ Additional history of the Guard: **A Brief History of the Commander-in-Chief Guards with Roster**
<http://www.revolutionarywararchives.org/cncguard.html>

insist, that in making this Choice, you give no Intimation of my preference of Natives, as I do not want to create any invidious Distinction between them and the Foreigners. I am etc.

George Washington Papers Project
Morristown NHP Summer 2006
Compiled by Mr. John Henderson

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/morr/smith/gwpaperproject.htm>

Date: May 1777

Reel, film counter, LWS: 63, 479-482, 3182

To/From: Captn Gibbs⁵ at present in Philadelphia / GW

Location: Morris Town

GW's hand: Y

Number of pages: 4

Type of manuscript: Letter

Signature: GWashington

Content: GW is writing to inquire about locating a qualified person to serve as a butler or steward. Also discusses cloth for his servant.

See also *Soldiers of The Revolution* at <http://www.angelfire.com/ri/reaspage/revwar.html>

Notes for Keziah Wilmarth:

It is probable that Keziah's first husband had been Abiah Carpenter.

Abiah Carpenter was born 9-11-1721 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA, and died Bef. 1757 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He married Keziah Wilmarth 9-27-1744 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA, daughter of Nathaniel Wilmarth and Mary Perry. She was born 1-5-1721/22 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA, and died Bef. 1793 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

Children of Abiah Carpenter and Keziah Wilmarth are:

- i. Keziah Carpenter, b. 12-29-1745, Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- ii. Mehitable Carpenter, b. 9-21-1747, Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- iii. Lydia Carpenter, b. 10-23-1749, Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- iv. Abiah Carpenter, b. 11-17-1751, Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- v. Olive Carpenter, b. 3-30-1754, Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

⁵ Capt. Caleb Gibbs, of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard, was promoted to major July 29, 1778; transferred to the Second Massachusetts Regiment Jan. 1, 1781; wounded at Yorktown, Va.; retained in Jackson's Additional Continental regiment [which had been renamed the 16th Massachusetts Regiment 23 July 1780, after being accepted into the Massachusetts Line] in November, 1783; brevet lieutenant colonel in September, 1783.

Sources regarding Capt. Gibbs:

A note about Captain Gibbs found in: **The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources 1745 – 1799**

<http://www.libertyparkusafd.org/lp/Washington/electronic%20books/Volume%2012.htm>

The Continental Army of 1777-1780

<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/units-american/1777.htm>

Marriage Notes for Samuel Bliss and Keziah Wilmarth:

Samuel and Keziah were second cousins, resulting from the marriages of John Wilmarth to Ruth Kendrick and Samuel Bliss to Mary Kendrick. Ruth and Mary Kendrick were sisters—daughters of George Kendrick and Ruth Bowen. Samuel and Keziah were also third cousins, resulting from the marriage of Thomas Willmarth (variously spelled Willmore and Willmot) to Elizabeth Bliss, a daughter of Thomas and Dorothy (Wheatley) Bliss. Samuel and Keziah were married by Rev. John Greenwood.

Children of Samuel Bliss and Keziah Wilmarth are:

- i. Molly Bliss, born 1-29-1758.
- ii. Susie Bliss, born 12-29-1759.
- 1 iii. Samuel "Colonel" Bliss, born 9-4-1761 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 3-15-1837 in Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY; married Anna Mason 9-17-1790.
- iv. Esther Bliss, born 3-4-1764; died 5-10-1848; married Cranston Kingsley, died 12-13-1847. Both Esther and Cranston were interred at the Flat Creek Cemetery, Gilboa, NY, on Flat Creek Road near Parsonage Hill Rd. (See the statement Esther made in support of her brother Samuel's Revolutionary War pension claim.)
- v. Leepha Bliss, born 7-11-1766.

Generation No. 3

4. Nathaniel "Captain" Bliss, born 8-28-1702 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-11-1767. He was the son of **8. Samuel Bliss** and **9. Mary Kendrick**. He married **5. Mehittabell Whittaker** 12-24-1724 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

5. Mehittabell Whittaker, born 5-21-1701 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-21-1767 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. She was the daughter of **10. John Whittaker** and **11. Mehitabella Peck**.

Marriage Notes for Nathaniel Bliss and Mehittabell Whittaker:

Married by Rev. David Turner.

Children of Nathaniel Bliss and Mehittabell Whittaker are:

- i. Mehitable Bliss, born 6-9-1725 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- ii. Nathaniel Bliss, born 12-2-1727 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- 2 iii. Samuel "Captain" Bliss, born 7-25-1730 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 4-17-1816 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married (1) Hannah Carpenter 1-12-1755 in Rehoboth, MA; married (2) Keziah Wilmarth 6-2-1757 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married (3) Lydia Perry 1-3-1793 in Rehoboth, MA.
- iv. Timothy Bliss, born 1-4-1732/33 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- v. Ruth Bliss, born 9-19-1734 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- vi. Oliver Bliss, born 6-6-1739 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- vii. Oliver Bliss, born 10-29-1745 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

6. Nathaniel Wilmarth, born 12-29-1677 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died Abt. 12-1747 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He was the son of **12. John Wilmarth** and **13. Ruth Kendrick**. He married **7. Mary Perry** 9-5-1706 in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA.

7. Mary Perry, born 8-17-1684 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. She was the daughter of **14. Samuel Perry** and **15. Mary Miller**.

Children of Nathaniel Wilmarth and Mary Perry are:

- i. Ruth Wilmarth, born 10-12-1707 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- ii. Daniel Wilmarth, born 11-5-1709 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- iii. Mehitable Wilmarth, born 9-16-1711 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Samuel Cooper 10-14-1736 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born 3-1-1713/14 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-18-1760 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- iv. Nathaniel Wilmarth, born 2-23-1713/14 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- v. Elizabeth Wilmarth, born 1-1715/16 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- vi. Thomas Wilmarth, born 11-13-1717 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- vii. Mary Wilmarth, born 1-2-1718/19 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 11-8-1737 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Amos Brown 10-14-1736 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born 5-28-1714 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 10-31-1771 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- 3 viii. Keziah Wilmarth, born 1-5-1721/22 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died Bef. 1793 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married (1) Abiah Carpenter 9-27-1744 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married (2) Samuel "Captain" Bliss 6-2-1757 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

Generation No. 4

8. Samuel Bliss, born 6-24-1660 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 8-28-1720 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He was the son of **16. Jonathan Bliss** and **17. Miriam Harmon**. He married **9. Mary Kendrick** 4-15-1685 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

9. Mary Kendrick, born 6-16-1659 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-8-1704/05 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. She was the daughter of **18. George Kendrick** and **19. Ruth Bowen**.

Notes for Samuel Bliss:

Samuel's father died without leaving a will in 1687. As part of the property settlement, Samuel quit-claimed land in Swansea and Rehoboth to his brother Jonathan on September 6, 1688. Witnesses to this transaction were Henry Newman and Samuel Bullock.

Children of Samuel Bliss and Mary Kendrick are:

- i. Thomas Bliss, born 2-28-1684/85.
- ii. Ruth Bliss, born 11-11-1687 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married (1) Samuel Walker 11-10-1709 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born 11-11-1682 in Rehoboth,

Bristol Co., MA; died 8-23-1712 in Randolph, Orange Co., VT; married (2) Noah Sabin 1-7-1713/14 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born 2-24-1691/92 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 1774 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

- iii. Anne Bliss, born 3-16-1688/89.
- iv. Rachel Bliss, born 11-1-1691 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-1714/15 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- v. Mary Bliss, born 11-13-1693.
- vi. Samuel Bliss, born 9-7-1695 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Sarah Baker 1723 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

Notes for Sarah Baker:

Sarah was said to be ""OF BRIDGEWATER", MA.

- vii. Abraham Bliss, born 10-28-1697 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 1787.
- viii. Timothy Bliss, born 5-21-1700.
- 4 ix. Nathaniel "Captain" Bliss, born 8-28-1702 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-11-1767; married Mehittabell Whittaker 12-24-1724 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

10. John Whittaker He married **11. Mehitabella Peck**.

11. Mehitabella Peck

Child of John Whittaker and Mehitabella Peck is:

- 5 i. Mehittabell Whittaker, born 5-21-1701 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-21-1767 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Nathaniel "Captain" Bliss 12-24-1724 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

12. John Wilmarth, born Abt. 1649 in Braintree, Norfolk Co., MA; died 1719 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He was the son of **24. Thomas Wilmarth** and **25. Elizabeth Bliss**. He married **13. Ruth Kendrick** 2-6-1671/72 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

13. Ruth Kendrick, born 2-16-1649/50 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-19-1706/07 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. She was the daughter of **18. George Kendrick** and **19. Ruth Bowen**.

Children of John Wilmarth and Ruth Kendrick are:

- i. Ruth Wilmarth
- ii. Mehitable Wilmarth, born 6-19-1675 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died Abt. 12-1702 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Ebenezer Walker 11-19-1700 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born Abt. 11-1676 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 3-13-1717/18 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- 6 iii. Nathaniel Wilmarth, born 12-29-1677 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died Abt. 12-1747 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Mary Perry 9-5-1706 in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA.

- iv. Dorothy Wilmarth, born 8-26-1680 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 9-17-1772 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Samuel Fuller 12-16-1700 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born 11-23-1676 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 12-19-1724 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- v. Sarah Wilmarth
- vi. John Wilmarth
- vii. Noah Wilmarth
- viii. Timothy Wilmarth
- ix. Mercy Wilmarth

14. Samuel Perry, born 12-10-1648 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 4-13-1706 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He married **15. Mary Miller** 12-12-1676 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

15. Mary Miller, born 1657; died 4-10-1706 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

Child of Samuel Perry and Mary Miller is:

- 7 i. Mary Perry, born 8-17-1684 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Nathaniel Wilmarth 9-5-1706 in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA.

Generation No. 5

16. Jonathan Bliss, born 3-11-1625/26 in Daventry, Devonshire, England; died 6-11-1687 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He was the son of **32. Thomas Bliss** and **33. Dorothy Wheatley**. He married **17. Miriam Harmon** Abt. 1648.

17. Miriam Harmon, born 1630; died 5-21-1706 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

Children of Jonathan Bliss and Miriam Harmon are:

- i. Ephraim Bliss, born 2-5-1648/49 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 9-1721 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- ii. Rachel Bliss, born 12-1-1651 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 6-24-1675 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Thomas Mann 10-28-1674 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born 8-15-1650 in Scituate, Plymouth Colony.
- iii. Jonathan Bliss, born 3-4-1652/53 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 1653.
- iv. Mary Bliss, born 9-30-1655 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- v. Elizabeth Bliss, born 1-29-1656/57 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married James Thurber 6-25-1680 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- 8 vi. Samuel Bliss, born 6-24-1660 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 8-28-1720 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married (1) Mary Kendrick 4-15-1685 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married (2) Rebeckah Polly 9-1-1711 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- vii. Martha Bliss, born 4-1663 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

- viii. Jonathan Bliss, born 9-17-1666 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 10-16-1719 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Miriam Carpenter 6-23-1691 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born 10-16-1674 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 5-21-1706 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

Notes for Jonathan Bliss:

Jonathan was a man of influence, held a variety of offices and gave the land for the first Congregational church and cemetery. He was a brother to Bethiah Bliss, first wife of Miriam's brother Daniel Carpenter.

- ix. Dorothy Bliss, born 1-27-1667/68 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 10-28-1694; married James Carpenter 6-26-1690 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- x. Bethia Bliss, born 8-1671 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-27-1702/03; married Daniel Carpenter 4-15-1695 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born 10-8-1669.
- xi. Experiance Bliss, born 2-5-1648/49 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 9-17-1721 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Nathaniel Chaffee 8-19-1669 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; born Abt. 1640 in Hull, MA; died 9-1721 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

18. George Kendrick He married **19. Ruth Bowen.**

19. Ruth Bowen

Children of George Kendrick and Ruth Bowen are:

- 13 i. Ruth Kendrick, born 2-16-1649/50 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-19-1706/07 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married John Wilmarth 2-6-1671/72 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- 9 ii. Mary Kendrick, born 6-16-1659 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 2-8-1704/05 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Samuel Bliss 4-15-1685 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

24. Thomas Wilmarth, born Abt. 1610 in England; died 1694 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He married **25. Elizabeth Bliss** Abt. 1643 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

25. Elizabeth Bliss, born Abt. 1615 in England; died 2-1675/76 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. She was the daughter of **32. Thomas Bliss** and **33. Dorothy Wheatley.**

Children of Thomas Wilmarth and Elizabeth Bliss are:

- 12 i. John Wilmarth, born Abt. 1649 in Braintree, Norfolk Co., MA; died 1719 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Ruth Kendrick 2-6-1671/72 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- ii. Elizabeth Wilmarth, born 4-4-1647 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 1715; married Johnathan Fuller 12-14-1664 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born 6-15-1643 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 5-6-1724 in Dedham, Norfolk, MA.

Generation No. 6

32. Thomas Bliss, born in Devonshire, England; died 6-1649 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He was the son of **64. Jonathan Blysse**. He married **33. Dorothy Wheatley** in England.

33. Dorothy Wheatley

Notes for Thomas Bliss:

Born at Okehampton, Belstone Parish, Devonshire, England.

On June 9, 1645, Thomas Bliss drew a lot (No. 30) on the Great Plain in Seekonk. In 1646 he was appointed "to view the fence of the town lots," and in 1647, "surveyor of highways." Thomas died in June of 1649, four months after the birth of his first grandson by son Jonathan, and five months after the tyrant Charles I, instigator of the Bliss migration to America, was beheaded.

Children of Thomas Bliss and Dorothy Wheatley are:

- 16 i. Jonathan Bliss, born 3-11-1625/26 in Daventry, Devonshire, England; died 6-11-1687 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Miriam Harmon Abt. 1648.
- 25 ii. Elizabeth Bliss, born Abt. 1615 in England; died 2-1675/76 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Thomas Wilmarth Abt. 1643 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.
- iii. Mary Bliss, married Nathaniel Harmon.

Generation No. 7

64. Jonathan Blysse, born in Devonshire, England; died 1636 in England. He was the son of **128. Thomas Blysse**.

Notes for Jonathan Blysse:

Born at Okehampton, Belstone Parish, Devonshire, England. A Yeoman by trade, a Puritan by faith.

Accompanied parliamentarian to London, England in 1628.

He was arrested for his Puritan religious beliefs during persecution of Blysse family by King Charles I and Archbishop Laud. Before death he suffered 35 lashes at Exeter, England, and died in the Exeter prison.

Child of Jonathan Blysse is:

- 32 i. Thomas Bliss, born in Devonshire, England; died 6-1649 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Dorothy Wheatley in England.

Generation No. 8

128. Thomas Blyse, born Abt. 1550 in Devonshire, England; died Aft. 1636 in England.

Children of Thomas Blyse are:

- 64 i. Jonathan Blyse, born in Devonshire, England; died 1636 in England.
- ii. Thomas Blyse, born in Devonshire, England; died Abt. 1640 in Hartford, CT; married Margaret Lawrence; born Abt. 1594 in England; died 8-28-1684 in Springfield, CT.
- iii. Elizabeth Blyse, married John "Sir" Calcliffe.
- iv. George Blyse, born 1591 in Devonshire, England; died 8-31-1667 in Newport, RI.
- v. Mary Blyse

Ancestors of Anna Mason

Generation No. 1

1. Anna Mason, born 9-5-1768 in Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA; died 1-10-1840 in Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY. She was the daughter of **2. Brooks Mason** and **3. Anne Eddy**. She married **(1) Samuel "Colonel" Bliss** 9-6-1790. He was born 9-4-1761 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA, and died 3-15-1837 in Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY. He was the son of Samuel "Captain" Bliss and Keziah Wilmarth.

Notes for Anna Mason:

Anna was a 2nd great-granddaughter of Sampson and Mary (Butterworth) Mason of England and Rehoboth, Bristol County, MA.

Sampson and his father Robert Mason fought in, and Robert died at the Battle of Bolton during, the English civil war against King Charles I.

One account has Anna born 9-5-1768.

Notes for Samuel "Colonel" Bliss:

Samuel served three years in the Revolutionary army and was a private in Capt. Cole's Company. (The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) have him listed as a "Colonel" in their records.)

Samuel was a 4th great-grandchild of Jonathan Blyse, who died in prison in 1636, a victim of Charles I and Bishop Laud's persecution of the Puritans.

Marriage Notes for Anna Mason and Samuel Bliss:

They settled at Galway, N.Y., and later at Gilboa, Schoharie Co., N.Y.

Generation No. 2

2. Brooks Mason, born 10-2-1737 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 6-15-1825 in Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA. He was the son of **4. Russell Mason** and **5. Rhoda Kingsley**. He married **3. Anne Eddy** 12-28-1758 in Swansea, MA.

3. Anne Eddy, born 12-25-1741 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 10-23-1802 in Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA. She was the daughter of **6. Michael Eddy** and **7. Jael Chase**.

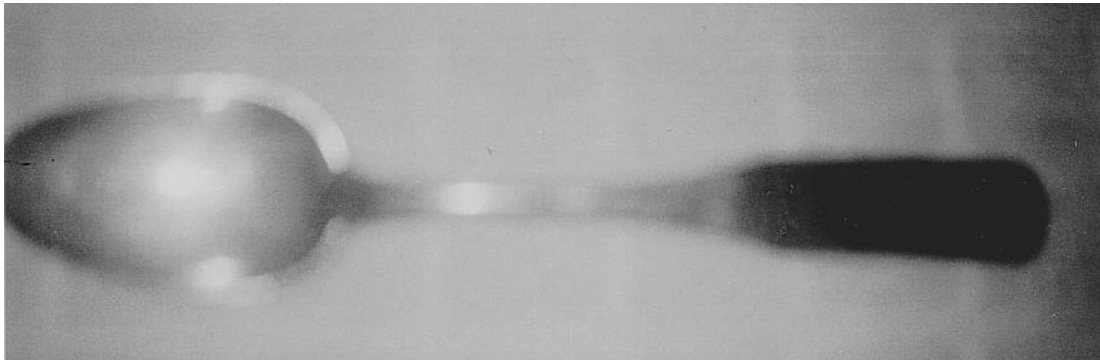
Children of Brooks Mason and Anne Eddy are:

- i. Michael Mason, born 1-18-1760.
- ii. Susan Mason, born 5-13-1762.
- iii. Malaca Mason, born 6-9-1764.
- iv. Andrew Mason, born 11-17-1766.
- v. Brooks Mason, born 5-21-1769.
- 1 vi. Anna Mason, born 9-5-1768 in Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA; died 1-10-1840 in Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY; married Samuel "Colonel" Bliss 9-17-1790.
- vii. Jael Mason, born 8-4-1774.
- viii. Rhoda Mason, born 4-18-1777.
- ix. Candace Mason, born 7-5-1779.
- x. Eddy Mason, born 9-27-1781.
- xi. Sarah Mason, born 9-13-1786.

Brooks Mason Silver Spoon and Rolling Pin Provenances

Silver spoon and rolling pin provenances provided by their owner Lois (Kelsey) Mirabito, digital pictures of which were received by me in an email dated April 18, 2013.

“Spoon was made from Brooks Mason’s knee buckles worn during Rev. War. The silversmith’s logo is on the back side: B Bement (Butler Bement), a prominent silversmith in Pittsfield, Massachusetts in the early 1800’s. Butler Bement was born in 1784 and died in 1869.” From Lois’s Ancestry.com website April 22, 2013.



“...the wooden rolling pin made by an Oneida Indian companion to Brooks Mason.” From Lois’s email to which digital pictures were attached dated April 18, 2013.



“I need to ask you if you have any problem letting me input info you share with me on my tree. I have no problem your using my information.....we are really family connected.” From Lois’s email dated April 21, 2013.

Generation No. 3

4. Russell Mason, born 4-21-1714 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 1-8-1799 in Bristol Co., Swansea, MA. He was the son of **8. Pelatiah Mason** and **9. Hepsibeth Brooks**. He married **5. Rhoda Kingsley** 6-5-1736 in Swansea, MA.

5. Rhoda Kingsley, born 2-2-1720/21 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 10-29-1779 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.

Children of Russell Mason and Rhoda Kingsley are:

- 2 i. Brooks Mason, born 10-2-1737 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 6-15-1825 in Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA; married Anne Eddy 12-28-1758 in Swansea, MA.
- ii. Barbara Mason, born 8-11-1739.
- iii. Andrew Mason, born 5-20-1741.
- iv. Philip Mason, born 1-29-1744/45.
- v. Russell Mason, born 11-4-1746.
- vi. Malichi Mason, born 2-24-1747/48.
- vii. Rhoda Mason, born 8-29-1748.
- viii. Joseph Mason, born 11-15-1749.
- ix. Phebe Mason, born 1-8-1753.
- x. Nathaniel Mason, born 5-29-1755.
- xi. Kingsley Mason, born 6-20-1759.
- xii. Zerviah Mason, born 3-3-1761.
- xiii. Hannah Mason, born 3-5-1763.

6. Michael Eddy, born 7-25-1715 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 5-23-1801 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA. He was the son of **12. Caleb Eddy** and **13. Bethia Smith**. He married **7. Jael Chase** 1-1-1739/40 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.

7. Jael Chase, born 1724 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 5-19-1814 in Cheshire, Berkshire Co., MA. She was the daughter of **14. Hezekiah Chase** and **15. Jael Pierce**.

Children of Michael Eddy and Jael Chase are:

- 3 i. Anne Eddy, born 12-25-1741 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 10-23-1802 in Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA; married Brooks Mason 12-28-1758 in Swansea, MA.
- ii. Hezekiah Eddy, born 4-2-1744 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 4-11-1770 in At Sea.
- iii. William Eddy, born 3-9-1747/48 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 5-3-1826.
- iv. Jael Eddy, born 1-20-1749/50 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 11-3-1756 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.
- v. Sybil Eddy, born 9-19-1757 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.
- vi. Michael Eddy, born 11-1-1760 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 6-3-1835 in Newport, Newport Co., RI.
- vii. Jael Eddy, born 5-6-1763 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.

Generation No. 4

8. Pelatiah Mason, born 4-1-1669 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 3-29-1763 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He was the son of **16. Sampson Mason** and **17. Mary Butterworth**. He married **9. Hepsibeth Brooks** 5-22-1694 in Rehoboth, MA.

9. Hepsibeth Brooks, born 1673 in Woburn, MA; died 8-24-1727 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.

Children of Pelatiah Mason and Hepsibeth Brooks are:

- i. Job Mason, born 2-28-1695/96.
- ii. Elihu Mason, born 1-1-1696/97.
- iii. Elisha Mason, born 1-11-1698/99.
- iv. Samuel Mason, born 1-30-1700/01.
- v. Aaron Mason, born 3-8-1702/03.
- vi. Anne Mason, born 6-9-1705.
- vii. Elizabeth Mason, born 6-18-1707.
- viii. Hepsibeth Mason, born 12-19-1709.
- ix. Pelatiah Mason, born 12-16-1711.
- 4 x. Russell Mason, born 4-21-1714 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 1-8-1799 in Bristol Co., Swansea, MA; married (1) Rhoda Kingsley 6-5-1736 in Swansea, MA; married (2) Mary Munroe 8-13-1780 in Swansea, MA.
- xi. John Mason, born 10-4-1716.

12. Caleb Eddy, born 9-21-1678 in Swansea, MA; died 11-21-1748 in Swansea, MA. He was the son of **24. Zachariah Eddy** and **25. Alice Paddock**. He married **13. Bethia Smith** 1-11-1702/03.

13. Bethia Smith, born Abt. 1680 in Swansea, MA; died 9-13-1720.

Children of Caleb Eddy and Bethia Smith are:

- i. Edward Eddy, born 10-7-1703 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.
- ii. Ann Eddy, born 9-8-1705 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 9-8-1735 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.
- iii. Abigail Eddy, born 10-11-1708 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 3-7-1794.
- iv. Elisha Eddy, born 5-2-1711 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.
- v. Amy Eddy, born 3-27-1713 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.
- 6 vi. Michael Eddy, born 7-25-1715 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 5-23-1801 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; married Jael Chase 1-1-1739/40 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.
- vii. Elizabeth Eddy, born 1-8-1717/18 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.
- viii. Bethiah Eddy, born 2-21-1720/21 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 7-2-1743.

14. Hezekiah Chase He married **15. Jael Pierce**.

15. Jael Pierce

Child of Hezekiah Chase and Jael Pierce is:

- 7 i. Jael Chase, born 1724 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 5-19-1814 in Cheshire, Berkshire Co., MA; married Michael Eddy 1-1-1739/40 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.

Generation No. 5

16. Sampson Mason, born 3-10-1624/25 in Bolton, Lancashire, England/Bolton, England; died 9-7-1676 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. He was the son of **32. Robert Mason** and **33. Hannah Uxor**. He married **17. Mary Butterworth** 3-9-1650/51 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

17. Mary Butterworth, born 1628 in Halifax, Yorks, England; died 8-29-1714 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA. She was the daughter of **34. John Butterworth** and **35. Mary Lanbotham**.

Notes for Sampson Mason:
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Custom Field:<_FA#> Soldier in Cromwell's Army

Custom Field:<_FA#> Influential founder of Baptist Church in Mass.

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Inventory of Sampson Mason

An Inventory of the estate of Sampson Mason [...MS torn...] twenty seauenth of October 1676

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- Impr: his wearing apparrell; one blacke Cloth suite [...MS torn...]
- Item 1 homemade suite briches and dublitt [...MS torn...]
- Item 1 Cloth Coate and wastcoate and a paire of trousers [...MS torn...]
- Item 1 Red wastcoate a paire of briches & old Coate 00 1[MS torn]
- Item 2 hatts and two paire of drawers 00 10 00
- Item 3 shirts three Capps and 9 bands and two handkercheiffes 00 13 00
- Item 2 paire of Gloues a paire of Mittens and a tobacco box 00 06 00
- Item 7 paire of stockens an apron and smale boxes 00 18 00
- Item a paire of shooes and a lether apron 00 03 00
- Item 5 pillows a bolster Couerlidd a paire of sheets & a blankett 03 00 00
- Item a Flocke bed 2 bolsters a sheet a blankett and a Rugg 02 10 00
- Item a bed 2 bolsters a paire of sheets Couerlid & bedstead 03 15 00
- Item a bed bedstead a bed matt & Coard 02 10 00
- Item 2 blanketts a sheepskin Rugg 2 a Couerlidd & a bolster 02 05 00
- Item a bed stead & Coard and a paire of sheets & a paire of pillow bears 01 10 00
- Item 2 smale peeces of New holland and a TableCloth 00 07 00
- Item 3 towells & 4 yards of New Penistone 01 00 00
- Item 2 yards 4 a halfe of homade Cloth & 4 yards of kersey 01 15 00
- Item 6 yards of serge 5 shillings per yard 01 10 00
- Item a paire of stockens and 14 yards of New Cloth 03 00 00
- Item 4 yards of homemad Cloth 00 16 00
- Item a bearing blankett and a Childs Coate 00 12 00
- Item 9 yards of homadecloth 01 10 00
- Item 2 blanketts and 12 pound of Cotten yerne 03 10 00
- Item 2 Guns 2 L a harquebusse 15s 02 15 00
- Item 2 Cuttleaxes powder and bullets 01 12 00
- Item 1 blankett & a knapsacke 00 12 00
- Item 80 pound of sheeps woole 20 pound of Cotten woole & Flax 03 00 00
- Item 3 Chests a bow and a Case with 12 bottles 01 06 00
- Item 5 pewter platters & 8 peeces of pewter & 8 spoones 02 05 00
- Item earthen ware & wooden ware & trenchers 01 00 00
- Item 2 stone Iuggs and 2 pichers and a glass bottle 00 07 00
- Item a warming pan and 2 frying pans 00 15 00

- Item a Great brasse kettle and 2 skilletts 01 00 00
- Item 4 Iron potts and an Iron kettle 02 10 00
- Item a smale brase kettle a spitt a box Iron & a Gridiron 01 05 00
- Item a paire of Andirons & 2 pott hangers 00 15 00
- Item a looking Glasse and an heure Glass & 3 lampes 00 10 00
- Item a Great Gratter and a wooden bottle and other small things 00 04 00
- Item 4 spinning Wheelles & 4 Chaires 01 02 00
- Item a Great bible Mr Baxters euerlasting Rest & other books 01 00 00
- Item 13 or 14 Iarrs and six barrells and 2 tubbs 02 02 00
- Item 2 meate tubbs [2?] Great hogsheds & other wooden lumber 01 10 00
- Item a Cradle 2 pailles and a pecke 2 Cherns 2 Cheesefatts 00 17 00
- Item a warming pan lead a brush 4 paire of Cards 00 08 00
- Item 2 tables 2 stooles 1 seiue and three basketts 00 10 00
- Item shoemakers tooles viz: lasts kniues and all other shoemakors Inatuments and alsoe Curryng kniues 10 00 00
- Item in sole lether and vper Lether 08 00 00
- Item 2 Chaires a paire of Fetters & 3 hoes & 2 beetle Ringes and 3 wedges and a stubb sythe a pitch fork and pickaxe 02 00 00
- Item in mony 14s pins a pursse & Combe 00 16 00
- Item 2 paire of plow Irons 3 Narrow axes 02 00 00
- Item 3 sythes with Nibbs 4 Rakes with a Gindstone 01 05 00
- Item a Cart and wheels boxes hoopes and Cart Ropes and yoakes and a plow 03 00 00
- Item 2 saddles 2 bridls and a pannell 01 15 00
- Item Ioyners tooles 01 05 00

[The following two items are written in the left hand margin:]

- more linnin and woollen yerne 00 15 00
- 3 sheets a Case for a bolster and 3 pillowbers 01 15 00

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- [...MS torn...]okes and hingges bill hookes & hatchell 01 05 00
- [...MS torn...] hookes a peece of a spade & drawing kniffe 00 05 00
- [...MS torn...]mp braked & vnbraked and Flax 02 10 00
- [...Ms torn...] about 50 bushells of Indian Corne 05 00 00
- Item about 15 bushells of Rye 02 10 00
- Item 2 oxen 08 10 00
- Item 3 Cowes and 2 Calues 09 00 00
- Item one 4 year old steer & 5 yeerlings 10 00 00
- Item 1 horse and mare 03 00 00
- Item 7 younge swine 03 10 00
- Item 10 sheep 03 00 00
- Item 15 load of hay 07 00 00
- Item 6 baggs bandealers powder hornes 00 14 06

- Item 1 trusse 00 02 06
- Item 8 Gallans of traine oyle 01 00 00
- Item 2 trusse Irons tarr and Rosen 00 06 00
- Item 4 hiues of bees 01 16 00

 sume totall 155 19 00

Aprissed by vs the day and yeer before specified

Phillip Walker
 Daniell Smith

- Forgotten 7 peckes of salt 2 Goat skins dressed 4 sheep skins 3 bushells of wheat 4 bee hiues 3 or 4 pound of feathers

Mary Mason the Relict of the deceased Sampson Mason tooke her oath to the truth of this Inventory the 17th of Nouember 1676 before mee Iames Browne Assistant.

Plymouth Colony Wills, Vol. III, part 2, f. 50-51.

Children of Sampson Mason and Mary Butterworth are:

- i. Noah Mason, born 1651; died 1699.
- ii. Sampson Mason, born 1654.
- iii. John Mason, born 1657; died 1683.
- iv. Samuel Mason, born 2-12-1656/57; died 1743.
- v. Sarah Mason, born 2-15-1657/58; died 1712.
- vi. Mary Mason, born 2-7-1659/60 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 8-29-1714; married Ephraim Wheaton 1-7-1683/84 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; born 1659.
- vii. James Mason, born 10-30-1661.
- viii. Joseph Mason, born 3-6-1662/63; died 1748.
- ix. Bethiah Mason, born 10-15-1665; died 1712.
- x. Issac Mason, born 7-15-1667; died 1742.
- 8 xi. Pelatiah Mason, born 4-1-1669 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; died 3-29-1763 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Hepsibeth Brooks 5-22-1694 in Rehoboth, MA.
- xii. Benjamin Mason, born 10-20-1670; died 1740.
- xiii. Thankful Mason, born 10-27-1672; died Aft. 1743.

24. Zachariah Eddy, born 1639 in Plymouth, MA; died 9-4-1718. He was the son of **48. Samuel Eddy** and **49. Elizabeth Savory**. He married **25. Alice Paddock** 5-7-1663 in Plymouth, MA.

25. Alice Paddock, born 3-7-1639/40 in Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA; died 9-24-1692.

Children of Zachariah Eddy and Alice Paddock are:

- i. Zachariah Eddy, born 4-10-1664 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 4-12-1737 in Gloucester, Providence Co., RI.
- ii. John Eddy, born 10-10-1666 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 11-1726 in Newport, Newport Co., RI.
- iii. Elizabeth Eddy, born 8-3-1670 in Plymouth, MA.
- iv. Samuel Eddy, born 6-4-1673.
- v. Ebenezer Eddy, born 2-5-1674/75.
- 12 vi. Caleb Eddy, born 9-21-1678 in Swansea, MA; died 11-21-1748 in Swansea, MA; married Bethia Smith 1-11-1702/03.
- vii. Joshua Eddy, born 2-21-1679/80 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; died 11-13-1768 in Gloucester, Providence Co., RI.
- viii. Obadiah Eddy, born 9-2-1683 in Middleboro, Plymouth Co., MA; died 1757 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.
- ix. Alice Eddy, born 11-28-1684; died Bef. 1-1693/94.

Generation No. 6

32. Robert Mason, born Abt. 1600 in Bolton, Lancashire, England/Bolton, England; died 5-28-1644 in Bolton, Lancashire, England. He married **33. Hannah Uxor** Abt. 1620 in England.

33. Hannah Uxor, born Abt. 1600 in England; died 10-8-1643 in Bolton, Lancashire, England.

Notes for Robert Mason:

Robert Mason died at the Battle of Bolton during the English civil war against King Charles I.

Child of Robert Mason and Hannah Uxor is:

- 16 i. Sampson Mason, born 3-10-1624/25 in Bolton, Lancashire, England/Bolton, England; died 9-7-1676 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Mary Butterworth 3-9-1650/51 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

34. John Butterworth, born 12-23-1599 in England; died Abt. 1636 in Weymouth, Norfolk Co., MA. He was the son of **68. Edward Butterworth** and **69. Elizabeth (nee) Butterworth**. He married **35. Mary Lanbotham** Abt. 1621 in England.

35. Mary Lanbotham, born Abt. 1600 in England; died 1-26-1686/87 in Newport, Newport Co., RI.

Children of John Butterworth and Mary Lanbotham are:

- i. Abraham Butterworth, born 1622 in England.
- ii. John Butterworth, born 1624 in England; died 12-7-1683 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA; married Sarah Freeman Abt. 1650 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.

- 17 iii. Mary Butterworth, born 1628 in Halifax, Yorks, England; died 8-29-1714 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA; married Sampson Mason 3-9-1650/51 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., MA.

48. Samuel Eddy, born 5-15-1608 in Cranbrook, Kent, England; died 11-12-1687 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA. He married **49. Elizabeth Savory** 1630 in England.

49. Elizabeth Savory, born Abt. 1611 in England; died 1689.

Children of Samuel Eddy and Elizabeth Savory are:

- i. John Eddy, born 12-25-1637 in Plymouth, MA; died 11-27-1695 in Taunton, Bristol Co., MA.
- 24 ii. Zachariah Eddy, born 1639 in Plymouth, MA; died 9-4-1718; married Alice Paddock 5-7-1663 in Plymouth, MA.
- iii. Caleb Eddy, born 1643 in Plymouth, MA; died 3-23-1712/13 in Swansea, Bristol Co., MA.
- iv. Obadiah Eddy, born 1645 in Plymouth, MA; died 11-6-1727 in Plymouth, MA.
- v. Hannah Eddy, born 6-23-1647 in Plymouth, MA.

Generation No. 7

68. Edward Butterworth He married **69. Elizabeth (nee) Butterworth**.

69. Elizabeth (nee) Butterworth

Child of Edward Butterworth and Elizabeth Butterworth is:

- 34 i. John Butterworth, born 12-23-1599 in England; died Abt. 1636 in Weymouth, Norfolk Co., MA; married Mary Lanbotham Abt. 1621 in England.

Families of Calvin Hall Bliss

CALVIN HALL⁹ BLISS (*SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 12-20-1802 in Galway, Saratoga Co., NY, and died 4-27-1891 in Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA. He married (1) SERAPH H. BOTHWELL 5-20-1829 in Prob. Oneida, Madison Co., NY. She was born 12-2-1804 in Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY, and died 9-11-1841 in Galen, Wayne Co., NY. He married (2) LOUISA L. TUTTLE 11-9-1842 in Clyde, Town of Galen, Wayne Co., NY, daughter of LEVI TUTTLE and OLIVE FOX. She was born 9-29-1808 in St. Lawrence Co., NY, and died 9-28-1872 in Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA.

Notes for CALVIN HALL BLISS:

"Bliss, Calvin H., farmer 200" (acres). From *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Wayne County, N.Y.* 1867; published by Hamilton Child & Co., Syracuse, NY 1867.

Excerpt from *Town of Galen, Wayne County, New York: A History of the Calvin Hall Bliss Family on Salerno Road*, by Robert K. Mead.

.... The writer, who is a great-great grandson of Calvin and Seraph, has no knowledge of their farm activities except that they built a new dwelling and barn and moved there from the original buildings, which were located a few hundred feet away. On March 11 of 1869 they held an auction selling horses, cows, sheep and farm tools. In June they sold the farm to David S. Finch and moved to Farmville, Prince Edward County, Virginia. Calvin was age 67 at the time. His second wife Louisa died in Virginia in 1872 at age 63.

Calvin Hall Bliss purchased a plantation of 284 acres in Farmville, Virginia in 1869, which he operated until his death on April 27, 1891. During his tenure of 22 years in Virginia he became interested in politics, holding the office of Sheriff and Supervisor of his township. He then became a State Senator in the Virginia Legislature for four terms. The Honorable Calvin Hall Bliss represented Prince Edward and Cumberland counties...." See OBITUARY NOTES below.

The New York Times, published June 1, 1874

-and-

Utica (NY) Daily Observer, (exact publication day unknown because top of page missing), 1874

Damages from an Aged Lover

In the Circuit Court of Prince Edward, Judge Asa Dickinson presiding, last week, was heard a novel cause to Virginia courts, it being a suit for a breach of promise. It seems from the accounts in the local papers that in December last Calvin Bliss, a wealthy old Northerner, aged seventy-one, who, since the war, has settled in Prince Edward, proposed marriage to a handsome widow, Mrs. Robinson, of Farmville, about thirty years old, and promised to settle upon her one-third of his real estate, and in addition \$1,500 in cash, to be paid at his death, if she would marry him. She consented, and the wardrobe of each party was prepared, Bliss furnishing the bridal robe, a handsome silk. The guests were invited; the supper prepared; but when the appointed day and hour arrived, 4 o'clock P.M., January 29th, 1874, old Bliss did not come to time, deferred, it is said, from keeping his promise by the violent opposition of his grown-up children. Through her attorneys, Mrs. Robinson brought an action for breach of marriage contract, and claimed \$10,000 damages. The trial occupied the court twelve hours, and was witnessed by a large number of spectators from all parts of the country. The widow and Bliss were both closely examined, and the jurors brought in a verdict of damages to the amount of \$3,300.

<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/abstract.html?res=9903E2DD103CEE3ABC4C51DFB066838A699FDE>

A news article appearing in *The New York Times*, published June 24, 1881, titled: SUSTAINING THE LIBERALS; THE VIEWS OF REPUBLICANS OF VIRGINIA, from "WASHINGTON, June 23," includes the following paragraph.

The Hon. C. A. Bliss [s/b C. H. Bliss], of Farmville, a member of the Virginia Senate, one of the most influential Republicans in Dr. Jorgensen's district, stated that in his Senatorial district, composed of the Counties of Prince Edward, Cumberland, and Amelia, in which nearly 4,000 Republican votes were cast in the last Presidential election, the Republicans are almost unanimous for sustaining the Liberal ticket and that Dr. Jorgensen, in opposing the movement, knowingly misrepresents at least eight-tenths of his constituents. This statement is corroborated by B. S. Hoopes, a merchant, and other leading Republicans of Farmville.

[In reference to Hon. Joseph Jorgensen of Virginia.]

Twenty Years Of Congress: From Lincoln to Garfield, With a Review of the Events Which Led to the Political Revolution of 1860, by JAMES G. BLAINE. [James Gillespie Blaine], Volume II. Norwich, Conn.: The Henry Bill Publishing Company. 1886. Copyright, 1884, by James G. Blaine. All rights reserved.

Excerpt from CHAPTER XXVIII.

The Democratic ascendancy in the South had become so complete that out of one hundred and six Congressional districts the opposition had only been able to elect four representatives,--Leonidas C. Houck from East Tennessee, Daniel L. Russell of North Carolina, Milton G. Urner of Maryland, and Joseph Jorgensen of Virginia. These were the few survivors in a contest waged for the extermination of the Republican party in the South.

In August 1885 Calvin visited Clyde, NY, from Virginia.

From: A history of Prince Edward County, Virginia: from its formation in 1753, to the present, by Charles Edward Burrell - 1922 - Prince Edward County (Va.) - 408 pages.

As part of the list of Representatives in the House of Delegates and Senate:

Member of state senate:

[Page 34] Calvin H. Bliss, 1877-79, 1879-80, 1881-82, 1883-84, 1885-87.

This writer first became cognizant of Calvin's age and date of death from one of several notations in the back of his granddaughter Nellie Mae Bliss's schoolbook, later passed down to her daughter Jennie, my mother:

Grandpa Bliss died April 27, 1891, age 88, 4 mos, 7 days. /C.W. Paige

Rochester (NY) Democrat and Chronicle, Thursday, April 30, 1891

A telegram was received at Clyde yesterday announcing the sudden death of Calvin Bliss in West Virginia. Mr. Bliss was over 70 years of age and one of the pioneer residents of Galen, removing to West Virginia soon after the close of the Rebellion.

The following obituary appeared in the *Clyde Times* newspaper; Clyde, NY: 30 April 1891.

Death of a Former Resident.

Hon. Calvin H. Bliss, a former well-known resident of Galen, died at his home, near Farmville, Prince Edward Co., Va., Monday, April 27th, in his 89th year. His death was caused from paralysis, he having suffered a stroke the Wednesday previous. Mr. Bliss was born in Vermont, in 1802. He came to Galen from Schoharie County, N.Y., in 1833, and was a resident of this town for thirty-six years, owning and occupying the David S. Finch farm, four miles northeast of Clyde—which he sold to Mr. Finch. In June, 1869, he removed to Prince Edward County, Va., where he had since resided. Mr. Bliss was known as an active and prominent citizen in that locality, and for four terms represented his district as State Senator in the Virginia Legislature. He was twice married, his first wife being Seraph Bothwell, by whom he had five children, all of whom are living, viz.: Mrs. Susan E. Kelsey, of Galen; Samuel H. Bliss, of Farmville, Va.; John B. Bliss and Mrs. Mary S. Williams, of Tekonsha, Mich.; Sidney E. Bliss, of Albion, Mich. His second wife was Mrs. Louisa T. West, by whom he had four children, three of whom are living, viz.: Misses E. Louisa and Carrie H. Bliss, (at the homestead,) and Calvin H. Bliss, Jr., of Farmville, Va. Mrs. M. J. Crowell, of Clyde, was the daughter of his second wife, by a former husband.

[OBITUARY NOTES: (1) Most genealogical accounts (of which this writer is aware) state Calvin was born in Galway, Saratoga Co., NY, whereas his *Clyde Times* obituary and the *History of the Calvin Hall Bliss Family*, both included above, state he was born in Vermont. Calvin's second wife Louisa was born in Vermont, which is perhaps how that state got added to the mix. Also, at least one of Calvin's siblings was born in Vermont as discussed below. At minimum, Calvin indicated "NY" as his place of birth on every census from 1850 until 1880. His wife Louisa claimed she was born in VT in two of those census years, only making it ditto marks under "NY" in the one for 1860. Their son Calvin H., Jr. apparently got it backwards when he claimed his father was born in VT and mother born in NY in the 1900 census. (The only one of Calvin Hall Bliss, Sr.'s eight siblings known to have been born in VT was Nathaniel Franklin Bliss, who was born in Bennington, Bennington Co., VT, in 1809. See the section titled Family of Nathaniel Franklin Bliss below.)

(2) Calvin's *Clyde Times* obituary and the *History of the Calvin Hall Bliss Family*, both included above, state he was a member of the Virginia Legislature four terms, but the *History of Prince Edward County*, ..., excerpted above, indicates he was a member five terms.

(3) The *History of the Calvin Hall Bliss Family* claims that Calvin was also sheriff and township supervisor. This writer knows of no other references or evidence to substantiate those claims. However, Calvin's widower son Calvin H. Bliss, Jr., living with his father and sisters at Farmville, Prince Edwards Co., VA, at the time of the 1880 Federal census, was listed as sheriff of county. /C.W. Paige]

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nymonnws/1898/APR.html
Rochester, Monroe, NY
Democrat & Chronicle
Thurs Apr 14, 1898

RECENT DEATHS

--David S. FINCH, of Galen, died Tuesday morning at his residence four miles northeast of Clyde, aged 79 years. Mr. FINCH was born in Dresden. In 1869 he bought the Calvin H. BLISS farm, on which he resided at the time of his death.

Notes for SERAPH H. BOTHWELL:

Nothing has been handed down about Seraph's parents or other blood relatives. However, there are or were some pictures of Bothwells in her daughter Susan Elizabeth (Bliss) Kelsey's picture album now held by descendant Lois (Kelsey) Mirabito. Among several pictures scanned and sent to me in 2013 from the aforesaid album are those of John and Delia Bothwell, perhaps a brother and sister-in-law of Seraph's. The following email text accompanied the Bothwell pictures.

Subject: Another puzzle for you.

Date: Tue, Apr 23, 2013 3:48 pm

Attachments: Delia_Bothwell.JPG (36K), John_Bothwell.JPG (33K)

I know you have been researching the Bliss family. But have you had any success researching Calvin Hall Bliss' first wife Seraph Bothwell and family? I cannot seem to find anything about her parents or siblings. I have from Susan Bliss's photo album (her daughter) a picture of John Bothwell and Delia Bothwell. Looks like they had their picture taken at same studio....tablecloth and chair are similar. I also have no picture but a label underneath an empty page for a Mary Bothwell Flint. Then I have a picture of Susan Flint Vincent and Mr Vincent, empty slots for Augustus Flint and son of Augustus Flint. There must be a connection somewhere. I am attaching the John Bothwell and Delia Bothwell photos.

If you have any clues for who these people are I would welcome them.

Lois



Seraph is buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Town of Galen, Wayne County, NY.

There was also a Mary Bothwell Flint that might have been a sister. The following email excerpt was received from Lois February 7, 2014.

I have pictures of what I think are Bliss connections in Michigan, but haven't quite got them sorted outnames include a Weeden Bliss, Julia Bliss Warner. Also some names with pictures of family connected to Seraph Bothwell.... A John Bothwell and Delia Bothwell (thinking is John's wife). Name but no picture of Mary Bothwell Flint and nearby in album picture of Susan Flint Vincent with Mr. Vincent, followed by names of Augustus Flint, A. Flint's son, Mr. Warner and opposite page picture of Mrs. Julia Bliss Warner. Other unpictured names include Ida Warner, Seraph Flint, Seraph Flint Lord.

After doing some preliminary research I came up with the following marriage information for a Mary Bothwell and a John Flint.

1. Mary¹ Bothwell was born 11/1802 in Guildhall, Essex Co., VT, and died 3/11/1885 in Wolcott, Wayne Co., NY. She married **John Flint** 5/24/1825 in Guildhall, Essex Co., VT.

He was born 8/15/1796 in Oakham, Worcester Co., MA, and died 12/28/1879 in Wolcott, Wayne Co., NY.

Marriage Notes for Mary Bothwell and John Flint:
Burials at North Wolcott Cemetery, called "Thorne," Wayne Co., NY.

FLINT Daniel, born Feb. 24, 1835, died Jun. 28, 1890

FLINT Catherine J., wf, born Aug. 17, 1838-_____

FLINT Frederick 1840-1918

FLINT Caroline Isham, wf, 1853-1934

FLINT John, died Dec. 28, 1879, ae 75-4-13

FLINT Mary, wf, died Mar. 11, 1885, ae 82-3-16

FLINT George, son Fred & Caroline, died 1879, ae 1

FLINT Samuel, son Fred & Caroline, died 1877, ae 4

FLINT Mercy, son Fred & Caroline, died 1877, ae 2

FLINT John 1860-1940

FLINT Maude E., dau John & Kit, died 1884, ae 7mos.

Notes for LOUISA L. TUTTLE:

Louisa formerly had been married to Harry West of Galen, who had died about 1834. Louisa was still a widow at the time of the 1840 Federal census of Galen, Wayne Co., NY. Her sons had all left home by then but a younger daughter remained. There was also an older woman between 60 and 70 years old in the household--probably her mother Olive, who was still alive in 1850. In 1850, Olive was living with William B. Tuttle, a 38-year-old clerk, born in Canada, and Julia Tuttle, 35 years old, born in NY. Olive was 73 years old, born in CT.

An alternate spelling for Louisa's maiden name was Tuthill.

Louisa is buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Town of Galen, Wayne County, NY.

Marriage Notes for CALVIN BLISS and LOUISA TUTTLE:

The Calvin and Louisa Bliss family was living at Galen, Wayne Co., NY, at the time of the 1850 Federal census. In the household were: Calvin H., 48 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$6,000, born in NY; Louisa, 40 years old, born in VT; Susan E., 20 years old, born in NY; Sam'l, 18 years old, born in NY; Mary J. West, 17 years old, born in NY (Louisa's daughter by husband the late Harry West of Galen); John W. Bliss, 15 years old, born in NY; Sidney, 13 years old, born in NY; Mary S., 10 years old, born in NY; Emily, 7 years old, born in NY; Caroline, 4 years old, born in NY; and Ella, 1 year old, born in NY.

The Calvin and Louisa Bliss family was living at Galen, Wayne Co., NY, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: Calvin H., 57 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$10,000 and personal estate valued at \$1,000; Louisa, 50 years old; Mary S., 19 years old; "Loiza," 17 years old; Carrie, 14 years old; Ella, 12 years old; Calvin H. Jr., 9 years old; James Mcarthy, 24 years old, a farm laborer, born in Ireland; and Sidney Bliss, 22 years old, a farm laborer.

Some of the Bliss family moved from NY to VA in June 1869.

The Calvin and Louisa Bliss family was living at Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: C. H., 67 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$3,000 and personal estate valued at \$3,000; Louisa, 60 years old; Emily E., 26 years old; Carry, 22 years old; Ella, 21 years old; and Calvin, 18 years old, worked on farm. All were born in NY except for Louisa, who was born in VT.

Calvin's family was still living at Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. In the household were: widower Calvin H., 77 years old, a farmer; daughter Louisa, 35 years old; daughter Carry, 33 years old; daughter Ellie, 28 years old; and widower son Calvin H. Jr., 26 years old, sheriff of county.

Children of CALVIN BLISS and SERAPH BOTHWELL are:

2. i. Susan Elizabeth¹⁰ Bliss, b. 6-6-1830, Oneida, Madison Co., NY; d. 7-18-1904, Galen, Wayne Co., NY. (See the section titled Susan Elizabeth Bliss below.)
3. ii. Samuel H. Bliss, b. 2-11-1832, Oneida, Madison Co., NY; d. 5-21-1910, Prob. Virginia. (See the section titled Samuel H. Bliss below.)
4. iii. John Bothwell Bliss, b. 7-5-1835, Galen Twp., Wayne Co., NY; d. 3-9-1924, Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI. (See the section titled John Bothwell Bliss below.)
5. iv. Sidney E. Bliss, b. 11-27-1837, Clyde, Wayne Co., NY; d. 3-29-1916, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. (See the section titled Sidney E. Bliss below.)
6. v. Mary S. Bliss, b. 10-17-1840, Clyde, Wayne Co., NY; d. 4-24-1920, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI. (See the section titled Mary S. Bliss below.)

Children of CALVIN BLISS and LOUISA TUTTLE are:

- vi. Emily Louise¹⁰ Bliss, b. 12-18-1843, Clyde, Wayne Co., NY; d. 1-13-1916.

Notes for Emily Louise Bliss:

A notation for Louisa at the time of the 1880 Federal census of Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA, may say "spinal disease." It is very difficult to read. It is in the column under "Is the person [on the day of the Enumerator's visit] sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties?" However, it is claimed that she was an invalid.

At the time of the 1900 Federal census of Wolcott, Wayne Co., NY, Emily's name was listed as "Eloise" and she was living with her sister Caroline H. Bliss along with Caroline's adopted daughter Elizabeth Tatum, who had been born in Virginia in December 1882. No occupation was listed for Eloise.

Clyde, N.Y. Times, Thursday, July 23, 1914:

The Misses E. Louise and Carrie H. Bliss, and their niece, Miss Carrie H. Bliss, of Farmville, Va., are visiting with relatives in Clyde.

- vii. Caroline Helen "Carrie" Bliss, b. 4-24-1846, Clyde, Wayne Co., NY; d. 4-17-1936, Wolcott, Wayne Co., NY.

Notes for Caroline Helen "Carrie" Bliss:

Caroline was living at Templeton Place, Prince Edwards Co., VA, in 1892. She spent that summer in Clyde, NY, with her half sister Mary Jane (West) Crowell.

Caroline was living in a rented house at Wolcott, Wayne Co., NY at the time of the 1900 Federal census. Her occupation was listed as "teacher of drawing." Her sister Emily was also living with her, though Emily's name was listed as "Eloise." Also in the household was Caroline's adopted daughter Elizabeth Tatum, who had been born in Virginia in December 1882.

Clyde, N.Y. Times, Thursday, July 23, 1914:

The Misses E. Louise and Carrie H. Bliss, and their niece, Miss Carrie H. Bliss, of Farmville, Va., are visiting with relatives in Clyde.

"Carrie" was living in Wolcott, NY, at the time of her half-brother Sidney's death in 1916.

Fair Haven (NY) Register, April 16, 1936

Miss Carrie Bliss, drawing teacher here for many years, will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 24 at the home of her niece, Mrs. Jessie Chatfield. Miss Bliss, owing to failing health, had to give up her home this spring and go to reside with her niece. She broke both hips a few years ago and though she got about the house, last fall her feeble condition deemed it necessary to take her to her niece's home where she could receive special care.

OBITUARY #1

The following obituary is taken from *The Lake*, a Wolcott, NY newspaper, issue No. 42, dated Thursday April 23, 1936.

MISS CARRIE E. BLISS

Retired Teacher Passes at 90 Years of Age--Burial Made at Clyde

Miss Carrie E. Bliss, for two decades teacher of drawing and science in the Wolcott high school, died last Saturday [s/b Friday] at the home of her niece, Mrs. Jesse Chatfield, in Butler, just four days short of 90 years of age.

Miss Bliss was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bliss, and was born in Clyde, April 24, 1846. She was educated there and in the National Normal school at Lebanon, O.

Meanwhile the family had removed to Virginia, whither Miss Bliss went in 1869, teaching there in private schools. In 1894 she came to Clyde and taught for two years in the Clyde high school, removing to Wolcott in 1896.

There she was a well-known figure in educational circles till she retired on a pension in 1916. Miss Bliss had almost encyclopedic information on so many subjects that she was a mine of information to her pupils. When asked where she acquired the facts, she frequently said, "I reckon I always knew that," probably not meaning to be taken literally, but that she had learned it casually and had forgotten when and where. Having a remarkable memory, she picked up miscellaneous information almost without effort.

Following her retirement, she fell and broke her hip twice, and was an invalid during the closing years of her long life. She was one of the three teachers made honorary members of the Leavenworth Alumni association.

Her body was taken to undertaking room in Clyde directly after her death, and then brought here on Monday afternoon, the funeral being held from St. Stephen's Episcopal church at 3 p.m., the Rev. William H. G. Lewis officiating. Interment was made at Clyde.

Miss Bliss will long be remembered by those brought in contact with her. She had an unusual and inspiring personality for all who.... [one line is unreadable].

Though coming from a large family, her nearest surviving relatives are nephews and nieces and their descendants, many of whom live in the vicinity of Clyde.

OBITUARY #2

Fair Haven (NY) Register, April ?, 1936

WOLCOTT

Miss Carrie Bliss, one of Wolcott's most highly esteemed women for the past forty years, passed away Friday at the home of her adopted niece, Mrs. Lizzie Chatfield. She lacked but six days of celebrating her 90th birthday. She came to Wolcott from the Clyde High School to Wolcott High School in the fall of 1896 as drawing instructor and science teacher and remained in the school until she retired from teaching in 1916. While teaching here she had the distinction of being the best qualified teacher of the entire faculty as she was qualified to teach any subject in the high school course at that time. She could fill any vacancy when a teacher was ill, or obliged to be absent. Her untiring devotion to her work and pupils often taxed her frail body and strength but her indomitable will power kept her at her tasks when many a teacher would have given out. She took a keen interest in every pupil willing to work and learn and many a graduate of Wolcott

High who has won success owe it to her untiring patience and work overtime with them. She was a graduate of the national Normal at Lebanon, Ohio. Born in Clyde, April 24, 1846, she went to Virginia with her parents in 1869. Her father was for some years United States Senator from Virginia, but they lived on their plantation in Virginia. She was a member of St. Stephens Episcopal Church of this village and an active worker as long as health would permit. Her funeral was held from St. Stephens Episcopal Church, of which she was a member on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. W. H. G. Lewis, officiating. Burial in the Clyde Cemetery. Surviving are a number of nieces and nephews, besides Mrs. Chatfield and children, who cared for Miss Bliss, most tenderly since she broke both hips.

- viii. Ella C. Bliss, b. 11-6-1848, Clyde, Wayne Co., NY; d. 9-7-1883.
- ix. Calvin H. Bliss, b. 9-9-1851, Clyde, Wayne Co., NY; d. 1924; m. (1) Caddie Addleman, 10-19-1876; b. 1856; d. 5-21-1879; m. (2) Harriet E. Hoeman, 6-28-1881; b. 7-1847, Virginia.

Notes for Calvin H. Bliss:

Calvin was a widower, the sheriff of Prince Edwards Co., and living with his father and sisters at Farmville, Prince Edwards Co., VA, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. He was still living at Farmville when his half-brother Sidney's died in 1916.



Calvin H. Bliss, Jr.
(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)

Calvin made a visit to Clyde, NY, in 1911, staying with friends according to a July 13, 1911, "Personal Mention," a column on page 5 of a Clyde newspaper.

Notes for Caddie Addleman:

One account has her name as "M. Caddie Addleman."

Marriage Notes for Calvin Bliss and Caddie Addleman:

Calvin and Caddie were said to be of Farmville, Prince Edward Co., Virginia.

Marriage Notes for Calvin Bliss and Harriet Hoeman:

The (Clyde, NY) Democratic Herald, Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1889:

Mrs. S. H. Bliss, two daughters, and Mrs. C. H. Bliss, of Prince Edwards County, Va. are visiting with relatives in town.

Calvin and Harriet were living at Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA at time of the 1900 Federal census. Calvin was by profession an auctioneer. Knighton C. Bliss was living with his half-granduncle Calvin half-grandaunt Harriet E. Knighton was notated as having been adopted. His actual parents were Samuel H. and Sarah (Langslow) Bliss of Farmville.

The (Clyde, NY) Democratic Herald, Wednesday, Aug. 1st, 1894:

Hon. Samuel H. Bliss, of Farmville, Va., is making friends in Clyde and vicinity a two week's visit--his family having been here for some time past.

The (Clyde, NY) Democratic Herald, Wednesday, February 12th, 1902:

John and Sidney Bliss of Michigan and Samuel and Calvin H. Bliss of Farmville, Va., have been guests in Clyde and vicinity for the past two weeks.

Susan Elizabeth Bliss

Descendants of Susan Elizabeth Bliss

Generation No. 1

1. SUSAN ELIZABETH¹⁰ BLISS (*CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 6-6-1830 in Oneida, Madison Co., NY, and died 7-18-1904 in Galen, Wayne Co., NY. She married SAMUEL KELSEY 11-14-1850 in Clyde, Wayne Co., NY. He was born 1825 in NY, and died 4-10-1902 in Galen, Wayne Co., NY.

Notes for SUSAN ELIZABETH BLISS:

Clyde (NY) Democratic Herald, December 1890

Sidney Bliss of Adrian, Michigan, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Samuel Kelsey.

The Herald (Clyde, N.Y.), Wednesday, November 5th, 1894

Sidney Bliss of Adrian, Michigan, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Samuel Kelsey.



Susan Elizabeth (Bliss) Kelsey
(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)



Samuel Kelsey

Clyde (NY) Times, Thursday, July 21, 1904

KELSEY

Mrs. Susan Bliss, widow of the late Samuel Kelsey, died at the Kelsey homestead three miles northeast of this village at eleven o'clock, Monday morning, July 18th, 1904. She was 74 years of age and the cause of her death was heart trouble.

Funeral services were held at her late home at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. W. Walker, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. Interment was made in Maple Grove Cemetery.

For seven months past Mrs. Kelsey had been in very feeble health, and on several occasions, it was not expected that she could live more than a few days. On each occasion, however, she rallied, but her health continued very precarious, with no prospect of a recovery.

She was born in Galen and had always lived here. For many years, especially during the life of her husband, the Kelsey farm was noted far and wide for its hospitality and good cheer. Probably no farmstead in this part of the county is better known or has welcomed more visitors. Mrs. Kelsey was a woman of high character and many noble and endearing qualities. She had a great host of friends by whom she was warmly loved and regarded with the highest respect and esteem.

She is survived by three sons, Frank, Calvin, Fred, and daughter, Sarah. She is also survived by four sisters, Misses Carrie Bliss and Louise Bliss of Wolcott; Mrs. Mary Williams, of Washington state, and Mrs. M. J. Crowell, of Clyde; and four brothers, Samuel Bliss and Calvin Bliss, of Farmville, Va., John Bliss, of Tecumseh, Mich., and Sidney Bliss, Albion, Mich.

Notes for SAMUEL KELSEY:

Clyde (NY) Democratic Herald, Tuesday, Jul. 29, 1890

Samuel Kelsey Relieved of \$3000 by Three-Card Monte Sharks

Not a Very Slick Game but It Worked To Perfection.

Gossip was all agog here last Friday morning, and excitement ran high when it was learned that three slick strangers had duped Samuel Kelsey, a wealthy farmer residing about three miles north of Clyde, out of \$3,000 at the old three-card monte dodge, and successfully made way with the money. It is the same old story and has been so often told that it seems incredible that a man could be caught in such a way, but the sight of thousands of dollars in the possession of the strangers made Mr. Kelsey eager and he bit the hook with the avariciousness of a hungry fish. This is the story of the case.

Early Friday morning the trio of sharpers started from Lyons with separate rigs hired at Bennett's and Tower's liverys, the carriage containing two of the men was driven to Alton and the third came down to Clyde and drove to Kelsey's house where, on the pretence of buying one of Mr. Kelsey's farms lying a little to the west, he induced Kelsey to get into the buggy and ride over to look at the place. While on the way the other rig

was met containing only one of the men the other being left at Alton, A conversation sprang up between the occupants of the carriages during which the new-comer, who appeared to be slightly intoxicated, stated that his place of residence was in the South and expressed his dislike of the Northern people besides relating that he had lost about \$1,200 at a Northern game a short time before they met, but he said he had a game now they could not beat him at. With this he drew out three cards and proceeded to manipulate them and betting money soon commenced. In a short time Kelsey and his companion had won \$7,000 of the other man's money when a final stake of \$10,000 a side was proposed. The sum was put up and placed in a box. Kelsey having been induced in the meantime to get the other \$3,000 to make up their side of the bet, which he secured on a 30 days' note at the Briggs' National Bank. This also was won and the box was handed to Kelsey by his companion who took him home and stated that he had business in Rochester and must leave at once but he would be back the next day to divide the winnings. After he had gone Kelsey became curious to look into the box which was locked, and on prying it open he was amazed to find in it only a few bits of paper and a stone. Then only did it dawn upon him that he had been fleeced and he set about at once to telegraph the telephone to all points to capture the culprits, but they had already made good their escape, having taken a train at Alton, where the rigs were left, at which point all trace of them was lost. Public sympathy is all against Kelsey and no one seems to regret that he lost his money in that way. Officers are now in pursuit of the sharpers but it is unlikely they are anywhere about this region.

Clyde (NY) Democratic Herald, Tuesday, August 5, 1890

Samuel Kelsey, the Galen Farmer who was fleeced out of \$3,000 by sharpers, has offered a reward of \$500 for the recovery of the money and the arrest of the scoundrels.

Rochester (NY) Democratic and Chronicle, Friday, April 11, 1902

Samuel Kelsey, a prominent and wealthy farmer of Galen, died yesterday afternoon of heart disease at his residence three miles northeast of Clyde, aged 76 years. Deceased is survived by his widow, three sons, Frank A., Fred S. and Calvin B., of Galen, and one daughter, Sarah, who lives at home.

Marriage Notes for SUSAN BLISS and SAMUEL KELSEY:
 From the 1880 Federal census of Galen, Wayne Co., NY:

Name	Relation	Marital		Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
		Status	Gender						
Samuel KELSEY	Self	M	Male	W	54	NY	Farmer	NY	NY
Susan E. KELSEY	Wife	M	Female	W	49	NY	Keeping House	NY	NY
Calvin B. KELSEY	Son	S	Male	W	20	NY	Farm Laborer	NY	NY
Seraph Louisa KELSEY	Dau	S	Female	W	27	NY		NY	NY
Frederick KELSEY	Son	S	Male	W	18	NY	Farm Laborer	NY	NY
Mary MATHEWS	Other	S	Female	W	22	NY	Domestic Servant	ENG	ENG

Children of SUSAN BLISS and SAMUEL KELSEY are:

2.
 - i. Franklin A.¹¹ Kelsey, b. 11-1851, NY.
 - ii. Seraph Louisa Kelsey, b. Abt. 1853, NY; d. 8-24-1912, Galen, Wayne Co., NY.

Notes for Seraph Louisa Kelsey:

Rochester (NY) Democratic and Chronicle, Tuesday, July 19, 1904

KNOWS NO WORLD SAVE THE FARM
"DOLLY" KELSEY NEVER OUTSIDE ITS BOUNDS.
MIDGET IN BODY AND MIND

Singular Case of Suspended Development in the Town of Galen. Though a Woman in Years She Requires the Care of a Small Child.

Clyde, July 18--Far back from the main road, two and one-half miles northeast of Clyde, among the rolling hills of Wayne county, is the weather-beaten farmhouse where the Kelseys have lived for over sixty years. Years ago the family of Samuel Kelsey was considered one of the most prosperous and hospitable in the county. The family consisted of three sons, Frank, Calvin and Fred, and one daughter, Seraph.

Two years ago the father died and the mother and Seraph have occupied a less commodious home near the old homestead built by Mr. Kelsey about twelve years ago. Fred took possession of the old farm and Calvin and Frank provided themselves with comfortable homes on valuable farms west of Clyde. This noon the mother, Susan, died, at the ripe old age of 74 years. This leaves Seraph to be cared for by the brother, Fred. The story of Seraph's life is a strange and interesting one.

A woman in years, she is as ignorant of the world and its joys and sorrows as a child. During all of her fifty years of life she has never been as far from her parents' door as the village. She has never seen man, woman or child of the outside world only as they have visited her home. Utterly untaught, unable to read or write, no person on a desert could be more ignorant of life. Aside from the family her only world has been the cats, dogs, cows and horses of the farm with which she came in daily contact.

She grew and thrived with these, ate when she was hungry and slept when she was weary, accepting life with no question as to the why and wherefore of things troubling her untutored brain. If perhaps she ever wondered what lay beyond the blue hills, she never inquired.

"Dolly," they call her throughout the countryside, and in the kindly hearts of the farmers there is deep sympathy for her. From infancy "Dolly" has never walked. In stature she is but a child, her feet, hands, limbs and body are of about the same dimensions as a child five years of age. Her height is about thirty-six inches, but the most wonderful thing is the remarkable and unnatural development of "Dolly's" head, which now measures three feet in circumference and fourteen inches in diameter.

The head is so monstrous in size that the diminutive body cannot supply sufficient strength to support it in an upright position. It rolls about upon the little shoulders like a huge cannon ball. The eyes are correspondingly large and almost expressionless, and

the sepulchral tone of the voice as it issues from this immense ball is of a nature to frighten a person unaccustomed to such sights.

"Dolly" is very loquacious and willful, as every visitor at her home can attest. She occupies a child's high chair and persistently interviews every visitor who comes into her presence. The services of an attendant are required constantly, as the unfortunate child-woman is almost helpless, simply being able to feed herself.

Notwithstanding this abnormal growth and the undeveloped body, "Dolly," like others of her sex, has been willing to accept of suitable proposals of marriage, and has frequently intimated in very emphatic terms that she wished to marry, but, as she has a way of expressing her opinions in uncomplimentary terms, she is still in a state of single blessedness.

Clyde (NY) Times, Thursday, August 29, 1912

OBITUARY

Entered into the rest of Paradise, Saturday, August 24th, 1912, Seraph Louise Kelsey, only daughter of the late Samuel and Susan Kelsey. She is survived by three brothers, Frank A., Calvin Bliss, and Fred S. Kelsey.

Burial was at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Clyde, Wayne Co., NY.

More About Seraph Louisa Kelsey:

Cause of Death: Chronic hydrocephalus

- iii. Calvin Bliss Kelsey, b. 8-1859, NY.
- iv. Frederick S. Kelsey, b. 11-1861, NY.

Generation No. 2

2. FRANKLIN A.¹¹ KELSEY (*SUSAN ELIZABETH*¹⁰ *BLISS*, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 11-1851 in NY. He married (1) LYDIA S. (NEE ?) KELSEY Abt. 1877. She was born Abt. 1856 in NY. He married (2) ANNA E. JOHNSON 2-27-1901 in Galen, Wayne Co., NY, daughter of JOHN JOHNSON and MARIAN PRESTIN. She was born Abt. 1853 in England.



Franklin A. Kelsey
(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)

Marriage Notes for FRANKLIN KELSEY and LYDIA KELSEY:
From 1880 Federal census of Galen, Wayne Co., NY:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Frank A. KELSEY	Self	M	Male	W	28	NY	Farmer	NY	NY
Lydia S. KELSEY	Wife	M	Female	W	24	NY	Keeping House	NY	NY
Ernest F. KELSEY	Son	S	Male	W	2	NY		NY	NY
Arvin COEQUUS	Other	M	Male	W	26	NY	Farm Laborer	NY	NY
Carrie CORQUS	Other	M	Female	W	24	NY	Domestic Servant	NY	NY
James MURRY	Other	S	Male	W	24	NY	Farm Laborer	IRE	IRE

Marriage Notes for FRANKLIN KELSEY and ANNA JOHNSON:
Clyde, N.Y. Times, Thursday, Oct. 3, 1907:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelsey have gone to Farmville, Va., to visit relatives for a month, and will make a visit to the Jamestown Exposition, while in the south.

Clyde (NY) Herald, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1926:

Mason Bliss and two daughters, of Farmville, Va., Mrs. Lamb and son of Norfolk, Va., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kelsey the past week.

Children of FRANKLIN KELSEY and LYDIA KELSEY are:

- i. Ernest F.¹² Kelsey, b. Abt. 1878, NY.
- ii. Grace M. Kelsey, b. 12-1881, NY.
- iii. Bliss H. Kelsey, b. 2-1887, NY.
- iv. Eber Kelsey, b. 3-1897, NY.

3. CALVIN BLISS¹¹ KELSEY (*SUSAN ELIZABETH¹⁰ BLISS, CALVIN HALL⁹, SAMUEL⁸, SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"⁷, NATHANIEL⁶, SAMUEL⁵, JONATHAN⁴, THOMAS³, JONATHAN² BLYSSE, THOMAS¹*) was born 8-1859 in NY. He married ROSE MCBRIDE 12-29-1881 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. She was born 3-1862 in NY, and died 1931.

Notes for CALVIN BLISS KELSEY:



Calvin Bliss Kelsey
(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)

Clyde (NY) Times, Thursday, April 25, 1912

Sidney Bliss of Adrian, Mich., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cal. Kelsey and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kelsey for a few days. He is visiting friends in Wolcott at present.

Child of CALVIN KELSEY and ROSE MCBRIDE is:

- i. Maude S.¹² Kelsey, b. 10-1882, Galen, Wayne Co., NY.

4. FREDERICK S.¹¹ KELSEY (*SUSAN ELIZABETH*¹⁰ *BLISS*, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 11-1861 in NY. He married LEONORA MATILDA SMITH Abt. 1884 in NY, daughter of JOHN SMITH and JEMIMA CATCHPOLE. She was born 8-1862 in NY, and died 1931.

Notes for FREDERICK S. KELSEY:

Clyde (NY) Times, Thursday, April 25, 1912

Sidney Bliss of Adrian, Mich., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cal. Kelsey and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kelsey for a few days. He is visiting friends in Wolcott at present.

The Herald (Clyde, N.Y.), Wednesday, September 24, 1913

Sidney Bliss and his sister, Mrs. Mary Williams of Tekonsha, Mich., former residents of Clyde, are making a visit of several weeks among relatives in this vicinity and Wolcott. They spent Sunday with Mrs. Carrie Williams and at present are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Kelsey.

Marriage Notes for FREDERICK KELSEY and LEONORA SMITH:

At the time of the 1900 Federal census of Galen, Wayne Co., NY, it was said that five of Fred and Lenora's six children were still living. Fred was a farmer.

Children of FREDERICK KELSEY and LEONORA SMITH are:

- i. Blanche¹² Kelsey, b. 8-1885, Galen, Wayne Co., NY.
- ii. May L. Kelsey, b. 5-1887, Galen, Wayne Co., NY.
- iii. Edgar S. Kelsey, b. 1-1889, Galen, Wayne Co., NY.
- iv. Greta M. Kelsey, b. 3-1891, Galen, Wayne Co., NY.
- v. Frederick W. Kelsey, b. 11-1898, Galen, Wayne Co., NY.

Samuel H. Bliss

Descendants of Samuel H. Bliss

Generation No. 1

1. SAMUEL H.¹⁰ BLISS (*CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 2-11-1832 in Oneida, Madison Co., NY, and died 5-23-1910 in Prob. VA. He married (1) ELIZABETH A. MAGRAW 12-4-1856. She was born 11-22-1835 in NY, and died 10-14-1864 in Galen, Wayne Co., NY. He married (2) PHILLIPPA R. OLES 3-26-1867. She was born 8-23-1834 in NY, and died 10-31-1910 in Prob. VA.



Samuel H. Bliss

(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)

Notes for ELIZABETH A. MAGRAW:

Elizabeth was buried at the Maple Grove Cemetery at Galen, Wayne Co., NY.

BLISS Elizabeth wf Samuel 14 Oct. 1864 28y10m23d

Marriage Notes for SAMUEL BLISS and ELIZABETH MAGRAW:

At the time of the 1860 Federal census, the Samuel and Elizabeth Bliss family was living at Galen, Wayne County, NY as follows:

Dwelling #1286; Family #1283

Samuel Bliss 29 farmer with \$6,000 worth of real estate and \$1,200 cash

Elizabeth Bliss 24

Mason Bliss 3

Oscar Durand 14 domestic

Alvin Williams 21 domestic (Alvin later married Samuel's sister Mary S.)



Samuel H. and Elizabeth (Magraw) Bliss
(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)

Marriage Notes for SAMUEL BLISS and PHILLIPPA OLES:



Phillippa (Oles) Carley Bliss
(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)

From 1880 Federal census of Buffalo, Prince Edward Co., VA:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
S. H. BLISS	Self	M	Male	W	48	NY	Farmer	NY	NY
Phillippa B. BLISS	Wife	M	Female	W	46	NY	Keeping House	ENG	ENG
Lelia M. BLISS	Dau	S	Female	W	5	VA		NY	NY
Ada L. CARLEY	SDau	S	Female	W	23	NY	At Home	NY	NY

The (Clyde, NY) Democratic Herald, Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1889:

Mrs. S. H. Bliss, two daughters, and Mrs. C. H. Bliss, of Prince Edwards County, Va. are visiting with relatives in town.

The Bliss family was living at Buffalo, Prince Edward Co., VA, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. Besides Samuel H. and Phillipa R. Bliss, the household also contained their widowed daughter Lelia M. Spencer and two-year-old granddaughter Phillipa R. Spencer.

The (Clyde, NY) Democratic Herald, Wednesday, February 12th, 1902:

John and Sidney Bliss of Michigan and Samuel and Calvin H. Bliss of Farmville, Va., have been guests in Clyde and vicinity for the past two weeks.

The (Clyde, NY) Democratic Herald, Wednesday, September 16th, 1903:

Mrs. Samuel Bliss, daughter and granddaughter, of Farmville, Va., are guests of relatives in this locality for a few weeks.

Clyde, N.Y. Times, Thursday, July 2, 1908:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bliss, of Farmville, Va., have been here for several weeks.

Children of SAMUEL BLISS and ELIZABETH MAGRAW are:

2. i. Brooks Mason¹¹ Bliss, b. 9-4-1857, Clyde, Wayne Co., NY; d. 8-15-1930.
- ii. Evalina May Bliss, b. 5-1-1864, Clyde, Wayne Co., NY; d. 1864.



Step-Siblings Brooks Mason Bliss and Ada Carley
(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)

Child of SAMUEL BLISS and PHILLIPPA OLES is:

3. iii. Lelia M.¹¹ Bliss, b. 11-8-1874, Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA; d. Bef. 1910.

Generation No. 2

2. BROOKS MASON¹¹ BLISS (*SAMUEL H.¹⁰, CALVIN HALL⁹, SAMUEL⁸, SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"⁷, NATHANIEL⁶, SAMUEL⁵, JONATHAN⁴, THOMAS³, JONATHAN² BLYSSE, THOMAS¹*) was born 9-4-1857 in Clyde, Wayne Co., NY, and died 8-15-1930. He married SARAH LANGSLOW 1878 in Buffalo, Prince Edward Co., VA, daughter of THOMAS LANGSLOW and ELIZABETH LANGSLOW. She was born 1857 in England, and died 8-10-1896 in Prince Edward Co., VA.

Notes for SARAH LANGSLOW:

Sarah died of pneumonia.

Marriage Notes for BROOKS BLISS and SARAH LANGSLOW:

From 1880 Federal census of Buffalo, Prince Edward Co., VA:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
B.M. BLISS	Self	M	Male	W	22	NY	Farmer	NY	NY
Sallie F BLISS	Wife	M	Female	W	23	ENG	Keeping House	ENG	EMG
Margaret E BLISS	Dau	S	Female	W	3M	VA		NY	ENG
Taylor JOHNSON	Other	S	Male	B	15	VA	Works On Farm	VA	VA

 The family was living at Buffalo, Prince Edward Co., VA, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. Sarah's mother Elizabeth Langslow was also part of the household. The Langslows had immigrated to America in 1870.

Children of BROOKS BLISS and SARAH LANGSLOW are:

- i. Margaret E.¹² Bliss, b. 2-22-1880, Prince Edward Co., VA.
4. ii. Samuel Clyde Bliss, b. 12-2-1882, Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA; d. 7-20-1954, Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA.
- iii. Brooks Mason Bliss, b. 12-22-1884, VA; d. 6-8-1938.

Notes for Brooks Mason Bliss:

Clyde (NY) *Herald*, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1926:

Mason Bliss and two daughters, of Farmville, Va., Mrs. Lamb and son of Norfolk, Va., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kelsey the past week.

From <http://politicalgraveyard.com/bio/blight-block.html#0CP0BTT7V>

Bliss, B. M. — of Farmville, Prince Edward County, Va. Republican. Alternate delegate to Republican National Convention from Virginia, 1932.

- iv. Thomas L. Bliss, b. 10-15-1886, Prince Edward Co., VA; d. 7-6-1923.
- v. Caroline Helen Bliss, b. 12-15-1888, VA; d. 5-1-1970.

Notes for Caroline Helen Bliss:

Clyde, N.Y. Times, Thursday, July 23, 1914:

The Misses E. Louise and Carrie H. Bliss, and their niece, Miss Carrie H. Bliss, of Farmville, Va., are visiting with relatives in Clyde.

- vi. Knighton Calvin Bliss, b. 3-4-1892, VA; d. 6-10-1962.

Notes for Knighton Calvin Bliss:

Knighton was living with his half-granduncle Calvin Hall Bliss, Jr. and Calvin's wife Harriet E. at the time of the 1900 Federal census of Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA. He was notated as being adopted. His actual parents were Samuel H. and Sarah (Langslow) Bliss of Farmville.

- vii. Owen Hall Bliss, b. 9-12-1894, VA; d. 6-29-1960.

3. LELIA M.¹¹ BLISS (*SAMUEL H.¹⁰, CALVIN HALL⁹, SAMUEL⁸, SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"⁷, NATHANIEL⁶, SAMUEL⁵, JONATHAN⁴, THOMAS³, JONATHAN² BLYSSE, THOMAS¹*) was born 11-8-1874 in Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA, and died Bef. 1910. She married CHARLIE SPENCER, son of CHARLIE SPENCER and SUSAN SPENCER. He was born Abt. 1874 in Buckingham Co., VA, and died Bet. 1897 - 1900.

Marriage Notes for LELIA BLISS and CHARLIE SPENCER:

The (Clyde, NY) Democratic Herald, Wednesday, September 16th, 1903:

Mrs. Samuel Bliss, daughter and granddaughter, of Farmville, Va., are guests of relatives in this locality for a few weeks.

Child of LELIA BLISS and CHARLIE SPENCER is:

- i. Phillippa R.¹² Spencer, b. 9-1897, Prince Edward Co., VA; d. Bef. 1910, VA.

Notes for Phillippa R. Spencer:

The (Clyde, NY) *Democratic Herald*, Wednesday, September 16th, 1903:

Mrs. Samuel Bliss, daughter and granddaughter, of Farmville, Va., are guests of relatives in this locality for a few weeks.

[The following lawsuit and appeal involved Brooks Mason Bliss of Farmville, Prince Edwards Co., VA, as administrator of two estates, and at one time was guardian of his half sister's daughter Phillippa R. Spencer, from October 31, 1910, through December, 1913; Phillippa's subsequent guardians were her paternal aunt and uncle, Mary T. (Spencer) and R. Walter Garnett, originally of Curdsville, Buckingham Co., VA, but of late Farmville, Prince Edwards Co., VA.]

American Law Reports Annotated, by Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company; published by Lawyers Co-operative Pub. Co., 1920, pp. 619-632.

B. M. BLISS, Guardian of Phillippa R. Spencer, and as Admr., etc., of S. H. Bliss, Deceased, and Mrs. P. B. Bliss, Deceased,

v.

PHILLIPPA R. SPENCER, by Next Friend.
Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals — June 12, 1919,
(— Va. —, 99 S. E. 593.)

Guardian and ward — expenditures from corpus of estate — what will be approved.

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Cases Decided in the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, by Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals; published by Dept. of Purchase and Supply, 1920, pp. 36-62.

BLISS, GUARDIAN, v. SPENCER.

June 12, 1919.

The appellee, a ward of the appellant, was plaintiff in the court below and instituted this suit to compel an accounting by the guardian for all income he may have received from the estate of his ward which came, or should have come, into his hands as guardian from the personal estate of the grandfather and of the grandmother of the ward.

The grandfather, S. H. Bliss, died on May 23, 1910, leaving surviving him his widow, Mrs. P. B. Bliss, the grandmother aforesaid; his son, B. M. Bliss, the appellant, and Phillippa R. Spencer, the appellee, the granddaughter and ward aforesaid, and a personal estate consisting of twenty shares of Farmville mill stock valued in the record at \$10,000, and certain debts due the estate which his administrator promptly collected, and money in bank, and a horse sold by his administrator, which estate, other than the mill stock, aggregated the gross amount of something over \$6,000 which came as money into the hands of such administrator.

At the time of the death of S. H. Bliss it was thought that he had died intestate and all of his personal estate came into the possession of and was taken in charge by his son, the appellant, B. M. Bliss; and the latter on June 1, 1910, qualified as administrator of such decedent. Being satisfied that there were practically no debts or demands against the estate, the administrator, in June and July, 1910, acting in good faith and with ordinary prudence, paid over to the said widow certain sums, and in October, 1910, paid for her certain other sums, on account of her supposed share of the personal estate, as distributee under the statute. These payments, according to the record, aggregated the net amount of \$176.49 in excess of what the widow would have been entitled to receive as income on the life estate passing to her under the will presently to be mentioned.

On October 31, 1910, the said widow died intestate, leaving surviving her the appellee, her grandchild and only distributee under the statute. The said B. M. Bliss was not her son, but a stepson, being a son of S. H. Bliss by a prior marriage. Such widow left a small separate estate of her own, which consisted of twelve shares of Planters Bank stock appraised at the value of \$696; five shares of Planters Warehouse Company stock appraised at the value of \$250; a sewing machine and certain jewelry appraised at the value of \$149 and \$30 in currency, the total appraised value of her estate aggregating \$1,125. All of this estate came into the possession of said B. M. Bliss and was taken in charge by him upon the death of the widow and he qualified as her administrator in December, 1910, the precise date of such qualification not appearing in evidence. B. M. Bliss, however, acted as administrator of said widow from the time of her death, paid her funeral expenses, nurse for services during last illness of deceased, doctor's bill, some debts of the latter of trifling amounts, expenses of qualification, etc., which, exclusive of commissions as administrator, by July, 1911, aggregated something over two hundred dollars. During this time, B. M. Bliss, as administrator of the widow, collected certain dividends on the said Planters Bank stock and Planters Warehouse stock; did not sell such stock or any of the personal property of her estate to meet the disbursements made by him as aforesaid, but appropriated to himself, to pay the balance due him on such account, two shares of said Planters Bank stock and two shares of said Planters Warehouse stock at their appraised value, aggregating \$226.

On September 22, 1911, B. M. Bliss qualified as guardian of his said ward. The record shows, however, that he acted as if he were such guardian from September 1, 1910. The ward, in fact, lived with him in his home and was in his actual custody and control from the death of the said widow, October 31, 1910, until December, 1913,

after which she lived with an aunt and her husband, R. W. Garnett, in the same town as that in which the guardian lived, namely, Farmville, Va....etc.

[A will by S. H. Bliss was subsequently found, as follows:]

This is my will. I give my wife 1/3 her life, then to go to my granddaughter Phillipia, also Phillipia 1000 dollars, balance to my son.

(Signed) "S. H. BLISS."

Generation No. 3

4. SAMUEL CLYDE¹² BLISS (*BROOKS MASON*¹¹, *SAMUEL H.*¹⁰, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 12-2-1882 in Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA, and died 7-20-1954 in Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA. He married CASSANDRA PEARL "CASSIE" HOWARD 1915 in VA. She was born 9-21-1883 in Kentucky, and died 9-1977 in Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA.

Children of SAMUEL BLISS and CASSANDRA HOWARD are:

5. i. Clyde Howard¹³ Bliss, b. 7-26-1916, Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA; d. 6-7-2005, Crossville, Cumberland Co., TN.
6. ii. Mason Langslow Bliss, b. 3-10-1922, Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA; d. 6-1966, Richmond, VA.

Generation No. 4

5. CLYDE HOWARD¹³ BLISS (*SAMUEL CLYDE*¹², *BROOKS MASON*¹¹, *SAMUEL H.*¹⁰, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 7-26-1916 in Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA, and died 6-7-2005 in Crossville, Cumberland Co., TN. He married MARGUARITE HOLZER.

Notes for CLYDE HOWARD BLISS:

OBITUARY #1:

http://www.farmvilleherald.com/acrchive_obits/obituaries_36.htm

The Farmville Herald, Wednesday 8th June 2005

Clyde Howard Bliss, 88

Native of Farmville

Dies in Tennessee

CROSSVILLE, TN, June 7 - Clyde Howard Bliss, 88, son of the late Samuel Clyde and Cassandra Howard Bliss, died in Crossville. Tennessee, on Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

A native of Farmville, Mr. Bliss was educated in Farmville and received a degree from Purdue University. He was a coach and always a part of the sports world.

He is survived by a son, Theodore Bliss of Kent, Ohio; three nieces, Alice Theresa Bliss of Onancock, Katherine Parker Stevens and Elizabeth Howard Conyers of Fishersville and a nephew, Knighton Langslow Bliss of Spring Hill, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margarite and a brother, Mason Langslow Bliss.

Services will be held in Kent, Ohio. Arrangements are incomplete.

OBITUARY #2:

<http://static.cnhi.zope.net/flashpromo/crossvillechronicle/flashpromo/OldStuff/Obituary/obituaryjune2005.html>

CROSSVILLE CHRONICLE, published June 10, 2005.

Clyde H. Bliss

July 26, 1916 - June 7, 2005

Clyde H. Bliss, 88, of Crossville, passed away June 7, 2005. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11, from the chapel of Walker Mortuary in Napoleon, OH. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. Saturday prior to the service at Walker Mortuary. Burial will be at Forest Hills Cemetery in Napoleon, OH.

Mr. Bliss was born July 26, 1916 in Farmville, VA, the son of Samuel Clyde and Cassandra (Howard) Bliss.

He was a member of the Presbyterian faith and was a retired salesman for General Tire. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

He is survived by his son, Howard Fred Bliss of Kent, OH.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Margarett (Holzer) Bliss; and brother, Mason Bliss.

Bilbrey Funeral Home, Inc. and Walker Mortuary of Napoleon, OH, are in charge of the arrangements.

John Bothwell Bliss

Descendants of John Bothwell Bliss

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN BOTHWELL¹⁰ BLISS (*CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 7-5-1835 in Galen Twp., Wayne Co., NY, and died 3-9-1924 in Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI. He married MARIAH A. WILLIAMS 2-9-1860 in Clyde, Wayne Co., NY, daughter of AARON WILLIAMS and MARIA VOSBURGH. She was born 3-19-1838 in Galen Twp., Wayne Co., NY, and died 9-16-1908 in Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI.

Notes for JOHN BOTHWELL BLISS:

John was living in Marshall, Calhoun Co., at the time of his brother Sidney's death in 1916.

More About JOHN BOTHWELL BLISS:

Elected: 1877, J.B. Bliss was sworn in as constable of Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI

Notes for MARIAH A. WILLIAMS:

At the time of the 1870 Federal census, her name was listed as "Maud." Perhaps that was Maria's middle name. The name was spelled "Marie Williams" in a notation handwritten on Helen Leggett's copy of a Bliss genealogy, given to her by her aunt Etta M. (Bliss) Kendrick.

At the time of Maria's death, her parents were listed as A.C. Williams and Maria Vosburgh

Marriage Notes for JOHN BLISS and MARIAH WILLIAMS:

The John Bliss family was living at Galen, Wayne Co., NY at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household at that time were:

John B. Bliss 24 farmer with \$7,000 worth of real estate and \$750 cash

Maria Bliss 21

Aaron Williams 66 Gentleman with \$4,500 worth of real estate and \$500 cash

Maria 60

The John Bliss family was living at Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI at the time of the 1870 Federal census. Next door was the family of Maria's brother Cornelius Williams, which also contained their 70-year-old mother Maria Williams.

From the 1880 Federal census of Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
John BLISS	Self	M	Male	W	43	NY	Farmer	NY	NY
Maria BLISS	Wife	M	Female	W	40	NY	Keeping House	NY	NY
Barnie BLISS	Son	S	Male	W	16	MI	Farm Laborer	NY	NY
Carrie BLISS	Sister	S	Female	W	12	MI		NY	NY

The (Clyde, NY) Democratic Herald, Wednesday, February 12th, 1902:

John and Sidney Bliss of Michigan and Samuel and Calvin H. Bliss of Farmville, Va., have been guests in Clyde and vicinity for the past two weeks.

The Bliss family was living at Marshall, same county, at the time of Sidney E. Bliss's death in 1916.

Children of JOHN BLISS and MARIAH WILLIAMS are:

- i. Aaron Calvin¹¹ Bliss, b. 1-15-1862, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 5-4-1862, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI.
2. ii. Barney A. Bliss, b. 10-2-1863, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 11-4-1950, Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI.
3. iii. Carrie Louise Bliss, b. 7-10-1867, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 7-15-1932, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI.
- iv. Clyde Bliss, b. 6-18-1874, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 7-12-1874, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI.



Carrie and Barney Bliss
(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)

Generation No. 2

2. BARNEY A.¹¹ BLISS (*JOHN BOTHWELL*¹⁰, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE, THOMAS*¹) was born 10-2-1863 in Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 11-4-1950 in Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI. He married ESTHER L. "ETTA" FORBUSH 4-23-1884 in Calhoun Co., MI. She was born 10-17-1865, and died 1-16-1954 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI.

Children of BARNEY BLISS and ESTHER FORBUSH are:

- i. Rhea I.¹² Bliss, b. 12-25-1887, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 5-1965, Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI.
4. ii. Milo John Bliss, b. 2-1-1892, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI; d. 4-7-1933, Lansing, Ingham Co., MI.

3. CARRIE LOUISE¹¹ BLISS (*JOHN BOTHWELL*¹⁰, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE, THOMAS*¹) was born 7-10-1867 in Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 7-15-1932 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI. She married (1) WILLIAM B. PETT 8-31-1884 in Branch Co., Michigan. He was born 1859 in NY, and died Bef. 1893. She married (2) JAMES DAVIS MILLER 9-28-1893 in Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI. He was born 10-8-1866 in Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 7-15-1941 in Clarendon Twp., Calhoun Co., MI.

Children of CARRIE BLISS and WILLIAM PETT are:

5. i. Francis "Fanny" Bliss¹² Pett, b. 7-21-1885, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 1926, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI; m. (1) Charles Henderson Torrey, 1-22-1905, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI; b. 3-23-1885, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 1916; m. (2) Frank Joseph Peter Jacquemart, Aft. 1916; b. 1896; d. 1928, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI.
- ii. Bessie Marie Pett, b. 11-1-1887.

Children of CARRIE BLISS and JAMES MILLER are:

6. iii. Sadie Gertrude¹² Miller, b. 2-21-1900, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 9-6-1985, Central Lake, Antrim Co., MI; m. Patrick Frank McNeil, 8-5-1922, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; b. 4-10-1894, Salmon River, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 11-20-1982, Livonia, Wayne Co., MI.

Notes for Patrick Frank McNeil:

Patrick's original name before changing it was "Percival Franklin McNutt."

Patrick (or Percival) was born at Salmon River, Colchester District, Nova Scotia, Canada

7. iv. Harry Emanuel Miller, b. 12-19-1895, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 6-11-1979, Lee Twp., Calhoun Co., MI; m. Esther Louise Rapp, 8-6-1916, Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI; b. 2-12-1900, Newton Twp., Calhoun Co., MI; d. 7-16-1976, Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI.



Carrie Louise (Bliss) Miller

Sidney E. Bliss

Descendants of Sidney E. Bliss

Generation No. 1

1. SIDNEY E.¹⁰ BLISS (CALVIN HALL⁹, SAMUEL⁸, SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"⁷, NATHANIEL⁶, SAMUEL⁵, JONATHAN⁴, THOMAS³, JONATHAN² BLYSSE, THOMAS¹) was born 11-27-1837 in Clyde, Wayne Co., NY, and died 3-29-1916 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. He married HELEN M. HUBBARD 1-10-1861 in Clyde, Wayne Co., NY, daughter of ADAM HUBBARD and MARY MCCLEAN. She was born 1-14-1840 in Moravia, Cayuga Co., NY, and died 3-20-1901 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI.



Helen M. (Hubbard) Bliss

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE



This Certifies

That I have this day, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York

United in Marriage

Mr Sidney Bliss of Salem Wayne Co N.Y.
and Miss Helen M. Hubbard
of Salem Wayne Co N.Y.

Witnesses.

Witness my hand and seal at Clyde

Wayne Co N.Y. this 10th day

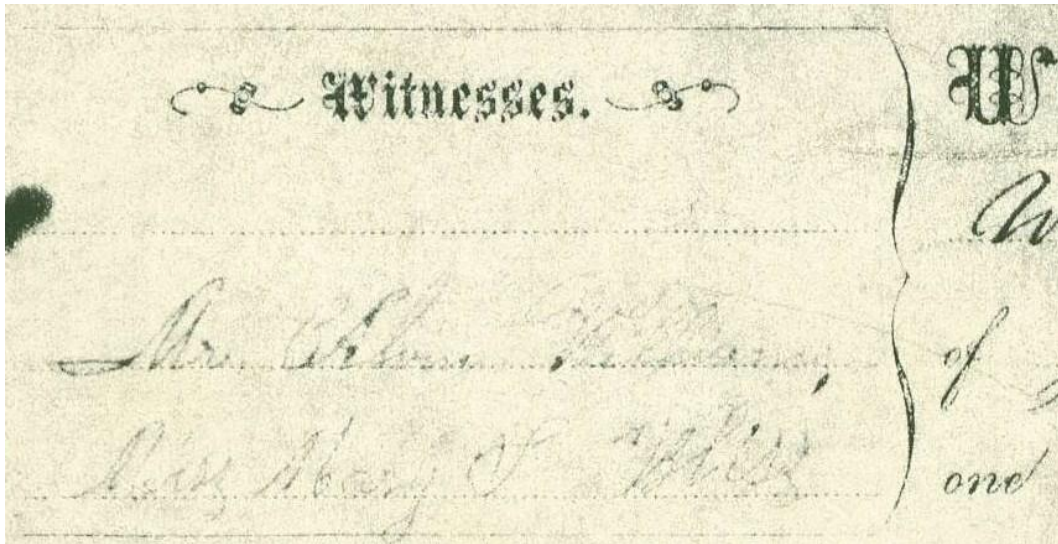
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John N. Brown

Gospel Minister

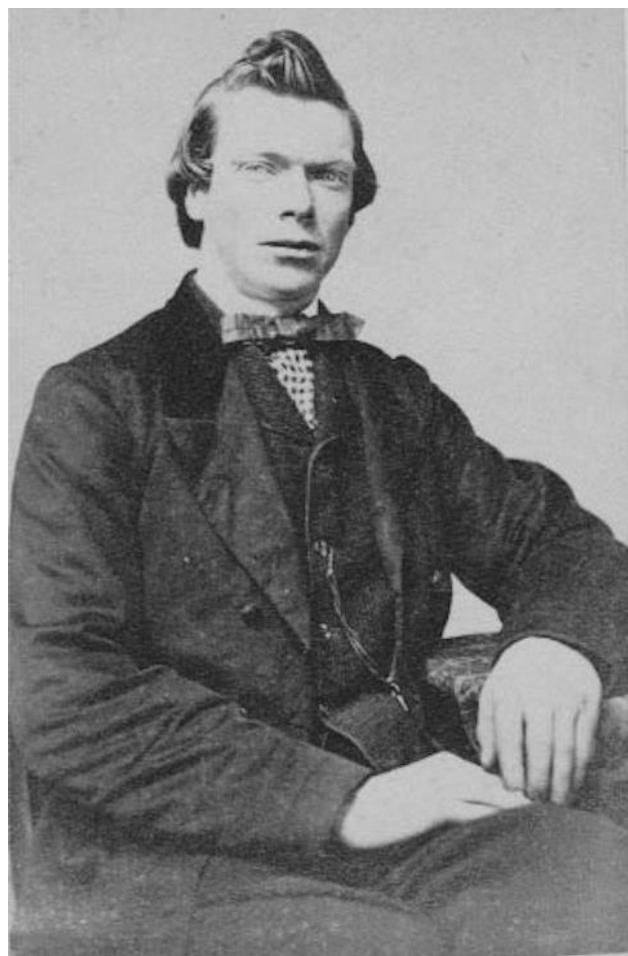
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Marriage Certificate for Sidney and Helen Bliss



Witnesses to Bliss Marriage

Notes for SIDNEY E. BLISS:



Sidney E. Bliss
(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)

Clyde (NY) Democratic Herald, December 1890

Sidney Bliss of Adrian, Michigan, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Samuel Kelsey.

The Herald (Clyde, N.Y.), Wednesday, November 5th, 1894

Sidney Bliss of Adrian, Michigan, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Samuel Kelsey.

The (Clyde, NY) Democratic Herald, Wednesday, February 12th, 1902:

John and Sidney Bliss of Michigan and Samuel and Calvin H. Bliss of Farmville, Va., have been guests in Clyde and vicinity for the past two weeks.

Sidney was one of the earliest people in the family to own an automobile. He purchased a new Ford when in his 70s and took great pride in keeping its chrome highly polished. (See Page 168.) He enjoyed family get-togethers and encouraged the continuation of the Bliss Family Reunion, an annual event which was held each July 4th into the 1940s.

72-year-old Sidney was living with his son and daughter-in-law Charles and Ida Bliss at the time of the 1910 Federal census of the 4th Ward of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. Also in the household was Charles and Ida's 16-year-old daughter Helen. Charles was employed as a moulder in an engine factory.

Clyde (NY) Times, Thursday, April 25, 1912

Sidney Bliss of Adrian, Mich., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cal. Kelsey and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kelsey for a few days. He is visiting friends in Wolcott at present.

Clyde (NY) Times, Thursday, May 23, 1912

Sidney Bliss, who had been passing several weeks with friends and relatives in Clyde and Wolcott, left last Thursday for his home in Adrian, Mich.

The Herald (Clyde, N.Y.), Wednesday, September 24, 1913

Sidney Bliss and his sister, Mrs. Mary Williams of Tekonsha, Mich., former residents of Clyde, are making a visit of several weeks among relatives in this vicinity and Wolcott. They spent Sunday with Mrs. Carrie Williams and at present are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Kelsey.

Sidney E. Bliss

The *Albion Recorder*, dated April 4, 1916

Sidney E. Bliss was born at Clyde, NY, and died at his home, 107 West Elm street, Albion, MI, March 28, 1916 [March 29, 1916, according to his death certificate /C.W.

Paige]. He was a son of Calvin H. Bliss and his wife Seraph Bothwell Bliss and was the great-grandson of Captain Samuel Bliss of Rehoboth, Mass., of Revolutionary fame. Capt. Bliss commanded a company of eight-day minutemen April 19-27, 1775, and afterwards (1775) a company of eight-months men in Col. Timothy Walker's regiment and was Gen. Washington's steward at Morristown in the winter of 1777. Mr. Bliss was married January 10, 1861, to Helen M. Hubbard.

In 1866 they came to MI, locating at Tekonsha, but the following year they moved to a farm three miles south of Albion, where he lived until 1884. In that year he moved to Albion, since which time he has made this city his home. He was by trade a carpenter, and worked at building more or less during the whole of his life.

His home life was especially happy until the death of his wife, March 20, 1901. Six children were born to them, all of whom are living: Mrs. Mary S. Buckman, Hanover; Charles S. Bliss, Albion; Wm. H. Bliss, Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Susan E. Barnes, Duluth; Mrs. Etta M. Kendrick, Traverse City; Mrs. Nellie M. Barnes, Chicago. There are also eleven grandchildren.

Since the death of his wife, his son Charles has lived in the family home on West Elm street, and he had made his home there, although he [Sidney] had spent part of his time with his other children.

He was converted in 1879 in a revival held in the Babcock schoolhouse by Rev. Uri Mason, and was baptized in the river which ran through his farm. He joined the M. E. Church in Albion at that time and has since been a regular attendant and faithful member.

While he lived on the farm he not only attended the church in town but also took student preachers home with him for the service at the schoolhouse in the afternoon.

He has been a man of clean personal habits, a devoted husband and father, a citizen who could always be counted on to throw his influence on the side of right, and a humble yet devoted Christian.

Four of his eight brothers and sisters are left to mourn his departure. They are: John B. Bliss, Marshall; Mrs. Mary S. Williams, Tekonsha; Miss Carrie H. Bliss, Wolcott, N. Y.; and C. H. Bliss, Farmville, Va.

The funeral service was conducted Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m., by the Methodist pastor, Rev. A. R. Johns, D. D., at the family home, and the body was laid to rest at Riverside cemetery.

Notes for HELEN M. HUBBARD:



Helen M. (Hubbard) Bliss
(Courtesy of Lois Kelsey Mirabito)

Obituary #1:

Mrs. Sidney Bliss

The Albion Recorder, dated March 21, 1901

Last evening at six o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. Sidney Bliss at the home of her son, Charles, in Elm street, where Mr. and Mrs. Bliss had removed from their farm south of the city but a week ago. Mrs. Bliss had been ill with pneumonia for a short time. Mrs. Bliss is one of the older residents of this vicinity, having lived, prior to her removal to this city, for a number of years upon their farm south of the city. About 10 years ago Mr. Bliss built a house in this city in Elm street, where they resided until last spring, when they returned to their farm, leaving it again, as stated, a few days ago.

Her long residence here, her loving nature, her noble character and her consistent Christian life won for Mrs. Bliss a host of true friends, and her departure will be keenly felt by them. Besides her husband, four daughters and two sons are left to mourn her loss: Mrs. Mary Fergusson of Hanover; Mrs. Nellie Barnes of Chicago; Mrs. Susie Barnes of Sumner, Iowa; Mrs. Etta Kendrick of Ganges; Charles of this city and William. As we go to press arrangements for funeral services have not been made.

Obituary #2:

Bliss

The *Clyde (NY) Times* newspaper; Clyde, NY: April 11, 1901

An Albion paper, Michigan, recently contained the obituary notice of Mrs. S. E. Bliss as given below. Mrs. Bliss's maiden name was Miss Helen Hubbard and much of her girlhood life was passed in Wayne County, where she had many friends who regret to learn of her sudden death.

"Mrs. S. E. Bliss died Monday night at the home of her son, Charles Bliss, on Elm street. Pneumonia was the cause of her death, her illness being of but few days duration. Mrs. Bliss has lived in Albion and vicinity, since the days of the pioneers. She was 61 years of age and had been a member of the Methodist church since her girlhood. A husband and six children survive, two sons, Charles of Albion and William of Kansas City and four daughters, Mrs. Nellie Barnes and Mrs. Susie Barnes of Chicago, Mrs. George Kendrick of Ganges, Mich. and Mrs. George Buckman. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday from the family residence, Elm street."

Helen was interred at the Riverside Cemetery in Albion on 4-4-1901.

Daughter Nellie took her mother's sudden death badly. At the time she was pregnant with first child Charles. In later years Nellie lamented that all the crying she did after her mother's passing was the reason Charles was born with such weak eyesight.

Marriage Notes for SIDNEY BLISS and HELEN HUBBARD:

Sidney and Helen were married by Rev. John N. Brown in the village of Clyde, town of Galen, NY. Witnesses were Mr. Alvin Williams and Miss Mary S. Bliss.

The following squib appeared under "MARRIED" in the *Lyons (Wayne Co., NY) Republican* newspaper of January 18, 1861:

In Galen, Jan. 10th, Mr. Sidney C. Bliss and Miss Helen M. Hubbard, both of Galen.

The newlyweds then settled at Galen, in Wayne County, NY, where they had the first two of their children. Then the family, along with those of Sidney's brothers John B. and Samuel, and their sister Mary and brother-in-law Alvin, all moved to Tekonsha, MI, in 1866. Shortly thereafter, Sidney and Helen settled at Albion, Calhoun County, where they resided the rest of their lives. (Traditionally the Blissesses held their family reunion on July 4th each year.)



Sidney E. and Helen M. (Hubbard) Bliss

The Sidney and Helen Bliss family was living at Albion, Calhoun Co., MI at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: Sidney, 32 years old, a farmer with real estate valued a \$8,000 and personal estate valued at \$1,080, born in NY; Helen, 31 years old, born in NY; Mary, 8 years old, born in NY; Charles, 7 years old, born in NY; William, 3 years old, born in MI; and Susan, 2 years old, born in MI.

From 1880 Federal Census of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital			Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's	Mother's
		Status	Gender	Race				Birthplace	Birthplace
Sidney E. BLISS	Self	M	Male	W	42	NY	Farmer	CT	MA
Hellen M. BLISS	Wife	M	Female	W	40	NY		NY	NY
Chas. BLISS	Son	S	Male	W	17	NY	Farm Hand	NY	NY
William BLISS	Son	S	Male	W	13	MI	Farm Hand	NY	NY
Susan E. BLISS	Dau	S	Female	W	11	MI	At School	NY	NY
Effie M. BLISS	Dau	S	Female	W	10	MI	At School	NY	NY
Nellie BLISS	Dau	S	Female	W	5	MI		NY	NY

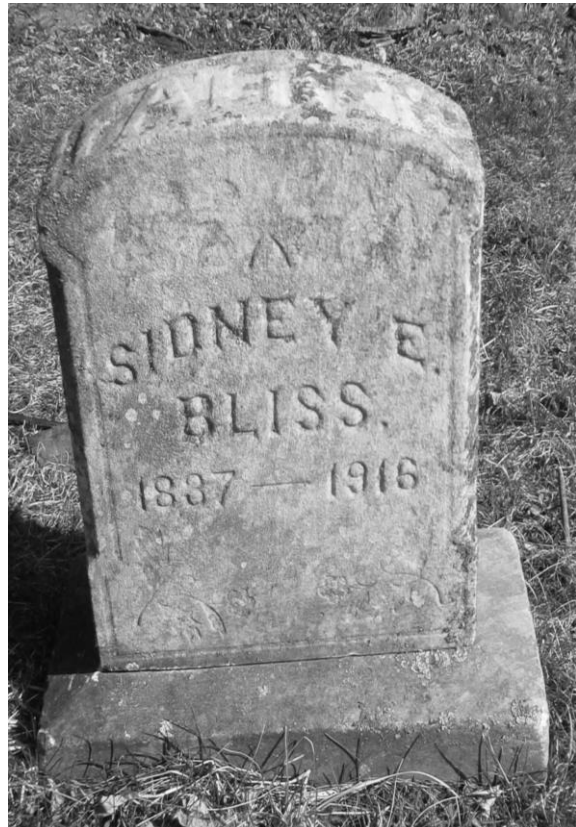
Sidney and Helen were living on their farm, which they owned with a mortgage, at the time of the 1900 Federal census of Albion Twp., Calhoun Co., MI. Sidney was 62 years old and Helen was 60 years old. They had been married for 39 years and all 6 of their children were still living.

Riverside Cemetery in Albion, Michigan

Sidney and Helen were both buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Albion. Blisses and Hubbards buried there include:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	BURIAL
BLISS	CHARLES	K.	/ /	01/07/1918	01/10/1918
BLISS	CHARLES	SIDNEY	11/13/1862	03/11/1948	03/14/1948
BLISS	DELLA	C.	/ /	07/04/1883	/ /1883
BLISS	EDNA	L.	07/24/1880	04/22/1960	04/25/1960
BLISS	HELEN	M.	/ /	03/20/1901	/ /1901
BLISS	HERBERT	GUY	02/27/1878	08/05/1955	08/09/1955
BLISS	IDA	S.	11/19/1871	06/03/1947	06/06/1947
BLISS	ISABELL		/ /1824	11/19/1874	/ /1874
BLISS	JEROME		/ /	01/06/1920	/ /1920
BLISS	LEROY		05/24/1875	03/11/1924	03/13/1924
BLISS	ROLAND	H.	06/26/1904	04/06/1905	04/08/1905
BLISS	SAMUEL		03/28/1812	10/01/1893	10/03/1893
BLISS	SIDNEY	E.	11/27/1837	03/29/1916	04/02/1916
BLISS	WILLARD	L.	10/21/1906	06/04/1918	/ /1918
BLISS	WILLIAM	HENRY	07/12/1842	06/16/1901	06/16/1901
HUBBARD	ALTHA		02/13/1848	01/24/1938	01/26/1938
HUBBARD	CLAUDE	AVERY	04/03/1898	05/13/1962	05/16/1962
HUBBARD	DANIEL		07/10/1851	12/05/1939	12/09/1939
HUBBARD	EDWIN	H	09/10/1875	04/24/1949	04/27/1949
HUBBARD	EFFIE	MAY	03/30/1873	04/08/1917	04/11/1917
HUBBARD	ELEANOR	MARIE	11/27/1895	12/13/1940	12/16/1940
HUBBARD	ELLA		06/14/1853	09/27/1945	09/30/1945
HUBBARD	ESTELLA	MAY	09/04/1876	03/27/1962	03/29/1962
HUBBARD	FRANK	S	10/01/1877	08/29/1958	09/02/1958
HUBBARD	FRANK		/ /	/ /	/ /
HUBBARD	FRED		/ /1868	09/03/1868	/ /1868
HUBBARD	FREDERIC	JAMES	08/02/1871	05/13/1945	05/16/1945
HUBBARD	INFANT	MALE	05/23/1955	05/23/1955	05/24/1955
HUBBARD	INFANT	MALE	08/22/1908	08/25/1908	08/27/1908
HUBBARD	LINDA	SUE	06/19/1947	12/01/1947	12/05/1947
HUBBARD	LOTTIE	MAY	03/09/1871	08/14/1956	08/17/1956

HUBBARD	MARIA	H	/ /	07/21/1906	/ /1906
HUBBARD	MAUD	I	09/03/1887	07/20/1960	07/23/1960
HUBBARD	OSCAR	GROVE	04/15/1843	12/05/1924	12/07/1924
HUBBARD	OSCAR	WHEELER	10/06/1895	10/20/1961	10/23/1961
HUBBARD	PEARL	/ /	/ /	03/09/1925	03/13/1925
HUBBARD	RENA	M	07/16/1900	09/29/1903	10/01/1903





Children of SIDNEY BLISS and HELEN HUBBARD are:

2. i. Mary Seraph¹¹ Bliss, b. 10-31-1861, Galen, Wayne Co., NY; d. 8-13-1955, Jackson Co., MI.
3. ii. Charles Sidney Bliss, b. 11-13-1862, Clyde, Wayne Co., NY; d. 3-11-1948, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI.
4. iii. William Harvey Bliss, b. 8-2-1866, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 12-28-1939, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.
5. iv. Susan Ella "Susie" Bliss, b. 8-28-1868, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 4-12-1945, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI.
6. v. Etta Marie Bliss, b. 6-11-1870, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 1-26-1970, Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI.
7. vi. Nellie Mae Bliss, b. 8-17-1874, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 4-21-1962, Jackson Co., MI.

Generation No. 2

2. MARY SERAPH¹¹ BLISS (*SIDNEY E.¹⁰, CALVIN HALL⁹, SAMUEL⁸, SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"⁷, NATHANIEL⁶, SAMUEL⁵, JONATHAN⁴, THOMAS³, JONATHAN² BLYSSE, THOMAS¹*) was born 10-31-1861 in Galen, Wayne Co., NY, and died 8-13-1955 in Jackson Co., MI. She married (1) SENNET ELMORE FERGUSON 10-29-1884 in MI, son of W. FERGUSON and HANNAH FERGUSON. He was born Abt. 1863 in NY, and died 2-19-1898 in MI. She married (2) GEORGE T. BUCKMAN 9-28-1900 in Hanover, Jackson Co., MI, son of BURNS BUCKMAN and EMILY ROOT. He was born 9-28-1875 in NY, and died 11-9-1948 in MI.

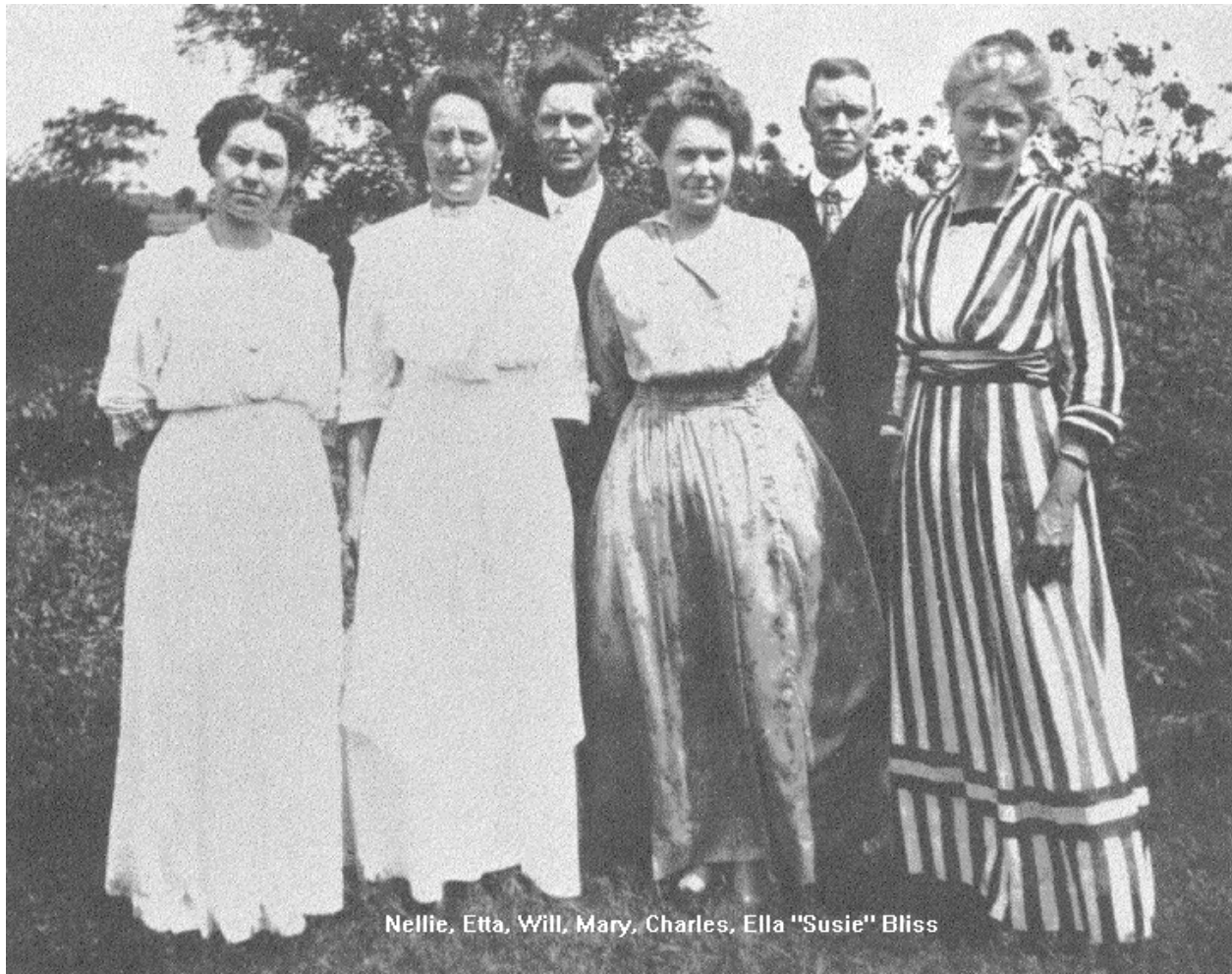
Notes for MARY SERAPH BLISS:

At the time of the 1880 Federal census taken in the Village of Albion, 18-year-old Mary S. was listed as a "servant" in the household of Charles B. Bogue, a 24-year-old grocer from VT. Also in the household were 23-year-old Martha, wife of Charles, their two-year-old son Charles B., and A. E. Harlow, a 25-year-old "boarder and clerk in store" from VT.

Mary was interred at Hanover Cemetery, Hanover, Jackson Co., MI.

More About MARY SERAPH BLISS:

Cause of Death: sun stroke



Notes for SENNET E. FERGUSON:

The W. A. and Hannah Ferguson family was living in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI at the time of the 1880 Federal census. The family, including 17-year-old Senet E., were neighbors of the Sidney and Helen Bliss family. In the Ferguson household were: W. A., 50 years old, a farmer, born in NY; Hannah, 46 years old, born in NY; Olive L., 23 years old, born in MI; James O., 19 years old, a farm hand, born in MI; Senet E., 17 years old, a farm hand, born in NY; and George, 11 years old, born in NY.

Sennet was Interred at Hanover Cemetery, Hanover, Jackson Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for MARY BLISS and SENNET FERGUSON:

The widow Mary Ferguson was living in Hanover, Jackson Co., MI at the time of the 1900 Federal census. Living in the household were: Mary Ferguson, 38 years old, a farmer who owned a farm with a mortgage, born in NY; daughter Myrtle, 13 years old, born in MI; son Floyd, 11 years old, born in MI; son Ralph, 7 years old, born in MI; Geo. Buckman, 24 years old, a farm laborer, born in NY; and Herbert Ryan, 15 years old, still in school, born in OH.

The family was living in Hanover at the time when Mary's mother died in 1901. Sometime later that year Mary married her farm hand George Buckman--a man about 14 years younger than she.

Notes for GEORGE BUCKMAN:

George Taught Sunday School and, like wife Mary (Bliss), was very pious. Interred at Hanover Cemetery, Hanover, MI.

Marriage Notes for MARY BLISS and GEORGE BUCKMAN:

Mary and George owned a farm outside of Hanover on a road that was named "Buckman Road" by the power company. One day a young neighbor boy by the name of Kenneth Salsbury, who was living on the farm belonging to his parents Pearl and Frances (Barnes) Salsbury, saw smoke coming from the Buckmans' farmhouse. Ken hurried to alert its occupants. He then carried Mary's good bed from the house, but that was about all that could be saved. Mary and George then moved into Hanover, where they resided for the remainder of their lives. They were living in Hanover when Mary's father died in 1916.

George and Mary Buckman were living in Hanover, Jackson Co., MI at the time of the 1910 Federal census. Living in the household were: George, 35 years old, a farmer with an owned farm having a mortgage; Mary, 49 years old; and Mary's son Ralph, 17 years old. Ralph's surname is indicated to be "Buckman" rather than "Ferguson."

George and Mary Buckman were living in Hanover, Jackson Co., MI at the time of the 1920 Federal census. Living in the household were: George T., 44 years old, a farmer with an owned farm free of mortgage; Mary S., 58 years old; Fred W. Moore, 20 years old, a hired laborer, born in OH; and Calvin Moore, 13 years old, a "schoolboy," born in OH.

George and Mary Buckman were living in Hanover, Jackson Co., MI at the time of the 1930 Federal census. Living in the household were: George T., 54 years old, a farmer with an owned farm free of mortgage; Mary S., 64 years old; and Earl Williams, 25 years old, a hired laborer, born in MI.

Mary and George were especially devout Christians, and they made it part of their business to ensure others in the family didn't stray. They would drive around on Sundays and might show up at any family member's doorstep without notice. The Barnes branch of the family tended to be more liberal in their interpretation of what should or should not be done on Sundays. Card playing was one of their favorite pastimes when getting together on the Sabbath, an absolute no-no to the Buckmans. Thus, such gatherings tended to be especially watchful to detect George and Mary pulling into the driveway.

Children of MARY BLISS and SENNET FERGUSON are:

- i. Myrtle B.¹² Ferguson, b. 12-2-1886, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 10-7-1966; m. Garfield Wilson, 9-28-1909, Hanover, Jackson Co., MI; b. Abt. 1881, OH.
- ii. Floyd Huston Ferguson, b. 3-8-1889, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 11-23-1952, Akron, Summit Co., OH.
- iii. Ralph V. Ferguson, b. 4-18-1893, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI; m. Bea (nee) Ferguson.

3. CHARLES SIDNEY¹¹ BLISS (*SIDNEY E.*¹⁰, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE, THOMAS*¹) was born 11-13-1862 in Clyde, Wayne Co., NY, and died 3-11-1948 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. He married IDA MARIE STANCROFF 3-17-1892 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, daughter of HERMAN STANCROFF and CAROLINE HARDT. She was born 11-19-1871 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 6-3-1947 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI.

Notes for CHARLES SIDNEY BLISS:

Charles S. Bliss The Albion *Recorder*, dated March 12, 1948

Charles S(idney) Bliss, 86, 107 West Elm street, a life long resident of Albion, died Thursday at 2:50 p.m. after being in poor health for about a year.

Mr. Bliss was born in Clyde, N.Y. in 1862. At the age of three years he moved with his parents to a farm near Tekonsha and then to a farm south of Albion. After leaving the farm, Mr. Bliss was employed in the Albion Malleable Iron Co. Foundry, the L.J. Wolcott Windmill and Cook Engine Works, Electric Railway Co. shops and as a caretaker of the Homestead Loan and Building Ass'n offices until he had to resign because of poor health.

Mr. Bliss became a member of the First Methodist church in 1880. He married Ida Marie Stancroff March 17, 1892. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1942. Mrs. Bliss died last June 2.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Fay Young, Albion; a grandson, Donald Osborn, South Bend, Ind.; three sisters, Mrs. George Buckman, Hanover, Mrs. Nellie Barnes, Jackson, and Mrs. Etta Kendrick, Holland; a great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Marsh funeral home Sunday at 2:30. Dr. F.S. Goodrich and Dr. D. Dempster Yinger officiating; burial in Riverside cemetery [Albion].

Notes for IDA MARIE STANCROFF:

On her husband Charles' information as recorded by the Riverside cemetery, Ida's last name is spelled "Steinkrauss," most likely the original, German spelling of Stancroff. Ida was interred at the Riverside cemetery, Albion.

In an article about the Bliss' 50th wedding anniversary, it mentions her name at time of marriage being Edith Marie Stancroff.

Following is an obituary for Ida Stancroff Bliss, prob. in The Albion *Recorder*, dated June 4, 1947

Mrs. Ida Stancroff Bliss, 75, wife of C. S. Bliss, 107 West Elm street, died Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. at her home. She has been in ill health the past year.

Mrs. Bliss was a lifelong resident of Albion, having been born in this vicinity Nov. 19, 1871. She married Mr. Bliss March 17, 1892, and they celebrated their 55th wedding

anniversary two months ago. They lived at 113 West Elm street a few years and ever since at 107 West Elm. It being the late Sidney E. Bliss residence.

Mrs. Bliss has been a member of the First Methodist church the past 53 years. She was an active member of the [unreadable] class, Mizpah Circle, South Albion Woman's club and Art Needlecraft club until ill health prevented her attendance in recent months.

Surviving besides her husband, are a daughter, Mrs. F. A. Young, Albion; a grandson, Donald Osborn, and a great grandson, David Osborn, both of South Bend, Ind., a sister, Mrs. Will Wendorf, Coldwater, and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Funeral services occur Friday at 2:30 at the Marsh funeral home. Drs. G. D. Yinger and F. S. Goodrich officiating; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Marriage Notes for CHARLES BLISS and IDA STANCROFF:

Charles and Ida were married by Rev. R.W. Van Schoick. The family was living in Albion in 1901 and 1916 when his parents died.

Their daughter Helen was living with Charles and Ida at the time of the 1910 Federal census of the 4th Ward of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. Also in the household was Charles's widower father, 72-year-old Sidney. The Blisses were renting the house at 107 West Elm Street, which Sidney had built originally. Charles was employed as a moulder in an engine factory. Ida had only had 1 child.

Their daughter Helen and her husband Harry Osborn were living with Charles and Ida at the time of the 1920 Federal census of the 4th Ward of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. The Osborns were renting. The Blisses owned the house at 107 West Elm Street free of mortgage. Charles was employed as a painter, and Harry owned his own garage. Helen worked for Harry as his book keeper.

Charles and Ida were still living at 107 West Elm Street at the time of the 1930 census. Charles was employed as a building painter.

Two Albion newspaper articles, one before and one after their fiftieth wedding anniversary:

-Article #1:

Tuesday, March 17, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Bliss, 107 West Elm street, but the event will be observed Sunday, with "open house" at the Bliss home from three to five and seven to nine p.m.

Albion was the scene March 17, 1892, of the wedding of Mr. Bliss and the then Edith Marie Stancroff, who had been making her home here with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Powers, now deceased. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. R. W. Van Schoick, then pastor of the First Methodist church.

Immediately after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss established their home at 112 West Elm street, where they lived for 15 years. It was during that time that a daughter, Helen, now Mrs. F. A. Young, 413 Allen place, was born to them. March 1, 1907,** they moved to the home they since have occupied. Previously the home had been occupied by Mr. Bliss' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Bliss, having been built by the father.

Mr. Bliss was born in Clyde, N.Y., in 1862. At the age of three years, he moved with his parents to a farm near Tekonsha. A year later Sydney Bliss purchased a farm three miles

south of Albion on the River road and moved his family there, young Charles living there until 1890.

After leaving the farm, Mr. Bliss was employed in the Albion Malleable Iron Co. foundry as a moulder, the plant being located then at the corner of Superior and Cass streets., in the center of the business district. Later he was employed as a moulder in the foundries of the L. J. Wolcott Windmill Co. and Cook Engine Works for 21 years. Then he became a painter in the MI Electric Railway Co. shops, just west of Albion, remaining there for 16 1-2 years, until the shops burned and were never replaced. For 11 years he has been caretaker of the Homestead Loan and Building Assn. offices.

Mr. Bliss became a member of the First Methodist church in 1880 and Mrs. Bliss united with that church in 1894. Mrs. Bliss is a member of the South Albion Women's club and is active in the Mizpah circle of the Methodist church and in the Art Needlecraft club. Mr. Bliss is a member of the Three-Quarters-Century club.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss have one grandson, Donald Osborn, who was married recently to Miss Betty Keckler and who lives in South Bend, Ind.

Preceding the open house Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss will be honored at a family dinner in the home of their daughter on Allen place.

**Helen's year of birth was either 1893 or 1894.--C.W. Paige

-Article #2:

Fiftieth Anniversary Observed

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bliss, 107 West Elm street, opened their home to friends Sunday afternoon and evening in observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The home was a profusion of flowers and plants presented them by friends and clubs. Many gifts and cards were also presented the honored couple.

Punch and wafers were served from the dining table, which was spread with a lace cloth and centered with gold colored eslundulas and yellow daffodils with white tapers in gold candle holders on either side.

Mrs. Lyle Marsh, Mrs. Norman Cobb and Miss Rhea Bliss presided at the punch bowl. Between 80 and 90 guests called during the afternoon and evening including Mr. and Mrs. Henry Globig of Battle Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kruger, Sturgis; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Trader, Litchfield; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ross, Lansing; Miss Rhea Bliss and George Miller, Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Osborn, South Bend, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Young, Allen place, entertained at a family dinner Sunday noon, the table being centered with an anniversary cake beautifully iced and topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Child of CHARLES BLISS and IDA STANCROFF is:

- i. Helen E.¹² Bliss, b. 9-15-1893, MI; d. 3-7-1993, Florida; m. (1) Harry C. Osborn, 9-18-1915; b. 4-3-1892, MI; d. 5-9-1921, Albion, Calhoun Co., MI; m. (2) Fay A. Young, 8-11-1923; b. 1898, MI; d. 1957.

Notes for Helen E. Bliss:

Helen (Bliss) Osborn Young probably spent her latter years in Florida (according to memories of her cousin Helen (Barnes) Leggett). She has a double head stone at the Riverside Cemetery in Albion, MI, with her second husband Fay Young. On the stone her birth year is shown as 1894 and there is no date of death. Fay's birth and death years are shown, probably indicating that he is buried there but she isn't.

Notes for Harry C. Osborn:

Harry is buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Albion, MI.

Marriage Notes for Helen Bliss and Harry Osborn:

Helen and Harry were living with Helen's parents at the time of the 1920 Federal census of the 4th Ward of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. The Osborns were renting. The Blisses owned the house, which Sidney Bliss had built originally, free of mortgage. Charles was employed as a painter, and Harry owned his own garage. Helen worked for Harry as his book keeper.

Notes for Fay A. Young:

Fay is buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Albion, MI.

Marriage Notes for Helen Bliss and Fay Young:

Fay A. and Helen E. Young, and Helen's son from her prior marriage Donald R. Osborn, were living at 418 Allen Place at the time of the 1930 Federal census of the 6th Precinct of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. The house was owned without mortgage. It was Fay's first marriage, and his occupation was assistant estimator for steel products. The household did not own a radio set.

4. WILLIAM HARVEY¹¹ BLISS (*SIDNEY E.¹⁰, CALVIN HALL⁹, SAMUEL⁸, SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"⁷, NATHANIEL⁶, SAMUEL⁵, JONATHAN⁴, THOMAS³, JONATHAN² BLYSSE, THOMAS¹*) was born 8-2-1866 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 12-28-1939 in Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. He married MAY (NEE ?) BLISS Abt. 1898. She was born Abt. 10-1876 in AR.

Notes for WILLIAM HARVEY BLISS:

William lived in Albion for many years. He later moved to Kansas City, Kansas, where he became a master mechanic.

Notes for MAY (NEE ?) BLISS:

May's father was born in Georgia and mother was born in Arkansas.

Marriage Notes for WILLIAM BLISS and MAY BLISS:

William and May were living in a rented house in the 2nd Ward of Parsons, Labette Co., KS, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. William and May had been married 2 years and had not yet had any children. Also part of their household were the newly wed couple Jerry G. and Agness

M. Albrecht. Both had been born in May 1874. William was a provision dealer and Jerry was a section hand.

The family was said to be from Albion when William's mother died in 1901. They were living in Kansas City, KS, when William's father died in 1916.

William, May, and Mabel were living in a house they rented at 1257 Park Avenue at the time of the 1920 Federal census of the 5th Ward, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. William was a machinist at a packing house.

William, May, and Mabel were living in a house they owned at 38 South 19th Street at the time of the 1930 Federal census of Block 59, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. Mabel was employed as a stenographer at a hardware store, and William no longer had an occupation. The word "mechanic" had been written in as his occupation, then lined out and the word None written above it. The family owned a radio set.

Child of WILLIAM BLISS and MAY BLISS is:

- i. Mabel L.¹² Bliss, b. 6-6-1903, KS; Adopted child.

Notes for Mabel L. Bliss:

Mabel was still living at home at the time of the 1930 Federal census of Block 59, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.

5. SUSAN ELLA "SUSIE"¹¹ BLISS (*SIDNEY E.*¹⁰, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE, THOMAS*¹) was born 8-28-1868 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 4-12-1945 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. She married MARTIN A. BARNES 5-16-1900 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, son of DAVID BARNES and MARY HOOD. He was born 3-1861 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI, and died 1-10-1916 in Duluth, St. Louis Co., MN.

Notes for SUSAN ELLA "SUSIE" BLISS:

Susan Ella ("Susie") went from being a housewife to a housemother and moved into the Sigma Nu frat house with her young son George Barnes in 1917. Had her child been a girl instead of a boy, Susie was told she wouldn't have been hired.

During her lifetime, Susie lived in the following places: Chicago, Cook Co., IL; Sumner, Bremer Co., IA; Byron, Ogle Co., IL; St. Paul, Ramsey Co., MN; Duluth, St. Louis Co., MN; (after Martin died) Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. She died during an operation on the same day that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt passed away.

Newspaper articles (first one from Jackson newspaper, second from Albion paper)---

-Article No. 1

Dean Of Nation's Fraternity Housemothers Dies At Albion:

Albion- (Special) -Mrs. Susan B. Barnes, 76, the unofficial dean of American fraternity housemothers, died here Thursday after a few weeks illness.

Mrs. Barnes had been a housemother at Albion college for 28 years. She served at the Sigma Nu fraternity house for 26 years prior to the summer of 1943, when draft calls caused the group to suspend its activities. Since then, she had been housemother at one of the women's annexes near Susanna Wesley hall.

In 1942, the Sigma Nu group held a reception in honor of her 25 years of service and announced that their investigation failed to show any housemother that had served a single fraternity so long. She was a member of the First Methodist church, being treasurer of its Ladies Aid society for some years before it became the WSCS. She was also affiliated with Albion chapter No. 124, OES.

Surviving are a son, George Barnes, Detroit; two step-sons, Kenneth Barnes, NY, and Earl Barnes, Detroit; three sisters, Mrs. W. F. Kendrick, Holland, Mrs. George Buckman, Hanover, and Mrs. Will Barnes, Jackson, and a brother Charles Bliss, Albion.

Three Albion clergymen, the Rev. G. Dempster Yinger, President John L. Seaton of the college, and Dr. F.S. Goodrich, will officiate at the funeral Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Marsh Funeral home. Burial at Horton.

Copied from an article by the Jackson *Citizen Patriot* as stored in a scrapbook held by Horace Levengood.

-Article No. 2

Mrs. Susan Bliss Barnes, 76, died at 4:45 a.m. today at Sheldon Memorial hospital, where she had been a patient for some time.

She was born Aug. 28, 1868, in Albion to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bliss. Except for a few years in Duluth, Minn., Mrs. Barnes has spent her entire life in Albion. At the time of her death she was housemother at Ingham house, an annex for college girls on Ingham street. Prior to this time, Mrs. Barnes had been matron for the Sigma Nu fraternity for 26 years.

On Feb. 22, 1942, she was honored with a reception given by the fraternity for 25 years of service as its housemother. According to its members, these 25 years of service placed Mrs. Barnes in the position of "dean of American fraternity housemothers."

Mrs. Barnes was a member of the First Methodist church, treasurer of its Ladies' Aid society for several years, of the W.S.C.S., the Bethany circle and Albion Chapter No. 124, O.E.S.

She is survived by a son, George Barnes, Detroit; two stepsons, Kenneth Barnes, NY, and Earl Barnes, Detroit; three sisters, Mrs. W.F. Kendrick, Holland, Mrs. George Buckman,

Hanover, and Mrs. Will Barnes, Jackson; a brother, Charles Bliss, Albion; four grandchildren and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 at the Marsh funeral home. Officiating will be Rev. G. Dempster Yinger, Dr. John L. Seaton and Dr. F.S. Goodrich. Burial will be in Horton.

Notes for MARTIN A. BARNES:

Martin was listed as a foreman for the railroad at the time of the 1910 Federal census of Byron, Ogle Co., IL.



Susie (Bliss) Barnes' Home and Workplace for Over Two Decades

Martin had a bad case of wander-lust. It was through his encouragement that his brother Will Hood Barnes settled in Chicago. Martin continued west and north, apparently not happy with the Chicago area. Died in Duluth, MN. Susie brought his body back to Michigan on a train, and he was buried at the Horton Cemetery, Horton, Michigan.

Marriage Notes for SUSAN BLISS and MARTIN BARNES:

Martin and Susan were married by Rev. W. F. Kendrick, Susan's brother-in-law.

Martin and Susie E., along with Martin's sons Lee, Earl, and Kenneth from his prior marriage, were living in a rented house at 4525 State Street in Chicago's Ward 32, Hyde Park Twp., Cook Co., IL at the time of the 1900 Federal census.

The family was living in Sumner, IA, when Susie's mother died in 1901. The family, now consisting of Martin A., Susan, Kenneth, and George, was living in a rented house at Byron, Ogle Co., IL at the time of the 1910 Federal census. The family was living in Duluth, MN, when Susie's father and husband died in 1916.

After Martin's death, Susie and son George went to live for a month or so in Chicago with her sister and brother-in-law, Nellie and Will Barnes. Then she and George settled in Albion, MI. Martin's sons by his first wife had already left home by then.

Susie claimed to own free of mortgage the house at 504 East Erie Street at the time of the 1920 Federal census of the 3rd Ward of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. Her occupation was as clerk and matron. Also in the household was her 16-year-old son George still in school.

Susie was renting the house at 504 East Erie Street at the time of the 1930 Federal census of the 6th Precinct of Albion, Calhoun Co., MI. Her occupation was as matron at a college. She had a 26-year-old, Michigan-born lodger named Gilbert Baur, who was a clerk in a bank. The household did not have a radio set. Most of the neighbors worked at the college, as fraternity matrons or college professors, etc.

Places where the family lived in (various places, including: Chicago, Cook Co., IL; Sumner, Bremer Co., IA; Byron, Ogle Co., IL; St. Paul, Ramsey Co., MN; Duluth, St. Louis Co., MN; (after Martin died) Albion, Calhoun Co., MI.

Child of SUSAN BLISS and MARTIN BARNES is:

- i. George Sidney¹² Barnes, b. 2-27-1904, IA; d. 4-15-1981, Jackson Co., MI; m. (1) Josephine Gardner, 1934; m. (2) Laura Schmidt, 11-11-1946; b. 12-17-1908.

Notes for George Sidney Barnes:

George S. Barnes: "Of 100 Thorpe Dr., passed away Sunday evening at Foote Hospital West (Jackson, MI), age 76. Surviving are his wife Laura B.; two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Peggy) Dusman of Warren, Mrs. Donald Short (Lucretia "Lucky" Barnes) of Fontana, Wis.; seven grandchildren. He was a former member of the Arbor Hills Country Club. Friends may call at the Wetherby Co., where services will be held Wednesday 1:00 p.m. The Reverend Alvin E. Elliott officiating. Interment at Horton Cemetery." (Horton, MI)

6. ETTA MARIE¹¹ BLISS (*SIDNEY E.*¹⁰, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 6-11-1870 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 1-26-1970 in Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI. She married (1) HENRY M. HOFFMAN 6-15-1893 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, son of MOSES HOFFMAN and ALVIRA LANE. He was born Abt. 1861 in Clarkfield, NY, and died Abt. 1895. She married (2) WILLIAM F. KENDRICK 10-27-1896 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, son

of FRANK KENDRICK and FEDELIA FOOT. He was born 5-3-1869 in Dryden, Lapeer Co., MI, and died 8-5-1945 in Holland, Ottawa Co., MI.

Notes for ETTA MARIE BLISS:

Etta was one of the three primary women upon whom Jennie Louise (Barnes) Paige based her life's conduct because of her strong, Puritan-ethic beliefs. The other two were Etta's sister, Nellie Mae (Bliss) Barnes, who was Jennie's mother, and Mrs. Anna Shellhouse, who was Jennie's 1920s Sunday school teacher in Jackson, Michigan.

Etta taught kindergarten before marrying the Reverend William F. Kendrick. She joined the "Daughters of American Revolution" in 1919 and gave a copy of the Bliss genealogy and history to her nieces Jennie and Helen so that they could join.

Etta removed to the M.J. Clark Retirement Community, a Methodist-affiliated home in Grand Rapids, MI, 17 November 1950. That remained her residence until her death, which occurred a little more than five months from what would have been her 100th birthday. Interred at Pilgrim Home Cemetery, Holland, MI.

An article about Etta appeared in 1964 entitled "Her 61st Session":

Mrs. Wm. F. Kendrick, widow of a former minister of the Michigan Conference, attended her 61st consecutive session at Albion, June 10-14, and was greeted with a kiss from Bishop Reed. She is 94.

Following is Etta's obituary, prob. in *The Albion Recorder*, dated January 28, 1970

Mrs. Etta Bliss Kendrick, 99, a native of Albion and widow of Dr. William F. Kendrick, a well known Methodist minister and district superintendent in Western MI, died Monday morning at Clark Memorial Home, Grand Rapids, where she had resided the past five years.

Born June 11, 1870 in Albion, the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Sidney Bliss, she married Rev. Kendrick in 1896. Subsequently, she resided with him during pastorates in Battle Creek, Ganges, Greenville, Kalamazoo and Ionia and also while he served as superintendent of the Grand Traverse, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo districts. Later, he was superintendent of Clark Home until 1942. In retirement they lived at Holland, where he died in 1945.

Subsequently Mrs. Kendrick resided with her daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. Gladys (Milton) Hinga and the late Mr. Hinga, in Holland.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Randall C. Bosch, Holland; a granddaughter, Mrs. Max Boersma, Grand Rapids, and a grandson, William Hinga, Pella, Iowa. She was a sister of the late Charles Bliss and Mrs. Susan Barnes, both of Albion.

Services were being held this afternoon at the First United Methodist Church of Holland, with burial in Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

More About ETTA MARIE BLISS:

Cause of Death: Generalized arteriosclerosis

Personality/Intrst: Strong, Puritan ethic

Notes for HENRY M. HOFFMAN:
Henry's listed occupation was druggist.

Marriage Notes for ETTA BLISS and HENRY HOFFMAN:
Henry and Etta were married by Rev. J. C. Floyd.

Notes for WILLIAM F. KENDRICK:
Will Kendrick was a Methodist minister & district superintendent in the MI Conference. He was especially fond of Hilma (Sorola) Barnes, a new member of the family from CA and wife of Thomas Sidney Barnes. He took it upon himself to make her feel welcome.

At the time of his death, the family was living at Rte.#3, Holland, Ottawa Co., MI. Interred in Holland at Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

Following is an obituary for Dr. W. F. Kendrick, prob. in *The Albion Recorder*, dated August 6, 1945

William F. Kendrick, 76, prominent Methodist clergyman and Albion college alumnus of the class of 1896, died at his home at Holland Sunday.

Dr. Kendrick was born May 2, 1869, at Dryden and came here from that community to attend college. He married Miss Etta M. Bliss, a sister of the late Mrs. Susan Barnes of Albion, on Oct. 27, 1896. Dr. Kendrick joined the MI Methodist conference in 1896 and served churches in Battle Creek, Greenville, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Ionia, was district superintendent of the Grand Traverse, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo districts and superintendent of the Clark Memorial home at Grand Rapids from 1935 to 1942. Retiring in 1942, he had since resided near Holland, serving as supply pastor of the Saugatuck church.

Besides his widow a daughter, Mrs. Milton Hinga of Holland survives.

More About WILLIAM F. KENDRICK:
Cause of Death: coronary occlusion (sudden)

Marriage Notes for ETTA BLISS and WILLIAM KENDRICK:
The family was living in Ganges, Allegan Co., MI, when Etta's mother died in 1901. The family was living in Traverse City, MI, when Etta's father died in 1916.

William and Etta were renting a house at the time of the 1900 Federal census of Ganges, Allegan Co., MI. William was employed as a clergyman.

William F. and Etta M. were living at 98 Turner Street at the time of the 1910 Federal census of the 7th Ward of Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI. William was employed as a clergyman for the M. E. Church. It was William's first marriage and Etta's second, and they had been married 13 years. Also in the household were their daughter Gladys F., 7 years old, born in Michigan, and 20-year-old Altie Keskey, a domestic servant born in MI.

The family owned a house, with mortgage, at 1339 Logan Street at the time of the 1920 Federal census of the 3rd Ward of Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI. In the household were: William, Etta, and Gladys. William was employed as a church minister.

William and Etta were renting a furnished house at 119 East Main Street at the time of the 1930 Federal census of the 3rd Ward of Ionia, Ionia Co., MI. William was employed as a Methodist minister. The household did not own a radio set.

During their life together the Kendricks became good friends of the S.S. Kresge family, founders of the S.S. Kresge store chain and K-Mart. Later in life they joined other Methodist couples in purchasing a room at the M.J. Clark Retirement Community, a Methodist-affiliated home in Grand Rapids, MI. Their names are on a plaque at the Home. The intent was to move to the home sometime after Will's retirement from the ministry. But Will had passed away before Etta took up residency.

Child of ETTA BLISS and WILLIAM KENDRICK is:

2. i. Gladys Fedelia¹² Kendrick, b. 4-22-1903, Greenville, Montcalm Co., MI; d. 12-31-1993, Holland, Ottawa Co., MI.



An Early 1900s Kendrick Family Memorial Medallion

GLADYS FEDELIA¹² KENDRICK (*ETTA MARIE*¹¹ *BLISS*, *SIDNEY E.*¹⁰, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 4-22-1903 in Greenville, Montcalm Co., MI, and died 12-31-1993 in Holland, Ottawa Co., MI. She married (1) MILTON L. "BUD" HINGA 6-30-1925. He was born 10-18-1900 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 5-31-1960 in Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI. She married (2) RANDALL C. BOSCH Aft. 1963, son of NICODEMUS BOSCH and EMMA CHEREST. He was born 9-4-1905 in Holland, Ottawa Co., MI, and died 10-27-1978 in Holland, Ottawa Co., MI.

Notes for GLADYS FEDELIA KENDRICK:

Gladys was living at the Pioneer Rest Home in Holland, MI, when she passed away. The funeral was officiated by her grandson the Reverend William Boersma 4 January 1994. Interred at the Pilgrim Home Cemetery, Holland, MI.

Notes for MILTON L. "BUD" HINGA:

Connie Boersma is a member of the college's Class of 1949. She is a past president of the Women's League for Hope College. Her father, the late Milton L. "Bud" Hinga, was a member of the college's teaching, coaching and administrative staff for 29 years.

<http://www.humnri.com/HumZ/Articles/Article.aspx?number=8681>

Also from page 172 for June 20, subtitled "Get Moving," of the book, "Hours of Power: My Daily Book of Motivation and Inspiration"

By Robert H. Schuller

(400 pages) Published 2004

HarperCollins

One of the most helpful sentences I ever heard was from the lips of Professor Milton Hinga, a history professor at Hope College, Holland, Michigan. When he found out that none of the members of his history class had even started their term papers, he rose, paced the room, and said, 'I am about to tell you the most important thing you will ever hear!'

Every eye focused upon him, waiting breathlessly for his great pronouncement. He spoke softly but firmly 'I don't care if you flunk. I don't care if you forget everything that I ever teach you in this class. But I never want you to forget this next sentence.' After a dramatic pause he shouted out: 'Beginning is half done!'

Do you have a good idea? Have you discussed it with knowledgeable people? And are you convinced that it is practical, inspiring, and exceptional? Do you dare to run the risks involved? Then get started today.

Too busy? Then maybe it is time to hire or ask somebody to help you. This is often the beginning point. If you have a good idea, if it has passed the test of wise people, then it may pay you to hire the person who can get the project successfully off the ground. It may even pay to borrow the money to hire people to successfully launch your venture. This may be the starting point for you.

Whatever you do--get started. Beginning is half done.

Fence-sitting faith doesn't even have the strength to move a molehill. We can't expect God to move a mountain if we are not interested enough to get started.

From information found on pages 510-512 of the book, "My Journey: From an Iowa Farm to a Cathedral of Dreams"

By Robert Harold Schuller
(544 pages) Published 2001
HarperCollins

The following was among the announcements made by Dr. Robert H. Schuller, Sr. at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, on September 14, 1980, while dedicating the new cathedral "to the glory of man for the greater glory of God."

To honor these generous friends we will have, in the grand lobby of the visitors' center, an exquisite wall of bricks. But it won't be constructed with just any ordinary brick. No, the wall will be made of twenty thousand bricks of optical glass. Each brick an inch by eight inches in size, and each will bear the name of an individual to be remembered. This entryway will become the wall of dreamers of great dreams.

I recall key individuals who helped make my lifetime dream come true. I will donate bricks with these names who deserve the credit for much of the best in my journey.

On page 512, Dr. Schuller goes on to list a number of people in whose memory he will donate bricks, including: "...Bud Hinga; he was my history professor at Hope College, the one who said, 'Beginning is half done.'"

<http://www.hope.edu/athletics/fb/fbyrbyyr.html>

Chronology of Hope College Football

Year	W-L-T	Finish in MIAA*	Head Coach
1931	3-4-1	5th (1-3-1)	Bud Hinga
1932	4-2-2	3rd (1-1-2)	Bud Hinga
1933	3-2-2	2nd-tie (1-1-2)	Bud Hinga
1934	3-2-2	1st-tie (2-1-1)	Bud Hinga
1935	3-3-2	3rd-tie (1-2-1)	Bud Hinga
1936	5-2-1	2nd-tie (5-2-1)	Bud Hinga
1937	3-4-1	4th-tie (1-3-0)	Bud Hinga
1938	4-3-1	5th (0-3-1)	Bud Hinga
1939	4-2-2	3rd (3-2-1)	Bud Hinga
1940	3-3-1	3rd-tie (2-2-1)	Bud Hinga
1941	3-2-3	3rd (2-1-2)	Bud Hinga
1942	1-4-2	4th-tie (1-3-0)	Bud Hinga

* Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA)

<http://www.kzoo.edu/sports/ahof/sport.html>
Kalamazoo College [Hornets] Athletic Hall of Fame
Sorted by Sport

Milton "Bud" Hinga '23 - Basketball, baseball, and football
Inducted October 20, 1995

Four-year basketball player, leading scorer in 1922 and 1923. Played on MIAA basketball championship teams of 1921, 1922, and 1923. Selected to MIAA Hall of Fame in 1923. Played baseball for three years, including MIAA championship team of 1923. Holland High School coach from 1923-31. Hope College football and basketball coach, winning or tying for 14 combined MIAA titles, Athletic Director.

<http://www.hope.edu/advancement/endowedfunds.html>

HINGA-BOERSMA DEAN OF THE CHAPEL—Max '46 and Connie Hinga '49 Boersma established this fund to support an endowed position, Dean of the Chapel, in honor of Connie's father, Milton "Bud" Hinga. The Dean of the Chapel's office will support efforts to strengthen the spiritual life of the Hope College campus and to enable the influence of the college's Christian life and witness to extend beyond Hope's borders.

The Rev. Trygve D. Johnson is the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel.

<http://www.hope.edu/advancement/trygvejohanson2.html>

As the dean of the chapel at Hope, Johnson will lead the college's spiritual life program. His responsibilities will include administering Hope's thrice-weekly and Sunday evening chapel program, preaching regularly in chapel, speaking and writing, and nurturing relationships with the college's students, faculty and staff. In addition, he will be supervising the campus ministries program's six-member professional ministry team.

The deanship was endowed in 1993 by Connie Boersma of Holland and her husband, the late Max Boersma. Connie Boersma is a member of the college's Class of 1949, and the daughter of the late Milton L. "Bud" Hinga, who was at Hope for 29 years as a professor, coach and dean. Max Boersma was a member of the college's Class of 1946, and a longtime member of the college's Board of Trustees.

<http://www.hope.edu/pr/pressreleases/content/view/full/1831>

Robert Van Dis to Receive "Hope for Humanity" Award
Posted October 7, 2002

HOLLAND -- The alumni H-Club at Hope College will present its "Hope for Humanity Award" to Robert Van Dis of Kalamazoo on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The award, first presented in 1990, recognizes Hope athletic alumni for service to others, transformation of Christian values and consistency of commitment. The H- Club consists of Hope alumni who were athletic letter winners and other honorary letter winners as approved by the H-Club's Board of Directors. The group will recognize Van Dis during its annual Homecoming luncheon, which will be held in the Haworth Inn and Conference Center....

Van Dis has served Hope in a variety of ways. He is a past "Class Representative" for the Class of '47, has helped to organize class reunions, and is a past member of the H-Club Board of Directors. For several years, he helped acquaint high school athletes with the college by bringing them to Hope football and basketball banquets. He spoke at the dedication for the college's Milton L. Hinga Student Services Center. His faithful financial support has included establishing, in 1992, the Van Dis Scholarship Fund.

Milton was in a Grand Rapids hospital at the time of death, though he had been living in Holland, Ottawa Co., MI, up until then.

Marriage Notes for GLADYS KENDRICK and MILTON HINGA:

The Hinga family was renting a house for \$50/month at 103 East 10th Street at the time of the 1930 Federal census of Holland, Ottawa Co., MI. In the household were Milton L., Gladys F., Constance M., and William R. Milton was employed as a teacher for a public school. The household owned a radio set.

Notes for RANDALL C. BOSCH:

Randall was first married to Marthena Bayles, by whom he had five children: three sons (Rev. Randall Bayles, Theodore Bevier, and David Cherest) and two daughters (Mary and Marthena). Randall's father Nicodemus was a founder of Western Machine Tool Works (WMTW) and remained its president and general manager for 40 years. Nicodemus was also three times mayor of Holland, Michigan: 1912-1916, 1918-1920, 1932-1936. Randall's mother, the former Emma J. Cherest, was a daughter of Leon Cherest, a fresco painter. Though both of Randall's parents were born in America, his father's parents were born in Holland and mother's parents were born in France.

Children of GLADYS KENDRICK and MILTON HINGA are:

3. i. Constance Miriam¹³ Hinga, b. 8-11-1927, MI.
4. ii. William Kendrick Hinga, b. 2-20-1929, MI.

7. NELLIE MAE¹¹ BLISS (*SIDNEY E.*¹⁰, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 8-17-1874 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 4-21-1962 in Jackson Co., MI. She married WILLIAM HOOD BARNES 11-29-1899 in Albion, Calhoun Co., MI, son of DAVID BARNES and MARY HOOD. He was born 5-27-1870 in Horton, Jackson Co., MI, and died 12-10-1946 in Jackson Co., MI.

Notes for NELLIE MAE BLISS:

Nellie loved salt-rising toast. While her grandson Charlie Paige was little and his Grandma Nellie still owned the house on Ganson Street, she continued to let rooms. Charlie recalls vividly, even forty years after, the pungent odor of toasting salt-rising bread whenever he'd enter the house; a smell that was never absent.

Nellie was petite, standing only about five feet tall as compared to her husband Will's six-foot height. Her hobbies included crocheting, knitting, and sewing doll quilts for the little girls of the family.

Nellie was basically religious, a trait inherited from generations of devout Christian predecessors. For some years she attended the Horton Methodist Church, yet Will's dislike of attending church eventually turned her away from going, also, though she always kept the spark of her beliefs burning in her heart.

When Nellie was in the process of moving out of her house near the end of the 1950s, she gave to her grandson, Charlie Paige, a 900-page, oversize book entitled *The Life of Jesus Christ for the Young*, by Richard Newton, D.D., published at Philadelphia in 1880. The religious book was dedicated "to Christian Parents, Ministers, Teachers, and all who are Striving to Follow the Command of Our Blessed Lord to His Apostle Peter, 'Feed my Lambs'...." The book, which was probably given to Nellie by her parents and used as an in-home Sunday School class, contained passages from the Scriptures together with real-life anecdotal dramatizations of their meanings and how they related to the then (1880s) modern world. Along with the written text there were also twenty-one picture prints from steel engravings, twenty wood engravings printed as plates, and dozens more "engravings on wood printed with the text." Also included were newspaper articles Nellie had cut out, apparently feeling they were pertinent in some way. There was also a piece of paper with these words scribbled in palsied handwriting, "Must You Go," and a locket-size miniature of her mother, Helen (Hubbard) Bliss.

Interred at Horton Cemetery, Horton, MI.

Notes for WILLIAM HOOD BARNES:

William was employed as a signal man with the railroad and living in Chicago before he was married to Nellie Bliss. He returned to MI long enough for the marriage, after which the couple made the "windy city" their home. His daughter Jennie's ex-husband recalls his father-in-law telling how it was that he quit railroading. As the story goes, Will was returning from a job one day pumping a manual handcar along the tracks. Suddenly a train appeared heading toward him at full speed. Will had no choice but to jump for his life just moments before the handcar was pulverized. Will told Howard he walked away from the mess and never again returned to work for the railroad.

Will's next job in Chicago was entitled "civil engineer," and he was in charge of heating all buildings at Palmer Park, a recreation area with a wide assortment of amusement facilities, including an outside pavilion for concerts and the like, picnic areas, and buildings within which were a gymnasium, auditorium, and classrooms where people could learn things like working with clay and other artistic pursuits. In the meantime, his growing family lived in a house at 10943 Wabash Avenue, and Will invested some of his money in land. He also built a bungalow in Chicago as a rental.

Will Barnes was for many years a rim inspector for the Tire and Rim Association of America, in Jackson after the family moved to the area from Chicago in 1918. He loved to smoke cigars and seemed always to be puffing on one. He'd have several of his cronies over to play cards, and they'd sit around with their hats on and cigar smoke filling the house.

When Will and Nellie were living at 1114 E. Ganson Street in Jackson, Will took his automobile out one day on some errand. He had never liked to drive and had for many years gotten out of doing so by "letting" his eager children do the chore. But by now Charles, Helen, Tom, and Jennie had long ago gotten married and were off having families of their own. So on this particular wintry day he was on his own on the icy street. Not far from home he suddenly lost control—the car swerving and skidding until finally coming to a stop. He then turned the car around, slowly drove it to his garage, and sold it shortly thereafter. Will never drove again.

Barnes, William H. Jackson *Citizen Patriot* newspaper Dec. 1946

Passed away at his home, 1114 E. Ganson St., at one o'clock Tuesday morning, aged 76 years. He is survived by his wife, Nellie; two sons, Thomas of Greencastle, IN and Charles of Jackson; two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Paige of Saginaw and Mrs. Helen Leggett of Horton; one brother, June of Horton; also 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was a member of Horton Lodge, F. & A. M. for 53 years. Mr. Barnes is at the Gildersleeve Memorial chapel where funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. The Masonic lodge will conduct services at the grave in the Horton cemetery where the interment will be made.

Will Barnes, the family's oral historian who late in life transcribed the essential information, worked for the railroad in Chicago and later was a civil engineer for the city's facilities at Palmer Park before returning to MI in 1918. Interred at Horton Cemetery, Horton, MI.

Marriage Notes for NELLIE BLISS and WILLIAM BARNES:

Will and Nellie were married in Albion by Rev. W. F. Kendrick, Nellie's brother-in-law. The immediately settled in Chicago, where they were renting an apartment at 4348 State Street in Ward 29, Lake Twp, Cook Co. at the time of the 1900 Federal census.

There were two other apartments being rented in their building. One apartment was let to the Max Lempke family. The husband was German and in the USA for 7 years, the wife was French and in the USA for 8 years, and the daughter had been born in Illinois the previous year. The other apartment was let to elderly German widow Lizzy Kass, who had lived in the USA for 45 years. She had a 25-year-old American boarder George Holt. A large Italian family, in the USA for 16 years, lived next door at 4346, and in the buildings with addresses counting up from 4350 were lots more Germans, Canadian English, and English.

By the 1910 Federal census of the 33rd Ward, Chicago, Cook Co., IL, Will and Nellie had purchased a house, still under mortgage, at 10943 Wabash Avenue. In the household were: Wm H., Nellie M., Chas A., Helen M., Thos A., and Jennie L. of the Barnes clan. Also in the household were: Minnie Fournier, a 29-year-old single boarder, born in Michigan of Canadian French parents; and Frank A. Fellhauer, a married 35-year-old roomer, born in Michigan of Michigan-born parents. Both Will and Frank worked at a public park--Will as an engineer and Frank as a fireman. Minnie worked as a sales lady at a dry goods store.



Will H. and Nellie M. (Bliss) Barnes

Next door at 10495 lived the Stone family. 29-year-old William F. was born in Minnesota of Swedish parents. His 27-year-old wife Gertrude B. was Prussian-German of German parents. Gertrude had immigrated to the USA 7 years before, and the couple had been married 4 years. William owned a dental office, and the family was renting the house. They also had a roomer--Irvin H. Denne, a Michigan-born 21-year-old single yard clerk for a railroad office.

Next door at 10941 lived the Gaber family. Both 45-year-old Rudolph and his 35-year-old wife Marte were German, Rudolph having immigrated to the USA 5 years before and Marte 7 years. Their children were both born in Illinois. Rudolph worked as a painter at a car factory (would have been railroad cars).

While the family lived on Wabash Avenue, Will built another house they called "the bungalow," which was rented out for additional income.

World War I was in progress when the family liquidated its Chicago assets and relocated to Michigan in spring, 1918. The family moved to the house on Baldwin Street, in Horton, that Will had inherited from his parents. (This house would remain in the family from 1889 through 1970, although for much of that time it was rented out.)

The 1920 Federal census of Hanover Twp., Jackson Co., MI, shows the family renting a farm, with the three younger children attending school while Will and son Charles were employed as laborers in a factory. In later years, this would be called "the year of the farm."

An Account Of The Family Of Will And Nellie Barnes Including The Year They Spent On A Farm

Will's brother Martin had word that there were jobs available in Chicago, and this was enough to entice the brothers to move there. Will returned to Michigan to marry Nellie Mae Bliss in 1899, and soon afterwards they settled in Chicago. Then Martin returned to Michigan in 1900 long enough to marry Susan Ella Bliss, Nellie's sister. They, too, made the windy city their home, at least for a while. Will and Nellie's family would live at 10943 Wabash Avenue.

Around 1917, Will and Nellie's eldest son Chuck left the frantic, bustling city life and went west to Nebraska in protest. In 1918, with hopes that their roving son would return, the family moved back to Michigan—to a vacant family residence on Baldwin Street in Horton. Chuck did return, and in the spring of 1919 the family once more moved, this time to a rented farm just down the road from David June Barnes' farm on Cross Lake near Horton. Will, Nellie and the brood would live on this farm for only a little over a year, but during that short period of time a number of misfortunes would unquiet their lives.

The Year of the Farm

The Will and Nellie Barnes family moved to the farm in the spring of 1919. Besides farming the land and raising sorghum, Will worked at Jackson Steel Products in Jackson. He would leave home and take the Sunday night train to Jackson, to return again on the following Saturday night train. During the week he boarded with his brother-in-law and sister's son and his wife, Frank and Charlotte Fales on Bates Street. Will's son Chuck tended the farm while the other kids went to school.

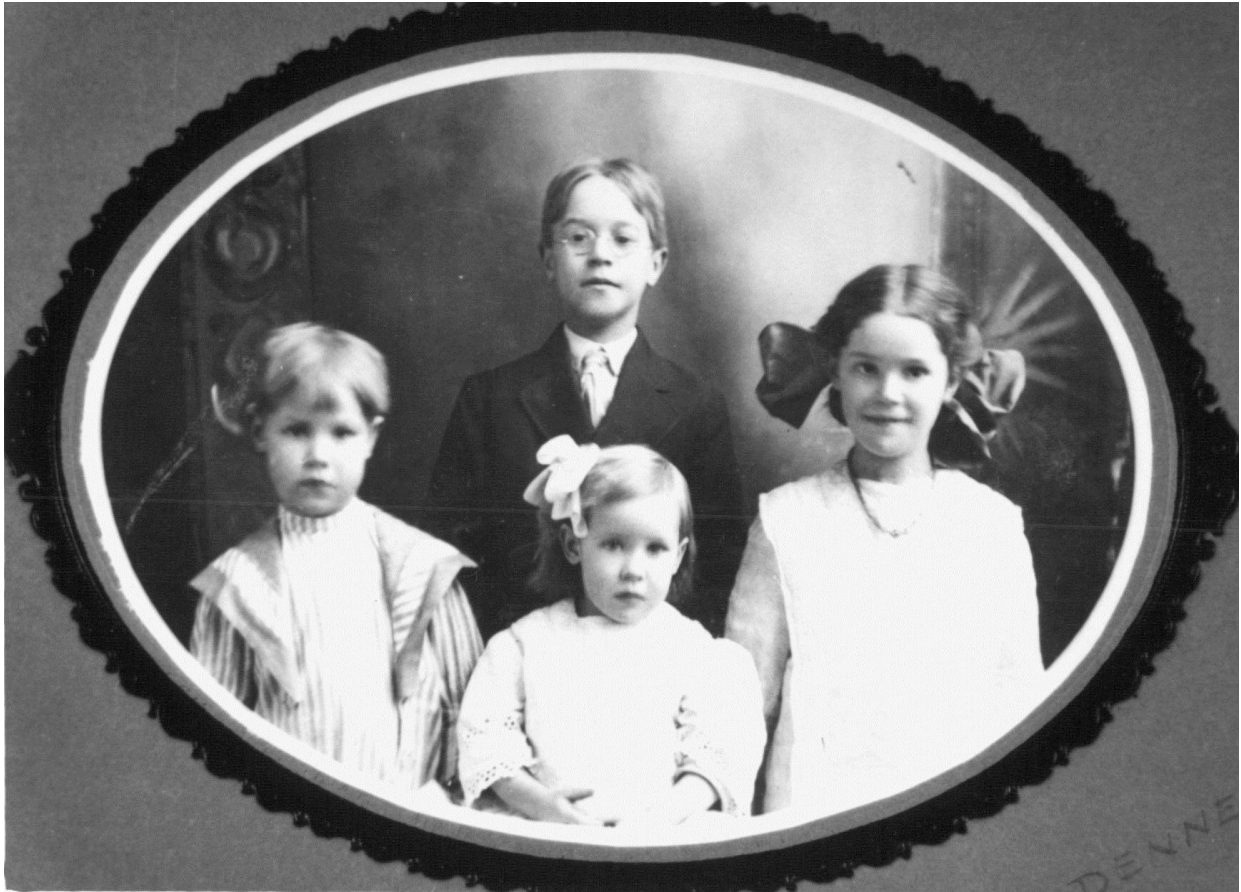
The first unwanted happening was too impatient to wait for the family to settle in. Helen and Chuck spent the night at their uncle June's farm down the road so they could get an early start in helping move the next day. That next day, while carrying a carton of canned fruit, Helen fell down the cellar stairs at the new residence. Chuck found her there and, as a result of the fall, she was blind.

Helen's folks put her to bed for a time until a friend of the family mentioned taking her to a chiropractor in Jackson. Following the advice, Nellie arranged with her husband's brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Pearl Barnes of Jackson, for her and Helen to stay with them until completion of the chiropractic treatments. Thomas and Pearl lived on E. Main Street (now E. MI Avenue), and the location was within easy access of the city streetcar.

After the second treatment, as they rode the streetcar back to her aunt and uncle's house, Helen noticed she could faintly see. Not wishing to build false hopes, Helen kept this awareness to herself until it either proved permanent or passing. That evening, as the family sat down to dinner, Helen said she wasn't hungry and went into the front room. Suddenly she called, "Mother, I can see!"

Another misadventure occurred when the family was preparing to take the car into Horton one evening. As Nellie bent down to pick something up off the ground, Chuck looked back from his vantage point on the drivers seat and saw all clear behind. He thus backed the car down the driveway. Unfortunately his mother had bent down directly

behind the car and was thus run over. Owing to the way those cars were built, she came out of it relatively unharmed.



The Barnes kids in Chicago: In front—Tom, Jennie and Helen. In back—Chuck

There were other maladies, such as the time Chuck got kicked by a horse, and another when the entire family came down with a siege of boils so bad that Will couldn't go to work. By the fall of 1920 Will and Nellie had had enough. The family moved back to the house in Horton and remained there for the next three years. In the fall of 1923 they moved to 1114 E. Ganson in Jackson, except for Helen who had just gone to Toledo and then to Buffalo, N.Y. with her new husband, Clyfford Leggett, and Chuck, who had married Esther Harmon two years before.

The preceding account was told to the author by sisters Jennie (Barnes) Paige and Helen (Barnes) Leggett.

A Barnes Cousin Remembers (excerpted from “Jennie’s Times”)

Lillian was the fourth of five children born to Will’s youngest brother David, Jr. or “June” Barnes and wife Edith. Lillian’s son Bion Lynwood “Lyn” Hoeg sent the following information in June and August 2004 in response to email sent by this author.

June:

“Well, I finally sat down with my mother and asked her about her recollections of your mother, especially the 1918-1924 years.

“As you know they were not the same age, so during the years you specify they were kids of 5 years apart in age. (Not a lot of close interaction for them, of course.) The first thing my mother said was that Jennie and Jean Hoeg (my father's sister) were “inseparable pals.” They were of the same age... within 6 months... and hung together until their very early marriages. Jean (b. 10-8-08) was married at 16 years of age. She married Harold Ekin and had 5 children.

“Jennie's father, Will, had a team of horses and worked on the Hanover Township roads with them. He ‘camped out’ on June Barnes’ property some of the time and his wife would bring him meals from their home in Horton. Helen had fallen down the stairs at their home (now the Coppernoll's) off Cross Road. She was unconscious for ‘quite a period of time’...many hours, at least.

“They had [rented] Coppernoll’s farm to teach Charlie to be a farmer. He didn’t take to that life. They eventually moved to Jackson—Ganson Street.

“Originally, they had lived in ‘Grandpa Barnes’ house in Horton. They had moved there from Chicago, where Will had a ‘good job’ with the Chicago Water Department. As his children grew older, he was afraid the Big City was having a bad effect on their development, so he pulled stakes and moved back to his hometown.

“My mother remembers your mother coming ‘out to the farm’ and taking her to the barn to swing on the hay ropes. She also remembers visiting them in Jackson, before your mother was married. (I remember visiting that house and Aunt Nellie a few times when I was very young.)

“Another memory was of Will and brother Tom camping out in the field by Cross Lake in the summers. They made a big deal of preparing for their fishing expeditions. My mother describes Tom as a ‘fussbudget’ who had fancy poles and baits, which he fussed about long in advance of each summer’s fishing expeditions.”

August:

“Tom [Will and Nellie’s son] lived with the family on the farm; at least for part of the time they were there. My mother remembers him being there, but is unsure of how long he stayed (before he ran away with the circus, or the threshing crew, or the gypsies, or with whomever kids of that age would hook up).

“And that’s about it. My mother was quite young at the time and not really as into the comings and goings of relatives, as she would be later on. She remembers the big horses that they had to work the farm with; big, but not so ambitious, is how she describes them.”

During and after the Great Depression, Will and Nellie let fully furnished rooms upstairs for an additional income. They also occasionally let downstairs. They would convert the dining room into a small apartment by closing the sliding wooden doors that separated the dining room from the living room.

Will and Nellie owned the house at 1114 East Ganson Street, which was worth \$7,000, at the time of the 1930 Federal census of the 8th Ward of Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. In the household were: William H. Barnes, 59 years old, an inspector at an auto parts factory; wife Nellie M., 54 years old; tenant family--Asa W. Bell, 37 years old, a building construction engineer; wife Ada M., 34 years old; and Wilma J., 5 years old. Will and Nellie had been married 30 years, while Asa and Ada had been married 12 years. The tenants were paying \$28 per month, and the Barnes family owned a radio set.

The following article from the Jackson *Citizen Patriot* newspaper tells of the party held for Will and Nellie to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary:

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnes of Jackson were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary with a dinner Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. [C]lyfford Leggett. The grandchildren furnished a musical program, being accompanied by Howard Paige with his accordion. A corsage of gardenias and a boutonniere were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and later gifts were received. The guests included Rev. and Mrs. Will Kendrick of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Susie Barnes, Albion; Mrs. Lilla Barnes, Hanover; Mr. and Mrs. George Buckman, Hanover; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Paige and family of Saginaw; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnes and family of Jackson.

[The "Lilla Barnes" mentioned in the above article was probably Lillian M. (nee Snyder), wife of Fredrick D. Barnes, one of Will's older brothers.]

Children of NELLIE BLISS and WILLIAM BARNES are:

- i. Charles Aaron¹² Barnes, b. 7-29-1901, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. 9-16-1985, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI; m. Esther Lois Harmon, 10-3-1921, Jackson Co., MI; b. 6-27-1899, Angola, IN; d. 9-8-1990, Jackson Co., MI.

Notes for Charles Aaron Barnes:

Charles' obituary, appearing in the Jackson *Citizen Patriot* newspaper:

Charles Aaron Barnes

Passed away at the Medical Care Facility, Sept. 16, 1985, age 84 years. Surviving are his beloved wife Esther; four daughters, Mrs. Marie Beebe, Mrs. Helen Lammers, Mrs. Lois Jackson, Mrs. Dorothy Davis; two sons, William Barnes Sr. and David Barnes; 22 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Leggett and Mrs. Jennie Paige; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Hilma Barnes; several nieces and nephews. He was a life long member of the Bennett Community Church. Mr. Barnes is at the Chas. J. Burden and Son Funeral Home, 1806 E. MI Ave., where services will be held Thursday 1:00 p.m. Interment Woodland. Visitation Wed. 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Officiating at Charles Aaron Barnes' funeral was his former brother-in-law Rev. Howard O. Paige of Pleasant Lake, MI. Nephew Rev. Robert P. Garrett Sr. sang "Because He lives." The following are excerpts from Rev. Paige's funeral oration:

Charles Aaron Barnes was born July 29, 1901, in Chicago; first of 4 children to William H. Barnes and Nellie Bliss Barnes. Attended school in Chicago; belonged to a High School group called Cadets and belonged to the Boy Scouts.

It is said in Chicago the Pullman Co. opened up an area for gardening during the war, and Charlie discovered a liking for gardening which inspired a family move to Horton, MI in 1918.

He was married October 3, 1921 to Esther Harmon of Jackson, and they established a home on Marion Rd. south of Vandercook Lake. While living at this location he helped organize and teach Sunday School in the Vandercook Lake Baptist Church. And later, after moving to Sandstone Rd., he became affiliated with the Bennett Community Church, of which he and Esther remained members the rest of their lives.

Eight children blessed their home: two were lost in a few months due to pneumonia. Six are now living, along with 22 grand and 34 great grandchildren.

I have known the family since about 1925 through Jennie, his sister, and my early recollections include the 2-acre lot on Marion Rd. being converted from sand to peach trees, raspberries, and a vegetable patch, all of which he shared generously with us all. Charlie showed considerable carpentry skills when he assisted his brother Tom to erect a home on Munith Rd.

In the course of his working years he worked for Goodyear, Sparks-Withington, and the railroad, where he served as cook for a section crew. He also served a time with the Dawn Donut company establishing outlets reaching out as far as St. Louis, MO. Fate in the form of a tornado left him stranded in St. Louis without train fare to get home. [On September 29, 1927 a freak tornado hit St. Louis, MO. Lasting only five minutes, it killed 87 people, injured 1,500 and destroyed more than 1,000 homes. C.W.Paige, from "The Bicentennial Almanac."] It then took work on both Charlie's and Esther's part to earn transportation back home. These were the days of 25¢ beef steak, 8¢ loaf of bread, 5¢ ice cream cones, and 75¢ full dinner with pie and coffee at Rumler's.

When I came into the ministry and made rounds of hospitals, etc., I visited him often at the Hiland Rest Home, and afterwards at the Medical Care Facility for about two years, where I called each Tuesday as part of my visiting routine. The cap he continuously wore due to sinus sensitivity came to the nurses' attention. They told him if he didn't wear it all the time the women would really go for him. His response was "why do you think I wear it?"

Notes for Esther Lois Harmon:

Esther Lois (Harmon) Barnes died at Jackson's Foote Hospital, leaving behind six children, twenty-two grandchildren, forty-two great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Esther survived a seven hour operation for cancer in 1973 by seventeen years. At the time of the operation she was seventy-four years old. She was born in Angola, IN, and during her life she had been a teacher in IN and MI, and retired from the NY Central Railroad.

Charles W. Paige wrote the following in 1996:

Mom and I visited Aunt Esther May 31st, 1990, just a few months before Esther died. I noted in my vacation journal that "...Aunt Esther was extremely hard of hearing, but her mind was clear, and thinking keen."

Esther had a hard life. But I think she found it tolerable because of her and Chuck's remarkable and appreciative descendants. I vividly remember her frequent and wide smile, and laughter.

Esther didn't let herself get left behind as old age approached. She stayed in the thick of family life until the end, even surviving a 7-hour cancer operation in 1973 and a truck ride to Texas and back from MI in the latter 1980s. An extremely thoughtful and hard worker; loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; and self-sacrificing wife, Aunt Esther was and is a source of good influence in all those who knew her.

Esther is buried at Woodland Cemetery.

Marriage Notes for Charles Barnes and Esther Harmon:

Charles and Esther owned a house in Summit Twp., Jackson Co., MI, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Charles A., 28 years old, doing machine hand wheel work; wife Esther, 30 years old; daughter Marie, 7 years old; daughter Helen, 5 years old; and daughter Lois, 3 years old. The family was living on a road that had no name, and its houses had no numbers. The family did not own a radio set.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Barnes:

An open house 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday in the Tompkins Town Hall marks the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Barnes, 7320 N. Sandstone Road.

Mr. Barnes and the former Esther L. Harman were married October 3, 1921 at Jackson. They are parents of Mrs. Warren Beebe, Mrs. Paul Lammers, Mrs. Donald E. Jackson, Mrs. Stephen B. Davis, William A. Barnes Sr., and David S. Barnes, all of the Jackson area.

There also are 22 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mr. Barnes, now retired, was employed in factories and farming. Mrs. Barnes is a former NY Central employee. They are affiliated with the Bennett Community Church.

(They would be married for nearly 64 years.)



Chuck and Esther (Harmon) Barnes at Barnes Family Reunion in 1975

Chuck and Esther had purchased seven copies of the 1976 "Barnes Record" genealogy and one 1975 reunion picture.

- ii. Helen Mary Barnes, b. 12-19-1902, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. 4-18-2001, Spring Arbor, Jackson Co., MI; m. Clyfford Arthur Leggett, 3-12-1923, Ann Arbor, MI; b. 1-17-1901, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. 7-29-2001, Spring Arbor, Jackson Co., MI.

Notes for Helen Mary Barnes:

Helen baked her sister Jennie's first birthday cake for Jennie's 10th birthday. Usually that special day she shared with her father was celebrated with strawberry shortcake. But on May 27, 1918 Nellie and Will were in Chicago liquidating their property, as the family had just moved from there to Horton, MI. So it was up to Jennie's older sister to handle the birthday event.

It was through Helen and her sister Jennie's persuasion that their father Will Barnes wrote down the Barnes and Hood family history, to preserve information into the future that would otherwise have been lost. Both sisters were also very helpful with obtaining data for "The Barnes and Related Families Abridged Genealogical RECORD" project: 1974-1977.

In 1998 Helen suffered a bad fall and a stroke that resulted in her requiring nursing home care. For most of the next three years she resided at the Arbor Manor Care Center in Spring Arbor, MI. In September 2000 her sister Jennie joined her after falling and breaking her upper left leg. They were able to see each other frequently over the next several months, and both attended Clyfford's 100th birthday celebration at the Leggett home.

Helen began bleeding internally on Easter Sunday, April 15, 2001, and passed away at 8:00 AM Wednesday, April 18. Her son Art was with her at the time. During Monday and Tuesday she had been visited by Clyfford, Jennie, Charlene and Rev. Robert Garrett Sr., and several other family members and friends. Though weakening, she was conscious during most of the visits.

Her nephew-in-law the Rev. Robert Garrett Sr. of Port Austin, MI, conducted the service, and burial was at the Horton Cemetery on Tripp Road.

MRS. HELEN LEGGETT

04/19/01

LEGGETT, MRS. HELEN M. Aged 98, of Horton, passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2001 at the Arbor Manor. She was born December 19, 1902 in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of William and Nellie (Bliss) Barns. Her husband, Clyfford, whom she married 78 years ago on March 12, 1923, survives her. She was a member of the Horton Eastern Star and the Hillside United Methodist Church. Mrs. Leggett is survived by sons, Arthur (Wanda) Leggett of Horton, Donald (Ruth) Leggett of Knoxville, TN, Harold (Madelyn) Leggett of Solona Beach, CA; a sister, Jennie Paige of Jackson; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers. Visitation of family and friends will be Friday, April 20th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Kurtz-Towns Funeral Homes, Hanover. A funeral service to honor the life of Mrs. Leggett will be Saturday, April 21st at 11:00 a.m. at the Hillside United Methodist Church with the Reverend Robert Garrett officiating. Interment will be at Horton Cemetery. Memorial donations to the memory of Mrs. Leggett are suggested to the Hillside United Methodist Church."

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATION FROM NEPHEW CHARLES PAIGE:

Helen was a portal and encyclopedic resource of information on family past and present. She preserved the pencil-written family history memories of her father Will Barnes, written down upon her and sister Jennie's urging. She also preserved several pre-20th-century pictures, including one of the entire David and Mary (Hood) Barnes family, plus one of David and Mary Barnes' home/farm at Cross Lake and of David and Mary's retirement home on Baldwin Road. (The Baldwin house was occupied for many years by Helen and Clyfford. The Cross Lake farm is still occupied by Helen's cousin Lillian (Barnes) Hoeg.)

Helen kept in touch with cousins near and distant and was a repository of information about them and their respective families. "The Barnes and Related Families Abridged Genealogical RECORD," a project that began in the mid-1970s, owes much to her family knowledge and preservation efforts. In later years, her hobby of collecting the obituaries of family and friends since the early 1900s came in handy in the initial collecting of information about our Hubbard cousins. Her sister Jennie, after Helen's death, remarked to son Charlie "Where will I go now for answers?"

Notes for Clyfford Arthur Leggett:

From *County Press*

Jackson County's Oldest Weekly Newspaper

January 24, 2001:

LEGGETT -- 100 AND COUNTING

Story & Photo by: Robert Whitman

January 17, 2001 Clyfford Leggett, of Horton, celebrated his one hundredth birthday. The event included Helen, his wife for seventy-seven years, three sons, lots of grandchildren, other relatives and a great many friends.

Leggett was born in Chicago. When he was three, his family moved to MI after his father was injured in a steel mill accident. The family bought a farm in Jackson County and settled down. As a youngster, he and his two older brothers and three sisters learned the ways of farm life. The skills, Leggett says, came in handy during the Depression.

The young Leggett had a knack for making complex mechanisms work. When he was old enough to leave home, a brother convinced him to come to Toledo and work with him at a plant operated by Stewart-Warner, the famous gauge manufacturer.

During the early years of the automobile industry, Leggett says, instruments such as speedometers were notorious for breaking. Companies like Stewart-Warner maintained facilities around the country where their instruments could be repaired and returned to customers or dealers. After a few years in Toledo, Leggett moved on to another Stewart-Warner facility in Buffalo, NY. Eventually, he and his brother convinced the company to let them open a repair facility in Jackson.

As the auto industry developed and changed though, Leggett says it became clear to him that there wasn't much of a future for speedometer repairmen. The business in Jackson slowed to the point where he found it necessary to sublet part of his building to another repairman, one who kept typewriters operating. Soon, he became a partner in a typewriter and business machine repair firm on Cortland Street. When the Depression hit, the former speedometer repairman bought out his partner and operated the business on his own.

Times were tough then, but the family managed to keep their bills paid and food on the table. Thanks to business from Consumers Power Company and Leggett's skills as a farm worker he made a living then both as a repairman and occasional farm hand. Sometimes, he recalls, when business was slow and money was tight, Horton area farmers might be able to pay him a dollar a day. Other times, farm work was traded for food or livestock.

After the worst of the depression, Remington-Rand, the large office machine company agreed to purchase Leggett's business and install him and his repair operation in a new building they constructed in Jackson. As time went by and competition increased, Remington-Rand decided their Jackson branch

couldn't sustain itself. The offices were closed and Leggett had to find other work. He secured his last position as a business machine repair specialist at Office Supply Company in Jackson. He retired from that firm thirty-two years ago.

Clyfford Leggett says his only bad habit in many years has been coffee. He gave up cigars in the forties and has a drink only on very special occasions. He drove Buicks and Chevrolets all his life. His last car was a Chevy. "Didn't like the way Buicks looked that year," he said. "Never had an accident and decided to stop driving when I didn't feel comfortable on the road anymore." He stopped driving himself at the age of ninety-four.

Certainly, he's well up on the events of the day. The last Presidential election, for example, "Took way too long," he laughed. He's proud of his three sons who survived some of the bloodiest fighting during World War Two. He has pictures of his six-foot high working replica of the Cascades which fascinated Jackson shoppers for years and many other memories of business days and family events to talk about. When asked to name his greatest accomplishment though, Leggett places his marriage to Helen above everything else.

Helen Barnes and Clyfford Leggett were married in 1923. Like Clyfford, she was born in Chicago. The Barnes family came to MI when Helen was sixteen. Aside from a job at Aeroquip during World War Two, she worked to keep the Leggett family and household going while Clyfford ran his businesses.

Today, Mrs. Leggett is 98 and requires nursing home care. She lives at Arbor Manor. Son Arthur makes sure the couple get together at least three times a week to talk and compare notes on the running of the household in Horton. That's Clyfford's job now and aside from making sure Helen is doing well, it occupies most of his time. Leggett does his own cooking and cleaning and other household chores. "Helen was so good at it," he says, "I try to keep up just like she did."

From the horse and buggy to the computer age, Helen and Clyfford Leggett have witnessed a great many events which are now part of our history, but don't expect a lot of talk if you get the chance to ask them about impressions of the last century. Their relationship is still developing, their romance still alive. That's what keeps them going. "We always got along without any problems," Leggett said. "Give and take, you know. We always managed to work things out."

You know for sure you've met a happy man when, after a century of life he can say, "I guess what I'm proudest of is Helen. Helen and our marriage."

Ode to Uncle Clyfford

by Charles W. Paige, May 16, 2001

There is a man who lives in Horton, Michigan and, due to durable genes, healthy lifestyle and robust constitution, has attained the venerable age of one hundred years. He's lonely now in his house near the Mill Pond. Most of his friends have since been laid to rest at the Horton Cemetery on Tripp Road. He used to go visit them, reminiscing as he walked among the headstones of friends and family. Now his wife of

78 years also resides on Tripp Road, but the man has grown too unsteady to make the rounds.

The man's name is Clyfford Arthur Leggett, one of the few people I have known that I could honestly call a man's man. He was and still is very interested in sports, and is skilled in many of the talents, including hunting, fishing and mechanics, that men find commendable in each other. He has been a faithful and loving husband to Helen throughout their marriage, and is looked up to by his children and their descendants, his nieces and nephews and their descendants, and many others with whom he has come in contact.

Clyfford was always a good provider, even if it meant long treks to and from work for a dollar a day during the Great Depression. As a result of this, and some canny land transactions, both he and Helen have been able to live comfortably even in old age. Though his hearing has nearly departed, his mind is still sharp and knowledgeable as to what's going on around him, and his memory bristles with stories from his interesting past.

He's lonely now in his house near the Mill Pond. Most of his descendants live in distant states; some, victims of questionable Michigan taxes and regulations that affected their business and caused them to migrate. He longs for visitors to help while away the hours, but few come, and these are far between. His youngest son and daughter-in-law watch over him best they can, and continue to be a comfort to him.

Perhaps nobody but God will ever know the impact for good he has had, and continues to have, on the lives of people who have spent time with him. He has provided a standard of conduct and lifestyle by which many judge themselves and others, and as such has provided a positive example during an age when negative conduct is rewarded and is the rage. Thank you, Uncle Clyfford, for being a member of our family!

Informal notice of death, by Charles W. Paige 07/29/01:

Clyfford Arthur Leggett passed away on Sunday

Clyfford Leggett died July 29 at the Arbor Manor Care Center in Spring Arbor, MI. Not long ago 100-year-old Clyff went to stay at the Center due to complications from a weakening constitution. At time of death he was on oxygen and was being visited by his sister-in-law Jennie Paige, also a resident of the Center. Clyff's son and daughter-in-law Art and Wanda, and Jennie, had been told by Care Center staff that Clyff's condition was not life threatening, but Jennie still wanted to spend time with him. Thus she was there at the end.

Helen, Clyff's wife of 78 years, had died at the Center on Wednesday, April 18. Helen and Clyff's nephew the Reverend Robert Page Garrett, Sr. has been asked to officiate at the funeral.

MR. CLYFFORD LEGGETT (from Michigan's online obituaries Website at <http://www.mlive.com/obits/...>)
Posted to the family website August 1, 2001

07/31/01

LEGGETT, MR. CLYFFORD A. Aged 100, Horton, passed away Sunday, July 29, 2001 at the Arbor Manor Care Center. He was born January 17, 1901 in Chicago, IL, the son of George and Lillie (Hart) Leggett. In 1923, he married Helen (Barns). She preceded him in death in April, 2001. For many years, he owned and operated an office machine repair shop in Jackson. He was an original member of the Horton Fire Department. Mr. Leggett is survived by sons, Donald (Ruth) Leggett, Knoxville, TN, Harold (Madelyn) Leggett, Solona Beach, CA, Arthur (Wanda) Leggett, Horton; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great- grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters. Visitation of family and friends will be at the Kurtz-Towns Funeral Homes, Hanover, Wednesday, August 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. A funeral service to honor the life of Mr. Leggett will be Thursday, August 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with the Reverend Robert Garrett officiating. Interment will be at Horton Cemetery. Memorial donations are suggested to Hillside United Methodist Church.

Marriage Notes for Helen Barnes and Clyfford Leggett:

The Clifford and Helen family was living in a rented house at 727 Maumee Street in the 6th Precinct of Adrian, Lenawee Co., MI, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Clifford A., 29 years old, employed as a salesman at an adding machine company; wife Helen M., 27 years old; son Donald R., 6 years old; son Harold W., 5 years old; and son Arthur C., 3 years old. The parents were both born in IL, and the sons all born in NY. The family owned a radio set.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Leggett:

Fifty years of marriage will be observed by Mr. and Mrs. Clyfford A. Leggett of Horton with a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. March 11 in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post home at Hanover.

Mr. Leggett and the former Helen M. Barnes, both of Chicago, met at a school party at Horton and were married March 12, 1923 at Ann Arbor.

Sons Donald R. of Owosso, Harold W. of San Rafael, Calif., and Arthur C. of Horton are giving the anniversary party. There are also 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The couple has lived in the Jackson and Horton areas throughout the marriage. Mr. Leggett is a retired office machines repairman and former treasurer of the Horton Volunteer Fire Department. He is now a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Both are members of the Hillside United Methodist Church and Mrs. Leggett is a member of the Jolly 12 Club; Horton Chapter No. 135, Order of Eastern Star, and its

Past Matrons Club. While Mr. Leggett enjoys golf and hunting, his wife knits and gardens.

Helen Mary (Barnes) and Clyfford Arthur Leggett

The following articles are respectively from the Jackson *Citizen Patriot* in March, 1993, (70th wedding anniversary write-up) and the Hillsdale *Daily News* dated Monday, June 2, 1997 (about the especially long marriage of Helen and Clyfford, and of their sons).

70th anniversary party not as quiet as planned
By Eric Jorgensen

When Clyfford and Helen Leggett went to an anniversary dinner Friday with a son and daughter-in-law, they hardly expected bus and plane loads of people to arrive at Gilbert's Steak House for the event. But instead of quiet table for four, the couple celebrated at a noisy table for 60. Family members came from CA, TN and all over MI for the event.

And why not: How many among us have had a 70th wedding anniversary?

Clyfford and Helen Leggett were married March 12, 1923, in Ann Arbor and have lived in Horton for most of the 70 years since then. He's a hard-of-hearing, 92-year-old repairman who drives to the grocery store. She's a spry 90-year-old who still cooks up a storm.

"They're the kind that when somebody stops over, they want to sit them down and feed them before they leave," said Wanda Leggett. "Doesn't everybody have a grandmother like that?"

Both apparently jumped at the chance to spend an evening out with a son and daughter-in-law. "They always want to go out," said Arthur Leggett.

It also wasn't difficult talking nearly 60 family members into showing up for the 70th wedding anniversary celebration. Each of the couple's three sons, ages 66 to 69, brought a cadre of relatives to the party.

Arthur and Wanda Leggett arranged for many MI family members to show up.

Donald and Ruth Leggett, of Knoxville, Tenn., brought about two dozen relatives on a rented bus. Their daughter, Mary Bailey, organized the event.

Harold and Madelyn Leggett flew themselves and a handful of other relatives from CA.

In addition to the intimate dinner for 60, Clyfford and Helen Leggett were treated to a video presentation of five generations of the Leggett family. Included were old photographs of the young couple from 70 years ago.

"Everyone thinks the world of mother and dad," said Wanda Leggett.

In addition to three sons, Clyfford and Helen Leggett have 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Long marriages common to Horton family

by Janet Lee

HORTON: When Helen Barnes and Clyfford Leggett said their marriage vows, they took to heart what they were saying, and have now celebrated the 74th anniversary of repeating those vows.

Clyfford Leggett was born in January of 1901 in Hanover, but lived in Chicago, and Helen Barnes was born in Chicago in December of 1902. They never met nor did their parents meet while living in the Chicago area, but their parents had mutual friends there, so they each knew of the other's family. [According to the write-up in Clyfford's mother Lilly's obituary, the family lived in Chicago for thirteen years. C.W.P.]

Helen Barnes moved with her family from Chicago to Buffalo, N.Y., to Toledo, Ohio, then Jackson, and finally to Horton. [The phrase "to Buffalo, N.Y., to Toledo, Ohio, then Jackson" is not correct at this location in the article. The moves to Buffalo and Toledo did occur but were by Helen and Clyfford during their married life. It was in Buffalo that Clyfford learned his early trade of fixing automobile odometers. C.W.P.]

It was after she moved to Horton that the couple met at a Horton school function, a box social held at the home of a friend.

"He bought my box," Helen Leggett said. "Though it wasn't love at first sight, we carried on from the day on."

The couple was married on March 12, 1923, at the home of some friends.

Mr. Leggett worked as an office repairman fixing typewriters, adding machines and calculators. After retirement at age 67, he began working for Hillsdale College and the Hanover-Horton High School, repairing their machines at his home during the summer, and then guaranteeing them for free service during the next school year if there were any problems. He worked at that for an additional 10 years.

Mrs. Leggett has been a homemaker for most their married life, but during World War II she did her part for the war effort by doing inspection work for Goodyear in Jackson.

"I tried to do my part," she said. "I made the same kind of equipment-guns-that our boys used. I ran a lathe." [Helen worked on 90mm anti-aircraft guns. C.W.P.]

The Leggett boys, all three of them, served during World War II. Don, now living in TN, and Harold, who lives in San Diego, Calif., served in the Army during WW II and saw action in Germany, France, England and Africa.

Arthur, the youngest, saw action with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific.

The three Leggett boys all had girlfriends here at home when they left for the service, and after returning home safely from active duty married those same sweethearts.

Two sons have been married for more than 50 years, with Arthur and Wanda celebrating their golden anniversary in April, and Harold and his wife celebrating theirs last June.

Arthur is retired after having worked with Yardman and Jackson Canvas Co. He and his wife have one son and one daughter.

Helen Leggett is proud of her family which has grown through the years to include 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

"We have five generations many times around," she said, "In three different families."

"My husband used to like to golf, fish and hunt. And I must not forget deer hunting. That's about all. He just stopped golfing the past three years, but he still likes to ride the tractor to mow the lawn and work outside. He really keeps our yard up nicely," she said.

Mrs. Leggett always enjoyed knitting and gardening, though she doesn't do either anymore.

Not a bad record for a couple 95 and 96 years of age.

Their love passes test of time -- 77 years

by Pat Rombyer

Staff Writer for Jackson (MI) *Citizen Patriot* newspaper

The gaze that connects Helen and Clyfford Leggett is telling. It's a look that doesn't need words. And it survives despite the loss of his hearing and her mobility.

The couple celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary earlier this month in the dining room of the Arbor Manor Care Center, Spring Arbor, where she has lived for the past two years. The celebration was a scaled-down version of the bash their three sons arranged for their 70th anniversary at a local steak house.

Clyfford, who will be 100 in January, comes to visit his 97-year-old wife every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

"He dotes on her," said Camille Stoetzel, a registered nurse who works in Helen's wing of the nursing home. "He is very loving toward her. They are just so cute."

The couple has no recipe for their long marriage, although Helen says an important key to success is to "give as well as take. It's something you need to learn early on," she said Thursday during her husband's visit.

The two sit in the lobby of the care home, occasionally holding hands, and bring each other up to date on occurrences. "She just lights up when he's here," said Kevin Ganton, administrator at Arbor Manor.

When he's not visiting his wife, Clyfford busies himself around the house.

"No, I don't worry about him too much. He can take care of himself," Helen said with a smile. She knows retired son, Arthur, 73, looks in on his dad each day.

"I'd rather be there with him and I know he'd like me to be home," she said.

Clyfford gets at least one good meal five days a week from the Department on Aging's meal program and Arthur often supplements that with home-cooked dinners.

The Leggetts raised three boys in the family home in Horton. Arthur and his wife, Wanda, live nearby, but sons Donald and Harold live out of state. Helen, whose maiden name is Barnes, grew up in Horton, while Clyfford is from Hanover. They met at box social at the local Methodist Church in the early 1920s. That's when the guys buy a box lunch without knowing who cooked it; then the couple has to eat together.

"I didn't know it until later, but my brother signaled him to let him know when my box came up," Helen said.

A lifetime of years have passed since then.

"I appreciate what time we have to spend together," Helen said.



Clyfford A. and Helen M. (Barnes) Leggett

Helen and Clyfford celebrated their 78th wedding anniversary with a small, family gathering at the care center. This would be their last, as Helen passed away a little over a month later. During the two days before her death Clyfford spent many hours sitting beside her bed and holding her hand. Three months later Clyfford would join her.

- iii. Thomas Sidney Barnes, b. 1-3-1906, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. 9-25-1972, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI; m. Hilma Sorola, 12-4-1928, CA; b. 11-20-1910, Fort Bragg, Mendocino Co., CA; d. 1-10-2004, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

Notes for Thomas Sidney Barnes:

Thomas S. Barnes (obituary #1):

1443 Munith Rd., passed away at the Veteran's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Monday afternoon, Sept. 25, 1972, aged 66 years. Surviving are the wife Hilma; two sons Douglas A. of Jackson, Roy T. with the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Leggett of Horton, Mrs. Jennie B. Paige of Jackson; one brother Charles A. of Jackson; numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Barnes donated his body to the University of Michigan Medical School. A Memorial Service will be at the Central Wesleyan Church, 119 N. Webster, Wednesday 1:00 p.m. The Reverend Robert Garrett officiating.

Friends who wish may make donations to the Jackson YMCA Youth Fund.

Thomas S. Barnes (obituary #2):

A memorial service was to have been held today for Thomas S. Barnes, 66, of 1443 Munith Rd., who died Monday in Veteran's Hospital, Ann Arbor, after an illness of two months. With the exception of 10 years in CA [and his youth in Chicago], he spent his lifetime in Jackson County. Mr. Barnes served with the Army in the 1920s and as an instructor during World War II. He attended the Wesleyan Central Church and was a retiree of the Clark Equipment Co., with about 20 years of service. Surviving are his wife Hilma; two sons, Douglas A. of Jackson and Roy T. with the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, Okla.; two sisters; and a brother.

A military plaque for Tom is at Horton Cemetery, Horton, MI, near graves of parents.

Notes for Hilma Sorola:

Charles W. Paige wrote the following in 1996:

Aunt Hilma is a California transplant who sacrificed enormously in removing to MI sixty-three years ago with husband Tom. Being a MI transplant to California, I can truly empathize with her. During my formative years, Aunt Hilma brought a worldly aspect into our otherwise ingrown existence that affected my life in ways no one else had.

Aunt Hilma and Mom are great friends. Hilma brought the drinking of coffee into Mom's life, mostly replacing tea. And she was there during Mom's leg operation recovery in the 1930s. She has also been there for Mom many times since, and they are more like close sisters than sisters-in-law. Special times together include a week in 1965 at [Everet] and Molly Palmer's cabin in MI's Upper Peninsula, and their 1973 California vacation, when Hilma showed Mom the world and family she left behind.

Aunt Hilma is an especially dutiful mother and grandmother. This galloping granny has spent a goodly portion of her last twenty years either with son Roy, in Utah

or Nevada, or with son Doug, when he and Kappy were on a ten-year mission to Puerto Rico for their church until 1995.

Just because Doug and Kappy have now moved back to Jackson does not mean Aunt Hilma has greatly reduced her travel. This year, besides visiting Roy and Nykky in Nevada, she has taken an Alaskan cruise. If you ever want to hear some interesting stories from this most interesting person, ask Aunt Hilma about her travel experiences.

Hilma's obituary:

BARNES, HILMA S. -

Of Jackson, passed away at the Jackson County Medical Care Facility Saturday, January 10, 2004, age 93 years. Survived by two sons, Douglas and Roy Barnes; four grandchildren, Sarah Kissane, Jessica Cook, Nykky Golightly and Alex Barnes; four great-grandchildren; sister, Lillian Robertson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas in 1972. Mrs. Barnes was a member of the Central Wesleyan Church. According to her wishes, her body has been donated to the University of Michigan Medical School. A memorial service will be held at the Central Wesleyan Church, 119 N. Webster St., Saturday, January 31, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.

Contributions to the Central Wesleyan Church or the Jackson County Medical Care Facility would be appreciated.

Desnoyer Funeral Home Family owned for 114 years
Published in the Jackson Citizen Patriot on 1/27/2004.

Marriage Notes for Thomas Barnes and Hilma Sorola:

Tom and Hilma were renting an apartment at 1575 Washington Street in the 32nd Ward of San Francisco, San Francisco Co., CA, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. They were paying \$32 per month. Tom was unemployed, and Hilma was listed as a telephone operator.

Tom and Hilma Barnes' Story - Michigan or Bust

Hilma Sorola, raised in a Finnish settlement near Fort Bragg, CA, went to work in San Francisco to support herself while attending Mission High School. Both she and her sister had moved to the city.

In the summer of 1926 she accepted an invitation to double--date with her sister, Siiri (pro. Si'ree). Siiri's boyfriend, Frank Marble of Washington state, was in the peacetime Army and stationed at the Presidio. He had a soldier friend, Tom Barnes, whom he wanted Hilma to meet. It was thus arranged that the two blind dates would meet and the two couples go to a movie.

The evening was enjoyable and soon Tom and Hilma began to date steadily. Two years later Hilma became Tom's December Bride. At the time he had just gotten out of the service and had a civilian job. She was working at Bell Telephone.

In the spring of 1933 Tom hitchhiked to MI, stopping at fairs along the way to earn money wrestling. The summer of that same year he borrowed enough money from his father to return to CA. Hilma, in the meantime, had been given the option of either continuing working at Bell or receiving a \$25 bonus for each year of service to the company. The Depression was on and it was Bell's way of cutting personnel without firing them.

When Tom returned, she accepted the \$100 bonus for her 4 years and, with \$25 of it, she and Tom bought an old Model T Ford. Tom set to work rigging the back seat to fold down as a bed. Next he stowed a mattress. Finally, after buying two used tires for \$2 each and some groceries, they were off to MI.

During their trip from San Francisco through Reno, Salt Lake City, Laramie, Omaha, and Chicago the couple roughed it. At night the back seat was folded down and the mattress spread for sleeping. During the day their meals were all cooked out-of-doors.



Thomas S. and Hilma (Sorola) Barnes

Coming across the Rockies, as they were climbing one of the mountains, the Ford's forward clutch wore out. Undaunted, Tom turned the car around and backed the rest of the way up, pretty as you please.

The Ford's forward clutch was replaced in Salt Lake City, after which the couple continued on. Before arriving in MI they stopped in Chicago to visit the Century Progress World's Fair for a couple days; then on to Jackson - their ultimate destination.

Tom and Hilma Barnes arrived in Jackson just a few days before the Bliss family reunion was to be held (always held on the 4th of July). On the day of the reunion the Model T was packed with Tom's parents, Will and Nellie, and his brother and sister-in-law, Chuck and Esther, with their four girls and baby boy. Soon they were all off to Susie Barnes' house in Albion for what was to be Hilma's first family debut.

(Information above story courtesy of Mrs. Hilma Barnes)

- iv. Jennie Louise Barnes, b. 5-27-1908, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. 8-19-2003, Spring Arbor, Jackson Co., MI; m. Howard Oswald Paige, 9-27-1927, Toledo, Lucas Co., OH; b. 12-3-1909, Mason, Ingham Co., MI; d. 5-1-1994, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

Notes for Jennie Louise Barnes:

During the terrible influenza epidemic in the fall of 1918, Jennie was the only member of her immediate family to catch the dread disease that would kill half a million Americans and 20 million people worldwide.

As of May, 1997-

Jennie found Christ early on and has been very active with friends, family, church and the community, while pacing herself to get the most out of life. When Howard died, though he and Jennie had been divorced since April, 1965, and he had remarried twice, Jennie was there to fulfill her place in the family as the first Mrs. Paige.

Jennie's life is told in a compilation entitled "The Life and Times of Jennie Louise Barnes Paige," 2004.

Some of Jennie's Memberships Over Her Lifetime:

- St. Stephen's Methodist Church, Chicago
- Horton Methodist Episcopal Church
- First Methodist Church, Jackson
- State Street Methodist Church, Flint
- First Methodist Church, Saginaw (taught Sunday school)
- Haven Methodist Church in Jackson
- Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS) through the First Methodist Church in 1940 (charter member)
- United Methodist Women (UMW), which replaced the WSCS
- The Shellhouse Guild (Mrs. Anna Shellhouse was a Sunday School teacher for some years at Haven Methodist Church and was idealized by some of her girl students,

including Neva Porter (later Crippen-deceased 1993), Wilma Clement (later Smith-deceased 1997), Sue Pemberton (later Allen-deceased) and Jennie Barnes (later Paige), who established a club, or guild, in her honor.)

- The Birthday Club, including Audrey Denton, Dora Rowan, Hilma Barnes (deceased), Mary Packard Waters (deceased), Helen and Clyfford Leggett (deceased), Wilma Smith (deceased), Neva Crippen (deceased) Donna Clellen (deceased), Florence "Flo" Roth (deceased)
- Phillips 66, a church-related organization
- The Eastern Star (lifetime member; through her father's Masonic membership); was active in Saginaw
- Retarded Children's Society of Jackson Inc. (co-founder with husband and nine other couples)
- The Board of Hope School
- Both the National and Michigan Association of Retarded People
- On membership committee at the Lyle Torrant Training Center
- Calvary United Methodist Church-
- Chairperson of the Circle 2 women's group for over 20 years; the group disbanded when she was no longer able to chair
- On the church membership committee since 1976, meeting Mondays
- Member of "Young at Heart" church social activities group
- Member of "Focus Group" for churchwomen without husbands
- Volunteered for projects in Jackson's chapter of RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)
- AARP (American Association of Retired People)
- Senior Citizens
- Volunteered in Emergency at W. A. Foote Memorial Hospital in Jackson
- Besides faithfully tithing at church, Jennie contributed to a number of charities, including Disabled Veterans and Feed the Children.

A list of Jennie's Memoir Contributions to the genealogical book "The Coming Together, Volume Two: Yesterday Today and Tomorrow"

- Memories of Long Ago
- Mrs. Shellhouse
- Marriage of Howard and Jennie
- Places where the family lived, and other information
- Fences make friends

There were also many other memory/information contributions made which were used to advantage in other genealogical essays and accounts, and always heartfelt moral support given to the efforts of family history preservation. It was through Jennie and her sister Helen's persuasion that their father Will Barnes wrote down the Barnes and Hood family history, to preserve information into the future that would otherwise have been lost. Both sisters were also very helpful with obtaining data for "The Barnes and Related Families Abridged Genealogical RECORD" project: 1974-1977.

Jennie has spent most of her life in Jackson County, MI, except for the first ten years of her childhood in Chicago and a span of twelve years during her married life: 1937 to 1939 in Flint, MI, and 1939 to 1949 in Saginaw, MI.

Jennie spent several months at the Arbor Manor Care Center in Spring Arbor, MI due to a July 12, 2000 fall in which she broke her upper left leg. She was placed in the Care Center in September after staying several weeks at W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital in Jackson, during which time she had two operations. Her sister Helen was also at Arbor Manor from 1998 until her death Wednesday, April 18, 2001.

On Thanksgiving Day, 2000, Jennie's son "Bud" and his son-in-law Dan VanSumeren began working on her house in preparation for receiving vinyl siding. Two of the windows were already replaced before the family's Thanksgiving celebration occurred at the Arbor Manor Care Center that afternoon. Bud and Dan continued working through the end of the year before the job was done. As a result, the little white house on the corner of E. North and Ellery streets became the little yellowish cream-colored house. Besides replacing several of the windows and installing siding, Bud and Dan also replaced the roof on the garage and did many things to enhance entrance to the house. This was all in preparation for the day when Jennie could once again return to her home.

Jennie did return to her house on a few occasions, thanks to her daughter and son-in-law Charlene and Bob Garrett, but they were always short stays. The longest was when she was treated to a back yard party at her house, to which friends and neighbors were invited. Over the next years, Jennie's desire to return to her house waned, to be replaced by a sense of community at the Arbor Manor Care Center. In turn, staff at the Center loved Jennie and did everything in their power to make her stay with them comfortable and fun. Her family never forgot her, either, and she received frequent visits and phone calls. She was also taken on occasional day trips, both by the Care Center and members of her family. From the beginning she had her own phone, as the family never wanted her to feel "out of the picture." Just as before the accident, Jennie once again became the family's news hub, a task that she loved and fulfilled faithfully until the end.

Jennie's obituary:

PAIGE, JENNIE B. Aged 95, of Jackson, went to be with her Lord, August 19, 2003, at Arbor Manor Care Center. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star. With her husband, she helped found the Retarded Children's Society of Jackson (Hope School). She was a member of the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program R.S.V.P. She was a tour guide with Michigan's Artrain during America's bicentennial celebration. She is survived by her children, Royce Duane (Elaine) Paige, Charlene (Reverend Robert) Paige Garrett, Mary Louise (Robert) West and Charles William Paige; sister-in-law, Hilma (Mrs. Thomas) Barnes; grandchildren, Lynn Paige (Dan) VanSumeren, Steven (Kim) Paige, Karen Paige and friend Greg, Robert (Paula) Garrett Jr., Sue Garrett (David) Johnston, Connie Garrett (Ken) Smeader, Laura Garrett (Dennis) Hill, Angela West (Ken) Borash, and Betsy West (Mark) Sherman; 18 great-

grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Margaret Ann Paige; former husband, Howard Oswald Paige; brothers, Thomas and Charles (Esther) Barnes; and sister, Helen (Clyfford) Leggett. She was a most caring individual and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. The family would like to offer special thanks to the staff at Arbor Manor for their loving care. Jennie has donated her body to University of Michigan Medical Research. A memorial service will be held Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. at the Calvary United Methodist Church, 925 Backus, Jackson. For those wishing, contributions may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church. www.MLive.com/obits Chas. J. Burden & Son 1806 E. Michigan Ave. Published in the Jackson Citizen Patriot on 8/21/2003.

Though Jennie gave her body to University of Michigan Medical Research, she has a headstone at the Horton Cemetery on Tripp Road between those of her parents. Her actual remains were laid to rest September 15, 2004, at the Washtenong Memorial Park, 3771 Whitmore Lake Road, Ann Arbor, where the University of Michigan Medical School typically inters donated bodies after they are no longer needed by the school. Her daughter and son-in-law Charlene and Bob Garrett represented Jennie's family at the special service to honor the people who had donated their body for medical research and were being interred that day. A plaque honoring Jennie would soon be installed on a special donor wall at the cemetery containing the following statement: MOM GAVE THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE.

Notes for Howard Oswald Paige:

Howard was born with the last name "Page," changing it to "Paige" in 1926 because the spelling looked classier. Neither his sister Margaret Frances "Peggy" nor brother Marshal Harvey "Mutt" changed their spelling.

Howard worked at MI's Consumers Power Company from 1927 until he retired as a Power Control Dispatcher in 1972 after 45 years of service. While the Depression raged during the 1930s, there were times when Howard was the only one of all the relatives holding a steady job.

Howard received Christ in November, 1972, through the guidance and inspiration of his friend, the Reverend Bert Cole. Howard then became a minister through ordination at the Pentecostal Church in Fitchburg, MI, in April, 1984, the same year he sold the farm. He had a small church until realizing that his true calling was evangelizing on a personal basis to individuals or small groups. For several years he put on weekly sing-alongs at medical care facilities, convalescent/retirement homes, etc. During the last years he was also actively involved in preparing senior citizens' income tax and heating fuel/medical rebate forms.

Howard spent most of his life in Jackson County, MI, except for the few years of his childhood in Mason, Ingham County, MI, and a span of twelve years during his married life: 1937 to 1939 in Flint, MI, and 1939 to 1949 in Saginaw, MI.

Howard's last home was on Bunkerhill Rd. at Pleasant Lake, MI, which he and wife Marilee purchased in 1984. He was interred at Roseland Cemetery, Jackson, MI, near Marilee and Margaret Ann.

Howard's life is told in a compilation entitled "Glimpses into the Life of the Reverend Howard O. Paige" 1994.

Following is an obituary for Howard, appearing in the Jackson *Citizen Patriot* newspaper for May 4, 1994

Of Pleasant Lake, passed away May 1, 1994, age 84 years. He is survived by his children, R. Duane (Elaine) of Saginaw, Charlene Frances (Reverend Robert) Garrett of Blissfield, Mary Louise (Robert) West of Plymouth, Minn., Charles William of Pasadena, Calif. Preceded in death by a daughter, Margaret Ann in 1984. He is also survived by nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; several stepchildren and numerous step grand and great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Esther Page of Napoleon.

Mr. Paige was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Saginaw and he, along with his former wife Jennie and nine other couples helped found the Hope School in the early 1950s. He retired from Consumers Power Company in 1972, later found Christ and became a minister of God.

Services will be conducted from the funeral home Thursday, 1:00 p.m. with the Reverend Donald Whelpley officiating and assisted by the Reverend Robert P. Garrett. Interment will follow at Roseland Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests that any memorials be directed to the Jackson Interfaith Shelter. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday 6 to 8 p.m. Chas. J. Burden & Son, 1806 E. MI Ave.

More About Howard Oswald Paige:

Cause of Death: pulmonary edema

Event 2: 12-1960, Bought farm as hobby while still working full time.

Medical Information: Heart disease, No Stroke, Cancer, No Addictions, No Alzheimer's, No Mental illness, No Diabetes

Personality/Intrst: Strong willed, spiritual, intelligent, loved playing music especially keyboards.

Marriage Notes for Jennie Barnes and Howard Paige:

Howard and Jennie met in Latin class at Jackson High School in Jackson, MI. Their big "things" were roller-skating and eating pineapple sundaes. The Paige family lived in a number of different houses and cities during their marriage, including the following:

1927-28 at Howard's mother's/grandmother's house on S. Jackson St.,
alternately at Jennie's parents' house on E. Ganson St.
in Jackson, MI.

1928 on Franklin St., Steward Ave., then Lansing Ave., in Jackson, MI.

1929 to 1937 on Lincoln St., Lansing Ave., then S. Jackson St. (next door to Howard's mother and grandmother), Jackson, MI.
1937 to 1939 on Decker St., then Marengo St., Flint, MI.
1939 to 1941 on Hancock St., Saginaw, MI.
1941 to 1949 on Bay St., Saginaw, MI.
1949 to 1960 on Leroy St., Jackson, MI
Mid-1950s bought the cottage on Highland Lake at Hell, MI, as recreational home
1960 to 1965 on Wooster Rd, Jackson Co., MI (which Howard kept until 1984)

The family was living at 710 Lincoln Street at the time of the 1930 Federal census of the 2nd Ward of Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. In the household were: Howard Page, wife Jennie L., son Royce, and father Charles, now divorced from Maud. Howard was employed in operations at the electric light company, and Charles was employed in decorating for a retail store. The household owned a radio set.

When they moved back to Jackson from Saginaw in 1949, Howard and Jennie helped to found Hope School for mentally retarded children. One of their daughters, Margaret Ann, had been born with Down's Syndrome, and they found that Jackson had no place willing to give her an education of any type. Howard was president of the Retarded Children's Society of Jackson Inc., creators and sponsors of the Hope School Project, from 1951 through 1957. During that time Jennie was also a very active participant in the drama that helped inform and open an entire community to the needs of the mentally handicapped.

The following article appeared in the Jackson *Citizen* newspaper around 1951:

Jacksonia.

For years handicapped children in this community have been provided with special educational facilities to meet their particular needs so that they would not be deprived of advantages available to normal youngsters. Now provision also has been made to educate cerebral palsy children, the parents of 10 such youngsters having established regular classes in the Kerr school. It is a commendable project.

Howard and Jennie bought a cottage on Highland Lake at Hell, MI in the mid-1950s, which was sold when Howard bought his "bachelor pad" on Cardinal Crest St. during a trial separation. Howard and Jennie then bought a 100-acre farm in late 1960, which they put into full production while Howard continued working three alternating shifts at the power company.

Jennie and Howard were divorced in 3-17-1965, at which time Jennie moved into the house at 1100 E. North St. in Jackson, where she would live for more than thirty-five years.



Jennie L. (Barnes) Paige and Howard O. Paige, Together in 1980 Family Group Photo



Will H. and Nellie M. (Bliss) Barnes



Bliss Sisters at 1443 Ganson St.: Susie Barnes, Mary Buckman, Nellie Barnes, Etta Kendrick



Left to right: Myrtle B. (Garfield Wilson) [daughter of Mary Seraph Bliss and first husband Sennet E. Ferguson], Nellie Mae (Will Barnes), Helen Mary (Clyfford Leggett) [daughter of Nellie and Will Barnes], Mary Seraph (George Buckman), Etta Marie (Rev. Will Kendrick)



At right, Nellie (Bliss) Barnes at Lake Michigan with friends



William H. Barnes, Jennie L. (Barnes) Paige, and Nellie M. (Bliss) Barnes at Horton Cemetery

Mary S. Bliss

Generation No. 1

1. MARY S.¹⁰ BLISS (*CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL "COLONEL"*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL "CAPTAIN"*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 10-17-1840 in Clyde, Wayne Co., NY, and died 4-24-1920 in Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI. She married (1) ALVIN N. WILLIAMS 4-30-1861 in Clyde, Wayne Co., NY, son of AARON WILLIAMS and MARIA VOSBURGH. He was born 3-24-1839 in NY, and died 10-5-1872 in Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI. She married (2) CORNELIUS WILLIAMS 2-7-1876 in Tekonsha Twp., Calhoun Co., MI, son of AARON WILLIAMS and MARIA VOSBURGH. He was born 2-5-1831 in NY.

Notes for ALVIN N. WILLIAMS:

Alvin Williams was a domestic for his brother-in-law Samuel Bliss before the families moved to MI in 1866.

Marriage Notes for MARY BLISS and ALVIN WILLIAMS:

Mary and Alvin were living in Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. and in 1901 and 1916 at the times of the death of Helen (Hubbard) Bliss and Sidney E. Bliss, respectively. Mary and her late husband Alvin's son Harry had a store in Tekonsha.

Marriage Notes for MARY BLISS and CORNELIUS WILLIAMS:

Mary had been married to Cornelius's brother Alvin, by whom she had Harry Bliss Williams. In 1880, the household included Cornelius and his son Fred from his previous marriage, and Mary and her son Harry from her previous marriage.

From the 1880 Federal census of Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Cornelius WILLIAMS	Self	M	Male	W	49	NY	Farmer	NY	NY
Mary WILLIAMS	Wife	M	Female	W	38	NY	Keeping House	NY	NY
Fred WILLIAMS	Son	S	Male	W	18	MI	Farm Laborer	NY	NY
Harry WILLIAMS	Son	S	Male	W	9	MI		NY	NY

Child of MARY BLISS and ALVIN WILLIAMS is:

2. i. Harold Bliss¹¹ Williams, b. 5-6-1871, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 12-6-1936, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI.

Generation No. 2

2. HAROLD BLISS¹¹ WILLIAMS (*MARY S.*¹⁰ *BLISS*, *CALVIN HALL*⁹, *SAMUEL "COLONEL"*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL "CAPTAIN"*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴,

*THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 5-6-1871 in Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 12-6-1936 in Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI. He married PHOEBE A. SHEDD 9-29-1896 in Girard Twp., Branch Co., MI, daughter of SAMUEL SHEDD and LOUISA ELDRED. She was born 6-21-1874 in Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 6-23-1946 in Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI.

Notes for HAROLD BLISS WILLIAMS:

Harry graduated from high school at age 19. He then attended Cleary's Business College at Ypsilanti, MI, from where he graduated in 1893.

Harry was employed from age 15 onward in various enterprises, including salesman at H. N. Randall's grocery store in Tekonsha before and after working as a shipping clerk in Jackson. Later, with \$700 from the sale of property left to him by his father, he set up his own grocery store in Tekonsha. Later still, he went into partnership with Henry Bartlett, and they were said to keep "a carefully selected line of goods" in their store.

Harry was a Republican and at various times held local public office, including president of the fire department around 1904. He was also "a member of Avon tent, of the Knights of the Maccabees," and at one time was its finance keeper.

The following material is from a book entitled Biographical Review of Calhoun County, MI. Chicago, IL: Hobart & Mather: 1904, pp. 405, 406.

HARRY BLISS WILLIAMS.

The business interests of Tekonsha are well represented by this gentleman, whose enterprising spirit is in harmony with the progressiveness of the west. He is a dealer in groceries, provisions, boots and shoes in Tekonsha, and is one of the native sons of the village, his birth having occurred here on the 6th of May, 1871. His parents were Alvin and Mary (Bliss) Williams. Our subject was only six months old when his father died. In Tekonsha he was reared to manhood, acquiring a good education, which was completed by graduation from the high school when he was nineteen years of age. He afterward attended Cleary's Business College at Ypsilanti, Michigan, and was there graduated in 1893. When fifteen years of age he started out upon an independent business career, and whatever success he has achieved has come to him as the result of his earnest efforts since that time. He was first employed as a salesman in the grocery store of H. N. Randall, in which he worked on Saturday and in the morning and evening of every day of the week. He afterward spent a year as shipping clerk in Jackson, Michigan, and upon his return to Tekonsha was again in the employ of Mr. Randall for a time. From his father he inherited some village property, which he sold for seven hundred dollars, and with that capital embarked in the grocery business on his own account. For seven years he conducted his store and then engaged in clerking for a year, after which he entered into partnership with Henry Bartlett. He is now well known in the village, and has a well appointed store, carrying a carefully selected line of goods. He enjoys a liberal patronage, which has come to him in recognition of his reliable business methods and his earnest desire to please his patrons. Mr. Williams was married in Girard Township, Branch County, Michigan, September 29, 1896, to Miss Phoebe Shedd, a daughter

of Samuel and Louisa (Eldred) Shedd. They have three children, Lelia, Alvin and Fern, all born in Tekonsha. The political support of Mr. Williams is given to the Republican Party, and in 1902-3 he filled the office of village treasurer. In 1900 he was elected to the village council, in which he served for two years, and during that time was a member of the committee on streets, sidewalks and fires. It was during his incumbency that the greater part of the cement sidewalks of the town were laid. He has been a delegate to various conventions, county, congressional and state, and is untiring in his efforts to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He is now president of the fire department of Tekonsha, and is a member of Avon tent, of the Knights of the Maccabees, in which he has served as finance keeper. Mr. Williams is yet a young man, but has exerted considerable influence in public and community affairs in his village, and his worth is widely recognized, for his business methods will always bear the closest investigation and his course in politics has ever been that of a loyal and progressive citizen.

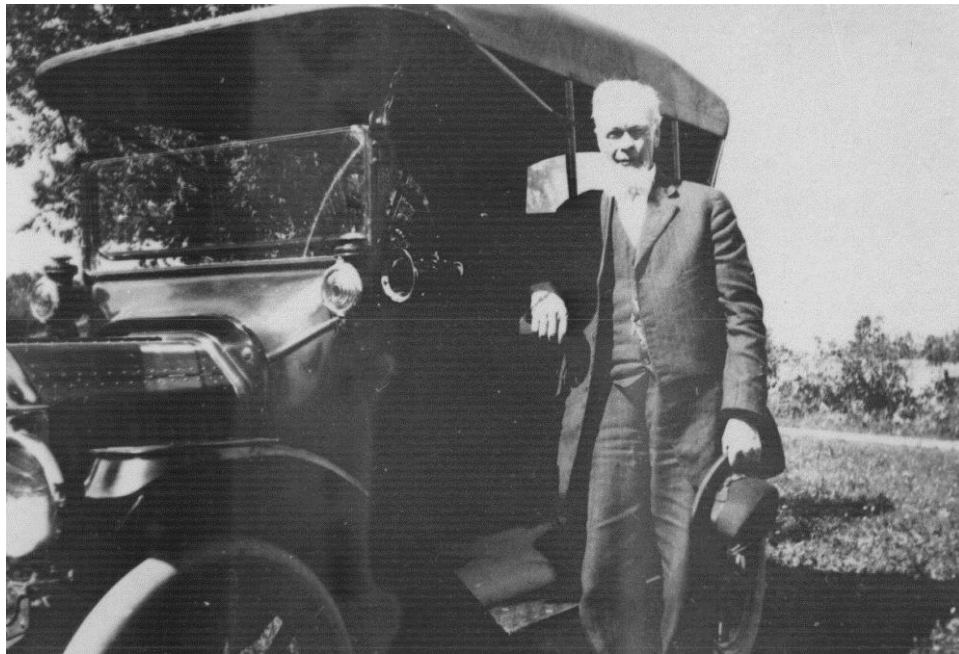
Children of HAROLD WILLIAMS and PHOEBE SHEDD are:

- i. Lelia¹² Williams, b. Aft. 1898, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI.
- ii. Alvin Shedd Williams, b. 2-3-1901, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 2-16-1950, MI.
- iii. Ferne Williams, b. 12-8-1903, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 10-23-1994, MI.

Notes for Ferne Williams:

Ferne was a schoolteacher.

- iv. Warren E. Williams, b. 1907, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 1993, MI.
- v. Glenda Williams, b. 12-7-1912, Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., MI; d. 8-1975, Homer Twp., Calhoun Co., MI; m. Herman Roepke, Aft. 1930; b. 4-24-1913; d. 12-24-1992, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI.



Sidney E. Bliss enjoys newfangled Ford

Family of Nathaniel Franklin Bliss

Generation No. 1

1. NATHANIEL FRANKLIN⁹ BLISS (*SAMUEL*⁸, *SAMUEL "CAPTAIN"*⁷, *NATHANIEL*⁶, *SAMUEL*⁵, *JONATHAN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *JONATHAN*² *BLYSSE*, *THOMAS*¹) was born 6-5-1808 in Pownal, Bennington Co., VT, and died 10-6-1876 in Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI. He married MANDANA HALE 6-18-1848 in Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI, daughter of MASON and ALVIRA HALE. She was born 9-18-1826 in Smithfield, Fayette Co., PA, and died 12-26-1907 in Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI.

Notes for NATHANIEL FRANKLIN BLISS:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wispags/pp-a-h.html>:

Nathaniel was a carpenter and built the Bruce Hotel and other buildings in Stevens Point. He was also the first Justice of the Peace and on the county board.

Nathaniel was buried in Union Cemetery at Stevens Point.

Notes for MANDANA HALE:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wispags/pp-a-h.html>:

Mandana was the first school teacher in Stevens Point, having arrived from Belvidere, IL, in 1847. Her family had moved to IL from Smithfield, Fayette Co., PA, when she was a child. She was recruited as teacher for Stevens Point by Mr. Phillip D. Bangle, who had been sent to Belvidere for supplies and, if possible, to find a school teacher. On the return trip to Wisconsin Mandana helped out by driving the oxen for one of the supply wagons.

Mandana enjoyed traveling and at various times in later years made thirteen trips to visit Frank and Harvey, who made their homes in Montana.

She was buried in Union Cemetery at Stevens Point.

Marriage Notes for NATHANIEL BLISS and MANDANA HALE:

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The family lived at 213 Bliss Avenue in Stevens Point.

According to the 1850 Federal census of Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI, the Bliss household included N. F. Bliss, 31, a carpenter, born in NY; Mandona, 24, born in PA; Geraldin, 1, born in WI; and Byron Hale, 27, a laborer, born in PA. [Probably Byron was Mandana's brother.]

According to the 1870 Federal census of Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI, the Bliss household included Nathan Bliss, 61, a framer (spelled correctly), born in VT; Mandana, 44, born in PA;

Geraldine, 21, a school teacher, born in WI; Adelbert, 20, a laborer; Mason, 18, a laborer; Josephine, 15; Harvey, 13; Anna, 8; Franklin, 6; and Susan, 3. All the children were born in WI.

 From 1880 Federal census of 2nd Ward, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI:

Name	Relation	Marital		Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's	Mother's
		Status	W						Birthplace	Birthplace
Mandina BLISS	Self	W		Female	W	53	PA	Farms	NY	NY
Anna BLISS	Dau	S		Female	W	18	WI		VT	PA
Franklin BLISS	Son	S		Male	W	16	WI	Labor	VT	PA
Susan BLISS	Dau	S		Female	W	13	WI	School	VT	PA

Children of NATHANIEL BLISS and MANDANA HALE are:

- i. Geraldine B.¹⁰ Bliss, b. 7-26-1849, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI; m. John P. Clark, 1877, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI.

Notes for Geraldine B. Bliss:

It is said that Geraldine B. was the first white girl born in the city of Stevens Point.

Marriage Notes for Geraldine Bliss and John Clark:

John and Geraldine ran a grocery store in Stevens Point.

- ii. Adelbert Bliss, b. 9-25-1850, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI; d. 7-24-1905.
- iii. Samuel Mason Bliss, b. 4-7-1852, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI.

Notes for Samuel Mason Bliss:

Samuel lived in Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI.

- iv. Josephine Bliss, b. 12-19-1854, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI; d. 1872.
- v. Harvey Bliss, b. 12-31-1855, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI.

Notes for Harvey Bliss:

Harvey settled in Montana as did brother Frank.

- vi. Charles Bliss, b. 4-21-1859, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI; d. 1860.
- vii. Ann Bliss, b. 2-6-1862, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI; m. James F. Smith; b. 8-22-1864.
- viii. Franklin Bliss, b. 8-22-1864, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI.

Notes for Franklin Bliss:

Frank settled in Montana as did brother Harvey.

- ix. Susan Bliss, b. 3-22-1867, Stevens Point, Portage Co., WI; d. 12-23-1943; m. William F. Cartmill.

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