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Dust-Covered Treasures

Voltaire said that history is a “Mississippi of lies,” a lie being anything that is not completely true. Surely there is room for inaccuracy when one looks back over years of events only sparsely and sporadically recorded. Memories fade, and cloud, and mingle at vague points, to combine and lose their accuracy in recall, or disappear altogether. Unhappy is often forgotten, happy taken for granted, and injustices—as well as strong personalities—remembered. The bottom line is a hodgepodge of “tales” taken with a grain of salt, as told by old folks in their later years to distracted young folks just discovering life. In between dwell the middle-aged folks, often tired of hearing them.

Upon this so-called river of lies floats an alloy of truth, fabrication, confusion, embellishment, vignettes, glories, beliefs, standards and lessons, passed down as heritage. But the residual value of such diminishes and succumbs, in a highly technical, mass-media-drenched society, if special care is not taken. So many ideas and things are palmed-off on half-suspecting audiences that some of us become suspicious of all. Added to this handicap, the value of knowing one’s heritage is questioned by those who live solely for the present.

Some people hope that forgetting, or never knowing the past, the future will not be affected by it. Contrary to this, however, history has shown time after time that the future is a product of the past, and the past is a precursor of what is to come. Thus, it would seem, the more accurate a history is, the more likely one could safeguard the future against undesirable recurrences, while promoting those which would be advantageous.

With the above, personal philosophy in mind, the following account is a path hewn through the long-neglected Page/Castner family history. This road travels throughout southern, Lower Michigan, to New York, to Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, touching on old Virginia and war-ravaged Arkansas. On it you can follow the routes of the various families as they move West in search of new opportunities: the Thayers, who traveled to Webster and Macedon, New York, from Braintree, Massachusetts; the Keys family from Vermont and New York, who came to Michigan in the early and mid-1800s; the Castners and Welters of New Jersey and New York, who may have been influenced by the teachings of the Universal Friend; also the Pages from England, in New York and Michigan, who added a certain spice and mystery. You’ll also get a brief glimpse of the Shooks from Pennsylvania, who settled in western New York.

There will be changes in the spelling of surnames; foster children; religious sects; coincidences; long life spans; a variety of occupations; and just beautiful people. Also seen will be families split apart by divorce, death, and the imminent desire to “move on.” But countering the disruptions and uprooted-ness, you will discover families who stopped emigrating, established themselves in one locale, and remained for many years.

Before venturing into our rediscovered heritage, it might be interesting to read an account of the information that survived into the 1980s. Aside from an assortment of notes left by Grandma Maude Moore when she died in 1972, only sparse information was clearly remembered of circa

1900 family by her son, Howard Paige. He recalled that an ancestral minister had served as a chaplain in the Civil War, that Howard's father's middle name was "Orlando" after an ancestor, and that a grandmother's maiden name was "Keyes" (pronounced Kies), her nickname being "Bunch." He remembered an Aunt Rene Powers who lived at the Village of Scotts in Kalamazoo County, and recalled a small, wizened lady who sat in a rocking chair at Aunt Rene's and was called "Grandma Keys."

Howard also knew of his Uncle George, and Aunt Mary Page of Charlotte, and that George was the half-brother of Howard's father Charles Orlando Page. In a family Bible it showed Charles' parents as Sarah and R. P. Page. According to Howard, R. P.'s first name was "Riley." Riley himself was a family enigma. Tradition states he divorced Sarah and returned to New York whence he originally came. Nobody seemed to know where. It was said he was involved in an explosion. Sarah later married the strong personality Harvey Olmstead Cline, who left an indelible mark on the Page family.

Regarding Howard's mother's side of the family, he knew his grandparents Edward and Franky Castner were divorced, and that both had remarried--Edward marrying "Kate" in Detroit, where they worked at a restaurant on the corner of Trumbull and Grand streets; and Franky marrying barber Harry J. Witherell of Port Huron and Detroit. He also knew that Edward died at Redford, a suburb of Detroit, and believed he was buried in a pauper's cemetery.

Also from Maude's notes it was learned that Franc (Franky; Frankie) Castner Witherell was reared by foster parents with the last name of "Sutliff," that the Sutliffs moved to California, and that Franc stayed behind to marry Edward Castner--a man ten years her senior. Maude states, however, that Franc's actual parents were James J. Gargett, a Michigan millionaire, and Marie Laronge who died when Franky was born. On Franc's death certificate Maude wrote that Franc had been born in Richmond, Virginia. From my own memory, I recall Great-Grandma Franc saying that her sister was shot while in her father's library by someone outside the window. Franc also recalled a trip by covered wagon.

Maude wrote only a few things concerning her ex-husband. Among them were: the date of their divorce, the date he died, and the fact that Charlie was one of Sarah Keyes' boys--that he had survived diphtheria during an epidemic that killed some of his siblings.

Not long ago I learned Maude had left some additional notes with the adopted daughter of her son Marshal Page. Gayle (Page) Miller had been interested in the Page family history long before the current effort. At that time Maude was still living and wrote more about the Castners. From Gayle it was learned that Ed Castner had a brother Isaiah and sister Dora. Dora married someone by the name of "Easterly" and had a son Willie, while Isaiah had a daughter Sarah. The information I received from Gayle soon multiplied as it directly led to the location of the Castners in New York. The New York research led to discovery of further siblings, generations and history.

Like one of the many complex jigsaw puzzles Grandma Maude Moore loved to assemble, the Page/Keyes/Castner family scene, with its many scattered pieces, suddenly began fitting together. That there are still odd pieces is certain, but their number is diminishing. That some

pieces may never be found is probable, although the possibility should not inhibit us from appreciating the picture so far defined.

The Page/Keyes/Castner genealogy is dedicated to the memory of Maude Annabelle Castner and Charles Orlando Page, who remained married from May 24, 1902 until December of 1923.

During their years together they lived in several places. Early they stayed with Charles' mother and stepfather, the Clines, in Lansing on Harwood Street and at 319 Bartlett, and in Mason, where "Unk" (Harvey Cline) was sheriff of Ingham County, Michigan. After Charles' mother died in 1911, the Page family moved to 315 W. Mason Street in Jackson, Michigan. They next moved to Blackstone Street and then to 925 S. Jackson Street, moving once again--this time to 936 S. Jackson. Here they were next-door neighbors of Maude's mother and stepfather, the Witherells.

To the Pages were born: Margaret Frances on August 1, 1905, while the family lived on Bartlett Street; Howard Oswald on December 3, 1909, while his folks lived in Mason; and Marshal Harvey on October 26, 1911, born shortly after the Pages moved to Mason Street in Jackson.

Maude's and Charlie's stories diverge after he left home in 1921. This account is an attempt to give an in-depth view into their lives, as well as into the lives of family members and other people who influenced them. The final and continuing portion is devoted to their descendants.

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The Story of Sarah M. (Keyes) Page Cline



Sarah M. (Keyes) Page Cline

Sarah M. Keyes was born on Sunday, May 20, 1855 near Climax, a small town southeast of the city of Kalamazoo in Kalamazoo County, Michigan. Her parents, Orlando and Lucinda (Shook) Keyes, had left Cambria, Niagara County, New York, and moved to Climax in 1851, where Orlando's mother Hannah (Francis) Keyes, widow of Lyman Key(e)s, had settled around 1835. Hannah had remarried and was living at Prairie Ronde with second husband George Fletcher.

Sarah's father was first a cooper, then a minister. When she was eleven, Sarah witnessed her father's suffering with Chronic Dysentery, contracted while serving as Chaplain of the 12th Michigan Veteran Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, from which disease he died January 12, 1866.

Sarah M. Keyes was eighteen years old, residing at Climax, when she was married to thirty-four-year-old widower Riley P. Page of Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, whose occupation was "agent." They were married on December 24, 1873, in Charlotte by L. W. Earl, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses were F. A. Ells of Charlotte and Alice M. Bray. Riley brought with him three children from his previous marriage to Elizabeth Adelaide Hollenbeck: Carrie Bell, George Hudson, and Elsie Adelaide.

It is possible and perhaps even likely that Riley and Sarah met as a result of Sarah's father Orlando having been in the 12th Michigan Veteran Volunteer Infantry. Riley's English-born half

brother Nathan S. Page had also been in that regiment, in Company I, and like Orlando he had been discharged due to disability. No doubt Nathan knew of Orlando and, since Orlando was the regimental chaplain, probably knew him well. Unlike Orlando, Nathan survived long past the end of the Civil War.

The newlyweds soon settled in Kalamazoo County, where all of their children together were born: Bernice May, born on November 23, 1874, at Comstock; Harvey Judson "Juddie," born on July 31, 1876 in Galesburg; and Charles Orlando, born on July 31, 1878, at Climax. Riley's occupation was listed as "sewing machine agent."

In 1879, less than a month after Charles' first birthday and within a twelve-day period, Elsie, Bernice and Juddie Page died of diphtheria. According to notes left by Charles' first wife Maude, "Charles had it too but surmounted." Juddie died on August 28, Bernice on August 29, and Elsie on September 9. The suffocating disease was sweeping Michigan, and in its wake the Page family was decimated. The children were buried in the Gilson or West Climax Cemetery at Scotts, in Kalamazoo County, and the Pages moved to Charlotte. There, the survivors were listed in the 1880 Federal census: Riley P., 39, and a traveling salesman; Sarah M., 26; Charles, one year old; and George, 16, and working in a "marble shop." By 1890 Riley had divorced Sarah and would soon return to New York, whence he had originally come, where he became a shoemaker and later remarried.

Sarah (Keyes) Page was married to Harvey Olmstead "H.O." Cline at Kalamazoo on August 7, 1890. At time of marriage, Harvey's occupation was "clerk," and he was a resident of LaGrange, Indiana. Sarah was a resident of Kalamazoo, Michigan. They were united by N. J. Cogshall, Clergyman. Witnesses were Rev. C. C. McCabe¹ of New York City and Rev. J. C. Floyd of Albion, Michigan.

H.O. had been married before to Fanny Aldrich. Harvey, occupation farmer, and Fanny were married September 3, 1882, at Sturgis, St. Joseph Co., Michigan, by David Knox, Justice of the Peace. They each listed their place of residence as Bloomfield, Indiana. Witnesses were Leonard Malone and Delbert Vankirk, both of LaGrange, Indiana. Harvey and Fanny had two sons, both born in Indiana: Frank in July 1883 and Glen W. in February 1885.

After H.O. and Sarah were married, the new Cline family settled at Angola, Steuben County, Indiana, for about ten years, where Sarah was said to have operated a successful millinery shop. By 1900 they had moved to Lansing, in Ingham County, Michigan, where they were living at 820 Capitol Street. In the household at that time were: Harvey, Sarah and Glen W. Cline, and Charles Page. That year, Frank Cline was staying with his grandparents Samuel and Mary A. Cline at Bloomfield, Lagrange County, Indiana. Shortly thereafter the Clines moved to Harwood

¹ C. C. McCabe, D.D, LL.D., Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, wrote the article: *One Hundred Million a Year for Evangelizing the World*, which was included in Edward Payson Tenney's book The Triumphs of the Cross, published in 1895.

Street in Lansing, where Charles O. and his new bride, the former Maude Annabelle Castner, also lived during the first years of their marriage.²

Harvey Cline won election for sheriff of Ingham County in 1907 (a term which lasted until 1911), so the family, including the Pages, moved to the county seat at Mason. During these years, Charles was a “cigar maker,” and Maude frequently traveled with Sheriff Cline when necessary to transport female prisoners. Below is a picture of the group, or family, on a picnic not long after Howard Page was born. [H.O. would be elected sheriff of Ingham County to two terms: 1907 to 1911 and 1915 to 1919.]



Left to right: Charles Page, deputy Bert, Louise (a friend of Maude’s), Margaret and Maude Page, Sarah Cline (Sarah’s pet name was “Bunch”), Howard Page/Paige AKA “Bill,” Sheriff Harvey Cline

Harvey was known as a “swapper” or “trader” and was involved in numerous enterprises, primarily real estate. He owned a farm in Indiana (possibly an inheritance) but lived mostly in Ingham County, Michigan. He was named after his mother’s father.

Sarah died of cancer Sunday June 4, 1911. It is said that she was laid to rest at the Gilson or West Climax Cemetery at Scotts, Kalamazoo County, near her father. However, no headstone was erected for her.

² By 1910 Frank Cline was living in Lansing and in the retail hardware business. Later he moved to Mason and became deputy sheriff, and then undersheriff, for Ingham County. Glen Cline lived in Meridian Township, Ingham County, and worked as a retail merchant in a department store. Charles O. Page was proprietor of a cigar store by 1910 and worked in a paint store by 1920. Later he became a house painter/decorator.

The following two newspaper articles appeared in the Ingham County News, a Mason, Michigan, paper:

May 25, 1911-

Mrs. H. O. Cline of Lansing, wife of ex-sheriff Cline, was taken to Dr. Peterson's hospital, 621 Forrest Avenue, Ann Arbor, last Thursday, where a slight operation was made Saturday morning. The main operation will be made June 1st.

June 8, 1911-

News was received here Monday morning of the death of Mrs. Harvey O. Cline, wife of ex-sheriff Cline, which occurred at Dr. Peterson's hospital at Ann Arbor Sunday at midnight. Death resulted from an operation for cancer.

About ten days ago a preliminary operation was performed which was considered very successful, but she was unable to withstand the shock from the principal operation which was performed last Saturday afternoon.

After Mr. Cline's term of office as sheriff expired they purchased a home and moved to 1214 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing. During their residence here they made many warm friends, who sincerely regret the sad occurrence.

Mrs. Cline was 51 years of age, and besides the husband is survived by her mother, a sister, a brother and three sons. She was a member of the Rebekahs, the Royal Neighbors, and the Mason L.O.T.M.M.³ The body was taken to Scotts, Kalamazoo County, for burial, where funeral services will be held today at the home of her mother.

The following notice of death is taken from the Thursday June 8, 1911, issue of the Climax Cereal, a Kalamazoo County, Michigan, newspaper:

Mrs. H. O. Cline of Lansing, who will be well remembered here as Miss Sarah Keyes, daughter of Mrs. Lucinda Keyes, passed from this life Sunday night at Ann Arbor, where she had been the two weeks previous for treatment. The funeral will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the home of James Powers. Interment will be made at the Gilson cemetery.

Obituary

Lola Mae Richards Milliman, granddaughter of Sarah's ex-husband Riley P. Page, had assumed the role as manager/editor of the Climax (Kalamazoo County) Cereal newspaper's Scotts Department in June 1911, which may account for the extensive coverage of her late aunt's death.

³ Ladies of the Modern Maccabees.

The following is Sarah's obituary dated June 15, 1911, and published in the Scotts portion of the Climax Cereal newspaper.

Sarah M., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Orlando Keyes, was born in Climax Township, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, and died Monday June 5, 1911, from the effect of an operation. [Per death certificate, she died Sunday June 4, 1911.]

The deceased was married to Harvey O. Cline 22 years ago. Most of their married life was spent at Lansing, their late home.

She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, one son, Charles Page of Battle Creek, by her first husband; also her sons Frank and Glenn Cline of Lansing; an aged mother, Mrs. Lucinda Keyes; one sister Mrs. Irena Powers both of Scotts, one brother, Lyman E. Keyes of Clinton, Missouri, four grand children, Margaret and Howard Page of Battle Creek, Wilma and Glenn Franklin Cline of Lansing and a host of friends.

Mrs. Cline's father, Rev. Orlando Keyes, Chaplin of the 12th Michigan Vet. Volunteers, died when she was a child leaving her together with five brothers and sisters in her mother's care. From that time on Mrs. Cline has struggled with the problems of the world and owing to her diligence and an inherited ingenuity it can be truthfully said she has won success to a marked degree. To her there was no such word as "fail." Nearly all her life has been spent in Michigan except nine years when she operated a millinery store in Angola, Indiana. In business she was very successful owing to her pleasing manners and adaptability in solving the problems at hand.

Mrs. Cline possessed many marked traits of character that will long be cherished and held in memory and respect by her many friends. As a wife she was all that even the most exacting could expect and her husband says "The very best is none too good for Mrs. Cline for she richly deserves it."

As a mother she was perfect--none could better fill the place. As a daughter she was ever dutiful and mindful of her mother's welfare and happiness, as a sister she was kind and loving and will be greatly missed.

During the time Mr. Cline was sheriff of Ingham Co. Mrs. Cline won the respect and admiration of all who came in touch with her position. To the two thousand prisoners who came under her care she was a true adviser and many a wayward one has been led to reform due to her kindness and motherly advice.

Mrs. Cline will be greatly missed by her sister members of the Lady Maccabees, Royal Neighbors of America and Rebekahs, of which orders she was a prominent member. It has been said "All is for the best," but for those left behind it is so hard to comprehend. Let us think of her as simply "at rest." We do not believe that death can possibly be the end.

Elegy

The following elegy was written in Sarah's memory by Mrs. Abbie Adams, Scotts:

She is not dead, neither is she sleeping. The gentle soul we loved and cherished is ever, its loving vigil keeping, and in God's care, it cannot perish.

The form lying here so cold and quiet, was only the transient earthly dwelling to shield the soul from winds that riot and storms which swept her soul in telling. Her life has been one long bitter struggle. Her early dreams and ideals shattered, her pathway seemed ever so rough and rugged. At times, her soul, lay bruised and battered. Out from the storms, she would rise undaunted. With smiling face, her burden she carried, with never the blessing of all that she wanted. With hope deferred, her spirit was harried. She would not be crushed by storm or tempest, but bravely strove, her fate to alter. And though we shall feel, that death has bereft us, let us learn from her to never falter.

Ever a helpful and kindly neighbor, her smiling face was always welcome. Her hand was ready to help them labor. Her absent face will leave a vacuum.

A loving wife and a tender mother, has left a husband sad and grieving. And to the sons there'll ne'er be another to fill the place, she now is leaving. Her aged mother, who still survives her, will look upon her form with sorrow, but soon she'll walk in peace beside her, and learn the mystery on the morrow. For the veil which screens the mystic portal by unseen hands will then be lifted. Their spirit freed from all that mortal may soar to heights where clouds are rifted.

The brother and sister, too, who loved her, will for a time, walk in the shadows, but the courage and spirit which moved her will lead them into flowing meadows. To the host of other friends who linger, and o'er the mystic problem wonder, to you she'd point a beckoning finger to the rift in the clouds up yonder.

Harvey Olmstead Cline and Nell Swan

A history of Ingham County, Michigan, sheriffs provided the following quoted material on its website: http://ingham.org/sh/historical_page.htm:

Sheriff Harvey O. Cline - 1907-1915

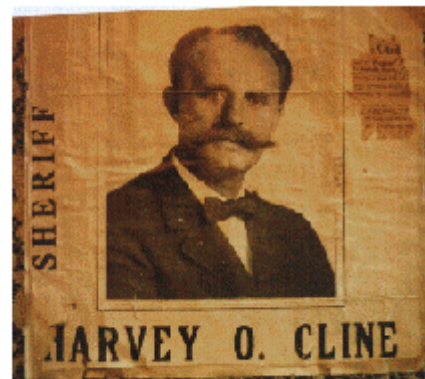
Harvey O. Cline was born in December of 1862 and was raised in LaGrange, Indiana. He married and had two sons prior to moving to Michigan. He immediately set about becoming a respected politician having considerable influence. After losing the election on this third comeback as Sheriff in 1928 he retired and engaged in farming, operating a store in Dimondale and took over the General Store in Fitchburg. He died in October, 1934 after a short illness.

When Harvey O. Cline's step-grandson Howard Page was born, H. O. wanted him named "Bill" because of Howard's somewhat pointed head. He said Howard reminded him of a Billiken. The fact that the baby was not named Bill did not deter H. O. from always referring to the boy as Bill.

[ORIGIN OF THE TERM "BILLIKEN": "Designed and manufactured in the early 1900s as a bank and statuette, the Billiken was the national rage for about six months. By 1912, the Billiken and its value as a good luck charm were just memories for all except the loyal fans of Saint Louis University. How the Billiken became attached to the University remains a matter of debate. It seems to have happened sometime between 1910 and 1911 at the height of Billikenmania." Quoted from an early version of the Saint Louis University web page "What is a Billiken," at URL: <http://www.slu.edu/x12519.xml> .]



Howard O. Page "Bill"



H. O. used to take "Bill" with him on official business during his second elected term in office, from 1915 to 1919. Even after Sheriff Cline married Nell Swan there was always room in the household for "Bill." During World War I, the two patriots would wander the countryside, always on the lookout for German subversive activity. And occasionally they would travel to the cemetery at Scotts to visit Sarah's unmarked grave.

Following is an excerpt from Howard Paige's letter of August 18, 1981:

In retrospect, I have learned through my regard for "Unk" (H. O. Cline) that every boy, and probably girls, too, need someone to be the star they can hitch their wagon to. Unk was mine. We seemed to have some natural attraction. He desired my companionship (8, 9, 10 years old), and as I stayed during summer vacations with him--at the jail when he was sheriff, or at the farm when he was out of office--we took many trips together. Mason to Lansing, Charlotte, Pine Lake (Lake Lansing); in fact, all over Ingham County. I got so I could sit on his lap and steer his big Reo with the smelly, leather seats, and he would poke me in the 5th rib if I wandered from the proper track. Later he let me drive his Model T. This was the thrill of a lifetime I can never forget.

Harvey O. Cline's impact on the family was strong, and the names of both of his step-grandsons reflect the esteem in which he was held: Howard Oswald "H. O." Pa(i)ge, and "Marshal Harvey" Page.

Following are excerpts from Howard O. Paige's 1993 memoirs.

The "Unk" that played such a large part in my early life was a step-grandfather, having married my father's mother Kate whom he called "Bunch."⁴ Unk was Sheriff of Ingham County during the war years of 1915 for 2 years, then 1918 for 2 years. In between years he spent on a farm, one near Mason, Mich., then one near LaGrange, Indiana. After his wife, Grandma Cline (Bunch), died he liked to have me stay with him both at the jail at Mason and at the farms also, and it was arranged for me to stay with him during summer school vacations at all places. Unk wanted my folks to name me William, and they didn't want to, so he chose to call me Bill or Billy anyway, and it was always thus in Mason and on the farms.

The Mason episodes house many memories of exploits alone and some with Unk. He would let me sit on his lap and steer while driving his big Reo touring car on trips around the county. (Sedans had not been invented yet). If I edged to the right or left of the track I would get a poke in the ribs and to this day no one can get near my ribs without an instant response from me! On the farm we often traveled by horse and buggy and Unk would try to toss a kernel of corn in the horse's ear. If he had succeeded, we would probably have ended up in the ditch or worse. I didn't ask to drive and he didn't offer for some reason we were content that way.

Once Unk and I attended a carnival at Pine Lake (now Lake Lansing) and, as Sheriff and his boy Bill, most of the rides were free and we were free to move in and out of all the concessions to make sure they were legal or they were put out of business. While Unk was *sheriffing* around the Park I was free to do my kind of scouting on my own. By the lake side there was a boat livery where one could rent a row boat by the hour and go fishing, a man by the name of Al Hull operated it. I doubt if he fully approved of the young boy who played among the boats anchored neatly side-by-side, but since he was the Sheriff's boy it was probably all right. Unk had bought me a new suit in return for letting me come for the summer, and I had it all on one Sunday when I played on the boats too confidently. Yes, it happened, and in my new suit, too. I don't remember how I got dried off or how the suit got cleaned. It turned out that it was not water proof; and Al Hull grieved and grieved.

Sundays, for a special attraction to bring people to the park, was the "balloon ascension," where this large cloth bag was laid out on the ground and they would build a hot wood fire in a pit under it producing a large volume of very hot smoke

⁴ "Kate" was Sarah M. (Keyes) Page Cline, daughter of the Reverend Orlando and Lucinda (Shook) Keyes of Scotts, MI. H.O. may have renamed her as he did her grandson Howard. Also, Howard may have confused her with Edward P. Castner's second wife Kate, Howard's step-grandmother.

and the big bag would slowly fill and rise up until its restraining ropes were tight and it wanted to fly. A trapeze was hung from its bottom. The acrobat (we called him) climbed on to the trapeze bar, the tethers were turned loose and the balloon rose taking him for a high ride. When the bag started to cool, at its maximum height of maybe 1000 feet above the lake, he would do a couple of stunts on the trapeze bar and then jump off to come down in his parachute. The big bag would then upend and dump its black smoky gas and come down leaving the black trail behind it. Some sixty years later, I was talking with a lady by the name of Carol Herrguth who grew up in the Mason area and it turned out that the “acrobat” who made those jumps was her husband and he was out there mowing the lawn!⁵

One concession had a bunch of dolls set up and if one could hit a doll with a baseball there would be a prize. It seemed to have possibilities in the back yard of the jail so the inmates made me such a booth with targets made of beer bottles dressed up as dolls. All went well until we scattered broken glass all over the alley and the game ended forthwith. Returning from one trip to Pine Lake, there had been a bad lightning storm and a large barn was on fire between Pine Lake and Okemos. We stopped while Unk checked up on conditions. I think from that time on I was always afraid of lightning and fire until later years.

One summer Unk rented a cottage on Hickory Island at Pine Lake and one of the neighbor kids had a raft about four feet square. We were playing with it climbing on and jumping off. One time I sat on it and the wind carried me out over the drop-off and I couldn't jump off to safety and had to ride all the way across Pine Lake (Lake Lansing) to land on the east shore. Another memory of the Pine Lake cottage was a large second floor living room giving access to the bedrooms. In the living room was a reed organ and it seems that I had learned the melody of “Barcarole” from “The Tales of Hoffman” which song I played over and over again until Nell hollered upstairs “Bill, can't you play something different?!” Her tone very insistent! The kitchen on the first floor had a kerosene cook stove, the memory of that smell also is very lasting! One of the neighbor kids' folks had a lightweight row boat and we found out we could row fast enough to catch turtles before they got too deep; we had a full tub of them of all sizes and descriptions, real fun!

Unk smoked a fragrant tobacco called Banner. One cold day I was sitting around the steam-heating boiler in the jail basement with the inmates and I had one of Unk's clay pipes full of Banner and was smoking with the best of them. A short time later the scene changed and I was in the bathroom on the second floor thinking for sure I was going to die. Unk and I slept together and going to bed each night he used a little aerosol gun to blow vapor in his nose and down his throat. It was in this room one day that I was sick, known then as a bilious spell,

⁵ Carol Ramona (Barber) Herrguth of Haslett, Michigan, died March 20, 1989, age 93, preceded by her husband Fred; this according to an obituary in Howard's scrapbook. A funeral program listed “Rev. Thomas Van Dyke, Pastor” and “Rev. Howard Paige” as officiating.

and I remember it seemed that little creatures were running around the room all along the borders of the wallpaper.

Across the street from the jail was the County Courthouse, a sort of Disney World to a young boy on the loose. One day the janitor let me go with him up a flight of winding wooden steps to the top of the clock tower, where we wound the big clock mechanism. The clock tower was hollow, and the steps wound around inside the walls all the way to the top. One afternoon later, on finding the door unlocked, I ventured to go up there alone and got about halfway up when the big bell thundered out four o'clock. My foot prints in those wooden steps could have been an inch deep and my hand prints very plainly imbedded on the wooden handrail. NEVER again!

In front of the courthouse near the curb was a large concrete watering trough where drivers could give their horses a drink, and it was kept full. Back of the trough was a large iron cannon and pile of iron balls, probably relics of the Civil War era. The canon was smooth and shiny from the many boys who had climbed its slippery sides.

Next-door to the jail on the east side was a large wooden livery stable where people could leave their horses and buggies while they shopped or visited in town. On the west side was the large cut-stone church still standing today, and one wonders at the many joys, heartaches and worships that have taken place therein over the years.

Unk's son Frank Cline lived in Mason, and I often played with the three grandchildren, Wilma, Glen, and Kenneth. One hot summer day we used a large packing crate for a frame and built a playhouse covered with tar-paper only to discover it was so hot inside as to be of no use and there was no rain in sight to try it out anyway. I've never forgotten the smell of hot tar-paper. The creek running nearby was a source of interest as we waded along looking for crabs under the stones and otherwise played in the clear spring water, young boys' delight for sure.

One of Unk's duties as Sheriff was to arrest a man...and in doing so met his sister Nell Swan who lived on a farm near Mason. Since Unk was now a widower, he welcomed her attention and during his first "farm" year she came to live with Unk and me on the farm near Mason where he had restored a tenant cabin into pleasant living quarters. I remember how the trimmed weeds in the lawn hurt my bare feet so I stuck to the pathways. On the farm in Indiana, later, Nell became a permanent part of life with Unk and we shared many happy times together. In Unk's declining years they were married, I'm not sure when.⁶

⁶ H.O. and Nell Ione Swan (b. February 1883 in Ingham Co., MI, d. Aft. 1965) were married on January 8, 1921, in LaGrange Co., IN. It was Nell's first, and she was twenty years younger than H.O.

The farm in Indiana was a boy's delight as I rode horseback, played in the large barn and helped Unk milk a bunch of cows. He could squirt milk from the cow's teat directly into the cat's mouth and the cat stood ready at all times. One time, Glen came down from Mason and we rode two horses bareback into LaGrange about 4 miles away. On the way home we discovered the magic of riding a galloping horse getting away from the bumps when loping. Arriving home, the horses were covered with lather and headed directly for the watering trough which seemed to us a good idea. When Unk found out he didn't bawl out us boys but gave Nell the old harry for letting us endanger the hot horses with cold water.

One day I was riding the horse while Unk was loading hay and being partly finished in the field he turned the horse loose for me to ride him back to the barn. Unk didn't hand me the rein and I had hold of a rope, and not knowing the difference I couldn't guide the horse. He headed for the barn anyway and as we entered the door it was too low for a rider and I went off the rear of the horse landing safely behind.

Refrigerators were not heard of in those days and one of my jobs was to retrieve the milk, cream, and butter off the cool clay floor of the dugout basement approached from an outside trap door. My bedroom was upstairs alone with a kerosene lamp for a light and it was there I became acquainted with my first Hoot owl sound. Nell said it wasn't a ghost but I had a problem with it even when I knew. The one and only toilet outhouse was near the back door.

A niece of Nell's, I remember her as Elsie, came to visit when the pumpkins were ripe and we hitched a horse to a stone-boat (like a sled with no wheels) and went out in the field to load on all sizes of pumpkins. They were beautifully stacked and we carefully slid out of the field onto the road when the boat hit a stone and unloaded pumpkins all over the right-of-way just as the mailman in his Model T Ford came down the road. How we did scramble to let him by and then reload the pumpkins more wisely this time with the big ones on the bottom! Don't remember much more about Elsie. The return home to Jackson at the end of the season occurred when the rest of my family came down from Michigan to get me and stay a day or so while I showed my brother the wonders of the farm in Indiana. Leaving was mighty difficult for sure. Unk and Nell had long since become my super friends, and it was very worrisome to leave them and face "back to school" at same time, a sort of homesickness at both ends of the vacation.

After H.O. Cline's last term of office as sheriff came to an end, he went to live with his son and daughter-in-law Glen and Rebeca Cline in Meridian Township, Okimas village, Ingham County, Michigan, where he was living at the time of the 1920 Federal census. H.O. had a real estate office.

In the 1930 Federal census of Lansing Harvey was notated as a retail merchant in his own grocery store. He died suddenly of an "Undetermined cardio-vascular disease" at the St. Lawrence Hospital. On his death certificate he was listed as a "Retired barber." His and wife

Nell's address was shown as East Lansing, Route 1. His burial was at Mount Hope in Lansing on October 6, 1934.

Mount Hope Cemetery—Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan
http://www.interment.net/data/us/mi/ingham/mounthope/hope_chcl.htm
“Cline, Harvey O., b. 1863, d. 1934, U.S. War Vet, Sec Z”

“Bill” grew up, and he and H. O. saw much less of each other. Nell Cline survived H. O. by over thirty years. Occasionally Howard would invite Nell for a visit, but in spite of all the years, Nell knew “Bill” by no other name. In the latter 1960s, Nell called “Bill” to tell him something she thought important. However, Howard had recently remarried, and his new wife didn't know the story. Receiving the call, Marilee said “You must have the wrong number. There is no Bill here.” Later, when Howard found out what had happened, he tried to call Nell, but she had passed away.⁷

Hannah (Francis) Keyes Fletcher

Sarah's Grandfather Lyman Keys' father was Henry Keys, one of four brothers who settled in East Bloomfield, Ontario County, New York in the late 1700s. They were said to have originally come from the town of Pownal, Bennington County, Vermont. Henry's brothers were: John, William and Benjamin.

Lyman married Hannah Francis before 1812, and shortly thereafter they brought their family, which would eventually total seven children, from East Bloomfield to Cambria, Niagara County, New York. There, Lyman died of tuberculosis in 1828, after which Hannah remained in Cambria until around 1835. Among her neighbors were the families of John Carney and of Goodill Francis. On September 22, 1835, Hannah bought 80 acres of land in the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 17 in Climax Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. She was the first purchaser of the land from the US government, Patent #71. John Carney also bought land in Climax Township, initially purchasing 160 acres, where he remained Hannah's neighbor until after her marriage to George Fletcher. John was the father of Samuel and Silas Carney who married into the Key(e)s family.

According to local resident John Simmons in 2009, “The Keyes farm had wetland on the back side, this would have been the west side; a small creek passed through that was spring fed coming out of Lafever Lake. This would have been important; most land was valued extra if it had running water for livestock then. FYI this creek then moved through the 1 mile section entering the Carney farm.” In the 1870s the railroad obtained the right-of-way to cross the Keyes farm diagonally near the northwest corner. (Also see History of the Keyes Family Farm, p. 32.)

Hannah was listed as the “widow Keyes” in an 1837 local census of the townships of Comstock and Climax. With her were two sons, one around 15 years old and one about 20 (presumably Charles H. and Nathaniel). At least six of Lyman and Hannah's children would eventually settle in Michigan. There she farmed and taught the earliest school classes in her own residence at

⁷ Nell is not listed at the Mount Hope Cemetery either under the name Cline or Swan.

Climax before a school was built. Hannah Keys was listed on the first tax roll of Climax Twp. taken in 1838, as were Silas, Samuel, and John Carney, and many others. Her holdings and taxes were as follows: Hannah Keys, number of acres, 70; value of land, \$210; number of cows, 1; value of cow, \$25; total value, \$235; tax, \$1.30, paid. She later married George Fletcher of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Michigan.

George and Elizabeth (Millison) Fletcher had arrived in Kalamazoo County in October of 1832, after traveling by covered wagon and horseback from Hampshire County, Virginia (later West Virginia). The trip had taken one month and one day. There were fifteen people in the party, including George, Elizabeth, their children: Elizah, Jonathan, Elias, John, George W., and Zachariah (called Zacho); and George's brother Benjamin and family.

Benjamin Fletcher received a government grant of land consisting of eighty acres in Prairie Rhonde, Section 10. He kept the land until 1854, when he sold out and moved to Iroquois County, Illinois. He and George were two of the first white settlers at Prairie Rhonde.

George and Elizabeth purchased a portion of Section 23 in Prairie Rhonde, eventually selling this and buying another farm in the same township. However, in 1837 George lost his son, Elizah, who died in Ohio; and his wife Elizabeth, who died at Prairie Rhonde.

The widow Keyes and George Fletcher were married at Climax on June 16, 1839. Hannah, born in 1793 in New York, and George, born in 1783 at Harrisburgh, Pennsylvania, were united by John Todd, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses were: Samuel and Mary Carney. The couple settled on the Fletcher farm.

By 1850, all of George's children had died except for his youngest, Zacho. That year, George was 67 years old and Hannah was 57. Living with them were: Zacho, 22, his wife, Malansy, 20, and their daughter, Ora A., 3 months old. At the time of the 1860 census, the household consisted of: Zachariah, 32; Malansy, 30; Ora A., 10; Alice, 8; Harriett E., 6; Walker, 5; a not-yet-named daughter, 1; a farm laborer, Alexander Eaton, 20; George, 77; Hannah, 67; and Melvin Carney, 16.

Hannah Fletcher passed away at Prairie Rhonde on January 5, 1866, seven days before her son, Orlando. George died in 1871. The Fletchers had helped found the first Methodist Church in Kalamazoo County.

Zachariah Fletcher

Zacho was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, on January 7, 1828. His father had originally come from Harrisburgh, Pennsylvania, where his ancestors had immigrated from Ireland in 1743. George was apprenticed to a blacksmith for seven years until 1806, and had married Elizabeth Millison in 1804. The couple later settled in Virginia where their children were born. The family at one time consisted of ten children—eight boys and two girls. However, a diphtheria epidemic reduced the total to six boys.

After his family moved to Prairie Rhonde, Zacho stayed on his father's farm until 1902. He married Malansy Monroe of Van Buren County, Michigan, in 1849. Malansy was a daughter of Captain and Mrs. Moses Monroe and was born in Ohio in 1830. Her father was a cousin of President James Monroe, and her mother was a cousin of Benjamin Wade, a famous senator from Ohio.

Zachariah and Malansy's children were: Ora A., who married George Harrison, a Schoolcraft County farmer; Alice J., who married Byron Carney of Climax; Harriett E., who married Frank G. Taylor of Schoolcraft; Walker E., who was a prosperous carpenter of Schoolcraft; and Clara M., who married Lewis Johnson, a well-to-do farmer.

Zacho eventually assumed management of his father's farm. In 1861 he joined the Odd Fellows and was seven times the representative of his lodge in the grand lodge of the state. And he demonstrated his civic-mindedness by serving the public the equivalent of 107 years:

40 years as notary public; 36 years as justice of the peace; 10 years as township clerk; 4 years as deputy sheriff; 4 years as county coroner; 5 years as constable; 2 years as school inspector; and 6 years as town treasurer.

Malansy died at Prairie Rhonde in 1902. Zacho then moved to Schoolcraft County, where he died after 1906.

Rev. Orlando Keyes Joins the War of 1861, a.k.a. the Civil War



Photo by Peter Glendinning

12th Michigan Volunteer Infantry's colors

The Reverend Keyes was my paternal great-great grandfather through my father Howard Oswald Page/Paige (born Mason, Ingham County, Michigan), his father Charles Orlando Page (born Climax, Kalamazoo County, Michigan), and *his* mother the former Sarah M. Keyes (also born at Climax).

Orlando Keys was born May 9, 1824 in Niagara County, New York, to parents Lyman and Hannah (Frances) Keys. He married Lucinda Shook in Cambria, Niagara County, New York on May 15, 1845. She was born October 11, 1827, in Niagara County and was a daughter of Jonas (a.k.a. Johnathan) Shook and Anna LaRoche of Niagara County. Orlando and Lucinda were united by Moses Bairsto, Justice of the Peace for Niagara County, who later submitted a deposition verifying the fact of marriage, since there were no church or public records of the event.

The new family settled in Cambria, where they were living at the time of the 1850 federal census. Living in the household at that time were: Orlando Keys, 26, a cooper (i.e., barrel-maker); Lucinda, 21; Irena, 3; Lyman, 1; and Robert Brown, 16, also a cooper.

The Keys family moved to Climax Township, Michigan in 1851 and shortly after son Wilbur's birth, taking up residence near where Orlando's widowed mother Hannah (Francis) Keyes had settled around 1835. By the time the 1860 federal census was taken, all the Key(e)s children except Etta M. had been born. Also, an "e" had been added to the surname. Orlando was still listed as a "cooper."

The following excerpt is taken from the 1880 publication History of Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

West Climax Methodist Church-A class was formed at West Climax, at the Wilson school-house, by a local preacher named Orlando Keyes some time about 1858. Keyes was a cooper by trade, and lived on the northeast corner of section 17. Having the talent and the inclination, he spent his spare time in preparation for the ministry, and preached at various places in the vicinity of his home as occasion and opportunity afforded...

The Keyes family was living on a sixty-four-acre farm in Climax Township in 1864, the year Orlando joined the Army of the Republic. The following is his last Will and Testament, drafted shortly before he and his new son-in-law departed for their roles in the Civil War:

In the name of God, Amen, I Orlando Keyes of the town of Climax in the County of Kalamazoo and state of Michigan, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament: That is to say, First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, real and personal, I give, bequeath, and dispose of, as follows, to wit: (To my beloved wife, the land and appurtenances situated thereon, known and described as the Keyes farm, lying in the town of Climax, county of Kalamazoo, state of Michigan, now possessed by me, during the term of her natural life, and after her death, to be divided equally among my heirs; share and share alike). And further, in case of my release from the Army of the United States This instrument shall be null and void.

Likewise I make, constitute, and appoint Elijah Powers, of the town of Pavilion, state of Michigan, and Nelson Eldred of the town of Climax, state of Michigan, to be executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made; In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 12th day of September, 1864.

Orlando Keyes

Some History of the 12th Michigan Infantry

Prior to Privates Keyes and Powers Joining its Ranks

On January 14, 1864, the 12th Michigan Infantry left Little Rock, Arkansas, and started for Michigan. It arrived at Niles, Berrien County on February 1, where its soldiers were furloughed for 30 days. Prior to that time, the 12th Regiment had been involved in a number of military actions. Among the engagements were: Pittsburgh Landing, Tennessee, April 6-7, 1862; Iuka, Mississippi, September 19; Metamora, Tennessee, October 5; Middleburg, Tennessee, December 24; Mechanicsville, Mississippi, June 4, 1863; siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in June and July; and the siege of Little Rock, Arkansas, in August and September.

The regiment reassembled at Niles on the 6th of March after receiving a large number of new recruits, and left on the 21st for Little Rock, where it arrived on April 1. On the 26th, it marched toward Pine Bluffs, Arkansas, and arrived on the 28th a distance of 48 miles in two days. The next evening the regiment marched 12 miles in knee-deep mud as guard for an army wagon train under General Steele. On the 30th of April, it returned to Pine Bluffs and proceeded by steamer the next day to Little Rock. The regiment was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Dwight May.

For the next several months, the 12th maneuvered throughout Arkansas, engaging the rebel General Shelby on June 26. It returned by steamer to DeValls Bluff, Arkansas. But by this time the theater of war was moving to the east, and the regiment was discovering that its chief enemy was disease, not Confederate troops.

After Privates Keyes and Powers Joined its Ranks

Rev. Orlando Keyes of Climax and James Powers of Kalamazoo enlisted in the Civil War for one year as volunteers on August 31, 1864. On Orlando's enlistment form he was detailed as being 40 years old, born in Niagara County, New York, and a clergyman by civil occupation. He was described as having hazel eyes, dark hair and dark complexion, and measuring five feet eight inches tall. The form was notarized the same day in Kalamazoo by William A. Blake, Notary Public. Rev. Keyes and 21-year-old James enlisted as Privates.

The next day, September 1, Private Rev. Orlando Keyes officiated at the marriage of his daughter Irene Hannah "Rene" to Private James Powers. Witnesses were: Daniel C. Powers, W. Scott A. Simmons (Winfield Scott Arthur Simmons), and Orlando's sons Lyman E. and Wilbur Keyes.

Privates Keyes and Powers mustered in Kalamazoo on September 5 and 7, and on the 27th in Jackson, Michigan. They then traveled to DeValls Bluff, where they mustered with the 12th Michigan Infantry, Company D, on October 5, 1864. On November 1 the regiment, still camped at DeValls Bluff, began an 8-month engagement guarding railroads; and on picket, provost guard, and fatigue duties, with occasional scouting by detachments.

The original chaplain of the 12th Regiment had been Andrew J. Eldred of Niles, but Mr. Savage held the post for a while until resigning near the end of 1864. ["Mr. Savage" was probably John R. Savage from Hudson, Michigan, who enlisted at age 34 and was serving in the 12th Michigan Infantry but was "Unassigned" as to Company.] On December 19, Orlando received and accepted a commission from the governor of Michigan, Austin Blair, to become the new chaplain. Private Keyes was dismissed at DeValls Bluff on December 26, and was the same day re-enlisted as Chaplain, for three years, to the 12th Michigan Infantry Veteran Volunteers. He was mustered at DeValls Bluff on January 7, 1865, and was that month transferred to Regimental Staff.

Chaplain Keyes was present for duty through May. On April 9, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of North Virginia to Union General Ulysses S. Grant. And on April 26, Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered his army to General William T. Sherman. In May, President Andrew Johnson declared an end to the conflict, and Captain Orlando Keyes submitted a request for a 30-day leave of absence.

Camp of 12th Mich. Vet. Infantry
DeValls Bluff, Ark. May 17, 1865

Lieut. Col. John Levering
Assistant Adjutant General
Department of Arkansas

Colonel—

I have the honor to apply for a leave of absence for thirty days based on Surgeon's certificate of Disability. (Enclosed)

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Orlando Keyes
Chaplain 12th Mich. Vet. Infantry

Surgeon's Certificate

Devall's Bluff Ark May 17th, 1865

Chaplain Orlando Keyes of the 12 Regt. Mich. Vet. Vol. Inftry having applied to me for a certificate of Disability on which to ground an application for a leave of Absence. I certify that I have carefully examined this Officer and find him suffering from extreme nervous prostration and great debility, the result of a serious attack of Bilious colic. He has had several attacks of this disease in the past three (3) months and they grow more frequent and serious, rendering him incapable of performing the duties of his office. And I further declare my belief that he will not be able to resume his duties in a less period than thirty (30) days. It is absolutely necessary that he should have a change of climate and diet in order to prevent permanent disability if not to save life.

E. H. Coller
Asst. Surg. 12 Mich. Vet. Vol. Inftry, In charge
[Eli H. Coller from Waukeshma, Michigan-C.Paige]

The May 20 muster for the regiment listed Orlando absent with leave per Special Order #121 from Department Headquarters.

During Orlando's leave, the 12th moved by rail to Little Rock on June 6. Then on June 13 it began a march to Washington, Arkansas, arriving on the 21st. Two letters were issued from Michigan requesting an extension to Orlando's leave of absence: one on June 22 from Climax Prairie, by A. F. Seely, M.D.; and one by Dr. Isaiah P. Babcock (below).

Galesburgh June 24, 1865

I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Rev. Orlando Keys, and on the 16th inst, he consulted in relation to debility of the general system, in consequence of which he had obtained a leave of absence for thirty days from his Regiment. I at that time made a presentation for him. I have this day again been in consultation with him, and find him somewhat improved, but not sufficiently to resume his duties as Chaplain to the 12th M. I. V. Volunteers. I am decidedly of the opinion that his term of leave of absence should be extended at least thirty (30) days, longer that is, from June 29th to July 29th, 1865. For this we ask if consistent with the regulations of the Department.

Isaiah P. Babcock
Physician & Surgeon at Galesburgh, Kalamazoo Co., Mich.

Chaplain Keys was listed as present for duty at the times of the July and August musters, but it soon became necessary for him to submit his resignation:

Camp of 12th Mich. Veteran Infantry
Washington Arkansas Aug. 18, 1865

Colonel John Levering

Assistant Adjutant General
Dept. of Arkansas

I have the honor to tender the immediate and unconditional resignation of my Commission as Chaplain in the 12th Regiment Michigan Veteran Infantry. My reasons for so doing are urgent private business in Michigan requiring my immediate and personal attention, and a due regard for my health, which is seriously affected by this climate. I have been quite unwell since early last Spring and in May last with a Surgeon Certificate obtained a leave of absence for 30 days, from which on account of ill health I have but lately returned not having been able to do so sooner. Since my return I find that I am again affected the same as before visiting Michigan, and I fear by remaining that my health will be permanently impaired.

I certify that I am not now, nor have I ever been responsible for government property of any description, and that I am in no way indebted to the Government. To my knowledge there are no charges preferred against me. I was last paid by Major Johnson to include the 31st day of March, 1865.

It took a month for the letter to wend its way through the chain of command.

19 August	Letter forwarded and approved by Phineas Graves, Major, 12th Mich. Vet. Vols., Commanding Regiment, at Headquarters in Washington, Ark.
19 August	Letter forwarded and approved by Dwight May, Colonel, Commanding, Headquarters Post of Washington, Ark.
25 August	Letter forwarded and approved by J. A. Soward, Major Commanding, Headquarters US Forces, Camden, Ark.
6 September	Letter forwarded and recommended by J. J. Reynolds, Major General Commanding, Headquarters Department of Arkansas, Little Rock, Ark.
18 September	Resignation accepted per Special Order #117 at Headquarters Military Division of the Mississippi, St. Louis, Mo, by William T. Sherman, Major General Commanding, who forwarded the letter to the Adjutant General of the Army.

Orlando's son-in-law James reached the end of his one year enlistment and was discharged at DeValls Bluff September 9, 1865. Chaplain Keyes was listed as present for duty in the September and October musters, but was shown as "Resigned" in those of November and December. He returned home to West Climax in early December, at which time the Keyes family physician, Dr. Thomas Bradshaw, was summoned to look into his condition. The doctor later submitted a deposition regarding Orlando:

State of Michigan
County of Kalamazoo

On this 9th day of January, 1867, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid, Dr. Thomas Bradshaw to me known to be a credible witness and a physician of good reputation for skill and integrity who being duly sworn doth depose and say that he is a practicing physician in the County of Kalamazoo Michigan, that he was personally acquainted with Orlando Keyes who was a Chaplain in the 12th Regiment Michigan Infantry Volunteers, That he attended the family and was their physician before the said Orlando Keyes enlisted in the US service, that prior to entering the service aforesaid the said Orlando Keyes was a person of good health and possessed a sound and vigorous constitution, That (he) was called upon to attend the said Orlando Keyes immediately after his discharge and return from the service aforesaid and found him in a very critical condition and suffering from chronic Dysentery from which disease he died about 6 weeks after his arrival at his home, to wit on the 12th day of January, 1866, That he was present about one hour after the death of said Orlando Keyes, and saw him after he was dead, That his said disease of which he died was Chronic Dysentery and was contracted while in the service of the United States, that said disease did not exist prior to his enlistment and that the same was not induced or aggravated by the personal habits of the said Orlando Keyes. That the habits of said Keyes were uniformly good and were not of a character to induce sickness or disease. That I have no interest in the prosecution of this Claim.

Thomas Bradshaw M.D., etc.

Subscribed and sworn before me on the day and year first above written and I hereby certify that I have no interest in the prosecution of this Claim.

George Eberstein
Justice of the Peace

Rev. Orlando Keyes was laid to rest at the Gilson or West Climax Cemetery near Scotts in January of 1866. On March 6, the 12th Regiment was disbanded in Jackson, Michigan. The 12th had been mustered into service on March 5, 1862, with an initial strength of one thousand officers and men. During its four-year history, its membership had totaled 2,325 men, 52 dying of wounds and 380 of disease.

War-Widow Keyes

Orlando and Lucinda's son-in-law James Powers became administrator of Orlando's estate. By submitting various evidences, the widow Keyes was able to obtain a pension, Civil War Pension #89,426, with the help of E. W. DeYoe. (DeYoe was an attorney who made it his business to represent Civil War-related claims against the government for Kalamazoo County residents.) Among the people who testified regarding Lucinda's identity and who witnessed her signature to documents were: Solomon Francis, Jane Shook, Charles Shook, and John R. Milliman.

Lucinda's pension began as of January 13, 1866, and consisted of \$20 per month (an amount which was later increased to \$25). During the fifty-two years she received the stipend Lucinda remained in Kalamazoo County, in later years with James and Irene Powers, and never remarried.

The war over, James returned to farming in 1866. Politically, he became a Greenbacker after first being a Republican. He was employed as a Climax Twp. teacher in 1865, 1867 (with wife Irene), and 1875. He was a school inspector in 1868 and 1875. As a Republican he was elected Highway Commissioner in 1871 and 1873, and Township Clerk 1874-76, but as a Democrat he was chosen as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention from Michigan in 1896. He was also elected by the 2nd District of Kalamazoo County to Michigan's House of Representatives for 1897-8 on the Democratic People's Union Silver ticket, and was an unsuccessful candidate for circuit judge in Michigan's 5th Circuit, 1899.

At the time of her death on April 5, 1918, at age ninety, Lucinda had outlived all but two of her and Orlando's seven offspring: Irene "Rene" Hannah and Lyman Eugene—incidentally their first two children. Irene and James Powers moved to Marshall, Calhoun County, Michigan, by 1920, where they lived with their son Frank, but spent their last years in Seattle, King County, Washington. Lyman E. and wife Clara Jane (Dean) Keyes had settled at Rolla, Phelps County, Missouri in 1879, and finally at Clinton, Henry County, Missouri in 1891, where Lyman became the owner of the Keyes Mill & Elevator Company. Lucinda was also survived by six of her grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

For more information about Michigan in the Civil War, and for numerous links to other Civil War-related sites, go to Don Harvey's Michigan in the Civil War at <http://users.aol.com/dlharvey/cwmireg.htm>.

Children of Rev. Orlando and Lucinda (Shook) Keyes

1. Irene “Rene” Hannah Keyes, b: 10-23-1847 in NY, d: 1-26-1928 in Seattle, King Co., WA; m. 9-1-1864 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, to James M. Powers, b: 5-17-1843 in Detroit, Wayne Co., MI, d: 6-30-1921 in Seattle, King Co., WA.
 1. Jesse Daniel Orlando Powers, b: 11-23-1868 in Kalamazoo Co., MI, d: 3-27-1949 in Seattle, King Co., WA; m. 8-10-1892 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, to Mary Esther “Etta” Craft (variously spelled “Kraft”), b: 2-24-1873 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, d: 6-1-1932 in Seattle, King Co., WA. Etta was a schoolteacher at time of marriage. Jesse, like his grandfather Orlando, became a minister, though of a different denomination. He attended Battle Creek College, after which he taught high school for two years. Following his marriage to Etta, the couple attended the University of Michigan. Jesse then attended Meadville (PA) Theological College, from which he graduated in June 1897. That same year the family moved to Kennebunk, York Co., ME, where he became pastor of the First Unitarian Church, was elected superintendent of public schools, and became president of the school board. Sioux City (IA) Unitarian Church beckoned him in 1901, where he served until 1907, there organizing the Associated Charities. The family’s final hometown became Seattle, King Co., WA, where Jesse accepted the position as pastor of the First Unitarian Church in January 1908. According to volume 6, p. 679, of the “History of Woman Suffrage,” published in 1922 by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan Brownell Anthony, et al, “In Seattle no one spoke more frequently or convincingly [for the amendment allowing women the right to vote] than the Rev. J. D. O. Powers of the First Unitarian Church and the Rev. Sidney Strong of Queen Anne Congregational Church.” In that same book, Volume 5, p. 260, his name was included in the list of Seattle ministers who opened with prayer various sessions of Seattle’s 1909 national suffrage convention. He was listed as president of the State of Washington Peace Society in 1913, and in 1914 was appointed by Governor Lister as a delegate to the national peace conference held in Michigan.
 2. Frank Glenn Powers, b: 12-17-1870 in Kalamazoo Co., MI, d: 1-26-1946 in Calhoun Co., MI; m. Abt. 1897 to Florence M. Cooley, b: Abt. 4-1870 in MI. Frank began a dynasty of dentists, as all four of his sons followed him in the profession.
2. Lyman Eugene Keyes, b: 11-15-1849 in Tioga Co., NY, d: 1-28-1938 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO; m. 2-3-1875 in Pavilion Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, to Clara Jane Dean, b: Abt. 4-1851 in Wayne Co., NY, d: 10-11-1936 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO.
 1. Dean W. Keyes, b: 1-1876 in MI, d: Aft. 1938; m. Abt. 1899 to Ivy G. Bledsoe, b: 12-23-1878 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO, d: 2-16-1920 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO. 2nd Wife of Dean W. Keyes: Jennie Candace “Jane” Lefler, b: 9-1-1874 in Crouch Co., NE, d: 4-4-1958 in Henry Co., MO, m. Aft. 1920.
 2. Paul Charles Keyes, b: Abt. 9-1881 in MO, d: Aft. 1938; m. Abt. 1899 in MO to Mary (nee) Keyes, b: Abt. 1-1880 in MO.
 3. Harry Clayton Keyes, b: 9-26-1883 in Rolla, Phelps Co., MO, d: 6-28-1908; m. Melvina Nellie “Millie” Dean, b: 6-1886 in Kentucky.

4. Lyman Wilbur “Babe” Keyes, b: 10-30-1885 in Rolla, Phelps Co., MO, d: 4-27-1936 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO; m. 3-4-1909 in Clinton Co., MO, to Nellie Lorain Raney, b: 12-6-1891 in Henry Co., MO, d: 2-25-1980 in Sedalia, MO.
3. Wilbur W. “Web” Keyes, b: 3-25-1851 in Pekin, Niagara Co., NY, d: 4-23-1905 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; m. 1884 in MI to Sayda “Sadie” Pierce, b: 5-1851 in MI, d: 1923 in MI.
 1. Josie L. Keyes, b: 10-1886 in MI, d: Bet. 1910 – 1919; m. 6-29-1905 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, to Charles L. Rambow, b: 7-1881 in Germany, d: 4-1961.
4. Sarah M. Keyes, b: 5-20-1855 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, d: 6-4-1911 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI; m. 12-24-1873 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, to Riley Preston Page, b: 6-20-1839 in Macedon, Wayne Co., NY, d: 4-16-1928 in East Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. 2nd Husband of Sarah M. Keyes: Harvey Olmstead Cline, b: 12-4-1862 in Lagrange, Lagrange Co., IN, d: 10-3-1934 in East Lansing, Ingham Co., MI, m: 8-7-1890 in Kalamazoo Co., MI. H.O. Cline was at times a farmer, Ingham County sheriff, store owner, and real estate broker.
 1. Bernice May Page, b: 11-23-1874 in Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI, d: 8-29-1879 in Kalamazoo Co., MI.
 2. Harvey Judson “Juddie” Page, b: 7-31-1876 in Galesburg, Kalamazoo Co., MI, d: 8-28-1879 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
 3. Charles Orlando Page, b: 7-31-1878 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, d: 9-18-1941 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI; m. 5-24-1902 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI, to Maude Annabelle Castner, b: 1-1-1883 in St. Johns, Clinton Co., MI, d: 11-30-1972 in Brooklyn, Jackson Co., MI; mrg end: 1921. 2nd Wife of Charles Orlando Page: Florence L. Peck, b: 12-26-1891 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI, d: Aft. 1941; m: 30 Jun 1931 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI.
5. Charles H. Keyes, b: 5-5-1857 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, d: 11-28-1877 in Kalamazoo Co., MI.
6. Eugene Keyes, b: 1859 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, d: Bef. 1870 in MI.
7. Esther M. “Etta” Keyes, b: 1861 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, d: 3-25-1890 in MI; m. Bef. 1880 to George W. “Dr.” Jackson, b: 5-18-1855 in Ohio, d: 4-9-1883 in MI.

Sarah’s Brother Lyman

The following two accounts of Lyman’s life tell of different locations for his birth. I prefer to believe the accuracy of the first article—the one published while he was still alive to provide the information himself. In that article the death of his brother Wilbur was mistakenly written as 1907. (He actually died in 1905 as evidenced by the death notice for Wilbur that follows the two articles about Lyman.) It’s interesting that no mention of Belmont, Kingman Co., KS, where the family was living in 1880, was made in either article. Perhaps they did not reside long at that locale. C.W.P.

KEYES, L. E.

source: 1919 History of Henry Co., MO, Uel W. Lamkin, Historical Publishing Co, pg: 611:
 —L. E. Keyes, a progressive business man of Clinton, who is president of the L. E. Keyes Mill & Elevator Company, is a native of New York. He was born in Tioga County November 15, 1849, a son of Orlando and Lucinda Keyes. The father was a minister and served as chaplain in the Union Army for eighteen

months during the Civil War. and while in the service lost his health and died at Climax, Michigan, in 1865 at the age of forty-three years. His widow now lives at Scotts, Michigan, aged ninety years. Orlando and Lucinda Keyes were the parents of the following children Irene, now the wife of James Powers, Scotts, Michigan; L. E., the subject of this sketch; Wilbur W., died at Scotts, Michigan, in 1907 at the age of fifty-five years; Sarah M., married H. O. Cline, who served as sheriff of Ingham County, Michigan, and she is now deceased; Etta M., married Doctor Jackson of Scotts, Michigan, and they are both deceased; Charles H., died in 1878 at the age of twenty-one years. Mr. Keyes removed to Michigan with his parents when he was a boy and was reared in that State, receiving his education in the public schools at Climax, Michigan. When fifteen years of age he began working at the cooper's trade which he followed for three years. He then worked at the carpenter's trade, which he followed for two years. He then followed farming for a time and in 1879 came to Missouri, locating at Rolla, where he engaged in the milling business again and was foreman in a mill at Rolla for twelve years. In 1891 the concern with which he was associated moved their plant to Clinton and Mr. Keys continued with them until 1917, when he engaged in the milling business at Clinton, for himself as president of the Keyes Mill & Elevator Company, successors to the J. H. Krocke Milling Company, which was organized in April, 1907, to succeed the J. H. Krocke Grain Company which at that time failed. The Keys Mill & Elevator Company succeeded to this business February 6, 1917. Its officers are: L. E. Keyes, president; Charles Wonderlick, vice-president; and L. W. Keyes, secretary and manager. The business is capitalized at \$10,000. During the year 1917 this company did over \$255,000 worth of business. The Keyes Mill & Elevator are well equipped to handle a large volume of business. The capacity of their elevator is eighteen thousand bushels of grain and besides this they are able to handle a large quantity of grain in their warehouses and cribs. They manufacture meal and feed on a large scale, and are jobbers in flour. The elevator is constructed of concrete and both the mill and elevator are equipped with all modern machinery and appliances. L. E. Keyes was married in 1875 to Clara J. Dean of Scotts, Michigan, and the following children were born to this union: Dean W., engaged in the train service of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad; Paul C., a conductor on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway and resides at Sedalia, Missouri; L. W., secretary of the Keyes Mill & Elevator Company; and Clayton, who was accidentally killed while in the employ of the Kansas City, Clinton and Springfield Railway Company, at the age of twenty-two years. All of Mr. Keyes' sons are interested in the business. Mr. Keyes is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is one of the substantial business men of Clinton.

[Rolla is in Phelps Co., MO.]

Obituary-

KEYES, Lyman Eugene - 1849 - 1938

Englewood Cemetery KA-KZ, Clinton, Clinton Twp, Henry Co, MO

Clinton MO - L. E. Keyes, old and respected citizen of Clinton, veteran in the milling business, died at 2:15 a.m. January 28, 1938, at the home of his son Dean W. Keyes, South Orchard street, where he had made his home the past year. Years had met over Mr. Keyes, bringing many changes, but the force of character, the splendid constitution, the Christianity in his heart remained undaunted and even to the end he waited on himself and was up the evening before his passing. He never was ready to give up, never admitted the toll of advancing years, and to the end, looked for a brighter future for himself and his - an indomitable figure that will long be remembered by friends and associates. Lyman Eugene Keyes was born November 15, 1849, at Pekin, Niagara County, New York, the son of a Methodist minister who died while chaplain in the Union Army of camp fever. From his father he inherited his love of the Union and his Christian faith and the early training in hard and honest toil that were his chief assets in later life. February 3, 1875, Miss Clara Jane Dean of Pavillion, Mich., became his bride and four sons were given them, two of whom survive and two deceased, Harry Clayton, passing in 1908 and L. W. or "Babe" Keyes, as he was fondly known, dying in 1936, the same year of his mother's death. Mr. Keyes came to Clinton in 1891 from Rolla, Mo., where the White Swan Mills were located and by whom he was employed as a "cooper". The mills were moved to Clinton and Mr. Keyes, expert in his line, continued as their barrel maker—a trade taught him by his father in Michigan in the days when hoop and staves were cut from the trees by the "cooper" with his rude implements. Mr. Keyes continued as a cooper for the White Swan Mills until he became manager for Chas. Wunderlick, who had obtained the contract for furnishing all of the barrels used in Clinton.

Those were the days when the barrels were made by hand. The logs, cut into proper lengths, were split with knives and then fitted into the 1 1/4 inch thick hickory hoops at one end, then with rope and windlass the other end was drawn into its hoops to get them ready for the "bucking frame". The barrel was then put over a small stove, cylindrical in shape with a grate at the bottom and a return flue that heated the wood until every particle of moisture was dried out and the shape was wet. Each barrel was held with five hickory bands at each end, made to hold, and fitted with the grooved heads that stuck tight, designed to carry 196 lbs each of flour, shipped often to England, France and Germany. There was real art in being a "cooper" and there was no one more skilled at his job than Mr. Keyes, who also found real pleasure in doing it.

Later Mr. Keyes and his partner, Wunderlick, bought the Kracke Company, operating it until it was destroyed by fire when they bought the old W. E. Foote property at Washington and Ohio streets where the Mann elevator is today and built that feed center, operating until the depression of 1929. Years and poor health interrupted his ambitions and for a year he operated a poultry feed house on the west side of the square and for a time was associated with his son W. D. Keyes, in the milling business at the corner of Grand River and Carter streets. Mr.

Keyes had a fine mind and a concise and clear picture of the grain market and its trend, a knowledge of the farmer and his problems and many conditions that would have amazed authorities. His work was his hobby throughout life, his thoughts and efforts were all for his family and their welfare, and he bent his hopes to the planning and building of industrial businesses. Kindly, good, a member of the First M. E. Church, cheerful and ambitious, he lived a clean, fine life, knew love and happiness and bore his share of burdens - true preparation for the sunshine of Eternity! Two sons, Dean W. of Clinton, and Paul Charles of Boonville; who, with his wife, was in Clinton for the funeral, survive their father, also five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The last rites were conducted by Rev. A. S. Olsen at 2:30 Saturday at the First M. E. Church and interment was in Englewood beside his wife. Pallbearers were Leo Fellhauer, Frank Wilson, E. W. Ritchey, Will and Ben Rentchler and W. M. Kemper.

Sarah's Brother Wilbur a.k.a. "Web"

The following are some 1905 entries from the diary of Frank Lambert Trombley, a farmer, friend and neighbor of Wilbur and wife Sadie.

Tuesday, February 7 — Went to Climax to get horses shod. Temperature 14 below zero. Jennie went to Sadie's visiting today and saw Webb. She says he is failing every day.

Monday, March 13 — Went to the Creamery and on the way home I stopped to see Web Keys. He is failing fast. Poor fellow. I feel sorry for him. It would be a blessing if he could go to sleep and never wake up.

Wednesday, April 5 — Went to Climax with milk; had on 27 cans. Jennie went to Scotts to get warps for carpet. Also took her rags to Mrs. Rice, the weaver. Web Keys had another bleeding spell today which left him very weak. Poor Web has not long to stay with us.

Friday, April 7 — Hauled milk today; had 28 cans on. Went away and forgot to take feed for horses. On my way home I stopped and saw Web Keys. He was sitting up and feeling quite easy. Oh but he is a horrible looking sight, poor fellow. My heart goes out in sympathy for him. The ground was covered with snow this morning, but tonight it is all gone and good riddance to it too. Temperature this PM, 3 below freezing.

Sunday, April 9 — Deo Pearce was here today and helped me clip Prince. Weather warm and fair. It really looks as if spring was coming pretty soon. Pat Quinn called a few minutes. He said Web Keys was feeling quite easy. George Adams was here and I had him cut my hair.

Monday, April 17 — Milk day again; had 25 cans. This has been a fierce day. The wind just pierced right through a fellow. I stopped in and saw Web Keys a few minutes, poor fellow. His time is short on this earth. He is gradually sinking away. Marjorie has gone home with Ethel Horton to stay over night with her.

Sunday, Easter, April 23 — Poor Web is out of his suffering. He passed away this morning. Weather warm and pleasant and quite spring like. We all went up to George's today and took dinner with them. Tony and Alice. Max and Minnie, Sarah, Charley and Hollis were all there. Had a very enjoyable time.

Monday. April 24 — A very nice day indeed. Went to the Creamery as usual. Sadie came out and told me when the funeral would be so I could inform all who might inquire. I laid out plot for Orchard. Also set a few trees.

Tuesday, April 25 — Finished setting out trees this forenoon and went to the funeral. There was a grand turnout. Nearly everybody in the county came. Jennie went up there in forenoon to help them get the house in order. Alice came home with us after the funeral. Tonight it is very cloudy and looks very much like rain.

The following is Wilbur's death notice dated April 27, 1905, and published in the Climax (Kalamazoo Co., MI) *Cereal* newspaper:

Mr. Web Keyes, residing three miles east of town, died Sunday with cancer. His suffering for months is beyond description, and death came as a welcome messenger. He was a kind and accommodating neighbor, and whose demise is regretted by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Josephine, to mourn his loss. A brother, Lyman Keyes, of Missouri, was present at his death. The funeral services were held Tuesday at the residence of the deceased.

KEYES, Wilbur W.

b: Mar 31 1851, Pekin, Niagra Co, NY

d: Apr 23 1905, Climax, Kalamazoo Co, MI

bur: Apr 25 1905 Gilson Cemetery, Climax, Kalamazoo Co, MI

Climax *Crescent* newspaper, Climax Twp, Kalamazoo Co, Michigan, April 27, 1905
Wilbur W. Keyes, deceased, aged 54 years and 22 days was born at Pekin, Niagara County, State of New York, March 31, 1851, and died of cancer in the mouth and throat at eleven o'clock am on Sunday April 23rd 1905. He leaves a widow, a daughter, Josie, a step daughter, Mrs. Nellie Coston and her daughter Ethel, an aged invalid mother, a brother, Lyman of Clinton, Mo., and two sisters, Mrs. James Powers, of Climax and Mrs. O. H. Cline of Lansing, Mich. to mourn their loss. When but a few months old his parents moved upon the farm he occupied until death. At an early age the death of his father, Rev. Orlando Keyes, late Chaplain of the 12th Michigan Veteran Volunteer Infantry, threw him suddenly and unexpectedly into life's battles with no armament only bare hands and an inherited aptness and mother wit. His has been a life of incessant, untiring toil and of unusual, faithful industry. He too pride in being honest, honorable, frank and just in all his dealing and affairs, which together with a congenial affable nature, won the confidence, admiration and respect of all who has to do with him. No one regretted their mistakes and short comings more than he. He was ready and desired to pass out no other preparation than the feeling and consciousness that he had always done his best. We feel safe in vouching that he

felt that his dear wife and daughter bore their incessant, unflinching duty and care during his long painful suffering with a fortitude that can not be too highly commended.

Noble boy, thy spiritual unfoldment rewards thee with rest, love, peace and satisfaction in an eternal, continuous, progressive life where the wounds and scars of life's mistakes are obliterated in the lessons and promptings they bring.

The funeral was held at the house Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. N. Hilborn officiating. Interment in the Averill cemetery. (NOTE: Averill Cemetery is also known as the Gilson Cemetery and West Climax Cemetery, at Climax, Kalamazoo Co, MI.)

At time of death Wilbur owned the original Keyes family farm purchased by his Grandmother Hannah Keyes and later owned by Wilbur's father Orlando.

History of the Keyes Family Farm

The following is some history of the Keys/Keyes farm in Climax Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan

According to Climax Township resident John Simmons in a June 2008 email:

Mom mentioned yesterday that the campground nearby is being foreclosed by the bank; signs of the times. This is land next to the old Keyes farmhouse; the land would have been part of their early land purchase. Not sure if you or anyone else in the family would be interested, but events happen for a reason, this might be the time for someone who has an interest?? If so, my Mother—Phyllis Simmons—is the Climax Township Supervisor. Give her a call during the day at 269-626-8849 for information.

I was at the old Keyes farm growing up; the Seybert family lived there. I remember being around all the old sheds that seemed really old then—back around 1964.

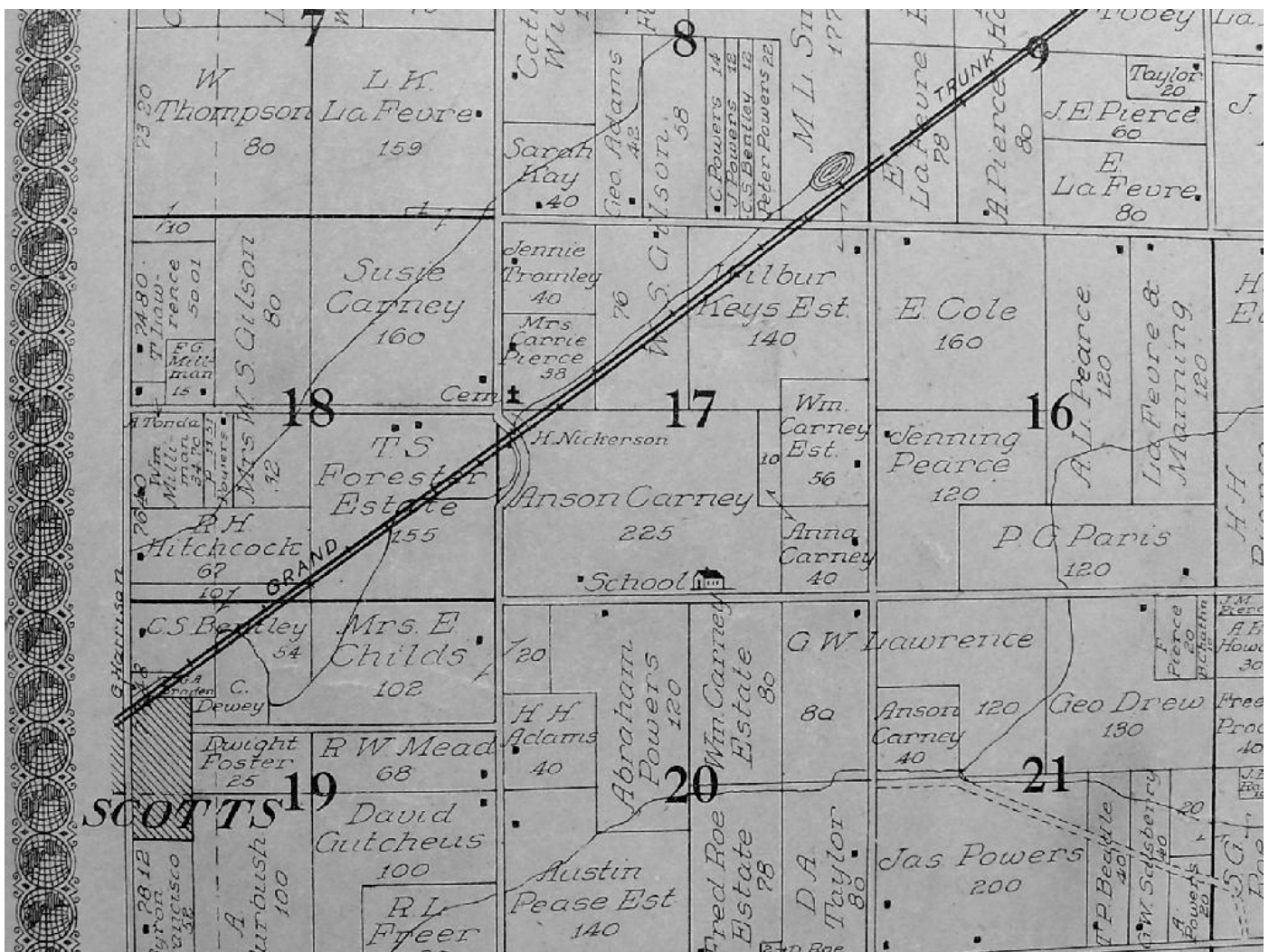
The Keyes farm had wetland on the back side, this would have been the west side; a small creek passed through that was spring fed coming out of Lafevere Lake. This would have been important; most land was valued extra if it had running water for livestock then. FYI this creek then moved through the 1 mile section entering the Carney farm.

In the 1870s the railroad obtained right-of-way to cross the Keyes farm diagonally near the northwest corner.

The original purchaser of the Keyes farm, family matriarch Hannah (Francis) Keys/Keyes, remained for a while in Cambria, Niagara County, New York, after the death from tuberculosis of her husband Lyman Keys in 1828. Among her Cambria neighbors were the family of John

Carney (who would initially purchase 160 acres of land in Michigan, again becoming Hannah's neighbor, and was the father of Samuel and Silas Carney, both of whom married into the Keys family) and that of Goodill Francis. She stayed in Cambria at least until around 1835. On September 22, 1835, she bought 80 acres of land in the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 17 in Climax Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. She was the first purchaser of the land from the US government, Patent #71. This became known as the Keyes farm.

A Kalamazoo County history book records that “A school was taught by Mrs. Hannah Keyes, at her residence on section 17, in 1836, before the district was organized. We have been unable to find any record showing the time and place of the first meeting, or who were the first officers. The first school-house was of logs, and stood on the opposite side of the road from John Carney’s house, now occupied by Simeon Roe, on section 17.”



Old 1910 Climax Township Platt shows the “Wilbur Keys” farm

Hannah later married the widower George Fletcher. The Fletchers were living at Prairie Ronde, Kalamazoo County, when Hannah’s son Orlando Key(e)s, a cooper or barrel maker, brought his family to Michigan in about 1851. On June 14, 1862, George and Hannah Fletcher sold 64 of the

80 acres to Orlando, retaining the remaining acreage. By this time Orlando had also become a Methodist minister.

The farm was left to widow Lucinda (Shook) Keyes through the instrument of Orlando's last will and testament, after his death in 1867 from disease contracted while participating in the Civil War as regimental Chaplain for the 12th Michigan Veteran Volunteer Infantry:

In the name of God, Amen, I Orlando Keyes of the town of Climax in the County of Kalamazoo and state of Michigan, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament: That is to say, First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, real and personal, I give, bequeath, and dispose of, as follows, to wit: (To my beloved wife, the land and appurtenances situated thereon, known and described as the Keyes farm, lying in the town of Climax, county of Kalamazoo, state of Michigan, now possessed by me, during the term of her natural life, and after her death, to be divided equally among my heirs; share and share alike)....



Farmhouse and Buildings on Farm formerly belonging to the Keyes Family

Orlando and Lucinda's son Wilbur "Web" was listed as a tenant farmer in 1883. Sometime between 1883 and 1895 he obtained 40 acres of the 64-acre Keyes farm. The farm's remaining 24 acres were split between Lucinda's three surviving children: Irena Powers, Sarah Cline, and Lyman Keyes, although Lucinda herself would live until 1918. By 1905 Wilbur and wife Sayda (Pearce/Pierce) owned 144 acres in Sections 8 and 17.

After Wilbur's death in 1905 the farm went to daughter Josephine Lucinda "Josie" Keyes, wife of German-born Charles Lewis Rambow of Climax. Their surviving daughter Lillian M. (Rambow) Glau was the last of Hannah's descendants to own Wilbur's portion of Hannah's original farm before it was sold in the 1920s, having remained in the family just shy of a century.

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Pictures and some property transaction information courtesy of John and Phyllis Simmons

Some Descendants of Orlando's Grandfather Henry Keys

Generation No. 1

1. Henry⁵ Keys (Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born in Pownal, Bennington Co., VT, and died 1813 in East Bloomfield, Ontario Co., NY. He married **Elizabeth Olds**.

Notes for Henry Keys:

Henry Keys was one of four brothers who settled in East Bloomfield, NY, in the late 1700s. They were said to have originally come from the town of Pownall, VT. Henry's brothers were: John, William and Benjamin.

Henry died of "epidemic fever" in 1813.

(NOTE: Much of the initial information for the Keys family was found in the book "Genealogy of the Keyes Family" by Asa Keyes, printed at Battleboro by George E. Selleck, Printer: 1880.)

Marriage Notes for Henry Keys and Elizabeth Olds:

The last name was pronounced "Kies" and variously spelled "Keys" and "Keyes." Later generations tended to go with "Keyes."

Children of Henry Keys and Elizabeth Olds are:

- 2 i. Charles⁶ Keys, born in NY; died 1813 in NY.

Notes for Charles Keys:

Charles Keys died of "epidemic fever" within a week of his father in 1813.

- 3 ii. Mahala Keys.
4 iii. Olive Keys.
5 iv. Polly Keys.
6 v. William Keys.

Notes for William Keys:

William had a large family and remained in East Bloomfield.

- 7 vi. Nathaniel Keys, born Abt. 1792 in NY; died 1813 in NY.

Notes for Nathaniel Keys:

Nathaniel Keys died of "epidemic fever."

- + 8 vii. Lyman Keyes, born 7/16/1793 in Pownal, Bennington Co., VT; died 9/18/1828 in Niagara Co., NY.

Generation No. 2

8. Lyman⁶ Keyes (Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 7/16/1793 in Pownal, Bennington Co., VT, and died 9/18/1828 in Niagara Co., NY. He married **Hannah Francis** Bef. 1812 in NY. She was born 5/02/1793 in NY, and died 1/05/1866 in Prairie Ronde, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Lyman Keyes:

Lyman was called up, during the War of 1812, into Lt. Col. Samuel Blakeslee's Regiment, NY State Volunteer Militia, being assigned to Captain William B. Hamlin's Company. He may have been away from home when an epidemic hit East Bloomfield. Among those who died as a result thereof were his father and brothers Charles and Nathaniel.

Lyman's term of service was short, 15 days to be exact, from December 23, 1813 to January 6, 1814. His rate of pay was \$8/month, and he received a total of \$3.87 for time spent during call-up. NY militia service was compulsory in those days (until 1846). Samuel Blakeslee had been appointed as Adjutant in the NY State Militia for Ontario County May 22, 1811.

Lyman died of tuberculosis, in those days called consumption.

Notes for Hannah Francis:

It is possible that the "Goodill Francis" mentioned below and the "Solomon Francis" mentioned as witnessing Lucinda (Shook) Keyes' signature on Civil War widow pension papers (found in marriage notes for Orlando and Lucinda (Shook) Keyes) were Hannah's brothers. It is also possible that they are both one person, as in "Solomon Goodill Francis." A "S. G. Francis" was living with C. (Charles) and Jane Shook in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1870 federal census. (Also, "Goodill" may be "Goodall.")

Hannah remained for a while in Cambria, Niagara Co., NY, after death of husband Lyman Keys. Among her neighbors were the family of John Carney (John initially purchased 160 acres of land in Michigan and was the father of Samuel and Silas Carney, who married into the Keys family) and that of Goodill Francis. She stayed in Cambria at least until around 1835. On September 22, 1835, she bought 80 acres of land in the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 17 in Climax Township, Kalamazoo County, MI. She was the first purchaser of the land from the US government, Patent #71.

According to local resident John Simmons in 2009, "The Keyes farm had wetland on the back side, this would have been the west side; a small creek passed through that was spring fed coming out of Lafevere Lake. This would have been important; most land was valued extra if it had running water for livestock then. FYI this creek then moved through the 1 mile section entering the Carney farm." In the 1870s the railroad obtained the right-of-way to cross the Keyes farm diagonally near the northwest corner.

Also purchasing land in Section 17 in 1835 were: John Carney, John Tanner, and John Van Wert.

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Durant, Samuel W. comp.

Philadelphia: Everts & Abbott, 1880.

"A school was taught by Mrs. Hannah Keyes, at her residence on section 17, in 1836, before the district was organized. We have been unable to find any record showing the time and place of the first meeting, or who were the first officers. The first school-house was of logs, and stood on the opposite side of the road from John Carney's house, now occupied by Simeon Roe, on section 17."

Hannah was listed as the "widow Keyes" in an 1837 local census of the townships of Comstock and Climax. With her were two sons, one around 15 years old and one about 20 (probably Charles H. and Nathaniel). Most if not all of Hannah's children would settle in MI. Of her other children, daughter Mary's husband Samuel Carney purchased 80 acres of land in Climax Twp., Section 17, while still in Niagara Co., NY, in October 1834, and the family arrived in Climax in 1835. Daughter Mahala's husband Joel Horton purchased 240 acres of land in Alamo Twp., Section 30, while still in Niagara Co., NY, March 11, 1836, and Mahala Horton, probably by then a widow, purchased land in Alamo Twp., Section 21, in 1836. Daughter Julia M. and husband Silas Carney arrived in Climax Twp. between 1836-1838, where Silas purchased 80 acres of land in Section 17. Daughter Mahala subsequently married Alexander S. "A. S." Eaton, who purchased 40 acres of land in Section 11 of Alamo Twp. in 1841. Hannah's son Orlando would not bring his family to MI until 1851, at which time he settled on 64 acres in Section 17 of Climax Twp. Son Charles at least initially settled in Kalamazoo Co., and son Nathaniel would settle in Van Buren Co., first in Hamilton and then Decatur.

Hannah Keys was listed on the first tax roll of Climax Twp. taken in 1838, as were Silas, Samuel, and John Carney, and many others. Her holdings and taxes were as follows: Hannah Keys, number of acres, 70; value of land, \$210; number of cows, 1; value of cow, \$25; total value, \$235; tax, \$1.30, paid.

Hannah later married the widower George Fletcher. The Fletchers were living at Prairie Ronde, Kalamazoo County, when Hannah's son Orlando Keys brought his family to MI in about 1851. On June 14, 1862, George and Hannah Fletcher sold 64 of the 80 acres to Hannah's son Orlando Keys, keeping 14 acres.

Hannah Fletcher passed away at Prairie Ronde seven days before her son, Orlando. Burial at Harrison Cemetery, Prairie Ronde Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

Marriage Notes for Lyman Keyes and Hannah Francis:

The family moved from East Bloomfield, Ontario Co., NY to Niagara County, NY, about 1814, where they were included in the 1820 census of Cambria, Niagara Co., NY. See <http://olivercowdery.com/census/Nia1820c.txt>.

Family	Surname	Given	Town	Page
"69	Keyes	Lyman	Cambria	106"

The last name was pronounced "Kies" and variously spelled "Keys" and "Keyes." Later generations tended to go with "Keyes."

(NOTE: Much of the initial information for the "Lyman Keys' Family" account was derived from the book, "Genealogy of the Keyes Family," by Asa Keyes, printed at Battleboro by George E. Selleck, Printer: 1880.)

Children of Lyman Keyes and Hannah Francis are:

- + 9 i. Mary⁷ Keyes, born 10/12/1812 in NY; died 4/01/1895 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI.
- + 10 ii. Mahala Keyes, born 9/14/1814 in Niagara Co., NY; died 9/28/1873 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- + 11 iii. Julia M. Keyes, born 7/18/1817 in NY; died 4/29/1880 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- 12 iv. Rebecca Keyes, born 9/04/1819 in Niagara Co., NY.
- + 13 v. Charles H. Keyes, born 11/27/1821 in NY; died 4/02/1861 in MI.
- + 14 vi. Rev. Orlando Keyes, born 5/09/1824 in Niagara Co., NY; died 1/12/1866 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- + 15 vii. Nathaniel Keyes, born 8/08/1827 in NY; died 11/12/1878 in Decatur, Van Buren Co., MI.

Generation No. 3

9. Mary⁷ Keyes (Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 10/12/1812 in NY, and died 4/01/1895 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI. She married **(1) Samuel Carney** Abt. 1829 in NY, son of John Carney and Polly Finch. He was born 1/18/1810 in Niagara Co., NY, and died Bet. 1846 - 1849 in MI. She married **(2) Peter Crowhurst** Abt. 1850 in MI. He was born Abt. 1810 in England, and died Aft. 1895 in MI.

Notes for Mary Keyes:

Mary always claimed she was born in NY when a census was taken. However, the person filling out her death information claimed she was born in MA.

More About Mary Keyes:

Cause of Death: la grippe

Notes for Samuel Carney:

Samuel, along with brother Silas and father John, was on the first voter's poll list taken at Climax on April 2, 1838. He was listed on the first tax roll of Climax Twp. taken in 1838, and was constable of Climax Twp. 1843-1846

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"The cemetery on section 17 consists of about an acre of ground near the quarter post on the west side of the section. It was first opened on the south side by John Carney, in 1850, and the first burial was Samuel Carney, who died in December, 1850. The next was the wife of Joel A. Gardner. After several years, Hollis Gilson opened another half-acre to the public for burial purposes. No deed of the ground has ever been made to the public in any way, and they occupy it by the free-will and sufferance of the owner." [Important caveats: Samuel's daughter Mary Isabelle Carney married James W. Ells on 12-17-1849 "at widow Carney's," indicating that Samuel had died before December 17 of 1849 rather than on 12-27-1850, which has become part of longstanding public record. The December 1850 death date for Samuel placed Mary (Keyes) Carney's marriage to Peter Crohart/Crowhurst several months before Samuel's death.]

Marriage Notes for Mary Keyes and Samuel Carney:

Samuel Carney purchased 80 acres of land in Section 17 of Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, while still in Niagara Co., NY, in October 1834. The family arrived in Climax in 1835. For the first tax roll at Climax held in 1838: Samuel Carney, number of acres, 80; value of land, \$240; total value, \$240; tax, \$1.34, paid.

Notes for Peter Crowhurst:

Peter had sons William and Henry from his prior marriage. William Crohart was born about 1839 in NY and Henry Crohart was born about 1846 in MI. Peter changed the family name to Crowhurst by the time of the 1880 Federal census.

Marriage Notes for Mary Keyes and Peter Crowhurst:

The combined Mary (Keyes) and Peter Crohart family was living at Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, when the 1850 census was taken. In the household, at the time of the census, were: Peter Crohart, 43, and born in England; Mary, 38, and born in NY; Peter's sons William, 11, born in NY, and Henry, 4, born in MI, and Mary's children: Melvina Carney, 5; and Lucinda Carney, 3, both born in MI.

The Peter and Mary Crowhurst family was living in Geneseo Twp., Tama Co., IA, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: P. Crowhurst, 49 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$420 and personal estate valued at \$150; M. Crowhurst, 47 years old; S. Crowhurst, 19 years old; H. Crowhurst, 14 years old; L. Carney, 13 years old; and R. Crowhurst, 9 years old, born in MI.

The Peter and Mary "Crowhurst" family was still living in Geneseo Twp., Tama Co., IA, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: Peter Crowhurst, 59 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$6000 and personal estate valued at \$1500; Mary Crowhurst, 57 years old; and Robert Crowhurst, 19 years old.

Taken from 1880 Federal census of Kalamo, Eaton Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Peter CROWHURST	Self	M	Male	W	69	ENG	Farmer	ENG	ENG
Mary CROWHURST	Wife	M	Female	W	68	NY	Keeps House	---	---

Children of Mary Keyes and Samuel Carney are:

- + 16 i. Mary Isabelle⁸ Carney, born 9/24/1832 in Niagara Co., NY; died 9/20/1914 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI.
- + 17 ii. Lyman Carney, born Abt. 1835 in Niagara Co., NY; died 3/05/1863 in Thompson Station, TN.
- 18 iii. Melvina Carney, born Abt. 1845 in Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- + 19 iv. Lucinda Carney, born 3/05/1847 in Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 2/24/1942.

Child of Mary Keyes and Peter Crowhurst is:

- 20 i. Robert E.⁸ Crowhurst, born Abt. 11/1850 in MI. He married Sarah M. Russell Abt. 1872; born Abt. 10/1854 in MI.

Notes for Robert E. Crowhurst:

The family's last name was spelled "Crohart" at the time of the 1850 Federal census of Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. It was spelled "Crowhurst" at the time of the 1860 Federal census of Geneseo Twp., Tama Co., IA, and "Croehurst" when the census was taken of the same area in 1870. In the 1880 Federal census of the Richland Precinct, Sarpy Co., NE, the name was spelled "Crohurst," but it reverted back to "Crowhurst" for the 1900 Federal census of Kalamo Twp., Eaton Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Robert Crowhurst and Sarah Russell:

Robert, 29 years old, and "Sarra" M., 25 years old, "Crohurst" were living with the family of S. C. and Larra Sprague in the Richland Precinct of Sarpy Co., NE, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. Larra and S. C. were both born in NY, but their 4 children were born in MI. S. C. and Robert were farmers.

Robert E., 49 years old, and Sarah M., 45 years old, "Crowhurst" were living in Kalamo Twp., Eaton Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. They were farmers and owned their farm free of mortgage. Also living with them was Sarah's mother, the widow Harriette Russell, 59 years old, born in March in NY. Sarah's only child was no longer living. Harriette had 4 of her 5 children still living.

10. Mahala⁷ Keyes (Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 9/14/1814 in Niagara Co., NY, and died 9/28/1873 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married

(1) Hilan Joel Horton Bef. 1835. He was born in NY, and died 8/29/1835. She married **(2) Alexander S. Eaton** 4/01/1837 in Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of Sylvenus Eaton and Almira Salone. He was born 2/20/1810 in Franklin Co., VT, and died 10/10/1899 in Gunplain, Allegan Co., MI.

Notes for Mahala Keyes:

Mahala was married prior to her marriage to Alexander S (A. S.) Eaton. A marriage entry for Alexander S. Eaton in the Mormon genealogical database has him married to Mahala Horton in Kalamazoo. Mahala Eaton's death record clearly listed her parents as Lyman and Hannah Keys of Niagara Co., NY. Also, a 24-year-old man named Highland Horton, born in NY, was living with A. S. and Mahala Eaton at the time of the 1860 Federal census of Alamo Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

This Highland (later spelled Hilon and Hilan) Horton either would have been a nephew of Mahala's or a son by her first husband. A "Hiland" Horton was living in the large family of Ira Horton in Lewiston, Niagara Co., NY, at the time of the 1850 Federal census, but he was 4 or 5 years older than the "Highland" that was living with Alexander and Mahala Eaton. An "H. Horton" was living near A.S. Eaton and his new wife Honor, and near Alexander's son Parley S. Eaton by his first wife, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. Also, two men, a Hilon S. Horton and a Hilon J. Horton, were buried near the Eaton family monument at an Alamo Twp. cemetery, further indicating a very close relationship.

Date of death: 28-Sep-1873
Ledger Page: 35
Record Number: 50
Place of death: Alamo
County of Death: Kalamazoo
Sex: Female
Race: White
Marital Status: Married
Age: 69 years 14 days
Cause of Death: Heart Disease
Birthplace: N Y
Occupation: Farmers Wife
Father's Name: Keys, Lyman
Father's Residence: Niagara Co N Y
Mother's Name: Keys, Hannah
Mother's Residence:
Date of record: 23-May-1874

The above death information has some inaccuracies, so I am using the information from Mahala's tombstone for her birth and death dates.

Marriage Notes for Mahala Keyes and Hilan Horton:

From Niagara Co., NY, and in Joel Horton's name, 240 acres of land were purchased in Section 30 of Alamo Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, March 11, 1836. Mahala Horton, Hilan Joel Horton's widow, purchased land in Alamo Twp., Section 21, in 1836.

Notes for Alexander S. Eaton:

Alexander was an assessor and constable for Alamo Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, from 1845-46, an assessor in 1847, and highway commissioner in 1849.

Marriage Notes for Mahala Keyes and Alexander Eaton:

Alexander S. "A. S." Eaton had purchased land in Cooper Twp. in 1835, before he married Mahala (Keys) Horton, and 40 acres of land in Section 11 of Alamo Twp. afterwards in 1841.

Kalamazoo County Clerk's Marriage Record Book 1, page 36, doc. no. 127.

A.S. EATON to M. HORTON and H.H. HOWARD to C. CASSORS Marriages Rec. June 13, 1837 On the 1st day of April 1837 Alexander S. EATON and Mahala HORTON were joined in marriage by me. Also on the 8th day of June 1837 Henry H. HOWARD and Caroline CASSORS were by(sic) united in the band (sic) of matrimony. I. VICKERY Clerk by N. MARSH Depty. Ezra RICE J.P. (Posted by wayne@voyager.net, a volunteer-no family connection)

The following notice is from the Friday April 25, 1856 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of a certain sum of money accrued to be paid by a certain indenture of Mortgage, dated February the first A.D. 1853, made and executed by Alexander S. Eaton and Mahala, his wife, of the County of Kalamazoo and State of Michigan, to Alexander Buell of the same County and State aforesaid, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Kalamazoo and State of Michigan. On the third day of February A. D. 1853, at 12 o'clock M, in Liber "J" of Mortgages, on page 179 and 180. And upon which there is now claimed to be due the sum of four hundred and forty-four dollars and twelve cents (\$444.12) to the date hereof, upon which said mortgage and the note collateral thereto no proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted upon the whole or any part thereof, and the sum being now due and unpaid--therefore--Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a power of sale in said mortgage contained, and pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided. There will be sold at public auction or vendue, to the highest bidder on Saturday the nineteenth day of July A. D. 1856, at the front door of the Kalamazoo County Court House, in the Village of Kalamazoo, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, the premises described in said mortgage to satisfy the sum above mentioned with interest, together with the costs of foreclosure, which premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to wit:--all that certain piece or parcels of land, situated in the County of Kalamazoo and State of Michigan, and described as the South half of the North East quarter, and the South one-third of the North half of the North East quarter of Section No. two (2) in Town No. one (1) South of Range twelve (12) West, supposed to contain one hundred and twenty acres, be the same more or less, together with

all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging. ALEXANDER
BUEL.

Kal. April 22, 1856 (1142 W13) Mortgagee.

Child of Mahala Keyes and Hilan Horton is:

+ 21 i. Hilan Silas⁸ Horton, born 6/09/1836 in Niagara Co., NY; died 4/04/1914 in
Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Children of Mahala Keyes and Alexander Eaton are:

+ 22 i. Nathaniel⁸ Eaton, born 11/1844 in MI; died 2/07/1928 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co.,
MI.
23 ii. Mahala Eaton, born Abt. 1851 in MI.

11. Julia M.⁷ Keyes (Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was
born 7/18/1817 in NY, and died 4/29/1880 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married **Silas
Carney** 8/23/1835, son of John Carney and Polly Finch. He was born 2/13/1814 in Lockport,
Niagara Co., NY, and died 8/06/1889 in Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Julia M. Keyes:

Date of death: 29-Apr-1880

Ledger Page: 42

Record Number: 44

Place of death: Climax

County of Death: Kalamazoo

Sex: Female

Race: WHITE

Marital Status: Married

Age: 62 years 9 months 19 days

Cause of Death: DROPSY OF THE HEART

Birthplace: N Y

Occupation: HOUSEWIFE

Father's Name: Last name not recorded, UNKNOWN

Father's Residence:

Mother's Name: ,

Mother's Residence:

Date of record: 1-Jun-1881

Obituary from Thursday May 6, 1880 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette, a Kalamazoo Co., MI,
newspaper:

GALESBURG

May 3--Mrs. S. Carney, a pioneer lady of the town of Climax, passed through the obscurities of
death on the 29th of April, aged about 63 years. An event more sad in its nature has seldom

occurred among the citizens of Climax. Mrs. Carney was especially distinguished as a lucid and particular star in the social circle, and her exceptional deportment has won the warmest affections of genial associates. The fatal issue of the disease, the progress of which they have anxiously and with sorrow watched, is a severe blow and a lasting gloom. The last sad rites were paid to the deceased on the 1st day of May, Rev. Sprague officiating. A large concourse of friends and neighbors followed her remains to their final resting in a garden bed in the cemetery. All had learned to adore that esteemed lady, who was exemplary in all of her developments.

Julia is buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Silas Carney:

Silas, along with brother Samuel and father John, was on the first voter's poll list taken at Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, on April 2, 1838. He was listed on the first tax roll of Climax Twp. taken in 1838, and was a highway commissioner in 1840.

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Philadelphia: Everts & Abbott, 1880.

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"Silas Carney was the first cooper, and for many years furnished all the cooperage for the settlers from ten to fifteen miles away. He had all he could do, trusted everybody, sometimes not even asking strangers their name, and, to the credit of those early settlers be it said, he seldom lost an account."

CARNEY

Researcher: Mary Hodges

Email: mhodges@raex.com

Posted: 08/25/97

John CARNEY- came to Climax Twp [Kalamazoo Co., MI] in 1830's, bought land in 1834, had at least 13 children, though some may have been born in Watertown, NY. No siblings are known nor is there any word of his wife or mother. His father was Samuel, but don't know if he left Ireland or not. Children were: Samuel, Silas, Almira, Lydia, William , Joseph, Lucretia, Anna, Eleanor, Polly, Sally, John, David.

Silas is buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Julia Keyes and Silas Carney:

Silas Carney and family arrived in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, between 1836-1838, where Silas purchased 80 acres of land in Section 17. According to the first tax roll, taken at Climax in 1838: Silas Carney, number of acres, 80; value of land, \$240; number of oxen, 1; value of oxen, \$30; number of cows, 1; value of cows, \$25; total value, \$295; tax, \$1.61, paid.

At the time of the 1870 Federal census of Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, taken 6 August 1870, the following were listed in the Carney household:

Silas 57 born NY farmer worth \$8,000
Julia 54 keeping house born NY
Anna 24 born MI
Byron 22 born MI farm laborer worth \$700
Anson 20 born MI
Willard 16 born MI
John 84 born NY worth \$3,000

Taken from 1880 Federal census of Climax, Kalamazoo, MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Silas CARNEY	Self	W	Male	W	66	NY	Farmer	---	---
Anna CARNEY	Dau	S	Female	W	34	MI	Keeping House	NY	NY
Willard J. CARNEY	Son	M	Male	W	26	MI	Works Farm	NY	NY
Susan CARNEY	Dau	L	Female	W	26	MI		NY	NY

KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MI GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY website at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mikalama/>

CARNEY

Researcher: Mary Hodges

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Posted: 08/25/97

Silas CARNEY raised a large family in Climax and the nearby Twps. I can not find a Will for Silas and am not sure why. I don't know where Silas was born or how they got here from NY if that was his place of birth. Children: Harriet, William, Willard, John J., Byron, Charles, Polly Ann, Edna, Lucretia, Anson,

Both Julia and Silas were buried at the Gilson Cemetery near Scotts in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo County, MI, where two lofty monuments were erected for them by their grandchildren.

Children of Julia Keyes and Silas Carney are:

- + 24 i. Mary Lucretia⁸ Carney, born 6/04/1836 in NY; died 7/21/1907 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- + 25 ii. William Henry Carney, born 5/08/1838 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 12/29/1899 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI.
- 26 iii. John Jay Carney, born 8/16/1839 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 4/19/1911 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married Angeline Atwood 11/25/1865; born 1842 in PA.

Notes for John Jay Carney:
John served in the Civil War.

Burial was at the "Carney cemetery" 04-21-1911. [Probably the Gilson Cemetery.]

More About John Jay Carney:
Cause of Death: chronic valvular diseases of the heart and arterial sclerosis

Marriage Notes for John Carney and Angeline Atwood:
Taken from 1880 Federal census of Wakeshma, Kalamazoo Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
John J. CARNEY	Self	M	Male	W	40	MI	Farmer	NY	NY
Angeline CARNEY	Wife	M	Female	W	38	PA	Housekeep.	NY	NY
Sarah ATWOOD	SMother	W	Female	W	60	NY	Retired	NY	NY

- + 27 iv. Edna Adelia Carney, born 4/06/1841 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- 28 v. Harriet Amanda Carney, born 7/24/1843 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1912.
- 29 vi. Polly Ann "Anna" Carney, born 4/15/1846 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1920 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- + 30 vii. Byron S. Carney, born 3/24/1848 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 7/18/1915 in Porter, Van Buren Co., MI.
- + 31 viii. Anson B. Carney, born 5/31/1850 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1/18/1935 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- 32 ix. Willard J. Carney, born 6/02/1854 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1/26/1893. He married Susan J. Averill 2/02/1876 in Kalamazoo Co., MI; born Abt. 6/1854 in MI; died 1911.

Notes for Willard J. Carney:
Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Susan J. Averill:
Susan was living with her brother at the time of the 1900 Federal census of Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. In the household were: Charles Averill, 52 years old, single, a farmer, born in MI; and Susan Carney, 45 years old, a widow, born in MI. Susan had not had any children.

Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Willard Carney and Susan Averill:
From 1880 Federal census of Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Silas CARNEY	Self	W	Male	W	66	NY	Farmer	---	---
Anna CARNEY	Dau	S	Female	W	34	MI	Keeping House	NY	NY
Willard J. CARNEY	Son	M	Male	W	26	MI	Works Farm	NY	NY
Susan CARNEY	Dau	L	Female	W	26	MI		NY	NY

- 33 x. Charles A. Carney, born 8/03/1859 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 10/28/1861 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

13. Charles H.⁷ Keyes (Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 11/27/1821 in NY, and died 4/02/1861 in MI. He married **Mary Gilson** 10/15/1843 in Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of Holland Gilson and Mehitable Beckwith. She was born 3/13/1829 in Rutland, Rutland Co., VT, and died 5/22/1861.

Notes for Charles H. Keyes:
Charles H. Keys probably went to MI with his mother.

Notes for Mary Gilson:
About Mary's father Hollis a.k.a. Holland Gilson:

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Holland Gilson-

Holland GILSON of Climax, one of the earliest pioneers of this county, died at his home July 30, 1888, aged 87 years and 8 months. He came to Michigan in 1834, from near Rutland, Vt., and settled in the village of Bronson. For ten years he lived here, and was among those who dug the race for Arcadia creek, diverting it from its original and meandering disposition, making the race for the Cooley water power and other small concerns below. This was in 1834. In 1836 he purchased of T. P. SHELDON of this place the southeast quarter of section I8 of Climax, and in the winter removed his family and household goods, by an ox team, to his new home, and all came near freezing to death. Mr. Gilson has lived on that farm ever since and added to its acres. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilson, only two of whom survive. The deceased was one of the sturdy New England stock, that could always make his way through difficulties and always maintain a good name and the respect and esteem of neighbors. Mr. Gilson has been a warm partisan, in politics standing by the Whig party while it continued, and by the republican to the end of his life. His wife, who is eighty-five years old, still lives.

Marriage Notes for Charles Keyes and Mary Gilson:

The marriage took place at the house of H. Gilson and was officiated by G. Richardson, Justice of the Peace. H. Gilson and his wife were the witnesses.

The family of Charles and Mary was living at Decatur, Van Buren Co., MI, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: Charles H., 38 years old, (no occupation listed), born in NY; Mary, 31 years old, born in VT; Mahittable A., 14 years old, born in MI; Anna M., 12 years old, born in MI; Clara E., 7 years old, born in MI; and Ida, 3 years old, born in MI. Charles' brother Nathaniel and family was living at Hamilton, Van Buren Co., MI, in 1860 but had removed to Decatur by 1870.

By 1870, the only members of the Charles and Mary Keyes family found still using the surname Keyes were 13-year-old Ida and 17-year-old Clara. Ida was living in the household of Abram and Melissa Powers, as seen below:

Abram and Melissa were living at Decatur, Van Buren Co., MI, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In their household were: Abram, 25 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$2,625 and personal estate valued at \$350; Melissa Powers, 23 years old; Ida Keyes, 13 years old; and George Eaton, 24 years old. All were born in MI. Ida was a remnant of the family of Charles H. and Mary Keyes of Decatur. George was one of the children of Alexander S. and Mahala (Keyes) Eaton. Abram was a younger brother of James Powers who married Irena H. Keyes, a daughter of Orlando and Lucinda (Shook) Keyes. Abram and Melissa spent their married life taking in family and boarders, as they never had children of their own.

Clara Keyes was living with the family of her Uncle Holland and Aunt Lucretia Gilson at Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: Hol. Gilson, 35 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$4,500 and personal estate valued at \$750, born in VT; Lucretia Gilson, 34 years old, born in NY; Leonard Gilson, 13 years old, born in MI; Willard Gilson, 6 years old, born in MI; and Clara Keyes, 17 years old, born in MI. Next door lived H. and Mahitable Gilson, Holland's parents and Clara's grandparents. The household included: H. Gilson, 69 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$5,600 and personal estate valued at \$3,000, born in VT; Mahitable Gilson, 65 years old, born in NH; Sarah Simmons, 19 years old, born in MI; Holland Simmons, 27 years old, a carpenter, born in MI; and F. S. Forrester, 7 years old, male, born in MI. Nearby also was the household of the widow Lucinda Keyes.

Children of Charles Keyes and Mary Gilson are:

- 34 i. Mahittable A.⁸ Keyes, born Abt. 1846 in MI.
- 35 ii. Anna M. Keyes, born Abt. 1848 in MI.
- 36 iii. Clara E. Keyes, born Abt. 1853 in MI.
- 37 iv. Ida Keyes, born Abt. 1857 in MI.

14. Rev. Orlando⁷ Keyes (Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 5/09/1824 in Niagara Co., NY, and died 1/12/1866 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married **Lucinda Shook** 5/15/1845 in Cambria, Niagara Co., NY, daughter of Johnathan Shook

and Annah LaRoche. She was born 10/19/1827 in Niagara Co., NY, and died 4/05/1918 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

(For additional information about Rev. Orlando and family, see Children of Rev. Orlando and Lucinda (Shook) Keyes, p. 26, and most of the preceding material.)

Children of Orlando Keyes and Lucinda Shook are:

- + 38 i. Irene "Rene" Hannah⁸ Keyes, born 10/23/1847 in NY; died 1/26/1928 in Seattle, King Co., WA.
- + 39 ii. Lyman Eugene Keyes, born 11/15/1849 in Tioga Co., NY; died 1/28/1938 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO.
- + 40 iii. Wilbur W. "Web" Keyes, born 3/25/1851 in Pekin, Niagara Co., NY; died 4/23/1905 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- + 41 iv. Sarah M. Keyes, born 5/20/1855 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 6/04/1911 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI.
- 42 v. Charles H. Keyes, born 5/05/1857 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 11/28/1877 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Charles H. Keyes:

Charles was interred at the Gilson Cemetery in Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI, near his father.

More About Charles H. Keyes:

Cause of Death: spinal meningitis

- 43 vi. Eugene Keyes, born 1859 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died Bef. 1870 in MI.

Notes for Eugene Keyes:

Eugene apparently died young.

- 44 vii. Esther M. "Etta" Keyes, born 1861 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 3/25/1890 in MI. She married Dr. George W. Jackson Bef. 1880; born 5/18/1855 in Ohio; died 4/09/1883 in MI.

Notes for Dr. George W. Jackson:

George was a schoolteacher. On his tombstone he is shown as "Dr. George W. Jackson."

Marriage Notes for Esther Keyes and George Jackson:

Etta (also "Ettie" and "Esther") married George W. Jackson prior to 1880. That year, they were living at Scotts, a village in Climax Township, with Lucinda and Wilbur Keyes.

15. Nathaniel⁷ Keyes (Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 8/08/1827 in NY, and died 11/12/1878 in Decatur, Van Buren Co., MI. He married **Louisa**

Briggs Bef. 1856, daughter of David Briggs and Pamela Densmore. She was born 3/19/1834 in NY, and died 11/20/1905 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Nathaniel Keyes:

American Civil War Soldiers:

Name: Nathaniel Keyes

Enlistment Date: 18 Mar 1865

Enlistment Place: Hamilton, Michigan

Side Served: Union

State Served: Michigan

Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 18 March 1865 at the age of 37.

Enlisted in Company D, 12th Infantry Regiment Michigan on 18 Mar 1865.

Received a disability discharge from Company D, 12th Infantry Regiment Michigan on 12 Jun 1865 at Huntersville, AR.

Source: Historical Data Systems, comp.. American Civil War Soldiers [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 1999. Original data: Data compiled by Historical Data Systems of Kingston, MA from the following list of works. Copyright 1997-2000 Historical Data Systems, Inc., PO Box 35, Duxbury.

Nathaniel Keyes applied for Civil War service pension as an invalid on Nov. 29, 1875, Louisa Keyes applied as widow on Nov. 30, 1883, and Robert N. Keyes applied as minor on Nov. 3, 1890.

Source: National Archives and Records Administration. Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. T288, 544 rolls.

Nathaniel Keyes died 11-12-1878 in Decatur, Van Buren Co., MI. He was said to be the son of "Syman" and Hannah Keyes, and was reported as 44 years and 10 months old. This would make him born about 1-1834. The age at death is not correct, perhaps misinterpreted when read from the registry, as the name "Syman" probably was. Nathaniel was said to be a Railroad laborer by occupation, and died of consumption (Tuberculosis) as had Lyman. (After verifying Nathaniel's age with a couple of census reports, I've decided he was born about 1827. I also verified from the census reports that he was working for the railroad by 1870, just to ensure both the census reports and death registry were for the same man. Louisa, Nathaniel's wife in the 1860 and 1870 Federal censuses, was his widow for the 1880 census.)

NOTE: According to the single-page document entitled FAMILY RECORD [for Carney and Keyes families], Nathaniel died 5-11-1878.

KEYES, NATHANIEL

Date of death: 12-Nov-1878

Ledger Page: 134

Record Number: 173

Place of death: Decatur
County of Death: Van Buren
Sex: Male
Race: WHITE
Marital Status: Married
Age: 44 years 10 months
Cause of Death: CONSUMPTION
Birthplace: NEW YORK
Occupation: RR LABORER
Father's Name: Keyes, SYMAN
Father's Residence: NEW YORK
Mother's Name: KEYES, HANNAH
Mother's Residence: NEW YORK
Date of record: 2-Jun-1879
<http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/gendisx/scripts/individual.asp?UniqueID=211607>

More About Nathaniel Keyes:
Cause of Death: consumption (tuberculosis)

Notes for Louisa Briggs:
<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Kep-Key.htm>
Kalamazoo County Directories:
Keyes Louisa, widow, residence 212 North Rose. Kalamazoo Village 1883
Keyes Louisa (wid Nathaniel), residence 315 Douglas ave., Kalamazoo City 1887
Keyes Louisa 315 Douglas ave. Mrs, Kalamazoo City 1895
Keyes Louisa D (widow of Nathaniel), residence 315 Douglas av, Kalamazoo City, 1905

Louisa's death was reported by son Robert M. Keyes, and her burial was at Decatur, Van Buren Co., MI, 11-21-1905.

More About Louisa Briggs:
Cause of Death: paralysis
Medical Information: Louisa had suffered paralysis for 4 1/2 years.

Marriage Notes for Nathaniel Keyes and Louisa Briggs:
The family of Nathaniel and Louisa Keyes was living at Hamilton, Van Buren Co., MI, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. Nathaniel was listed as a farmer. Nathaniel's brother Charles H. Keyes and family were living at Decatur, Van Buren Co., in 1860. Nathaniel's family was living at Decatur at the time of the 1870 Federal census. All the children had been born except Maud. Nathaniel was listed as working for the railroad.

The widow Louisa was still living at Decatur in 1880. All of her children were still at home. In the 1880 census, Louisa's son William was notated as being blind and son Robert as being partly blind.

Louisa Keyes was living in a home she owned with a mortgage in the 6th Ward of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Louisa, 66 years old, a widow who had been married 24 years; son Willie B., 34 years old, with no occupation listed; son Robert M., 32 years old, a traveling salesman; daughter Maud M., 28 years old; boarder William F. Besler, 21 years old, a student, born in MI of German and Irish parents; and lodger Minnie E. Walther, 22 years old, a student, born in Canada of Irish and Canadian parents.

Louisa had 6 of her 8 children still living.

Robert Keyes was living with his Aunt Betsy E. Briggs, widow of David A. Briggs, in a house Betsy owned free of mortgage in Columbus, Columbia Co., WI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. At the time of the 1900 census, David and Betsy had been married 50 years. David was a retired farmer. In 1910, Betsy was 82 years old, born in VT, living on "own income"; nephew Robert was 42 years old and without employment.

Betsy never had children of her own.

Children of Nathaniel Keyes and Louisa Briggs are:

- + 45 i. Bertha Adeline⁸ Keyes, born 11/1856 in Hamilton, Van Buren Co., MI; died Bet. 1920 - 1930 in MI.
- + 46 ii. Charles H. Keyes, born Abt. 1862 in Van Buren Co., MI.
- 47 iii. William B. Keyes, born 6/1865 in Van Buren Co., MI.

Notes for William B. Keyes:

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Kep-Key.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Keyes Wm, boards 315 Douglas ave., Kalamazoo City 1887

Keyes Wm. B. lab. 315 Douglas ave., Kalamazoo City 1895

- 48 iv. Robert M. Keyes, born 1/07/1868 in Decatur, Van Buren Co., MI.

Notes for Robert M. Keyes:

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Kep-Key.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Keyes Robert N, boards 315 Douglas ave., Kalamazoo City 1887

Keyes Robert, lab. 315 Douglas ave., Kalamazoo City 1895

Keyes Robert N, boards 315 Douglas av, Kalamazoo City, 1905

- 49 v. Myrtie E. Keyes, born 3/04/1870 in Decatur, Van Buren Co., MI. She married George E. Gates 3/04/1891 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; born 1867 in Otsego, Allegan Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Myrtie Keyes and George Gates:

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Gas-Gaz.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Gates George (Myrtie E), printer Kal Corset Co, residence 315 Douglas avenue, Kalamazoo City, 1905

- 50 vi. Maud Keyes, born 5/1872 in Van Buren Co., MI.

Notes for Maud Keyes:

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Kep-Key.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Keyes Maud Miss, 315 Douglas ave., Kalamazoo City 1895

Keyes Maude R, sorter Am Playing Card Co, boards 1017 N Burdic., Kalamazoo City, 1905

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16. Mary Isabelle⁸ Carney (Mary⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 9/24/1832 in Niagara Co., NY, and died 9/20/1914 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI. She married **James W. Ells** 12/17/1849 in Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of John Ells and Sarah Lyons. He was born 6/23/1826 in Farmington, Ontario Co., NY, and died 2/12/1908 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI.

Notes for Mary Isabelle Carney:

Mary was buried at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, 09-24-1914.

More About Mary Isabelle Carney:

Cause of Death: impacted fracture left hip; limb gave way while standing

Notes for James W. Ells:

James was part of a great Ells invasion of Carmel Twp., Eaton Co., MI, about 1850. The family of John and Sarah Ells arrived from having invaded VT shortly before, having arrived in VT from NY. John and Sarah were originally from MA.

James served in the Civil War in Company B of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry.

James was buried at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, 02-16-1908.

More About James W. Ells:

Cause of Death: la grippe and disease of lungs

Marriage Notes for Mary Carney and James Ells:

Per J. E. Simmons from early Kalamazoo Co. marriage record: Ellis - James W. 24 Calhoun Co. to Carney - Mary 17 on 12-17-1849 married at Widow Carney's - Comstock by George Simmons J.P. Wit : Peter Crohirst and Jessey Stewart.

The family of James and Mary Ells was living at Carmel Twp., Eaton Co., MI, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: James W., 32 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$1,400 and personal estate valued at \$200, born in NY; Mary, 26 years old, born in NY; Alice M., 7 years old, born in MI; and Edwin J., 5 years old, born in MI.

The family lived next to the family of Charles W. and Emily Ells, probably James's brother and sister-in-law.

The family was living at the Carmel Twp. portion of Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: James W., 42 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$4,000 and personal estate valued at \$400; Mary, 37 years old; Fred, 4 years old, born in MI; and Laura, 2 years old, born in MI.

The family was living in the 3rd Ward of Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. In the household were: James W., 54 years old, a farmer; wife Mary, 48 years old; and son Fred, 14 years old.

James and Mary were still living in the 3rd Ward of Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: J. W., 73 years old, a farmer; wife Mary, 67 years old; and brother Almond, 78 years old, born in NY.

James and Mary had been married 50 years, and 2 of their 4 children were still living.

Children of Mary Carney and James Ells are:

- 51 i. Alice M.⁹ Ells, born Abt. 1853 in MI; died Aft. 1914. She married Mr. Hayes.

Marriage Notes for Alice Ells and Mr. Hayes:

The Hayes family was living in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, at the time of Mary (Carney) Ells' death in 1914.

- 52 ii. Edwin J. Ells, born Abt. 1855 in MI.
53 iii. Fred O. Ells, born 4/22/1866 in MI; died 10/07/1901 in Flint, Genesee Co., MI.

Notes for Fred O. Ells:

Fred was buried at Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, 10-09-1901.

More About Fred O. Ells:

Cause of Death: bright's disease

- 54 iv. Laura Ells, born Abt. 1868 in MI.

17. Lyman⁸ Carney (Mary⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born Abt. 1835 in Niagara Co., NY, and died 3/05/1863 in Thompson Station, TN.

He married **Patience Pray** 11/28/1853 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of William Pray and Emily Pond. She was born Abt. 1839 in MI.

Notes for Lyman Carney:

Lyman enlisted in Michigan's 19th Infantry, Company A, from Silver Springs at age 27, which would have made it in about 1862 when the 19th was first organized. He was killed during the period of 19th's initial engagement against the enemy.

Notes for Patience Pray:

After Lyman's death, Patience married Joseph McCleary 10/10/1868 in Cass Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Lyman Carney and Patience Pray:

The Lyman and Patience Carney family was living at Silver Creek, Cass Co., MI, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: Lyman, 25 years old, a sawyer, born in NY; Patience, 20 years old, born in MI; William, 4 years old, born in MI; and Alice, 2 years old, born in MI.

Within two years Lyman would join in the Civil War, and by the next year he would become one of its casualties.

Children of Lyman Carney and Patience Pray are:

- 55 i. William⁹ Carney, born 10/31/1855 in MI.
- + 56 ii. Alice Jennie Carney, born 11/14/1858 in MI; died 9/25/1909 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI.

19. Lucinda⁸ Carney (Mary⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 3/05/1847 in Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 2/24/1942. She married **Duane Hamilton** 11/26/1865 in Tama Co., IA. He was born 6/20/1843 in NY, and died 12/13/1930 in NE.

Marriage Notes for Lucinda Carney and Duane Hamilton:

The family of Duane and Lucinda Hamilton was living at Geneseo Twp., Tama Co., IA, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: "Duayne, 27 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$500 and personal estate valued at \$340, born in NY; Lucinda, 23 years old, born in MI; Charles H., 3 years old, born in IA; and Edwin, 1 year old, born in IA.

The family of Duane and Lucinda Hamilton was living at Douglas Twp., Mitchell Co., IA, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. In the household were: "Duane, 35 years old, a farmer, born in NY; wife Lucinda, 33 years old, born in MI; son Charles, 13 years old, born in IA; son Edwin, 11 years old, born in IA; daughter Jennie, 9 years old, born in IA; son Lyman, 7 years, born in IA; son Eugene, 5 years old, born in IA; and son Orin, 3 years old, born in IA.

The family of Duane and Lucinda Hamilton was living on a farm they owned with a mortgage at Painterhood Twp., Elk Co., KS, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were:

"Duane, 56 years old, a farmer; wife Lucinda, 53 years old; daughter May N., 12 years old, born in IA; and daughter Ada L., 10 years old, born in IA.

Duane and Lucinda had been married 35 years, and 8 of their 11 children were still living.

Duane and Lucinda Hamilton were living on a farm they owned with a mortgage at Painterhood Twp., Elk Co., KS, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: "Duane, 66 years old, a farmer; and wife Lucinda, 63 years old.

Of Duane and Lucinda's 11 children, 8 were still living.

Duane and Lucinda Hamilton were living on a farm they owned free of mortgage at Crookston Precinct, Cherry Co., NE, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: "Duane, 76 years old, employment listed as "None"; wife Lucinda, 72 years old; and son Edwin, 50 years old, single, working with grain and livestock.

Duane and Lucinda Hamilton were living on a farm they owned free of mortgage on Pine Street at Crookston Village, Cherry Co., NE, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: "Duane, 86 years old, employment listed as "None"; and wife Lucinda, 83 years old. The Hamiltons had been married for nearly 65 years.

No longer living at home, son Edwin, 61 years old, single, was living on Walnut Street at Crookston Village and was proprietor of a general store.

Children of Lucinda Carney and Duane Hamilton are:

- 57 i. Charles H.⁹ Hamilton, born Abt. 1867 in IA.
- 58 ii. Edwin F. Hamilton, born Abt. 1869 in IA; died Aft. 1930.
- 59 iii. Jennie Hamilton, born Abt. 1871 in IA.
- 60 iv. Lyman Hamilton, born Abt. 1873 in IA.
- 61 v. Eugene Hamilton, born Abt. 1875 in IA.
- 62 vi. Orin Hamilton, born Abt. 1877 in IA.
- 63 vii. May N. Hamilton, born 8/1887 in IA.
- 64 viii. Ada L. Hamilton, born 2/1890 in IA.

21. Hilan Silas⁸ Horton (Mahala⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 6/10/1836 in Niagara Co., NY, and died 4/04/1914 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married **Mariah L. Johnson** 4/13/1862 in Van Buren Co., MI, daughter of Daniel Johnson and Sarah Goodhue. She was born 10/02/1846 in Hamilton, Van Buren Co., MI, and died 2/12/1938 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Hilan Silas Horton:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/localities.northam.usa.states.michigan.counties.kalamazoo/15575/mb.ashx?pnt=1>

Kalamazoo County Clerk's Death Record Book 4, page 214. Hilan S. HORTON; age 77-9-25; DOD 4 Apr 1914; POD Township of Alamo; POB New York; marital status Married; occ

Farmer; cause Apoplexy; father Hilan S. HORTON of New York; mother Unknown. (Posted by a VOLUNTEER-NO family connection)

More About Hilan Silas Horton:

Cause of Death: Apoplexy

Notes for Mariah L. Johnson:

Burial was 14 Feb. 1938 at Alamo Cemetery in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. Informant: her daughter, Mrs. Della Cressey of Kalamazoo, MI.

More About Mariah L. Johnson:

Cause of Death: Cerebral hemorrhage (3 days)

Marriage Notes for Hilan Horton and Mariah Johnson:

Hilan and Maria were living at Alamo Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: Hilan Horton, 33 years old, a farmer, born in IA; Maria, 24 years old, born in MI; Fred'k, 5 years old, born in MI; Cora, 3 years old, born in MI; and Frank, 2 years old, born in MI.

Hilan and Maria were living at Alamo Twp. at the time of the 1880 Federal census. In the household were: H. Horton, 46 years old, a farmer, born in NY; wife Maria, 33 years old, born in MI; son Fred, 15 years old, born in MI; daughter Cora, 14 years old, born in MI; son Frank, 11 years old, born in MI; daughter Della, 8 years old, born in MI; daughter Fracy, 5 years old, born in MI; daughter Lulu, 3 years old, born in MI; and daughter Merta, 1 months old (born in May), born in MI.

The family was living near the families of Parley and Caroline Eaton and Alexander S. and Honnor Eaton.

Hilan and Maria were living at Alamo Twp. at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Hilan S. Horton, 65 years old, a farmer; wife Marie, 53 years old; daughter Fracie, 25 years old; daughter Myrtle, 20 years old; and granddaughter Flossie, 7 years old, born in MI.

Flossie was the daughter of Fredrick Horton and Mary "Jennie" Bushroe. Flossie's mother had died in 1899. Flossie's father was working as a farm laborer in Cooper Twp., Kalamazoo Co., and living there with his sister and brother-in-law Cora and William Loomis.

Hilan and Maria were living with their daughter and son-in-law Cora and William Loomis at Alamo Twp. at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: William H. Loomis, 50 years old, a farmer, born in NY; wife Cora, 43 years old; father-in-law Hilan W. Horton, 74 years old, living on own income; and mother-in-law Maria L., 63 years old.

Hilan and Maria had been married 48 years, and 7 of their 8 children were still living. Cora and William had been married 26 years, and their 1 child was still living.

The widow Maria was living with son and daughter-in-law Fredrick and Jessie Horton at Alamo Twp. at the time of the 1920 census, and with daughter and son-in-law Della and Elwood Cressey at Alamo Twp. at the time of the 1930 census.

Children of Hilan Horton and Mariah Johnson are:

- + 65 i. Fredrick⁹ Horton, born 9/1864 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1944 in MI.
- + 66 ii. Cora Horton, born 9/1866 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- + 67 iii. Frank Horton, born 5/29/1868 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1944.
- 68 iv. Della Sarah Horton, born 3/12/1872 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married Elwood G. Cressey 5/02/1894 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; born 1/1866 in MI.

Marriage Notes for Della Horton and Elwood Cressey:

Della and Elwood were living in a house they owned free of mortgage at Otsego Village, Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Elwood Cressey, 34 years old, working as a "Roustabout" for the PA mill, born in MI; and wife Della S., 28 years old, born in MI.

Della and Elwood were living in a house they owned free of mortgage in the 1st Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Elwood Cressey, 44 years old, working as a "machine hand" for the gas factory; and wife Della S., 38 years old.

Della and Elwood were living in a house they owned free of mortgage in the 1st Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Elwood Cressey, 52 years old, working as a "pattern maker" for a foundry; and wife Della S., 47 years old.

Della and Elwood were living in a house they owned free of mortgage in the 1st Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Elwood Cressey, 66 years old, working as a machinist in a factory; wife Della S., 58 years old; and widowed mother-in-law Marie Horton, 83 years old, born in MI.

- 69 v. Francetta Horton, born 12/20/1874 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
- 70 vi. Lulu Horton, born 11/05/1877 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married Harry Elmer Putman 3/06/1896 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; born 1873 in Plainwell, Allegan, Co., MI.
- 71 vii. Myrtle B. Horton, born 5/1880 in Plainwell, Allegan, Co., MI. She married Truman W. Shellman 4/02/1902 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

22. Nathaniel⁸ Eaton (Mahala⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 11/1844 in MI, and died 2/07/1928 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married **Alice Wheeler** 9/30/1868 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She was born 11/1844 in NY.

Marriage Notes for Nathaniel Eaton and Alice Wheeler:

Nathaniel and Alice were living at Otsego Twp., Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: Nathiel, 25 years old, a farmer, born in MI; and Alice M., 25 years old, born in NY.

Nathaniel and Alice were living at Otsego Twp., Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. In the household were: Nathiel, 35 years old, a farmer; wife Alice M., 35 years old; daughter Nina, 7 years old, born in MI; son Ray, 1 year old; domestic helper Evaline Rauslen, 23 years old, born in NY; and nephew George Hopkins, 20 years old, farmer, born in MI.

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Ea.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Eaton Nathaniel, farmer, Section: 3-4, Acres: 40, Post Office: Otsego, Alamo Twp, County Directory 1883

Eaton Nathaniel, farmer Section: 3 and 4 Acres: 80 Value: \$2230 Post Office: Otsego, Alamo Township, 1887

Eaton Nathaniel, Section: 3 Value minus debt: 2070 Alamo, Post Office: Otsego,, Farmers' & Village 1895

Eaton Nathaniel, Section: 3-4-13, Total Acres: 80, Value minus debt: \$2, 200, Township: Alamo, Post Office: Otsego, Kalamazoo Co Farm Directory, 1905

Eaton Nathaniel (Alice), residence 609 Edwin av, Kalamazoo City 1915

Eaton Nathaniel boards 1846 Oakland dr, 1926 City Directory

Nathaniel and Alice were living on a farm they owned free of mortgage at Alamo Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Nathiel, 55 years old, a farmer; wife Alice, 55 years old; and son Ray C., 21 years old, in school.

Nathaniel and Alice had been married 31 years, and both of their children were still living.

Children of Nathaniel Eaton and Alice Wheeler are:

- 72 i. Nina⁹ Eaton, born Abt. 1873 in MI.
- + 73 ii. Ray C. Eaton, born 3/29/1879 in Otsego, Allegan Co., MI; died 1933.

24. Mary Lucretia⁸ Carney (Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 6/04/1836 in NY, and died 7/21/1907 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married **Hollan Gilson** 7/02/1854, son of Holland Gilson and Mehitabel Beckwith. He was born 2/11/1835 in Rutland, Rutland Co., VT, and died 11/07/1872 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Mary Lucretia Carney:

Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

More About Mary Lucretia Carney:

Cause of Death: valvular diseases of the heart and stomach trouble

Notes for Hollan Gilson:

Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Date of death: 7-Nov-1872

Ledger Page: 68

Record Number: 320

Place of death: Climax

County of Death: Kalamazoo

Sex: Male

Race: White

Marital Status: Married

Age: 37 years 9 months

Cause of Death: Typhoid Pneumonia

Birthplace: Vermont

Occupation: Farmer

Father's Name: Gilson, Hollis Sr

Father's Residence: Climax Mich

Mother's Name: ,

Mother's Residence:

Date of record: 12-Jun-1873

Children of Mary Carney and Hollan Gilson are:

- 74 i. Leonard D.⁹ Gilson, born 7/17/1857 in MI; died 11/05/1872.

Notes for Leonard D. Gilson:

Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

- 75 ii. Anise A. Gilson, born 10/23/1859 in MI; died 8/23/1863.

Notes for Anise A. Gilson:

Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

- 76 iii. Willard S. Gilson, born 1864 in MI; died 1930. He married Jennie (nee ?) Gilson; born 1865; died 1924.

Notes for Willard S. Gilson:

Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Jennie (nee ?) Gilson:

Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

25. William Henry⁸ Carney (Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 5/08/1838 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 12/29/1899 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI. He married **Hannah Elizabeth Powers** 9/29/1867 in

Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of Daniel Powers and Louisa Harrison. She was born 10/11/1846 in MI, and died 4/18/1913 in MI.

Notes for William Henry Carney:

William is buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for William Carney and Hannah Powers:

According to the FAMILY RECORD [for the Carney and Keyes families] found in 2008, William H. Carney and Hannah Powers were married 9-28-1866.

Taken from 1880 Federal census of Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
William CARNEY	Self	M	Male	W	42	MI	Farmer	NY	NY
Hannah E. CARNEY	Wife	M	Female	W	33	MI	Keeping House	NY	OH
Morris P. CARNEY	Son	S	Male	W	10	MI		MI	MI
Gracie CARNEY	Dau	S	Female	W	7	MI		MI	MI
Ashley D. CARNEY	Son	S	Male	W	5	MI		MI	MI

Henry and Hannah moved to Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, upon Henry's retirement from farming in August 1885.

Children of William Carney and Hannah Powers are:

- 77 i. Frank⁹ Carney, born 2/23/1869 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 8/20/1869 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Frank Carney:

Date of death: 20-Aug-1869

Ledger Page: 305

Record Number: 431

Place of death: Climax

County of Death: Kalamazoo

Sex: Male

Race: WHITE

Marital Status: Not Recorded

Age: 5 months 28 days

Cause of Death: SUMMER COMPLAINT

Birthplace: CLIMAX

Occupation:

Father's Name: Carney, WILLIAM

Father's Residence: CLIMAX

Mother's Name: CARNEY, HANNAH

Mother's Residence:

Date of record: 28-May-1870

- + 78 ii. Maurice P. Carney, born 5/31/1870 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1915 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI.
- 79 iii. Grace Carney, born 1873 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married V. E. Spaulding.
- 80 iv. Daniel Ashley Carney, born 1875 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

27. Edna Adelia⁸ Carney (Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 4/06/1841 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married **Springer McCreary** 6/20/1863 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He died 10/15/1869.

Notes for Springer McCreary:

In the FAMILY RECORD [for the Carney and Keyes families] found in 2008, the surname was spelled McCreary. In Rev. Orlando Keyes' marriage record it is spelled McCrary.

Marriage Notes for Edna Carney and Springer McCreary:

They were married by Rev. Orlando Keyes "June 20, 1863, at West Climax, Springer McCrary of Prairie Ronde is married to Edna Adelia Carney of Climax. Witnessed by: Silas & Wm. Carney & O. Seley."

Child of Edna Carney and Springer McCreary is:

- 81 i. Addie⁹ McCreary, died 5/06/1872.

30. Byron S.⁸ Carney (Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 3/24/1848 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 7/18/1915 in Porter, Van Buren Co., MI. He married **(1) Alice Jane Fletcher** 3/26/1872 in Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of Zachariah Fletcher and Malansy Monroe. She was born 12/24/1851 in MI, and died 9/30/1907 in Prairie Ronde, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married **(2) Katherine "Kittie" Coon** 7/31/1909 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of Charles Coon and Charlotte Sanderson. She was born 5/24/1862 in MI, and died 9/01/1942 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Byron S. Carney:

From Schoolcraft Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, notation of Thursday July 22, 1915:

BYRON S. CARNEY, father of Glenn Carney of Schoolcraft died at his farm home Sunday. He was 67. Born at Climax. Lived there all his life.

Burial was at the Schoolcraft Cemetery 7-20-1915.

More About Byron S. Carney:

Cause of Death: tuberculosis of lungs

Notes for Alice Jane Fletcher:

Burial was at the Schoolcraft Cemetery 10-2-1907.

More About Alice Jane Fletcher:
Cause of Death: cerebral sclerosis

Marriage Notes for Byron Carney and Alice Fletcher:
Taken from 1880 Federal census of Prairie Ronde, Kalamazoo Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Byron CARNEY	Self	M	Male	W	32	MI	Farmer	NY	NY
Alice J. CARNEY	Wife	M	Female	W	28	MI	Keep House	VA	NY
Lena M. CARNEY	Dau	S	Female	W	7	MI		MI	MI
Claude S. CARNEY	Son	S	Male	W	5	MI		MI	MI
Roy W. CARNEY	Son	S	Male	W	2	MI		MI	MI

The family was still living at Prairie Ronde at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Byron S., 52 years old, a farmer; Alice J., 48 years old; Glen B., 18 years old; and Annie, 15 years old. All were born in MI. They lived on a farm they owned with a mortgage.

Notes for Katherine "Kittie" Coon:
Obituary from Wednesday September 2, 1942 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

Katherine Carney, 80, of 702 Academy Street, a resident here for 34 years, 21 of which she lived at the same address, died early Tuesday evening. She was born May 24, 1862 in Michigan, the daughter of Charles and Charlotte Coon, and was active in the Gleaners and Rebekah lodges until illness intervened. Aug. 21, 1881 she was married to Spencer H. Butler, who died in 1908, and later she married Byron Carney, who died in 1915.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Zora B. Cushman, Kalamazoo; a grandson, Maurice D. Cushman, with the army of the United States in Iceland; a granddaughter, Yvonne Phyllis Cushman, Kalamazoo, and a niece and two nephews.

Marriage Notes for Byron Carney and Katherine Coon:
Byron and Kitty were living in a house they owned with a mortgage in the 5th Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Byron S., 61 years old, county road commissioner, born in MI; wife Katherine, 49 years old, born in MI; stepdaughter Zora Butler, 24 years old, bookkeeper at the Sign Works, born in MI; and widowed mother-in-law Charlotte Coon, 67 years old, born in MI.

Byron and Katherine had been married 1 years, and for each of them it was a second marriage. Katherine had had 1 child, who was still living, and Charlotte had had 3 children, all still living.

Katherine was living with her daughter and son-in-law Zora M. and Henry E. Cushman at 112 Prospect Place in the 2nd Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census.

Children of Byron Carney and Alice Fletcher are:

- 82 i. Lena M.⁹ Carney, born 1873 in MI.
- + 83 ii. Claude Silas Carney, born 4/25/1875 in Prairie Ronde, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 2/26/1940 in Detroit, Wayne Co., MI.
- 84 iii. Roy W. Carney, born Abt. 1/1878 in MI. He married Alva R. (nee ?) Carney; born Abt. 11/1878 in MI.

Marriage Notes for Roy Carney and Alva Carney:

Roy and Alva were living in Prairie Ronde Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. They had been married within the year and were renting a farm.

- 85 iv. Glenn B. Carney, born Abt. 5/1882 in MI.
- 86 v. Annie Carney, born Abt. 4/1885 in MI.

31. Anson B.⁸ Carney (Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 5/31/1850 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 1/18/1935 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married **(1) Saraphene Frances Roe** 4/16/1876 in Calhoun Co., MI, daughter of Frederick Roe and Alice Gilson. She was born 11/29/1858 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 11/30/1887. He married **(2) Susan J. Averill** 11/14/1906 in Augusta, Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of Stephen Averill and Margaret Stewart. She was born Abt. 6/1854 in MI, and died 1911.

Notes for Anson B. Carney:

Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Saraphene Frances Roe:

Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Anson Carney and Saraphene Roe:

Taken from 1880 Federal census of Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Anson B. CARNEY	Self	M	Male	W	30	MI	Farmer	NY	NY
Sarah F. CARNEY	Wife	M	Female	W	21	MI	Keeping House	PA	---
Silas H. CARNEY	Son	S	Male	W	2	MI	MI	MI	---

Notes for Susan J. Averill:

Susan was living with her brother at the time of the 1900 Federal census of Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. In the household were: Charles Averill, 52 years old, single, a farmer, born in MI; and Susan Carney, 45 years old, a widow, born in MI. Susan had not had any children.

Buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Children of Anson Carney and Saraphene Roe are:

- + 87 i. Silas H.⁹ Carney, born 1877 in Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1934.
- 88 ii. Clayton Carney, born 5/27/1884 in MI; died 11/01/1886.

Notes for Clayton Carney:

Clayton is buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

38. Irene "Rene" Hannah⁸ Keyes (Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 10/23/1847 in NY, and died 1/26/1928 in Seattle, King Co., WA. She married **James M. Powers** 9/01/1864 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of Daniel Powers and Louisa Sager. He was born 5/17/1843 in Detroit, Wayne Co., MI, and died 6/30/1921 in Seattle, King Co., WA.

(For additional information about Irene "Rene" Hannah, see Children of Rev. Orlando and Lucinda (Shook) Keyes, p. 26.)

Children of Irene Keyes and James Powers are:

- + 89 i. Jesse Daniel Orlando⁹ Powers, born 10/22/1868 in Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 3/27/1949 in Seattle, King Co., WA.
- + 90 ii. Frank Glenn Powers, born 12/17/1870 in Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1/26/1946 in Calhoun Co., MI.

39. Lyman Eugene⁸ Keyes (Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 11/15/1849 in Tioga Co., NY, and died 1/28/1938 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO. He married **Clarissa Jane "Clara" Burt-Dean** 2/03/1875 in Pavilion Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of Courtland Dean and Adaline Geddes. She was born 4/27/1851 in Wayne Co., NY, and died 10/11/1936 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO.

(For additional information about Lyman Eugene and family, see Sarah's Brother Lyman, p. 27.)

Children of Lyman Keyes and Clarissa Burt-Dean are:

- + 91 i. Dean W.⁹ Keyes, born 1/1876 in MI; died Aft. 1938.
- + 92 ii. Paul Charles Keyes, born Abt. 9/1881 in MO; died Aft. 1938.
- 93 iii. Harry Clayton Keyes, born 9/26/1883 in Rolla, Phelps Co., MO; died 6/28/1908. He married Melvina Nellie "Millie" Dean; born 6/1886 in Kentucky.

Notes for Harry Clayton Keyes:

Clayton "was accidentally killed while in the employ of the Kansas City, Clinton and Springfield Railway Company, at the age of twenty-two years."

Burial: Englewood Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Henry Co., MO.

Marriage Notes for Harry Keyes and Melvina Dean:

"Millie" Keyes went to live with her parents and a couple of brothers at 119 South Carter Street in the 3rd Ward of Clinton, Henry Co., MO, after Harry Clayton died. She had not had any children. At the time of the 1910 Federal census the household consisted of: Jessie A. Dean, 54 years old, a laborer for a railroad section, born in KY; wife Melvina, 53 years old, born in KY; son Herbert, 16 years old, born in MO; son Freddie, 14 years old, born in MO; and widowed daughter Millie Keyes, 23 years old, born in KY.

- + 94 iv. Lyman Wilbur "Babe" Keyes, born 10/30/1885 in Rolla, Phelps Co., MO; died 4/27/1936 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO.

40. Wilbur W. "Web"⁸ Keyes (Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 3/25/1851 in Pekin, Niagara Co., NY, and died 4/23/1905 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married **Sayda A. "Sadie" Pierce** 1884 in MI, daughter of Parvis Pierce and Eliza Pierce. She was born 5/16/1851 in MI, and died 1923 in MI.

(For additional information about Wilbur W. "Web" and family, see Sarah's Brother Wilbur a.k.a. "Web", p. 30.)

Child of Wilbur Keyes and Sayda Pierce is:

- + 95 i. Josephine Lucinda "Josie"⁹ Keyes, born 10/06/1886 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 12/11/1918 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

41. Sarah M.⁸ Keyes (Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 5/20/1855 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 6/04/1911 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI. She married **(1) Riley Preston Page** 12/24/1873 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, son of William Page and Chloe Thayer. He was born 6/20/1839 in Macedon, Wayne Co., NY, and died 4/16/1928 in East Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. She married **(2) Harvey Olmstead Cline** 8/07/1890 in Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of Samuel Cline and Mary Olmstead. He was born 12/04/1862 in Lagrange, Lagrange Co., IN, and died 10/03/1934 in East Lansing, Ingham Co., MI.

(For additional information about Sarah and her families, see The Story of Sarah M. (Keyes) Page Cline, p. 5, and related accounts.)

Children of Sarah Keyes and Riley Page are:

- 96 i. Bernice May⁹ Page, born 11/23/1874 in Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 8/29/1879 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Bernice May Page:

Bernie is buried at the Climax Cemetery near Scotts, Kalamazoo County, MI.

For information about how to find the cemetery, see near the end of "More About Orlando Keyes - Notes."]

More About Bernice May Page:
Cause of Death: diphtheria

- 97 ii. Harvey Judson "Juddie" Page, born 9/03/1876 in Galesburg, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 8/28/1879 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Harvey Judson "Juddie" Page:
Juddie is buried at the Climax Cemetery near Scotts, Kalamazoo County, MI.

For information about how to find the cemetery, see near the end of "More About Orlando Keyes - Notes."]

More About Harvey Judson "Juddie" Page:
Cause of Death: diphtheria

- + 98 iii. Charles Orlando Page, born 7/31/1878 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 9/18/1941 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

45. Bertha Adeline⁸ Keyes (Nathaniel⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 11/1856 in Hamilton, Van Buren Co., MI, and died Bet. 1920 - 1930 in MI. She married **Garrett Weirs** 1/17/1878 in Kalamazoo Co., MI. He was born Abt. 12/1854 in Holland, and died Aft. 1930 in MI.

Notes for Garrett Weirs:
Garrett was a shoemaker.

Marriage Notes for Bertha Keyes and Garrett Weirs:

Garrett and Bertha were living in the Village of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. In the household were: Garrett, 25 years old, a shoemaker, born in Holland; wife Bertha, 23 years old, born in MI; and son John, 1 year old, born in MI. The family was surrounded by many people from Holland and first generations born in the USA.

Garrett and Bertha were living in the 2nd Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Garrett, 45 years old, a common laborer, born in Holland; wife Bertha, 43 years old, born in MI; son George, 19 years old, born in MI; daughter Elizabeth, 17 years old, born in MI; son Lester, 15 years old, born in MI; daughter Milley, 13 years old, born in MI; son Albert, 11 years old, born in MI; and daughter Anna, 8 years old, born in MI. Garrett had immigrated to the USA in 1875. Of the Weirs children, 7 of 8 were still living.

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Wed-Wei.htm> and
<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Wib-Wilcox.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Weirs Garrett, teamster, residence 303 Wall. Kalamazoo Village 1883

Weirs Garrett, cobbler and shoemaker, 105 East Dutton, residence 827 South Burdick
Kalamazoo Village 1883

Weirs Garrett, laborer, residence w s John. i a of Vine., Kalamazoo City 1887

Weirs Garrett jr, laborer, residence 818 John., Kalamazoo City 1887

Wiers Gerritt, laborer, residence 303 Wall., Kalamazoo City 1887: See Page

Wiers Garrett, 1812 S. West ave., Kalamazoo City 1895: See Page

Wiers Garrett, residence, shoemaker, 138 Wall., Kalamazoo City 1895: See Page

Weirs Garrett, boards 1812 S West, Kalamazoo City, 1905

Weirs Bertha Mrs, residence 429 Michigan av, Kalamazoo City, 1905

Bertha was living with son-in-law Duncan C. and daughter Anna McCallum, who were renting a house at Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. Staying as boarders were Bertha's daughter Millie and child. In the household were: Duncan C. McCallum, 27 years old, a plumber, born in Canada; wife Anna B., 18 years old a bookbinder for a publishing firm, born in MI; boarder Mrs. Millie McKinley, 23 years old, born in MI; boarder Ruth McKinley, 5 months old, born in MI; and mother-in-law Bertha Weirs, 53 years old, born in MI.

Duncan and Anna had been married 3 years, with yet to have any children. Duncan's father was born "at sea" and mother was born in Canada. Millie McKinley and husband (Archie) had been married 4 years and had one child, still living. Bertha Weirs and husband (Garrett) had been married 32 years. Of their 8 children, 6 were still living. (Bertha's husband Garrett and Millie's husband Archie were probably rooming in Kalamazoo to be near their work. Garrett would be rooming in Kalamazoo for the 1920 Federal census. In 1910 only heads of households were listed in the overall index.)

Garrett was rooming in the 2nd Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. He was among several roomers staying at a boarding house on West Water Street rented by May Marquett, a 36-year-old widow from Wisconsin, who also had 4 children still living at home. Garrett claimed to be 65 years old, a shoemaker working in a shoe factory, that he was born in the Netherlands, that he immigrated to the USA in 1866 and was naturalized in 1877.

Meanwhile, Bertha was living on a farm they owned free of mortgage on Lincoln Avenue Road in Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She was listed as 63 years old and a waiter in a cafeteria.

The 73-year-old widower Garrett Weir was living at the Kalamazoo County Poor Farm at Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. The County Farm was being run by Glen M. Ingersoll, the keeper, and his wife Bessie L. Ingersoll, the matron.

Children of Bertha Keyes and Garrett Weirs are:

- 99 i. John A.⁹ Weirs, born 3/28/1879 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married Nellie Fye 6/02/1902; born Abt. 1880 in MI.

Marriage Notes for John Weirs and Nellie Fye:

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Wib-Wilcox.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Wiers, John (Nellie), pressman, residence 1017 N Pitcher, Kalamazoo City, 1905

John and Nellie were living on Pitcher Street in the 1st Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: John "Wiers," 31 years old, a printer at a printing office, born in MI; and wife Nellie, 30 years old, born in MI. They had been married about 8 years but did not have any children.

- + 100 ii. George Hubert Weirs, born 1/21/1881 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 10/28/1960.
+ 101 iii. Elizabeth D. Weirs, born Abt. 3/1883 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
+ 102 iv. Lester E. Weirs, born 12/07/1884 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died Abt. 1965.
+ 103 v. Millie H. Weirs, born Abt. 2/1887 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.
104 vi. Albert Weirs, born 3/22/1889 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1910.
105 vii. Anna B. Weirs, born 8/06/1891 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married Duncan C. McCallum Abt. 1907 in MI; born Abt. 1883 in Canada.

Notes for Anna B. Weirs:

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Wed-Wei.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Weirs Anna B, boards 429 Michigan av, Kalamazoo City, 1905

Marriage Notes for Anna Weirs and Duncan McCallum:

Duncan C. and Anna were renting a house at Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. Staying as boarders were Anna's sister Millie and niece, and Anna and Millie's mother Bertha Weirs. In the household were: Duncan C. McCallum, 27 years old, a plumber, born in Canada; wife Anna B., 18 years old a bookbinder for a publishing firm, born in MI; boarder Mrs. Millie McKinley, 23 years old, born in MI; boarder Ruth McKinley, 5 months old, born in MI; and mother-in-law Bertha Weirs, 53 years old, born in MI.

Duncan and Anna had been married 3 years, with yet to have any children. Duncan's father was born "at sea" and mother was born in Canada. Millie McKinley and husband (Archie) had been married 4 years and had one child, still living. Bertha Weirs and husband had been married 32 years. Of their 8 children, 6 were still living. (Bertha's husband Garrett was probably rooming in

Kalamazoo, as he was for the 1920 Federal census. In 1910 only heads of households were listed in the overall index.)

46. Charles H.⁸ Keyes (Nathaniel⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born Abt. 1862 in Van Buren Co., MI. He married **Lillian Albertson** 10/13/1888 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of William Albertson and Pauline Rives. She was born 1871 in MI, and died 1/06/1891 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Charles Keyes and Lillian Albertson:

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Kep-Key.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Keyes Charles H, blacksmith, boards 315 Douglas ave., Kalamazoo City 1887

Keyes Charles, lab. 315 Douglas ave., Kalamazoo City 1895

Child of Charles Keyes and Lillian Albertson is:

106 i. Avibeng⁹ Keyes, born 12/25/1890 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

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56. Alice Jennie⁹ Carney (Lyman⁸, Mary⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 11/14/1858 in MI, and died 9/25/1909 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI. She married **Elmer Marvin Pond**, son of Marvin Pond and Roxanna Atwood. He was born 6/10/1854 in MI, and died 6/09/1914 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI.

Children of Alice Carney and Elmer Pond are:

- 107 i. Guy¹⁰ Pond, born 8/25/1880 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI; died 10/13/1922 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI.
- 108 ii. Ray Pond, born 1/26/1882 in Wayne, Cass Co., MI; died 8/1946 in Cass Co., MI. He married Sussie Anna Bush 7/29/1903 in Grand Rapids, MI; born Abt. 1880 in Grand Rapids, MI.
- + 109 iii. Verna Burgetta Pond, born 1/16/1886 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI; died 1/05/1937 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI.
- + 110 iv. Bessie Marie Pond, born 10/14/1894 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI; died 3/23/1963 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, MI.
- 111 v. Elmer J Pond, born 4/18/1899.

65. Fredrick⁹ Horton (Hilan Silas⁸, Mahala⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 9/1864 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 1944 in MI. He married **(1) Mary "Jennie" Bushroe** 4/20/1887 in Allegan Co., MI, daughter of John Bushroe and Mary Bushroe. She was born 1868 in Hamlin, Monroe Co., NY, and died 1899 in Allegan Co., MI. He married **(2) Jessie Stratton** 3/26/1903 in Allegan, Allegan Co., MI, daughter of Joseph Stratton and Euphemie Thompson. She was born Abt. 1880 in MI, and died 1954 in MI.

Marriage Notes for Fredrick Horton and Mary Bushroe:

Fred was living with his sister and brother-in-law Cora and William Loomis at Cooper, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: William Loomis, 40 years old, a farmer, born in NY; wife Cora, 33 years old, born in MI; daughter Mable, 12 years old, born in MI; and widower Fred Horton, 35 years old, listed as a farm laborer, born in MI.

Fred and Jennie's daughter Flossie was living with her grandparents Hilan and Maria Horton at Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Fredrick Horton and Jessie Stratton:

Fred and Jessie were living at Otsego Twp., Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Fred Horton, 43 years old, a farmer, born in MI; wife Jessie, 29 years old, born in MI; son Hilon, 5 years old, born in MI; son Darl, 2 years old, born in MI; mother-in-law and widow Euphemie Stratton, 63 years old, born in Ohio; sister-in-law Ruth Stratton, 24 years old, a clerk in a telegraph office, born in MI; and daughter Flossie Horton, 18 years old, born in MI.

Fred and Jessie had been married 7 years, and both of their children were still living. Flossie was Fred's daughter from his first marriage. Euphemie's parents were both born in Scotland, and 3 of her 4 children were still living.

Fred and Jessie were living at Alamo Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Fred Horton, 55 years old, a farmer; wife Jessie, 39 years old; son Hilon, 15 years old; son Darl, 12 years old; and mother Marie, 74 years old.

Child of Fredrick Horton and Mary Bushroe is:

- 112 i. Flossie¹⁰ Horton, born 1/07/1893 in Plainwell, Allegan Co., MI.

Children of Fredrick Horton and Jessie Stratton are:

- 113 i. Hilon J.¹⁰ Horton, born 7/09/1904 in MI; died 8/1982 in Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married Lillian M. (nee ?) Horton; born 1903; died 1965 in MI.
- 114 ii. Darl A. Horton, born 3/07/1908 in MI; died 12/31/2000 in Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married Mable E. (nee ?) Horton 9/27/1929; born 9/16/1910; died 7/16/1991 in MI.

66. Cora⁹ Horton (Hilan Silas⁸, Mahala⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 9/1866 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married **William H. Loomis** Abt. 1884. He was born 4/1860 in NY.

Marriage Notes for Cora Horton and William Loomis:

Cora and William were living at Cooper, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: William Loomis, 40 years old, a farmer, born in NY; wife Cora,

33 years old, born in MI; daughter Mable, 12 years old, born in MI; and Cora's widower brother Fred Horton, 35 years old, listed as a farm laborer, born in MI.

Cora and William had been married 16 years, and Cora had had 1 child, who was still living.

Cora and William Loomis were living at Alamo Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: William H. Loomis, 50 years old, a farmer; wife Cora, 43 years old; father-in-law Hilan W. Horton, 74 years old, living on own income; and mother-in-law Maria L., 63 years old.

Cora and William had been married 26 years, and their 1 child was still living. Hilan and Maria had been married 48 years, and 7 of their 8 children were still living.

Cora and William were living at Otsego, Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: William Loomis, 59 years old, a roustabout at a paper mill; and wife Cora, 53 years old.

Child of Cora Horton and William Loomis is:

- 115 i. Mable¹⁰ Loomis, born 11/1887 in MI.

67. Frank⁹ Horton (Hilan Silas⁸, Mahala⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 5/29/1868 in Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 1944. He married **Elizabeth Bushroe** 11/14/1889 in Plainwell, Allegan Co., MI, daughter of John Bushroe and Mary Bushroe. She was born 3/1871 in Hamlin, Monroe Co., NY, and died 1950.

Marriage Notes for Frank Horton and Elizabeth Bushroe:

Frank and Elizabeth were living with Elizabeth's parents in Otsego, Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: John Bushrow, 53 years old, a farmer, born in NY; wife Mary, 50 years old, a laborer in a paper mill, born in NY; daughter Myrtle E., 15 years old, born in MI; son George, 13 years old, born in MI; daughter Elizabeth Horton, 29 years old, born in NY; son-in-law Frank Horton, 32 years old, a laborer in a paper mill, born in MI; and granddaughter Grace M., 8 years old, born in MI.

Frank and Elizabeth Horton had been married 11 years, and their 1 child was still living. John and Mary Bushroe had been married 33 years, and 4 of their 8 children were still living.

Frank and Elizabeth were living at Martin Twp., Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Frank Horton, 40 years old, a farmer; wife Elizabeth, 34 years old; daughter Grace May, 18 years old; niece Mildred Bernice Roe, 7 years old, born in MI; and George William McDonnald, 35 years old, a farm laborer, born in MI.

Frank and Elizabeth had been married 20 years. Elizabeth's 1 child was still living.

Frank and Elizabeth were living on Marsh Road at Gun Plains Twp., Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Frank Horton, 50 years old, a farmer; wife

Eli J., 48 years old, niece Mildred B. Roe, 16 years old; and Roy Like, 27 years old, a farm laborer, born in MI.

Child of Frank Horton and Elizabeth Bushroe is:

- 116 i. Grace May¹⁰ Horton, born 1/1892 in MI.

73. Ray C.⁹ Eaton (Nathaniel⁸, Mahala⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 3/29/1879 in Otsego, Allegan Co., MI, and died 1933. He married **Leah B. Mason** 11/10/1905 in Plainwell, Allegan Co., MI, daughter of Charles Mason and Florence Burgess. She was born 1876 in MI, and died 1955.

Marriage Notes for Ray Eaton and Leah Mason:

Ray and Leah were living at Otsego Village, Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Ray C. Eaton, 31 years old, proprietor of business selling retail drugs, born in MI; wife Leah B., 34 years old, born in MI; daughter Gwendalin F., 0 years old, born in MI; father-in-law Charles S. Mason, 67 years old, living on own income, born in NY; and mother-in-law Florence L. Mason, 57 years old, born in PA.

Ray and Leah had been married 4 years, and 1 of their 2 children was still living. Charles and Florence had been married 42 years, and all 5 of their children were still living.

Ray and Leah were living in a house they owned with a mortgage at Otsego, Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Ray C. Eaton, 40 years old, a druggist with own store; wife Leah B., 42 years old; daughter Gwendlyn F., 9 years old.

Ray and Leah were living in a house they owned at Otsego, Allegan Co., MI, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Ray Eaton, 54 years old, owner of a drugstore; wife Leah, 56 years old; daughter Gwendolin, 20 years old. The household owned a radio set.

Children of Ray Eaton and Leah Mason are:

- 117 i. Vivian Maxine¹⁰ Eaton, born 3/1909 in MI; died 3/1909 in MI.
- 118 ii. Gwendolin F. Eaton, born Abt. 1911 in MI.

Notes for Gwendolin F. Eaton:

Given name also sometimes spelled "Gwendlyn."

78. Maurice P.⁹ Carney (William Henry⁸, Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 5/31/1870 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 1915 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI. He married **Caroline A. Westnedge** 3/07/1898 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of Thomas Westnedge and Mary Burchnall. She was born 2/1869 in Rome, Oneida Co., NY, and died 6/30/1948 in Washington, DC.

Notes for Maurice P. Carney:

From History of Calhoun County, Michigan; a narrative account of its historical progress, its people, and its principal interests, by Hon Washington Gardner. Gardner, Washington, ed. 1845-1928, 2 v. (1354 p.) front., illus., pl., ports. 27cm. Chicago, New York, The Lewis publishing company, 1913.

MAURICE P. CARNEY

In naming the men whose activities have been of a nature beneficial to Battle Creek, extended mention should be given to Maurice P. Carney, whose work in connection with the architectural and engineering contracts on some of the city's largest buildings has been of a character to leave its impress on the city for many years to come. He has done well all the tasks allotted to him, has built up a reputation for tireless industry that has accomplished great things along the right lines, and has shown the highest kind of executive ability, and as a result stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Carney was born in Climax Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, May 31, 1870, and is a son of William H. and Hannah (Powers) Carney.

Silas A. Carney, grandfather of Maurice P. Carney, took up one hundred and sixty acres of land from the Government at an early day, and was engaged in farming in Kalamazoo County throughout his life, passing away when seventy-two years of age, while his wife [former Julia M. Keyes] was sixty-five years old at the time of her demise. On the maternal side, the grandfather of Mr. Carney was D. C. Powers, who also was an early settler of Kalamazoo County, and took up two hundred acres of land from the Government, spending the remainder of his life in Climax Township and passing away at the age of seventy-five years. His wife [former Louisa Harrison], who was of the old Benjamin Harrison stock, was born in 1819, in Marion County, Ohio, and died April 18, 1912. William H. Carney, father of Maurice P., was born in Climax township, and spent his entire active career in farming, but on his retirement in August, 1885, came to Battle Creek, where his death occurred December 29, 1898. He and his wife had a family of four children: Frank, who died when about one year old; Maurice P.; Grace, who graduated from the Battle Creek high school in 1892, and married V. E. Spaulding, of Kalamazoo; and Daniel A., residing in Battle Creek.

After attending the public schools and the Battle Creek high school, Maurice P. Carney took a course of three and one-half years in the Michigan Agricultural College, where he learned mechanical engineering. He then spent six months in Battle Creek, after which he traveled around the country to some extent, visiting Chicago, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Cleveland, and doing engineering work. In December, 1902, he returned to Battle Creek, where he has devoted his time to architectural and engineering work. At the present time he is chairman of the building committee of the new City Hall. In politics a Republican, he is senior alderman from the Second Ward, having been elected to that office in April, 1911, for a term of two years. Fraternally, he is connected with the F. & A. M., Lodge No. 12, the Lodge, Chapter and Council of Masonry, and the Knights of Pythias, and Elks, and also holds membership in the Athelstan Club and the Battle Creek Industrial Association. With his family, he attends St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where he is clerk of the vestry, superintendent of the grounds and buildings, and active in the work of the Sunday school.

Mr. Carney was married in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Miss Carrie Westnedge, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Burchnell) Westnedge, citizens of Kalamazoo. Mrs. Carney was born in New York state, and educated in Kalamazoo county, Michigan, where her parents are at present residing. Mr. and Mrs. Carney have two children: Richard B. W., born in Kalamazoo County, September 15, 1899, and now attending school in Battle Creek; and Beatrice, born October 22, 1901, in Cleveland, Ohio. The family residence is located at No. 156 Upton Avenue. Mr. Carney has won wide recognition of his abilities through his identification with earnest and hard-working bodies of men whose efforts have helped toward better things, while among his business associates he is known as a man whose integrity has ever been unquestioned.

Maurice is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI.

Notes for Caroline A. Westnedge:

The following notice is from the Thursday July 1, 1948 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

CAROLINE CARNEY DIES AT AGE 79

Was Member of Local Westnege Family.

Mrs. Caroline Westnedge Carney, 79, former resident of Kalamazoo, died Wednesday at Washington, D. C., where she had lived for 25 years. She had been ill six weeks.

Mrs. Carney was born in Kalamazoo in 1869, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Burchnell Westnedge. She was the oldest of four Westnedge children, including Richard and Joseph, who died in two wars and for whom veterans posts are named, and Mrs. Claude Carney, Kalamazoo.

Her husband, Maurice O. Carney, died prior to World War I. They were married in 1898.

Survivors, in addition to the sister here, include a daughter, Mrs. James Dulin, Washington, and Richard, Cleveland; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Marriage Notes for Maurice Carney and Caroline Westnedge:

The family of Maurice and Carrie Carney was living in an apartment at 460 Willson Avenue in the 7th Ward of Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Maurice P., 31 years old, a draughtsman, born in MI; wife Carrie W., 31 years old, born in NY; and Richard W., 8 months old, born in MI.

Maurice and Carrie had been married 2 years and their only child was still living.

The family of Maurice and Carrie Carney was living in in a house they owned with a mortgage at 156 Upton Avenue in the 2nd Ward of Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Maurice P., 40 years old, an architect, born in MI; wife Carrie W., 41 years old, born in NY; Richard W., 10 years old, born in MI; and daughter Beatrice, 8 years old, born in OH.

Maurice and Carrie had been married 13 years and both of their children were still living.

The family of the widow Carrie Carney was boarding with Bessie A. and Maurice H. Paul in Emmet Twp., Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household, besides Bessie, Maurice, and a few other lodgers, were: Carrie W., 51 years old, manager of a cafe; and daughter Beatrice, 16 years old.

Children of Maurice Carney and Caroline Westnedge are:

- 119 i. Richard B. W.¹⁰ Carney, born 9/15/1899 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Richard B. W. Carney:

Richard was living in Cleveland when his mother Caroline A. (Westnedge) Carney died in 1948.

- 120 ii. Beatrice Carney, born 10/22/1901 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH. She married James Dulin.

Marriage Notes for Beatrice Carney and James Dulin:

Beatrice and James were living in Washington, DC, when Beatrice's mother Caroline A. (Westnedge) Carney died in 1948.

83. Claude Silas⁹ Carney (Byron S.⁸, Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 4/25/1875 in Prairie Ronde, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 2/26/1940 in Detroit, Wayne Co., MI. He married **Sarah Evans Westnedge** 9/10/1902 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., PA, daughter of Thomas Westnedge and Mary Burchnell. She was born 7/04/1874 in Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 2/1963 in Melbourne, Brevard Co., FL.

Notes for Claude Silas Carney:

Claude owned a house at 111 South Rose Street in the 4th Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. His occupation was listed as lawyer.

Carney, Claude S. — of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Mich. Democrat. Candidate for circuit judge in Michigan 9th Circuit, 1908; candidate for U.S. Representative from Michigan 3rd District, 1912, 1924; delegate to Democratic National Convention from Michigan, 1924, 1936; candidate in primary for Governor of Michigan, 1932.

Compendium of history and biography of Kalamazoo County, Mich. / David Fisher and Frank Little, editors.

Fisher, David, 1827-Little, Frank, 1823-
Chicago [Ill.]: A.W. Bowen & Co., [1906].

"CARNEY & YAPLE. The energetic and aspiring young gentlemen who compose this, the youngest law firm in Kalamazoo, while of comparatively recent admission to the bar, are sufficiently far from shore to be under full sail in their profession, and have given abundant evidence of their capacity to steer their barque to its desired haven. Their story is like that of thousands of others among us in all parts of our country, one involving diligent preparation for the issues of life and faithful performance of its duties after entering upon them, working and

waiting for the reward of their labors, and winning it by steady progress through attention to whatever comes to them in their chosen line of action. Claude S. Carney, the senior member of the firm of Carney & Yapple, was born at Schoolcraft, this county, on the 25th day of April, 1875, and is the son of Byron S. and Alice A. (Fletcher) Carney, also natives of this county, where the father is a well known and prosperous farmer, residing near the town of Schoolcraft. The son was reared and partially educated in his native place, being graduated from the Schoolcraft high school. He then pursued a literary course at the University of Michigan, and in the law department of the same institution prepared himself for his professional work. He was graduated from this department in 1896, and before the end of that year came to Kalamazoo and entered upon the practice of his profession with Judge John W. Adams, then prosecuting attorney, who appointed him assistant prosecutor, a post which he held until the end of Judge Adams' term as prosecutor, and his election as judge of the circuit court. Mr. Carney then began practicing alone and continued doing so until 1901, when he formed a partnership with Edward L. Yapple, his present partner. In the three years which have passed since this firm was formed the members of it have steadily risen in public esteem and the good opinion of their professional brothers, and have now a well established position at the bar of this county and a large and increasing practice of a representative clientage. They have had many cases of importance and intricacy for trial, and in the management of them have shown wide and exact knowledge of the law, both in general principles and adjudicated cases, and have also exhibited tact, versatility and eloquence in their conduct of them. Mr. Carney was married in 1902 to Miss Sarah Westnedge, a native of this state, and they have one son, Herschel Westnedge Carney. He was a Democrat in politics and an Elk in fraternal life."

An account of Kalamazoo County / edited by Charles A. Weissert.

Weissert, Charles Adam, 1878-1947. Fuller, George N. (George Newman), 1873-1957. Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society. [Dayton, Ohio]: National Historical Association, Inc., [1928]. pp 243-244:

"Claude S. Carney, well-known attorney of Kalamazoo, was born on a farm in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, April 25, 1875. He was born in a log house, attended grade school at Schoolcraft, was graduated from high school and in 1896 was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan. He came to Kalamazoo and entered practice and when only twenty-one years of age was made assistant prosecuting attorney under John W. Adams. Ten years later he became prosecuting attorney and made a record while in that office of which he has every reason to be proud. Mr. Carney, a Democrat, has been his party's candidate for circuit judge, and for representative in congress. In 1916 he served as a member of the Industrial Accident Board of Michigan. He is a member of the Kalamazoo County Bar Association, the Michigan State Bar Association and of the American Bar Association. In 1919 he was honored by the bar of Michigan by being chosen president of the Michigan State Bar Association, and for five years has been a member of its board of directors. He married Sara E. Westnedge, daughter of Thomas and Mary Westnedge, both deceased. Mrs. Carney is a sister of Col. Joe Westnedge, of World war fame, who died in France. A post of war veterans has been named after him. She is also a sister of Capt. Richard Westnedge, of Spanish-American war glory, and for whom a camp of the Spanish-American war veterans was named. They are the parents of two children-Herschel W. Carney, now attending the law department of the University of Michigan, and Fletcher S. Carney, attending high school. The father of Mr. Carney was Byron S. Carney, born in Kalamazoo county, a prosperous farmer. The mother was Alice J. Fletcher, born in the same

county. Both are dead. Silas Carney, grandfather, born in Lockport, New York, farmer, became an early settler of Kalamazoo county and the great-grandfather was John Carney, native of New York state, who lived and died in Kalamazoo county. The maternal grandfather was Zachariah Fletcher, born in 1828 in Hampshire county, Virginia, now West Virginia, and who was four years old when brought to Kalamazoo county. He, too, was a tiller of the soil. His wife was Malansy Monroe, daughter of Capt. Moses Monroe, of Van Buren county. He was a cousin of President James Monroe and his wife was a cousin of Judge Ben Wade, of Ohio. Mr. Carney's great-grandfather was George Fletcher, born in Pennsylvania in 1783, son of Joseph Fletcher, whose father was Joseph Fletcher. The Fletchers are of Scotch and Irish descent. George Fletcher died in Kalamazoo county. Longevity was a characteristic of the family. The Fletchers contributed immeasurably to the advancement of this section of the state."

The following was excerpted from an article appearing in a January 1940 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper (included in the Kalamazoo Biography Scrapbook C3:371, a collection compiled by the Kalamazoo Public Library):

WHO'S WHO IN KALAMAZOO

Claude S. Carney Proud of Photographic Accomplishments; Legal Record Long.

Long prominent in national and state affairs, the author of aeronautical law that has been adopted by many states, and the father of Michigan's present workmen's compensation laws, Claude S. Carney, senior member of the law firm of Carney and Carney, takes more pride in his outstanding accomplishments in photography than in his record as a statesman and attorney.

He has just cause, indeed, to take pride in his success in photography, for he has gone far beyond the ordinary run of amateur or even professional photographers in this field. Although he has the finest and most expensive equipment to work with, he is enthusiastic over the results he can obtain with the small, inexpensive modern camera.

Developed Processes

Working with water colors and oils, Attorney Carney has produced marvelously fine pictures, specializing in still life and landscapes. Some of his experiments have resulted in the development or furthering of processes of great merit in photography.

More than 35 years ago, experimenting in photography, he made a camera out of a reading glass and a beehive in order to obtain a certain type of picture. He has been coloring photographs for 30 years...

Excerpts from very long obituary appearing in Tuesday February 27, 1940 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

C. S. CARNEY, LIQUOR BOARD MEMBER, DIES
Kalamazoo Attorney Is Stricken Fatally in Detroit Hotel.

Claude S. Carney, 64, of Kalamazoo, member of the state liquor control commission, and prominent Democratic leader and lawyer in the state for 43 years, died suddenly of a heart attack at 11 Monday night at the Detroit-Leland hotel in Detroit.

Mrs. Carney, who has been visiting in Melbourne, Fla., was notified of Mr. Carney's death late last night, and immediately started a return trip to Kalamazoo.

Attending Hearing

Mr. Carney went to Detroit two weeks ago to participate in a hearing conducted by the liquor control commission. Officials of the hotel said he had complained of feeling ill, but that his condition had not been regarded as serious. Carney's two sons, Fletcher S., and Herschel W., of Kalamazoo, went to Detroit last night to take charge of funeral arrangements.

The death of the noted Democrat leader came as a shock to friends who had believed he was recovering from an illness extending over the past two weeks. He had not left his room for a week but a friend who visited him Saturday said Carney himself believed he "had the thing licked." Carney was in excellent spirits Saturday, the friend said.

Hotel attaches said that Mr. Carney complained last night of being unable to sleep and at 9 o'clock asked that a doctor be sent to his room. Dr. Ralph Johnson, hotel physician, was summoned, but Mr. Carney expired two hours later. Dr. Johnson said a coronary thrombosis caused his death.

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Mr. Carney's body was taken to the William F. Blake funeral home in Detroit, and was to be sent to Kalamazoo this afternoon where funeral arrangements will be completed.

Article from Friday March 1, 1940 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

BAR, OFFICIALS, FRIENDS AT RITES FOR C. S. CARNEY
Final Tribute Paid to Veteran Lawyer and State Officer.

A large group of friends, including state officials and ranking leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties, Michigan State Bar Association, city and county officials, and civic, social and fraternal organizations, paid final tribute to the memory of Claude S. Carney, prominent veteran Kalamazoo attorney and member of the state liquor control commission, at funeral services conducted at the George P. Truesdale Chapel at 2 yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. A. Gordon Fowkes, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, officiated. The casket was banked and skirted with scores of floral tributes from individuals and many organizations.

Mr. Carney died of a heart ailment in Detroit, late Monday night. He had been in Detroit several days, working with other members of the state liquor control commission on important matters relative to procedure, of a legal nature, in which Mr. Carney had been vitally interested.

Among notables present at the last rites for Mr. Carney yesterday, were Harry Kelly, secretary of state, and a special representative of Governor Luren D. Dickinson, who, because of the pressure of business, could not leave his executive offices at Lansing to attend the funeral, Merle Defoe, member of the state liquor control commission, Norman Snider, personal representative of former governor William A. Comstock, who could not attend, and former member of the Michigan public utilities commission, Charles S. Perritt, chairman of the Democratic state central committee.

Mrs. Elizabeth Belen, Lansing, vice chairman of the Democratic state central committee, Fred Ehrman, secretary of the state liquor control commission, Francis Drolet, Niles, representing the Michigan Retail Druggists Association, Nell Verburg, superintendent of the capitol at Lansing, Senator Carl F. DeLano, of the Sixth District, Representative James B. Stanley, of the First District, Major Don C. Ingraham, former commandant of the Michigan Soldier's Home, Grand Rapids, several officials of the state highway department at Lansing, many members of the Michigan State Bar Association, and judges and attorneys from Kalamazoo and surrounding counties.

<http://www.billcarney.com/brickmasons/carney/mysterio.htm>

A Michigan Carney Mysterious Death!

Mary Carney Hodges

Sun, 09 Nov 1997

Bill, weeks ago you responded to my search for Kalamazoo Co Carneys. You are quite right there doesn't seem to be any direct links but that odd bit of fate you mentioned about Lansing connections does seem to continue. In your diggings you may have come across a Claude Carney from Kazoo who was active in Dem politics.... He was a lawyer and unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1912 and kept active, if not successful. But the rather weird story I just heard from the only living older relative I have found might be fun to track and when I'm in MI next summer I hope to get over to Lansing. It seems in I think 1938 or 39 a member of the State Liquor board died while in office. The Gov. appointed my grandfather, Claude. It was not too many months before he too died suddenly after a meeting. He had not been ill and my father, Herschel, and his brother, Fletcher, did not feel right about the death report. June Carney Bailey maintains that the family refused to let their dad be buried until they had had all the medical test available to prove whether or not he had been poisoned or not. They apparently had strong suspicions and June maintains they were proved right. She says dad did it for their own peace of mind and did not intend to do anything about it for what ever reason. I had wondered why there was such a long time between death and burial, but I guess that could be 1 reason. June further added that Claude was the 3rd person to die in that office. I have no idea where to go for any info on a autopsy, but I expect the deaths of people in the office would be pretty easy for me to find. Fact or fiction it is at least an interesting extra bit from family searching.

Notes for Sarah Evans Westnedge:

Obituary from Sunday February 3, 1963 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

CARNEY, Mrs. Sarah
Melbourne, Fla.
Formerly 802 W. Kalamazoo Ave.--

Mrs. Carney was born July 4, 1874 in Kalamazoo, the daughter of [Thomas] and Mary Westnedge and had been a resident of Melbourne for the past 5 years. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Surviving are 2 sons: Herchel W. of Melbourne, Fla., Fletcher B. of Birmingham, Ala.; one granddaughter, Mrs. James Hodges of Wooster, Ohio; several nieces and nephews. Services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday at St. John's Chapel. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements in charge of Truesdale Chapel, 445 W. Michigan. Friends may make memorial contributions to St. Luke's Church.

Marriage Notes for Claude Carney and Sarah Westnedge:

Claude and Sarah owned a house with a mortgage at 218 West Walnut in the 4th Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Claude S., 35 years old, a lawyer; Sarah E., 35 years old; Hershel W., 6 years old; Fletcher S., 2 years old; and Eva Ferguson, a 45-year-old boarder. All were born in MI. Claude and Sarah had been married for 7 years, and both of their children were still living.

Claude and Sarah owned a house free of mortgage at 218 West Walnut in the 4th Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Claude S., 44 years old, a general attorney; Sarah E., 45 years old; Hershel W., 16 years old; Fletcher S., 12 years old; and Jennie Greendyke, a 17-year-old servant, born in MI, whose parents had come from Holland.

Claude and Sarah were living alone and renting at \$40 per month at 313 Melbourne Avenue in Melbourne, Brevard Co., FL, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. Both had "none" for occupation. They did not own a radio set.

Children of Claude Carney and Sarah Westnedge are:

- + 121 i. Herschel Westnedge¹⁰ Carney, born 9/03/1903 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 12/01/1971 in Melbourne, Brevard Co., FL.
- 122 ii. Fletcher B. Carney, born 6/21/1907 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 5/19/1976 in Birmingham, Jefferson, AL. He married Audrey (nee ?) Carney.

Notes for Fletcher B. Carney:

Fletcher was a sales engineer at Birmingham, AL, at the time of his father's death in 1940.

Mr. Fletcher B. Carney - 4107 Montevallo Rd., Birmingham, Ala. Formerly of: Kalamazoo - Mr. Carney passed away May 19, 1976 in Birmingham, Ala. He was born June 21, 1907 in Kalamazoo, son of Claude S. and Sarah (Westnedge)

Carney. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan and had served with the U.S. Air Force in World War II. Survived by his wife, Aubrey; one niece, Mrs. Mary Carney Hodges of Wooster, Ohio. One brother, Herschel preceded him in death. Committal services will be held at Riverside Cemetery at 1 p.m., Monday, with Rev. Father James Holt officiating of St. Lukes Episcopal Church. Friends may call at the Truesdale Williamsburg Chapel, 445 W. Michigan after 1 p.m. Sunday. source: Kalamazoo Gazette Sat 22 May 1976 (submitted by a volunteer, not a family member)

87. Silas H.⁹ Carney (Anson B.⁸, Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 1877 in Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 1934. He married **Meda Fitch** 3/22/1906 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of Allison Fitch and Mary Heinbauch. She was born 2/11/1882 in Vicksburg, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 1965.

Notes for Silas H. Carney:

Silas is buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Meda Fitch:

Meda is buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Children of Silas Carney and Meda Fitch are:

- 123 i. Clayton L.¹⁰ Carney, born 12/18/1909 in MI; died 7/15/1982 in Miami, Dade Co., FL.
- + 124 ii. June Carney, born 1919 in MI.
- 125 iii. Marian Carney, born 1923 in MI.
- + 126 iv. Julia Alice Carney, born 1/06/1882 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., M; died 10/18/1946.

89. Jesse Daniel Orlando⁹ Powers (Irene "Rene" Hannah⁸ Keyes, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 10/22/1868 in Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 3/27/1949 in Seattle, King Co., WA. He married **Esther Mary "Etta" Kraft** 8/10/1892 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, daughter of James Kraft and Mary White. She was born 2/24/1873 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 6/01/1932 in Seattle, King Co., WA.

Notes for Jesse Daniel Orlando Powers:

Jesse's name is sometimes presented as "Jesse D. O. Powers," "Jesse D. Powers," or "J. D. O. Powers."

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~maizeblue6/index3d.html>

The descendants of Louisa Maria Sager and Daniel C. Powers:

(15.1.4.1.1) Rev. Jesse D.O. Powers, born about 1865, in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, he married Etta Craft, born in Seattle, Washington. Jessie D.O. Powers lived in the Harrisonville settlement as a boy, and after much traveling to settlements returned to Harrisonville. He traveled with the family entertainment act and one of his sisters served as the psychic in the

traveling show, reportedly a talent that their mother, Louisa, had and provided in the act for the previous generation. (15.1.14) Eli Sager traveled with this act and one of his prized possessions was a photo of Louisa, and daughter in their psychic get-up (Eli's great granddaughter, Leah Donnell Ford was the last to own this photo and after her death in 1997 her sons have not located this treasure). Jessie D.O. supposedly put on a great religious speech that drew many crowds. Jessie D.O. conducted the sermons for the family church and each Sunday the services were held at a barn or at the Lincoln Township Cemetery (in the late 1890s to early 1900s).

The following squibs are taken from the Thursday August 11, 1910 issue of the Climax Cereal:

(1) Messrs. and Mesdames John Hamilton, Charles Bentley, Harvey Snyder, Mrs. J. B. Milliman, Misses Leona Snyder and Helen Milliman, Messrs. Whitford Milliman and Lewis Hamilton attended campmeeting at Vicksburg Sunday.

(2) Rev. Jesse D. O. Powers of Seattle, Washington, who is spending the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Powers, will deliver the addresses at the Vicksburg campmeeting Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Saturday afternoon the subject will be "Believing Great Things, Doing Great Things" and Sunday "The New Theology and the Religion of the Future."

http://www.archive.org/stream/historyofseattle03bagl/historyofseattle03bagl_djvu.txt

“History of Seattle From the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time”

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REV. JESSE DANIEL ORLANDO POWERS.

Rev. Jesse Daniel Orlando Powers is pastor of the Unitarian church at Boylston and Olive streets in Seattle. He was born at Scotts, Michigan, October 22, 1868, and is descended from the first old Dutch settlers who came to the new world. His ancestors fought in the Revolutionary war, in the War of 1812 and again in the Civil war the family was represented by patriotic defenders of the Union cause. His father, James Powers, served in the struggle between the north and the south as a member of the Twelfth Michigan Infantry. The maternal grandfather, Orlando Keyes, was chaplain of the company, and he married his daughter, Irene Keyes, to James Powers a half day before he and his son-in-law marched away to the war. In the summer of 1914 they celebrated their golden wedding, the ceremony on this occasion being performed by their son. Rev. J. D. O. Powers, while one of the witnesses was Mrs. Keyes, the bride's mother, who had been present at the wedding a half century before. Orlando Keyes was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a man of prominence in his community. James Powers, too, has exerted considerable influence over public thought and action and has represented his district in the state legislature of Michigan. His life has been devoted to farming and he is now owner of a large ranch in the state where he has so long resided.

Rev. J. D. O. Powers completed his literary education in Battle Creek College and subsequently engaged in teaching in a high school for two years. He was married August 10, 1892, after which he and his wife both became students in the University of Michigan. Subsequently he matriculated in the Meadville (Pa.) Theological College, from which he was graduated in June, 1897. In 1897 Mr. Powers was called to Kennebunk, Maine, as pastor of the First Unitarian church and at the same time was elected superintendent of public schools. He was also president of the school board. In 1901 he received unsolicited a call from the Sioux City (Ia.) Unitarian church, which he accepted. While acting as pastor there he organized the Associated Charities, placing the society upon a splendid basis and leaving it in fine condition. For six and one-half years he engaged in preaching in Sioux City and in January, 1908, accepted a call to Seattle, where he has since resided. He is very active in charity work, extending a helping hand where aid is needed and also seeking and winning the cooperation of others. He has often been called "the marrying minister, for he is again and again sought to perform marriage ceremonies, having officiated for nearly six hundred couples. In this connection he is the worthy successor of the dearly loved Father Damien, a pioneer minister of Seattle. Nor is he less in demand for funerals, as he is a most sympathetic speaker, tactful and earnest, and always managing to carry consolation to the bereaved ones. A broad-minded man, possessed of the true spirit of Christianity, he is continually preaching the fact that God is love and not an avenging Father punishing His children. He has not merely doubled his congregation in its numerical strength but has increased the membership tenfold, for from one hundred it has grown to approximately over one thousand in the year 1915. His sermons are printed weekly in the daily papers of Seattle and are widely discussed. In 1915 he delivered a sermon on the life after death and declared he knew of his own personal experience that there was life beyond the grave and that our loved ones could and did return to us, conditions being right, narrating as a proof his own experiences. The result of this sermon was widespread and aroused much discussion pro and con.

In August, 1892, at Battle Creek, Michigan, Rev. Powers was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Esther Kraft, who was a public school teacher prior to her marriage. Her father was a wheat buyer by occupation, while her brother, Arthur Kraft, is a prominent business man of Battle Creek. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, Marie and Glenna, who are attending school. Dr. Powers is an Elk and a Mason. He is also connected with the United Workmen, the Woodmen of the World, the Modern Woodmen of America and the American Yeomen. In politics he supports the best man irrespective of creed or political affiliation. He is president of the State of Washington Peace Society and was appointed by Governor Lister a delegate to the national peace conference held in Michigan in 1914. He is broad-gaged and when told that a newspaper reporter had said, "Dr. Powers is a good scout," he, far from being offended, was pleased. He stands as a man among men, greatly loved by his congregation and his fellows. His oratorical ability and his interesting exposition of every question which he discusses makes him in great demand at public ceremonies. He was once heard to remark, "I left Iowa in a snowstorm and landed in Seattle in the midst of roses." He is most enthusiastic over the city and everything connected with it, has a strongly developed sense of civic pride and does all in his power to promote those interests which are of greatest worth in the municipal life. One of his most predominant traits is his charity and every possible moment of his life is given to advance humanity along that line — the line of charitable thought and action — that there may be a recognition of the ties of brotherhood and an understanding and appreciation each of the other.

<http://www.siouxcityuu.org/history.htm>

Ministers of the First Unitarian Church, organized March 11, 1885.

“J.D.O. Powers: 1901—1907”

“History of Woman Suffrage”

By Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan Brownell Anthony, Matilda Joslyn Gage, Ida Husted Harper,
v.6, Published by Susan B. Anthony, 1922

[Speaking up for the amendment allowing women the right to vote: (excerpts from pp. 678-679)]

“The State association entertained the national suffrage convention at Seattle in 1909 and brought its guests from Spokane on a special train secured by Mrs. DeVoe, as an effective method of advertising the cause and the convention. [On the list of Seattle ministers who opened various sessions of the convention with prayer was ‘The Reverend J.D.O. Powers, Unitarian.’ From The History of Woman Suffrage (Vol. 5, p. 260).]

“The clergy was a great power. Nearly every minister observed Mrs. DeVoe’s request to preach a special woman suffrage sermon on a Sunday in February, 1910.

“In Seattle no one spoke more frequently or convincingly than the Rev. J. D. O. Powers of the First Unitarian Church and the Rev. Sidney Strong of Queen Anne Congregational Church.”

"The Advocate of Peace"

By American Peace Society *

Published by American Peace Society, 1912

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"Branches of American Peace Society

"State of Washington Peace Society, Seattle, Wash.,

Rev. J. D. O. Powers, President.

Mrs. H. P. Fish, 4706 Fourteenth Ave., N.E., Sec."

* http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Peace_Society

"The American Peace Society [based in Washington, D.C. since 1911] was a pacifist group founded upon the initiative of William Ladd, in New York City, May 8, 1828. It was formed by the merging of many state and local societies, from New York, Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, of which the oldest, the New York Peace Society, dated from 1815. Ladd was an advocate of a "Congress and High Court of Nations...."

Notes for Esther Mary “Etta” Kraft:

Washington Death Certificates, 1907-1960: Lists her name as Etta M. Powers. Burial was 3 June 1932.

Marriage Notes for Jesse Powers and Esther Kraft:

The family of Jesse and Esther Powers was renting a house at Kennebunk, York Co., ME, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Jesse D. O., 31 years old, a clergyman, born in MI; wife Esther M., 31 years old, born in MI; daughter Marie, 1 year old, born in ME; Gr mo (grandmother?) Miny E. White, 83 years old, born in England; and aunt Elizabeth Capen, 57 years old, born in PA. Jesse and Esther had been married 8 years, and their 1 child was still living.

Esther M. Powers' father was born in MI and mother was born in PA. Elizabeth Capen was born in Jan. 1843, in PA, whereas her parents were both born in England. Miny was born in Dec. 1816, in England, of English parents. Only 1 of her 2 children was still surviving.

In 1901 the family moved to Sioux City, Woodbury Co., IA, and in 1908 they moved to Seattle, King Co., WA, where Jesse and Esther resided the remainder of their lives.

The family of Jesse and Esther Powers was renting a house at 916 Mercer Street E. in the 7th Ward of Seattle, King Co., WA, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Jesse D. O., 41 years old, a minister of the church, born in MI; wife Ester, 41 years old, born in MI; daughter Marie, 11 years old, born in ME; daughter Glenna, 9 years old, born in ME; and servant Sarah Gustafsen, 31 years old, born in Sweden.

The family of "Jessie" and Esther Powers owned a house with a mortgage at 1414 East Roy in the 116th Precinct of Seattle, King Co., WA, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Jessie D. O., 51 years old, a minister of the church, born in MI; wife Esther M., 50 years old, born in MI; daughter Marie K., 21 years old, born in ME; daughter Glenna I., 19 years old, born in ME; nephew Carlton J. Powers, 21 years old, a dentist, born in MI; and his wife Kathryn B., 21 years old, born in MI.

The family of Jesse and Esther Powers owned a house at 3872 Oheasty Boulevard in Block 5810 of Seattle, King Co., WA, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Jesse D., 61 years old, a Unitarian clergyman, born in MI; wife Etta M., 61 years old, born in MI; daughter Marie K., 32 years old, teaching in high school, born in ME; and daughter Glenna I., 29 years old, born in ME. The house had a value of \$5,000, and the family did not own a radio set.

Children of Jesse Powers and Esther Kraft are:

- 127 i. Marie K.¹⁰ Powers, born Abt. 7/1898 in ME.
- 128 ii. Glenna I. Powers, born Abt. 1901 in ME.

90. Frank Glenn⁹ Powers (Irene "Rene" Hannah⁸ Keyes, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 12/17/1870 in Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 1/26/1946 in Calhoun Co., MI. He married **Florence Maud Cooley** 6/19/1897 in Eckford, Calhoun Co., MI, daughter of Carlton Cooley and Hulda Remer. She was born Abt. 4/1870 in MI.

Notes for Frank Glenn Powers:

Frank was a dentist as were his sons.

Frank was buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Calhoun Co., MI, 01-28-1946.

Marriage Notes for Frank Powers and Florence Cooley:

Frank and Florence Powers were renting a house at 342 North Division Street in the 1st Ward of Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Frank G., 30 years old, a dentist; wife Florence M., 30 years old; son Carlton J., 2 years old; and son Donald H., 6 months old. All were born in MI.

Frank and Florence Powers owned a home with a mortgage at 340 North Madison Street in the 1st Ward of Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Frank Glenn, 40 years old, a dentist with own shop; wife Florence M., 39 years old; son Carlton James, 11 years old; son Donald Hess, 10 years old; son Roger Paul, 8 years old; and son Robert Franklin, 5 years old; aunt Harriet C. Rogers, a 74-year-old widow. All were born in MI. All four of the Powers children were still living. Harriet Rogers never had any children.

Frank and Florence Powers owned a home with a mortgage at 340 Madison Street in the 1st Ward of Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Frank G., 49 years old, a general practitioner dentist; wife Florence M., 49 years old; mother Irena H., 73 years old; father James, 77 years old; son Donald Hess, 20 years old, working at a furnace company; son Roger Paul, 18 years old; and son Robert Franklin, 15 years old. The census stated that all were born in MI, though Irena was born in NY.

Frank and Florence Powers owned a home worth \$10,000 at 340 Madison Street in the 1st Ward of Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Frank G., 59 years old, a dentist with an office; wife Florence, 59 years old; and son Robert, 25 years old, a dentist with an office. The family owned a radio set.

Children of Frank Powers and Florence Cooley are:

- 129 i. Carlton James¹⁰ Powers, born 5/01/1898 in Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI; died 2/1986 in Seattle, King Co., WA. He married Kathryn E. Brewer 5/30/1918 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI; born Abt. 1898 in MI.

Notes for Carlton James Powers:

Carlton was a dentist as was his father and brothers.

Carlton James Powers registered in the 1917-8 World War I draft, giving his address as 340 N. Madison, Marshall, Calhoun Co., Michigan (his parents address). His date of birth given as May 1st, 1898. Lists his career as a student at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Describes himself as tall, medium weight, blue eyes and brown hair.

Marriage Notes for Carlton Powers and Kathryn Brewer:

The family was living in Seattle, King Co., WA at the time of the 1920 Federal census, including wife, Katheryn B., 21, born Michigan, and they are living in the household of his uncle, Jesse D.O. Powers.

The family was living at 1119 Berian Avenue in Seattle, King Co., WA at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Carlson J. Powers, 31, b. MI, a dentist; Katheryn B., 31, , b. MI; both married at age 20.

- 130 ii. Donald Hess Powers, born Abt. 11/1899 in Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI. He married Henerietta Eldridge 1/08/1921 in Pontiac, Oakland Co., MI; born 1903 in Cadillac, MI.

Notes for Donald Hess Powers:

Donald was a dentist as was his father and brothers.

- 131 iii. Roger Paul Powers, born 11/01/1901 in Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI.

Notes for Roger Paul Powers:

Roger was a dentist as was his father and brothers.

- 132 iv. Robert Franklin Powers, born 12/01/1904 in Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI; died 5/08/1993 in Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI.

Notes for Robert Franklin Powers:

Robert was a dentist as was his father and brothers.

91. Dean W.⁹ Keyes (Lyman Eugene⁸, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 1/1876 in MI, and died Aft. 1938. He married **(1) Ivy G. Bledsoe** Abt. 1899, daughter of Wilson Bledsoe and Emma Burton. She was born 12/23/1878 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO, and died 2/16/1920 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO. He married **(2) Jennie Candace "Jane" Lefler** Aft. 1920, daughter of Reuben Lefler and Nancy John. She was born 9/01/1874 in Crouch Co., NE, and died 4/04/1958 in Henry Co., MO.

Notes for Dean W. Keyes:

In 1919 was "...engaged in the train service of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad..."

Notes for Ivy G. Bledsoe:

Obituary-

KEYES, Ivy G. BLEDSOE - 1878 - 1920

Englewood Cemetery KA-KZ, Clinton, Clinton Twp, Henry Co, MO

Clinton MO - Mrs. Dean Keyes died at her home on Orchard and Allen streets, Monday at noon. She had been in poor health for several years and last summer spent several months in Colorado in hopes of benefiting her health. Last November she went to Kansas City and underwent an operation. She never fully regained her strength and when she came back was able to be up

some, but two weeks ago took very ill again. Her maiden name was Ivy Bledsoe and was born in Clinton, Dec. 23, 1878. About 21 years ago she married Dean Keyes, who survives her, with their three beloved sons, Bledsoe of DeLeon, Texas, but who was at his mother's bedside the week previous to her death; Harry Dean, who is in high school and Lyman, who is in the grade schools. She also leaves her father, W. H. Bledsoe, of Clinton; and one sister, Mrs. Irene Erickson of Portland, Oregon. Deceased had lived most of her life in Clinton, but had spent several years in Parsons, Kas., and Ash Grove, Mo. In Clinton, her home town, she was loved and surrounded by friends and loved ones, who did all they could to ease the pain, she had long had. She was a splendid musician, playing the violin with a skill and interpretation that held the attention of her audiences. Her mind was bright and active and she possessed a gift of being able to write on any question she chose. A short time before her death she made a profession of faith in her Master and had been accepted for membership in the Christian church. The funeral services were held at her late home Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. A. N. Lindsey, after which her body was laid in Englewood.

Burial: Englewood Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Henry Co., MO.

Marriage Notes for Dean Keyes and Ivy Bledsoe:

Dean and Ivy were renting a house at 407 South Carter Street in the 3rd Ward of Clinton, Henry Co., MO, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Dean W., 24 years old, a railroad brake man, born in MI; and wife Ivy, 21 years old, born in MO.

Dean and Ivy were renting a farm in Bethlehem Twp., Henry Co., MO, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Dean W., 34 years old, general farming, born in MI; wife Ivy G., 30 years old, born in MO; son Bledso E., 9 years old, born in MO; son Harry D., 5 years old, born in MO; and son Lymon B., 3 years old, born in MO. Dean and Ivy had been married 10 years, and all 3 of their children were still living.

The family of Edward and Della Bledsoe lived nearby. Chances are excellent that Edward and Ivy were siblings. Per the census, Edward and Ivy were both born in MO of a father that was born in KY and mother born in MO. They were also of similar age: Ivy 30 and Edward 36.

The family of Dean and Ivy owned a house with a mortgage at 609 South Orchard in the 3rd Ward of Clinton, Henry Co., MO, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: D. W., 43 years old, yard master for the railroad; wife Ivy, 41 years old; son Bledsoe, 19 years old, fireman for the railroad; son Harry D., 15 years old; and son Liman, 13 years old. Renters were: Thomas Holder, 28 years old, a brake man for the railroad, born in MO; wife Ethel, 25 years old, born in MO; and son Kenneth, 3 years old, born in MO.

(For additional information, see marriage information for Dean W. and Jennie C. Keyes.)

Notes for Jennie Candace "Jane" Lefler:

Daughter of Reuben Bright & Nancy A. (John) Lefler - 1st m: Feb 6 1898, Douglas Co., MO to Charles Otterbein FISHER - ch: Mary D., Frank Otterbein - 2nd m: Jul 3 1909, Reno Co., KS to John Ransom SHELTON - ch: Ruth Elizabeth - 3rd m: Dean W. KEYES.

Burial 7 April 1958 at Englewood Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Henry County, Missouri.

Marriage Notes for Dean Keyes and Jennie Lefler:

Dean and Jennie owned a house at 217 South Orchard in the 3rd Ward of Clinton, Henry Co., MO, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Dean W., 54 years old, a conductor for the railroad; wife Jennie C., 55 years old, born in NE; and step-daughter Ruth E., 14 years old, born in MO. The family owned a radio set.

(The census did not differentiate Ruth's surname from Keyes. She was the daughter of Jennie and Jennie's second husband John Ransom Shelton.)

Children of Dean Keyes and Ivy Bledsoe are:

133 i. Edwin Bledsoe¹⁰ Keyes, born Abt. 1901 in MO.

Notes for Edwin Bledsoe Keyes:

Bledsoe was living at DeLeon, Comanche Co., TX, at the time of his mother's death in 1920 and at Clinton, Henry Co., MO, at the time of his brother Harry's death in 1935.

+ 134 ii. Harry Dean Keyes, born 9/04/1904 in Clinton, Henry Co, MO; died 10/05/1935 in Clinton Twp, Henry Co, MO.

+ 135 iii. Lyman B. Keyes, born Abt. 1907 in MO.

Children of Dean Keyes and Jennie Lefler are:

136 i. Frank¹⁰ Keyes.

137 ii. Mary Keyes.

138 iii. Ruth Keyes.

92. Paul Charles⁹ Keyes (Lyman Eugene⁸, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born Abt. 9/1881 in MO, and died Aft. 1938. He married **Mary (nee ?) Keyes** Abt. 1899 in MO. She was born Abt. 1/1880 in MO.

Notes for Paul Charles Keyes:

Paul was born sometime after his family participated in the 1880 Federal census. At that time they were living at Belmont, Kingman Co., KS.

In 1919 Paul was "...a conductor on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway and resides at Sedalia, Missouri...", in 1936 was living at New Franklin, Howard Co., MO, and in 1938 was living with wife at Boonville, Copper Co., MO.

Marriage Notes for Paul Keyes and Mary Keyes:

Paul and Mary were renting a house at Sedalia, Pettis Co., MO, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Paul C., 28 years old, a railroad brake man; wife Mary, 30 years old; daughter Violet, 9 years old; son Wilber, 6 years old; brother Lyman, 24 years old,

unemployed; sister-in-law Nellie, 18 years old; and niece Clayta, 3 months old. Paul and Mary had been married 10 years. Lyman and Nellie had been married a year. All were born in MO.

Children of Paul Keyes and Mary Keyes are:

- 139 i. Violet L.¹⁰ Keyes, born 5/1900 in MO.
- 140 ii. Wilbur Keyes, born Abt. 1904 in MO.

94. Lyman Wilbur "Babe"⁹ Keyes (Lyman Eugene⁸, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 10/30/1885 in Rolla, Phelps Co., MO, and died 4/27/1936 in Clinton, Henry Co., MO. He married **Nellie Lorain Raney** 3/04/1909 in Clinton Co., MO, daughter of Joe Raney and Annilda Pigg. She was born 12/06/1891 in Henry Co., MO, and died 2/25/1980 in Sedalia, MO.

Notes for Lyman Wilbur "Babe" Keyes:

KEYES, L. W.

source: 1919 History of Henry Co MO, Uel W. Lamkin, Historical Publishing Co, pg: 612

--- L. W. Keyes, secretary and manager of the Keyes Mill & Elevator Company at Clinton, is a native of Missouri. He was born at Rolla in 1885 and is a son of L. E. and Clara J. (Dean) Keyes, a sketch of whom precedes this article. L. W. Keyes was educated in the public schools at Rolla and learned the cooper's trade with his father, and continued in the employ of the same company with which his father was employed until he became associated with the Keyes Mill & Elevator Company in the capacity of secretary and manager... Mr. Keyes is one of the progressive young business men of Clinton, and has a wide business acquaintance.

Obituary-

KEYES, Lyman Wilbur "Babe" - 1885 - 1936

Englewood Cemetery, Clinton, Clinton Twp, Henry Co, MO

Clinton MO - Babe Keys Dies Suddenly - Well Known Clinton Man Succumbs To Attack Of Heart Trouble At Home - Babe Keyes, as he was generally known to friends, succumbed to an attack of heart trouble at 5:30 Monday morning at his home, 412 South McLane Street. He did not feel well Sunday but took a drive in the afternoon and went to bed as usual to wake about 2 a.m. feeling ill. His wife administered to him and he apparently slept but after five Mrs. Keyes awoke to hear her husband making a strange noise and before doctors or friends could be summoned, life had escaped its human dwelling place and that good husband, kind father, fine son and devoted brothers, Babe Keyes, had slipped into his eternal sleep. Lyman Wilbur Keyes was born at Rolla, Mo., October 30, 1885, the son of Lyman Eugene Keyes and Clara Dean Keyes. He came with his parents to Clinton in 1891. Mr. Keyes was educated in the Clinton schools, then helped his father run the Keyes Mill on Washington street. This mill burned in 1916 and he and his father rebuilt their business that same year and established the mill at the corner of Washington and Ohio streets, which was one of the well known Clinton business institutions for many years. After closing the mill, Babe and his father for a short time ran a feed store on the west side of the square in one of the Britts buildings, now occupied by Lewis's. Two years ago L. E. Keyes retired from business and Babe went to work for Larabee Mills, where he has been employed the larger part of the last two years then his health permitted, as he had not been well during that time. March 4, 1909, he and Miss Nellie L. Raney were united in marriage

by Rev. Gaither of the First M. E. Church at the parsonage. One daughter blessed their union, Clayta, now Mrs. Carl Shoe of West Ohio street, Clinton, and her three children, Marilyn, Shirley Jean and Eugene, were a source of great pride and happiness to their grandfather. Mr. Keyes and his wife joined the First M. E. church after their marriage, and their church home was ever important and inspiring to them. He was also a member of the royal Arch in Masonry, the Eastern Star, and the Woodmen of the World for many years, and was planning to go as a delegate to a Royal Arch meeting in Jefferson City. Friday evening, however, he attended his last Masonic meeting in Clinton and there as elsewhere he will be greatly missed. Babe was a man of fine character and high principle, who had no bad habits and on whom his devoted family and friends depended as a source of strength and dispenser of kindness. He was loved by all who knew him, respected by others and was ready to meet his Maker, though the summons was sudden and the shock to those left behind hard to accept. Mr. Keyes is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Keyes, of McLane street, his widow, only daughter and three grandchildren, two brothers, D. W. Keyes of Clinton and P. C. Keyes of New Franklin, Mo. The funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the First M. E. church by Rev. Olsen and interment with Masonic rites followed at Englewood. The body was borne to rest by Messrs. Dan Lovelace, Lawrence Maher, E. O. Romine, Dwight Sayles, Sandy Brandenburg and Carter Canan.

Burial: Englewood Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Henry Co., MO.

Notes for Nellie Lorain Raney:

Burial: Englewood Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Henry Co., MO.

Marriage Notes for Lyman Keyes and Nellie Raney:

KEYES, L. W.

source: 1919 History of Henry Co., MO, Uel W. Lamkin, Historical Publishing Co, pg: 612:

... Mr. Keyes was married March 4, 1909, to Miss Nellie Raney, a daughter of Joe and Annilda K. (Pigg) Raney of Clinton, Missouri. To this union has been born one daughter, Clayta....

Lyman and Nellie were living with the family of Lyman's brother Paul and sister-in-law Mary, who were renting a house at Sedalia, Pettis Co., MO, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Paul C., 28 years old, a railroad brake man; wife Mary, 30 years old; daughter Violet, 9 years old; son Wilber, 6 years old; brother Lyman, 24 years old, unemployed; sister-in-law Nellie, 18 years old; and niece Clayta, 3 months old. Paul and Mary had been married 10 years. Lyman and Nellie had been married a year. All were born in MO.

Lyman and Nellie were renting a house at 412 South McLane Street in the 3rd Ward of Clinton, Henry Co., MO, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. The household included: Lyman W., 33 years old, working as grain dealer at the elevator; wife Nellie, 28 years old; and daughter Clayta, 10 years old.

Lyman W. and Nellie were living next door to Lyman E. and Clara J. Keyes, who were living at 410 South McLane Street.

Lyman and Nellie were still renting the house at 412 South McLane Street in the 3rd Ward of Clinton, Henry Co., MO, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. The household included: Lyman W., 44 years old, working as a bookkeeper at the mill; wife Nellie L., 38 years old, a seamstress doing house sewing; son-in-law Carl D. Shoe, 19 years old, manager at a bottling works; and daughter Clayta L., 20 years old, bookkeeper at the bottling works. The family owned a radio set.

Child of Lyman Keyes and Nellie Raney is:

+ 141 i. Clayta L.¹⁰ Keyes, born Abt. 1910 in MO.

95. Josephine Lucinda "Josie"⁹ Keyes (Wilbur W. "Web"⁸, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 10/06/1886 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 12/11/1918 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married **Charles Lewis Rambow** 6/29/1905 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of Chris Rambow and Mary Jensen. He was born 5/28/1881 in Germany, and died 4/27/1961 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Josephine Lucinda "Josie" Keyes:

The name is spelled "Jane" on her birth registration.

Burial Boughton Cemetery, Pavilion Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Charles Lewis Rambow:

http://racingstation.com/genealogy/wheeler/o_r.htm

Note: Carl Rambow found in:

Germans to America, 1875-1888

Age: 5 months

Gender: Male

Occupation Code: Infant

Country: Mecklenburg

Last Residence: Unknown

Final Destination: USA

Purpose for Travel: Staying in USA, but not a citizen of USA

Mode of Travel: Steerage

Port of Embarkation: Hamburg & Havre

Manifest ID Number: 60631

Ship's Name: Bohemia

Date of Arrival: Nov. 16, 1881

Source: (Name)

Title: 1920 Federal Census - MI

Media: Electronic

Page: p.14a, House 193-194

Data:

Text: Climax, Kalamazoo

Source: (Name)
Title: 1930 Federal Census - MI
Media: Electronic

Page: p5a (173), House 101-101, ED 39-8
Data:

Text: Climax, Kalamazoo
Source: (Name)
Title: Family Archive #356, Ed. 1, Germans to America, 1875-1888 Records
Author: Brøderbund
Publication: Release date: March 30, 1999
Media: Electronic

Note: Indexed records.

Immigration: Date: 16 NOV 1881
Place: Ship Bohemia from Hamburg GER & Havre FRA
Immigration: Date: 16 NOV 1881
Place: Manifest ID 60631
Occupation: Date: 1930
Place: Farmer
Death: 1961

Burial Boughton Cemetery, Pavilion Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Josephine Keyes and Charles Rambow:

The following squib is taken from the Thursday October 20, 1910 issue of the Climax Cereal, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page and children, Margaret and Howard, and Mrs. H. O. Cline of Mason, Mrs. Louisa Powers, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rambow were entertained Tuesday of the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Powers in honor of the eighty-second birthday of Mrs. Lucinda Keyes. Dinner was served at two o'clock. Mrs. Keyes was presented with a large box of bonbons and other gifts in memory of the day.

Children of Josephine Keyes and Charles Rambow are:

142 i. Lillian M.¹⁰ Rambow, born Abt. 1906 in MI. She married Mr. Glau.

Notes for Lillian M. Rambow:

Possible marriage for Lillian: The entry just above that for Charles L. and Mamie Rambow in the 1930 Federal census for Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, was for the family of Alden F. Hayward and his wife Lillian M. They had two daughters: "Maxin" E., 6 years old, born in MI, and Eleanore L., 4 years and 2 months old, born in MI. Alden was 27 years old, a general farmer, born in Missouri; Lillian M. was 25 years old, born in MI. She was married at age 19, he at age 20. It is possible that Alden's full name was Frank Alden Hayward. There

are newspaper articles by the Kalamazoo Gazette for a "F. Alden Hayward" and for a "Frank A. Hayward."

(For additional information about Lillian, see History of the Keyes Family Farm, p. 32.)

- 143 ii. Maxine Lucille Rambow, born 12/22/1916 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 12/22/1916 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

98. Charles Orlando⁹ Page (Sarah M.⁸ Keyes, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 7/31/1878 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 9/18/1941 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. He married **(1) Maude Annabelle Castner** 5/24/1902 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI, daughter of Edward Castner and Frances Gargett. She was born 1/01/1883 in St. Johns, Clinton Co., MI, and died 11/30/1972 in Norvell, Jackson Co., MI. He married **(2) Florence L. Peck** 6/30/1931 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, daughter of Mortimer Peck and Luella Phelps. She was born 12/26/1891 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI, and died Aft. 1941.

(For additional information about Charles and his family, see Families of Riley's Son Charles Orlando Page, p. 217.)

Children of Charles Page and Maude Castner are:

- + 144 i. Margaret Frances¹⁰ Page, born 8/01/1905 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI; died 9/22/1937 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.
- + 145 ii. Howard Oswald Paige, born 12/03/1909 in Mason, Ingham Co., MI; died 5/01/1994 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.
- + 146 iii. Marshal Harvey Page, born 10/26/1911 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI; died 12/26/1978 in Chelsea, Jackson Co., MI.

100. George Hubert⁹ Weirs (Bertha Adeline⁸ Keyes, Nathaniel⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 1/21/1881 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 10/28/1960. He married **Cora Antoinette Neal** 10/16/1901 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of Mr. Neal and Ida Neal. She was born Abt. 1884 in MI, and died 5/13/1979.

Marriage Notes for George Weirs and Cora Neal:

George and Cora Weirs were living at 909 Burr Oak Place in the 4th Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: George H., 28 years old, a salesman at a grocery store, born in MI; wife Cora, 26 years old, born in MI; son George L., 7 years old, born in MI; son Harold O., 5 years old, born in MI; mother-in-law Ida M. Neal, 46 years old, born in WI; and sister-in-law Alice G. Neal, 16 years old, born in MI.

George and Cora had been married 8 years, and both of their children were still living. Ida Neal had been married 32 years, and 3 of her 5 children were still living. Ida's husband was probably rooming elsewhere, as she was not listed as widowed or divorced.

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Wib-Wilcox.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Wiers, George H (Cora), clerk Geo A Oliver, residence 120 Thompson, Kalamazoo City, 1905
Wiers George H (Cora A), clerk A P Scheid, residence 909 Burr Oak ct, Kalamazoo City 1915

George and Cora were renting a house at 615 Portage Street in the 5th Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: George, 38 years old, a clerk in a grocery store; wife Cora, 36 years old; son George L., 17 years old, a theater usher; son Harold, 15 years old; daughter Dorothy, 5 years old.

George and Cora owned a house at 907 Burr Oak Court in the 4th Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: George H., 49 years old, a sales clerk in a grocery store; wife Cora A., 46 years old; and daughter Dorothy F., 15 years old. The family owned a radio set.

Children of George Weirs and Cora Neal are:

- 147 i. George Leonard¹⁰ Weirs, born 7/28/1902 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1/04/1976. He married Esther Erickson 10/24/1925 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 9/25/1955.
- 148 ii. Harold Orin Weirs, born 11/10/1904 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 7/01/1984. He married Dora May Hamacher 4/20/1925 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 6/23/1982.
- 149 iii. Dorothy F. Weirs, born Abt. 1915 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

101. Elizabeth D.⁹ Weirs (Bertha Adeline⁸ Keyes, Nathaniel⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born Abt. 3/1883 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married **Wilbur Eugene Markle** 3/22/1902 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of George Markle and Ezelia Harrington. He was born Abt. 1879 in Sutton, Clay Co., NB.

Notes for Elizabeth D. Weirs:

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Wib-Wilcox.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Wiers Lizzie Miss, boards 303 Wall., Kalamazoo City 1887

Marriage Notes for Elizabeth Weirs and Wilbur Markle:

Wilbur and Elizabeth were living in a house they owned with a mortgage on Howard Street in the 2nd Ward of Petoskey, Emmet Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Wilbur E., 32 years old, a machinist in a pump factory, born in NB; wife Elizabeth, 27 years old, and son Donald E., 7 years old, born in MI. Elizabeth's only child was still living.

Wilbur and Elizabeth were living in a house they owned free of mortgage on Howard Street in the 2nd Ward of Petoskey, Emmet Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Wilbur E., 41 years old, a machinist in a pump factory, born in NB; wife

Elizabeth, 37 years old, a keeper at a boarding house, son Donald, 16 years old, born in MI; and boarder Isabell Coreyou, 17 years old, born in MI. Elizabeth's only child was still living.

Child of Elizabeth Weirs and Wilbur Markle is:

150 i. Donald E.¹⁰ Markle, born Abt. 1904 in MI.

102. Lester E.⁹ Weirs (Bertha Adeline⁸ Keyes, Nathaniel⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 12/07/1884 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died Abt. 1965. He married **Emma E. Barnes** 8/02/1905 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, daughter of William Barnes and Louisa Jones. She was born 3/05/1888 in IN.

Marriage Notes for Lester Weirs and Emma Barnes:

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Wed-Wei.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Weirs Lester E, cashr C, K & S Ry, boards 429 Michigan av, Kalamazoo City, 1905

Weirs Lester E (Emma E), pass and frt agt C K & S R R, residence 425 E Main, Kalamazoo City 1915

Lester and Emma were living on Jackson Street in the 5th Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Lester E., 25 years old, an agent for the railroad, born in MI; wife Emma, 22 years old, born in IN; son Cecil, 4 years old, born in MI; and son Clifford, 2 years old, born in MI.

Lester and Emma had been married 5 years, and both of their children were still living.

Lester and Emma owned a house with a mortgage at 425 East Walnut Street in the 7th Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Lester E., 35 years old, an freight agent for the railroad; wife Emma E., 31 years old; son Cecil, 13 years old; son Clifford, 12 years old; and son Clyde, 6 years old.

Lester and Emma owned a house valued at \$5,000 at 1217 Hillcrest Avenue in the 3rd Ward of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Lester E., 45 years old, a coal manager; wife Emma E., 42 years old; and son Clyde, 16 years old. The family owned a radio set.

Children of Lester Weirs and Emma Barnes are:

- 151 i. Cecil¹⁰ Weirs, born Abt. 1906 in MI.
152 ii. Clifford Weirs, born Abt. 1908 in MI.
153 iii. Clyde E. Weirs, born Abt. 1914 in MI.

103. Millie H.⁹ Weirs (Bertha Adeline⁸ Keyes, Nathaniel⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born Abt. 2/1887 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married **Archibald McKinley** Abt. 1906 in MI. He was born Abt. 1868 in Canada.

Notes for Millie H. Weirs:

<http://www.kalamazoogenealogy.org/Directories/Wed-Wei.htm>

Kalamazoo County Directories:

Weirs Millie H, boards 429 Michigan av, Kalamazoo City, 1905

Marriage Notes for Millie Weirs and Archibald McKinley:

Millie was staying as a boarder with her sister Anna and brother-in-law Duncan C. McCallum, and mother Bertha Weirs, at Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Duncan C. McCallum, 27 years old, a plumber, born in Canada; wife Anna B., 18 years old a bookbinder for a publishing firm, born in MI; boarder Mrs. Millie McKinley, 23 years old, born in MI; boarder Ruth McKinley, 5 months old, born in MI; and mother-in-law Bertha Weirs, 53 years old, born in MI.

Duncan and Anna had been married 3 years, with yet to have any children. Duncan's father was born "at sea" and mother was born in Canada. Millie McKinley and husband (Archie) had been married 4 years and had one child, still living. Bertha Weirs and husband had been married 32 years. Of their 8 children, 6 were still living. (Bertha's husband Garrett was probably rooming in Kalamazoo, as he was for the 1920 Federal census. In 1910 only heads of households were listed in the overall index.)

Archie and Millie were renting a place on Snyder Road in Greenfield Twp., Wayne Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Archie, 52 years old, a general excavator, born in Canada of Irish parents; wife Millie, 33 years old, born in MI; daughter Ruth, 10 years old, born in MI; daughter Helen, 8 years old, born in MI; daughter Mildred, 5 years old, born in MI; son Robert, 3 years old, born in MI; and daughter Annette, 1 year old, born in MI.

Archie claimed to have immigrated to the USA in 1874 and was naturalized in 1900.

Children of Millie Weirs and Archibald McKinley are:

- 154 i. Ruth¹⁰ McKinley, born Abt. 1910 in MI.
- 155 ii. Helen McKinley, born Abt. 1912 in MI.
- 156 iii. Mildred McKinley, born Abt. 1915 in MI.
- 157 iv. Robert McKinley, born Abt. 9/1916 in MI.
- 158 v. Annette McKinley, born Abt. 7/1918 in MI.

Generation No. 6

109. Verna Burgetta¹⁰ Pond (Alice Jennie⁹ Carney, Lyman⁸, Mary⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 1/16/1886 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI, and died 1/05/1937 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI. She married **Howard Lester Allerton** 1/16/1902 in Wayne, Cass Co., MI. He was born 7/23/1882 in Hartford, Van Buren Co., MI, and died 8/30/1965 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI.

Children of Verna Pond and Howard Allerton are:

- 159 i. Elmer John¹¹ Allerton, born 7/22/1903 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI; died 12/17/1904 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI.
- + 160 ii. Ray LeRoy Allerton, born 5/03/1905 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI; died 10/10/1977 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI.

110. Bessie Marie¹⁰ Pond (Alice Jennie⁹ Carney, Lyman⁸, Mary⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 10/14/1894 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI, and died 3/23/1963 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, MI. She married **(1) Howard Lester Allerton** 11/25/1909 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI. He was born 7/23/1882 in Hartford, Van Buren Co., MI, and died 8/30/1965 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI. She married **(2) Earl Franklin Packer** 4/04/1932 in Angola, Steuben Co., IN. He was born 8/03/1899 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, and died 4/30/1986 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI.

Child of Bessie Pond and Howard Allerton is:

- 161 i. Gary Darwin¹¹ Allerton, born 3/08/1912 in Dowagiac, Cass Co., MI.

121. Herschel Westnedge¹⁰ Carney (Claude Silas⁹, Byron S.⁸, Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 9/03/1903 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 12/01/1971 in Melbourne, Brevard Co., FL. He married **Barbara Hill** 6/15/1936 in Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI. She was born 3/07/1909 in Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI, and died 1963 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Herschel Westnedge Carney:

Herschel attended the law department of the University of Michigan. He was a junior member of the law firm of Carney and Carney at the time of his father's death in 1940.

Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative from Michigan 3rd District, 1936 (primary), 1946.

1936 Sep 15: Rosslyn L. Sowers (Dem), nominated; Howard W. Cavanagh (Dem), defeated in primary; Herschel W. Carney (Dem), defeated in primary.

1946 Jun 18: Herschel W. Carney (Dem), nominated; William H. Stover (Dem), defeated in primary.

1946 Nov 5: Paul W. Shafer (Rep), elected; Herschel W. Carney (Dem), defeated; Delmar D. Gibbons (Prohibition), defeated.

H.W. Carney Dies in Florida - Word has been received here of the death in Florida of former Kalamazoo attorney Herschel W. Carney. Carney died Wednesday Dec. 1, 1971) in Melbourne, Fla. at the age of 68. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Hodges, three grandchildren, and a brother, Fletcher B. Carney of Birmingham, Ala. A past exalted ruler of the Kalamazoo Elks Lodge, Carney moved to Florida in 1947. He continued to own various property here up to the

time of his death. His wife, Barbara, preceded him in death in 1963. source: Kalamazoo Gazette Fri 3 Dec 1971 (submitted by a volunteer, not a family member)

Child of Herschel Carney and Barbara Hill is:

162 i. Mary Elizabeth¹¹ Carney. She married James Hodges.

124. June¹⁰ Carney (Silas H.⁹, Anson B.⁸, Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 1919 in MI. She married **Gordon W. Bailey**. He was born 4/03/1919, and died 12/26/1999 in Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Children of June Carney and Gordon Bailey are:

- + 163 i. Robert Max¹¹ Bailey, born 3/07/1950 in Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 12/25/2004.
- 164 ii. Roger L. Bailey, born 5/23/1953; died 6/28/2004 in Galesburg, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married Cindi.
- + 165 iii. Marilyn Bailey.
- + 166 iv. Jo Ann Bailey.
- 167 v. Jerry Bailey. He married Roberta.

126. Julia Alice¹⁰ Carney (Silas H.⁹, Anson B.⁸, Julia M.⁷ Keyes, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 1/06/1882 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., M, and died 10/18/1946. She married **Volney Elbert Ramsdell** 1/28/1903 in Vicksburg, Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of Herbert Ramsdell and Julia Webster. He was born 8/01/1879, and died 3/08/1971.

Notes for Julia Alice Carney:

Julia is buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Volney Elbert Ramsdell:

Volney is buried at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Children of Julia Carney and Volney Ramsdell are:

- 168 i. Willard Carney¹¹ Ramsdell, born 10/30/1903 in Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 2/16/1996 in Oshtemo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married Anna Elizabeth Ray; born 1/14/1908 in Kendall, Van Buren Co., MI; died 8/13/1960 in Gobles, Van Buren Co., MI.

Notes for Willard Carney Ramsdell:

Willard's last residence was at Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

- 169 ii. Child Ramsdell, born 1909; died 1909.

Notes for Child Ramsdell:

Unnamed son is buried with parents at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

- 170 iii. Harold Elbert Ramsdell, born 12/21/1911 in Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 1/21/1966 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married Arlene Etta Hitzfield 7/08/1933; born 8/19/1911.

Notes for Harold Elbert Ramsdell:
Harold died at Borgess Hospital.

Marriage Notes for Harold Ramsdell and Arlene Hitzfield:
Harold and Arlene had two sons and one daughter.

- 171 iv. Child Ramsdell, born 1912; died 1912.

Notes for Child Ramsdell:
Unnamed son is buried with parents at the Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

- 172 v. Howard Anson Ramsdell, born 11/01/1913 in Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 2/09/1984 in Portage, Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married Mildred Pauline Wyble 6/18/1936; born 8/24/1916.

Notes for Howard Anson Ramsdell:
Howard's last residence was at Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Howard Ramsdell and Mildred Wyble:
Howard and Mildred had two sons and two daughters.

- 173 vi. Clara Saraphene Ramsdell, born 9/05/1918 in Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 6/19/1990 in Bronson, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married Joseph Kudary; born 10/23/1917 in Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 8/11/1985 in Vicksburg, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for Clara Saraphene Ramsdell:
Clara was a twin of her brother Carroll.

Marriage Notes for Clara Ramsdell and Joseph Kudary:
Joseph and Clara had two sons and two daughters.

- 174 vii. Carroll Herbert Ramsdell, born 9/05/1918 in Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI; died 7/14/2001 in Kalamazoo Co., MI. He married Miss. Doren.

Notes for Carroll Herbert Ramsdell:
Carroll was a twin of his sister Clara.

Carroll's last residence was at Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Carroll Ramsdell and Miss. Doren:
Carroll and wife had three sons.

134. Harry Dean¹⁰ Keyes (Dean W.⁹, Lyman Eugene⁸, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 9/04/1904 in Clinton, Henry Co, MO, and died 10/05/1935 in Clinton Twp, Henry Co, MO. He married **Elisabeth Baldwin** 3/31/1927 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL. She was born Abt. 1900 in CA.

Notes for Harry Dean Keyes:

Was fireman and brakeman for MK&T RR, railroad dinning car chef. Died from injuries received in a car accident on Oct 4, 1935.

Obituary-

KEYES, Harry Dean - 1904 - 1935

Englewood Cemetery, Clinton, Clinton Twp, Henry Co, MO

Clinton MO - Harry Dean Keyes was born in Clinton, September 4, 1904, and lived here until he was 16 years old. (He died Oct 5 1935 from injuries received in a car accident on Oct 4, just north of Deepwater Creek, between Clinton and Deepwater.) He had traveled extensively, visiting practically every state in the union for his work took him all over the country. He first went to work for the Fred Harvey dining car service when he was a young man and was employed on some of the largest and best dinning cars in the nation. For a time he was with the dining service on the 20th Century, a New York Central train, also was on board many special trains going to lodge conventions and other meetings. In 1924 Mr. Keyes was a fireman and brakeman on the M. K. & T in Texas, then went back to Chicago where he became chef on a dining car, and his last work in this line was on the Olympian out of Chicago to Tacoma, Wash. Every summer the Milwaukee line chose the best cook in the service to go to Yellowstone Park to take charge of the food, dining room and kitchen in a big hotel there. One year Mr. Keyes was chosen to be chef of this hotel, and he spent a delightful time there in this work which he enjoyed. The kitchen was modern with all electrical equipment, though that was several years ago when there was not so much electricity used for cooking as now. Mr. Keyes was in complete charge of the culinary part of the hotel business and had a number of helpers under him. Mr. Keyes had been in Clinton since about March 20 of this year and had renewed many old acquaintances and made new friends during his last residence here. He was a member of the Christian church, and belonged to the DeMolays when he was younger. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Baldwin of Amarillo, Texas, March 31, 1927, in Chicago, Ill. They had one son, Dean Walter Keyes, now of Chicago. Also surviving him is his father, Dean W. Keyes; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Keyes, and two brothers, Bledsoe and Lyman Keyes, all of Clinton. The funeral was conducted at the D. W. Keyes residence at 217 S. Orchard street, where he was taken at 2:30 Monday. Rev. A. N. Lindsay preached the sermon, and burial in Englewood. Pallbearers were Vance Julian, Frank Romine, Ira Estell, C. E. Brandenburg, Clifford Kunkler and Richard Gates. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keyes and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Keyes of New Franklin, Mo., attended the funeral.

Burial: Englewood Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Henry Co., MO.

Notes for Elisabeth Baldwin:

Elisabeth was said to be from Amarillo, Texas, when she married Harry. However, the 1930 Federal census of the 28th Ward of Chicago, Cook Co., IL, notes that she and both of her parents were born in California.

Marriage Notes for Harry Keyes and Elisabeth Baldwin:

Harry and Elisabeth were renting an apartment at 3501 Walnut Street at the time of the 1930 Federal census of the 28th Ward of Chicago, Cook Co., IL. They were paying \$30 per month, and the building, worth \$6,000, was owned by Raymond S. and Nora Harper. In the Keyes household were: Harry D., 31 years old, a cook for the steam railroad, born in MO; wife Elisabeth, 30 years old, born in CA; son Wilfred H., 10 years old, born in WA; and son Dean W., 1 year old, born in IL. The household owned a radio set. (No comment on accuracy of ages, or Wilfred.)

Child of Harry Keyes and Elisabeth Baldwin is:

- 175 i. Dean Walter¹¹ Keyes, born Abt. 1929 in IL.

Notes for Dean Walter Keyes:

Dean was living in Chicago at the time of his father's death in 1935.

135. Lyman B.¹⁰ Keyes (Dean W.⁹, Lyman Eugene⁸, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born Abt. 1907 in MO. He married **Helen C. Vanderburg**, daughter of James Vanderburg and Mary Long. She was born 4/15/1915 in Tipton, MO, and died 8/15/1998 in Yuma, Arizona.

Notes for Lyman B. Keyes:

Lyman was living at Clinton, Henry Co., MO, at the time of his brother Harry's death in 1935.

Notes for Helen C. Vanderburg:

Obituary-

KEYES, Helen C. VANDERBURG - 1915 - 1998

Desert Lawn Memorial Park, Yuma, AZ

Daily Democrat, Clinton MO - Mrs. Helen C. Keyes, 83, Yuma, Arizona, died August 15, 1998, at her home. Helen was born April 15, 1915, in Tipton. She was raised in Clinton and resided there until 1942 when she moved to Yuma with her husband and two children. Summers brought her and the children "home" to Clinton to visit her parents and siblings. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Yuma and the Order of Eastern Star. She worked as a retail clerk for JC Penney, Yuma, and as a food service worker at West High School, Phoenix, where she resided from 1964 through 1971. Helen is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, James L. and Melba Keyes of Yellville, Arkansas; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jim Philips and son Larry, of Yuma; brother Jake Vanderburg of Billings, Montana; brother and sister-in-law Lawrence and Doris Vanderburg of Excelsior Springs; sisters, Adda Campbell and Lillie Vanderburg, both of Clinton; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by husband Lyman B. Keyes; father James Vanderburg, and mother Mary Long Vanderburg. A private burial took place Thursday, August 20, at Desert

Lawn Memorial Park, Garden of Faith, Yuma. A graveside memorial service was held at sunset Saturday, August 29, presided over by son James L. Keyes, Lay Presbyterian minister.

Children of Lyman Keyes and Helen Vanderburg are:

- 176 i. James L.¹¹ Keyes. He married Melba (nee ?) Keyes.

Notes for James L. Keyes:

James presided over his mother's funeral as "Lay Presbyterian minister."

Notes for Melba (nee ?) Keyes:

James and Melba were living at Yellville, Arkansas at the time of his mother's death in 1998.

- + 177 ii. Karen Keyes.

141. Clayta L.¹⁰ Keyes (Lyman Wilbur "Babe"⁹, Lyman Eugene⁸, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born Abt. 1910 in MO. She married **Carl Dow Shoe** Abt. 1930. He was born 5/08/1910 in MO, and died 7/11/1995.

Marriage Notes for Clayta Keyes and Carl Shoe:

Clayta and Carl were living with Clayta's parents Lyman and Nellie, who were still renting the house at 412 South McLane Street in the 3rd Ward of Clinton, Henry Co., MO, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. The household included: Lyman W., 44 years old, working as a bookkeeper at the mill; wife Nellie L., 38 years old, a seamstress doing house sewing; son-in-law Carl D. Shoe, 19 years old, manager at a bottling works; and daughter Clayta L., 20 years old, bookkeeper at the bottling works. The household owned a radio set. Clayta and Carl had been married within the census year.

Children of Clayta Keyes and Carl Shoe are:

- 178 i. Marilyn¹¹ Shoe.
179 ii. Shirley Jean Shoe, born 6/28/1932; died 11/11/1996. She married John Hampton Mcclary; born 7/07/1921; died 12/22/1981.
180 iii. Eugene Shoe.
181 iv. Forest W. Shoe.

144. Margaret Frances¹⁰ Page (Charles Orlando⁹, Sarah M.⁸ Keyes, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 8/01/1905 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI, and died 9/22/1937 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. She married **Fred Elden Foster** Abt. 1933, son of Arthur Foster and Orillia Hullinger. He was born 5/26/1904 in NY, and died 6/1963 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

(For additional information about Margaret and her family, see Families of Riley's Son Charles Orlando Page, p. 217, and Margaret Frances "Peggy" Page and Fred Elden Foster, p. 233.)

145. Howard Oswald¹⁰ Paige (Charles Orlando⁹ Page, Sarah M.⁸ Keyes, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 12/03/1909 in Mason, Ingham Co., MI, and died 5/01/1994 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. He married **(1) Jennie Louise Barnes** 9/27/1927 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH, daughter of William Barnes and Nellie Bliss. She was born 5/27/1908 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL, and died 8/19/2003 in Spring Arbor, Jackson Co., MI. He married **(2) Marilee Lawrence** 4/02/1965 in Marshall, Calhoun Co, MI, daughter of Herbert Lawrence and Marie Ballantine. She was born 6/11/1919 in Eckford Twp., Calhoun Co., MI, and died 2/18/1991 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. He married **(3) Rosalie Virginia Baker** 4/14/1991 in Leoni, Jackson Co., MI. She was born 3/29/1921, and died 2/05/1994 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

(For additional information about Howard and his family, see Families of Riley's Son Charles Orlando Page, p. 217.)

146. Marshal Harvey¹⁰ Page (Charles Orlando⁹, Sarah M.⁸ Keyes, Orlando⁷, Lyman⁶, Henry⁵ Keys, Charles⁴ Keyes, Elias³, James², Elias¹) was born 10/26/1911 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI, and died 12/26/1978 in Chelsea, Jackson Co., MI. He married **Esther Louise Rubert** 5/11/1933 in Bowling Green, Wood Co., OH. She was born 12/16/1909 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI, and died 9/25/1995 in Jackson Co., MI.

(For additional information about Marshal and his family, see Families of Riley's Son Charles Orlando Page, 217.)

Families of William Henry Page and Chloe Thayer

Family of Chloe Thayer and James Robinson of Wayne Co., NY

Generation No. 1

1. Chloe¹¹ Thayer (William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 4/01/1794 in Braintree, Norfolk Co., MA, and died 1/13/1862 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI. She married (1) James Robinson 2/01/1812 in Wayne Co., NY, son of Watson Robinson and Anna Webster. He was born 9/12/1787 in Goshen, Hampshire Co., MA, and died 8/14/1831 in Macedon, Wayne Co., NY. She married (2) William Henry Page 7/20/1832 in NY. He was born 2/19/1797 in Essex Co. (or Sussex Co.), England, and died 1/17/1862 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI.

Notes for Chloe Thayer:

Most genealogical sources point to January 14, 1862, for the date of Chloe's death. However, during the probate proceedings that followed her death, her son Chancy showed the probate judge, N. D. Skeels, that her date of death was January 13, 1862, at Branch County, Michigan.

On January 25, 1862, the value of Chloe's property, both personal and real, was estimated to be about thirty-five hundred dollars. (Andrew J. Russell would be appointed as Her administrator.) Chloe's heirs at law at time of death were listed as: Clark Robinson, in the United States Service; Chancy Robinson, Quincy; Luther Robinson, Bronson; Chloe Smith, state of New York, Monroe Co.; Lewis Robinson, New York, Monroe Co.; Henry Page, Branch Co.; Riley Page, Branch Co.

A bond for twenty-five hundred dollars was posted on March 2, 1862, by Andrew J. Russell, Luther Robinson, Chancy Robinson, Lewis Robinson, and Henry Smith.

On March 13, 1862, Riley P. Page and Henry Smith (husband of Chloe Robinson) signed a request for N. D. Skeels to pay two hundred and fifty dollars to Chancy Robinson from their share of Chloe's estate. (See Riley Preston Page's Notes for complete wording.)

By August 1862 Riley P. and wife Elizabeth A. Page were in Webster, Monroe Co., NY. On August 2 they each wrote a brief testimony that they had "overheard" the late Chloe Page say--three to six months before she died--that, according to Elizabeth, Chloe "didn't owe Luther Robinson one cent"; and according to Riley P., Chloe "did not owe Luther Robinson anything and thought if anything he owed her." These statements were made in front of C. P. Wolcott, Justice of the Peace for Monroe County. It would appear that Luther was making claims against the estate that some deemed inappropriate. (See Riley Preston Page's and Elizabeth Adelaide Hollenbeck's Notes for complete wording.)

Conclusion of probate seems to have been on August 19, 1862 per the following receipt:

"Received of A. J. Russell, administrator of the estate of Chloe Page, deceased, all and singular the goods, chattels, interests and assets belonging to the said estate agreeable to the order of the Judge of the Probate court of the County of Branch made the 19th day of August A.D. 1862. (Signed) Bronson, August 21st, 1862 Henry Smith"

The following undated petition regarding Chloe's estate was filed after all of her children were dead except for Riley. It was discovered by Joyce Wright, a descendant of Chauncey "Chancy" Robinson, in A.D. 2012. In the upper left-hand corner is the wording: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR. In the upper right-hand corner is the wording: G. E. Kleindinst, Coldwater, Mich. [G. E. Kleindinst was mayor of Coldwater from 1906-1907.] The petition's wording is as follows:

State of Michigan
The Probate Court for the County of Branch
To the Probate Court for said County:
In the Matter of the Estate of Chloe Page, Deceased.

I, Charles O. Allen respectfully represent that I reside in the village of Bronson in said County and am interested in said estate and make this petition as a grantee of the interests of all the heirs at law of said deceased.

I further represent that said deceased departed this life prior to the 8th day of March A. D. 1862, leaving no last will and testament as your petitioner is informed and verily believes. The deceased was at the time of her death an inhabitant of the village of Bronson in said County and left estate within said County to be administered and that the estimated value thereof is as follows: Real Estate, \$500.00 or thereabout; personal, \$ _____ or thereabout, as I am informed and verily believe.

I further represent that the names, relationships, ages and residences of the heirs at law of said deceased are as follows:

Name	Relationship	Age	Residence
Riley Page	son		Ontario, N.Y.
William H. Page	"		Deceased
Chauncey Robinson	"		"
Lewis J. Robinson	"		"
Clarkson Robinson	"		"
Chloe M. Smith	daughter		"
Luther Robinson	son		"

[The end result of this petition is unknown. C.W. Paige]

Chloe was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, on the west side of Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan. In the Oak Grove Cemetery book: Page, Chloe, interred Lot 638, Section OP or Old Part, Volume: OB-152. (Rootsweb Message Board for Bronson County, per Mary Bickford in

Coldwater 19 October 2006.) Purchased by L. Robinson in January 1862, most likely Chloe's son Luther from her first marriage. An Ella Robinson was buried near Chloe.

Notes for James Robinson:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/a/l/Susan-Elizabeth-Hallhornbeckbixby/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0124.html>

James was a son of Watson and Anna (Webster) Robinson.

Marriage Notes for Chloe Thayer and James Robinson:

List for the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Vienna Street, Wayne Co., NY.

Robinson, Sarah (no dates)

Robinson, Bartlett (no dates)

Robinson, James, 1835

Robinson, Gain, June 21, 1831, 62y 4m 28d

Robinson, Chloe BRADISH, wife of Gain, Oct. 16, 1866, 91y

Robinson, Lewis (no dates)

Robinson, Mary Frances, wife of Edward & dau. Douglas & Janette AGAN, Aug. 3, 1889, 36y 6m 11d

Robinson, Morgan, husband of Mary & son of Bartlett & Sarah, Oct. 1, 1891, 83y 6m 11d

Robinson, May Chadwick, dau. of Charles, Aug. 13, 1893, 22y

Robinson, Catherine, wife of Charles R., July 1, 1901, 61y

Robinson, Mary S., July 2, 1905, 92y

Robinson, Sylvester C. (infant)

Robinson, Fred, July 2, 1911, 50y

Robinson, Charles R., May 16, 1920, 79y

Robinson, Edwin H., Aug. 16, 1924, 78y

Robinson, Edward A., Feb. 24, 1935, 84y 2m 2d

Robinson, Anna U., wife of Edwin, Dec. 11, 1936, 85y 7m 12d

Robinson, Gertrude M., Mar. 25, 1940, 70y 7m 23d

Robinson, Douglas A., Feb. 18, 1944, 68y 8m 16d

Children of Chloe Thayer and James Robinson are:

- 2 i. Clarkson¹² Robinson, born 9/30/1814 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; died Aft. 1862.

Notes for Clarkson Robinson:

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?sid=6e63ea517cc676a4acb9f74e4b9617fb;c=micounty;idno=BAD0861.0001.001>

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A TWENTIETH CENTURY History and Biographical Record OF BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN. REV. HENRY P. COLLIN, M. A. AUTHOR AND

EDITOR. ILLUSTRATED. THE LEWIS PUBLISHING COMPANY NEW YORK.: CHICAGO 1906.

"MEMBERS OF ELEVENTH INFANTRY (OLD ORGANIZATION) FROM BRANCH COUNTY, MI.

"Clarkson Robinson, Co. D; disch. for disability, Oct. 30, 1862.

"The Eleventh Michigan Infantry, to which Branch county contributed Companies B and H, and most of Company D, was organized in 1861 and sent to Kentucky in December of that year. The first severe engagement was Stones River; 1863 at Chickamauga; was foremost in the charge up Missionary Ridge; soon after with General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign and battles up to the capture of that city. Was mustered out at Sturgis, Sept. 13, 1864, but reorganized March 18, 1865, and was in Tennessee mainly on guard duty until middle of September. The regiment was disbanded at Jackson, Mich., Sept. 23, 1865."

- + 3 ii. Chauncey Robinson, born 7/18/1816 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; died 5/03/1900 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL.
- + 4 iii. Luther Robinson, born 4/04/1819 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; died 7/28/1903 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI.
- 5 iv. Chloe M. Robinson, born 12/23/1821 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; died 3/25/1903 in Monroe Co., NY. She married Henry Smith; born Abt. 1822 in NY; died Bef. 1897.

Notes for Chloe M. Robinson:

Chloe was still living in Webster, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Riley P. Page, 60 years old, a shoemaker; Chloe Smith, 77 years old; and Sarah Kilton, 60 years old, a servant. All were born in NY. The house was owned free of mortgage. Chloe never had children.

Chloe was buried at the Webster Rural Cemetery, 1087 Ridge Road, Webster NY 14580.

More About Chloe Robinson:

Comment 1: On April 1, 1897, Chloe (Robinson)

Comment 2: Smith sold her house in Webster, NY, to

Comment 3: her half-brother, Riley P. Page

Notes for Henry Smith:

Henry was buried at the Webster Rural Cemetery, 1087 Ridge Road, Webster NY 14580.

Marriage Notes for Chloe Robinson and Henry Smith:

Henry and Chloe were living in Webster, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1850 Federal census. In the household were: Henry Smith, 27 years old, a farmer; and Chloe M., 27 years old. Both were born in NY.

Henry and "Cloe" were still living in Webster at the time of the 1860 census. In the household were: Henry Smith, 40 years old, a hotel keeper; and Cloe M., 40 years old; Joana, 21 years old with same surname, domestic. (Joana may have been a niece, as Henry and Chloe never had children.)

Henry and "Chloa" were still living in Webster at the time of the 1870 census. In the household were: Henry Smith, 49 years old, no occupation listed, with no real estate and personal estate valued at \$3,000; and Chloe M., 49 years old.

From the 1880 Federal census of Webster, Monroe Co., NY:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Henry Smith	Self	M	Male	W	58	NY	Laborer	NY	NY
Chloe Smith	Wife	M	Female	W	58	NY	Keeping House	NY	NY

- + 6 v. Lewis James Robinson, born 8/06/1824 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; died Aft. 1862 in Prob. NY.

Generation No. 2

3. Chauncey¹² Robinson (Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 7/18/1816 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, and died 5/03/1900 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL. He married Louisa Hill Bef. 1838 in NY, daughter of Horace Hill and Susan Beach. She was born 8/1820 in Macedon, Wayne Co., NY, and died 9/21/1909 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

Notes for Chauncey Robinson:

OBITUARY

The [Coldwater, MI] Courier, May 8, 1900 p. 93 – Chauncy Robinson

The body of Chauncy Robinson was brought here for burial from Chicago, Friday, and the funeral was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thos. O'Brien Saturday afternoon, Rev. W.T. Lowry officiating. The deceased was a former resident of Coldwater but for the past few years has resided with his daughter, Mrs. C.C. Selleck (Sillick) in Chicago, His son Will S. Robinson, resides in Quincy.

DEATH OF CHAUNCEY ROBINSON

The Quincy Herald, May 11, 1900 page 1, Col. 4, Death

Chauncey Robinson, who has been a helpless invalid for years, died Thursday evening, May 3d 1900 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C.C. Sillick, in Chicago, with whom he has made his home for many years, accompanying the family to Chicago from this place a few years ago. The remains were brought to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thos. O'Brien, at Coldwater, Friday evening, accompanied by Mrs. Sillick, and the funeral took place at the home of Mrs. O'Brien at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. Rev. W.T. Lowry officiating and burial took place in Oak Grove Cemetery [Lot 728]. For the past nine years Mr. Robinson had resided with the Sillick family. Besides the two daughters he leaves a son, Will S. Robinson, who recently moved to Quincy. Mr. Robinson was nearly 84 years old.

Notes for Louisa Hill:

On her death certificate, Louisa/Louise's place of death was 3222 Calumet Ave. in Chicago, and her place of burial was at Quincy, Branch Co., MI, on Sep. 22, 1909. "Louise" was listed as being 89 years old, and she had lived in Illinois and Chicago for four years. For two months she had suffered paralysis of her left side due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Marriage Notes for Chauncey Robinson and Louisa Hill:

The family of "Chancy" and Louisa Robinson was living at Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, at the time of the 1850 Federal census. In the household were: Chancy, 33 years old, a farmer; Louisa, 29 years old; Horace I., 12 years old; Cordelia, 9 years old; Clarissa, 6 years old; and Mary A., 10 months old. All were born in NY.

The Robinson family had settled at Quincy, Branch Co., MI, by the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: Chauncey, 40 years old, a hotel keeper; Louisa, 36 years old; Horace, 22 years old, a hotel clerk; Mary, 10 years old; and Wm H. Seward Robinson, 5 months old. All were born in NY except for Wm. H., who was born in MI. There were also 19 hotel quests.

Coldwater, Branch Co., MI - City Directory P. 127 1860-61 - C. Robinson, landlord, Eagle Hotel, Quincy.

Chauncey mysteriously disappeared from records not long after his mother's death. In 1868 Louisa (Hill) Robinson married Edwin D. Lyon.

Children of Chauncey Robinson and Louisa Hill are:

- 7 i. Horace J.¹³ Robinson, born 1838 in NY; died 5/11/1865 in Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., TN.

Notes for Horace J. Robinson:

His enlistment:

<http://www.michiganinthewar.org/infantry/11compi.htm>

History of his regiment: [Horace became part of the 11th Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry (Re-Organized).]

<http://www.michiganinthewar.org/infantry/11thinfn.htm>

His death:

<http://www.michiganinthewar.org/rroh.htm>

NAME	REGIMENT, COMPANY	HOME or ENLISTED	AGE
Robinson, Horace J.	11th Infantry, Company I	Quincy	27

		DATE OF DEATH
Robinson, Horace J.	11th Infantry, Company I	Quincy May 11, 1865

Horace J Robinson Enlist Date Enlist Place Enlist Rank Enlist Age 27 14
February 1865 Quincy Priv Served Michigan Buried in National Cemetery at
Chattanooga, TN Grave No 8738 Enlisted I Co. 11th Inf Reg. MI died disease at
Chattanooga, TN on 11 May 1865 Source: Record of Service of Michigan
Volunteers 1861-65 (This Horace was born 1838)

Abbreviation: MIRoster Published by on 1903

Civil War Service Records

Robinson Horace J. I 11 Michigan Infantry. (2d Organization.) Private Private Union

[It's unknown who applied for the pension referenced below. This transcription was provided by Joyce Wright.]

"Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.D., Nov. 1st 1865

"Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of Application for Pension No. 100611, and to ___ it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

"It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Horace J. Robinson was enrolled on the 14th day of February 1865, at Quincy, MI in Co. I, 11th Regiment of Michigan Volunteers to serve One year and mustered into service as a Private on the 18 day of February 1865, at K_____, in Co. I 11th Regiment of Michigan, Volunteer to serve one year. On the Mustered Roll of Co., I of that Regiment, for the months of May & June 1865, he is reported Placed in hospital at Chattanooga, Tenn. May 11, 1865 (cause of death not stated)

"I am Sirs very respectfully, Your obedient servants, Charles ____, Assistant Adjutant General, The Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, DC."

- + 8 ii. Caroline Cordelia "Corolin" Robinson, born 2/10/1841 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; died 3/07/1922 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL.
- + 9 iii. Clarrissa Amelia Robinson, born 1/01/1844 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; died 3/14/1869 in Deerfield, Lenawee Co., MI.
- + 10 iv. Mary A. Robinson, born Abt. 11/1849 in NY; died 1/21/1944 in Coldwater Twp., Branch Co., MI.
- + 11 v. William H. Seward Robinson, born 10/1859 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI.

4. Luther¹² Robinson (Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 4/04/1819 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, and died 7/28/1903 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI. He married Mari Hill 10/25/1838 in Pultneyville, Wayne Co., NY, daughter of Horace Hill and Susan Beach. She was born 11/22/1822 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, and died 5/11/1898 in Bronson Village, Branch Co., MI.

Notes for Luther Robinson:

The widower Luther and his widowed daughter Alta were living together at Bronson, Branch Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. He was 81, she was 44. Near them lived Luther's son George and his wife Henrietta.

At time of death Luther was listed as a retired salesman.

Marriage Notes for Luther Robinson and Mari Hill:

Luther and Mari AKA Maria were living at Matteson, Branch Co., MI, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: Luther, 41 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$800 and personal estate valued at \$600; Maria, 37 years old; George, 20 years old, a farmer; Henrietta, 18 years old; Albert, 15 years old; Eva, 7 years old; and Alta, 5 years old. All were born in NY except for Eva and Alta, who were born in MI. The family lived next door to the family of Luther's half brother Riley P. Page.

 At the time of the 1870 Federal census of Bronson, Branch Co., MI, Luther and Maria had living with them George, Hettie, Eva M., Althia L., Lucia, and Lucilla Robinson.

From the 1880 Federal census of Bronson, Branch Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Luther Robinson	Self	M	Male	W	61	NY	Lightning Rod Agt	MA	MA
Mari Robinson	Wife	M	Female	W	57	NY	Housekeeping	NY	NY
Altie Robinson	Dau	W	Female	W	25	MI		NY	NY
Lushie Shurman	Dau	M	Female	W	17	MI	Housekeeping	NY	NY

In 1880 Altie was a widow and was disabled by chronic corporeal endometritis. "Lushie" or Lucia was married but living separately from her husband Fred L., who was living in Bronson Village. Fred and Lucia had been married within the year and would be living in Chicago by 1900.

At time of death, Luther's death certificate claimed he was the father of seven children all of whom were still alive.

Children of Luther Robinson and Mari Hill are:

- + 12 i. George E.¹³ Robinson, born 2/28/1840 in Webster, Monroe Co., NY; died 10/11/1915 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI.
- 13 ii. Albert Eugene Robinson, born Abt. 1845 in NY.
- + 14 iii. Frances M. Robinson, born 1847 in NY; died 7/14/1907 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI.
- + 15 iv. Eva M. Robinson, born 7/1852 in Wayne Co., NY.
- 16 v. Althia L. "Alta" Robinson, born 6/1855 in MI.

Notes for Althia L. "Alta" Robinson:

Altie was still living with her parents at the time of the 1880 Federal census of Bronson, Branch Co., MI. She was 25 years old, a widow, and suffering chronic corporeal endometritis according to information notated in the column: "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?" A mark was also placed in the column: "Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled."

Alta was living with her widower father at Bronson, Branch Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. He was 81, she was 44.

- + 17 vi. Lucia Alida Robinson, born 9/23/1862 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI; died 11/26/1930 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL.
- 18 vii. Lucilla Robinson, born Abt. 1865 in MI.

6. Lewis James¹² Robinson (Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 8/06/1824 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, and died Aft. 1862 in Prob. NY. He married Mary M. (nee ?) Robinson. She was born Abt. 1830 in NY, and died Aft. 1862.

Marriage Notes for Lewis Robinson and Mary Robinson:

Around 1850 the family was living at Camden, Hillsdale Co., MI, at the time of the 1850 Federal census. In the household were Lewis, b. 1824; Mary, b. 1830; Sanford, b. 1848; and Mary A., b. 1849. All were born in NY except for Mary, who was born in MI. Before 1856 the family moved back to New York, to Webster in Monroe Co., where they were living at the time of the 1860 Federal census. Added to the household was Anna, b. about 1856.

Children of Lewis Robinson and Mary Robinson are:

- 19 i. James Sanford¹³ Robinson, born Abt. 1848 in NY.
- 20 ii. Mary A. Robinson, born Abt. 1849 in MI.
- 21 iii. Anna Robinson, born Abt. 1856 in NY.

Generation No. 3

8. Caroline Cordelia "Corolin"¹³ Robinson (Chauncey¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 2/10/1841 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, and died 3/07/1922 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL. She married Henry Larra Sillick 11/15/1856 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI. He was born 6/20/1828 in Knowlsville, Williams Co., NY, and died 9/21/1898 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

Notes for Caroline Cordelia "Corolin" Robinson:

OBITUARY: Quincy Herald News, March 16, 1922, Page 1, Col 2, Death - Mrs. H. L. Sillick of Chicago; FUNERAL SERVICES FOR A FORMER RESIDENT - Funeral services for Mrs. H. L. Sellick (Sillick) were held Thursday morning in the Rawson Undertaking Parlors, the Rev. Thomson of St. Marks' Episcopal Church of Coldwater, officiating. Mrs. Sillick) was the widow of the late Captain H. Larra Sillick who upon his return from the Civil war, opened and managed the Fayette Hotel in Quincy in partnership with the late Charles Dalley, Sr. Later the hotel was sold to Emory Fillmore, and became the Commercial hotel, managed by G.J. Fillmore until torn down in recent years. After leaving the hotel business, Capt. And Mrs. Sillick bought the house on South Main Street at present owned by J. H. Burdick, where they lived until about 1895, when they left Quincy to make their home in Chicago. Mrs. Sillick was formerly Miss Corlen (Caroline) Robinson, and was born in Branchy County. Capt. Sillick died in 1898, and was brought to Quincy for burial. The only surviving member of the family is the daughter, Mr. J. H. Berry, with who Mrs. Sillick made her home. Those from away who attended the funeral were Mrs. Berry, from Chicago; Mrs. Libbie Pixley of Evansville, IN; and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones of Coldwater. (From Joyce Wright)

On death certificate name is spelled Coralin C. or Corolin C. Burial was made in the family lot #577 at Lakeview Cemetery at Quincy, Branch Co., MI.

Notes for Henry Larra Sillick:

<http://www.michiganinthewar.org/cavalry/8cavb.htm>

Henry served as 2nd Lieutenant under Captain Miles Warren in Michigan's 8th Cavalry, Company B, during the Civil War.

Henry was a livery stable keeper at time of death. He was buried at Quincy, Branch Co., MI.

Henry's primary cause of death was mitral stenosis over a period of six years. Contributing and consecutive causes were: chronic diarrhea, injuries to the right side of his body received in the army, and chronic rheumatism. These he had suffered for 35 years--all according to his death certificate. Presumably his injuries occurred during the Civil War about 1863.

Marriage Notes for Caroline Robinson and Henry Sillick:

The bride's name was "Caroline Robinson" at the time of her marriage to H. Sillick.

From "Early Marriage Records of Branch County 1876-1887," Branch Co. Genealogical Society, p. 171: Henry L. Sellick (Sillick) 28. B. Wayne Co., NY of Coldwater. Livery, M Caroline C. Robinson, 16, b. Webster, Monroe Co., NY of Coldwater on 15 Nov 1856 at Coldwater by James M. Hall (JP) Witnessed by Chauncey Robinson and Louisa Robinson both of Coldwater. E283-7789.5 (From Joyce Wright)

According to the 1900 Federal census of Chicago, Cook Co., IL, "Corlin C." and daughter "Cathrian Berry" were living at 4255 Wabash Avenue. Corlin had had one child who was still living and Cathrian had had no children. Both women were widowed.

The Sillick family had lived in Illinois eleven months by September 1898 according to Henry's death certificate.

Henry L. Sillick was born at Knowlsville, Williams County, NY June 20, 1828 and died at Chicago, Illinois Wednesday Evening September 21, 1989, aged 70 years and three months. Mr. Sillick came to Michigan in 1849, first locating at Coldwater, where he was married 15 Nov 1856 to Caroline C. Robinson, born Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, the daughter of Chauncey Robinson and Louisa Hill and in the spring of 1857 he and his young wife came to Quincy to reside. On the organization of the 8th Michigan Cavalry he was mustered in as 2nd Lieut. of Co. B. Nov. 1, 1862, and was promoted to Captain August 31, 1863, in which capacity he served with the regiment until October 27, 1864, when he resigned on account of disability and was honorably discharged. The regiment was organized by Col. John Stoughten and saw a good deal of active service. In the summer of 1868 it participated in the pursuit and capture of Gen. John Morgan's famous raiders through Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, and in 1864 he was in Gen. Stoneman's command in the Atlanta campaign.

After returning home and regaining his health, Mr. Sillick, in partnership with Charles Dailey, took the management of the Commercial Hotel, Quincy, which they conducted some ten years and also the livery in connection with the same. After retiring from the hotel Mr. Sillick continued the livery business for many years. He was also deputy sheriff (1888) for a long term of years and was considered a very able officer. In an early day, before the railroad was built, Mr. Sillick drove a stage for a number of years as far west as White Pigeon, and as a pioneer in this section, he had a varied experiences which he frequently related with much interest to the younger generation.

He was for many years a member of the Masonic Order and also a member of G.O. Loomis Post No. 2, G. A. R. from its organization. Last October, Mr. and Mrs. Sillick moved to Chicago in order to be with their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Henry Berry, nee Ella D. Sillick, who has a large music class in that city. The funeral services at the church were conducted by Rev. W. H. Parsons, assisted by Rev. D.J. Mitterling. The two orders above named accompanied the remains to Lakeview Cemetery, where they were laid to rest by his brother Masons and the impressive service of that order carried out.

The above write up was by Joyce & Larry Wright in June 2012.

Child of Caroline Robinson and Henry Sillick is:

- 22 i. Ella Demerions¹⁴ Sillick, born 3/1862 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI; died 1/27/1928 in Branch Co., MI. She married Joseph Henry Berry 10/11/1877 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI; born 1856 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI.

Notes for Ella Demerions Sillick:

Ella is buried at the Lakeview Cemetery, Lot 577, Quincy, Branch Co., MI, beside parents.

Marriage Notes for Ella Sillick and Joseph Berry:

The Berry family settled in Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

9. Clarrissa Amelia¹³ Robinson (Chauncey¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 1/01/1844 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, and died 3/14/1869 in Deerfield, Lenawee Co., MI. She married Dr. Samuel Large Jones 1/01/1859 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI. He was born 9/13/1832 in Buckingham, Bucks Co., PA, and died 2/05/1898 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI.

Notes for Dr. Samuel Large Jones:

Samuel was said to be of Philadelphia, PA, at time of marriage to Clarissa.

Marriage Notes for Clarrissa Robinson and Samuel Jones:

Samuel and Clarissa were married by S. C. Woodard, Minister of the Gospel.

Samuel L. Jones was living in the household of Benjamin and Betsie Hilton in Deerfield Twp., Lenawee Co., MI, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. He had children Gibson H., 7, and Adda, 4, living with him. He was listed as a physician.

Samuel was remarried to a woman by the name of Jenetta or Nellie, born about 1847 in Michigan, by the time of the 1880 Federal census of Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI. Only Samuel and Clarissa's daughter Ada was living with them. Samuel L. and Jenetta had a stillborn daughter in 1881.

Children of Clarrissa Robinson and Samuel Jones are:

- + 23 i. Henry Gibson "Gib"¹⁴ Jones, born 8/30/1862 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI; died 2/18/1922 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH.
- + 24 ii. Ada May Jones, born 8/19/1865 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI; died 10/27/1907 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI.

10. Mary A.¹³ Robinson (Chauncey¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born Abt. 11/1849 in NY, and died 1/21/1944 in Coldwater Twp., Branch Co., MI. She married Thomas O'Brien

9/25/1870 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI. He was born 12/23/1842 in Cork, Ireland, and died 1/20/1895 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI.

Notes for Thomas O'Brien:

At the time of the 1880 Federal census of Coldwater, Branch Co., MI, Thomas was listed as a carriage maker.

At the time of the 1870 Federal census of Quincy Village, Branch Co., MI, Thomas was living with the family of John Srocry. Thomas claimed to be 27 years old, born in Ireland, and a wagon maker. John claimed to be a manufacturer of wagons.

Thomas O'Brien

Mr. Thomas O'Brien was born in Cork, Ireland December 23, 1842. In 1846 his parents emigrated to Canada, settling in Peterboro, where he lived until 1860, then went to Rochester to learn the trade of wagon maker, becoming very skillful. A few years later he located in Quincy, where he was married Sept. 25, 1870 to Miss Mary Robinson, daughter of Chauncey Robinson and Louisa Hill. The following year they came to Coldwater, and this city has been their home ever since. Thomas and Mary O'Brien had two children, Georgia and Harry O'Brien. Georgia O'Brien, was born February 1872 and died of quick consumption in November 1891. In 1920 his son, Harry O'Brien, born 17 Nov. 1874, was living in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. O'Brien earned a patent for a "Running Gear for Carriages" and a Patent for "Hub" in which the Coldwater Road Cart Company used for their enterprise.

The death of Thomas O'Brien occurred at his home on Marshall Street at 6:30 o'clock last Monday Morning, Jan. 20th, 1895, caused by consumption of the bowels, his illness extending over a period of two years, though he had been confined to the house only six weeks previous to his death. His funeral was attended on Wednesday in St. Charles Church, a large congregation assembling to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of a man who had always commanded their esteem by an upright, honorable life. His remains were laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater, Lot 728.

His wife and son Harry, his aged mother, two brothers and three sisters survive him, one of the latter, Miss Maggie O'Brien, of Peterboro, being with him during his last illness and at his death.

The above write up about Thomas was by Joyce & Larry Wright in June 2012

Marriage Notes for Mary Robinson and Thomas O'Brien:

Much of the information about the family of Thomas and Mary A. (Robinson) O'Brien was provided by Joyce and Larry Wright.

Children of Mary Robinson and Thomas O'Brien are:

- 25 i. Georgia¹⁴ O'Brien, born 2/1872 in MI; died 1895 in MI.
- 26 ii. Harry C. O'Brien, born 11/17/1874 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI.

Notes for Harry C. O'Brien:
Harry was living in Chicago, Cook Co., IL, in 1920.

11. William H. Seward¹³ Robinson (Chauncey¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 10/1859 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI. He married Luella "Lulu" Hasmer 2/26/1881 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI. She was born 8/1865 in Cassopolis, Cass Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for William Robinson and Luella Hasmer:

William and Lulu were living in Quincy Village, Branch Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were William, 40, born in MI and a cigar manufacturer; Lulu, 34, born in MI; their son Amber, 17, born in MI and a day laborer; daughter Norene, 7, born in MI; and William's mother Louisa Lion (Lyon--the surname of her second husband Edwin D. Lyon), 79, born in NY. Both of Lulu's children were still living. Three of Louisa's seven children were living. Louisa was a double widow, having lost her first husband Chauncey Robinson and second husband Edwin D. Lyon.

Children of William Robinson and Luella Hasmer are:

- 27 i. Amber¹⁴ Robinson, born 3/03/1883 in Branch Co., MI.
- 28 ii. Norene Robinson, born 3/1893 in Branch Co., MI.

12. George E.¹³ Robinson (Luther¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 2/28/1840 in Webster, Monroe Co., NY, and died 10/11/1915 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI. He married Henrietta Darrow 10/29/1859. She was born 3/03/1842 in Angola, Steuben Co., IN, and died 7/05/1922 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

Notes for George E. Robinson:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/a/l/Susan-Elizabeth-Hallhornbeckbixby/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0114.html>

At time of death George was listed as a retired grocer.

Notes for Henrietta Darrow:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/a/l/Susan-Elizabeth-Hallhornbeckbixby/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0114.html>

Marriage Notes for George Robinson and Henrietta Darrow:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/a/l/Susan-Elizabeth-Hallhornbeckbixby/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0114.html>

From the 1880 Federal census, 3rd Ward of Coldwater, Branch Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
George Robinson	Self	M	Male	W	40	NY	Clerk-Store	NY	NY
Henrietta Robinson	Wife	M	Female	W	38	IN	Housekeeping	PA	PA
Luella Robinson	Dau	S	Female	W	15	MI	School	NY	IN

Source Information:

Census Place 3rd Ward, Coldwater, Branch, Michigan
Family History Library Film 1254573
Page Number 595D

Child of George Robinson and Henrietta Darrow is:

+ 29 i. Luella¹⁴ Robinson, born 9/26/1864 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI; died 10/10/1945 in Highland Park, Wayne Co., MI.

14. Frances M.¹³ Robinson (Luther¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 1847 in NY, and died 7/14/1907 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI. She married George Henry Warne 12/31/1863 in Branch Co., MI, son of Richard Warne and Pauline Warne. He was born 9/14/1830 in NY, and died 7/28/1889 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI.

Notes for George Henry Warne:

George was listed as a harness maker at time of death.

Children of Frances Robinson and George Warne are:

+ 30 i. Nettie M.¹⁴ Warne, born 4/07/1865 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI.
31 ii. Fred L. Warne, born 7/01/1872 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI. He married Emma Snyder 7/21/1897 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI; born Abt. 1872 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI.

15. Eva M.¹³ Robinson (Luther¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 7/1852 in Wayne Co., NY. She married Carleton W. Albertson 12/13/1871 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI. He was born 6/1843 in Camden Co., NJ.

Marriage Notes for Eva Robinson and Carleton Albertson:

Eva and Carleton were married by John R. Bonney, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses were A. J. Trigg and M. M. Trigg of Bronson. Carleton was Postmaster.

From 1880 Federal census of Bronson, Branch Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Carlton Albertson	Self	M	Male	W	37	NJ	Post Master	NY	NJ
Eva Albertson	Wife	M	Female	W	28	NY	Housekeeping	NY	NY
Gula Albertson	Dau	S	Female	W	6	MI	School	NJ	NY

Source Information:

Census Place Bronson, Branch, Michigan
Family History Library Film 1254573
Page Number 494A

Child of Eva Robinson and Carleton Albertson is:

- 32 i. Gula¹⁴ Albertson, born 4/1873 in MI. She married John J. Werner 10/18/1893 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI; born 1/1868 in MI.

Marriage Notes for Gula Albertson and John Werner:
Gula and John were married by John R. Bonney, Minister of the Gospel.
Witnesses were C. W. Albertson and George Werner.

The couple was living in Bronson, Branch Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. They had no children. John was a harness-maker and hardware merchant. Both of his parents had been born in Germany.

17. Lucia Alida¹³ Robinson (Luther¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 9/23/1862 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI, and died 11/26/1930 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL. She married Fred Lovewell Sherman 9/23/1878 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI, son of Hiram Sherman and Irene Sherman. He was born Abt. 7/1856 in Genesee Co., NY.

Marriage Notes for Lucia Robinson and Fred Sherman:
Fred and Lucia were married by William Remington, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses were C. W. Albertson and Mrs. Francis Warn of Bronson.

Fred and Lucia "Shurman" were married but living in separate locals at the time of the 1880 Federal census. Fred Shurman, 23 years old, was boarding in Bronson Village, Branch Co., MI. He was employed as a pedlar. "Lushie" Shurman, 17 years old, was still living with her parents and a sister in Bronson Twp, Branch Co., MI.

The family of Fred and Lucia "Sherman" was living in a house they owned with a mortgage at 6062 La Salle Street in the 30th Ward of Chicago, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Fred L., 43 years old, a collector, born in NY; wife Lucia A., 37 years old, born in MI; son Clude H., 17 years old, born in MI; son Carl, 4 years old, born in IL; and Fred's mother Irene, 73 years old, born in NY.

Fred and Lucia had been married 21 years, and 2 of their 3 children were still living. Fred's widowed mother had been married 33 years and both of her children were still living.

Lucia Sherman purchased a Lot Part in Lot 108 of the Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater, Branch Co., MI., on August 25, 1925.

Children of Lucia Robinson and Fred Sherman are:

- 33 i. Clude H.¹⁴ Sherman, born Abt. 2/1883 in MI.
- 34 ii. Carl Sherman, born Abt. 2/1896 in IL.

Generation No. 4

23. Henry Gibson "Gib"¹⁴ Jones (Clarrissa Amelia¹³ Robinson, Chauncey¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 8/30/1862 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI, and died 2/18/1922 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH. He married Mary Adella J. "Della" Rockfield 12/24/1887. She was born 7/27/1868 in Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH, and died 2/24/1951 in Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH.

Children of Henry Jones and Mary Rockfield are:

- 35 i. Corwin Samuel¹⁵ Jones, born 7/30/1888 in Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH; died 12/16/1967 in Tiffin, Seneca Co., OH. He married Elizabeth M. Gebhart 6/25/1911; born Abt. 1888.
- 36 ii. Mildred Kathryn Jones, born 8/27/1892 in Tipp City, Miami Co., OH; died 3/30/1978 in Greene Co., OH. She married (1) Henry George Gordon 6/18/1913; born 4/29/1893 in Greenville, Darke Co., OH; died 4/16/1972 in Spring Valley, Greene Co., OH. She married (2) Mr. Navarre Aft. 1933.

Notes for Mildred Kathryn Jones:

Mildred died at Greene Memorial Hospital.

- 37 iii. Irene Jones, born in OH; died 7/03/1989 in Petersburg, Fauquier Co., VA. She married Mr. Wileman.

24. Ada May¹⁴ Jones (Clarrissa Amelia¹³ Robinson, Chauncey¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 8/19/1865 in Quincy, Branch Co., MI, and died 10/27/1907 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI. She married (1) Harry E. Cornell 1/22/1885 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI. He was born 7/06/1858 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI, and died 3/05/1890 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI. She married (2) Ambrose Peter "A.P." Faling 11/16/1892. He was born 8/20/1865 in Niagara Co., NY, and died 9/13/1934 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for Ada Jones and Harry Cornell:
Harry and Ada were married by Wm S. Tayler, Minister.

Children of Ada Jones and Ambrose Faling are:

- 38 i. Clara May¹⁵ Faling, born 9/12/1893 in Summerfield, Monroe Co., MI; died 10/20/1970 in Tribly, Lucas Co., OH. She married Herbert William Walcott "Bert" Wright 10/14/1913; born 12/15/1890 in Clapham, East London, EN; died Aft. 1946.
- 39 ii. Frances Alice Faling, born 8/15/1896 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI; died 11/27/1989 in Monroe, Monroe Co., MI. She married William Alden Bird 6/15/1920; born 1/07/1892 in London Twp., Monroe Co., MI; died 2/09/1936 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI.
- 40 iii. James Jones Faling, born 5/29/1899 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI; died 11/08/1907 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI.
- 41 iv. Harry Ambrose Faling, born 7/21/1903 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI; died 5/16/1995 in Adrian, Lenawee Co., MI. He married Sadie Emily "Peg" Kile 5/30/1924; born 3/10/1900 in Caro, Tuscola Co., MI; died 4/17/1960 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH.
- 42 v. Margaret Amy Faling, born 10/19/1906 in Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI; died 4/27/2000 in MI. She married Louis Alfred Diedrich 12/24/1926; born 12/01/1904 in Springwells Twp., Wayne Co., MI; died 12/28/1988 in Wayne, Wayne Co., MI.
- 43 vi. George Tuck, Adopted child.

Notes for George Tuck:
George was adopted.

29. Luella¹⁴ Robinson (George E.¹³, Luther¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 9/26/1864 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI, and died 10/10/1945 in Highland Park, Wayne Co., MI. She married Burt MacClellan Fellows 9/12/1889 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI, son of Theron Fellows and Sarah Mcconkey. He was born 1/02/1867 in Tonawanda, Niagara Co., NY, and died 9/18/1924 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN.

Notes for Luella Robinson:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/a/l/Susan-Elizabeth-Hallhornbeckbixby/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0028.html>

Notes for Burt MacClellan Fellows:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/a/l/Susan-Elizabeth-Hallhornbeckbixby/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0027.html>

Children of Luella Robinson and Burt Fellows are:

- 44 i. Ruth Robinson¹⁵ Fellows, born 1/28/1893 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI; died 10/07/1957 in Detroit, Wayne Co., MI.

Notes for Ruth Robinson Fellows:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/a/l/Susan-Elizabeth-Hallhornbeckbixby/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0027.html>

- 45 ii. McClellan Carlyle "Mac" Fellows, born 2/1896 in MI.

Notes for McClellan Carlyle "Mac" Fellows:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/a/l/Susan-Elizabeth-Hallhornbeckbixby/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0028.html>

30. Nettie M.¹⁴ Warne (Frances M.¹³ Robinson, Luther¹², Chloe¹¹ Thayer, William¹⁰, William⁹, Daniel⁸, Daniel⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Richard⁵, Richard⁴ Tayer, Richard³, Johannes², Johannes¹) was born 4/07/1865 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI. She married Charles D. Rich 4/14/1892 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI, son of Daniel Rich and Loretta Wilcox. He was born Abt. 1864 in MI, and died 10/01/1894.

Child of Nettie Warne and Charles Rich is:

- 46 i. Bernise Irene¹⁵ Rich, born 3/03/1893.

Family of William and Martha Sanders Page of England and Wayne Co., NY

Generation No. 1

1. William Henry Page was born 2-19-1797 in County Essex (or Sussex), England, and died 1-17-1862 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI. He married (1) Martha Sanders (or Hudson) Bef. 1818 in England. She was born in England and died 2-1-1830 in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY. Her tombstone says she was 36y 7m 20d when she died (apparently born 6-12-1793). He married (2) Chloe Thayer 7-20-1832 in NY, daughter of William Thayer and Chloe Preston. She was born 4-1-1794 in Braintree, Norfolk Co., MA, and died 1-13-1862 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI.

Notes for William Henry Page:

The following table is included so that its information will be available to anyone who might wish to continue research into our Page family's English origins.

Sussex	Essex
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Sussex was claimed as William H. Page's son Ebenezer's birth location in New York state's post-Civil War record, "Town Clerks' Registers of Men Who Served in the Civil War, ca 1861-1865." Giving extra weight to this as being the possible family seat, mobility between English counties was far less usual in those days than it was between counties and states in America. • From www.familysearch.org: WILLIAM PAGE Marriage: 31 DEC 1817 Ringmer, Sussex, England Wife MARTHA SANDERS ----- MARTHA SAUNDERS Female Christening: 27 JUL 1794 Ringmer, Sussex, England ----- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William H. Page was notated in a Page family bible as having been born in Essex, England⁸ on 19 Feb 1797. A reasonably close match at http://www.freereg.org.uk⁹ is in the family of William & Elizabeth (Stock) Page of Sible Hedingham. Their son William was baptized on Sunday 25 Feb 1798, an appropriate baptismal date for a birth occurring on the 19th, which would have been a Monday. However, the year is wrong according to all records found so far regarding William's birth year. Further research discovered, in English censuses, a William Page born in 1798 at Hedingham still living in Essex County decades later and long after William immigrated to America. • The baptism of a James and Mary Page's son William at Swaffham, County Norfolk, was for some time a major candidate, with that William's

⁸ Essex and Sussex sound too much alike to discount the possibility that the incorrect county was notated in the Page family bible regarding William's birth. Also, the death dates of William and his second wife Chloe were transposed in that record, though most of the other dates and information on the bible's family recordation page appear correct.

⁹ If County Essex's transcribing process is not yet finished, additional relevant information may become available.

Sussex	Essex
<p>Parents: Father: THOMAS SAUNDERS Mother: ELIZABETH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An inspection of the transcribed baptismal registrations and marriages for Sussex at the http://www.freereg.org.uk Internet address turned up neither William nor any of his children that were born in England, nor his marriage to first wife Martha Sanders (or Hudson). Much of Sussex, including Ringmer, has not yet been transcribed in the project encompassed by the freereg.org.uk Internet address. <p>Currently (as of July 2014) transcribed Sussex parishes that list Pages include:</p> <p>baptisms: Ardingly, Broadwater, Burwash, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Ferring, Horsham</p> <p>marriages: Angmering, Bolney, Broadwater, Burwash, Cowfold, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Hastings, Horsham, Selsey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An ancestry.com family lineage has this William linked along with nine siblings to a Henry Page b. 1767 in Laughton, Sussex, d. Waldron, Sussex. This got me quite excited, but the subscriber has yet to communicate with me concerning sources, and the sources she/he does list don't always appear to be relevant. However, names and locales are preserved here for research purposes. Siblings listed were: Elizabeth, b. 1783; Mary, b. 1784 in East Hoathly, Sussex, d. 1817; James, b. 1786; Sarah, b. 1788; Henry, b. 1789; John, b. 1792 in East Hoathly, Sussex; Susannah, b. 1794; Jane, b. 1800; and Samuel, b. 1803. <p>NOTE: East Hoathly's full parish name is "East Hoathly with Halland." It contains the villages of East Hoathly and Halland. Incidentally, this parish is near the parish of Ringmer in East Sussex.</p>	<p>recorded birth date of 19 Feb 1797 included with his baptismal date of 9 July 1797. It was thought that William may have been born in Essex but that his family actually lived in County Norfolk, which might help account for the rather long time between his birth and baptism. However, further research discovered, in English censuses, a William Page born in 1797 at Swaffham still living in Norfolk County decades later and long after William immigrated to America.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An inspection of the transcribed baptismal registrations and marriages for Essex at the http://www.freereg.org.uk Internet address turned up neither William nor any of his children that were born in England, nor his marriage to first wife Martha Sanders (or Hudson). <p>Transcribed Essex parishes that list Page baptisms and marriages 1700-1810 include: Abbess Roding, Aldham, Ashdon, Aveley, Bardfield Saling, Beauchamp Roding, Birdbrook, Bobbingworth, Bocking, Chelmsford, Coggeshall, East Donyland, Fingringhoe, Fyfield, Gestingthorpe, Great Oakley, Great Parndon, Great Tey, Great Yeldham, Kelvedon Hatch, Kirby-le-Soken, Little Parndon, Maldon, Navestock, Netteswell, Pentlow, Roxwell, Saffron Walden, St Osyth, Sible Hedingham, South Weald, Springfield, Stock, Toppesfield, Wickham St Paul, Writtle</p>

William Henry Page, Sr.'s son Ebenezer, in a newspaper article and both the 1900 and 1910 Federal censuses, specified his (Ebenezer's) year of emigrating from England to America as 1829.

William went by the name of "William H. Page." William's son William H. often went by the name "Henry," from their middle name, at least until 1880, when the son used "William H."

Ad placed in the Palmyra, NY, newspaper, the Wayne Sentinel (publication date unknown):

STRAY STEER

Broke into the enclosure of the subscriber, on or about the 20th of Nov. last, a brown yearling STEER, with white streaks on shoulder and rump, and large scar in forehead. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take him away.

WILLIAM H. PAGE

Macedon, Dec. 18, 1833

William was probably buried next to his first wife Martha, where a "Page, Wm H." is next to "Page, Martha, wife" at the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Vienna Street, Wayne Co., NY.

Notes for Martha Sanders (or Hudson):

Martha is buried at the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Vienna Street, Wayne Co., NY. Age at death, per tombstone, was 36y 7m 20d. On her son Ebenezer Page's death certificate it claimed his mother's name was Martha Hudson. However, at time of death for her children Mary, Esther, and Nathan Page, her maiden name was listed as Martha Sanders. Perhaps Martha had been married previous to marrying William H. Page. After all, she was four years older than William. This could account for the different pre-marital surnames. However, while Ebenezer was still living, and for the purposes of his military enlistment information, his mother's maiden name was listed as "Martha Sanders." The death certificates of Ebenezer's siblings Esther, Mary, and Nathan S. Page all noted Martha's maiden name as Sanders.

Marriage Notes for William Page and Martha Sanders (or Hudson):

William Henry came to America in 1829 with his wife Martha (Sanders) Page and at least some of their children. Martha died within a year of their arrival.

SOME PAGE BURIALS IN WAYNE CO., NY:

List for the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Vienna Street, Wayne Co., NY.

Page, Wm. H. (no dates)

Page, Martha, wife, Feb. 1, 1830, 36y 7m 20d

Page, Hester POSSEE, wife of Frank, July 23, 1884, 38y 4m 2d

Page, Eleanor L., wife of Willard F., Apr. 4, 1876, 50y

Page, Willard F., Mar. 24, 1876, 51y

Page, Martha R., June 4, 1884, married dau. Dennison ROGERS

Page, Mary G., Feb. 19, 1873, 32y

Page, Sarah A., Apr. 1, 1897, 74y 9m 29d
Page, Wm. L., Dec. 20, 1901, 71y 4m
Page, Willard C., son of Willard F., Apr. 3, 1910, 54y 11m 7d
Page, Marietta, May 12, 1940, 83y 3m 17d
Page, Willard J., Sept. 5, 1946, 56y 7m 14d

List for the Ontario Village Cemetery - Town of Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, Part 2

Page, Charlie, son of Ebenezer & Elizabeth, died Sep 9, 1859, age 3y 11m 6d
Page, Donald N., born 1904, died 1906
Page, Harry, born 1858, died 1936
Page, Lucie J., wife, born 1863, died 1938
Page Ruth V., born 1900, died 1902

Children of William Page and Martha Sanders are:

- 2 i. Esther P.² Page, born 10/1818 in England; died 12/24/1893 in Macedon, Wayne Co., NY. She married Humphrey H. Hoag 11/07/1889 in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY; born 12/22/1810 in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY; died 1/25/1900 in Macedon, Wayne Co., NY.

Notes for Esther P. Page:

Esther may have been born in County Sussex, England, as was her brother Ebenezer, who was born two years later. Their family arrived in America from England in about 1829 according to Ebenezer and their sister Mary, and they settled in the area of Macedon, NY, for nearly two decades.

Both Esther and Mary attended the Macedon Academy--Esther, from 1844-6, and Mary, from 1844-5. Whereas Mary married Alonzo Langdon in early 1846, and they resided the rest of their lives at Palmyra, Esther remained a spinster for many years, spending nearly two decades in Virginia/West Virginia before returning to live out the rest of her life in or near Palmyra and Macedon Center. She became Humphrey H. Hoag's third wife when seventy-one years old and he eight years her senior. When young, Esther may have attended school at the home of Humphrey's parents in Macedon where classes were sometimes taught.

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/macedon/macacadfemalebios2.html>
MACEDON ACADEMY, WAYNE COUNTY, NY, "Personal Notes," Surnames M - W

Source: History of Macedon Academy, 1841-1891. Fairport, N.Y.: Mail Steam Printing House, 1892.

PAGE, Esther, Mrs. Humphrey Hoag, Macedon Centre.
PAGE, Mary, Mrs. Mary Landon, Palmyra.

<http://wayne.nygenweb.net/macedon/macedonacadgirls2.html>
[Esther] Attended 1844-6; [Mary] Attended 1844-5

Esther settled at Parkersburg, Wood Co., Virginia, sometime between 1846 and 1850—probably about the same time her father William H. and stepmother Chloe (Thayer) Robinson Page moved from Macedon to Webster in Monroe Co., NY. Today, Parkersburg is in West Virginia and is the third largest city in the state. West Virginia encompasses the Appalachian Mountains such that it is sometimes referred to as “Appalachia.” It is one of the least densely populated states but is known for its logging industry, rich mineral deposits, especially coal, and for providing excellent recreational areas, including numerous caves.

The following information is taken from the census of the inn where Esther was staying at the time of Parkersburg’s 1850 Federal census.

Name, Age, Occupation and Value of Real Estate Owned
(Dwelling 1435)

* John Stephenson 52 Innkeeper PA 4,000
Ann M Stephenson 43 VA
Elizabeth Stevenson 26 VA
John E Stephenson 18 Farmer VA
Deana Stephenson 16 VA
Henry Stephenson 12 VA
John P M Kinney 57 None PA
Ethelbert M Kinney 16 VA
J B Hager 25 Farmer PA
John C Spencer 23 Lawyer VA 4,500
** Esther Page 26 NY
Josiah Steed 45 Land Agent VA 8,000
James Sims 22 Clerk store VA
*** P G Van Winkle 41 Lawyer NY 2,800
**** Rathbone Van Winkle 15 Student NJ
Godwin Van Winkle 13 VA
Lucretia Phelps 35
Benjr Philps 11
Rebecca Shuttleworth 22
Michael Dolan 36 Hatter (sic)
Isaac Davis 36 Laborer

* John Stephenson a.k.a. John Stephenson, Jr.--Three years after this census was taken John and second wife Ann (Steger) took their family west, crossing the Rockies by wagon and settling at Fulton Precinct, Multnomah Co., OR. All of the children in this census were by John’s first wife Sarah (Edelen), who had died nearly a decade earlier. The family cemetery as well as the rest of the family farm at Parkersburg is now owned by Standard Oil Company.

See: <http://chelledge.wordpress.com/elligence-conaway-genealogy/conaway-fleming-gould-family/stephenson-graveyard/>

** Esther Page—The census reports an incorrect age and place of birth. She maintained that she was born in NY while remaining in Virginia/West Virginia.

*** P G Van Winkle a.k.a. Peter G. Van Winkle a.k.a. Peter Godwin Van Winkle, Jr. (1808-1872)--Although born in New York City, he had been practicing law in Parkersburg since 1835. In 1850 he was still president of the town board of trustees since 1844 and was a member of the Virginia State constitutional convention. Over a decade later he was involved in the process to separate West Virginia from Virginia, and was one of the first US Senators elected from that state after it was accepted into the Union in 1863. During President Andrew Johnson's famous impeachment trial he was one of the seven Republican Senators who crossed party lines to vote for acquittal. In this last regard Peter was included in John F. Kennedy's Pulitzer-prize winning book "Profiles in Courage." See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_G._Van_Winkle. (Peter's two sons were also listed at the inn. A daughter Mary, 12, was listed in the household of L.G. and Elizabeth McCreary (Dwelling 1551), a young couple in Parkersburg with a child Charles, 3, and a few boarders. L. G. worked as a printer & publisher. Mary later married John Graham Blackford. Peter's wife, the former Juliette Rathbone, had died six years earlier, which may explain why Mary was living elsewhere and the rest of the family was living at an inn. One can speculate that Esther may have helped out with babysitting, teaching and other duties for the motherless family.)

**** Rathbone Van Winkle (1834-1870)--He was a lawyer by the 1860 census, living a few households away from Esther Page with his wife Sarah and newborn son Munson. Rathbone served as a colonel in the West Virginia Union militia during the Civil War and was a member of West Virginia's state house of delegates from the 1st District in 1865.

Besides Esther Page, the only other person with the surname Page recorded in the 1850 Federal census of Wood County, Virginia, who was not born in Virginia, was Edward P. Page, age 67, born in England. Although on different census pages, both Esther and Edward were in Wood County's census district 65. In Virginia Edward listed his occupation that year as "High Priest Nature."

That same year Edward also appeared in the Salem Township, Washington County, Ohio census in the household of Henry E. Page, b. 1818 in England, and wife Elizabeth Page, b. 1820 in Bavaria. Henry was listed as a farmer but no occupation was listed for Edward P. Salem was just across the Ohio River from Parkersburg and was on Duck Creek. Besides Henry and Elizabeth, the household included: Mary C. Page, b. 1841 in OH; George C. Page, b. 1845 in OH; a younger Edward P. Page, b. 1847 in OH; James L. Page, b. 1849 in OH; the elder Edward P. Page, b. 1783 in England; and Sarah Page, b. 1775 in New York. (In three years Caroline Page would be added to the household, and in another nine years Anna Page would be added. Also it turns out that Henry Edwin Page was a son of George Cracklow Page and nephew of the elder Edward P. Page. By 1880

the widow Elizabeth was living at Richland, Morgan Co., MO, with son Edward P. Page and Elizabeth's granddaughter, Ellis J. Gill, b. 1878 in VA.)

Edward P. Page a.k.a. Edward Postlethwayt Page was already in America by 1822 and had been busily trying to form a successful utopian society probably based on some or all of the precepts ascribed to Robert Owen *, whose 1825 arrival in America was alluded to in Edward's following request of publisher Royal Prentiss.

http://historicalmarietta.blogspot.com/2009_10_01_archive.html

Emblem Town

American Friend & Marietta [Ohio] Gazette, March 12, 1828

Mr. Prentiss:

In 1824, a little prior to Robert Owen's first arrival in America, I went to Washington, distributed my printed memorial to each member of that Congress, for a grant of a million acres of land in East Florida in behalf of my "Scientific Commonwealth." When read in the Senate, it expired for need of breath. I then embarked for St. Domingo, intending to petition Boyer; but was wrecked by a gale, and lost 650 dollars. With the remainder of my damaged cargo, I visited South America, and found it a paradise for communities. But those superstitious people could not estimate how unity gives knowledge, knowledge wealth, wealth power and felicity.

The "Scientific Commonwealth" over which I preside, (and Sol, like the head of any body, must guide the rest of the planets) has commenced at Emblem Town, 7 miles from Marietta, between Duck Creek and Muskingum river; and several families are now in full co-operation, one for all - all for one! My school begins this week. We receive scholars to board, &c. on moderate terms; mutual instruction our method, with its monitorial discipline. But we inculcate no other religion than that of nature, and reverence to the Great Spirit of the Universe; by which we learn to love each other, and do all the good we can.

Do me the favor to publish this communication. Not that we seek members. Too many, alas! will seek us. The Community I was three months associated with at Valley Forge, near Philadelphia, was overwhelmed by a rush of importunate applicants, and there was not fortitude enough to refuse them. All that have failed have been surcharged in the commencement.

Edward P. Page [More about Edward starting page 322.]

* http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Owen

“Robert Owen (14 May 1771 – 17 November 1858) was a Welsh social reformer and one of the founders of utopian socialism and the cooperative movement.”

It is intriguing to think that Esther and Edward might have known each other or even been related. It is also possible that Esther had settled in the area because of interest in Edward’s utopian movement. At least the latter possibility seems likely, since she had recently attended the Macedon Academy and may have been continuing her education through Edward’s “Scientific Commonwealth.” [Edward’s constitution for his theocratic “Union Concentric Society Of Light” was published in February, 1822, in the New York [NY] Evening Post.]

Esther was still living in Parkersburg at the time of the 1860 Federal census. She was listed as a teacher, b. 1822 in New York. The only other member of the household was Louisa McCain, b. 1844 in NJ. The FamilySearch index for this census has Esther’s given name spelled “Ether.”

The part of Virginia where Esther was living broke off from its original state early in the Civil War and became annexed to the Union on June 20, 1863. Thus Esther was living there when Virginia seceded from the Union, when West Virginia seceded from Virginia, and when West Virginia was added to the Union. Her area entered the Union twice: once in 1788 as part of its tenth state and once in 1863 as its thirty-fifth state; and seceded twice--once in 1861 from the Union and once shortly thereafter from the Confederacy.

Despite the turmoil and uncertainty churning throughout the decades of the 1850s and 60s, perhaps especially in her area of the South, Esther’s return north to the bosom of her family did not occur until after December 1864 and likely not before the Civil War ended. One might wonder how her homecoming was regarded by her male relatives who had fought in the war. Her brother Ebenezer Page and stepbrother James Robinson had joined New York units, and brother Nathan Page and stepbrother Clarkson Robinson had joined Michigan units. Ebenezer was injured at the Battle of Monocacy. His eldest son William Sanders Page, who had joined the same day as the father, was wounded at Gettysburg and later died of wounds received during the Battle of Cold Harbor near Richmond, VA. Nathan served for three years before being discharged for disability. Clarkson was discharged for disability and disappeared from known records thereafter. Esther’s stepbrother Chauncey Robinson’s eldest son Horace J. served in a Michigan unit, dieing of disease a few months after enlistment and just before the war ended.

Esther may have become a woman of independent means resulting from her West Virginia years. The following deed of lease, handed down through her sister Mary’s descendants, may provide a clue to the possibility.

Deed of lease--S. C. Shaw & others to E. Page & others

This deed of lease made this 30th day of December 1864 by and between Stephen C. Shaw of Parkersburg, West Virginia of the first part and Esther Page formerly of Parkersburg, now of Hartford City in Mason County in said State, Lucy E. Shaw, daughter of said S. C. Shaw, James V. Mayhall and _____ (not filled-in on document; space left for name to be inserted later) of Parkersburg aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said S. C. Shaw for and in consideration of the rents and covenants herein after written and contained on the part of the parties of the second part, their heir, executors, administrators and assigns to be paid, kept and performed, Has, and by this presents does grant, demise, and for the purpose of mining and excavating and boring &c [etc.] for coal, salt, or salt spring coal or rock or carbon oil, or any other valuable mineral substance or substances let unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs, executors &c all that certain piece of ground included in the following boundaries Beginning in Cow Creek, in what is generally known as the Bentley line, being the town on the Cow Creek farm of said S. C. Shaw, then on with said Bentley line, S. by 6 (symbol for degrees) West to a corner of lands belonging to Jane McKinney, then on with a line dividing the land of said S. C. Shaw & Jane McKinney S. 18 W. crossing the State Road Run to a corner of said S. C. Shaw and Nancy M. Shaw, in the line of said Jane McKinney, then on in a line in an easterly direction, to the mouth of said State Road Run in said Cow Creek, and then on with Cow Creek to the beginning, supposed to contain between twenty and thirty acres, more or less, being the western part of the Cow Creek farm, To have and to hold this said premises, for the said purposes only unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs, executors &c from the day and year first above written, as long as the said parties of the second part may find it profitable to work the same for the purposes aforesaid, yielding to, and paying therefore to the said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c, an equal eighth part of all the coal, carbon or rock oil, salt or other mineral substances excavated, pumped, raised, flowing or taken there from or manufactured from the said leased premises during the whole term aforesaid, That is to say, the said parties of the second part, their heirs &c, covenant, grand and agree in consideration of the grant and demise aforesaid to deliver to the said S. C. Shaw, his heirs or assigns &c the said one eighth of the coal at the platforms in bulk ready for loading; the one eighth of the carbon or rock oil in good iron bound barrels at the well or wells on said premises, should the said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c in selling or disposing of the said one eighth of said oil, sell and dispose of the said barrels, he is to account to the said parties of the second part their heirs &c, for this amount received for the said barrels, should the said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c not dispose or sell the said barrels with the sale of the oil, then, in that event, the said parties of the second part are to receive them at the place where the said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c may dispose or sell the one eighth of oil aforesaid the said one eighth of salt to be manufactured and delivered at the salt works in barrels furnished by said parties of the second part, their heirs &c, the said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c are to have delivered to him or them one eighth of all other miners substances taken, excavated or produced from

the said leased premises, in proper manner or condition for transportation one eighth of the amount of the sales thereof paid to him, the said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c by the said parties of the second part their heirs &c. The said coal, carbon or rock oil, salt or other mineral substances are to be delivered to the said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c by the said parties of the second part their heirs &c, from day to day, or from time to time as the same may be produced or manufactured &c. Should the said parties of the second part their heirs &c sublease, or leave any part or portion of the said deserted premises or sell the same to any person or persons, the said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c. is to receive the one eighth of the proceeds thereof, as aforesaid without returning or accounting for the oil barrels aforesaid. Should coal be found on the said leased premises, the said parties of the second part, their heirs &c. are to have a sufficiency thereof to run all the machines, engines &c necessary for working the same free of charge or expense. The said parties of the second part, their heirs &c covenant and agree with the said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c to commence the work of excavating or boring for the said mining purposes on or before the 1st day of September next, and prosecute the same with due diligence to the completion of a well for the purposes aforesaid having due regard to the times as circumstances may admit, and a failure thereof shall evoke a forfeiture and a surrender of this lease to the said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c. The said S. C. Shaw his heirs &c. are to have the full use, control and enjoyment of the said premises for tillage, cultivation &c except such part or parts thereof as shall be necessary for the said mining purposes, and a direct way over or across the same to the place or places of mining, boring or excavation and the transportation &c across the same for market.

Leaser signature S. C. Shaw

[Lessee signatures] Esther Page, Lucy E. Shaw, _____ (not filled-in on document; space left for name and signature to be inserted later)

Witness: Theo Boyd

The said parties of the second part covenant and agree not to sell, transfer or assign this lease to any person or persons, without the written consent of all the parties hereto, or to sell any interest thereof without obtaining such written consent, unless it should be to one of the parties hereto. The interest of the said parties of the second part in this lease are as follows: Esther Page has an undivided one third hereof, Lucy E. Shaw one undivided half hereof, and _____ (not filled-in on document; space left for name to be inserted later) one undivided one sixth thereof, and in the expenses of the work &c machinery, tools &c the said parties are to bear an equal proportion of the same according to their interest in the lease as aforesaid. Witness &c.

<http://www.wvgs.wvnet.edu/www/geology/geoldvco.htm>

Excerpted from: History of West Virginia Mineral Industries - Coal

“In 1742, John Peter Salley took an exploratory trip across the Allegheny Mountains and reported an outcropping of coal along a tributary of the Kanawha

River. He and his companions named this tributary the Coal River, and his report became the first reference to coal in what is today West Virginia.”

Esther was living with the family of her sister and brother-in-law Mary and Alonzo Langdon at the time of the 1870 Federal census of Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY. She may have invested some of the money earned from the West Virginia mining venture, if such wealth ever existed, in financing some of the real estate that Alonzo claimed. Viz: in 1860 Alonzo was a distiller with \$2,000 in real estate, but in 1870 he was a farmer with \$11,000 in real estate. Of course, some other explanation(s) may exist. Some of the extra real estate might have come from holdings of the late William H. and Chloe Page, Esther and Mary’s father and stepmother, who had both died in Michigan in 1862. In the New York census of 1850 the Pages had valued their real estate at \$5,000, reduced to \$2,000 in Michigan’s 1860 census. Alonzo’s own father had died in 1861, although it is unlikely that Alonzo inherited much if any real estate from him. Benjamin Langdon was working in a saloon in 1850, with no real estate declared. There is also the strong possibility that Alonzo built-up his estate entirely through his own enterprise.

From 1880 Federal census of Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY: (a few households away was that of Alonzo and Mary Langdon, with whom Ester had been living in 1870)

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father’s Birthplace	Mother’s Birthplace
Ester Page	Self	S	Female	W	61	ENG	Keeping House	ENG	ENG

Palmyra (NY) Democrat, December ?, 1893:

Macedon

The death of Mrs. Humphrey Hoag has occurred on Sunday, at the age 69 years. She was one of the old residents of this town, she leaves a husband to mourn her death.

On Esther's death registration her age at death was listed as 75 yrs 2 mos. Her father was shown as William H. Page and mother as Martha Sanders. In her will, Mary Langdon attested that Esther was her sister and requested that headstones be placed on Esther’s and her graves.

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/palmyup3.html>

Esther was interred at the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, NY. Her tombstone reads:

“Hoag, Esther P., wife of Humphrey & dau. of Wm. & Martha PAGE,
Dec. 24, 1893, 75y”

Notes for Humphrey H. Hoag:

Humphrey was the firstborn of ten children. His first wife was Rachel Briggs (1814-1852) by whom he had five children. There were no children by his second wife Hannah Mead (1819-1888).

Humphrey, a Republican, defeated H. Huffman, a Democrat, to become Macedon's town supervisor in March of 1868 according to the Palmyra Courier dated Friday March 6, 1868. In the 1870 Federal census his real estate holdings were valued at \$25,000, up significantly from \$4,680 at Walworth, Wayne Co., in 1850.

Syracuse (NY) Daily Standard, Tuesday Morning, August 31, 1886:

Killed by a Thunderbolt

Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 30.--At Palmyra during a terrific rain and thunderstorm, a barn was struck by lightning and burned with the contents. Two grandsons of Humphrey Hoag, of Macedon, were playing in the barn at the time. One of them was instantly killed and the other stunned.

[The boy who was killed was Carlton D. Hoag, 12-year-old son of the late Henry Clay and wife Lamorie (Carlton) Hoag. C.W. Paige]

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Monday, January 29, 1900

--The funeral services of Humphrey H. Hoag, who died Thursday, will take place at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Macedon Center, to-day, Rev. J. E. Neal officiating. Deceased was 89 years of age. He was a prominent man in the vicinity, and had held the office of supervisor of Macedon a number of terms. He is survived by two sons and a daughter, Isaac and Myron Hoag, and Mrs. W. B. Billings, all of Macedon.

[The daughter's name was Maria Curtis (Hoag), the wife of William B. Billings. /C.W.Paige]

Humphrey was buried at the Macedon Center Cemetery (lot 30-1).

Marriage Notes for Esther Page and Humphrey Hoag:

Longtime spinster Esther and second-time widower Humphrey were married by Rev. Herbert "H. D." Cone, pastor of Palmyra's Western Presbyterian Church from October 1887 to March 1890.

The following article is from the Marion Scrapbook, a collection of newspaper clippings about a wide assortment of Wayne County happenings from near the end of the 19th century. The scrapbook is now held by the Wayne County Historian. Its articles do not identify their original publications.

WEDDING BELLS

On the 7th of November, about thirty friends and relatives gathered at the home of the bride in Palmyra to witness the marriage of Miss Esther Page and Mr. Humphrey H. Hoag of Macedon, N.Y., a youthful couple whose combined ages are one hundred and fifty years. The ceremony was performed at five o'clock in the evening by the Rev. Mr. Cone of the Presbyterian church, after which a bountiful collation was served. The bride was becomingly attired, her only ornaments being a corsage of [Chrysanthemums] and smilax. She looked as sweet as a girl of sixteen. The presents were useful as well as ornamental. The rooms were beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers. The following evening a reception was tendered them by the children of the groom at his home. We shall miss the kind friend who always stood ready to lend a helping hand. A Guest

3. ii. Ebenezer Page, b. 4-8-1820, England; d. 7-5-1911, Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.
4. iii. Mary Page, b. 11-15-1825, England; d. 5-7-1897, NY.
5. iv. Nathan S. Page, b. 12-12-1827, England; d. 9-30-1910, Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

Generation No. 2

3. EBENEZER² PAGE (*WILLIAM HENRY*¹) was born 4-8-1820 in Sussex Co., England, and died 7-5-1911 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. He married ELIZABETH MCDOWELL 12/1842. She was born 3-1825 in NY, and died 7-1907 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.

Notes for EBENEZER PAGE:

Ebenezer came to America in 1829, according to the 1900 and 1910 Federal censuses.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nywayne/ontario/1862ontariovolunteers.html>

“The following is a [partial] list of Volunteers from the Town of Ontario who have enlisted since the 2d day of July 1862.”

Comp B, 138th Reg.t.
Page, Ebenezer
Page, William S.

Later in 1862 the 138th, with other regiments, was merged into the 9th New York Heavy Artillery, a member of the 3rd Division, 2nd Brigade, of the 6th Corps.

From Ancestry.com - American Civil War Soldiers database:

Name: Ebenezer Page
Enlistment Date: 02 August 1862
Side Served: Union

State Served: New York
Service Record: Promoted to Full Private (Reduced to ranks)
Enlisted as a Corporal on 02 August 1862 at the age of 42
Enlisted in Company B, 9th Heavy Artillery Regiment New York on 14
August 1862
Mustered out Company B, 9th Heavy Artillery Regiment New York on 06
July 1865 in Washington, DC

The Palmyra (NY) Courier newspaper dated Friday, September 5, 1862, listed two people with surname Page in the column for Ontario enlistees: Ebenezer Page and William S. Page. According to the newspaper, Ontario's quota was 70 men and 75 were enlisted.

Regarding Ebenezer's participation in the Civil War, he "...enlisted and went out as a corporal in Company B, Ninth New York heavy artillery, enlisting August 11th, 1862. He was promoted sergeant in 1864 and was discharged with the regiment July 6, 1865..." (See the article below that appeared in the Oswego Daily Times newspaper.)

Ebenezer Page of Brockport, NY, was listed as a member of the Veteran Association of the Ninth New York Heavy Artillery, Company B.

From "The Ninth New York Heavy Artillery--A History of its Organization, Services in the Defenses of Washington, Marches, Camps, Battles, and Muster-Out, with Accounts of Life in a Rebel Prison, Personal Experiences, Names and Addresses of Surviving Members, Personal Sketches, and a Complete Roster of the Regiment;" by Alfred Seelye Roe of Company A; Published by the Author, Worcester, Mass., 1899. [Next three paragraphs also from this source.]

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/roe/generalshakingup.html>

CHAPTER X.

A GENERAL SHAKING-UP.

[The following was a single paragraph originally. This writer has separated it to accent the portion about Ebenezer's daughter starting a school at the fort. C.W.Paige]

The advent of General Grant in Washington and his subsequent presence in the Army of the Potomac were making a decided impression on all wearers of the blue. The changes in location of Companies C, D, E and G have already been noted. Corresponding activity was also true of the other companies. All of them took leave of their long-time quarters, and on the 26th of March made their way to the forts across the Eastern Branch, all this in accordance with General Orders No. 21, whereby the regiment, except the 2d Battalion, was directed to form line in the parade ground at Fort Simmons at 4:30 A.M. the 26th, having two days' rations, Company B to join at the junction of Military and Georgetown roads. The march began at daybreak, and was a cheerful variation on the long monotony of the forts, passing, as it did, through Washington and across the bridge which spanned the Eastern Branch, sometimes called the Navy Yard bridge. Thence there was a decided scattering of the companies, a large number of forts coming under their care as follows: A at Fort Baker, with the band and regimental headquarters; B, Fort Mahan; F, Forts Dupont, Wagner and Ricketts, with Lieutenants Allen, Patterson and Stafford, respectively, in charge; H, Fort Meigs; I,

Forts Snyder and Davis, with Captain Hughes and Lieutenant Howard commanding; K, Fort Greble; L, Fort Stanton; M, Fort Carroll. Of this range Fort Mahan was the most northerly, and was fully seven miles away from Greble, the most southerly position. At this time the 1st Battalion comprised the men in Forts Baker, Davis, Dupont, Meigs and Mahan, under Major Snyder, with headquarters at Fort Mahan. The 3d Battalion included other forts under Major Burgess, with headquarters at Fort Carroll. The 2d Battalion was still in Fort Foote, so the regiment was really in a line of forts extending a distance of quite eleven miles, though communication between Fort Foote and the other fortifications was by water rather than by land. By this latest move, the Ninth was made to have something to do, first and last, with nearly every fort on the Maryland side of the Potomac. The life for the next two months, in each fort, differed very little from that in another, nor from that in the forts recently left near the river, though there were incidents peculiar to each one, as at Fort Mahan Lieutenant Chauncey Fish, just promoted from orderly sergeant, was given a fine sword by Company B; he had only recently returned from a visit home, and with him came, as recruits, two of his sons, one of whom was to later fall at Winchester. As this was a company affair, Sergeant Smith made the presentation, and Sergeant Bock read a reply. The weapon cost \$100.

In this same fort, later in April, **a daughter of Ebenezer Page** opened a school in the mess-house at fifty cents per pupil, weekly.

Towards the end of the month certain companies were canvassed by cavalry-men seeking those who would like to be transferred. The outlook towards the Capitol from nearly all these forts is fine, and it is easier making a visit to Washington than it was before the move. Not a day was lost in active drill, and if the regiment is not proficient in infantry, heavy and light artillery practice, it is not the fault of the officers. Battalion drill necessitates long and occasionally hot marches for some of the companies. May brings with it the consciousness that the North will soon take a new departure, and that for the front. Packing up all that a man thought he could not conveniently carry, was the order of the day, and it was surprising how many things were dispensed with, but two weeks later the reduction of baggage was even greater still. Two Wayne county boys thought to lessen their portable library, and so made up a box to send home, in which they placed their copies of Virgil, Horace, Longfellow (2 vols.), Methodist Hymns, etc., determining to depend on memory for any classical or poetical necessity, and also throwing in two or three bed-quilts and a pair of boots, they sent it northward. How carefully the mother of one of those boys treasured the collection, till the close of the war brought home the literary soldiers! On the 7th of May was promulgated an order specifying what the soldiers might carry in their knapsacks, viz., one shirt, one pair socks, one pair extra shoes, one pair pants, one rubber-blanket, one overcoat. It did not take long, when marching actually began, to get rid of nearly all of the above-named necessities.

http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/Personz_Detail.cfm?PER_NBR=66253135417352092801

Regiment Name 9 N.Y.H. Art'y.

Side Union

Company B

Soldier's Rank_In Pvt.

Soldier's Rank_Out Pvt.

Alternate Name

Notes

Film Number M551 roll 108

On two scanned pages provided by Gail Palmer, of a document titled: "RECORD OF SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS IN THE MILITARY SERVICE," is the following information about Ebenezer.

Page, Ebenezer: Residence-Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; Time and Place of Birth-April 8, 1820, Sussex, England; Rank/Reg't-Private/9th H,Art; Company-B; Enlistment date-Aug 4th, 1862, Muster date-Sept 8th, 1862 as Private; Enlisted for-3 years; Place of Enlistment-Ontario; White; no bounty was paid by either Town or County; \$17.25 relief granted to family by Town; Married; Names of Parents and Previous Occupation-William H. [Page], Martha Sanders, Farmer; Promotions, resignations, Discharges, Deaths, &c, With Dates, Causes, &c.-Enlisted and transferred as the list above. Mustered out July 6th, 1865 at Washington D.C. Still living, P.O. Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; in Battle of Cold Harbor, VA, Monocacy, MD.

A timeline for Ebenezer's military service can be found starting page 313.

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/history/1872waynebizdir.html>

Source: "Boyd's New York State Directory. 1872. 1873. 1874.," by Andrew Boyd. Syracuse, N.Y.: Truair, Smith & Co. Printers. 1872.

WAYNE COUNTY NY BUSINESS LISTINGS, including:
Ontario, Wayne Co.

Page Ebenezer, blacksmith, Main junction Canal.

With peace again on the land, Ebenezer joined the 9th N.Y. Heavy Artillery Association and was listed on page 6 of Roster of Survivors of 9th New York Heavy Artillery, a booklet compiled by Frank Tallman, Association Secretary, and published in September 1902. His P.O. address at the time was Brockport, NY.

When Ebenezer's purported half-brother Riley Preston Page passed away, on the death certificate Riley's father's name was listed as "Ebenezer" Page, born in England, and his mother's name was listed as Mary (or May) Thayer, born in Webster, Monroe Co., NY.

Perhaps the person filling out the death certificate mistook this half-brother Ebenezer for Riley's father. After all, Riley had attained an advanced age, and most of his generation of relatives was gone. This might also account for the different mother, as it's possible that Riley's surviving third wife knew his mother's maiden name had been Thayer but was confused as to the first name. Another "perhaps" is that William, Sr. and Chloe raised a grandson as their own son. A 1911 deathbed or other revelation might account for the sudden change of Riley's listed birthplace for his mother from Chloe's Massachusetts (1900 and 1910 censuses) to New York (1920 census) and the mysterious change in parentage on Riley's death certificate.

Oswego (Oswego Co., NY) Daily Times for Tuesday, January 28, 1896.

FOR THIRTY-TWO YEARS

A Man Carries a Piece of Wood in His Hand That Length of Time Under the Supposition That It Was a Bullet

Special Correspondence of the Oswego Times:

ONTARIO, Jan. 28—Ebenezer Page, a well-known resident of this town, had an operation performed on him last Thursday in Rochester for the removal of what he believed to be a bullet which had been buried in his right hand since the battle of Antietam. Mr. Page enlisted and went out as a corporal in Company B, Ninth New York heavy artillery, enlisting August 11th, 1862. He was promoted sergeant in 1864 and was discharged with the regiment July 6, 1865, and returned to Wayne county. In the battle of Antietam, Mr. Page was sighting his rifle and was all ready to shoot when a "Johnny" shot at him, the bullet striking the musket stock and slivering it. Mr. Page fell over and later found that his right hand was badly injured. He was taken to the camp hospital where the injury was dressed, but the surgeons were unable to locate the bullet. The wound healed up and then broke out again making a bad hand. From time to time he was troubled greatly with the hand and often threatened to have the bullet extracted. During the holidays, a young man, who is studying with a Rochester physician and whose parents live near Mr. Page's home, came home to spend a day or two. He visited Mr. Page's family and learning of the injury suggested that Mr. Page come to Rochester and have the ball removed. Last week Page mustered up enough courage to visit Rochester and the operation was performed. Instead of finding a ball, however, a piece of wood was removed from the hand which proved to be a sliver from the butt or stock of the musket. The hand is healing up all right and Mr. Page treasures the sliver as he would have prized the bullet had one been found. The sliver laid in such a position that it would have been impossible for the wound to have discharged it in "sloughing."

[Caveat: The 9th Regiment New York Heavy Artillery has not been credited with participating in the Battle of Antietam. Most likely it was not the Battle of Antietam where Ebenezer received his injury but instead was the Battle of Monocacy. Reasoning: first, the 9th Regiment N.Y. Heavy Artillery was not credited with engagement in the Battle of Antietam. Second, Monocacy occurred shortly before Ebenezer was admitted to Carver U.S. General Hospital in Washington, D.C. Third, thirty-two years prior to 1896 would have been 1864, whereas the Battle of Antietam occurred in 1862. Perhaps Ebenezer or the newspaper stretched the truth slightly in favor of referencing the better-known battle. The Battle of Monocacy, July 9-12, 1864, is known as the Battle that Saved Washington. /C.W.P.]

See, also, the following URL:

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pagebarnes/Ebenezer_Page_military_timeline-expanded.pdf

Wayne County Journal, Thursday, July 15, 1909

Mr. Eben Page and Charles Depuy of Rochester were the guests of Mary Langdon one day last week.

Rochester, Monroe, NY
Democrat & Chronicle
Thurs July 6, 1911

DIED

PAGE - Entered into rest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles H. De PUY, No. 6 Beechwood street, Wednesday morning, July 5, 1911, Ebenezer PAGE, in the 92d year of his age. He leaves one son, Charles E. PAGE, of Brockport, N. Y.; three daughters, Mrs. C. A. HERSEY, Mrs. William STEGER, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. DePUY, of this city, and two grandchildren.

-Funeral from his late home, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial at convenience of the family. Brockport papers please copy.

[NOTE: Only Mrs. C. A. HERSEY (Nellie Ellen, wife of Clarence Hersey) was of Cleveland, Ohio. Daughters Mrs. William STEGER (Ester) and Mrs. DePUY (Martha, wife of Charles Hill DePuy) both remained in Monroe Co., NY. /C.W.Paige]

Ebenezer Page was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery on 7-7-1911, SE 1/4 377 R3. Died of Senility & Heat Prostration. Last residence-6 Beechwood St. Age 91y 2m 27d.
Mt. Hope Cemetery address is: 1133 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620

Notes for ELIZABETH MCDOWELL:

Elizabeth Page was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery on 7-14-1907, SE 1/4 377 R3. Died of congestion of lungs. Last residence-North St. Age 82y 4m 3d.

Marriage Notes for EBENEZER PAGE and ELIZABETH MCDOWELL:

The Page family was living at Ontario, Wayne County, New York at the time of the 1850 Federal census. Ebenezer, 30, born in England, was by trade a blacksmith, and owned real estate valued at \$750. His wife Elizabeth was 25, born in New York. The couple had three children by the time of the census: William H., Franklin W., and Ellen, born in 1844, 1846 and 1847, respectively.

The Page family was living at Ontario, Wayne County, New York at the time of the 1860 Federal census. Ebenezer, 40, born in England, was by trade a blacksmith, and owned real estate valued at \$500 and personal estate valued at \$300. His wife Elizabeth was 35, born in New York. Three the couple's children were listed: Franklin, 14, Ellen, 12, and Ester, 8.

Later, the family moved to the town of Palmyra, where Ebenezer was again shown as a blacksmith in the "Gazetteer & Business Directory of Wayne County, N.Y.," 1867/68.

Ebenezer and Elizabeth were living in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY, at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: Eben, 50, a blacksmith, born in England, with no real estate value and \$125 personal estate value; and wife Elizabeth, 45, born in NY; Ellen, 23, a clerk in fancy goods, born in NY; Esther, 18, born in NY; Chas, 9, born in NY; and Martha, 1 year old, born in NY.

 1880 Federal census of Sweden Twp., Village of Brockport, Monroe Co., NY:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Ebenezer Page	Self	M	Male	W	60	ENG	Blacksmith	ENG	ENG
Elizebeth Page	Wife	M	Female	W	55	NY	Keeping House	NY	NY
Chas. E. Page	Son	S	Male	W	19	NY	Works In Furnace	ENG	NY
Mattie A. Page	Dau	S	Female	W	11	NY	At School	ENG	NY
Debora Ward	Other	W	Female	W	76	NY		---	---

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following transfers in real estate were recorded in the county clerk's office, October 25, 1892:

- Ellen W. BURLINGGAME to Ebenezer PAGE, property in Brockport; \$800.*
- Ellen W. BURLINGGAME to Ebenezer PAGE, property in Brockport; \$1.

*Ellen (Wicks) was the widow of Herman George Burlingame, a Professor of Mathematics at Brockport. Herman had died in 1891 leaving a large family.

 Ebenezer and Elizabeth were living on Holly Street in Sweden Twp., Village of Brockport, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Ebenezer, 80, a blacksmith, born in England; and wife Elizabeth, 75, born in NY.

Ebenezer and Elizabeth had been married 56 years, and 4 of their 7 children were still living. Ebenezer had immigrated to America in 1829.

 Rochester (NY) Democrat and Chronicle, Wednesday, December 10, 1902

MONROE

Mr. and Mrs. Ebeneser Page of Brockport Celebrated 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Last Saturday afternoon and evening Mr. and Mrs. Ebeneser Page, of Holley street, Brockport, were "at home" in honor of their sixtieth wedding anniversary. The house was filled with friends and relatives and the affair was a pleasant one.

Many presents were received by the venerable "bride and groom," also letters of congratulation and best wishes from friends residing in this and other states.

Ebenezer was living with his daughter and son-in-law Martha and Charles Hill DePuy on Beechwood Street in the 18th Ward of Rochester, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Charles H. DePuy, 43, a bookkeeper in a coal office, born in MI; wife Martha A., 41, born in NY; widower father-in-law Ebenezer Page, 90, born in England; lodger Liberatore Markojani, 43, working as a shoemaker in a shop, born in Italy; and lodger Caesar Markojani, 19, a compositor in a printing office, born in Italy.

Charles and Martha had been married 19 years and never had children. Ebenezer came to America in 1829 and had been naturalized. Liberatore had come to America in 1903 and Caesar in 1905. Liberatore had been married 20 years but no wife was listed. Caesar was single.

Children of EBENEZER PAGE and ELIZABETH PAGE are:

- 6 i. William Sanders³ Page, b. 12/15/1844 in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; d. 8/03/1864 in VA.

Notes for William Sanders Page:

William was not living with his parents and siblings in Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. However, he would have been 16 years old at the time and may have been living/working elsewhere.

William was included in the number of his mother's children no longer living at that time on the 1900 Federal census. The 4 of her 7 children still living were: Nellie Ellen, Mrs. Clarence A. Hersey of Cleveland Twp., Cuyahoga Co., OH; Ester, the widow of Norman Best Palmer and later to become Mrs. William Steger of Rochester; Charles E. Page, who had married Sarah (Rogers) and they lived in Sweden Twp., Brockport, Monroe Co.; and Martha A., Mrs. Charles Hill DePuy of Rochester.

On page 72 of an 1865 census for Ontario the following soldier's death was recorded:

William Page, age 20, single, citizen, entered service Private 111 N.Y. Aug. 15, 1862, Private 111 N.Y. at time of death, volunteer, died Aug. 3, 1864 at Cold Harbor of wounds received in battle, left no children, left no-one dependant, body sent to friends for burial, buried Arlington National Cemetery.

On two scanned pages provided by Gail Palmer, of a document titled: "RECORD OF SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS IN THE MILITARY SERVICE," is the following information about William Sanders Page.

"Page, William Sanders: Residence-Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; Time and Place of Birth-Dec 15, 1844, Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; Rank/Reg't-Private/111th NY Infantry; Company-A; Enlistment date-Aug 15th, 1862, Muster date-Aug 15th, 1862 as Private; Enlisted for-3 years; Place of Enlistment-Ontario; White; no bounty was paid by either Town or County; no relief granted to family by Town; Single; Names of Parents and Previous Occupation-Ebenezer [Page], Elizabeth McDowell, Blacksmith; Promotions, resignations, Discharges, Deaths, &c, With Dates, Causes, &c.-Was wounded at Battle

of Gettysburgh, Penn, July 3rd, 1863. Wounded in Battle May 30th, 1864, and died shortly after >Aug 3rd< from effects of wound. Buried cem Arlington Heights, VA."

- 7 ii. Franklin W. Page, b. Abt. 1846, NY; d. Bef. 1900.

Notes for Franklin W. Page:

Franklin was not living as of 1900, since his mother included him in the number of her children no longer living at that time on the 1900 Federal census. The 4 of her 7 children still living were: Nellie Ellen, Mrs. Clarence A. Hersey of Cleveland Twp., Cuyahoga Co., OH; Ester, the widow of Norman Best Palmer and later to become Mrs. William Steger of Rochester; Charles E. Page, who had married Sarah (Rogers) and they lived in Sweden Twp., Brockport, Monroe Co.; and Martha A., Mrs. Charles Hill DePuy of Rochester.

It is perhaps unlikely that the following is apropos to this Franklin, but it is included just in case. This paragraph is taken from a web page describing a hike route through Bartow, Polk County, Florida.

<http://www.geocities.com/yosemite/Rapids/8428/hikeplans/bartow/planbartow.html>
The Polk County Bank organized in 1886 with Frank W. Page of Rochester, New York, as its president. It opened in the building on this corner which had formerly been the Lang Brothers' store. It became a national bank two years later when it was reorganized into the First National Bank of Bartow. It was later replaced with a modern building.

- 8 iii. Nellie Ellen Page, b. 8-1850, NY; d. Aft. 1914. She married (1) Clarence A. Hersey 4/23/1873 in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY; born 12/1848 in NY; died 7/29/1907 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH. She married (2) George H. Mccune 1/12/1914 in Adrian, Lenawee Co., MI; born Abt. 1853 in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY.

Notes for Nellie Ellen Page:

"Ellen" was living with her parents at the times of the 1850, 60, and 70 censuses. In 1870 the family was living at Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY, and she was listed as a clerk in fancy goods.

Nellie Hersey was living in Cleveland's Ward 21, Cuyahoga Co., OH, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. She claimed to be a widow, 50 years old, born in NY, father born in England and mother in New York, and no children. Also in the household were: Henry Van Daughe, a 20-year-old apprentice mechanical engineer, born in Ohio; Sarah A. Stevens, 43, no occupation listed, born in New York; and Irene Hedstrom, 23, no occupation listed and born in NY. Both Sarah and Irene were listed as being married, Sarah with one living child and Irene with none.

Notes for Clarence A. Hersey:

Palmyra Democrat, Wednesday, August 26, 1891

We are informed that Clarence Hersey has recently been promoted to the position of head clerk on the fast mail train between Cleveland and Chicago.

Wayne County Journal, Thursday, July 18, 1907

Personal and Society

Clarence A. Hersey, a friend writes us, is very ill at his home, East 78th street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Wayne County Journal, Thursday, August 11, 1927

TWENTY YEARS AGO--AND TEN
(From the Journal, August 8, 1907)

Clarence A. Hersey, a former well-known resident of this village, died July 29, at his home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Marriage Notes for Nellie Page and Clarence Hersey:

The family was living in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. In the household were: Clarence, b. Abt. 1848 in NY, age 32, a carpenter, and Nellie E., b. Abt. 1850 in NY, age 30, working in Millinery & Fancy Goods. They had no children.

Clarence's father was born in ME and mother born in NY. Nellie's father was born in England and mother born in NY.

The family was living in Cleveland Twp., Cuyahoga Co., OH, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Clarence, b. December 1848 in NY, age 51, a postal clerk for the railroad, and Nellie E., b. August 1850 in NY, age 49. They were living on Kenwood Street, had been married 27 years, and had never had children.

Clarence's father was born in ME and mother born in NY. Nellie's father was born in England and mother born in NY.

The 1900 city directory for Cleveland listed a "Clarence A. Hersey postal clk, r. 45 Kenwood."

Marriage Notes for Nellie Page and George Mccune:

Nellie was married under the name Mrs Nellie V. (Page) Rupert. She claimed to have been born in NY in 1860 and her parents were listed as Ebenezer Page and Elizabeth Mcdowell. George was a photographer by occupation. She claimed to have been married once and he claimed to have been married twice. Officiating was C. H.

Hubbell, Minister, and witnesses were J. A. Seibert and Gretchen Seibert of Adrian. Nellie and George were soon divorced, and George remarried the next year to Janette (Myers) Dennisson in Lucas Co., OH.

- +9 iv. Ester Page, b. Abt. 1852, NY; d. 5-1922, Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.
- 10 v. Charlie Page, b. 10-1855, NY; d. 9-9-1859, Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY.

Notes for Charlie Page:

Charlie is buried at the Ontario Village Cemetery, Wayne Co., NY.

- +11 vi. Charles E. Page, b. 7-1860, NY; d. 12-24-1939, Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.
- 12 vii. Martha A. Page, b. 9-1868, NY; d. 9-1935, Rochester, Monroe Co., NY; m. Charles Hill DePuy, 6-19-1890, Brockport, Monroe Co., NY; b. 2-1868, MI; d. 11/30/1953 in Monroe Co., NY.

Notes for Martha A. Page:

Martha was cremated at Mt. Hope Cemetery on 9-19-1935. Died of cerebral hemorrhage. Last residence-Beechwood St. Age 66y 11m 27d.

Notes for Charles Hill DePuy:

Obituary for Charles' mother:

The Monroe County Mail, Thursday, April 10, 1919

Mrs. Libbie H. DePuy.

Mrs. Libbie H. DePuy died Friday at the Baptist Home, aged seventy-five years. Mrs. DePuy came to the Home from Rochester, November 27, 1911. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Julia H. Masten of Rochester, and two sons, Charles H. DePuy of Rochester, and Rev. Irving N. DePuy of Lakewood, Ohio, and three grandchildren. The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the Home, Rev. R. S. Carman officiating. Burial in Mt. Hope cemetery, Rochester.

The (Rochester, NY) Daily Record, Wednesday, December 9, 1953

Proceedings
Surrogate's Court
Petitions for Proof of Wills

DEPUY. CHARLES H—Died Nov 30—Real prop over \$5,000; personal prop over \$10,000—Goodman A Sarachan for pet.

Charles's burial was also in Mt. Hope cemetery, Rochester.

Marriage Notes for Martha Page and Charles DePuy:
Rochester, Monroe, NY
Democrat & Chronicle
Thur June 12, 1890

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Charles H. DePuy and Miss Mattie Page, of Brockport, at the home of the bride's parents, next Wednesday evening. They are both well known and highly respected young people and prominent members of the Baptist Church.

Rochester, Monroe, N.Y.
Union Advertiser
June 21, 1890

BROCKPORT

Charles H. DePUY And Miss Mattie PAGE were married Thursday afternoon.

Rochester, Monroe, NY
Democrat & Chronicle
Fri Oct 6, 1893

WESTERN NEW YORK NEWS

MONROE

--The following board of directors has been chosen by the Brockport Y. M. C. A. for the year commencing November 1, 1893: H. J. MANN, T. S. HINTON, Charles W. SMITH, J. B. SWEETING, C. D. SEELY, T. H. DOBSON, Arthur TOOLEY, W. H. _ARKS, C. H. DePUY, T. D. CHAPMAN, A. SMITH, George C. BROWN. The ladies' auxiliary of the association have engaged the PEAKE Sisters to give a musical entertainment at Grange hall Friday evening, October 13th. The association will hold its anniversary exercises Sunday, November 5th.

Martha and Charles were living on M_____ Street in the 8th Ward of Rochester, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Chas H. DePuy, 33 years old, a bookkeeper, born in MI; wife Martha, 31 years old, born in NY. Chas. was born in Feb. 1867 and Martha in Sep. 1868. They had been married 10 years and had no children.

Rochester, Monroe, NY
Union & Advertiser
Wed Mar 1, 1905

Memorial Presbyterian Banquet

Class \$1 of Memorial Presbyterian Sunday School held its annual banquet at the church parlors Monday night. The tables were prettily decorated in the class colors, yellow and white, and covers were laid for seventy-six. Mrs. Charles DePUY acted as toastmistress, and responses were made by Rev. J. Lyon CAUGHEY, Dr. A. FRAZEE, Dr. C. R. BARBER, Mrs. HARBER and Miss Edith RHODE. The officers of the class are: President, Mrs. Charles DePUY; vice-president, Mrs. John EINSFIELD; secretary, Miss Minnie VYERBERG; treasurer, Miss Josie LeFEVRE, historian, Miss Anna FOSS; teacher, Mrs. Charles R. BARBER.

Wayne County Journal, Thursday, July 15, 1909

Mr. Eben Page and Charles Depuy of Rochester were the guests of Mr. A. Langdon one day last week.

Martha and Charles were living on Beechwood Street in the 18th Ward of Rochester, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Charles H. DePuy, 43 years old, a bookkeeper in a coal office, born in MI; wife Martha A., 41 years old, born in NY; widower father-in-law Ebenezer Page, 90 years old, born in England; lodger Liberatore Markojani, 43 years old, working as a shoemaker in a shop, born in Italy; and lodger Caesar Markojani, 19 years old, a compositor in a printing office, born in Italy.

Charles and Martha had been married 19 years and never had children. Ebenezer came to America in 1829 and had been naturalized. Liberatore had come to America in 1903 and Caesar in 1905. Liberatore had been married 20 years but no wife was listed. Caesar was single.

Martha and Charles were still living on Beechwood Street at Rochester, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Charles Hill DePuy, 52 years old, a coal dealer in a coal office, born in MI; wife Martha A., 51 years old, born in NY; boarder Archimede Marni, 33 years old, no employment listed, born in Italy; and a Swedish couple with the last name Klintman. Mr. Klintman was a machinist for the telephone company.

Archimede had immigrated to America in 1910 and had been naturalized. The Klintmans had arrived in 1897 and were naturalized.

Martha and Charles were still living on Beechwood Street in the 18th Ward of Rochester, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household

were: Charles H. DePuy, 63 years old, a retail merchant for a coal company, born in MI; wife Martha A., 61 years old, born in NY. They owned their house, which was worth \$6,500. Their boarders were: Charles Meulendyke, 81 years old, no employment listed, born in New York of parents born in Holland; his 52-year-old daughter Marie J., born in Iowa, who was a librarian at the city library; and his 47-year-old daughter Johanna H., born in MI, who was a stenographer in a law office.

Both households owned radios.

Martha and Charles were still on Beechwood Street at the time of Martha's death in September 1935.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Saturday, November 9, 1935

DEPUY ESTATE PUT AT \$40,000

The estate left by Mrs. Martha A. DePuy, 6 Beechwood Street, who died Sept. 17, was estimated at \$40,000 yesterday when her will was admitted to probate by surrogate Joseph M. Feely. The property included \$7,000 realty. Sole beneficiary was her husband, Charles H. DePuy, coal dealer.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Saturday, January 25, 1936

HUSBAND GETS \$32,680 ESTATE

Net value of the estate of Mrs. Martha A. DePuy, 6 Beechwood Street, who died last Sept. 17, was placed yesterday in a tax approval at \$32,680. That amount was inherited by her husband Charles H. DePuy, coal dealer, who served as executor.

The estate had a gross value of \$38,000, including \$7,000 realty and \$31,000 in Eastman Kodak Company common stock.

4. MARY² PAGE (*WILLIAM HENRY*¹) was born 11-25-1825 in England, and died 5-7-1897 in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY. She married ALONZO LANGDON in 1846 in NY, son of BENJAMIN LANGDON and NANCY BURDEN. He was born 9-3-1822 in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY, and died 2-1-1910 in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY.

Notes for MARY PAGE:

Mary may have returned to England for a while in 1862, perhaps in regard to the death of her father William Henry Page in Michigan in January of that year. A Mary Langdon, who originated from the USA, arrived in New York from England November 8, 1862. Her port of departure from England was Liverpool, and her ship was the Scotia, of the Cunard line. Her age was listed as 40.

Last Will and Testament of Mary (Page) Langdon:

In the Name of God Amen.

I, Mary Langdon, of the town of Palmyra, County of Wayne and State of New York, being seventy one years of age, infirm in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being mindful of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being desirous of making a just and equitable disposition of my property at my decease, do hereby make, ordain publish and declare this instrument to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First:- I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be first paid.

Second:- It is my desire that I be buried beside my sister Esther Page Hoag, and I will and direct that my Executor herein after named erect a suitable monument or tomb stones for my said sister and myself at the cost to my estate not exceeding three hundred dollars.

Third:- The use of the rest residue and remainder of my property I give, devise and bequeath unto my husband Alonzo Langdon, for and during the term of his natural life, he to have absolute control and management thereof.

Fourth:- After the death of my said husband I will and direct that my son William Hudson Langdon shall have the use of said remainder of my property for and during the term of his natural life, and I give, devise and bequeath same accordingly.

Fifth:- At the death of my said son William Hudson Langdon, I will and direct that my property shall be divided equally between the children of my said son, then living, share and share alike, and I give, devise and bequeath the same unto them subject, however, to the life use of my said husband and my said son.

Likewise, I make constitute and appoint my said Husband Alonzo Langdon to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this first day of May in the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Mary Langdon (seal)

[Witnesses to the signing of the will were S. Nelson Sawyer and John S. Wright.]

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/palmyup4.html>

Langdon, Mary PAGE, wife of Alonzo, May 7, 1897, 71y 5m 22d, was interred at the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, NY.

On Mary's death registration (#1103) her age at death was listed as 71yrs 5mos 12d. Her father was shown as William H. Page and mother as Martha Sanders. For "How Long a Resident

Here?" the answer was 67 years. She died of cancer of the bowels after a 3-month illness. Her doctor was L. H. Smith.

Notes for ALONZO LANGDON:

Alonzo mistakenly indicated that he was born in England, in the 1850 Federal census of Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY. He did this by placing ditto marks under some preceding census entries that claimed to have been born in England. However, in subsequent censuses he always listed NY.

<http://www.palmyrany.com/minutes/TB/1862.htm>

Alonzo was "duly chosen Overseers of Highways for the ensuing year" during the annual Town Meeting at Palmyra, which took place as follows:

At the annual Town Meeting held at the Village Hall in the Village of Palmyra in and for the Town of Palmyra on the 4th day of March 1862 pursuant to adjournment Present presiding, Maltby Clark, Wm H. Southwick, Mark C. Finley Justices of the Peace J. B. Reeves Town Clerk

And at 8 o'clock A.M. the Polls of the Town Meeting were declared open by proclamation of Wm. H. Southwick and the voters proceeded to vote.

The following named persons were duly chosen Overseers of Highways for the ensuing year at three o'clock P.M.

[A total of 40 districts were voted on. Alonzo was elected for District No. 29. /C.W.Paige]

Alonzo served in the Civil War. He enlisted in 1862 in Company E of the 54th New York Infantry.

Alonzo applied for a US passport on March 3, 1865, "a loyal citizen of the United States, about to travel abroad." Unknown as to whether he ever did travel abroad. His description on the application was:

Age: 42; Stature: 5 ft. 10 inches, English; Forehead: Medium; Eyes: Grey; Nose: Straight; Mouth: large; Chin: not dominant; Hair: light brown; Complexion: Light; Face: Longish.

Wayne County Journal, Thursday, July 15, 1909

Mr. Eben Page and Charles Depuy of Rochester were the guests of Mr. A. Langdon one day last week.

The Record, Sodus, Wayne Co., NY, (Friday) February 4, 1910:

WAYNE COUNTY DEATHS

Langdon, Alonzo.--At Palmyra, Tuesday, February 1st, aged 87 years.

The following is an undated and unattributed newspaper obituary provided by Mrs. Donna Glowacki, one of Alonzo's descendants:

OBITUARY
Alonzo Langdon

Alonzo Langdon, one of Palmyra's oldest residents, died at his home on Tuesday of this week, after an illness dating over several months, aged 86 years. Mr. Langdon was born in Palmyra and had always resided in this village. For a number of years he conducted a grocery store on Market street, and had served several terms as town assessor. He was a genial, pleasant man and very generally respected. He is survived by one son and several grandchildren.

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/palmyup4.html>

Langdon, Alonzo, was interred at the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, NY.

Marriage Notes for MARY PAGE and ALONZO LANGDON:

The marriage was announced between Alonzo Langdon and Mary Page in the Rochester Daily American of March 6, 1846.

Last Name	First Name	Event	Date	Page	Column
Langdon	Alonzo	married	3/6/1846	3	1
Page	Mary	married	3/6/1846	3	1

The Langdons were living in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY at the time of the Federal censuses held there on 22 Jul 1850, 3 Jul 1860, 1870, and 1880.

Palmyra Courier-Journal, Thursday, July 3, 1958

Thirty-fourth installment taken from Scrap Book of Thomas L. Cook.

Palmyra, N.Y.

Passing on to the north, we come to the home of the late Alonzo Langdon. In the 60's, he purchased this little farm of 50 acres of the late Abram Carle. Mr. Langdon was a malster and distiller by trade but later engaged in farming. For a number of years, he was Town Assessor. His death occurred several years ago when the title to his farm fell to a son, W. Hudson Langdon, whose death occurred in December, 1915. This farm was a part of the old Carpenter farm that joins on the north. In former days, this was a large farm owned by Lot Carpenter, a Quaker.

 At the time of the 1850 Federal census the household consisted of Alonzo, 28, b. England, a farmer; Mary, 25, b. England; George, 3, B. NY; Giles Miller, 22, b. NY, a farmer; Reuben Underhill, 22, b. NY, a farmer; John Brigs, 13, b. NY.

At the time of the 1860 Federal census the household consisted of Alonzo, 34, b. NY, a distiller with real estate valued at \$2,000 and personal estate valued at \$1,400; Mary, 33, b. England; George, 13, b. NY and notated as having attended school within the past year.

At the time of the 1870 Federal census the household consisted of Alonzo, 46, b. NY, a farmer with real estate valued at \$11,000 and personal estate valued at \$2,000; Mary, 44, b. England; George, 23, b. NY and notated as “idiotic”; William, 3, b. NY; Ruth Caile (sic), 63, b. NY “at home”; Esther Page, 52, b. England “at home”; and Anna Clancey, 14, b. NY, a “domestic.”

From the 1880 Federal census of Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY: (a few households away was that of Mary Langton’s unmarried sister Ester Page, who had been living with the Langdons in 1870)

Name	Marital			Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father’s Birthplace	Mother’s Birthplace
	Relation	Status	Gender					
Alonzo Langdon	Self	M	Male	W	57	NY	Farming	NY
Mary Langdon	Wife	M	Female	W	54	ENG	Keeping House	ENG
* George Langdon	Son	S	Male	W	33	NY		NY
William Langdon	Son		Male	W	14	NY		NY
** Edward Tappenton	Other	S	Male		46	NY	Laborer	ENG
Rose Shillingun	Other		Female	W	40	GER	Servant	GER

* On censuses George was denoted as “idiotic.”
 ** Edward’s surname was Tappenden. /C.W.Paige

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- Langdon, Harvey (no dates)
- Langdon, Amanda E. (no dates)
- Langdon, Benj. (no dates)
- Langdon, Nancy, his wife (no dates)
- Langdon, Henry, son of Philip & Rachel & husb. of Estelle, Oct. 17, 1892, 33y
- Langdon, George, Aug. 7, 1896, 47y
- Langdon, Mary PAGE, wife of Alonzo, May 7, 1897, 71y 5m 22d
- Langdon, Mary E., wife of Alonzo, Feb. 19, 1901, 56y
- Langdon, Alonzo, Feb. 1, 1910, 87y
- Langdon, Abbie, wife of John & dau. of Mr. CRANDALL, Oct. 7, 1910, (75)
- Langdon, Philip, husband of Rachel, Dec. 12, 1912, 87y
- Langdon, Wm. Hudson, son of Alonzo & Mary, Nov. 5, 1915, 49y 3m 7d
- Langdon, Clara B. P., wife of Henry, June 7, 1921, 54y
- Langdon, Henry Fayette, Apr. 20, 1947, 82y 7d

Children of MARY PAGE and ALONZO LANGDON are:

- 13 i. George³ Langdon, b. Abt. 1847, NY; d. 8-7-1896, NY.

Notes for George Langdon:

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/palmyup4.html>

George was interred at the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, NY.

- +14 ii. William Hudson Langdon, b. 7-29-1866, NY; d. 11-4-1915, Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.

5. NATHAN S.² PAGE (*WILLIAM HENRY*¹) was born 12-12-1827 in England, and died 9-30-1910 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL. He married SARAH J. DEGRAFF/MAYNARD 3-10-1861 in Sodus, Berrien Co., MI. She was born 11-22-1843 in NY, and died 9-27-1923 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

Notes for NATHAN S. PAGE:

Nathan may have been the Nathan Page living in New Lisbon, Otsego Co., NY, at the time of the 1850 Federal census. If so, his occupation at the time was listed as blacksmith. According to Nathan's death certificate, his occupation from 1850 through 1861 was as an engineer. His last occupation, from 1880 through 1905, was as a mechanic.

According to the Michigan in the Civil War website, Nathan enlisted as a Private in the 12th Regiment Michigan Infantry, Company I, during the Civil War, from Sodus, Berrien Co., MI, at age 28. (Orlando Keyes and James Powers, Jr. were in the same regiment, Company D. All were Privates, although Orlando later became the regimental chaplain.)

Nathan was discharged due to disability September 13, 1864, according to the History of Berrien Co., MI. He later received a pension which was increased to \$36/mo by the 16th Congress during Session 1 in 1908.

Additional information about Nathan's Civil War activities:

Nathan, from Sodus, enlisted as a Private on 7 October 1861 at the age of 28. He enlisted in Company I, 12th Infantry Regiment Michigan on 19 Dec 1861. Later, he was attached to the 11th Independent Battery, Ohio Light Artillery Regiment, on 10 Jan 1864. He was subsequently returned from the 11th Independent Battery, Ohio Light Artillery Regiment on 9 Apr 1864, and received a disability discharge from Company I, 12th Infantry Regiment Michigan on 13 Sep 1864 at Detroit, MI. He applied for a disability pension 19 Jun 1865, and his widow Sarah J. applied for a pension 17 Oct 1910. Both locations of Nathan's service during the Civil War were cited on the applications.

Nathan listed his place of birth as England in US Federal censuses from 1850 through 1880. Thereafter he listed it as New York. At time of the 1920 Federal census, Nathan's son Ulysses

Grant Page, then living with wife Hattie at Oakland, Alameda Co., CA, listed his father's place of birth as "at sea US," hence providing a likely reason for the confusion of locales.

Nathan died at age 82 yrs 7 mos 18 days. Burial at the Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, 60660.

NOTE: Nathan was the owner of the lot where his wife, children, and grandchild Lillian and her husband were also buried. Another person is buried there whose connection to Nathan's family is unclear. Her name was Frances E. Brigham, 76 years old at time of death, which occurred October 17, 1893. After doing some research I believe she was the wife of Origen S. Brigham and that her maiden surname had been Waterman. In 1880 she was living with her daughter Adaline F, born May 20, 1846 at Troy, Rensselaer Co., NY, and son-in-law A. A. Lathrop. Frances's husband Origen had been an attorney as was Adaline's husband. This information is being included here in case it later is discovered there is a connection.

(BRIGHAM, Origen S. b: Mar. 15, 1815 in Westmoreland, Oneida Co., NY d: Dec. 24, 1850.)

Notes for SARAH J. DEGRAFF/MAYNARD:

Sarah's parents were Samuel and Margret (Vanderbeck) Degraff. Her mother later married Samuel Maynard.

The household of Samuel and Margret (Vanderbeck) Degraff Maynard held the following people as recorded by the 1850 Federal census of Division 10 of Berrien Co., MI:

Samuel Maynard, 30, a farmer born in NY with \$190 worth of real estate
Margret Maynard, 35, born in NJ
Juan Maynard, 4, born in MI
William Maynard, 1 born in MI
Elizabeth Degraff, 16, born in NY
Sarah Degraff, 7, born in NY (Sarah would be using the surname "Maynard" by the 1860 census)
Jane Vanderbeck, 59, born in NJ

Sarah was living in Chicago's Ward 26, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. She was listed as a widow living with her granddaughter Lillian and son-in-law Roy K. Airis.

Sarah died at age 79 yrs 10 mos 5 days. Burial at the Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, 60660.

Marriage Notes for NATHAN PAGE and SARAH DEGRAFF/MAYNARD:

The family was living in Hagar Twp., Berrien Co., MI (near Benton Harbor), at the time of the 1870 Federal census. Nathan claimed to have been born in England, and wife Sarah born in MI, where all the children were born. (After 1880 Nathan always claimed to have been born in NY.) Nathan was a farm laborer at this time. In the household were: Nathan Page, 37, Sarah, 25, Isabel, 9, Grant, 4, and Martha 2.

According to Nathan's death certificate the family moved to Chicago in about 1878.

 From the 1880 Federal census of Chicago, Cook Co., IL:

Name	Marital			Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's	Mother's
	Relation	Status	Gender				Birthplace	Birthplace
Nathan Page	Self	M	Male	W	46	ENG	Engineer	ENG
Sarah J. Page	Wife	M	Female	W	37	NY	Laundry	NY
E. I. Page	Dau	S	Female	W	18	MI	Milliner	NY
Grant Page	Son	S	Male	W	14	MI	Paper Hanger	NY
Mattie E. Page	Dau	S	Female	W	12	MI	In School	NY
Aalha Aassuns	Other	S	Female	W	34	IN	Ironer	NY
Francis Harden	Other	S	Female	B	21	TN	Ironer	TN

 The family was living in Chicago's 20th Ward, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were Nathan S. Page, b. Dec. 1827 in NY, 72 years old, a machinist; Sarah J., b. Nov. 1843 in NY, 56 years old; and Lillian Germain, b. Jan 1897 [s/b 1887] in IL, 13 years old, grandchild of Nathan and Sarah. Two of Sarah's three children were still alive.

 The family was living in Chicago's 25th Ward, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were Nathan S. and Sarah J. Page and their granddaughter Lillian Germaine. The Pages were aged and had no employment listed. Lillian was listed as a piano teacher. (She would marry that year but would have no children. Thus, Nathan and Sarah would have no further descendants.)

Children of NATHAN PAGE and SARAH DEGRAFF/MAYNARD are:

- 15 i. Hephzibah "Hepsie" Isabelle³ Page, born 11-10-1861 in Berrien Co., MI; died 5-9-1948 in Prob. IL. She married Frederic Good 11-14-1891 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL; born 1-1864 in Canada; died Bef. 1940.

Notes for Hephzibah "Hepsie" Isabelle Page:

"Hipsie B. Good" was a widow living with her niece Lillian Pearl (Germain), 54, and her niece's husband Roy Airis, 57, at 2023 Pensacola Street in Chicago, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1940 Federal census. Also in the household was Roy's mother Alis R. Airis, 80 years old, born in England. Roy was a stock keeper at a wholesale candy company, and Lillian was an inspector at a wholesale liquor company. All had been living in the same house in 1935.

 Hepsie died at age 86 yrs 5 mos 29 days. Burial at the Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, 60660.

Marriage Notes for Hephzibah Page and Frederic Good:

Isabelle and Frederick were living in Chicago's Ward 21, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. They had no children by that time.

 Belle and Fred were living in Chicago's Ward 23, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. Fred was listed as an "Engineer Op." in the clothing manufacturing business, and Belle was a clerk in a department store. Fred had immigrated to America in 1880 and had been naturalized in 1900. Fred's father

was born in Ireland and mother in England. Belle claimed her father was born in New York and mother in New Jersey.

- 16 ii. Ulysses Grant Page, born 9-1-1864 in Pipestone Twp., Berrien Co., MI; died 11-24-1942 in Los Angeles, CA. He married (1) Carrie Hammond 4-11-1892 in Bangor, Van Buren Co., MI; born Abt. 1875 in MI. He married (2) Eva E. Johnson 1-31-1894 in Cook Co., IL; born Abt. 1875 in IN. He married (3) Hattie S. Cumner 12-28-1908 in Worcester, Worcester Co., MA; born Abt. 1861 in Forestdale, Providence, RI; died Aft. 1920.

Notes for Ulysses Grant Page:

Ulysses was listed as a photograph salesman living with wife Eva S. at the time of the 1900 Federal census of Chicago's Ward 20, Cook Co., IL. He was listed as a photographer at the time of his marriage to Carrie Hammond, and as a mining engineer at the time of his marriage to Hattie Cumner Foster Bell.

Ulysses was living in Fresno, Kern Co., CA, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. He was listed as a mining engineer and as a single person.

Ulysses, 74, was living at 121 A, W 31 Street in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA, at the time of the 1940 Federal census. Also in the household were Anita Wilson, 60, and Inez Swensen, 65. All were widowed, none had occupations, and all had incomes. Ulysses G. had been born in Michigan, Anita in Oregon and Inez in Minnesota. All had been living at the same place in 1935.

Ulysses died at age 72 yrs(?) 2 mos 23 days in Los Angeles and was cremated. Burial at the Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, 60660. The Rosehill records show Ulysses' date of death as May 21, 1943, but that differs from the California death record, which would most likely be correct and is being used in this database. The Rosehill date may be the burial date, perhaps the body being reburied from a California location.

Notes for Eva E. Johnson:

Eva was said to be of Hammond, Lake Co., IN, at the time of her marriage to Ulysses Grant Page.

Notes for Hattie S. Cumner:

At the time of her marriage to Ulysses Grant Page, Hattie was said to have an art store.

RAID DOCTOR'S ART GALLERY.; Mrs. Page Recovers Paintings He Says Were Engagement Gifts.
Special to The New York Times.
March 9, 1909, Tuesday
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WORCESTER, Mass., March 8.—Headed by Miss Alice Myers, Deputy Sheriff Hunt, Constable Putnam, Police Officer Barker, and several furniture movers swooped down on the dental officers (sic) of Dr. Roy M. Garfield in the Walker Building to-day and carried away with them oil and water color paintings and bric-a-brac to the value of several thousand dollars. They were armed with a writ of replevin secured by Mrs. Hattie Cumner Foster Bell Page of New York. Miss Myers, who is private secretary for Mrs. H. C. F. B. Page, accompanied the officers for the purpose of identifying the articles.

According to the claims set forth by Mrs. Page the paintings and other articles were loaned to Dr. Garfield for office decoration. He, however, asserts that they are birthday, Christmas, and other engagement gifts and are entirely his property. The two were for a number of years intimate friends, notwithstanding that the woman is twenty years the doctor's senior, and Worcester people were much surprised when it was announced a few months ago that she had become the bride of Ulysses Grant Page of Chicago

Both Mrs. Page and her husband have been married three times. Mrs. Page is 52 years old. Dr. Garfield is 30. He says they were engaged at the time the presents were made.

Hattie's first two husbands were: Elroy D. Foster, who she married in 1876, and Joseph A. Bell, who she married in 1885.

Marriage Notes for Ulysses Page and Hattie Cumner:

Ulysses and Hattie were living at Oakland, Alameda Co., CA, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. Ulysses was listed as a mining engineer and Hattie as a China artist. Ulysses' father was born "at sea US" and mother born in NY. Hattie's father was born in Rhode Island and mother in Maine.

- +17 iii. Martha E. "Mattie" Page, born Abt. 1868 in Berrien Co., MI; died 11-7-1892 in IL.

Generation No. 3

9. ESTHER M.³ PAGE (*EBENEZER*², *WILLIAM HENRY*¹) was born Abt. 1852 in NY, and died 5-1922 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. She married (1) NORMAN BEST PALMER Abt. 1876

in NY, son of BEST PALMER and MARY PALMER. He was born 1850 in NY, and died 6-1889 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. She married (2) WILLIAM STEGER 8/12/1910 in Cuyahoga Co., OH, son of George Steger and Rosina Eppensteine. He was born 1869 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY, and died 1-1921 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.

Notes for ESTHER PAGE:

Esther was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery on 5-29-1922, SE 1/4 85 R4. Died of cancer of the uterus. Last residence-Monroe County Hosp. Age 66.

Notes for NORMAN BEST PALMER:

Norman was a dry goods clerk at the times of the 1870 and 1880 Federal censuses of Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY. He was listed as a salesman in the Rochester, New York, Directories for 1888 through 1890, his addresses 36 State and 60 Emerson.

 Norman Best Palmer died of embolism phlebitis at the Emerson Street address. He was buried June 19, 1889, under the name "Best" Palmer in Section G of the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester.

Marriage Notes for ESTHER PAGE and NORMAN PALMER:

Esther and Norman were living in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. In the household were Norman B. Palmer, 29, b. NY; Esther, 28, b. NY; and Nellie, 3, b. NY. Norman was a clerk in a dry goods store.

Notes for WILLIAM STEGER:

At the time of the 1880 Federal census of the 13th Ward, Rochester, Monroe Co., NY:

Name	Marital		Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occu.	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
	Relation	Status							
Rosina Steger	Self	W	Female	W	49	WURT	Keeping House	WURT	WURT
David Steger	Son	S	Male	W	24	NY	Shoemaker	BAV	WURT
John Steger	Son	S	Male	W	21	NY	Painter	BAV	WURT
Charles Steger	Son	S	Male	W	19	NY	Shoemaker	BAV	WURT
Elisabeth Steger	Dau	S	Female	W	17	NY	Tayloring	BAV	WURT
Georg Steger	Son	S	Male	W	15	NY	Works In Shoe Fkty	BAV	WURT
William Steger	Son	S	Male	W	12	NY	At School	BAV	WURT
Anna Steger	Dau	S	Female	W	6	NY	At School	BAV	WURT

 Rochester, Monroe, NY
 Democrat & Chronicle
 Sat July 1, 1905

RECORD OF DEATHS

Mrs. Rosina STEGER, of No. 161 Morrill street, died at noon yesterday, Aged 74, leaving four sons, David, Charles, George and William, and one daughter, Mrs. George CORNISH, and six grandchildren.

William was single and a lodger in the establishment run by George King, superintendent of a commercial B&A, in Rochester's Ward 2, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. William was listed as an independent real estate broker.

William was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery on 1-4-1921, S Gr 50 R-172 BB. He died of general paralysis. Last residence-State Hosp. Age 52.

Marriage Notes for ESTHER PAGE and WILLIAM STEGER:

Esther claimed to have been born in 1866 at the time of her marriage to William Steger. She claimed her parents were Eben Page and Elizabeth McDowell.

The family was living in Rochester Ward 18, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household, besides William and Ester, was Carl Martin, 27, a roomer born in NY. William was a city clerk and Carl was a tool maker at a machine company. William was born in NY though both of his parents were born in Germany.

The Steger household was part of a larger household of three groups living at 26 Webster Street. The first listed of the three, on the census, was the family of Samuel and Ruth Kirkpatrick and Samuel's brother Alexander. Samuel, 30, and Alexander, 26, were born in the USA of Scottish parents. Ruth, 26, was born in NY of parents born in the same state. Samuel was a machinist in a spectacle company. Ruth worked at the same company as a clerk and Alexander, as an inspector. The second listed was the family of Samuel and Lucile McGrath and their roomer Eldia Horton. Samuel, 37, born in NY of Irish parents, was a contractor for an asphalt company. Lucile, 34, was born in NY of parents also born in that state. Eldia, 35, was born in NY of parents born in the USA. All families and roomers were renting.

Child of ESTHER PAGE and NORMAN PALMER is:

18 i. Nellie⁴ Palmer, b. Abt. 1877, NY; d. Bef. 1911.

Notes for Nellie Palmer:

Nellie was not listed among the grandkids of Ebenezer Page in his 1911 obituary.

11. CHARLES E.³ PAGE (*EBENEZER*², *WILLIAM HENRY*¹) was born 7-1860 in NY, and died 12-24-1939 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. He married SARAH ROGERS Abt. 1886. She was born 10-1862 in NY, and died 2-15-1911 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.

Notes for CHARLES E. PAGE:

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Tuesday, December 28, 1937

GIDEON UNIT NAMES C. E. PAGE PRESIDENT

Rochester Camp of Gideons, that organization that provides Bibles for hotels, last night named Charles E. Page president at the annual meeting in Commerce Building. Other

officers elected are: Vice-president, Herbert A. Niles; secretary-treasurer, Orin F. Culver and chaplain, J. A. Weaver.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Tuesday, December 26, 1939:

PAGE--Entered into rest at a Rochester hospital Sunday morning Dec. 24, 1939, Charles E. Page of Brockport. He is survived by one son, Charles H. Page, one daughter, Mrs. John Holland, one granddaughter, Dorothy Jane Holland, all of Brockport.

Friends may call at the Fowler Funeral Home, 82 State St., Brockport, N.Y., from where funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27, 1939 at 2 p.m. Interment in Beach Ridge Cemetery, Sweden, N.Y.

<http://mcnygenealogy.com/cem/beachridge-2.htm>

Charles E. was buried at the Beach Ridge Cemetery at Sweden, Monroe Co., NY.

Notes for SARAH ROGERS:

Sarah's obituary appeared in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Thursday, February 16, 1911. The Entry was dated Brockport February 15, and the obituary claimed that she died "this afternoon at a Rochester hospital." The online version was distorted too badly to read fully, but it named as survivors her husband Charles Page, son Charles Page, daughter Nellie Page, plus brothers, Thomas and James, and sister, Mary Crouther (sic).

<http://mcnygenealogy.com/cem/brockprt.htm>

Sarah is buried at the Brockport Cemetery, Brockport, New York, Town of Sweden.

Marriage Notes for CHARLES PAGE and SARAH ROGERS:

Charles and Sarah were living in Sweden Twp., Village of Brockport, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Charles E., 39 years old, a shoe paster (sic); wife Sarah, 37 years old, son Charles H., 10 years old; and daughter Nellie M., 8 years old. (Birth locations not notated.)

Charles E. and Sarah had been married 14 years, and both of their children were still living.

Charles and Sarah were living in Sweden Twp., Village of Brockport, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Charles E., 48 years old, a house carpenter, born in NY; wife Sarah, 47 years old, born in NY; son Charles H., 20 years old, a cutter in a shoe factory, born in NY; and daughter Nellie M., 17 years old, a skiver for shoe leather, born in NY.

Charles E. and Sarah had been married 23 years, and both of their children were still living.

Charles was living on Main Street in Sweden Twp., Village of Brockport, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: widower Charles, 60 years old, a machinist at Sprager Manufacturing; son Charles Jr., 30 years old, a shoe cutter; and daughter Nellie M., 28 years old, a shoe skiver.

Children of CHARLES PAGE and SARAH ROGERS are:

- 19 i. Charles H.⁴ Page, b. 11-24-1889, NY; d. 2-5-1968, Brockport, Monroe Co., NY; m. Lyla (Townsend) Yardley, Abt. 1921; b. Abt. 1886, NY; d. 7-25-1945, Brockport, Monroe Co., NY.

Notes for Charles H. Page:

<http://mcnygenealogy.com/cem/beachridge-2.htm>

Charles H. was buried at the Beach Ridge Cemetery at Sweden, Monroe Co., NY.

Notes for Lyla (Townsend) Yardley:

<http://mcnygenealogy.com/cem/beachridge-2.htm>

Lyla was buried at the Beach Ridge Cemetery at Sweden, Monroe Co., NY.

Marriage Notes for Charles Page and Lyla Townsend Yardley:

Charles and Lyla were living at Brockport, Monroe Co., NY, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. Also in the household was Lyla's son from her prior marriage to Harry J. Yardley of Montgomery, Orange Co., NY. The son was Townsend Yardley, 22, b. NY. (The son's full name was Harry Townsend Yardley. The following year he would marry Julia Pease in Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., NY, and nine years later he married Virginia Meehan, who was affiliated with the Arthur Murray dance studio in New York City. The marriage to Virginia was also at Skaneateles.)

Charles and Lyla were said to be "of Brockport" in December 1939.

- +20 ii. Nellie M. Page, b. 5-1892, NY; d. Aft. 1920.

14. WILLIAM HUDSON³ LANGDON (*MARY² PAGE, WILLIAM HENRY¹*) was born 7-29-1866 in NY, and died 11-4-1915 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. He married CARRIE E. BROTHERTON Abt. 1889 in NY, daughter of WILLIAM BROTHERTON and NANCY RUDE. She was born 4-1870 in NY, and died 1937.

Notes for WILLIAM HUDSON LANGDON:

William was christened/baptized 04 AUG 1874 at Zion Episcopal, Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY.

Hudson was appointed sexton of the old Carpenter Burying Ground at Palmyra, which had been the neighborhood cemetery until 1844 when supplanted by the Palmyra Cemetery. The Langdon farm surrounded the burying ground, and in 1912 Hudson, by which name he was normally addressed, made an offer to build a fence around the ground to the Town Board if they would provide the material. Besides building the fence, Hudson mowed and otherwise tended the burying ground until his death in 1915, after which Levi Haak took over those duties. This according to the book "Palmyra and Vicinity," by Thomas L. Cook. Press of The Palmyra Courier-Journal, Palmyra, N.Y., 1930; p. 264.

<http://www.palmyrany.com/minutes/TB/1911.htm>
Town of Palmyra – Minutes for 1911

Regular meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, April 21, 1911. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; Thomas L. Cook, W. W. Williamson, J. L. Warner, and S. L. Knapp, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of last meeting were read for information.

Hudson Langdon, a resident of Maple Avenue, Town of Palmyra, appeared before the Board and asked that the old cemetery on Maple Avenue belonging to the town and adjoining said Langdon's property be somewhat improved from its present state of brush and weeds.

The matter was discussed at considerable length by members of the Board, and a resolution was passed authorizing the Supervisor to go to Lyons and ascertain if possible whether said cemetery property belonged to the Town and report at the next meeting.

Regular meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, May 19, 1911. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, W. W. Williamson, J. L. Warner, and S. L. Knapp, Justices, H. L. Averill, Clerk; and C. H. Hedden, Supt. of Highways. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read for information.

The Supervisor, who was appointed as a committee at the meeting of April 21, to ascertain if possible whether the old cemetery on Maple Avenue belonged to the town or was the property of some individual, reported that he was of the opinion that the cemetery belonged to the town, but that no record or a deed of the property could be found.

<http://www.palmyrany.com/minutes/TB/1912.htm>
Town of Palmyra – Minutes for 1912

Meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, February 2, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook and L. L. Warner, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

Hudson Langdon appeared before the Board relative to cleaning up the old cemetery property on Maple Avenue. On motion, duly carried, Mr. Langdon was authorized to clean up that property and render bill for same to the Town Board.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nymonnws/1915/NOV.html>

Rochester, Monroe, NY

Democrat & Chronicle

Fri. Nov. 5, 1915

DIED

LANGDON - Entered into rest, at Rochester, N. Y., Thursday, November 4, 1915 W. Hudson LANGDON, of Palmyra, N. Y., aged 49 years. He leaves a widow and two sons, Ira, of Newark, N. Y., and Charles of Palmyra, and one grandson.

-Funeral Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at his late residence, on Maple avenue.

The following is from a copy of an undated obituary that appeared in The Herald newspaper, provided by Mrs. Donna Glowacki, one of Alonzo's and William's descendants:

W. H. LANGDON

Prominent and Prosperous Palmyra Farmer Passes Away at Hospital in Rochester

By Special Dispatch to The Herald.

Palmyra, Nov. 5.--W. Hudson Langdon of Maple Avenue, one of Palmyra's most highly respected citizens, passed away at Dr. Lee's Hospital in Rochester on Thursday, November 4. Undertaker C. G. Crandall brought the remains to Palmyra last evening. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon, Rev. Boyd McCleary officiating, with interment in the Langdon family lot in Palmyra Cemetery.

Mr. Langdon was born in Palmyra and resided here all his life. He was a prominent farmer, conducting the Langdon homestead farms on Maple Avenue until ill health forbade active pursuits. Some two weeks since he went to Rochester for medical treatment and the end came on Thursday. Mr. Langdon was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Palmyra. He leaves his wife and two sons, Ira, of Newark, and Charles of Palmyra; and one grandson.

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/palvkm.html>

Wm. Hudson Langdon was interred at the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, NY.

Notes for CARRIE E. BROTHERTON:

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/palvkm.html>

Carrie Langdon was interred at the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, NY.

Marriage Notes for WILLIAM LANGDON and CARRIE BROTHERTON:

The family was living at Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were William H., 33, b. July 1866 in NY, a farm laborer; Carrie C., 29, b. April 1870; Ira B., 9, b. Dec. 1890 in NY; and Charles P., 5, b. Aug 1894 in NY. Living nearby was the family of Alonzo and Mary Langdon, William's father and stepmother. Two of Carrie's three children were still living.

The Syracuse (NY) Journal, Wednesday, December 17, 1902

Mrs. William Brotherton, who has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Hudson Langdon, at Palmyra, has returned to her home.

Wayne County Journal, Thursday, October 24, 1907

Hudson Langdon has taken a position in Bennett & Mason's bean factory.

The family was living at Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were William H., 43, a farmer; Carrie C., 39; Ira B., 19, a cutter in a packing factory; and Charles P., 15, an apprentice in a machine shop. Two of Carrie's four children were still living.

Auburn Semi-Weekly Journal, Tuesday, December 6, 1910

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Langdon of Palmyra were guests of Mrs. N. J. Brotherton on Wednesday of this week.

The Fairport (NY) Herald, Wednesday, July 31, 1912

Mrs. Hudson Langdon gave a lawn party Tuesday afternoon to the little girls of Maple ave., in honor of her nieces, Clarice and Alice Brotherton of Syracuse.

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/palmyra/1914palmyradir.html>

WAYNE COUNTY FARM DIRECTORY 1914, PALMYRA TOWNSHIP, Population 4,169:

Langdon, William H. (Carrie) 1 ch farmer (alfalfa) O 50a rd3 Palmyra H36 B T.
[INTERPRETED AS: William and Carrie Langdon have 1 child and are farmers of alfalfa. They own 50 acres of land located in rural delivery 3 of Palmyra on highway 36. They are customers of Bell Telephone. /C.W. Paige]

Children of WILLIAM LANGDON and CARRIE BROTHERTON are:

- +21 i. Ira B.⁴ Langdon, b. 12-18-1889, Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY; d. 2-7-1956; m. Evelyn C. (nee) Langdon, Bef. 1915; b. 11-2-1892, NY; d. 11-16-1978, Brighton, Monroe Co., NY.

Notes for Ira B. Langdon:

Ira was a cutter in a packing factory at the time of the 1910 Federal census of Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY.

Ira was a motorman on a trolley road at the time of the 1920 Federal census of Arcadia Twp., Newark, Wayne Co., NY.

Burial at the East Palmyra Cemetery, Wayne Co., NY:
Langdon, Ira B. d 7 Feb 1956, age 65 years (lot 241-1)

Notes for Evelyn C. (nee) Langdon:
Burial at the East Palmyra Cemetery, Wayne Co., NY:
Langdon, Evelyn C. d 16 Nov 1978, age 86 years (lot 241-2)

Marriage Notes for Ira Langdon and Evelyn Langdon:
The family was living in Arcadia Twp., Newark, Wayne Co., NY, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. Ira was a motorman on a "trolley road."

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/arcadia/jacksonmccarty.html>
1931-32 DIRECTORY OF NEWARK NY
NEWARK VILLAGE DIRECTORY

LANGDON, Ira, 115 Grace Ave., w. Evelyn; Harold, student. Tel. 250-M.

The Lyons Republican & Clyde Times, Lyons, N.Y., Thursday, December 2, 1948:

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Langdon of Peirson avenue entertained their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Langdon and sons, Jimmie and Tommy, of Rochester, Thanksgiving Day.

- +22 ii. Charles Page Langdon, b. 8-24-1894, Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY; d. 6-6-1971, Brutus, Cayuga Co., NY; m. Nellie Mae Starr, 4-26-1916, Junius, Seneca Co., NY; b. 10-1894, NY; d. 11-12-1964, Meridian, Cayuga Co., NY.

Notes for Charles Page Langdon:
Charles was an apprentice in a machine shop at the time of the 1910 Federal census of Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY.

Clyde, N.Y. Times, Thursday June 8, 1914:

JUNIUS
Charles Langdon, of Palmyra, was a recent guest of Miss Nellie Starr.

Clyde, N.Y. Times, Thursday July 6, 1916:

JUNIUS
Mr. and Mrs. John Lowery were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Langdon at Palmyra Sunday.

Wayuga Community Newspapers, Inc., Thursday, June 10, 1971:

CHARLES T. LANGDON

WEEDSPORT--Charles T. Langdon, 76, of 74 Green St., died Sunday, June 6 at Cayuga County Infirmary.

He was born in Palmyra and lived several years in Jordan where he operated an antiques shop and was a self-employed carpenter. He later moved to Meridian where he was employed as a cabinet maker for the Cato-Meridian Central School. He retired in 1961.

Mr. Langdon moved to Weedsport in 1965. His wife, Mrs. Nellie Starr Langdon, died in 1964. He was a member of Christ Church, Jordan. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Dwight Goodwin of Weedsport; five grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and a nephew.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Christ Church, Jordan. Burial was in Lyons Rural Cemetery, Lyons. Arrangements were by Kelly Jewell Funeral Home. Contributions may be made to the memorial fund of Christ Church.

The Citizen-Advertiser, Auburn, N.Y., Thursday, January 27, 1972:

Surrogate admits 26 wills

Charles Page Langdon

Charles Page Langdon of Weedsport, who died June 6, named Dwight Goodwin as executor and Frances Goodwin as substitute executrix of his estate. He provided that his daughter, Frances Goodwin of Weedsport, receive his house in Meridian. His other real estate in Rochester is to be divided equally among his three grandchildren.... The rest of his estate goes to Frances Goodwin. Edward Knecht is attorney.

Some memories from one of Charles and Nellie's granddaughters:

1-"Grandpa was a master craftsman in cabinetry. He made beautiful furniture in an almost Shaker motif. During the depression he broke his ankle and was subsequently hired by the Roosevelt CCCC. His work was at the fish hatchery in Elbridge, NY. At about the same time his youngest daughter Mary Louise died. She was seven. Money was tight so my grandpa bartered a renovation at the funeral home in exchange for the funeral."

2-"When we moved to Meridian, NY in 1953 grandpa and grandma bought a fixer upper for us to live with them. While doing my bedroom, our cat climbed in the wall and hid. My grandpa's construction was so tight it took almost three hours to break down the new wall."

Notes for Nellie Mae Starr:
The Cato Citizen, Thursday, November 19, 1964:

NELLIE LANGDON DIES UNEXPECTEDLY

Funeral services were conducted by the Jewell Funeral Home on Monday at 10 a.m. in the Christ Church at Jordan for Mrs. Nellie Starr Langdon, 70, who died unexpectedly last Thursday at her home on Main St., Meridian, where she had resided for 15 years. Rev. George Nagle officiated at the service. Burial was made in Lyons.

A native of Lyons, she lived in Jordan prior to moving here. She was a member of the Christ Church in Jordan. She and her husband celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on April 26.

Surviving are her husband, Charles P. Langdon; a daughter, Mrs. Dwight Goodwin of Weedsport, five grandchildren and a niece.

The Citizen-Advertiser, Auburn, N.Y., Monday, December 21, 1964:

Surrogate Admits Twelve Estates to Probate

Nellie Starr Langdon

Nellie Starr Langdon of Meridian, who died Nov 12 named her husband Charles P. Langdon sole beneficiary. Dwight A. Goodwin of Weedsport was named executor. Edward Knecht is attorney.

Marriage Notes for Charles Langdon and Nellie Starr:
Unknown newspaper dated, presumably, April 27, 1916:

Yesterday at the home of the bride in the town of Junius, occurred the marriage of one of the most popular young ladies of that town, when Miss Nellie Mae Starr, daughter of Mrs. John Lowrey, was united in marriage to Mr. Charles Page Langdon of Palmyra, by Rev. George H. Ottoway of Grace Episcopal Church, Lyons, in the presence of 50 relatives and immediate friends of the couple.

Miss Frances Starr of Syracuse, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and James Arthur Starr, brother of the bride, was attendant to the groom. The bride's attendants were the Misses Daisy Serven, Meril Young and Hazel Fisk. Two cousins of the bride, Masters James and Paul Mahany of Syracuse, were ribbon bearers.

The bride was dressed in white silk crepe de chène with satin overdress trimmed with pearls and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies. The maid of honor wore yellow silk crepe de chène, trimmed with gold lace, and carried a bouquet of pink and white sweet peas. The mother of the bride wore pearl grey satin trimmed with silver beads, and the mother of the groom wore black silk crepe de chène trimmed with lace.

Miss Mildred Watkins, a friend of the bride, sang Oh, Perfect Love, and to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March the bride was brought to the altar which was trimmed with smilax and Easter lilies, where she was given in marriage by her father, John Lowrey.~

Unknown newspaper, date 1964, probably near the end of April or early May:

Weedsport News

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Langdon of Meridian were guests of their family for their 48th wedding anniversary Sunday at a dinner at St. John's Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Langdon are the parents of Mrs. Dwight Goodwin of Weedsport.

- +23 iii. Howard Schuyler Langdon, b. 11-7-1899, Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY; d. 3-18-1900, Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY.

Notes for Howard Schuyler Langdon:

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/palvkm.html>

Howard Langdon was interred at the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, NY.

- +24 iv. Guy H. Langdon, b. 1906, Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY; d. 1906, Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY.

Notes for Guy H. Langdon:

<http://www.wayne.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/palvkm.html>

Guy Langdon was interred at the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Village of Palmyra, Wayne County, NY.

17. MARTHA E. "MATTIE"³ PAGE (NATHAN S.², WILLIAM HENRY¹) was born 6-4-1868 in Berrien Co., MI, and died 11-7-1892 in IL. She married SILAS EDWARD GERMAIN 5-14-1886 in New Buffalo, Berrien Co., MI, son of SILAS GERMAIN and CAROLINE DORSON. He was born 1864 in Bloomington, Mclean Co., IL.

Notes for Martha E. "Mattie" Page:

Mattie died at age 24 yrs 5 mos 3 days. Burial at the Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, 60660.

Notes for Silas Edward Germain:

Silas was living with his mother Caroline Germain and sisters Clara 12 and Lillian 9 in Bloomington, Mclean Co., IL, at the time of the 1870 Federal census.

It's possible that the surname was originally spelled "Germond." The following burials were recorded for the Pine Plains Cemetery in Dutchess Co., NY, at village of Pine Plains.

184. Germain, Amy, w. of Reuben, d. 1813, Mar. 10, a. 43 y.
185. Germain, Lydia A., d. 1870, May 10, a. 64 y.
186. Germain, Phebe H., dau. of Silas & Phebe, b. 1805, Feb. 15, d. 1879, May 28.
187. Germain, Silas, s. of Silas & Phebe, d. 1865, Jan. 12, in 72d y.
188. Germain, Talmadge H., s. of Silas & Phebe, d. 1863, Jan. 13, a. 65-4-28.
189. Germond, Elanson, b. 1813, Mar. 16, d. 1886, June 23.
190. Germond, Elizabeth Thompson, w. of Elanson, b. 1819, June 17, d. 1880, Jan. 19.
191. Germond, Phebe, w. of Silas, d. 1810, Jan. 10, a. 40 y. 6 m.
192. Germond, Silas, d. 1849, Mar. 22, a. 86-1-8.
193. Germond, Silas W., 1835-1898.

Before “Germond,” the spelling may have been “German.”

Child of Martha Page and Silas Germain is:

- 25 i. Lillian Pearl⁴ Germain, born 1-22-1887 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL; died 2-18-1956 in Prob. IL. She married Roy Kent Airis 6-22-1910 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL; born 10-1-1882 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL; died 4-10-1948 in Prob. IL.

Notes for Lillian Pearl Germain:

Lillian was living in Chicago's 20th Ward, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. Also in the household were her grandparents Nathan S. Page, b. Dec. 1827 in NY, 72 years old, a machinist; Sarah J. Page, b. Nov. 1843 in NY, 56 years old. Lillian's father Silas had remarried to Ida Dell Denker 6/16/1888 at Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co., WI, shortly after her mother's death. He and his new family were living at Ripon, Fond du Lac Co., WI. Their child Eddie was b. Feb. 1889.

 Lillian was still living with her grandparents Nathan and Sarah Page living in Chicago's 25th Ward, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. Lillian was listed as a piano teacher.

 Lillian's burial was at the Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, 60660.

Notes for Roy Kent Airis:

Roy was listed as a clerk in a wholesale house at the time of the 1910 Federal census of Chicago's 26th Ward, Cook Co., IL (while he was still living with parents William and Alice and brother Clifford); a finisher in a factory at the time of the 1920 Federal census of the same Ward; and a stock keeper in a candy company at the time of the 1930 Federal census of Chicago's 47th Ward.

Burial at the Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, 60660.

Marriage Notes for Lillian Germain and Roy Airis:

No children showed up for them on either the 1920 (where their surname appears as “Airls”) or 1930 Federal census. Lillian was the only child of Silas Edward Germain, b. Abt. 1864 in Bloomington, Mclean Co., IL, and Martha E. “Mattie” Page, b. Abt.

1868 in Berrien Co., MI, d. 11-7-1892. In 1920 Lillian's grandmother Sarah J. Page was living with the Airis family, and in 1930 Alice Airis, Roy's mother, was living in the household.

Lillian P., 54, and Roy Airis, 57, were living at 2023 Pensacola Street in Chicago, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1940 Federal census. Also in the household was Roy's mother Alis R. Airis, 80, born in England, and Lillian's Aunt "Hipsie B. Good," 78, a widow. Roy was a stock keeper at a wholesale candy company, and Lillian was an inspector at a wholesale liquor company. All had been living in the same house in 1935.

Roy and Lillian Airis, Mattie Germain, Mattie's parents Nathan S. and Sarah J. Page, Aunt Hepsie Good, and Uncle Ulysses Page are all buried at the Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago.

Family of William Henry Page and Chloe (Thayer) Robinson of New York and Michigan

William Henry Page was born 2-19-1797 in County Essex (or Sussex), England, and died 1-17-1862 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI. He married (2) Chloe (Thayer) Robinson 7-20-1832 in NY. She was born 4-1-1794 in Braintree, Norfolk Co., MA, and died 1-13-1862 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI. She was a daughter of William Thayer and Chloe Preston.

(For additional information about William and his marriage to Martha Sanders, see Family of William and Martha Sanders Page of England and Wayne Co., NY starting page 126. For additional information about Chloe and her marriage to James Robinson, see Family of Chloe Thayer and James Robinson of Wayne Co., NY starting page 107. For additional information about Chloe's parents, siblings and ancestry, see *Discovering Our Thayer Family History* starting page 337.)

Household of Wm H. Page, from the 1840 Federal census of Macedon, Wayne Co., NY:

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

viz:

1 male under 5 years would have been Riley P. Page
1 male between 5-10 years would have been William Henry Page, Jr.
1 male between 10-15 years may have been Nathan S. Page
1 male between 15-20 years may have been Chloe's youngest son Lewis Robinson
1 male between 20-30 years may have been Ebenezer Page
1 male between 40-50 years would have been William Henry Page, Sr.

2 females between 15-20 years probably would have been Mary Page and perhaps Esther Page, though Esther would have been about 22

1 female between 40-50 years would have been Chloe (Thayer) Robinson Page

[There may have been other sons and/or daughters that had already left home. /C.W.P.]

Children of Chloe Thayer and William Page are: [discussed below in *In Search of Riley...*]

- +1 i William Henry Page, b. 10-23-1833, Macedon, Wayne Co., NY; d. 11-21-1906, Sturgis, St. Joseph Co., MI.
- +2 ii Riley Preston Page, b. 6-20-1839, Macedon, Wayne Co., NY; d. 4-16-1928, East Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.

Chloe and William Page lived in a number of towns, including Macedon, Wayne County, and Webster, Monroe County, New York, and were farmers. On October 8, 1842, Chloe bought land in Webster which she later sold to Wm. H. Wheeler on September 17, 1846. In 1843, on November 29, she again bought land which she kept until selling it to George W. Weeks on March 1, 1857.

William was 53 at the time of the 1850 Federal census. The family, including himself, Chloe, and sons William H. and Riley Preston, were living at Webster, Monroe County. For that census, William claimed real estate valued at \$5,000.

From the 1855 New York state census taken at Webster on 14 June 1855, Wm H. Page, 58, and wife Cloa, 60, were living in a frame-built house worth \$500, had been living in Webster for eleven years, and had a servant Elizabeth Mandeville, who had lived in Monroe County all 19 years of her life. Wm was a naturalized citizen and the Pages owned their farm.

Around 1857, William and Chloe migrated to Michigan, where they settled at Bronson, Branch County, once again taking up farming. They were in Bronson at the time of the 1860 Federal census, taken June 6. The Pages occupied dwelling #111 and were family #112. William was 63, b. England, a farmer, and claimed to possess real estate valued at \$2,000 and personal at \$600. "Cloe" was 65, b. Massachusetts.

In 1862, William and Chloe both passed away within four days of each other, most likely during an epidemic. Chloe was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, on the west side of Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan. In the Oak Grove Cemetery book: Page, Chloe, interred Lot 638, Section OP or Old Part, Volume: OB-152. (Rootsweb Message Board for Bronson County, per Mary Bickford in Coldwater 19 October 2006.) Lot purchased by L. Robinson in January 1862, most likely Chloe's son Luther from her first marriage. An Ella Robinson was buried near Chloe.

William was probably buried next to his first wife Martha, where a "Page, Wm H." is next to "Page, Martha, wife" at the Palmyra Village Cemetery on Vienna Street, Wayne Co., NY.

Deep History of the Page Family

The Great Page Estate

Thanks to a century-old Page family bible that suddenly and unexpectedly returned to the family a few years ago, William H. Page, Sr.'s birth date and location are now known as February 19, 1797, in County Essex (or Sussex), England. Although it is not known perfectly where William Page and his English family lived prior to their emigration to America, in the record of his and Martha's son Ebenezer as a soldier during the US Civil War, Ebenezer's birth location was registered as Sussex, England.

Regarding the Page family in general, some information has come to light about the great estate of one important English Page family/branch. According to Charles Nash Page in his book History and Genealogy of the Page Family 1257 to 1911 (Des Moines, Iowa: 1911), there existed an institution called the "Great Page Estate." The "Estate" consisted of approximately sixty square miles of land, which took up about a third of the English county of Middlesex and extended into Hertfordshire. This estate, with the town of Harrow at its center, had remained unsuccessfully claimed since left by four Page brothers without heirs: Richard, Francis, William and Henry. As each brother died the property fell to the next, until Henry was the last holder. Upon his death in 1829, at Marble Arch near Hyde Park, London, the estate was held by executors pending claims by relatives. (Normally if no valid claim was made during the 75 years of being "in chancery," the property would have reverted back to the state.)

The Page estate, which in 1907 was estimated at a value of \$875 million, was the result of centuries of accumulation of land by that Page family. One of the first known contributors was Sir Hugo Page, who received a sizable tract at the time he was knighted in 1260 by King Henry III. The property of the Knights of St. John in Kilburn was given to Robert Page "on the suppression of the monasteries" about the year 1540. During the reign of King Henry VIII, Edmund Page was given large properties after serving on the Grand Jury at the trial of Lady Anne Boleyn.

Eventually, the estate was divided and owned by five different Page families until consolidated under Henry Page. It is possible that William Henry Page, Sr. may have come from one of the families originally owning some of the property. In the early 1800s there was an influx of Pages to America, and many of these, including William, Sr., were considerably well off for the times. Coincidentally, the same year Henry Page died—1829—our Page family immigrated to America.

Email correspondence with Englishman Robert Page (rp@warm-planet.com) netted the following additional information about the Great Page Estate. In his email dated January 29, 2007, he attached three scanned images of handwritten pages and wrote the following:

I wouldn't build your hopes up! - this was greatly researched in the 1930s/40s... see attached transcript made by my Grandfather of old news cutting which you should find interesting, regards, Rob.

Below is my transcription of the scanned handwritten pages:

The Mysterious “Page Millions”

Romance of an Unclaimed London Estate

Sixty square miles of land in and around richest London without an owner! You would laugh at the novelist who conceived so extravagant an idea. But there is actually such an estate, valued by experts at between £40,000,000 and £150,000,000. The amazing story of the fortune that nobody owns has no equal in the world’s records of wealth going begging.

Seize a slice of London worth at least £40,000,000, which, for all its present value, nobody owns!

Such is, substantially, the course that the Crown has been urged in connection [with] the Page Estate, a rich domain of mystery and romance.

This domain which has been valued at as much as £150,000,000 covers about sixty square miles of Middlesex, extending from the point where the Grand Junction Canal crosses the Edgware Road to Hillingdon and Ickenham, and from Edgware and Mill Hill to Rickmansworth. Included in it are Acton, Ealing, Harlesden and Brondesbury, as well as such historic properties as Wembley Park, Twyford Abbey, Sudbury Priory, Harrow Rectory, and the playing fields of Harrow School.

Left to his Lawyers

The former ownership of this vast estate, which comprises nearly one half of Middlesex, is indicated by the frequent occurrence of the place name Page.

A curious history attaches to this No Man’s Land. It came into possession of the Page Family, when Henry VIII suppressed Kilburn Priory and ultimately passed to Henry Page who died in 1829.

It is said that the day before he made his will he executed a Deed by which he gave the residue of his property to Henry Young, his solicitor, “in consideration of my great regard and esteem,” for five shillings. And by his will he left the whole of his estate—apart from a few money legacies—to Henry Young and that gentleman’s partner Henry Fladgate. It is further stated that when Young proved the will, he swore the property, which even then was really of enormous value, at the sum of £5,000 only.

The Two Williams

Now, Henry Page is said to have had merely a life interest in the estate and to have had no power, therefore, to dispose of it by will or deed. A further allegation is that Henry Young was

guilty of undue influence. Finally, some, if not all, of the documents are, it is stated, not regularly attested.

At this point William Page, brother of Henry Page, enters the story. We are told that there were two William Page, both baptized 1755. One died in 1814 and the other in 1824. The former alone—such is the contention—was interested in the Page Estate, but in 1818 the latter carried out certain important [word missing] in conjunction with Henry Page.

An undistinguished William Page, in fact, is believed by some to have personated the propertied William Page and to have done so in the interests of Henry Young.

Bought at their own Risk

There is one other remarkable episode in the history of the “Page Millions.” It was disclosed in the Probate Court in 1912, when an application was made to presume the death of Richard and John Page, who would, if alive, have been put forward as the heirs and react-tokis [sic] of Henry Page.

Richard Page served in the Indian Ministry, and returned home with considerable boot. In 1862 he, with his brother John, went to Brazil, and neither have been heard of since. The application was granted.

So, for decades, much ink has been spilt over the ownership of the Page Estate. Several important railway systems run through the property, and since 1834, when the earliest of them—the London & Birmingham, afterwards the London & North Western—was made, it has generally been impossible to acquire land for such a purpose in the usual way. The money for it has usually been paid into Court.

Other portions of the estate have also been acquired without any title, the Vendors having frankly stated that they did not know what the title was, and the purchasers having taken the land at their own risk.

So much doubt has there been concerning the ownership of the estate that parts of it have become derelict.

As a result of this confusion, a fierce and prolonged fight has been waged as to the ownership of the “Page Millions.” At least one Trafalgar Square demonstration has been held in connection with it; a company was formed a few years ago to prosecute the claims of two gentlemen in the Midlands; and again and again the courts have been asked to decide the problem.

A case in point occurred in 1916. Two ladies then brought an action to recover the estate, alleging that they were sole surviving heiresses to it, and that the will in favour of Henry Young was made owing to undue influence. But the Court, after holding that there was no proof of such influence, declined to revoke probate granted eighty years previously.

Mr. Baldwin's "No"

Efforts have been made to enforce the Crown to seize the estate on the ground that Henry Page left no heir-at-law. The matter was brought before Mr. Bonar Law's government,* the informant claiming one half of the property escheated. Mr. Baldwin, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, declined to take any action. The Probate Court was then asked to intervene, but it also dismissed the claim.

* [Bonar Law was prime minister of Great Britain from Oct. 23, 1922, to May 20, 1923... (Encyclopedia Britannica online edition)]

Genetic Evidence of Our Page/Paige Family's Eastern Hemisphere Migration

In late 2006 William Henry Page, Sr.'s great-great-grandson Charles William Paige submitted cheek scrapings to FamilyTreeDNA (<http://www.familytreedna.com>), one of the foremost DNA testing companies. He wanted to discover the origin and migratory history of his male line via its Y-DNA. Ultimately he received results for a total of 111 Y-DNA genetic markers or alleles. It was discovered that his male line's haplogroup (family tree branch of the Human Race) was I1 (eye-one), which could be used to trace his direct-line male ancestors from northeastern Africa to Europe over a period of tens of thousands of years. His Y-chromosome also identified his more recent forefathers as possibly among the early invaders of the British Isles—Viking or, more probably, Anglo-Saxon, or even later as Flemish settlers from Flanders to Scotland and England, who began arriving around the time of the Norman invasion. Hawkins and Murray are surnames of Flemish derivation belonging to some people today who are close to matching Charles at the 37-marker level.

Over the years the DNA field evolved, so that Charles' portion of haplogroup I1 became known as haplogroup I1a a.k.a. I-M253.

The I1a or I-M253 haplogroup was further divided into clusters or clans, each comprised of present-time groupings of people with certain sets of Y-DNA markers in common. Charles' markers place him in Cluster/Clan AAA. The highest concentration of people today that are members of that Cluster/Clan are centralized east of the Rhine River and north of the Danube River, in an area long occupied by what were called "Barbarians." Tenants over the centuries included such as the Goths (Visigoths and Ostrogoths), Vandals, Lombards, Burgundians, Franks, Suebi, Angles, Saxons, Jutes, and even the non-Germanic Huns from Central Asia. This area is considered the major starting point of haplogroup I1's expansion throughout Northern Europe, the British Isles, and Scandinavia.

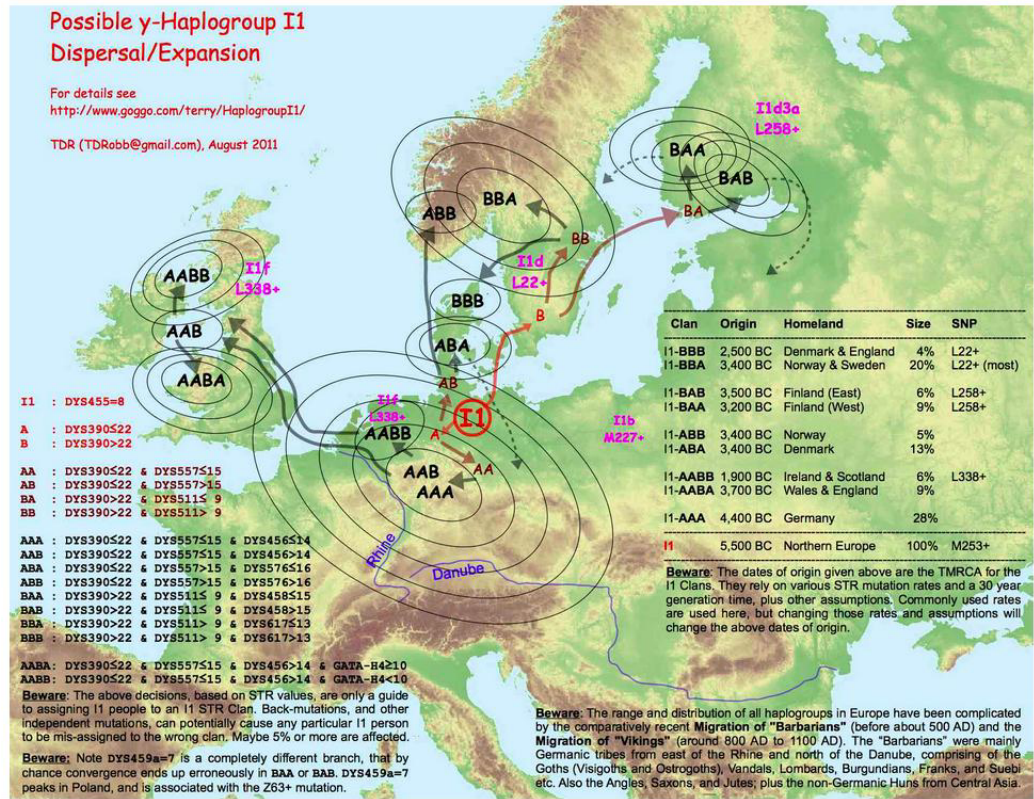
A longtime center of Pages in England is believed to have been an area comprised of Pakenham, Walsham le Willows and Bury St. Edmunds in County Suffolk. Bury St. Edmunds had one of only two early schools for training young men to become "pages" to serve monarchs and the court system of England. Bowing to the custom of taking the surname of one's profession, some graduates of this school were likely to take the surname Page.

Charles' most distant known ancestor William H. Page was said, in the Page family bible, to have been born in County Essex, England (although at least one of his children, Ebenezer,

claimed to have been born in County Sussex). William married, had children, and later immigrated to America from England in 1828/1829 according to two of his English-born children.

UPDATE4: y-Haplogroup I1 Dispersal/Expansion

The map below superimposes the present day range of the various I1 STR Cluster/Clans. It is a guide to the possible I1 Dispersal/Expansion. One should keep in mind that the range and distribution of all haplogroups in Europe have been complicated by the comparatively recent Migration of "Barbarians" (before about 500 AD) and the Migration of "Vikings" (around 800 AD to 1100 AD). The "Barbarians" were mainly Germanic tribes from east of the Rhine and north of the Danube, comprising of the Goths (Visigoths and Ostrogoths), Vandals, Lombards, Burgundians, Franks, and Suebi etc. Also the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes; plus the non-Germanic Huns from Central Asia.



Definitions for the occupation of page from:

<http://www.brainyquote.com/words/pa/page198626.html>:

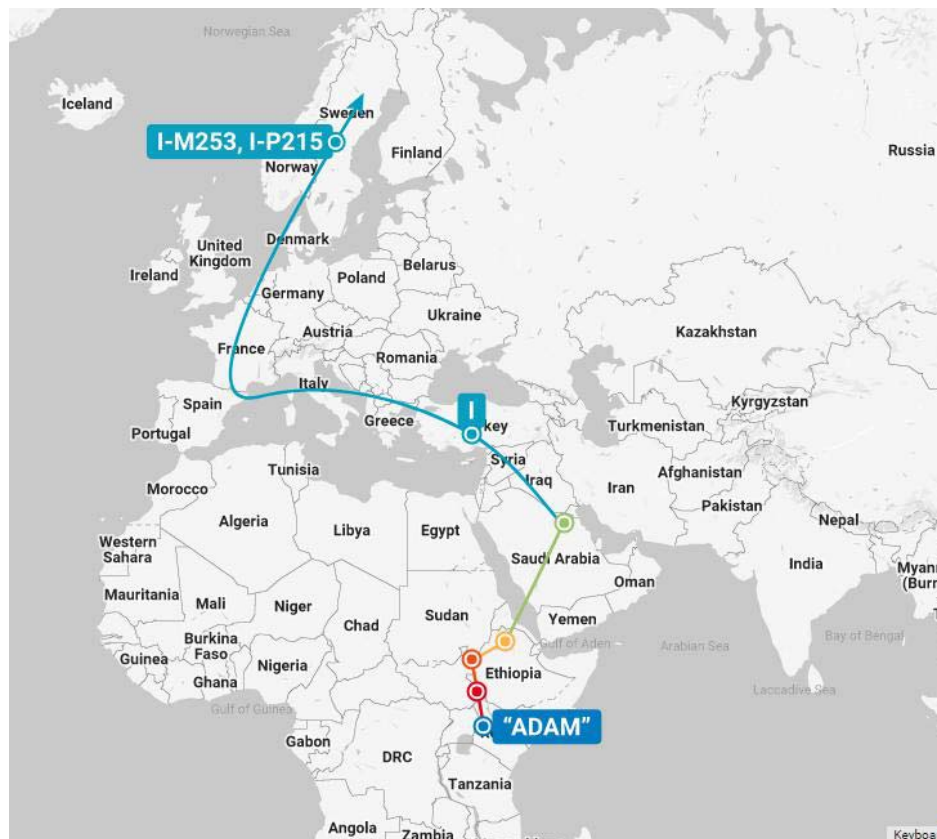
“A serving boy; formerly, a youth attending a person of high degree, especially at courts, as a position of honor and education; now commonly, in England, a youth employed for doing errands, waiting on the door, and similar service in households; in the United States, a boy employed to wait upon the members of a legislative body.”

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/page>

1a (1): a youth being trained for the medieval rank of knight and in the personal service of a knight; (2): a youth attendant on a person of rank especially in the medieval period; **b**: a boy serving as an honorary attendant at a formal function (as a wedding).

Origin of PAGE:
Middle English, from Anglo-French
First Known Use: 14th century

It has only been in recent human history—over the past thousand years or so—that surnames have been required in European-based and some African, Asian and Middle Eastern cultures, and it has not been unusual to completely change existing surnames or vary their spelling from time to time, making tracking genealogical lines far back potentially problematic if not impossible. Given the fact that each of us has at least a million direct-line ancestors since the time of Christ, it also makes tracking way back impractical. However, with the ever-increasing knowledge base resulting from ongoing projects collecting DNA samples across the planet, we can now get a good idea of where our earlier ancestors called home, and perhaps more importantly, how they are reflected in our genetic make-up today.



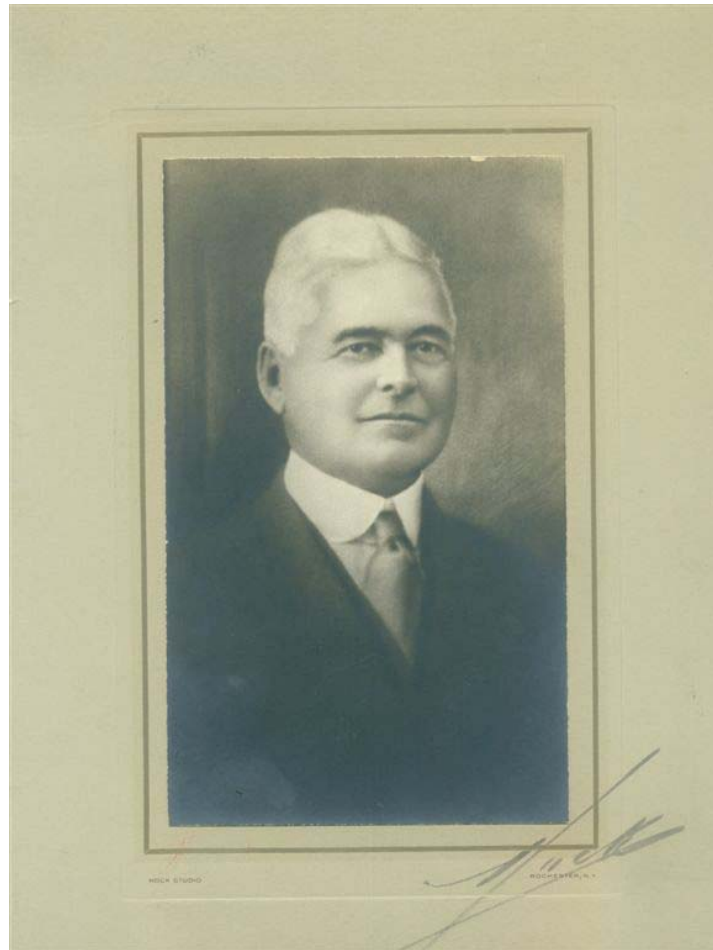
Haplogroup I YOUR HAPLOGROUP

Haplogroup I dates to 23,000 years ago, or older. The I-M253 lineage likely has its roots in northern France. Today it is found most frequently within Viking/Scandinavian populations in northwest Europe and has since spread down into Central and Eastern Europe, where it is found at low frequencies. Haplogroup I represents one of the first peoples in Europe.

Discovering Riley P. Page: His Families and Brother William

In Search of Riley....

Following are excerpts from the journal of Charles Paige regarding a 1977 trip from Jackson, Michigan, to Webster, Monroe County, New York, in search of the illusive Riley Preston Page.



Might this picture be of Riley Preston Page or Ebenezer Page?

The above picture was found among the contents of Howard O. Paige's bedroom chest of drawers after his death in 1994. There was nothing written on the portrait's front or back to enlighten as to the posing man's identity. However, the location of the picture-taking—at Mock Studio, Rochester, NY—was in an area in or near which Riley spent the last thirty plus years of his life. Riley's half-brother Ebenezer Page also lived in the area for nearly seventy years. For known pictures of Riley, see Some Page Family Bible Records and Pictures, starting page 296

Monday, October 3rd

Dad and I hooked his travel trailer to the '68 Cadillac and soon were off, spending some time locating a place where we could buy a part for the trailer's heater. We arrived at Detroit and headed out through the tunnel into Canada, where we grabbed some Colonel Sanders chicken in Windsor. When we had to get gas, we found it was 98¢ per gallon (I had thought 61¢ in the States was bad!).

We stopped at a KOA camp that night. Its water was so hard that, when we showered, we couldn't get the soap out of our hair. As we left the next day, with our hair glued down as if with lard, Dad mentioned the condition to the franchise owners. They were aware of the problem but either would or could do nothing about it.

Tuesday, October 4th

We drove on through Canada to Niagara Falls, New York, stopping only for brief looks and short walks. Arriving in Rochester about noon, we found a campsite where we could unhitch the turtle shell. When that was done I cooked some burger patties bought in Canada, and Dad and I ate ravenously.

After lunch we drove into Rochester to the library. On our way we stopped in at the County Health Bureau, where the Bureau of Vital Statistics refused to give us information pursuant to a new policy handed down by the state government in Albany. We were both shocked and disappointed as suddenly the door to the first and most promising source of information was slammed in our face.

Dad and I both scoured local history books and microfilms at the library, but the only clue found led to a dead end. Then I went to the county historian's office at the library. Here, it was reported, was the original book containing the 1850 federal census report for Monroe County. Another dead end? The historian apologized and said the Webster town historian, Richard Batzing, had borrowed the census for microfilming. As it turned out, fate was ironically beginning to smile on our venture.

The historian gave the Batzings a call, and Richard's wife answered. Mrs. Batzing was interested in the fact that Dad's grandfather originally came from Webster, and she helped by setting up an appointment for us to meet with her husband that evening. So Dad and I found our way to Webster and located the town hall shortly before Mr. Batzing was to hold a meeting of the Webster Historical Society. Richard gave me a few books on local history to look through while he conducted the meeting, and several slips of paper indicated places in them where he thought I might find something of interest. (One of the markers was in a book entitled "Webster . . . Through the Years," by Esther A. Dunn, 1971. In it Riley Page was

mentioned as having had a shoe repair shop in the Village of Webster. The discovery was our first solid break.)

The meeting adjourned, and we talked with the historians while sipping instant coffee. Then we browsed through the new museum of local history at the town hall. Besides providing a response of downright enthusiasm for our search, Richard offered some suggestions. Among them were for us to check with the keepers of the various cemeteries in town for Pages buried there (which proved unfruitful), and for us to come back in the morning to look through the vital records at the town hall.

We finally left Webster and headed back to our trailer parked just south of Rochester. After we had gotten there we wondered what kind of impression we had made with our hair still plastered to our scalps. But we were too fatigued to care for long, so we talked for a short while and hit the hay early.

Wednesday, October 5th

Dad and I awoke at a reasonable hour and showered to get the Canadian goop out of our hair. As usual I cooked breakfast and Dad did the dishes. After the morning ritual was complete, we went into Rochester to do more research at the library. From there I went to the Rochester City Hall, and county building, to look for records of probate, wills, etc. What I came up with was an assortment of property sale transactions for Chloe Page, and for Chloe and William H. Page. It was something, anyway. I asked the clerk to have the microfilmed documents reproduced, and she said they'd be ready the next morning.

Dad and I went to Webster in the early afternoon, where we chatted with a few cemetery keepers before proceeding to the town hall. At the hall the clerks broke the news that their records had all been taken by the County Health Bureau. The Bureau had only wanted the birth records, but since births were mixed together with the marriage registers, everything was taken.

We knew that finding anything at the Bureau was next to impossible. Then I asked if the town hall had kept an index of whose records were taken. One of the clerks looked through some drawers and found a set of file cards. Only one Page was listed--an R. Preston Page who was married in 1906. I couldn't believe it! This had to be Riley P. Page, but we had never known his middle name.

Armed with the name and date of marriage, Dad and I drove to our nemesis, the Monroe County Health Bureau. I had been told that they could look up records if I knew specific names and dates. I talked to an unsmiling, unfriendly, and unhelpful clerk who immediately said that the Bureau didn't have Webster records. When I said they did she became indignant. Finally Mr. Peoples, the head clerk, intervened and told her they did have the records. I gave her the name of my great-grandfather and date of marriage. Then she demanded the name of the

bride. When I said I didn't know, she said that name had to be known, also, before the records could be found. My adrenaline pumping, and with only minimal control, I assured her there was only one R. Preston Page who got married in Webster on that day. She stomped off to find it.

I was excited when I met Dad at the car. Besides the marriage certificate's listing of R. P.'s parents (whose names I already knew from the 1850 federal census), it also showed his mother's maiden name, where R. P. was born, and what his profession was. Of course, it also gave information about his hitherto unknown bride Emma Wright. Sure enough, Riley was listed as a "shoemaker."

By this time it was getting to be late in the afternoon. Since we were planning to leave for Jackson the next day, Dad and I decided to drive back to Webster to bid farewell to the Batzings and thank them for their help. They were in their kitchen, just sitting down to dinner, when we arrived, but they got right up to greet us and to chat. In their formal dining room, and spread across the table, was the 1905 Platt of the Village of Webster, showing locations of houses and businesses, and naming their owners. I was scanning it when Mrs. Batzing came over and explained that she had searched but was unable to find any Pages on the Platt. At that moment I saw a house location shown as being owned by 'Riley Page.' Mrs. Batzing was both embarrassed and surprised. She had been looking in the business district and not the residential. Then she said, "My aunt used to own that house!" Mr. Batzing disappeared into another room, and when he returned he had an old picture showing a house with two women (one of which was the aunt, Lillian Witmer) standing in the front yard. It was the same house previously owned by Riley.

Neither Dad nor I could believe the luck (or Divine intervention). After we took some pictures of the photograph, Richard said they personally knew the current owners of the house: Mr. and Mrs. Steepee. He then tried calling the Steepes, but nobody answered. Richard gave us the address and phone number and said to call the Steepes later. Thanking the Batzings for their great help, we finally said goodbye.

On our way through Webster, heading back to Rochester, we located the house at 316 W. Main Street and stopped to take some current pictures. Then we noticed a light on in a window, so Dad knocked at the door. Unexpectedly, Mr. Steepee came to the door. After some preliminary introductions, he invited us in. We learned he was a gregarious, retired salesman. He and his wife took us on a tour of the place which they had owned since the early 1940s, and they showed us all of the interior changes. He said few exterior alterations had been made except for landscaping, e.g. bushes and ivy had been planted later, and that the house looked pretty much the same as it had when R. P. owned it. Mr. Steepee was handy with tools and had done much of the interior remodeling himself. He said the people who owned the house between Mrs. Witmer and himself hadn't taken care of it and had let it go almost to ruin.

I asked Mr. Steepee if he had an abstract for the property, and he said he did but that it was in his bank safe deposit box. He promised to give us a copy if we'd come back in the morning. On that note we thanked the couple for their assistance and warm hospitality, and returned to the trailer camp. We talked for a while before turning in, marveling at the friendliness of most of those we had met.

Thursday, October 6th

Dad and I woke early and carried out our routine. Then we showered, prepared the trailer for travel, and hitched it to the car. We first drove into Rochester, where Dad dropped me off at the library. My time there again produced nothing, so I went to the City Hall and picked up the photocopies of the land transactions. I met Dad at noon, and we drove to Webster.

The Steepes were on their front porch and had already made a copy of the appropriate page of the abstract. I took pictures of the house and yard (including the old buggy shed—now—garage, with its preserved horse stall and hay loft) and saw the stream that still ran along the length of one side of the back yard. Then we thanked the Steepes again and were on our way back to Michigan.

It was hard to leave, both Dad and I remarking on how we wouldn't mind living in a place like Webster. When we did leave, we carried away fond memories as well as an assortment of photographs (including a picture of Irondequoit Bay, located between Rochester and Webster). We both hoped to return someday

The Life of Riley

I always thought of Great-Grandpa Riley Preston Page, usually referred to as "R.P.," as an enigmatic figure from the snippets of information about him received in my youth. In later years I unraveled much of his story during several years of research on the Pages and other of my relatives. (My father, another enigmatic person, changed the spelling of our last name to "Paige.") More recently I discovered additional information about his first wife, children, his time in Michigan prior to marrying Great Grandma Sarah Keyes, and his life after moving back to New York state. Consequently, the following is an updated version of his story.

Riley was born in Macedon, Wayne County, New York June 20, 1839, to parents William Henry (b. 1797) and Chloe (Thayer, b. 1794) Robinson Page, who had been married July 20, 1832. The family initially lived at Macedon but eventually settled in nearby Webster, Monroe County, New York. William H. Page had been born in County Essex (or Sussex), England, but was living at Palmyra, Wayne County, New York when his first wife Martha died February 1, 1830. Chloe Thayer, daughter of William and Chloe (Preston) Thayer, had been born in Braintree, Massachusetts, where her pilgrim ancestors had landed in the mid-1600s. She was the second of ten children. William and Chloe Thayer had brought their family to Macedon, Wayne County, New York around 1800, and later to Webster, Monroe County. Chloe Thayer's first husband had been James Robinson, by whom she had five children before his death August 14, 1831. Their

children were born at Ontario, Wayne County. William H. and Chloe Page had two children: William Henry, Jr., born October 23, 1833, and Riley Preston.

Household of Wm. H. Page, from the 1840 Federal census of Macedon, Wayne Co., NY:

Males:

Females:

1 under 5 years

2 between 15-20 years

1 between 5-10 years

1 between 40-50 years

1 between 10-15 years

1 between 15-20 years

1 between 20-30 years

1 between 40-50 years

[Chloe's brother Aldrich Thayer (b. 1800) married Huldah Alcott (b. 1802), and they were the parents of Preston Thayer (b. 1820), a prominent citizen of Webster. Aldrich would ultimately sire thirteen children: eight by Huldah and five by his second wife Mary Ann McKee (b. 1825)].

Riley spent much of the early and latter parts of his life in or near Webster. During his later years he would become a shoemaker and have his own shop on Main Street in downtown Webster. In 1897 he would buy a house from his widowed half sister Chloe M. (Robinson) Smith (b. 1821), which was also on Main Street. He would marry as his third wife Emma C. (Conant) Wright (b. 1851) of Rochester, and live the remainder of his life first in Webster, then in Ontario Center, Wayne Co., and finally in East Rochester, Monroe Co., presumably among hordes of Thayer, Robinson, Conant, Wright, Preston, and Page cousins, halves, and steps. Riley spent his middle years in Michigan, where he, his brother, and their parents settled sometime around 1857.

Riley Preston "R. P." was married when he was 20 years old. From St. Joseph County, Michigan marriage index C-227: Elizabeth Hollenbeck to Riley P. Page:

STATE OF MICHIGAN

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

This certifies that on the 23rd day of Feb. A.D. 1859 at Burr Oak in the County aforesaid, I joined in Matrimony Riley P. Page of Bronson in the State of Michigan aged 20 years and Elizabeth Hollemtuk of Bronson in the State of Michigan aged 17 years.

In presence of John Redfield of Burr Oak & M. A. Doray of Burr Oak

Dated Feb. 23d A.D. 1859

Ira C. Abbott

Filed June 20th 1859

Justice of the Peace

Riley's first marriage was to Elizabeth Adelaide, a daughter of William and Adelaide Hollenbeck or Hohenbeck, b. August 23, 1842 in New York, d. July 26, 1871 at Bethel, Branch Co., Michigan, by whom he would have three children: Carrie Bell, b. August 23, 1860 at Bronson, Branch County, Michigan, d. August 20, 1928 at Kalamazoo County, Michigan; George Hudson,

b. January 30, 1864 at Webster, Monroe Co., New York, d. May 13, 1946 at Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan; and Elsie Adelaide, b. June 20, 1868 in Branch Co., Michigan, d. September 9, 1879 at Climax, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. Riley's new family was listed in the 1860 Federal census as living at Matteson, Branch County. His parents, and his brother's family, were living in the same county, at Bronson. Also in 1860, after the census was taken, his and Elizabeth's daughter Carrie was born.

Riley and William's parents both died in 1862: Chloe on January 13 and William, Sr. on January 17. At that time Riley and his family were in Michigan. Riley's brother-in-law Henry Smith, husband of Riley's half-sister Chloe M. (Robinson), traveled to Michigan from New York to handle his wife's claim to the estate. In March he and Riley sent the following request to the probate judge:

"To N. D. Skeels, Judge of probate for the County of Branch and State of Michigan. Please pay Chancy Robinson two hundred and fifty dollars out the share coming to us in the Chloe Page Estate payable in a certain mortgage so far as it may go [given by our letter back] (sic) or in money as soon as a division may be made. Coldwater 13th March 1862. R. P. Page, Henry Smith"

Sometime thereafter the Page family traveled to New York, perhaps regarding Chloe's estate. While in New York, both Riley and Elizabeth issued statements regarding Chloe's estate. The following is **Riley's statement**:

"State of New York }
Monroe County } SS

Riley P. Page of the town of Webster in said County being duly sworn deposes and says that from three to six months before Mrs. Chloe Page died this deponent heard her say that she did not owe Luther Robinson anything and that she thought if anything he owed her.

Sworn before me this } Riley P. Page
2 day of Aug 1862 }
C. P. Wolcott Justice of the Peace of said County"

Elizabeth's statement:

"State of New York }
Monroe County } SS

Elizabeth A. Page of the town of Webster in said County being duly sworn deposes and says that from three to six months before Mrs. Chloe Page died this deponent heard her say that she did not owe Luther Robinson one cent.

Sworn before me this } Elizabeth A. Page
2 day of August 1862 }
C. P. Wolcott Justice of the Peace of said County"

Then the Page family returned to Michigan by 1868, as that was the year when, and state where, their daughter Elsie was born. In 1870 when the Federal census was taken, 31-year-old “Reyley” Page was living at Batavia, Branch County, with 28-year-old wife Elizabeth, 10-year-old daughter Carrie, 6-year-old son George, and 2-year-old daughter Elsie. Reyley was listed as a “farm laborer.” Elizabeth would die the following year.

On December 24, 1873, at Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, thirty-four-year-old Riley P. Page of Charlotte married as his second wife eighteen-year-old Sarah M. Keyes, b. May 20, 1855, at Climax, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, d. June 4, 1911 at Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Sarah was a daughter of the late Rev. Orlando Keyes, b. May 9, 1824, at Niagara County, New York, d. January 12, 1866, at Climax, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, and his wife, the former Lucinda Shook, b. October 11, 1827, at Niagara County, New York, d. April 5, 1918, at Kalamazoo County, Michigan, who were originally from Cambria, Niagara County, New York.

Riley and Sarah would have three children: Bernice May, b. November 23, 1874, at Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Michigan; d. August 29, 1879, at Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Michigan; Harvey Judson “Juddie,” b. September 3, 1876, at Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, Michigan; d. August 28, 1879, at Kalamazoo County, Michigan; and Charlie Orlando, b. July 31, 1878, at Climax, Kalamazoo County, Michigan; d. September 18, 1941, at Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan. The Pages were living in Charlotte when the 1880 Federal census was taken. Shortly before, in 1879, a diphtheria epidemic had taken the lives of Bernice, Juddie and Elsie, and in 1877 Carrie had married, so the household now included only Riley, Sarah, George and Charlie. During this part of his life, Riley was a sewing machine salesman.

Riley and Sarah were divorced sometime between 1880 and 1890. By 1896 Riley had returned to New York. Two of his surviving children, Carrie Bell and George Hudson, remained in Michigan. Charlie Orlando would spend ten years in Indiana with his mother and stepfather before returning to Michigan. (See below for the families of Carrie, George, and Charles Page.)

Sarah M. (Keys) Page married Harvey Olmstead Cline August 7, 1890. They were united in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, by N. J. Cogshall, Clergyman. Witnesses were Rev. C. C. McCabe of New York City and Rev. J. C. Floyd of Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan. Harvey’s occupation was listed as “clerk” at time of marriage, and he was a resident of LaGrange County, Indiana. He was a son of Samuel and Mary A. (Olmstead) Cline of Indiana and was often just called “H.O.” The new Cline family, including Sarah’s young son Charles Orlando Page and H.O.’s two sons by his first wife Fanny (Aldrich), settled at Angola, Steuben County, Indiana, where they lived during most or all of the decade. Sarah operated a successful millinery shop. The Clines would later settle in Ingham County, Michigan, where H.O. would be twice elected as sheriff of the county as well as being involved in store keeping, farming, and real estate.

The Shoemaker

Now without wife or children (Carrie and George had married and Charlie was with his mother), Riley Preston Page returned to Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan—part of the area where he

had spent more than a decade earlier in life. His brother William Henry Page, Jr. and family were still living there. His niece Chloe B. Page was living with her parents and was involved in the profession of shoe stitching. It appears she taught Riley her trade. Mid-decade Riley returned to Webster, Monroe County, New York, where, on April 1, 1897, he would purchase the house at 316 West Main Street belonging to his half sister Chloe Ann (Robinson) Smith, widow of Henry Smith and then in her 70s. Upon his return to Webster, a blurb in the Webster section of The Monroe County (NY) Mail newspaper for Thursday, August 27, 1896, announced, "R. P. Page of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of this place, will soon open a boot and shoe store in Robert Corey's harness shop. He will make his home with his sister, Mrs. Chloe Smith."

Riley set up his shoe repair shop just down the street from his home and placed the following ad in a number of local newspapers, including The Record, Sodus, N.Y., Friday, June 3, 1898: "R. P. PAGE Repairs Harnesses of all kinds and Boots and Shoes on short notice, in first-class shape. Women's and Children's a specialty. Also deals in all kinds of Harnesses. Prices as cheap as the cheapest. Hotel Block, Webster, N.Y." From the house he either could walk to his little shoe repair shop in the village or take the electric streetcar, which passed in front of both the house and shop. At the time of the 1900 Federal census, he owned the house free of mortgage. Living with him were Chloe, born in 1821, and Sarah Kilton, a servant who was born in 1840. Riley claimed to be a widower.

Riley's shoe repair shop was on West Main Street, wedged next to the Stage Coach Inn. Nearby a steam explosion occurred which may account for the tradition that says Riley was involved in a steam explosion. The following excerpt is taken from Esther A. Dunn's book "Webster . . . Through the Years:"

"A stone building, present site of the Village Hall, was built in 1825 by the Corning family. At the time of construction, part of the foundation settled and the Cornings refused to pay the builder (who never was paid). During the litigation, which lasted seven years, the building stood without a roof. When it was finally completed, the second story became Webster's first meeting hall and was used by nearly all community societies until the late 1800s and early 1900s.

"The building was . . . used for McKay's flour and feedmill (a boiler exploded and pieces were blown 200 feet);...."

Riley's establishment was open to diversification. In June, 1900, a branch office of the Singer Sewing Machine company was located in R. P.'s shoe shop, and in April, 1902, L. J. VanAlstyne moved in with R. P. and ran a bicycle repair business.

R. Preston Page was married to Emma C. (Conant) Wright, age 54, on September 2, 1905 in Webster. He was then 66 years old. Emma had been born at Perinton, Monroe Co., New York, to parents Cornelius B. and Sally (McFarlin) Conant, and she had been residing in Rochester prior to the marriage. Each had been married twice before, although Riley claimed only one prior marriage. Emma's first husband had been George W. Finkle, by whom she had a son Myron C. Finkle in 1869, before their marriage ended about a year later. Both George and Emma remarried shortly thereafter. George married Margaret, by whom he had two daughters--Minnie and Nellie. (Minnie died young and Nellie married Lillon B. Boyce, had one child Norman, and lived until

1965.) Emma married Fred Wright, by whom she had one daughter, Elizabeth. Myron was living with the Wright family in Hopewell, Ontario Co., NY, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. His name was listed as Myron C. Wright. His name later appeared as Myron C. Finkle, and he remained close to Emma over the years. He would marry twice: the first time to Hanna "Fannie" Knatt, by whom he had two daughters and a son-- Myra, Georgia, and Victor. Fannie's sudden death occurred in 1906, and in 1913 Myron married Hattie (Sigaby), the widow of William Spencer.

The Monroe County (NY) Mail, Thursday, December 11, 1902

WEBSTER NEWS

Frederick B. Wright died at his home in this place, Tuesday morning, at 1:30, aged fifty-nine years, after an illness of seven months of heart trouble and dropsy. Deceased was born in Penfield, where he resided until manhood. He married Emma Conant of Rochester, in 1873. They removed to Canandaigua, where they lived for twenty years, and then came to this place, where they have since resided. Deceased is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Frank McMillan, and one granddaughter, Alice McMillan, all of this place. Funeral will be held this morning from the home, at 11 o'clock. Rev. G. A. Beers officiating. The remains will be laid to rest in the North cemetery. [Later renamed the Webster Rural Cemetery.]

Emma and her second husband had been living a short distance west of Webster at the time of his death in 1902. Emma then went to stay in Rochester with her daughter Elizabeth until marrying Riley in 1905. Elizabeth had been married to Frank O. McMillan since 1896. In the McMillan household, at the time of the 1905 New York census, was Frank McMillan, Elizabeth, their daughter Alice, Frank's widower father Edwin, Elizabeth's widowed mother Emma Wright, and Miss Shucraft, a roomer and hay seed clerk. Frank and Elizabeth's only other child, a son Victor Edwin McMillan, had died in 1900, at age 18 months, from "the grip." [La Grippe.]

Frank O. McMillan, often referred to as F. O., was renowned as a banjo player and received numerous write-ups in newspapers both in advertising and in the reporting of his numerous gigs. He often performed along with George Mowers, who accompanied Frank on guitar. However, he began going astray around the turn of the twentieth century and was frequently arrested and tried for theft of property, including banjos belonging to Frank Minor and Merton L. Dennis, and multiple charges of grand theft leveled by the company for whom he worked--E. Gateley & Co., installment dealers. During one such occurrence Frank suffered heart failure, as reported in the following excerpt from The Daily News. Batavia, N.Y., Thursday Evening, August 16, 1900:

Arrested on Another Charge of Larceny—
Pawnd Frank Minor's Banjo.

The multiplicity of charges against Mr. McMillan upset him and he suffered a slight attack of heart failure, to which he said he was subject, in the courtroom. Sheriff Pixley proceeded with him to a physician's office and he recovered after restoratives had been administered. At his request, the matters were ordered held open until 6 p.m. today to await the arrival of his parents. [Earlier, the article reported Frank as saying "his father

and mother, who are well-to-do people in Canandaigua, would come to Batavia this afternoon and become sureties for him.”] Manager Van Reypen said he did not want to see the young man locked up in jail, so he paid Sheriff Pixley \$3 to cover the expense of having McMillan kept in custody by an officer. McMillan's wife and child are with her parents in Webster.

After Elizabeth and Frank were divorced, Elizabeth would marry at least two more times during Emma’s life. The second marriage, in 1912, was to the pharmacist Ellsworth G. Merrill, variously called “Colonel” or “C. E.,” or Colonel Merrill. After the Colonel’s death in 1927, Elizabeth married Burton L. Black in 1928. Elizabeth was always close to her mother and step-father Riley, but none of her own children would survive to adulthood.

Emma and Riley lived at the West Main Street address until the spring of 1907. In January of that year they bought what was known as the George Brown house and lot at Ontario Center in Wayne County. After selling the West Main Street house to Lillian M. Witmer on March 29, 1907, they moved to the Ontario Center house the first of April. At the time of the 1910 Federal census Riley, age 70, was working in a shoe shop that he owned, and the Pages were living in a house free of mortgage.

The following squibs were taken from assorted newspapers and other local publications:

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, July 2, 1908

ONTARIO CENTER

Mrs. R. P. Page is entertaining her granddaughter of Webster.

[The granddaughter would appear to have been Georgia Finkle from son Myron’s first marriage, since the Finkles were then residing in Webster.]

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, April 15, 1909

ONTARIO CENTER

Ontario Center will soon have a trolley station again. We understand it is to be located at R. P. Page’s.

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, March 17, 1910

ONTARIO CENTER

R. P. Page and wife, who have spent the past three months at Battle Creek, Mich., Buffalo and Rochester, have returned to their home.

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, May 26, 1910

ONTARIO CENTER

R. P. Page and wife entertained friends from Buffalo, Rochester and Webster, Friday.

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, September 15, 1910

ONTARIO CENTER

Mrs. R. P. Page is entertaining Mrs. Leonard Struck, Mrs. Frank McMillan and Miss Alice McMillan of Rochester, for a few days.

Climax Cereal (Kalamazoo Co., MI), Thursday October 20, 1910

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wheeler have returned from their visit with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Page of Ontario Center, N.Y.

[The Wheelers were Riley's firstborn daughter Carrie (Page) and her third husband Elmer Wheeler of Climax, MI.]

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, January 5, 1911

ONTARIO CENTER

R. P. Page and wife are spending two weeks with her daughter at East Rochester.

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, June 29, 1911

ONTARIO CENTER

Jesse Harrison and wife of Charlotte, Mich., are visiting R. P. Page and wife.

[Elsie May (Page) Harrison was the only child of Riley's son and daughter-in-law George Hudson and Mary (Reed) Page.]

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, August 17, 1911

The Misses Alice McMillan and Georgia Finkle of East Rochester, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Page.

The Monroe County (NY) Mail, Thursday, October 31, 1912

C. E. Merrill and Mrs. Elizabeth McMillan, both of this village, were married at Buffalo, Wednesday evening, October 23rd.

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, December 12, 1912

ONTARIO CENTER

Mrs. R. P. Page has been entertaining Mrs. L. Struck of Rochester.

Oswego (NY) Daily Times, Thursday Evening, February 13, 1913

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Page are making a two months' visit among relatives and friends in Michigan.

Oswego (NY) Daily Times, Tuesday Evening, June 24, 1913

ONTARIO

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Page have returned from Michigan.

The Monroe County (NY) Mail, Thursday, August 14, 1913

C. E. Merrill has his new house on East Avenue completed and expects to move into it this week.

The Fairport (NY) Herald, Wednesday, August 13, 1913

EAST ROCHESTER

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Merrill moved into their new house on East Ave. W., Tuesday.

From the WAYNE COUNTY FARM DIRECTORY 1914

ONTARIO TOWNSHIP

(Population, 2,672.)

“Page, Riley P. (Emma) shoe repairer O H&L Ontario Center H37.”

[“O H&L means owns house and lot.” “H37” means highway 37.]

From: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nywayne/townships/ontario.html> :

“Ontario, (p.v.) in the S. E. part, contains a church, steam sawmill, furnace, and 25 houses; Ontario Center, 2 mi. W., a church and 20 houses...”

Per the Rochester (NY) Daily Record dated Thursday, March 25, 1915, Emma and Riley P. Page deeded property to Myron C. Finkle and wife that year.

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, December 23, 1915

ONTARIO CENTER

Myron Finkle and family and Riley Page and wife will spend Christmas in East Rochester.

The Monroe County (NY) Mail, Thursday, January 13, 1916

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Page of Ontario Center have been spending the past three weeks with their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Merrill.

NOTE: It may have been that Elizabeth (Wright) McMillan Merrill's daughter Alice was always sickly, as appears from the following article:

The Monroe County (NY) Mail, Thursday, October 22, 1903

WEBSTER

Alice McMillan, the little daughter of F. O. McMillan, was taken to the hospital in Rochester, Tuesday. The little one has never been able to run about as other children, and has been taken to the hospital in the hopes that an operation will remedy the trouble, which is keeping her a helpless prisoner. We all unite in best wishes for a successful operation.

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, February 15, 1917

ONTARIO

Friends in this vicinity were shocked to hear of the death of Miss Alice McMillan of East Rochester. She is about sixteen years of age and is well known here, as she has spent much time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Page.

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, December 13, 1917

Mrs. Eugene Ford and son, of Rochester, have been visiting at Mrs. R. P. Page's.

[Emma's eldest granddaughter Myra Catherine Finkle was married to Eugene Carl Ford in 1912. She had been living at Ontario Center, presumably with her Page grandparents, and was only 16 years old, requiring her father's consent. The groom claimed to be 21 but was actually about 19. He was the youngest of 13 children (12 surviving) born to James C. and Sarah S. (Paul) Ford of Knoxville, Tioga Co., PA. Eugene and Myra had at least one child, Robert, born about 1916 in PA. Eugene enlisted in the army in 1917 and was discharged in 1918. He died in 1951 and was buried at the Riverside Cemetery near Rochester, NY.]

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, March 21, 1918

We learn that Mrs. R. P. Page, who is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Merrill at East Rochester, fell recently, spraining her arm and injuring herself otherwise so that her condition is quite serious.

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, June 19, 1919

Miss Georgia Finkle, who had been employed as clerk in B. J. Fryatt's, died of acute Bright's disease, in a Rochester hospital, last Wednesday. Funeral Services were held at her late home, Friday at 2 p.m. Burial was made in Webster cemetery.

(Fairport NY) Monroe County Mail, Thursday, August 5, 1920

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Page, who have been visiting in Scotts and Charlotte, Mich., arrived at the home of Mrs. Page's daughter, Mrs. C. E. Merrill, last week.

Riley developed a chronic heart disease (myocarditis, or inflammation of the heart) in 1910 that would plague him for the rest of his life, and he retired sometime between 1914 and the taking of the 1920 Federal census. By 1920 he and Emma were living with Emma's daughter Elizabeth (Wright) and son-in-law Ellsworth G. a.k.a. "Colonel" Merrill at 126 East Avenue, East Rochester, Pittsford Township, in Monroe County.

Ellsworth was a son of Pulaski and Melissa (Gilman) Merrill. Pulaski and Melissa were living in Clarendon, Orleans County, New York, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. Pulaski's occupation was "Sawyer." They were living in the village of Lawrence, Van Buren County, Michigan, at the time of the 1870 Federal census, where Pulaski was working as a "lumberman." By 1875 the family was back in Orleans County, New York, where Pulaski ran a stove and heading-mill on the creek at Oak Orchard, hamlet of Kenyonville, Town of Carlton.

The first officer casualty of the Civil War was a Colonel Ephraim Elmer Ellsworth, close friend of the Abraham Lincoln family and especially of their children. Col. Ellsworth was shot May 24, 1861, by a Confederate sympathizer after he removed a large Confederate flag from an inn called the Marshall House across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. It appears Ellsworth Merrill was named after Colonel Ellsworth, who died shortly before Ellsworth Merrill was born. Ellsworth sometimes went by the name "Colonel" rather than Ellsworth, at least when censuses were taken.

In 1920 Ellsworth, listed as "Colonel Merrill" in the census, was a druggist working for wages at a drug store, and Elizabeth was a dressmaker working own accounts, meaning she was self employed.

The Herald, Fairport, N.Y., Wednesday, March 14, 1923

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Merrill have sold their house on East avenue W. to Mr. Wilson from Canada, and intend to move to California.

The Fairport (NY) Herald, Wednesday, May 9, 1923

EAST ROCHESTER

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Merrill of this place have planned what promises to be a very enjoyable overland trip to California this summer says the Realities. They are having their Ford sedan equipped with a bed and other camping attachments including a tent which fastens to the car and they expect to leave about June 1 for an overland trip across the continent with California, where they expect to spend the coming winter, as their goal. Although Mr. and Mrs. Merrill's many East Rochester friends regret that they expect to take up their residence elsewhere

(having sold their residence property on East Avenue W. to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson, who are already occupying their new home) they feel like congratulating them upon the prospects of so delightful a trip as their overland journey as planned will be.

The Fairport (NY) Herald, Wednesday, May 9, 1923

Pleasant Social Affair

The Art Booth of the Presbyterian church at East Rochester were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rochville on Friday evening, May 4, there being about thirty-six in attendance. The occasion was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Merrill, who are planning an over land trip to California, where they expect to take up their residence. At 6:30 a chicken pie supper was served, the tables being very beautifully and artistically decorated with artificial peach blossoms and pink roses, with large centerpieces to represent Spring.

After the bountiful supper the evening was spent with games, stunts and music.

The president, Mrs. W. C. Douglas, presented to Mrs. Merrill a gift as a slight token of love and esteem of the members of the club of which she has been for several years an active member.

The evening was declared by all present to have been a most delightful affair.

NOTE: Mrs. Merrill had relatives in California. Elizabeth's mother Emma had McFarlin relatives living there from her mother Sally's side of the family. However, the California venture did not result in a permanent relocation, and upon return to New York state they settled in Fairport in 1924.

The Monroe County (NY) Mail, Thursday, March 27, 1924

C. E. Merrill, who was employed in Bramer's drug store and left about a year ago to go to California, has returned east and will resume his position with Mr. Bramer Monday. His friends here will be glad to see him back. His home was formerly in East Rochester.

The Herald Mail, Fairport, N.Y. Thursday, September 24, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Merrill will move from Clinton place into Mrs. Baker's house the first of October.

Ellsworth died in March of 1927 at their home in Fairport. One obituary claimed he died on Sunday the 27th and the below account claimed it was on Monday the 28th.

The Herald Mail, Fairport, N.Y. Thursday, March 31, 1927,

Colonel E. Merrill

Colonel E. Merrill, for the past three years a resident of Fairport, a pharmacist in the employ of the Bramer drug store, passed away at his home, 33 West street, early Monday morning after a week's illness with pneumonia.

Mr. Merrill had made many friends during his residence here by his affable, courteous and gentlemanly manner, and his death brings sorrow to all who knew him. For 12 years previous to coming here he was a pharmacist in the Fryatt store at East Rochester, and there he had hosts of friends.

He was born at Waterport July 19, 1862, thus being almost 65 years at his passing. Before coming to East Rochester he was in the drug business in Rochester many years. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and by one niece, Mrs. Leonard Quinn, of Brockport. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, and the remains were taken to Byron for interment. Rev. F. O. Scurrah, of the East Rochester Presbyterian church, and Alex. Mackenzie, of the East Rochester Baptist church, officiated.

In his passing from our community, Fairport loses not only a fine man but a good pharmacist, and one of the most obliging salesmen we ever met. In this case, as so often, we keep our words of encouragement and praise until it is too late. Words are vain unless our actions prove our words. In all walks of life this is true, whether it is a friendly or business relationship. Mr. Merrill was a very courteous and painstaking gentleman in our acquaintance.

On June 1, 1927, the widow Elizabeth Merrill moved back to East Rochester, to 87 South Union Street, with plans to open a "rooming house." It was here that Riley died at 6:20 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 1928, age 88 years, 9 months and 27 days.

Rochester, Monroe, NY
Democrat & Chronicle
Wed Apr 18, 1928

PAGE - Riley P. PAGE passed away at his home, No. 87 South Union Street, Monday, April 16, 1928. He is survived by his wife Emma; one daughter, Mrs. Carrie WHEELER, of Scotts, Michigan; two sons, George, of Charlotte, Mich., and Charles, of Jackson, Mich.; three grandchildren.

--The body has been removed to No. 301 Main Street, East Rochester, from where funeral will take place, Wednesday, April 18th at 2 o'clock. Interment at Ontario, N.Y.

Riley was interred at a cemetery near Ontario, Wayne County, New York, on April 18. He had, at various times, listed his occupation as farm laborer, painter, sewing machine agent, traveling

salesman, and finally, shoemaker and shoe repairer. Although he had been an enigmatic figure to his Michigan family (who remained in the dark regarding his whereabouts for many years), he had stayed married to Emma (who survived him by at least two years) for more than twenty-two years, living near the many relatives that had remained in the area.

Emma's Family after Riley's Passing

Riley's death occurred on the cusp of the Great Depression. His wife Emma lived long enough to see it develop, as her daughter Elizabeth forged ahead in the wake of her husband "Colonel" Ellsworth G. "C. E." Merrill's death. It was only a short time after Riley's death that Elizabeth married for the third time, Burton Lorenzo Black. Emma's son Myron C. Finkle died April 12, 1928, just days before Riley's passing, so it must have been an especially trying time for her.

Emma's grandson Victor Finkle appears to have been back from serving his stint in the U.S. Navy by 1927. He had enlisted in 1921 and had attended the U.S. Navy's Pharmacist School. In the 1930s he was still living at home in East Rochester and was listed in the local directory as a nurse. In January 1962 and later editions of the Avon (NY) Herald News, Victor Finkle of Geneseo [in Livingston Co., NY] was listed as a male attendant and part of the Livingston County Welfare Department staff at the Livingston County Home. About 1965 his position at the Home was downgraded from salaried to hourly. Eugene C. Ford, husband of Victor's sister Myra, was said to be living in Jersey Shore, Lyoming Co., PA, at the time of his brother Ernest Ford's death in 1925.

At the time of the 1930 Federal census Emma was living with her daughter and new son-in-law Elizabeth and Burton L. Black at 130 West Avenue, East Rochester Village, Pittsford Township, in Monroe County. That year Elizabeth listed no form of employment and her husband of two years was shown as a painter in a steam railroad car shop. He would report the same occupation at the time of the 1940 Federal census. In 1930 their house was worth \$6,500.

It was Burton's second marriage. His first had been to Daisy (Jopson a.k.a. Jobson) Beam, the former wife of Burton's first cousin Loring John Beam a.k.a. Loren. The Beam marriage apparently ended in divorce as "Loren" remarried on June 3, 1935, at Penn Yan, Yates County, to Mrs. Rosie J. (Harris) Yonge, widow of Amasa B. Yonge of Branchport, Yates County. Rosie was for several years the town clerk of New Jerusalem, Yates County. "Loren" and Rosie both died in Penn Yan, Rosie on June 16, 1951, and Loren on January 22, 1964.

Loring J., a.k.a. "Loren," son of Smith A. and Hester A. (Black) Beam, and Daisy Bell Jopson, daughter of Mark and Hannah (Appleton) Jopson a.k.a. Jobson, had been married in March 1894 at Centerfield, Ontario County, New York. Daisy and Burton L., son of Dexter J. and Emma A. (Crandall) Black, were married April 9, 1906, at Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York. Their marriage ended with Daisy's death June 17, 1927.

Burton's spinster sister Ada E. Black lived a number of years with their brother Frank and his wife Anna in Perinton, Monroe County, New York. Frank and Anna had one child, Dexter, born in 1894. Later, Frank and Anna were divorced and both remarried. Anna remarried to a Richard Coffey or Cuffey. They moved to Racine, Wisconsin, taking Anna's son Dexter with them, while

Frank remained in Monroe County with occasional visits by Dexter. In Wisconsin Richard soon died, though Anna and Dexter continued to reside at Racine. By the time Burton's wife Daisie had died, Ada had moved in with him at East Rochester, Monroe County, where she continued until her death from pneumonia November 18, 1927. Burton was the executor of her estate. Ada had property in East Rochester on East Avenue deeded to her March 28th, 1912. As executor, Burton deeded this property to his new wife Elizabeth (Wright) Merrill Black on June 25th, 1928. Apparently Ada's estate wasn't settled until September. (NOTE: F. H. was Bruton's brother Frank, and D. B. was Burton's nephew Dexter of Racine.)

The (Rochester, NY) Daily Record, Thursday, Sept. 27, 1928
(In column 1, appeared the following)

Business Papers Recorded

Deeds

Black, Ada, by executor, to Elizabeth Black, 87 S. Union st, prop in Pittsford, \$5000.

Black, F. H. and wife to Elizabeth Black, 87 S. Union st, prop in Pittsford. \$1.

Black, B. L. to Elizabeth Black, 87 S. Union st. prop in Pittsford, \$1.

Black, D. B. and wife to Elizabeth Black, S. Union st, prop in Pittsford, \$1.

(In the same paper, column 2, appeared the following under "Mortgages")

Black, Elizabeth to First National Bank of East Rochester, prop in Pittsford, \$3000.

Rochester (NY) Daily Record, Friday, October 25, 1929

In column marked "Judgments, Etc."

Burton L. Black and Frank J. Cotton in favor of First National Bank of East Rochester, \$3,205.80.

Rochester (NY) Daily Record, Wednesday, February 27, 1935

In column marked "Mortgages"

Black, Burton L. and wife to Home Owners Loan Corp. [HOLC] prop in Pittsford, \$3220.

Rochester (NY) Daily Record, Tuesday, July 18, 1939

Articles of Co-partnership

Gordon W Underhill and Burton L. Black agree to become partners in the business of painting and decorating under the name of Underhill & Black, in East Rochester.

At the time his 1940 Federal census was taken on April 6, Burton L. Black was still living at the West Avenue home, now worth about \$4,000. Although he was shown as married, neither

Elizabeth nor Emma Page was listed as living with him. However, there were three male "roomers" in the household. Elizabeth was still living at this time but it is not known whether Emma was still alive.

Rochester (NY) Daily Record, Wednesday, May 15, 1940

Foreclosure Sales

STATE OF NEW YORK--COUNTY COURT--COUNTY OF MONROE.

Home Owners' Loan Corporation [HOLC], Plaintiff, vs. Burton L. Black, Elizabeth Black, his wife, and W. Verness Merwin, as Receiver of the First National Bank of East Rochester, Defendants,

In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale, duly granted in the above entitled action, and entered in Monroe County Clerk's office on the 14th day of May, 1940. I, Benjamin J. Farber, the undersigned referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction at the front vestibule of the Monroe County Court House in the City of Rochester, County of Monroe, New York, on the
3RD DAY OF JULY, 1940
AT 11:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Daylight Saving Time, the premises described in said judgment, as follows, viz.:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Pittsford, County of Monroe, and State of New York, known and designated as Lot Thirty-two (32) in Block 56, as shown on a map of the lands of the Vanderbilt Improvement Company, filed in Monroe County Clerk's office in Liber 10 of Maps at page 35.

Said lot 32 fronts forty (40) feet on the southerly side of East Avenue, is the same width in rear and one hundred and twenty (120) feet deep, as shown on said map.

Being the same premises conveyed to Ada E. Black by deed dated March 28th, 1912, and recorded in Monroe County Clerk's office in Liber 876 of Deeds at page 410, and subject to the covenants and restrictions therein set forth and referred to.

Also, being the same premises conveyed to Elizabeth Black by the Executor of Ada E. Black, deceased, by deed dated June 25th, 1928, and recorded in said Clerk's office in Liber 1475 of Deeds at page 15.

The premises will be sold subject to any state of facts an accurate survey may show; covenants and restrictions of record; easements of record; subject to the lien of any unpaid taxes, assessments, or water rates as of the date of sale.

Dated at the City of Rochester, New York, on this 14th day of May, 1940.
Benjamin J. Farber, Referee.

Myer Braiman, Plaintiff's Attorney,
Office and P.O. Address, 305-306 Wilder Building
Rochester, New York

NOTE: Another notice, appearing in the Thursday, June 13, 1940, edition of the same newspaper moved the foreclosure sale date up to June 27, same time of day. The following was reported on June 28, the day after the sale, under column titled "Deeds": "Black, Burton L. et al, by ref, to HOLC, prop in Pittsford, \$500."

The Daily Record (Rochester, NY) Wednesday, July 19, 1950

DEATHS

(Furnished by Rochester Health Bureau)

July

14—Burton L Black, 95 Alexander

Burton Lorenzo Black died at age 76-1-16 and was buried at the Pittsford Cemetery and Annex, Pittsford, Monroe County. His first wife Daisie's name is included on his headstone/monument. Find A Grave Memorial# 73738000 at <http://www.findagrave.com>. Daisie's Memorial# 73296896. Burton's sister Ada's Memorial# 73296717, all in the same cemetery.

Elizabeth was confined to the Monroe County Insane Asylum a.k.a. Rochester State Hospital a.k.a. Rochester Psychiatric Center before 1935. Final information about Elizabeth (Wright) Merrill Black or her mother, Emma (Conant) Wright Page, has yet to be discovered, including their burial location(s) as well as that of Riley.

Family of Riley's Daughter Carrie Bell Page

It wasn't known by this researcher that Carrie Page even existed until the 1870 Federal census record for "Reyley" Page was discovered. Because of the odd spelling of his given name, the 1870 record eluded research for many years. Then it took a number of additional years to discover what became of Carrie—and not until a query was placed on the Internet message board for Kalamazoo County, Michigan. Most of the following information about Carrie, her husbands and her descendants directly or indirectly resulted from information obtained through that message board.

Generation No. 1

1. CARRIE BELL³ PAGE (*RILEY PRESTON*², *WILLIAM HENRY*¹) was born 8-23-1860 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI, and died 8-20-1928 in Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married (1) THEODORE DUDLEY "DORR" RICHARDS 8-15-1877 in Galesburg, Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of WILLIAM RICHARDS and JULIA PRAY. He was born 8-13-1852 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 12-15-1893 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married (2) FREDERICK HARRISON SOULE 2-23-1896 in Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of AARON SOULE and ELIZABETH HARRISON. He was born 7-14-1835 in OH, and died 2-10-1906 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married (3) ELMER WHEELER 3-18-1908 in Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of ANSEL WHEELER and LUCY BARNES. He was born 7-1849 in OH, and died 9-6-1936 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Notes for CARRIE BELL PAGE:

Carrie had one child, a daughter, which was by Theodore Richards.

Obituary from Tuesday August 21, 1928 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

"MRS. ELMER WHEELER, SCOTTS, DIES AT 67

"SCOTTS: Aug. 21--Mrs. Carrie Wheeler, 67, wife of Elmer Wheeler, resident of this place, died Monday after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, her daughter, Mrs. Lola DeForest, Oneida, Ill, and by a granddaughter. She also leaves two brothers. Funeral services will be held in her late home at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will take place in Averill cemetery."

Burial was near Theodore Richards at Gilson Cemetery a.k.a. Averill Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI. Carrie's last name shown as Richards even though she had been married twice since married to him.

Notes for THEODORE DUDLEY "DORR" RICHARDS:

Kalamazoo County Clerk's Death Record Book 2, page 150, #1627. Theodore RICHARDS; age 41 yrs 3 mos 28 days; DOD 15 Dec 1893; POD Climax; POB Climax; occ Laborer; cause Cancer of face; father William RICHARDS; mother Julia RICHARDS. (Posted [on Kalamazoo message board] by a VOLUNTEER-NO family connection)

Burial near Carrie at Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI. Carrie's last name shown as Richards.

Marriage Notes for CARRIE PAGE and THEODORE RICHARDS:

Kalamazoo County Clerk's Marriage Record Book 4, page 209, #3129. Groom Theodore RICHARDS; age 25; occ Farmer; res Climax, Mich; POB Climax, Mich. Bride Carrie B. PAGE; age 16; res Climax; POB Bronnson(sic), Mich. DOM 15 Aug 1877; POM Galesburg, Mich; official Lewis M. Hunt, Pastor of Cong'l Church Galesburg; wits Louisa A. Hunt of Galesburg & Annie Boyden of Ypsilanti. (Posted [on Kalamazoo message board] by a VOLUNTEER-NO family connection)

Carrie and Theodore were living at Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1880 Federal census. In the household were: Theodore Richards, 28 years old, a laborer, born in MI; and wife Carrie, 19 years old, born in MI. They were neighbors of Carrie's step-grandmother Lucinda Keyes.

Notes for FREDERICK HARRISON SOULE:

Frederick was buried in the Harrison Cemetery in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, as was his first wife Hester.

From: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~maizeblue6/index31.html>
a Web page authored by Scott Duncan:

“(15.9.2) Frederick Harrison Soule was born on 14 July 1835, in Climax Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, and died on 10 February 1906, in Climax Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. He is buried in Harrison Cemetery, Climax Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. He married (1st) Hester Ann Moulton, and married (2nd) Carrie in 1896. Frederick Soule lived in Kalamazoo County, Michigan most of his life. He was prone to the family wanderlust and appears in many of the family settlements. Fred and Esther lived in the Harrisonville settlement, and some of their children also made the journey. In Carrie Fenwick's scrapbook there is a notice on April 2nd, 1895, for the death of Esther Ann Soule. It states she died on a farm between Keg Harrison and Orrin Mils Sager in Lincoln Township, Plymouth County, Iowa. Many of the family accompanied her body to Michigan where she was buried in the Harrison Cemetery in Climax Township. Death records have not been searched in Kalamazoo County, and there is a notation in the Plymouth County Court house. The Harrison family was notorious for recording records of death, etc. in other states. We have found several examples, another documented case is the birth of (15.8.8.3) Maggie Roesannah Harrison Richardson who was born in Big Creek, Kansas, but her birth is recorded in Kalamazoo County, Michigan. The family was so transient that here or there, it was just an extension of a Harrison colony. Fred and family were also in the Gordon, Nebraska settlement. Fred returned to Michigan, and married a second time. He is buried at the Harrison Cemetery in Climax Township. Fred and Esther's daughter, (15.9.2.5) Susie Soule Burr was the mother of Lelia Burr who married (15.8.4.4.8) Tracy Buckmaster (the grandson of (15.8.4) Eliffia Harrison Selbee.

“Best regards-!

“Scott

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“Shippensburg, PA

“RAOGK Volunteer:”

The following notice and obituary are taken from the Thursday February 15, 1906 issue of the Climax Cereal, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

Another Pioneer Gone

Another pioneer has passed from our midst, Frederick Soule died at his home in Scotts, Saturday, Feb 10, 1906, and the funeral services were held at the U. B. Church Monday, Feb, 12th. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended the last rites at the church and grave. The remains wre laid to rest in the Harrison cemetery south of town. The deceased was one of the chief promoters in building and establishing the new church edifice in our town and contributed liberally to its support.

Obituary - same newspaper

Frederick Soule was born July 14, 1835, and died February 10, 1906, age 70 years, 6 months and 26 days. He was united in marriage to Esther Ann Molton, March 23, 1861. She died April 2 1895. Five children were born to them, two daughters and 3 sons, Mrs. Lucy Salsberry, Mrs. Susy Burr, Charles, George and William, all of whom are now living. Five brothers and 3 sisters are also left to mourn the loss. The deceased was again united in marriage to Mrs. Carrie Richards, February 23, 1896 and who is now living. Mr. Soule was a consistent christian and has been a member of the U. B. Church for the last twelve years. Peace to his ashes.

Marriage Notes for CARRIE PAGE and FREDERICK SOULE:

Carrie and Fred were living on a farm free of mortgage at Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Frederick, 64 years old, no occupation listed, born in OH; wife Carrie, 39 years old, born in MI; and Fred's son George T., 33 years old, born in MI.

The following squibs are taken from the Thursday April 7, 1904 issue of the Climax Cereal, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

(1) Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Milliman and Helen, and Mrs. Fred Soule attended the funeral of a relative, Wm. Simpson, in Battle Creek, Monday.

(2) Mrs. Fred Soule and Helen Milliman spent last week among relatives in Wakeshma township.

Blurb from Thursday March 28, 1907 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page and daughter of Lansing visited last week with his sister, Mrs. Carrie Soule, and his aunt, Mrs. James Powers.

Notes for ELMER WHEELER:

Kalamazoo County Clerk's Death Record Book 1936, page Climax Twp. 4. Elmer WHEELER; age 87 yrs 1 mo 27 days; DOD 6 Sept 1936; POD Climax Township; POB Ohio; marital status Widowed; spouse Carrie SOULE; occ Farmer for 70 yrs; cause Arterio Sclerosis, senility; father Unknown; mother Lucy BARNES born New York; burial 9 Sept 1936 at Cook's Cemetery (Pavilion Township) by Rupert Funeral Home, Vicksburg, Mich; informant Mrs. H. E. Fisher of Scotts, Mich. (Posted by a VOLUNTEER-NO family connection)

Marriage Notes for CARRIE PAGE and ELMER WHEELER:

Marriage announcement from Thursday March 26, 1908 issue of the Climax Cereal, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

"Married on the 18th instant at the Methodist parsonage by the Rev. Mershon, Mrs. Carrie Soule to Elmer Wheeler. Their many friends wish them much joy."

Carrie and Elmer were living on a farm free of mortgage at Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: Elmer, 59 years old, living on own income, born in OH; and wife Carrie B., 49 years old, born in MI.

It was Elmer's second marriage and Carrie's third marriage. Carrie's only child was still living, and they were next door to her daughter Lola and granddaughter Helen Milliman.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday August 11, 1910 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Elmer Wheeler has had the misfortune to lose a \$50.00 cow, caused by choking on a potato.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday October 20, 1910 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wheeler have returned from their visit with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Page of Ontario Center, N. Y.

Carrie and Elmer were living on a farm free of mortgage at Pavillion Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: Elmer, 70 years old, a farmer; and wife Carrie B., 59 years old.

Elmer's first wife, the former Elisabeth More, had 6 children by her first husband Henry Thompson.

Child of CARRIE PAGE and THEODORE RICHARDS is:

2. i. Lola Mae⁴ Richards, b. 4-17-1882, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI; d. 11-23-1944, Oneida, Knox Co., IL.

Generation No. 2

2. LOLA MAE⁴ RICHARDS (*CARRIE BELL³ PAGE, RILEY PRESTON², WILLIAM HENRY¹*) was born 4-17-1882 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 11-23-1944 in Oneida, Knox Co., IL. She married (1) JOSEPH BURCHARD MILLIMAN 5-8-1898, son of JOSEPH MILLIMAN and THERESA GROVER. He was born 5-4-1876 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 2-24-1910 in Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married (2) LAVERGNE BENJAMIN DEFOREST 10-25-1916 in Kalamazoo Co., MI, son of SAMUEL DEFOREST and LORAIN BARTON. He was born 7-30-1852 in Livingston Co., NY, and died 2-7-1929 in Oneida, Knox Co., IL.

Notes for LOLA MAE RICHARDS:
THE CLIMAX CEREAL

Every Thursday
CLIMAX MICHIGAN
ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR
Entered at the postoffice at Climax Michigan, as second class mail matter.
L.A. HUBBARD, Editor and Proprietor
June 1, 1911

It is with regret that we announce the retirement of Mr. D. F. Stearns as editor and manager of the Scotts department of the Cereal, which position he has held ever since the paper started with the exception of a couple of years spent in Kalamazoo. The burning of the Hawkins House where he made his home, and his failing health, compelled him to give up the correspondence. He has gone to Kalamazoo to make his home.

Mrs. Lola Milliman, who has been assistant to Mr. Stearns for the past few years, will succeed him as editor and business manager. Anyone having any items of a news nature will greatly assist by handing them to her. She will also accept your money on subscriptions.

NOTE: The Climax Cereal (continued as the Climax Crescent) was in publication May 25, 1900 - Dec. 1912. The Climax Crescent was in publication Jan. 1913 - Dec. 28, 1979.

Obituary from Friday November 24, 1944 issue of the Daily Register-Mail, a Galesburg, IL, newspaper, p. 17:

MRS. L. B. DEFOREST, ONEIDA, DIES THURSDAY

Mrs. L. B. DeForest, a resident of Oneida since 1916, died early Thursday morning at 12:17 o'clock after an illness of several years. Services are to be held at the residence Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church in Scotts, Mich. the following day. Burial will be in the Gilson Cemetery at Scotts, Mich.

Mrs. DeForest, the former Lola May Richards, was born near Scotts, Mich. April 17, 1882 where she spent her early life. In 1898 she was married to Joseph B. Milliman whose death occurred in February, 1910. A daughter, Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Forbes was born to the couple.

She was active in the Macabees and Pythian Sisters while a resident in Michigan and the Eastern Star chapter at Climax, Mich.

In October, 1916 she was married to the late LaVergne B. DeForest of Oneida at which time their home was established in Oneida. As a resident there she became a member of the Oneida Women's club, serving as president for two years. She also was a secretary of the Knox County Women's club at one time. In civic affairs, Mrs. DeForest took a keen interest and especially in the Greig Memorial library where she served on the board for many years.

The only survivors are her daughter, Mrs. Walter H. Forbes, and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Dwight Metcalf, Oneida.

Lola was buried at the Gilson Cemetery near her first husband, under the name Lola M. Milliman. The stepdaughter mentioned in her obituary was Blanche B. Metcalf, daughter of LaVergne and Effie Lena (Epperson) DeForest. Blanche's husband's full name was Samuel Dwight Metcalf, Sr.

Notes for JOSEPH BURCHARD MILLIMAN:

Joseph was buried at Gilson Cemetery, Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for LOLA RICHARDS and JOSEPH MILLIMAN:

Lola and Joseph were living in a house they owned at Pavillion Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Jos. B. Millman, 24 years old, a muck processor (sic), born in MI; wife Lola M., 18 years old, born in MI; daughter Helen E., 1 year old, born in MI; and divorced mother Theresa, 56 years old, born in OH.

Joseph and Lola had been married 2 years, and their 1 child was still living. Both of Theresa's 2 children were still living.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday April 7, 1904 issue of the Climax Cereal, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Milliman and Helen, and Mrs. Fred Soule attended the funeral of a relative, Wm. Simpson, in Battle Creek, Monday.

Lola Milliman was renting a house at Climax Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: widow Lola M., 27 years old, living on own income; daughter Helen E., 11 years old; and widower father-in-law Whitford, 70 years old, a farmer, born in NY.

Lola's husband had died that year. Their only child was still living, and Lola's household was next door to her mother and stepfather Carrie B. and Elmer Wheeler.

The following squibs are taken from the Thursday August 11, 1910 issue of the Climax Cereal:

(1) Messrs. and Mesdames John Hamilton, Charles Bentley, Harvey Snyder, Mrs. J. B. Milliman, Misses Leona Snyder and Helen Milliman, Messrs. Whitford Milliman and Lewis Hamilton attended campmeeting at Vicksburg Sunday.

(2) Rev. Jesse D. O. Powers of Seattle, Washington, who is spending the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Powers, will deliver the addresses at the Vicksburg campmeeting Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Saturday afternoon the subject will be "Believing Great Things, Doing Great Things" and Sunday "The New Theology and the Religion of the Future."

(3) George Page of near Battle Creek was the guest of his [niece], Mrs. J. B. Milliman, a couple of days last week.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday June 15, 1911 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Mr. and Mrs. George Page of Charlotte were guests of Mrs. J. B. Milliman Thursday.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday October 12, 1911 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Mr. and Mrs. George Page returned to their home in Charlotte, Tuesday, after a week's visit with their niece, Mrs. J. B. Milliman, and other relatives.

Marriage Notes for LOLA RICHARDS and LAVERGNE DEFOREST:

Kalamazoo County Clerk's Marriage Record Book 8, page 268, #16264. Groom LaVergne B. DEFOREST; age 64; occ Grain merchant; res Oneida, Ill; prev marriages 1; POB New York; father S.T. DEFOREST; mother Loraine BARTON. Bride Lola Mae RICHARDS MILLIMAN; age 34; res Scotts, Mich; prev marriages 1; POB Michigan; father Theodore RICHARDS; mother Carrie PAGE. DOM 25 Oct 1916; POM Kalamazoo, Mich; official George F Patterson, Minister; wits H.E. Main & Mrs. H.E. Main both of Marshall, Mich. (Posted [on Kalamazoo message board] by a VOLUNTEER-NO family connection)

LaVergne and Lola were living on a farm they owned in the 1st Ward of Oneida, Knox Co., IL, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: L. B. Deforest, 67 years old, a grain dealer at an elevator, born in NY; and wife "Otela," 37 years old, born in MI.

The widow Lola DeForest was living with her daughter and son-in-law Helen and Harry Shafer at Oneida, Knox Co., IL, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Harry N. Shafer, 36 years old, manager of a fund-raising campaign, born in OH; wife Helen E., 31 years old, born in MI; and mother-in-law Lola M. DeForest, 47 years old, born in MI.

Child of LOLA RICHARDS and JOSEPH MILLIMAN is:

- i. Helen Elizabeth⁵ Milliman, b. 3-26-1899, Pavillion Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI; d. 9-19-1992, Galesburg, Knox Co., IL; m. (1) Harry Niles Shafer, 6-2-1915, Scotts, Kalamazoo Co., MI; b. 8-29-1893, Pavillion Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI; d. 1-26-1931;

m. (2) Karl Kenneth Krans, Aft. 1931, Peoria, Peoria Co., IL; b. Abt. 1900, IL; m. (3) Walter Howard Forbes, 7-6-1941, Galesburg, Knox Co., IL; b. 1-23-1897, Cameron, Warren Co., IL; d. 8-10-1946, Galesburg, Knox Co., IL.

Notes for Helen Elizabeth Milliman:

The following squib is taken from the Thursday April 7, 1904 issue of the Climax Cereal, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

Mrs. Fred Soule and Helen Milliman spent last week among relatives in Wakeshma Township.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday June 22, 1911 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Miss Helen Milliman left Monday to spend a few weeks with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Page of Charlotte.

Name: Helen E. Forbes

SSN: 361-05-0898

Last Residence: 61401 Galesburg, Knox, Illinois, United States of America

Born: 26 Mar 1899

Died: 19 Sep 1992

State (Year) SSN issued: Illinois (Before 1951)

Obituary from Thursday September 24, 1992 issue of the Daily Register-Mail, a Galesburg, IL, newspaper:

HELEN E. FORBES

GALESBURG--Helen Elizabeth Forbes, 93, a resident of the Knox County Nursing Home, Knoxville, formerly of Moon Towers, Galesburg, and Oneida, died Saturday (Sept. 19, 1992) in the nursing home.

She was born March 26, 1899, in Scotts, Mich., the daughter of Joseph Burchard and Lola Mae Richards Milliman.

Surviving are one nephew, Sam Metcalf, Oneida, and several cousins including Myra Rylander, Galesburg.

She worked at Altona Printing Co. and was a real estate agent in Knox County. She had worked in campaign promotions for organizations throughout the United States for Call-Harry-Niles-Schafer Enterprises.

She was a member of Oneida American Legion Post Auxiliary and 40 & 8 Voiture *, Galesburg.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Burials will be later in Gilson Cemetery near Scotts, Mich. Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Home, Knoxville, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post auxiliaries in Galesburg and Oneida and to 8 & 40 Voiture in Galesburg.

Notice from Thursday October 29, 1992 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette:

“MEMORIAL SERVICE SET FOR EX-KALAMAZOON HELEN M. FORBES
A memorial service has been planned Saturday for former Kalamazoo resident Helen M. Forbes, 93. She died in September in Galesburg, ILL. Forbes formerly lived in Scotts before relocating to Illinois. The memorial services will be at 2 p.m. at Gilson Cemetery in Scotts.”

* 40 & 8 Voiture:

“More popularly known as the “Forty and Eight,” we are an independent Veterans organization whose membership is drawn solely from the ranks of American Legionnaires in good standing. We were founded in 1920 as a fun and honor society of Legionnaires and draw our origin from World War I when young Americans were transported on the narrow gauge railroads of France in boxcars (Voitures) that carried little more than half the capacity of American boxcars. On each side of these boxcars was stenciled the capacity of each. Holding either forty men or eight horses, these Voitures became the trademark of the organization. If you could laugh at the train ride from the coast of France to the trenches crowded in these little boxcars only recently vacated by eight horses, you could surely adapt to the changes in life when returning home. Membership in the Forty and Eight is by invitation only to Legionnaires who have demonstrated their service to the American Legion and/or its programs.”

Marriage Notes for Helen Milliman and Harry Shafer:

Helen and Harry were living in a house they owned, worth \$5,500, at Oneida, Knox Co., IL, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Harry N. Shafer, 36 years old, manager of a fund-raising campaign, born in OH; wife Helen E., 31 years old, born in MI; and widowed mother-in-law Lola M. DeForest, 47 years old, born in MI.

Notes for Karl Kenneth Krans:

The name has also been found as “Karl Kenneth Kraus.”

From the online Knox County Honor Roll 1917-1919 Service Record, "Karl Kenneth Kranz" served during WWI from Altona, Knox Co., IL.

Name: Kranc, Kenneth K.

Date: 5/8/95 (death)

Source Information:

John Stoddard, comp. Chicago Sun-Times Obituaries, 1988-95. [database online]
Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2001. Original data: Chicago Sun-Times. Chicago, IL: Sun-Times, 1988-1995.

Notes for Walter Howard Forbes:

From the online Knox County Honor Roll 1917-1919 Service Record, "Walter H. Forbes" served during WWI from Cameron, Knox Co., IL.

Walter and his brother Arthur were living with their parents William and Catherine (Fox) Forbes at the time of the 1920 Federal census.

Obituary[?] from Wednesday August 14, 1946 issue of the Daily Register-Mail, a Galesburg, IL, newspaper:

WALTER H. FORBES

Military services for Walter H. Forbes were conducted in connection with funeral rites this afternoon held at 2:30 o'clock at the Hinchliff and Wilson funeral chapel with Rev. G. Christie Swain of the First Presbyterian Church presiding. Miss Murial Snell presided at the pipe organ.

Pallbearers, members of the Fourth Division association in which Mr. Forbes was active for years, were W. H. Harris, Alex Johnson, O. M. Sloan, Leonard Nelson, William Duncan and E. W. Munson.

The American Legion post of Abingdon officiated at military rites with a firing squad, bugler and color guard. A color guard also represented the Veterans of Foreign War post. Burial was at Abingdon.

Family of Riley's Son George Hudson Page

Howard Oswald Page/Paige had many fond memories of his visits to George and Mary Page's home at Charlotte. In Howard's later years he frequently drove through Charlotte on some pretext or another even though nobody was left from that side of the family.

Generation No. 1

1. GEORGE HUDSON³ PAGE (*RILEY PRESTON*², *WILLIAM HENRY*¹) was born 1-30-1864 in Webster, Monroe Co., NY, and died 5-13-1946 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI. He married MARY A. REED 5-1885, daughter of GEORGE REED and MARY NALDRETT. She was born 7-6-1869 in Gratiot Co., MI, and died 5-12-1941 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI.

Notes for GEORGE HUDSON PAGE:

George worked for Eaton County Road Commission with his son-in-law Jesse. George was buried at the Maple Hill Cemetery, area J, on Tullybrown Street, Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI.

Notes for MARY A. REED:

Mary was an invalid for nearly ten years before she died. She was buried at the Maple Hill Cemetery, area J, on Tullybrown Street, Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI.

Marriage Notes for GEORGE PAGE and MARY REED:

George Hudson Page was born at Webster, Monroe Co., NY, on January 30, 1864, and settled in MI with his parents and older sister before his younger sister was born in 1868. His eldest sister had been born in Michigan in 1860, and his parents had been married in MI in 1859, but the Pages had come from Webster originally.

George was in his teens when his father and stepmother Sarah were divorced, and he did not return to Webster with his father. In 1885, George married Mary A. Reed, a daughter of George Reed, born in NY, and Mary (Naldrett), born in England. Mary Reed was born in Gratiot County, MI, on July 6, 1869, though the family was living at Roxand, Eaton Co., MI, in 1870 and 1880.

George and Mary Page had one child, Elsie May, born on August 25, 1886, in Roxand.¹⁰ When the 1900 Federal census was taken, the Pages were living on a farm with, and owned by, Abram and Mallisa Powers at Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI. Abram was born in October of 1844, and was a brother of the James Powers who had married George's stepmother Sarah Page's sister Irena Keyes. Mallisa was born in 1847, and she and Abram had been married thirty-one years, never having had children. Also living in the household was Abram's nephew Berny Mead, born in June of 1877. According to the census, George was working in a "billiard room." They were neighbors to the family of Wilbur and Sayda Keyes.

George and Mary were living in the 4th Ward of Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: George H. Page, 46 years old, a farmer; wife Mary A., 40 years old; daughter Elsie M. Harrison, 23 years old; and son-in-law Jesse S., 25 years old, also farming, born in MI.

¹⁰ Born May Elsie Page, in usage her first and middle names were transposed.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday August 11, 1910 issue of the Climax Cereal, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

George Page of near Battle Creek was the guest of his [niece], Mrs. J. B. Milliman, a couple of days last week.

Eventually, George and Mary bought a house on Harris Avenue in Charlotte, Eaton County, MI, where the family remained for many years.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday June 15, 1911 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Mr. and Mrs. George Page of Charlotte were guests of Mrs. J. B. Milliman Thursday.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday June 22, 1911 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Miss Helen Milliman left Monday to spend a few weeks with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Page of Charlotte.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday October 12, 1911 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Mr. and Mrs. George Page returned to their home in Charlotte, Tuesday, after a week's visit with their niece, Mrs. J. B. Milliman, and other relatives.

George and Mary were living at 320 Harris Avenue in the 1st Ward of Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: George H. Page, 55 years old, a retail merchant in a billiard room selling cigars and other tobacco products; wife Mary A., 50 years old; daughter Elsie M. Harrison, 33 years old; and son-in-law Jesse S., 35 years old, foreman at a steam laundry.

George and Mary were living at 320 East Harris Avenue in the 1st Ward of Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: George Page, 65 years old, farming; wife Mary A., 60 years old; son-in-law Jesse S., 45 years old, mechanic and garage owner; daughter Elsie M. Harrison, 43 years old; lodger Allan H. Reed, 67 years old, no employment listed, born in MI; and lodger Viola Reed, 64 years old, born in MI.

Allan Reed was Mary Page's brother.

"I've been trying to recall memories of Uncle George and Aunt Mary, and daughter Elsie. They were all kindly, loving, considerate people. Uncle George had a big handlebar mustache, and I believe he worked for the Eaton County Road Commission. Their home was on Harris Street in Charlotte, across the street from the hospital. I go past the location often when occasion takes me to Charlotte. The place has not changed--only the environment. We kids were always fascinated by the horse-watering fountain in the middle of the street intersection near their house.

“Our visits there were always in warm weather and on Sunday. Everyone would be working on weekdays. The men would sit around and smoke cigars and visit. Very few people drove cars in the winter in those days.

“Aunt Mary had cancer of the spine, I believe it was. She was in a wheelchair all day, and Uncle George had to lift her any time she left the chair. I heard the affliction lasted nearly ten years, and Uncle George met her needs faithfully.... Aunt Mary was a real saint. I never heard church mentioned among them, but love and commitment were the rule of that household.

“Daughter Elsie married a County Road driver named Jesse Harrison, and they lived at home and helped George and Mary--in perfect harmony near as I could tell. They kept their modest home beautifully loaded with flowers and ferns. I can remember a partial solarium.

“There was not much for a pair of lively boys to do while the old folks visited, so we rolled down the banks and walked around the block, unless it was the 4th of July, when fireworks were in order. That always took precedence, of course. There was no ban on fireworks in those days. You could use dynamite, if you wanted to.

“Unc (H. O. Cline) was most always along when we went to Charlotte, and that made my trip more interesting.” Howard O. Paige’s letter of Aug. 18, 1981

Elsie May Harrison died on January 31, 1938, followed by her mother on Monday, May 12, 1941. George passed away on Monday, May 13, 1946, at age 82 years. Jesse died on October 1, 1966.

The Pages’ nephew Howard O. Paige held their memory with great endearment. Many years later he exclaimed to one of his sons, “Everybody should have an Uncle George and Aunt Mary.”

Child of GEORGE PAGE and MARY REED is:

- i. Elsie May⁴ Page, b. 8-25-1886, Roxand, Eaton Co., MI; d. 1-31-1938, Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI; m. Jessie S. Harrison, 8-1905; b. 1884, MI; d. 10-1-1966, Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI. Her birth registry has the name May Elsie Page.

Notes for Elsie May Page:

Elsie was buried at the Maple Hill Cemetery, area J, on Tullybrown Street, Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI.

Notes for Jessie S. Harrison:

Jesse worked for Eaton County Road Commission with his father-in-law George Page. Jesse was buried at the Maple Hill Cemetery, area J, on Tullybrown Street, Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI.

Families of Riley's Son Charles Orlando Page



Left to right—Front: Marshal H., Howard O., Maud A., Charles O., and Margaret F. Page
Left to right—Back: Franky M. L. and Harry Witherell

(See also **On Being Franc, PART III: Witherell House—Anchor For Pages**, starting Page 415. A list of the P-a-i-g-e descendants is available starting Page 435.)

1. CHARLES ORLANDO³ PAGE (*RILEY PRESTON*², *WILLIAM HENRY*¹) was born 7-31-1878 in Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI, and died 9-18-1941 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. He married (1) MAUDE ANNABELLE CASTNER 5-24-1902 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI, daughter of EDWARD CASTNER and FRANCES GARGETT. She was born 1-1-1883 in St. Johns, Clinton Co., MI, and died 11-30-1972 in Brooklyn, Jackson Co., MI. He married (2) FLORENCE L. PECK 6-90-1931 in Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, daughter of MORTIMER

EDWARD PECK and LUELLE PHELPS. She was born 12-26-1891 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

Notes for CHARLES ORLANDO PAGE:

Charles, at one year old, came down with diphtheria during an 1879 epidemic that took the lives of his siblings Bernice and Juddie, and half-sister Elsie, yet he surmounted.

Charles was the proprietor of his own cigar store in 1910 when the family lived at Mason, Ingham Co., MI.

Charles registered for the draft September 12, 1918, under the name Charles Orlando Page. He added that he was a clerk at Gaylord Alderman Co., 115 South Mechanic Street, Jackson, MI. His home address was shown as 930 South Jackson Street, Jackson, MI.

Charles was working as a salesman at a paint company when the 1920 Federal census was taken of the 4th Ward of Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

Charlie Page never made a lot of money, but neither was he poor. He enjoyed reading, and had a sizable collection of books. One book was given by his mother in 1892, when Charlie was 14 years old. "Perfect Jewels" is dressed in an expensive binding, and is described as containing:

"A collection of the choicest things in the Literature of Life, Love and Religion, to which is added the music of home, country and Heaven. Beautifully illustrated by the best American and European artists."

The book states--

"No home is a real home without the divine influences of poetry and music,--music, and poetry, which carries the mind beyond and above the beaten, dusty, weary walks of ordinary life, to lift it into a pure element and to breathe into it more profound and generous emotion. It reveals to us the loveliness of nature, brings back the freshness of youthful feeling, revives the relish of simple pleasures, keeps unquenched the enthusiasm which warmed the spring-time of our being, strengthens our love of our fellow man, and through the brightness of its prophetic visions helps faith to lay hold of future life."

There was always music in Charlie's married life. The following excerpts are from Howard O. Paige's letter of Sept. 8, 1981:

Your mention of music starts a train of memory, but is quite vague outside of our family. My earliest memory was of hearing Dad sing, and Maudie played piano and sang

Maudie sang alto in the First Methodist choir for years, and worked hard at it. I sat in the front row below the choir and listened to the organ and choir and Dr. Spencer's Scotch brogue. Margaret spent many years and many dollars--Mom's dollars were hard-earned (developing) a beautiful soprano voice, sang in the choir

with Mom, and did some solo work. She learned the piano well, and at home she accompanied her own singing.

Margaret learned to play the ukulele, and we put on a Hawaiian play--mostly music--at a Consumer's carnival party, where each department had to plan a booth and put on some sort of contribution. I played a small accordion in the Hawaiian show.

Marshal studied for a while on the trumpet, then finally let it go and turned to singing. Fred Foster, Margaret's husband, had voice training and led quartet work in Jackson. Marshal sang bass in one of his quartets (could have been all policemen). By following the harmony progressions, Marshal was able to piece together some of his favorite voice songs on the piano, and later bought a small organ for his cottage and worked on that instead of a piano. All our family had the built-in instinct for music as a "special gift." My musical experience was quite unlimited

Excerpts from Howard O. Paige's Auto-Biography of 1993:

Looking back on the early days of my home environs, I see my dad, we called him Papa, as a quiet, friendly, patient and good-natured man, devoted to his home and family. My brother and I sat out on the front lawn watching for him to come walking home from work so we could run and grab his hand and walk the rest of the way home with him. He seemed capable to handle any job that suggested itself whether as a carpenter, a mechanic, a plumber or whatever. He enlarged the Michigan basement [a term commonly used in Michigan to describe an unfinished basement with a dirt floor/ CWP] to accommodate a fruit cellar with shelves for canned food and a large bin to hold a winter supply of potatoes. He built cupboards and tool cabinet in the garage with a lock to give him control of the contents. Later, when he got his first car (a Briscoe Roadster), it was his Sunday delight to tinker with it to assure it would run OK for a whole week. I don't remember hearing him raise his voice in anger at any time, if he did he kept it private.

The "garage" was originally a barn for a horse and buggy. On top of the slanting roof was a wren house up on a stick invariably loaded with wrens. In front of the barn was the largest tree in the area, we called it a poplar but it could have been a cottonwood. Downtown, up in the Reynolds building, you could see the top of it above all others. The avalanche of leaves each fall provided all the delight (and raking) any boy could ask for. In back of the barn between the barn and cemetery fence was a large willow tree, swell for one to perfect his tree climbing ability.

Us kids learned a trick of taking a thread spool, cutting notches around the edge, then winding string around the spool and running a nail through the middle for an axle. We could hold it against a window and pull the string and hear such a noise that would scare the daylight out of the most stalwart person. Dad always sat by

the living room lamp and read his weekly *Colliers* and smoked his pipe after supper, his leg often cocked up over the arm of his favorite rocker. Such it was one summer evening when we were out after dark and saw Dad through the bay window. It became imperative that we try out our new "tic-tac." We gave it the fatal spin and poor Dad landed on both feet running and we took off through the neighbor's yard laughing so hard that we simply could not run and when Dad caught up with us he was won over by the laughter; I can't remember any punishment but I don't remember what became of the tic-tac either!

I remember visiting Dad on the job when he was clerking in a dry-goods store called "Fletcher & Alderman." He was selling yard goods which people bought to make dresses, etc. The next place he worked was at the Acme Paint and Varnish store on Mechanic Street, next to the present Elaine Shop building. Later he worked in for a while at George Nichols Wallpaper and Paint store; later, working out from there, hanging wallpaper and painting interiors and still later contracting on his own, using a small truck he equipped with ladders and other tools permanently mounted inside. I believe his early demise at age 65 was caused by lead poisoning from the then lead-based paint.¹¹ (Geo. Nichol's store was where the "Crouch Center" is now.)¹²

Notes for MAUDE ANNABELLE CASTNER:

Maude stayed in Lansing when her parents moved to Detroit in 1900. There she graduated from high school with honors in June of 1901. Although considered for a scholarship to Olivett College, she went to work for Bell Telephone when the scholarship was conferred on another girl.

Maudie had little money during her first sixty years. She had to work hard to make ends meet. It wasn't until after her second marriage that Maudie could begin living the way she wanted. Then she also began salting money away to safeguard against a penniless old age, destitution being a problem she had seen time and again in her own family. Read section *Maude Annabelle Castner* below for additional information about Maude's life.

Marriage Notes for CHARLES PAGE and MAUDE CASTNER:

Maud A. Castner and Charles O. Page, both of Lansing, were married in Lansing May 24, 1902, by Samuel B. Chase, Minister. Witnesses were Frank Cline and Mrs. E. Castner, both of Lansing. (Maud's mother Franc's maiden name was listed as Gargett.) They stayed for a short while with Charles' mother and stepfather, Sarah and Harvey Cline. The Clines moved to Mason after Harvey's election as Sheriff of Ingham County, MI. The Pages also moved to Mason by the time of the 1910 Federal census of the 2nd Ward of Mason, Ingham Co., MI, where they were

¹¹ Charles Page fell while painting and suffered a grievous injury. While still bedridden with this malady he died of arteriosclerosis September 18, 1941, at age 63. He also may have had lead poisoning, a common ailment of painters those days. Lead poisoning was what took the life of his former brother-in-law Almon Castner. Charles was cremated, and there is no known gravesite for him. His son Howard thought that Marshal and Esther Page may have buried or emptied the urn at the "Old Rugged Cross" that had been erected for religious purposes at the back of Howard's farm on Wooster Road, Jackson Co., MI.

¹² The "Crouch Center" mentioned above is the David C. Crouch Jackson County Senior Center at 134 W. Cortland, established at this location January 2, 1980.

living on Lansing Street. Maude assisted Sheriff Cline when it was necessary to transport female prisoners. After H.O. left office in 1911, the Pages moved to Jackson, MI.

Blurb from Thursday March 28, 1907 issue of the Climax Cereal, a Kalamazoo Co., MI, newspaper:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page and daughter of Lansing visited last week with his sister, Mrs. Carrie Soule, and his aunt, Mrs. James Powers.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday October 20, 1910 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page and children, Margaret and Howard, and Mrs. H. O. Cline of Mason, Mrs. Louisa Powers, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rambow were entertained Tuesday of the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Powers in honor of the eighty-second birthday of Mrs. Lucinda Keyes. Dinner was served at two o'clock. Mrs. Keyes was presented with a large box of bonbons and other gifts in memory of the day.

The following squib is taken from the Thursday June 22, 1911 issue of the Climax Cereal:

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Page and children Margaret and Howard of Battle Creek and H. O. Cline of Lansing were guests over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. James Powers.

The following excerpt is from Howard O. Paige's letter of June 30, 1981:

I don't remember too much about the divorce between Mom and Dad (we called him 'Pop'). Mom seemed never quite satisfied with the money available and did sewing on the side for well-to-do customers.

Because there was talk, and accusations were made at divorce time, some of it hearsay, the whole true picture is not clear. Dad (apparently) wanted to go to CA (with possibly questionable reasons), and Mom (so she says) tied him up in divorce so he couldn't leave. There were three of us kids, my older sister, Margaret, would have been about 18, I was about 14 and Marshal about 12 when the divorce was granted.

Mom went to work in Stillman's shoe department, and I worked there in stock across Christmas holidays.

Dad would come to Grandma's house on Jackson Street next door to our house, and Mom would go there to see him and talk over business.

The family, including Charles, was living at 936 S. Jackson Street when the 1920 Federal census was taken of the 4th Ward of Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan. A few years later Charles and Maud were divorced.

The family, excluding Charles and Howard, was still living at 936 S. Jackson Street when the 1930 Federal census was taken. Charles was missing due to having divorced Maud and was now staying with Howard, who had married and was living elsewhere. At that time, Maud was listed as an employed saleswoman at a shoe store, Margaret was an employed bookkeeper at a light and power company, and Marshal was an unemployed ambulance driver for an undertaker. Also, the household did not yet own a radio set. Next door, at 934 S. Jackson Street, lived Maud's mother and stepfather Frankie and Harry Witherell. Also in 1930, Florence L. (Peck) Squier was living with her mother, 66-year-old widow Luella (Phelps) Peck at 129 Mitchell Street in Jackson's 5th Ward. Luella owned the house and a radio set but had no occupation. Florence was employed as a practical nurse for a private family.

Marriage Notes for CHARLES PAGE and FLORENCE PECK

(See picture of Charles with first family on Page 217 and with Florence on Page 310.)

Charlie met Florence Squier at a meeting of the Sons of the Spanish-American War, where she used to play piano for gatherings. They were married in 1931, after which Betty, the daughter of Florence and Glenn, came to live in the new Page household. Florence was nicknamed "Big Betty," and young Betty became known as "Little Betty." They both could play the piano.

Florence Squier's first husband had been Homer E. Deaver, whom she had married in Jackson in 1908. Her second husband had been Glenn A. Squier, born 2-17-1894 in Moscow, Hillsdale County, Michigan, whom she married before 1918. The Squier family was living at 1123 Francis Street when the 1920 Federal census was taken of Jackson's 5th Ward. Besides Glenn, wife Florence, and their daughter Betty (a.k.a. Little Betty), who was born about 1918 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, the household also included a divorced, 59-year-old lodger, who was employed as a clerk in a pool room. At that time Glenn was employed as a machinist at a fence factory. Glenn and Little Betty went to live with the family of his nephew Robert Sherwood at 162 Clark Street by the time of the 1930 Federal census of Summit Township, Jackson County. The nephew was employed, but his Uncle Glenn was a divorced, unemployed repairman for a furniture factory. Little Betty eventually went to live with her mother and new stepfather.

The following excerpt is from Howard O. Paige's letter of Sept. 8, 1981:

Big Betty had a small combo, and Dad took tickets. Jennie and I would find another couple and go foursome, when we had a Saturday night off. They held dances at Gillitt's lake summers, and though we really never learned to dance, we would get a pint of illegal booze at \$1.25 and dance 50¢ per, and after about one drink it didn't matter if we could dance or not

The following excerpts are from Jennie Paige's letter of July, 1981:

.... we had Dad Page over for dinner. He said if we'd like to rent a house, and he could live with us, he'd pay the rent and telephone (up until then we didn't have one- he'd put it in his name)....

With an offer like that, who could say no? . . .

We rented a house at 710 Lincoln Street, bought secondhand furniture (there was a depression, you know), and moved in. It was a nice, big house with three bedrooms and bath on the second floor....

Dad Page lived with us until he married 'Betty' Squier. When he left he gave me an ironing board and table cloth. He said his own daughter couldn't have treated him nicer. He and Betty rented a house next door to where R. D. and Neva Crippen lived, on Norwood Road.

This was during the Depression, and Howdy was the only one in our family with a steady job. Dad Page lost his job, and he asked if he and Betty could come and live with us. We cleared out the front bedroom, and they moved in.

We had lots of fun while they were there, and we all got along really well. Betty would do the ironing on Tuesday morning (in those days we always washed on Monday) except Howdy's shirts. When she'd come to Charlene's little dresses, sprinkled and rolled-up, she'd call them "surprise packages."

Big Betty gradually built a wall separating herself, with Charlie, from the rest of the world. Even her daughter was left on the outside. The unkind feelings she harbored for Little Betty were neither merited nor explained, and found their expression in many ways. Memories of those days still baffle the daughter.

It was after Charlie and the two Bettys moved to 129 Mitchell Street in Jackson that Big Betty seemed to close the door on the world. Even Howard and Jennie, with whom they had been living, found their welcome reduced. Then Charlie suffered an injury while on a painting assignment, which put him in bed. Never having recovered, Charlie died of arteriosclerosis on September 18, 1941, at age 63. He, like his daughter Margaret, was cremated.

After Charlie died, "Big Betty" married a man by the name of Van Zandt and moved to Arizona. "Little Betty" never heard from her mother again. Little Betty, at age 20, married 21-year-old Harry Canning on November 26, 1938, in Jackson. They were later divorced, after which she married Dr. Dean Samuel, a veterinarian. The Samuels and their three sons lived at Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

Children of CHARLES PAGE and MAUDE CASTNER are:

- i. Margaret Frances⁴ Page, b. 8-1-1905, Lansing, Ingham Co., MI; d. 9-22-1937, Jackson Co., MI; m. Fred Elden Foster, May 1933; b. 5-26-1904, NY; d. Jun 1963, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

Notes for Margaret Frances Page:

"Margaret was a very talented person in the direction of music and was meticulous in everything she did. Mom taught her to sew, and as she wore a dress to work at her Consumers Power Co. bookkeeping job, she would come home and alter the same dress so that the next day it would appear as a new dress. She and Mom spent

considerable money training her beautiful soprano voice. She sang lead soprano in the choir of the First Methodist Church in Jackson, and Mom sang lead in the alto section. Margaret played the piano well and while practicing voice she played her own accompaniment. Many of the melodies she played so often still surface in my memory when I am in the musical mood.

“Her natural beauty brought her a supply of suitors. It was in the development and rendition of the theater play “The Student Prince” that she met and worked with the leading man, Fred Foster, whom she later married. Fred was working on the police force as a detective. Their first born, named “Bonniebelle,” was stillborn and the doctor warned her not to have any more, but they went ahead anyway, wanting children at any cost. Sure enough, both she and the baby died in Sept. 1937. I believe she requested her ashes be scattered on the lawn of their home on Morrice St., Vandercook Lake. The blending of Margaret’s and Fred’s voices as they sang together is well recorded among my richest musical memories. Fred was one of the founders of the Quartet Organization with a catchy name like “Society for the Preservation of Quartet Singers in America” (or something similar).” From Howard O. Paige’s 1993 memoirs.

More About Margaret Frances Page:
Cremated after death

For additional information about the lives of Margaret and Fred, see feature article “Margaret Frances “Peggy” Page and Fred Elden Foster,” starting page 233.

- ii. Howard Oswald Paige, b. 12-3-1909, Mason, Ingham Co., MI; d. 5-1-1994, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI; m. (1) Jennie Louise Barnes, 9-27-1927, Toledo, Lucas Co., OH; b. 5-27-1908, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. 8-19-2003, Spring Arbor, Jackson Co., MI; m. (2) Marilee Lawrence, 4-2-1965; b. 6-11-1919, MI; d. 2-18-1991, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI; m. (3) Rosalie Virginia Baker, 4-14-1991, Leoni, Jackson Co., MI; b. 3-29-1921; d. 2-5-1994, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

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.

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 Will and Nellie. Her actual remains were laid to rest at the Washtenong Memorial Park,

Ann Arbor, where the University of Michigan Medical School typically inters donated bodies after they are no longer needed by the school.

Marriage Notes for Howard Paige and Jennie Barnes:

(See picture of Howard and Jennie's family in 1980 on Page 426. A list of the P-a-i-g-e descendants is available starting Page 435.)

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., Jackson, MI (next door to Howard's mother and grandmother; see feature segment titled: The Paige Neighbors 1934-37, starting Page 418).
- 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 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.

More About Howard Paige and Jennie Barnes:
Divorce: 3-17-1965, Jackson, MI

Notes for Marilee Lawrence:
PAIGE, MARILEE L.-

Went to be with her Lord Monday, Feb. 18, 1991, age 71 years. Surviving are her husband, Reverend Howard O. Paige; son and daughter-in-law, James and Donna Janes of Grass Lake; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Phillip Weck of Munith; daughter, Linda Janes of Jackson; stepson, R. D. (Elaine) Paige of Saginaw; stepdaughters, Charlene (Reverend Robert) Garrett of Blissfield, Mary (Robert) West of Minnesota; stepson, Charlie Paige of California; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, Charlie Lawrence of Jackson; two sisters, Shirley (Jack) Taylor of Jackson, Elaine (Bob) Schuengrab of Florida; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Rolland Lawrence. Due to cremation, memorial services will be held at the Munith United Methodist Church, Thursday, Feb. 21, 1991 at 1:00 PM. The Reverend Laurie McKinven-Copus officiating. Those who wish may make contributions to the Munith United Methodist Church or charity of choice.

More About Rosalie Virginia Baker:
Ethnicity/Relig.: Mormon and/or undecided
Event 1: 4-13-1993, She and Howard Paige divorced

More About Howard Paige and Rosalie Baker:
Divorce: 4-13-1993, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI

- iii. Marshal Harvey Page, b. 10-26-1911, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI; d. 12-26-1978, Chelsea, Jackson Co., MI; m. Esther Louise Rubert, 5-11-1933, Bowling Green, OH; b. 12-16-1909, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI; d. 9-25-1995, Jackson Co., MI.

Notes for Marshal Harvey Page:

“Through our earlier years we played together constantly, making up games if necessary as we went along. He spent several summers at Boy Scout Camp and played the bugle. He later played the trumpet and to some extent the piano. He had a good singing voice and with Margaret’s husband Fred sang with the police quartet in Jackson. His first jobs were as salesman for the G.E. Store and then Consumers Power Appliance Store. Later he worked on the police force as a patrolman and still later went to work for the railroad as a diesel motor mechanic. He and I both seem to have a flair for making repairs to equipment and are most contented when doing either that or building of some sort with wood or masonry.

“Marshal (mostly called Mutt) had a very warm personality and made deep and lasting friendships. In 1932 he married Esther Rubert, a neighbor and school friend. They had one adopted daughter, Gayle Marie, who married and moved into the Cleveland area. Marshal bought a lot on Sweezy lake before many cottages were there, and later built a 24 foot square home adding on kitchen and basement in later years. He later acquired a trailer type house and after Ira Moore died, Mom went to live in the trailer for a while but later preferred her own house.

[Marshal and Esther took almost exclusive care of Maudie during her declining years, so they received the bulk of her estate per Dad’s consent at the time. After her death, Marshal took early retirement from the railroad so that he and Esther could more fully enjoy their home on Sweezy Lake, their secluded place near Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula, and their trailer in Nokomis, Florida.]

“Marshal liked to travel to his job on the railroad in Jackson by motorcycle and one time he bought a new Harley-Davidson bike and was proud as a turkey of his new beauty. I had ridden bikes on many occasions and asked to ride his new one. My oldest son, Bud was along and we rode around Sweezy Lake to the other side where it was necessary to pull off the road to let a car go by. The front wheel with the brake on skidded sideways on loose gravel and Bud and I hit the dirt unhurt but it scratched the side of his new bike and broke a rear-vision mirror. My heart ached as I had to report to him what had happened and I’m sure his heart ached even more looking at his new bike.

[The son at the time of this accident was Charlie, unless Dad dumped Marshal’s bike two different times.]

“Marshal wanted a basement where he could do woodworking in the winter time. Most of the year the basement floor would be below water level, being so near the lake, but we managed to keep it pumped out enough to get a wall laid and waterproofed during the least wet part of the year, ending up with a nice place for him

to work. He later made me a nice drop-leaf stand for my parlor; it is still here as a memorial of his craftsmanship. In later years when I moved to the farm he assembled an air-compressor for me and it has been almost indispensable, even now being used every few days to pump up tires and to blow out dirty equipment.

“Marshal introduced ice fishing into my sports and gave me some special insulated clothes and a gasoline lantern all to be used in low temperature fishing. We enjoyed many hours fishing together on his lake and lakes in his area around Brooklyn, Mich. In later years he frequented the farm I had bought and enjoyed working around the farm equipment and riding my motorcycle all around the farm. I can still see him coming out to where I was running the crane digging a lake, coming on the motorcycle with two bottles of beer sticking out his back pockets, he was getting ready for a rest break.

“He accepted Christ as his Savior several years before his demise. He lost the battle with cancer, first in the lungs and later in the lymph system. The burial took place at Norvell Cemetery near Sweezy lake where their cottage is located on Carpenter Road.” From Howard O. Paige’s memoirs of 1993.

Marshal was interred at the Norvell Township Cemetery.

Though Marshal and Esther’s daughter Gayle Page was adopted, she was still interested in the family’s history, soliciting genealogical information from her adoptive grandmother, Maude (Castner) Page Moore, during the days before anyone else was interested in the topic. The information Gayle gleaned has been very useful to the current effort.

The following obituary was provided for Marshal:

“PAGE, MARSHAL H. (MUTT)--

“Of 810 Carpenter Rd., Sweezy Lake, Brooklyn, passed away at the Chelsea Medical Center, Dec. 26, 1978, age 67 years. Surviving are his wife, Esther; one daughter, Mrs. John (Gayle) Miller of Huron, Ohio; three grandchildren; one brother Howard of Jackson; several nieces and nephews. He attended Napoleon Baptist Church. Mr. Page is at Patience-Montgomery, Worthington Chapel, 121 W. Brooklyn Rd., Napoleon, where funeral services will be conducted Friday 1:00 p.m. Interment Norvell Cemetery. The Reverend Earl R. Seger officiating.

“The family will received friends at Patience Montgomery, Worthington chapel, Napoleon, Thursday 7 to 9 p.m.

“Contributions may be made to the Napoleon Baptist Church. Envelopes available at the funeral home.”

More About Marshal Harvey Page:
Cause of Death: Lung Cancer; Interred at Norvell Cemetery

Notes for Esther Louise Rubert:
Esther was active, with her sister Margaret, at the Crouch Senior Center in Jackson, and also at the Norvell Community Church.

Esther fell and broke her hip, then had a heart attack and stroke, all in early September, 1995. Memorial services were conducted at the Norvell Community Church on Friday, September 29, by Reverend William Nelson. Esther is interred at the Norvell Township Cemetery next to Marshal.

Pictures of Margaret, Howard and Marshal Page



Margaret Frances "Peggy," Howard Oswald "Howdy" and Marshal Harvey "Mutt"

Margaret Frances "Peggy" Page and Fred Elden Foster

Maude Annabelle (Castner) Page found a compatible wavelength in her daughter. Early she taught Margaret her many sewing skills, and kept the little girl dressed like a doll. Several pictures were taken of Margaret as she grew up. Her brother Howard explains the secret of how she always looked as if she were wearing new clothes:

It seemed like Aunt Margaret was always thinking about clothes and dresses—Grandma Maude's influence—and both Maudie and Margaret were top-grade

seamstresses. Margaret would wear a dress to work, then come home and alter it, and wear it again in a day or so as a new dress—very cleverly done. (letter of April 1981)



In school, Margaret was always popular with the boys and had many friends. She was beautiful, witty and talented—her skills including sewing and playing the ukulele. Maude related easily to, and found an avenue of expression through, her daughter, and the two got along like sisters.



Margaret Frances Page married Fred Elden Foster either in 1928 or May 1933—both dates provided by Maude (Castner) Page Moore in her notebooks. However, both Margaret and Fred were listed as single and living with their respective parents at the time of the 1930 Federal census. Fred worked for the police department in Jackson. The Fosters lived at 316 Maurice at Vandercook Lake, where Margaret kept a large vegetable and fruit garden, and where Fred eventually built a swimming pool. The Fosters were active in the city's social life, often attending dances, and seemed destined for success.

Margaret and Fred attempted to have their first child in 1935. Bonniebelle was stillborn. Mrs. Foster, the toast-of-the-town, who enlivened parties, was growing old in her thirties. Her hair had turned white, and her bones were racked by arthritis. The doctor warned them of the danger should they attempt to have another child. But in 1937 Margaret was again pregnant. She had a

rough time of it, finding some solace in writing letters to her sister-in-law Jennie Paige, who kept some of them for many years.



Three letters:

1937

Tuesday

Dear Jennie and all-

At long last I have finished your dress—just five minutes ago. I think it's cute—considering everything. Hope you don't mind the buttons they're off my smock. Save you a dime anyhow. I had trouble matching-up some tape. The shades aren't what I was after, but not bad anyhow, uh?

Sorry I wasn't able to come last Sunday. I'd surely have liked to. I imagine you had enough crowd anyway. I'm canning the tomatoes out of my garden—at least trying to. I can a few cans a day. I can't do much in the morning—can't even spread the toast for breakfast, but I can do quite a few things later in the day—anything except something that requires a stiff clench, and I can't do that.

Suppose Esther told you all the news—C P picnic etc. Did she tell you Fred and I went to Detroit last Tuesday A.M. in the Police Dept. Auburn to see the ball game? Did I think that was something! First ball game I ever saw in the League. I can see why all the fuss about them now.

Fred also had the Auburn for the Police ball too—which was a howling success. Saw people there I hadn't seen since I was a kid. Everybody and their brother was there. Aught to be, they sold over \$8,000 worth of tickets \$2 a throw; not bad uh? Fred and I are going down to the theatre tonight to see the moving pictures they took of it. We were in the grand march (which they took) also danced before the camera—so they said.

If I can get in touch with Grandma I want her to come out for the day tomorrow; altho I don't feel much like entertaining I must have her; I've been promising for three weeks. I'm not going to do up the dress today; I'll let her see it first.

Don't know whether I told you or not—I was downtown twice last week and so far haven't found anything appropriate for the dressing table. I saw a lot of organdie at McLellans which could be used. I suppose by the time I find some print the organdie will be put away for the winter. However I haven't made the rounds completely yet. So may find something yet this week. I haven't any idea how much to get for a stool we haven't got, so will have to make a long guess.

Fred finished my pool—yes, he said he made it for me—last night he filled it with water. It took almost three hours to fill it! It's pretty darn swell for not having had anything to do with. He still has a little work to do on the top edge yet—then I can start gardening around it.

By the way you never said whether your petunias lived or not. If they did I am surprised. You never said whether your pajamas fit or not either. Could it possibly be they did? Not too long or anything?

It'll be a miracle if this dress fits. Let me know if yes or no; please. Will send a couple pieces along (about all there was left—did I have to scrimp!) would advise you put one in the washer as a test, and compare it with the other. If it fades or runs try the other in Lux. It's not very expensive cloth so I wouldn't depend on it much. Hope you like it.

Love to all—Marg

September 1937

Saturday eve

Dear Jennie and all

Scuse the pencil—I am flat in bed—and ink would run back down the pen. Guess I overdid or something, canning, etc., and Dr. said to stay in bed for a few days. I am sorry to hear about

Charlene. I hope she isn't going to have it bad. Do take good care of her Jennie; you have a Dr. of course? Let us know as soon as it's possible how she is.

We have a phone now. Fred had it put in yesterday on account of me. Didn't know but what I might need to make a hurried call. The number is 9547.

My writing is awful. I can hardly make my fingers go. Looks as tho I were going to have this blame trouble till the blessed event. It certainly is too bad too—having so much to do. I bought some black crepe for a maternity dress but I haven't even been able to cut it out yet.

Mama came out last night and canned seven quarts of tomatoes for me out of the garden. Thelma (Foster) came out yesterday afternoon and peeled them for me. I canned a bushel of peaches into pickles this week—they always make me think of Buddy, he likes them so. I hope to be able next week to can a bushel of peaches and some pears—with some help. You know, I'm sure glad I went after those cans of McNally's. I have them all filled already.

We ate our first watermelon out of the garden last night and I never tasted anything so sweet. Our muskmelons were the best I ever tasted. They are almost gone now. We are also eating strawberries out of the garden. It certainly makes a difference in things too—getting them right out of the garden. The strawberries taste like they were perfumed.

I'd like to have seen Charlene's dress, I'll bet it was cute. I saw the materials; they were such beautiful colors.

My girl friend Lois Munser is supposed to get married today. Guess I'm not a very good friend—I don't even know anything about it. But of course I don't get to see her. And it was supposed to be a secret up until the last few days. I wanted to call up today but I figured they would be too busy to bother with me. I'll call Monday I guess.

Mama says they have some percale at Glasgows with little rosebuds on it. I'll have to go down and look at it soon as I can. That was the first place I looked and they didn't have anything then. I was in to McLellans again the other day and of course they have put away their organdies. But maybe they still have them. But I didn't dare get any till I got the foundation. That's always the way but of course I'll find something someplace. I guess you must be tired of waiting by now. By the way, what do you suggest for something Charlene could use for her room for X-mas? I did so want to come up so I could get an idea. She is so proud of her room I thought I'd like to help her along with it. Does she have a Loudon lamp for her dressing table?

I suppose School has started up there. It is too bad the kiddies have to be detained. I hope it won't be for long. I read in the paper there are a lot of children kept out of school on account of infantile paralysis, and that the teachers and parents are busy phoning home instructions for study. Something to think about, isn't it!

The family all said they had the grandest time up to your house, that's all I hear. Makes me jealous cause I couldn't come. We all went to the fair. It wasn't as big as last year. Paper said the receipts weren't nearly as large. We had a good time tho, but it was awfully hot, even at night.

Well I'm not very full of news today. One doesn't learn very much lying in bed. I wish I could do something to help you in your difficulty. I wish you the best of luck and hope Charlene proves to be not as sick as was supposed. Take good care of her Jennie, and tell Howdy to keep us in the news.

Love to all

Margaret

September 1937

Monday

Dear Jennie and Kiddies,

Sorry to hear of your extra plight, but am certainly glad it isn't any worse than it is. Good thing to have it all at once and get it over with.

Well I am better—and not better. My arms and hands are greatly improved. I can now crochet or sew. Seems good. But last week Tuesday afternoon I sat up and cut out my black dress. Wednesday I rose about noon and sewed it up on the machine. Well, straining my knee against that pedal must have strained my organs and back to bed I went. Today I have been lying around, but Fred is going to take me to the Doctor tonight. I've just got to can some peaches this week—later—so maybe he can fix me up, I hope, I hope.

Maudie was out last night to show-off her new Chevy Coupe. It's cute and I hope she has some fun now. It's about time. Are you surprised she got it? She's been thinking about it for a couple years. Don't blame her for getting it. Gets sorta tiresome waiting around for Bart all time.

Esther is coming out tomorrow and slick up the house a little—not that it needs it much! Gee I'm dying to get downtown, it's been so long. I just can't feature being laid-up for a couple months more yet. In fact I refuse.

Suppose you know Grandma went to Ovid yesterday for two weeks. How she hated to go.

I asked Maudie to get me some stationery, I ran out (Fred brought this home to me). When I get it I will write you a longer epistle. I wanted to get this out tonight—(we are going in a few minutes} for I imagine you look forward to any letters since you are so shut-up.

Well it will be over soon won't it? It's certainly grand Howdy has the facilities for calling us all up. It's so hard to get any news around—I'm trying to get Mush [an early nickname of Margaret's brother Marshal Harvey Page] to get his phone hooked-up again. Certainly seems good to have mine—except for all the wrong numbers I seem to get. But I suppose that's only because I'm trying to stay in bed. It would be.

I'll write again in a few days.

Best wishes and love

Margaret

The last letter arrived at 1118 Decker Street in Flint, Michigan, to a house quarantined with scarlet fever. Young Charlene and Bud Paige were fighting the disease and being tended by their mother. Howard was allowed to go to work and to enter the house. But his only permissible entrance/exit was through his and Jennie's bedroom window. Once in the bedroom he was not allowed to enter the main house.

The same day the letter came, Howard returned home from a long day at work, tired—with nerves on edge. He no sooner crawled through the window than a fellow employee came to the house. Howard was to call the Consumer's Power branch in Jackson immediately. This meant going all the way back to work to use the station-interconnect phone. He left the house in anger and returned with a heavy heart. At 6 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, September 22nd, Margaret had died at Jackson's Mercy Hospital, while giving birth to a daughter, Frederika, who also perished.

After Margaret's cremation, Maudie moved in with Fred Foster for two years, going back to stay at her mother's in 1939. Fred later remarried and had a family. He died of cancer in 1963.

Descendants of Fred Elden Foster

Generation No. 1

1. Fred Elden³ Foster (Arthur Hewlett², William Henry¹) was born 26 May 1904 in NY, and died Jun 1963 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. He married **(1) Margaret Frances Page** May 1933, daughter of Charles Page and Maude Castner. She was born 01 Aug 1905 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI, and died 22 Sep 1937 in Jackson Co., MI. He married **(2) Rose Marie McCully** Aft. 1939, daughter of William McCully and Gertrude Steimel. She was born 1917 in Suttons Bay, Leelanau Co., MI, and died 16 Nov 1961 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

Notes for Fred Elden Foster:

From "Marshal Harvey Page," part of Howard O. Paige's 1994 auto-biography:

[Marshal]...later played the trumpet and to some extent the piano. He had a good singing voice and with Margaret's husband Fred sang with the police quartet in Jackson."

Fred had a great sense of humor. In Marshal and Esther Page's outhouse was a series of close-up pictures taken of Fred's face making expressions of surprise and shock, staring at the person sitting on the toilet.



Fred is buried at the St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Jackson, Michigan, beside his wife Rose.

Notes for Margaret Frances Page:

Margaret was a.k.a Peg, Peggy, Bonnie and Maggie.

From a 1993 letter by Howard O. Paige:

Margaret was a very talented person in the direction of music and was meticulous in everything she did. Mom taught her to sew, and as she wore a dress to work at her Consumers Power Co. bookkeeping job, she would come home and alter the same dress so that the next day it would appear as a new dress. She and Mom spent considerable money training her beautiful soprano voice. She sang lead soprano in the choir of the First Methodist Church in Jackson, and Mom sang lead in the alto section. Margaret played the piano well and while practicing voice she played her own accompaniment. Many of the melodies she played so often still surface in my memory when I am in the musical mood.

From "936 S.Jackson St.," part of Howard O. Paige's 1994 auto-biography:

Grandma Franc and Uncle Harry were Christmas regulars. My sister, Margaret, took pictures with an exploding powder, usually catching everyone with their eyes staring wide open.

A fun thing got started when one Christmas someone received a fruit-cake about 5 inches cubed. But it quickly disappeared not to be seen again until someone received it the following Christmas and this went on for near 20 years. When last seen it was about 3 inches cubed and hard as a brick. No one knows how come it disappeared. Grandma Franc, Maudie and Margaret were all under suspicion.

From “Marshal Harvey Page,” part of Howard O. Paige’s 1994 auto-biography:
[Marshal]...later played the trumpet and to some extent the piano. He had a good singing voice and with Margaret’s husband Fred sang with the police quartet in Jackson.”

From “The Interim School Years,” part of Howard O. Paige’s 1994 auto-biography:
My sister, Margaret, loved to go out and help with the [paper] route on heavy days and once or twice a week she would go along. We could whistle from one street to the next and know all was well....

[Margaret]...had a job in the bookkeeping department at Consumers and was able to get me a part time job printing electric bills on an Addressograph.

From “Musical Interlude (age 17 to ?),” part of Howard O. Paige’s 1994 auto-biography:
When Consumers had completed their new building in 1927, there were two floors not occupied and they decided to put on a carnival with each department furnishing a booth with a plan of their own and a prize was offered for the best show. We put on a Hawaiian show. My sister, Margaret, along with Margaret Meyers, put on grass skirts and did the dancing while Chuck Reilly from the Credit Dept. played the guitar and Margaret played the ukulele and I played my small accordion. Don’t know who won prizes but our show drew lots of customers.

Margaret died at 6 PM at Mercy Hospital.

More About Margaret Frances Page:
Cremated after death

Marriage Notes for Fred Foster and Margaret Page:
Somewhere I got the date of 5-11-1928 for Fred and Margaret’s date of marriage. However, as of the 1930 Federal census of Jackson, Jackson Co., MI, they were both listed as single and living at home with their respective parents (in Margaret’s case, a single parent—Maudie). In her notes on family history, Maude (Castner) Page Moore claimed Margaret and Fred were married in 1928 in some places and in May 1933 in another. The latter makes the most sense, as everybody in the family knew how badly they wanted children, yet Margaret didn’t have her first baby (though stillborn) until 1935./C.W.Paige

Margaret Frances Page would have been 105 years old August 1st, 2010. This account is in honor of her memory and that of her husband Frederick Elden Foster, son of Arthur Hewlett and Orillia Ann (Hullinger) Foster.

From a 1993 letter by Howard O. Paige:
[Margaret’s]...natural beauty brought her a supply of suitors. It was in the development and rendition of the theater play “The Student Prince” that she met and worked with the leading man, Fred Foster, whom she later married. Fred was

working on the police force as a detective. Their first born, named “Bonniebelle,” was stillborn [1935] and the doctor warned her not to have any more, but they went ahead anyway, wanting children at any cost. Sure enough, both she and the baby [Fredericka] died in Sept. 1937. I believe she requested her ashes be scattered on the lawn of their home on Morrice St., Vandercook Lake. The blending of Margaret’s and Fred’s voices as they sang together is well recorded among my richest musical memories. Fred was one of the founders of the Quartet Organization with a catchy name like “Society for the Preservation of Quartet Singers in America” (or something similar).

Bracketed [] information added by me./C.W.Paige



316 South Maurice Avenue

In the 1950s we used to live across the street from Fred’s sister Marie, who had married Philip Keyes, but I never met Fred./C.W.Paige

Margaret and Fred had a house at 316 South Maurice Avenue in the town of Vandercook Lake (near Jackson) and just a few blocks from the lake.

In 2010 I was in email correspondence with Eric, a grandnephew of the woman who married Uncle Fred Foster after Aunt Margaret died. Rose Marie (McCully) Foster died in 1961 and Fred in 1963. Both are buried at the St. John’s Catholic Cemetery in Jackson. I found it tragic that only one of Rose Marie’s six siblings reached and surpassed the age of 60. All others died in their 40s and 50s. Rose was 44 and Fred was 59 when they died. Their youngest of five children, Jeffery, was raised by aunts and uncles. Their son Fred Elden Foster, Jr., died in 2007 at age 64. Fred, Sr. had worked for the Jackson Police Department and Fred, Jr. was an attorney in Gaylord, Michigan./C.W.Paige

<http://ealli.tripod.com/mccully.html>

The McCully family moved from Suttons Bay [Leelanau Co., MI] to Jackson, Michigan in about 1922. Shortly after, William [Rose's father] died [1923]. The family was very active in Saint Mary's Catholic Church in which they all attended school. Gertrude McCully [Rose's mother] was the Register of Deeds in Jackson County from 1952 until she died of a heart attack on September 18, 1962. She was associated with the Office of the Register of Deeds for over 30 years. Gertrude also once served as head of the Republican Party in Jackson....

Notes for Rose Marie McCully:



<http://ealli.tripod.com/mccully.html>

The McCully family originated from Down, Killinchy which is Northern Ireland.

Rose is buried at the St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Jackson, Michigan, beside her husband Fred.

Marriage Notes for Fred Foster and Rose McCully:

According to notes left by Maude (Castner) Page Moore,

Fred...married again to McCulley. They had several children.

<http://ealli.tripod.com/mccully.html>

Rose was married to Fred Foster and they lived in Jackson, Michigan. Fred Foster was a Police Officer in Jackson.

Children of Fred Foster and Margaret Page are:

- 2 i. Bonniebelle⁴ Foster, born 1935; died 1935.

Notes for Bonniebelle Foster:
Bonniebelle was stillborn.

- 3 ii. Fredericka Foster, born 22 Sep 1937; died 22 Sep 1937.

Notes for Fredericka Foster:
Fredericka was born premature and lived only a few minutes.



Rose's brother Donald McCully's birthday party; Rose and Fred, Sr. are 3rd and 2nd from right.

Children of Fred Foster and Rose McCully are:

- 4 i. Suzan Vera⁴ Foster.
- 5 ii. Fred Elden Foster, born 20 Aug 1943; died 29 Sep 2007.

Notes for Fred Elden Foster:



Fred Jr. 's obit:

Fred Elden Foster, of Gaylord died Saturday, September 29, 2007. Born on August 20, 1943 and raised in Jackson. Attended Western Michigan University (B.S), and University of Detroit Law School (J.D.); Practiced law throughout Michigan for 36 years and successfully argued *Haske v. Transport Leasing* in 1996 before the Michigan Supreme Court. Has resided in Gaylord since 1971. An avid golfer and a member of the Gaylord Country Club for over 30 years. Survived by his wife Nancy, son Jeff Foster, (Betsy); daughter Julie Hedlund (Philip); grandchildren Spencer, Morgan, Griffin, Molly and Jack; brother Jeff Foster, sisters Susan Heitzman and Sally Town and former wife Barbara Foster along with 9 nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by brother Jim Foster and parents, Fred and Rose Foster. Visitation will be from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Wednesday, October 3 at Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord, and on Thursday at the church beginning at 1:00 pm. Funeral services to be held at the First United Methodist Church, 215 S. Center, Gaylord at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 4, 2007. Memorial Contributions may be made in the name of Fred Foster to the Otsego County Animal Shelter where Fred and Nancy adopted their yellow lab (and third child), Sam, or the Otsego County Food Pantry in Gaylord, care of Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center St., P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

- 6 iii. Sally Rose Foster.
- 7 iv. James Michael Foster.
- 8 v. Jeffery Quinten Foster

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Family of Riley's Brother William H. Page, Jr.

Riley's brother William (b. 1833 d. 1906) remained in Branch County for many years. He and English-born wife Mariah Patch (b. 1837 d. 1912) would have nine children: six girls and three boys. The only of their sons to have children, Jay D. Page (b. 1855 d. 1912), removed his young family from Michigan to a farm at Three Rivers in Clay Township, Onondaga County, New York, shortly after the turn of the 20th century. He soon opened the Jay D. Page & Co. feed and liquor store in a street shop of the Mowry Hotel in nearby Syracuse. His widow, Virginia-born Susie Virginia Chappell (b. 1870 d. 1943), later moved to Washington, D.C., and then Arlington, Virginia, with their two daughters Eleanor E. (b. 1888 d. 1951), who never married, and Genevieve (b. 1895 d. 1961), who married botanist Russell Byron Clapper, a plant pathologist for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Jay and Susie's only son Robert Emerson Page (b. 1889 d. 1964) became a wealthy building contractor at Syracuse. He and wife Ruth Steinwald Kuntzsch (b. 1892 d. 1982) had one daughter Doris Ruth (b. 1918 d. 2009).

Generation No. 1

1. William Henry² Page (William Henry¹) was born 23 Oct 1833 in Macedon, Wayne Co., NY, and died 21 Nov 1906 in Sturgis, St. Joseph Co., MI. He married **Mariah Patch** Abt. 1854 in NY. She was born 19 Mar 1837 in England, and died 13 Feb 1912 in Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., NY.

Notes for William Henry Page:

William was born 10-30-1833 per his death certificate and 10-23-1833 per other records..

William H. Page frequently went by the name of "Henry," including at the time of the 1870 Federal census of Bronson, Branch Co., MI. At the time of the 1880 Federal census, he went by the name of "Wm. H. Page."

According to Crisfield Johnson's "History of Branch county, Michigan, with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of its prominent men and pioneers," Philadelphia: Everts & Abbott, 1879, William H. Page was the Commissioner of Highways for Ovid, Branch Co., MI in 1872.

William was listed as a "Farmer" when his son Thomas was born in 1872, then as "Carpenter" when his son Frank was born in 1873 and "Carpenter Joiner" when daughter Chloe was born in 1875 and Nellie in 1877.

William was listed as a carpenter at time of death.

William H. Page, Jr. was buried in the New Part of Oak Grove Cemetery, on the west side of Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan. In the Oak Grove Cemetery book: Page, William H., b NY, d Sturgis 21 Nov 1906, age 73y 1m 22d, male, married, (Mrs. William {Marie} Page), Lot 108, Section 2, Volume 2-32. (Rootsweb Message Board for Bronson County, per Mary Bickford in Coldwater 19 October 2006.)

More About William Henry Page:
Cause of Death: pneumonia

Notes for Mariah Patch:

Per the 1900 Federal census, Maria(h) had immigrated to the United States in 1854.

Widow Maria was living on a farm at Girard, Branch Co., MI at the time of the 1910 Federal census. She was living with the family of her daughter and son-in-law Chloe and Harry Lee. The household was near that of Maria's daughter and son-in-law Hattie and Perry Harris.

Maria died at Jamestown, NY after a two-month illness. She was staying at the house of her daughter Mrs. W. G. Purdy.

Mariah's obituary in the Courier newspaper, Coldwater, Branch Co., MI, dated February 16, 1912:

MRS. W. H. PAGE DEAD

Word was received here yesterday of the death at Jamestown, N.Y., of Mrs. W. H. Page, a former resident of Girard and well known here. Mrs. Page passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Purdy, at 8:10 Tuesday morning, February 13, 1912, after an illness of two months. She was nearly 80 years of age.

Mr. Page died three years ago and at that time they were residents of Sturgis. Afterward she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Lee, then living at Girard, until her removal to Jamestown last September.

Mrs. Page is survived by eight children, J. D. Page of Syracuse, N.Y., Thomas Page of Boyne City, Mich., Mrs. Lillie Gregge of Elmira, Mich., Mrs. Lizzie Haybarger of Alberta, Canada, Mrs. Harry Lee and Mrs. W. G. Purdy of Jamestown, N.Y., Mrs. W. H. Gilson of Chicago and Mrs. Hattie Harris of this city.

The funeral was held at Jamestown at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the remains arrived in Coldwater today. A brief service was held at the chapel at Oak Grove by Rev. Geo. E. Barnes, and the remains placed in the receiving vault to await burial.

Maria/Mariah/Marie was buried in the New Part of Oak Grove Cemetery, on the west side of Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan, on 16 Feb 1912. In the Oak Grove Cemetery book: Page, Marie, b England, d Coldwater [Jamestown, NY] 13 Feb 1912, age 74y 10m 25d, female, widowed, (Thomas Page, informant), Lot 108, Section 2, Volume 2-48. (Rootsweb Message Board for Bronson County, per Mary Bickford in Coldwater 19 October 2006.)

Marriage Notes for William Page and Mariah Patch:

When William and Mariah's son Thomas was married, his mother's maiden name was listed as Mariah Patch.

 William Henry and Maria Page were living at Bronson, Branch Co., MI, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: Henry, 26 years old, a farmer with real estate valued at \$700 and personal estate valued at \$400, born in NY; Maria, 22 years old, born in England; Jay D., 4 years old, born in NY; and Hattie, 6 months old, born in MI.

From the Branch County directory and historical record: containing a complete list of residents ... business directory of Coldwater, Quincy, Union City and Bronson; also a concise history of the county / comp. by Stevens & Conover, 1870-71. 315 p. Ann Arbor : Courier Steam Printing House, 1871.

Page 263: BRONSON VILLAGE. 263 Nichols, R., farmer, east Chi. Nott, N. A., laborer, Lincoln. Nott, Henry, carpenter, Lincoln. O'Donnell, A., merchant, Matteson. I, Pixley, Augustus, clerk dry goods. POWERS, CHARLES, GENERAL MERCHANT, Matteson. POWERS, H., GENERAL MERCHANT, Chicago. Patterson, John, carpenter, east Chicago. Peller, Jacob, milkman, Ft. Wayne. Porter, Charles, farmer, east Chicago. Palmer, Mrs., east Chicago. Pixley, I. F., carpenter, Railroad. Fixley, A., clerk, Chicago. Powers, B. H., insurance agent, Matteson. Page, Henry, carpenter,...

 1870 Federal census of Bronson, Branch Co., MI:

Page,	Name	Age	Sex	Marital	Occupation	Real	Personal	Birthplace
	Henry	34	M	W	Carpenter	2700	500	NY
	Maria	32	F	W				Eng
	J. D.	14	M	W	At home			NY
	Hattie	10	F	W				MI
	Lillie	7	F	W				MI
	Lizzie	5	F	W				MI

 1880 Federal census of Ovid, Branch Co., MI:

Name	Relation	Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Wm. H. Page	Self	M	Male	W	51	NY	Farmer	ENG	MA
Mari Page	Wife	M	Female	W	38	ENG	Keeping House	ENG	ENG
J. D. Page	Son	S	Male	W	23	NY	Farm Laborer	NY	ENG
Hattie Page	Dau	S	Female	W	20	MI	At Home	NY	ENG
Lilly Page	Dau	S	Female	W	18	MI	At Home	NY	ENG
Lizie Page	Dau	S	Female	W	15	MI	At Home	NY	ENG
Maud Page	Dau	S	Female	W	10	MI		NY	ENG
Tom Page	Son	S	Male	W	8	MI		NY	ENG
Frank Page	Son	S	Male	W	6	MI		NY	ENG
Chloe Page	Dau	S	Female	W	4	MI		NY	ENG
Nellie Page	Dau	S	Female	W	2	MI		NY	ENG

 William and Maria(h) Page were renting a house in the city of Coldwater, 1st Ward, Branch Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. William was working as a carpenter but had been unemployed for 6 months. Also in the household were their daughter "Cloie" and son Frank and his wife Frances.

William and Maria(h) moved to Sturgis, St. Joseph Co., MI, where William H. died in 1906. "Mrs. William Page" reported the death. Her address was listed as "Sturgis." Afterward she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Lee, then living at Girard, until her removal to Jamestown in September 1911. In Jamestown she made her home with her daughter Lela Maude and son-in-law William G. Purdy.

Per the 1910 Federal census of Girard, Branch Co., MI, Maria was a widow and 1 of her 9 children had died. (That would have been son Frank.)

Children of William Page and Mariah Patch are:

- + 2 i. Jay D.³ Page, born Jun 1855 in Webster, Monroe Co., NY; died 31 Mar 1912 in Syracuse, Onondaga Co., NY.
- 3 ii. Hattie I. Page, born Dec 1859 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI; died Bet. 1930-1944. She married Perry R. Harris 20 Jan 1883 in Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan; born 02 Feb 1856 in Branch Co., MI; died 31 Aug 1911 in Girard, Branch Co., MI.

Notes for Hattie I. Page:

Hattie was widowed and working as a private family nurse for an 83-year-old English woman named Deborah Greenwood, at the time of the 1920 Federal census of the 3rd Ward, Coldwater, Branch Co., MI. By the 1930 census Hattie had gone to live with her sister Chloe and brother-in-law Harry Lee in Charlotte, Chautauqua Co., NY.

More About Perry R. Harris:

Cause of Death: carcinoma of prostate

Marriage Notes for Hattie Page and Perry Harris:

At the time of the 1910 Federal census of Girard, Branch Co., MI, Perry and Hattie were living on a farm they owned but with a mortgage near Hattie's sister and brother-in-law Chloe and Harry Lee and mother Maria Page. The Harris's had been married 27 years but had never had any children.

In the 1912 obituary for Hattie's brother Jay D. Page, "Mrs Perry Harris" was said to be "of Cold Water, Mich."

- + 4 iii. Lillie M. Page, born 27 Apr 1862 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI; died 14 Feb 1920 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI.
- + 5 iv. Elizabeth Bella "Lizzie" Page, born Jun 1865 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI; died 16 Dec 1948 in Coquitlam, BC, Canada.
- + 6 v. Lena Maude Page, born 13 Sep 1870 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI; died in 1941.
- 7 vi. Thomas J. Page, born 05 Apr 1872 in Bethel, Branch Co., MI; died 14 May 1944 at Kalkaska Twp., Kalkaska Co., MI. He married Blanch(e) Ancara DePuy 22 Oct 1898 in Kalkaska Co., MI; born 20 Jul 1878 in Muskegon, Muskegon Co., MI; died 20 Sep 1944 in Kalkaska.

Notes for Thomas J. Page:

Thomas was an employed trainmaster for the railroad at the time of the 1900 Federal census of Burdell, Osceola Co., MI. He was listed as a station agent for the railroad at the time of the 1910 Federal census of the 3rd Ward of Boyne city, Evangeline Twp., Charlevoix Co., MI, and as a traveling auditor for the railroad at the time of the 1920 Federal census for the 3rd Ward of Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI.

Obituary:

THOMAS J. PAGE, RETIRED RAILROAD MAN DIES SUNDAY. Thomas J. Page, 72, passed away suddenly at his home early Sunday morning. Mr. Page was born April 5, 1872, in Ovid, Branch County, Michigan and departed this life May 14, 1944. He was the son of William H. and Maria Page, was one of a family of ten children, and is survived besides his wife, Blanche A., by one sister, Elizabeth Haybarger, of Vancouver, B.C. Mr. Page's early life was spent on a farm, and after finishing his schooldays began the study of railway station work. His first assignment was at Elmira, Mich., as relief agent. His ability and efficiency were soon recognized and he was station master at many of the important places on this division. His faithful service was rewarded by rapid promotion from station work to traveling auditor, which resulted in his occupying the position of assistant auditor of the Pennsylvania system, in Philadelphia, Pa., which position he occupied until his retirement from service in 1937. Mr. Page was united in marriage to Blanche O. DePuy, Oct. 1898, who survives him. He was a loving husband an honored and upright citizen and greatly respected by all who knew him, and due to his passing will be greatly missed by those who knew him. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Shrine in Grand Rapids. Funeral services were held at the Berg Funeral Home Wednesday at 2:30. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery. Six members of the local F. & A. M. acted as pall bearers. Rev. A. R. Ellis of South Boardman officiated at the service. - The Leader and the Kalkaskian, 1944

Information courtesy Leader and Kalkaskian, www.upnorthpub.com

Thomas was buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska Twp., Kalkaska Co., MI, beside his wife Blanche. He is in Lot 28, Plot 6.

Notes for Blanche Ancara DePuy:

The name "Mary" was used for Blanch's mother's given name at the time of Blanch's marriage to Thomas Page. However, her mother's name was actually Nancy Susan (Letart). Blanche's father Charles Henry DePuy had the distinction of being a recipient of a Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor.

Blanche was listed as a clerk for the railroad at the time of the 1910 Federal census of the 3rd Ward of Boyne city, Evangeline Twp., Charlevoix Co., MI.

Obituary:

Mrs. Page Passes After Long Illness

Mrs. Blanche A. Page, 65, wife of the late Thomas Page, passed away at her home Tuesday night following an illness of several years duration.

Mrs. Page was born in Muskegon, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chas. DePuy. She moved with her parents to Kalkaska, where she spent her girlhood. In Oct. 1898, she was united in marriage to Thomas Page, who passed away May 14, 1944.

She made her home with her husband in Philadelphia, Pa. until his retirement from the railway, when they returned to Kalkaska in 1937.

Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Ruth Freburg, of Carlton, Minn., and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the Berg Funeral Home at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery beside her husband.

The Leader and the Kalkaskian, September 21, 1944

Blanch(e) has also been said to have been born in Manistee, MI, and her middle name has also appeared as "Aurora."

Blanche died of lobar pneumonia and was buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska Twp., Kalkaska Co., MI, near her husband Thomas, parents Charles and Nancy, and brother Will Newell DePuy. She is in Lot 28, Plot 7.

Marriage Notes for Thomas Page and Blanche DePuy:

The family was renting a house at Tustin village, Osceola Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. There were not yet any children as of the 1910 Federal census of the 3rd Ward of Boyne city, Evangeline Twp., Charlevoix Co., MI, where they were renting a house. Both were working for the railroad.

In the 1912 obituary for Tom's mother, and brother Jay D. Page, the Pages were said to be "of Boyne City, Mich."

Thomas and Blanche were renting an apartment at 401 Sheldon Avenue in the 3rd Ward of Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. Thomas was notated as being a traveling auditor for the railroad, and Blanche was no longer working. Blanche hadn't had any children.

Tom and Blanche were living at 314 Third Street in Kalkaska, Kalkaska Co., MI, at the time of the 1940 Federal census. In 1935 they had been living at Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., PA. Neither was employed nor seeking employment, and they were receiving an income.

- 8 vii. Frank Page, born 19 Aug 1873 in Bethel, Branch Co., MI; died 17 Jul 1900 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI. He married Frances Himebaugh 21 May 1898 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI; born 14 Oct 1869 in Orlando, Steuben Co., IN; died 25 Jul 1928 in Branch Co., MI.

Notes for Frank Page:

Frank was listed as a baker at time of death. The certificate claims his birth year was 1874 but the gave as 36 years, 10 mos, and 29 days confirms 1873 as the birth year.

More About Frank Page:

Cause of Death: consumption (tuberculosis), exhaustion, la grippe

Marriage Notes for Frank Page and Frances Himebaugh:

Frank and Frances were living with William and Maria(h) Page in the city of Coldwater, 1st Ward, Branch Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. Frank was a baker but had been unemployed for 8 months. He and Frances had had a baby but it hadn't survived, and there would be no surviving children from this marriage. Soon after the census was taken, Frank died. A couple of years later Frances married Joseph Gunthorpe, a farmer in Bronson Twp., and they had two children by 1910. Joseph died February 12, 1940.

- + 9 viii. Chloe Bertrius Page, born 18 Jul 1875 in Bethel, Branch Co., MI; died 1932.
10 ix. Nellie G. Page, born 19 Jun 1877 in Bethel, Branch Co., MI; died 05 Oct 1939 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI. She married William H. Gilson Abt. 1895; born 06 Aug 1871 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI; died 03 Jan 1952 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH.

Notes for Nellie G. Page:

Nellie was buried in the New Part of Oak Grove Cemetery, on the west side of Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan, in Lot 108, Section 2. (According to Mary Bickford in October 2006 there is no tombstone for Nellie.) "Nellie M. Gilson, b Bethel Twp., d Coldwater 5 Oct 1939, age 62, female, married, (William Gilson, informant), Lot 108, Sec 2, Vol 2-127." (Additional information from Mary Bickford.)

Notes for William H. Gilson:

William was buried in the New Part of Oak Grove Cemetery, on the west side of Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan, in Lot 108, Section 2. "William H. Gilson, b Bronson, d Toledo, OH. 3 Jan 1952, age 80y 4m 27d, male, married, (Ethel May Gilson, informant), Lot 12, Sec 6. Vol. 3-8." (According to Mary Bickford in October 2006)

Marriage Notes for Nellie Page and William Gilson:

Nellie and William were living in the 1st Ward of New Albany, Floyd Co., IN, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: William H. Gilson,

28 years old, a compositor, born in MI; and wife Nellie G., 22 years old, born in MI.

Nellie and William had been married 2 years and had no children.

Nellie and William were renting at 2319 Osgood Street in the 24th Ward of Chicago, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: William H. Gilson, 38 years old, a printer for a newspaper; and wife Nellie G., 32 years old.

In the 1912 obituary for Nellie's mother, and brother Jay D. Page, the Gilsons were said to be "of Chicago, Ill."

Nellie and William were renting at 3222 Sunnyside Avenue in the 27th Ward of Chicago, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: William H. Gilson, 48 years old, a typesetter for a newspaper; and wife Nellie G., 42 years old.

Generation No. 2

2. Jay D.³ Page (William Henry², William Henry¹) was born Jun 1855 in Webster, Monroe Co., NY, and died 31 Mar 1912 in Syracuse, Onondaga Co., NY. He married **Susan "Susie" Virginia Chappell** 07 Mar 1887 in Sturgis, St Joseph Co., MI, daughter of Oliver Chappell and Eleanor Broughton. She was born 07 Mar 1870 in Price, Prince William Co., VA, and died 24 Jun 1943 in Arlington, Arlington Co., VA.

Notes for Jay D. Page:

Jay was employed as an "operator teleg" or telegraph operator at the time of the 1900 Federal census but was farming when the 1910 census was taken. His J. D. Page & Co. business was in operation as early as 1905, when it was included in "Table IV. Analyses of Commercial Feeds—Concluded," part of the 1906 "Connecticut Experimental Station Report," public document #18, published at Hartford by the General Assembly. "J. D. Page & Co. of Syracuse, NY" was listed in the "Brand" column, and in the "Retail Dealer" column for Yantic (New London Co., Connecticut, part of Norwich), was A. R. Manning. A later report, the "Bulletin," published in 1910 by the Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station, listed the company among "Distillers of Dried Grain Sampled" at "Enosburg Falls, Bellows Falls, Randolph."

An earlier J. D. Page & Co. was started around 1860 by John Dennison Page, born at Manchester, Hartford Co., Connecticut Jan. 10, 1816. (Manchester was later renamed East Hartford.) The first company by that name was engaged in the manufacture of paper at Lisbon, CT, but was sold by John in 1863. It is not known at this time whether Jay's company was the result of an evolution of that paper manufacturing company or a completely new entity. Also, no connection has been established between John and Jay. John and both his parents were born in Connecticut according to the 1880 Federal census, whereas Jay's grandfather Page was born in England and hadn't come to America until 1829, at which time he had settled in New York state.

Source for information about John Dennison Page and the first J. D. Page & Co.: "Illustrated Popular Biography of Connecticut - 1891," Compiled and Published by J. A. Spalding, Hartford Conn., Press of the Case, Lockwood and Brainard Company, 1891

Obituary for Jay D. Page from the Syracuse (NY) Post Standard newspaper, Monday Morning, April 1, 1912:

J. D. PAGE SUCCOMBS TO LINGERING ILLNESS

Well-known Feed and Liquor Dealer Obligated to Retire from Business Year Ago

Jay D. Page, 55, who retired from the wholesale feed and liquor business about a year ago because of failing health, died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, No. 621 Park Avenue, of hardening of the arteries. He had been confined to his bed only five days.

Mr. Page was born at Webster, N.Y., and had lived in this city twelve years. Before coming to Syracuse he was passenger agent at Cold Water, Mich., for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. He entered the feed business here, and after four years added a wholesale liquor business under the name of Jay D. Page & Co. Mr. Page lived in Syracuse winters and had a summer home at Three Rivers.

Besides his widow he is survived by three children, Robert, Eleanor and Genevieve. He also leaves one brother, Thomas Page of Boyne City, Mich., and six sisters, Mrs. William __ Gilson of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Harry Lee of Jamestown, N.Y.; Mrs. Frank Gregg of Elmira, Mich.' Mrs. Perry Harris of Cold Water, Mich.; and Mrs. Abraham Haybarger of Fort Saskatchewan, Canada. [Fort Saskatchewan is on the North Saskatchewan River about 25 miles northeast of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. /C.W. Paige]

The funeral will be held privately at 8:00 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Mr. Page's late home in Park Avenue.

Obituary for Jay D. Page from The Syracuse Herald newspaper, Monday Evening, April 1, 1912:

JAY D. PAGE DEAD

Arteriole Sclerosis Fatal to Wholesale Feed Dealer

Jay D. Page, 55 years old, died last evening at his home, No. 521 Park Avenue, after an illness of one year. Death was due to hardening of the arteries. Mr. Page was well known as feed and liquor dealer, having conducted a wholesale feed and liquor store in Syracuse for a number of years, under the name of J. D. Page Company. Besides his widow, he is survived by three children, Robert, Eleanor and Genevieve Page; one brother, Thomas Page of Boyne City, Mich., and six sisters, Mrs. William Gilson of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. William Purdy of Jamestown, N.Y., Mrs. Frank Gregg of Elmira, Mich., Mrs. Perry Harris of Cold Water, Mich., Mrs. Harry Lee of Jamestown, N. Y., and Mrs. Abraham Haybarger of Saskatchewan, Can. The funeral will be private from the family home tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Notes for Susan "Susie" Virginia Chappell:

Susie's parents and family were living at Manassas, Prince William Co., VA at the time of the 1870 Federal census. In the household were: Oliver P., 42 years old and born in NY; Eliza, 36 years old and born in OH; William, 12 years old and born in IN; Addie, 10 years old and born in IL; an infant girl, 2/12 of a year old and born in VA; and boarder Joseph S. Torrey, 48 years old and born in ME. Oliver was a lumber manufacturer and Joseph was a carpenter.

Susie's parents were divorced by 1880. Susie and her mother Eliza were living at Wauseon, Fulton Co., OH when the 1880 Federal census was taken, where Eliza was making a living as a dressmaker.

Name	Marital			Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	
	Relation	Status	Gender						
Eliza Chappell	Self	D	Female	W	46	OH	Dressmaking	PA	VT
Susan V. Chappell	Dau	S	Female	W	10	VA		NY	OH

The Syracuse (NY) Journal Thursday, July 21, 1904

REAL ESTATE

J. Chafee Meldram [or Meldam] to Susie V. Page, lot 12, block 313, city: consideration \$1.

Susie was listed as a patient at the Geneva Sanatorium, 1st Ward of Geneva, Ontario Co., NY, when the census was taken 23 April 1910. On May 12 of the same year, when the census was taken of Clay Twp., Onondaga Co., NY, she was listed as living at home with Jay D. and family, possibly indicating she had been released between the two dates.

The Post-Standard newspaper, Syracuse, N.Y., Friday Morning, December 6, 1912

PAGE COMPANY INCORPORATED

The Robert E. Page Company has been incorporated, the capital size being [\$9,000 (sic)]. The company will deal in grain, seed, [distilled goods, etc. (sic)]. The directors are Robert E., Susie V., and Eleanor Page. Mr. Page is a son of the late Jay D. Page, who was in the same business.

[On the same page as the above article was an advertisement for the Page Family Liquor Store, 476 South Salina Street.]

Syracuse (NY) Journal Tuesday, February 29, 1916

GETS FINE FARM

Negotiations for the purchase of the James L. Decker farm at Clay, a tract consisting of 93 acres, also an adjoining tract of 45 acres, were completed yesterday by Frank N. Decker. The entire tract of 140 acres was the original Decker farm which has been owned by the Decker family since the close of the Civil War. Mr. Decker buys the interest of other heirs and takes back the 45

acres which were sold eight years ago to Susie V. Page. All of the buildings on the place are in the best of condition and the entire tract with the exception of two acres is under cultivation. Mr. Decker will engage in the cattle business. The property is valued at \$10,000.

Susie V. was living at 1213 Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Va, at the time of the 1940 Federal census. Also in the household was her daughter "Elenor E.", who was an accountant at a girls' school. Susie had no occupation but had other income.

Obituary appearing in the Washington Post newspaper, 26 June 1943 edition:

Page, Susie Virginia

On Thursday, June 24, 1943 at her residence 1213 Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Va. Susie Virginia Page, wife of the late J.D. Page and mother of Eleanor E Page, Mrs. Genevieve Clapper and Robert E. Page of Florida. She is also survived by three grandchildren. Remains resting at the Ives Funeral home 2847 Wilson Blvd., Arlington Va., where services will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m. Interment Syracuse, NY. Please omit flowers.

* Misinformation In the Susie obit -- Genevieve Clapper was not living in Florida in 1943. Florida residence just refers to Robert E Page. (Gail Palmer, gpalmer667@gmail.com)

Obituary appearing in the Syracuse (New York) Herald Journal newspaper, 25 June 1943 edition:

Mrs. Susie V. Page, 73, a former Syracusan, died Thursday in Arlington, Va. Widow of John (sic) D. Page. she is survived by a son, Robert E. of Miami, Fla.; Two daughters, Miss Eleanor E. Page and Mrs. Russell Clapper; three grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was a member of the Arlington Chapter O.E.S.** The funeral will be conducted Saturday at Arlington. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse.

** Order of the Eastern Star. (C. W. Paige)

Marriage Notes for Jay Page and Susan Chappell:

Jay and Susie were married by Wallace W. Weatherly, Justice of the Peace. Witnesses were Eliza B. Chappell of Sturgis and Elizabeth Boughton of Quincy, Branch Co., MI. At time of marriage, Jay listed his birth location as Wayne Co., NY, although in later years his obituary listed it as Webster [Monroe Co.,] NY.

The family was renting a house in Nelson Twp., Cedar Springs village, Kent County, MI at the time of the 1900 Federal census. Jay and Susie had been married 13 years and all 3 of their children were still living.

The Mowry Hotel Fire of 1907

The family moved to Syracuse, NY, in 1900 and before 1909 would also purchase a farm in Clay Township, Onondaga Co., NY. Their liquor store in Syracuse, owned by Jay D. Page & Co.

a.k.a. J. D. Page & Co., was destroyed in the spectacular Mowry Hotel fire that started in the hotel's boiler room the night of February 10/11, 1907. An extensive account of the fire was reported in the Syracuse (NY) Herald newspaper, Vol. 79, Monday Morning, February 11, 1907.

“When the fire burst into Henry Hughes cafe and the liquor store of J. D. Page & Co. on the South Salina Street side Mr. Hughes, with his bartender, Thomas Eagan, and his chef, H. D. Le May were inside. Mr. Hughes turned a hand extinguisher on the flames, but in less than five minutes all three were obliged to flee for their lives...

“Chief Engineer Quigley said last night that when he turned into Onondaga Street on his way to the fire the flames were shooting high over the roof of the hotel. Just as he dashed into South Salina Street the fire burst out of Page's liquor store. Shortly afterwards the interior of Andrews, Loomis & Andrews' store on the Onondaga street side of the Mowry Building was all ablaze, and the plate windows crashed out...

“Andrews, Loomis & Andrews have a loss of \$20,000, principally covered by insurance, J. D. Page & Co. had a stock valued at [unreadable] with [unreadable] insurance. Mr. Page said last night that he thought possibly [unreadable] or \$10,000 worth of the stock in the cellar, which was valued at [unreadable] might be saved...”

One of the more illustrious guests, William S. Waudby, special agent of the Bureau of Labor of the Department of Commerce and Labor at Washington, had been asleep on the fifth floor. “One of the most serious losses was that of the manuscript of a book upon which he had been working twenty years, entitled “The Conciliation of Labor and Capital.” This had been passed upon by the editor of The Arena, and was about to be published.”

William recently had been injured during a crazed man's shooting spree at Bowling Green, KY, and had requested “...room No. 33 on the fifth floor of the Mowry, because he thought it would be quiet there.” He barely escaped, carrying only a picture of his wife and, unconscious, had to be carried down a ladder by a fireman. Among important projects Mr. Waudby had worked on were:

- writing an article, “Mutual Relief and Benefit Associations in the Printing Trade,” for Washington's “Bulletin of the Department of Labor,” pp. 829-51, 1898,
- involvement in investigating child labor in Pennsylvania's silk mills, 1900,
- involvement in the Pennsylvania anthracite coal strike of 1902.

The list of reported losses totaling more than \$202,000 included:

Mowry Building and contents, \$80,000
Property of guests staying at Mowry Hotel, \$50,000
Andrews, Loomis & Andrews, \$25,000
J. D. Page & Co., \$16,000
Andrews Building, \$15,000
C.T. Blansett, wholesale liquors, \$4,500
Lessing Lodge I.O.O.F., \$3,000

Smith Premier Company's old building, \$2,000
Imperial Order of Tycoons, \$1,000
Henry J. Hughs café, \$1,000
F. E. Norton, bicycles and phonographs, \$1,000
Franklin Hotel, \$1,000
Armory Lodge I.O.O.F., \$750
Premier Hotel, \$500
Charles H. Miller, jeweler, \$500
Syracuse Ornamental Company, \$500
Smith Premier Typewriter Company, \$800
Goody & Edmund, machine shop, \$200
Pneumelectric Machine Company, \$100
C.N. Cousins Candy store, \$100

There were several injuries of hotel guests, firemen, etc., but none was serious. Miraculously there were no known deaths as of the article's publication. However, the hotel's register was burned, so a complete list of guests would be difficult to establish.

Fire notwithstanding, Jay D. Page & Co. was back in business within three months as attested by the following advertisement in the Post-Standard Syracuse NY newspaper's Wednesday morning edition for May 1, 1907.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, May 4, 1907, Jay D. Page & Co., Inc. will open for inspection the largest and finest furnished family wine and liquor store between Buffalo and New York. Souvenirs to every customer. Formerly the Mowry Liquor Store.

The following squib was taken from the Syracuse Herald newspaper's Saturday evening edition for March 27, 1909.

PERSONAL

Miss Doris G. West is spending the weekend with Miss Eleanor Page on the Page farm at Three River Point.

The family owned a farm, with a mortgage, at the time of the 1910 Federal census of Clay Twp., Onondaga Co., NY, on 12 May 1910. Only 3 of Susie's 4 children had survived. Susie was also listed that year as a patient at the Geneva Sanatorium, 1st Ward of Geneva, Ontario Co., NY, taken 23 April 1910.

The following ad was taken from the Syracuse Herald newspaper's Wednesday evening edition for November 22, 1911.

THE HOUSE OF PURITY

In wines and liquors for the home. Phone for any quantity, delivered to your door free. Jay D. Page & Co., Inc., wholesale and retail dealers in only the best foreign and domestic brands, 476 S. Salina St.--Adv.

In the 1912 obituary for Jay's mother, "J. D. Page" was said to be "of Syracuse, N.Y."

The following ads appeared after Jay's death, showing the business continued.

In the Thursday Evening, May 29, 1913 edition of The Syracuse Herald newspaper there was an ad for "Page's Family Liquor Store," advising to "Prepare For The Holiday Outing," operated by "Jay D. Page Co." at "476 South Salina Street, Tel. Warren 358, No Bar, Free delivery to all parts of the city." In the Wednesday Evening, August 25, 1915 edition of the same newspaper there was an ad at the same telephone number and address for "Saratoga Vichy Water" distributed by "Jay D. Page Co., Agents, Private Auto Delivery."

From The Farm Journal Illustrated Rural Directory of Onondaga County 1917. Philadelphia: Wilmer Atkinson Co., 1917, pp. 301-378.

LIQUORS

SYRACUSE-Altman, A. V., & Son; American Malting Co.; Bartels Brewing Co.; Brown, C. H.; Congress Beer Brewery; Curtis', Geo. H., Son; Cushing Co., The; Diamond, A.; Fayette Supply Co.; Flesher, Harris; Garafalo, Frank; Green, Fred. J.; Greenway Brewery; Haberle Crystal Spring Brewing Co.; Hartnetts Prov. Co.; Higgins, Importer, Inc.; Hoffman Family Liquor Store; Longcoy, H. S.; Loos, Kaufmann, & Co.; Lowery, J. J.; Lukaske, Geo. E.; McCarthy, M.; Moore & Quinn; National Brewing Co.; O. F. C. Importing Co.; PAGE, JAY D., & CO.; Ryan, Thomas, Consumers' Brewing Co.; Salina Supply Co.; Salzman, M., Co.; Schlitz Beer Agency; Schuck, Fred'k A.; Siegelman, M., Co.; Slocum, Adelbert; Smingler, Henry; Strong, Fred W.; Zett, Geo., Brewery, The

The widow "Sussie" V. Page was renting an apartment at 1821 18th Street N. W. at the time of the 1920 Federal census of the 8th Precinct of Washington, District of Columbia. Living with her was daughter Genevieve Clapper. Genevieve was a government stenographer and Sussie was not working. Genevieve's husband Russell B. Clapper was renting a room elsewhere in DC.

Susie V. Page owned a \$10,000 house on Military Road at the time of the 1930 Federal census of Radnor Heights, Arlington, Arlington Co., VA. Living with her was daughter Eleanor E., employed as a hospital bookkeeper. The family owned a radio set.

Children of Jay Page and Susan Chappell are:

- 11 i. Eleanor E.⁴ Page, born Mar 1888 in MI; died 14 Sep 1951 in Arlington, Arlington Co., VA.

Notes for Eleanor E. Page:

The Post-Standard newspaper, Syracuse, N.Y., Friday Morning, December 6, 1912

PAGE COMPANY INCORPORATED

The Robert E. Page Company has been incorporated, the capital size being [\$9,000 (sic)]. The company will deal in grain, seed, [distilled goods, etc. (sic)]. The directors are Robert E., Susie V., and Eleanor Page. Mr. Page is a son of the late Jay D. Page, who was in the same business.

[On the same page as the above article was an advertisement for the Page Family Liquor Store, 476 South Salina Street.]

Syracuse (New York) Journal, Friday May 29, 1914

NO DAMAGES FOR THIS AUTO CRASH

Because Miss Eleanor Page was out on a pleasure trip when the automobile she was driving hit George B. White's car on the Long Branch road, Judge Ryan released the Robert E. Page Company, Inc., from all liability. Mr. White sued the corporation which owned the car.

Miss Page, who is secretary and treasurer of the corporation, was returning from a picnic when she attempted to pass a farmer's wagon. As she turned out to avoid the wagon she collided with Mr. White's car and damaged it slightly. A new coat of paint and minor repairs were valued at \$78 by him.

Judge Ryan held the accident was due to Miss Page's negligence and not that of the corporation, therefore Mr. White will have to sue her to recover his repair bill. The company filed a \$30 counter claim, but the same ruling prevented them from recovering damages. Wright & Scully represented the corporation.

The following article was taken from the Syracuse Herald newspaper's Friday evening edition for August 14, 1914.

SUES MISS PAGE FOR DAMAGE TO AUTOMOBILE

George B. White Asks \$78 as Result of Collision on Country Road.

George B. White to-day described an accident on the road between Baldwinsville and Long Branch in which he said his automobile was struck by one driven by Miss Eleanor E. Page and asks that she pay him \$78 damages for injuries to his car. Judge Ryan and a jury heard the suit in municipal court.

White said he turned out to the road to avoid striking a farmer's wagon when Miss Page came along in her automobile with a party of friends and ran into his

car. The mud-guard and front axle were damaged and the tire and its shoe were torn.

The automobile driven by Miss Page was owned by the Robert E. Page company, of which she is said to be a director. She was represented by William F. Quinn, who tried the suit for Miller & Matterson, her attorneys. H. A. Robinson and Louis J. Bedell appeared for White.

The Post-Standard newspaper, Syracuse, N.Y., Saturday Morning, August 15, 1914

GETS \$15 DAMAGES IN SUIT FOR AUTOMOBILE COLLISION

George B. White Wins Verdict by Municipal Court—Asks \$78 for Injury to Car

George B. White obtained a verdict against Miss Eleanor E. Page for \$15 in Municipal Court yesterday afternoon. The case was brought following an automobile collision on the Syracuse-Baldwinsville state road August 14, 1913. Mr. White asked for \$78 damages to his car. He claimed that he turned out to avoid striking a farmer's wagon and as he did so Miss Page, in a roaring car, crashed into his machine. Miller & Matterson appeared for Miss Page and Ray R. Smith for the plaintiff.

Eleanor E. was employed as a hospital bookkeeper at the time of the 1930 Federal census of Radnor Heights, Arlington, Arlington Co., VA. She was living with her mother Susie V. Page in a house on Military Road.

The hospital where she worked was the Children's Hospital of Washington, D.C., where she was the assistant treasurer. On Thursday July 31, 1930, Eleanor was robbed of her payroll monies.

Friday Aug 1 1930

The "Evening Independent," Massillon, Ohio

Washington D.C., Aug 1 -- As she was about to enter the Children's hospital, Miss Eleanor Page, assistant treasurer, was robbed of a \$7,000 pay roll by an unmasked thief, who jumped in an auto operated by a confederate, and escaped.

Saturday Aug 2, 1930

Frederick "Post"

Washington, Aug 1 -- Forced into an automobile by bandits, Gilbert Hyatt, 24-year-old messenger for the Mount Vernon Savings Bank was kidnapped at Fifteenth and M streets today and driven to Rock Creek Park, where he was robbed of \$4,000 in cash and a number of bonds, and thrown out of the machine.

Hyatt left the bank at 11 o'clock to go to the Union Insurance Company at Fifteenth and M streets with the money. At 12 o'clock the bank received an anonymous telephone call that a messenger of the bank had been thrown out of a machine by bandits. A hurried check showed that Hyatt was the only missing runner.

The hold up took place on a busy corner in the downtown business area and was the second of a similar nature in two days.

Yesterday at almost the same hour two bandits threw MISS ELEANOR PAGE, cashier of the Children's Hospital, to the sidewalk just in front of the hospital and escaped with a \$7,000 pay roll.

After today's robbery the bandits started off in the direction of Silver Spring, Montgomery county. County and local officers were notified at once....

The following article mainly concerns a New York City robbery, where Miss Elsie Ingalls was robbed of the payroll meant for employees of the Orthopaedic Dispensary and Hospital, 420 East Fifty-ninth Street. Buried inside the article was a reference to Eleanor Page's recent incident, which is excerpted below:

Sunday August 3, 1930
The New York "Times"

BANDITS GET \$6,000 IN HOSPITAL HOLD-UP

Posing as Patients, 3 Gunmen Hold Up Girl Cashier and Flee With Orthopaedic Payroll

"A similar hold-up occurred in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, when Miss Eleanor Page, assistant treasurer of the Children's Hospital there, was robbed of a \$7,000 payroll as she entered the hospital. The thief in this case, unmasked and unarmed, jumped into an automobile operated by a confederate and escaped."

From email sent by Gail Clapper Palmer 03-04-08:

"I remember I had an Aunt Eleanor, who would have been Genevieve's sister. I don't believe she married. She had a dusty old house with all the family treasures."

"Elenor E.", who was an accountant at a girls' school, was living at 1213 Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Va, at the time of the 1940 Federal census. Also in the household was her mother Susie V., who had no occupation but had other income.

Obituary appearing in the Washington Post newspaper, 16 Sept 1951 edition:

Eleanor E. Page

On Friday September 14, 1951 at her residence, 1213 Fort Myer Dr., Arlington, Va. Eleanor E Page, beloved sister of Mrs. Genevieve Clapper of Lake City, Fla., and Robert Page of Miami Fla. She is also survived by two nephews, Robert P. Clapper and Russell B. Clapper Jr. and one niece, Mrs. G. Ben Turner. Friends may call at the Ives Funeral Home, 3847 Wilson Blvd., where funeral services will be held on Monday Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. Interment Syracuse, NY.

- + 12 ii. Robert Emerson Page, born 30 Nov 1889 in Athens, Calhoun Co., MI; died Aug 1964 in Dade Co., FL.
- + 13 iii. Genevieve Page, born Dec 1895 in IN; died Mar 1961 in Fort Myers, Lee Co., FL.

4. Lillie M.³ Page (William Henry², William Henry¹) was born 27 Apr 1862 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI, and died 14 Feb 1920 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI. She married **Frank P. Gregg** Abt. 1880, son of Jacob Gregg and Margaret Green. He was born 28 Apr 1852 in MI, and died 23 Apr 1910 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI.

Notes for Lillie M. Page:

Lillie was buried in in the New Part of Oak Grove Cemetery, on the west side of Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan, in Lot 108, Section 2. (From picture taken of Lillie M. Gragg's tombstone by Mary Bickford in October 2006.)

Notes for Frank P. Gregg:

Frank died at the University of Michigan hospital.

Frank was buried at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Elmira Twp., Otsego Co., MI, as was his daughter Hazel.

More About Frank P. Gregg:

Cause of Death: diabetes mellitus

Marriage Notes for Lillie Page and Frank Gregg:

Frank and Lillie were living at Elmira Twp., Otsego Co., MI, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: Frank P., 48 years old, a farmer, born in MI; wife Lillie M., 38 years old, born in MI; daughter Alice, 18 years old, born in MI; son Harsie (sic), 8 years old, born in MI; daughter Hazel, 2 years old, born in MI; and boarder William Walters, 43 years old, a farm laborer, born in MI.

Frank and Lillie had been married 20 years, and all 3 of their children were living.

Lillie was living at Elmira Twp., Otsego Co., MI, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. In the household were: widow Lillie M., 47 years old; son Harsy (sic), 17 years old, a farmer; and daughter Hazel, 12 years old.

 In the 1912 obituary for Lillie's mother, and brother Jay D. Page, the former stated "Mrs. Lillie Gregg" and the latter stated "Mrs. Frank Gregg," was "of Elmira, Mich."

Children of Lillie Page and Frank Gregg are:

- 14 i. Alice⁴ Gregg, born Jun 1882 in MI; died Unknown.
- 15 ii. Hassie Gregg, born May 1892 in MI; died Unknown.
- 16 iii. Hazel G. Gregg, born Jun 1898 in MI; died 1937 in Elmira, Otsego Co., MI.

Notes for Hazel G. Gregg:

Hazel is buried at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Elmira Twp., Otsego Co., MI, as was her father Frank.

5. Elizabeth Bella "Lizzie"³ Page (William Henry², William Henry¹) was born Jun 1865 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI, and died 16 Dec 1948 in Coquitlam, BC, Canada. She married **Albert Monroe Haybarger** 19 Apr 1884 in Fawn River, St. Joseph Co., MI, son of John Haybarger and Susan Haybarger. He was born Oct 1861 in Erie Co., PA, and died 12 Sep 1924 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Notes for Albert Monroe Haybarger:

At the time of the 1880 Federal census of Lima, Lagrange Co., Indiana:

Name	Marital			Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's	Mother's
	Relation	Status	Gender				Birthplace	Birthplace
John J. Haybarger	Self	M	Male	W	52	PA	Farmer	PA
Susan Haybarger	Wife	M	Female	W	49	PA	Keeping House	PA
Sylvester H. Haybarger	Son	S	Male	W	20	PA	Farm Laborer	PA
Albert M. Haybarger	Son	S	Male	W	18	PA	Farm Laborer	PA
Anna Warmbread	Other	S	Female	W	16	PA	Servant	SWI

 Source Information:

Census Place Lima, Lagrange, Indiana
 Family History Library Film 1254290
 NA Film Number T9-0290
 Page Number 312C

 Albert and both his parents were born in Pennsylvania. His father was listed as a son of John and Maria (Long) Haybarger at Fairview Twp., Eric Co., PA when the 1850 Federal census was taken. At the time of the 1900 Federal census of Coldwater, 2nd Ward, Branch Co., MI, Albert had been unemployed for one month.

 In the 1912 obituary for Albert's brother-in-law Jay D. Page, "Mrs. Abraham Haybarger" was said to be "of Saskatchewan, Can." [Albert had an Uncle Abram Haybarger who was about eight years younger than Albert's father.]

From Alberta Homestead Records 1870-1930:
HAYBARGER, Albert M
Section 7 Township 60 Range 19 Meridian 4*
Film # 2129 in Accession # 1970.313 at Provincial Archives of Alberta
File # 1921227

* The fourth meridian (actually the 110th meridian of longitude) is the Alberta-Saskatchewan border.

City of Vancouver, British Columbia, Mountain View Cemetery
Deceased Date of Death Location
HAYBARGER, Albert Sep-12-1924 1919*/C/056/0006 (burial Sep-15-1924)

Marriage Notes for Elizabeth Page and Albert Haybarger:
Lizzie B. Page and Albert M. Haybarger were married by George D. Lee, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses were notated as Albert Haybarger and Lucy Haybarger, both of Fawn River, MI. Albert M. was said to be of Sturgis, MI, and Lizzie of Lima, IN. [Correction: obviously Lizzie was of Sturgis and Albert was of Lima. /C.W.Paige]

The family moved to Lagrange Co., IN, before the children were born. By the time of the 1900 Federal Census the family had moved to a farm they owned but had a mortgage in the 2nd Ward of Coldwater, Branch Co., MI. Lizzie was notated as having had 5 children, 4 of which were still living.

The family was #292 living in District 17, Sub-district 12, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, at the time of the 1906 Canadian census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. They were located in Section 14, Township 53, Range 20, Meridian 4, and had 3 horses and 4 cows. In the household were A. M. Haybarger, 45, Lezie, 41, Chas, 21, Ila, 14, Everette, 12, and Alden, 9. They were all born in the USA and had immigrated to Canada in 1903. [Their postal address appears to be Partridge. C. W. Paige]

In the February 1912 obituary for Lizzie's mother, the Haybargers were said to be "of Alberta, Canada," and in the April 1, 1912, obituaries for Lizzie's brother Jay D. Page, the Haybargers were said to be "of Fort Saskatchewan, Can." and "of Saskatchewan, Can." [Fort Saskatchewan is on the North Saskatchewan River about 25 miles northeast of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. /C.W. Paige]

Albert, Elizabeth, Charles, Ila and Alden were living in District 36, Subdistrict 6, at Township 60, Range 19, Meridian 4, Municipality Sprucefield in Edmonton East, Alberta, at the time of the 1916 Canadian census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Albert was a farmer and claimed to have immigrated to Canada in 1904 and been naturalized in 1913, and was Lutheran. Elizabeth was Presbyterian and claimed to have immigrated in 1911. Charles was Presbyterian and claimed to have immigrated to Canada in 1911 and been naturalized in 1913. Ila and Alden both were Presbyterian and immigrated in 1911. Albert claimed to be Dutch and Elizabeth claimed to be English.

In the same census, Everette was single and living in District 36, Subdistrict 6, at Township 59, Range 19, Meridian 4, Municipality Sprucefield. He was a farmer, Methodist, and claimed to have immigrated to Canada in 1911 and been naturalized in 1914.

In the same census, Ila was also listed as a maid for the family of Charles R. and Clara Mitchell, single, and living in District 34, Subdistrict 2B, at Township 10018, Range 114, Meridian St, Municipality Edmonton city, Edmonton West, Alberta. She claimed to be a Methodist and to have immigrated to Canada in 1910.

Albert and Charles P. entered the USA from Canada in 1919 through the port of Noyes, Kittson Co., MN, on their way to Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA. They were not going to visit friends or relatives according to the form they were required to fill out on the List Or Manifest Of Alien Passengers Applying For Admission To The United States From Forgeign Contiguous Territory, "Required by the regulations of Secretary of Labor of the United States under the Immigration Act." Both men were farmers. Albert was 5' 7" tall and had medium complexion. Charles was 5' 8" and had dark complexion. Both had brown hair and blue eyes and claimed Dutch descent. Date of landing and examination was April 10, 1919. (Lizzie remained in Edmonton.)

Nellie Haybarger and daughter Eileen entered the USA from Canada in 1919 through the port of Winnipeg, Manitoba, on their way to Greensboro, Guilford Co., NC. They were going to meet up with Nellie's husband Charles P. Haybarger. Date of landing and examination was July 28, 1919.

Children of Elizabeth Page and Albert Haybarger are:

- + 17 i. Charles Page⁴ Haybarger, born 31 May 1885 in Lima, Lagrange Co., IN; died 19 Sep 1966 in New Westminster, BC, Canada.
- 18 ii. Ila Gualden Haybarger, born 12 Dec 1891 in Lima, Lagrange Co., IN; died 29 May 1972 in Maple Ridge, BC, Canada. She married George Bruce; born 10 Jan 1884 in PA; died 07 Nov 1955 in New Westminster, BC, Canada.

Notes for Ila Gualden Haybarger:

Ila was single and living in District 34, Subdistrict 2B, at Township 10018, Range 114, Meridian St, Municipality Edmonton city, Edmonton West, Alberta, at the time of the 1916 Canadian census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. She was a maid for the family of Charles R. and Clara Mitchell, Methodist, and claimed to have immigrated to Canada in 1910. She was also classified as a "general servant."

In the same census Ila was also listed with her parents who were living in District 36, Subdistrict 6, at Township 60, Range 19, Meridian 4, Municipality Sprucefield in Edmonton East, Alberta.

Ila was listed as "Mrs. George Bruce" in her brother Everett's 1955 obituary and was said to be living in Vancouver, B.C.

Ila's middle name is sometimes spelled "Gueldon" and has even appeared as "Florence."

- + 19 iii. Everett Munroe Haybarger, born Mar 1893 in IN; died 29 Sep 1955 in Edson, Alberta, Canada.
- 20 iv. Henry Alden Haybarger, born Nov 1897 in IN; died 06 Dec 1948 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

6. Lena Maude³ Page (William Henry², William Henry¹) was born 13 Sep 1870 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI, and died in 1941. She married **William G. Purdy** 26 Jun 1890 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI, son of Edward Purdy and Melissa Mott. He was born Jan 1866 in MI, and died in 1946.

Notes for Lena Maude Page:
Usually just called "Maude."

Marriage Notes for Lena Page and William Purdy:

William and Maude were living in the 1st Ward of Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., NY, at the time of the 1900 Federal census. In the household were: William G. Purdy, 34 years old, a grain broker, born in MI; wife Maude L., 29 years old, born in MI; son Rob R., 8 years old, born in MI; and daughter Lillian M., 6 years old, born in MI.

Maude and William had been married 10 years and both of their children were still living.

In the 1912 obituary for Maude's mother, and brother Jay D. Page, the Purdys were said to be "of Jamestown, NY."

William and Maude were living at 166 Forest Avenue in the 6th Ward of Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., NY, at the time of the 1920 Federal census. In the household were: William G. Purdy, 52 years old, retail and wholesale flour and feed; and wife L. Maude, 49 years old.

Children of Lena Page and William Purdy are:

- 21 i. Robert Ray⁴ Purdy, born Apr 1892 in MI; died Unknown.
- 22 ii. Lillian M. Purdy, born Dec 1893 in MI; died Unknown.

9. Chloe Bertrius³ Page (William Henry², William Henry¹) was born 18 Jul 1875 in Bethel, Branch Co., MI, and died 1932. She married **Harry A. Lee** 28 Oct 1900 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI, son of G. Lee and Martha Meade. He was born 1876 in IN, and died in 1933.

Notes for Chloe Bertrius Page:

Chloe was listed as a "shoe stitcher" in the 1900 Federal census. She was living with her parents and her brother Frank and his wife in the city of Coldwater, 1st Ward, Branch Co., MI. She had been unemployed for 10 months.

Chloe was buried in the New Part of Oak Grove Cemetery, on the west side of Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan, in Lot 108, Section 2. (From picture taken of Chloe B. Lee's tombstone by Mary Bickford in October 2006.)

Notes for Harry A. Lee:

Harry had been married before according to the 1910 Federal census of Girard, Branch Co., MI. He was making his living as a farmer. After the family moved to Charlotte, Chautauqua Co., NY, Harry became a dealer in feed and coal per the 1920 Federal census.

By the 1930 Federal census of Charlotte, Harry was a coal dealer at a coal yard which he owned.

Marriage Notes for Chloe Page and Harry Lee:

The family was living on a farm they owned at Girard, Branch Co., MI at the time of the 1910 Federal census. Also living with the family was Chloe's widowed mother Maria. The household was near that of Chloe's sister and brother-in-law Hattie and Perry Harris.

In the 1912 obituary for Chloe's mother, and brother Jay D. Page, the Lees were said to be "of Jamestown, NY."

By 1913 the family had moved to Charlotte, Chautauqua Co., NY, where they were living at the time of the 1920 and 1930 Federal censuses. By 1930, Wilbur had married and left home. Besides Harry and Chloe, the household included son William and Chloe's widowed sister Hattie Harris. The Lees owned their home and owned a radio set.

Children of Chloe Page and Harry Lee are:

- + 23 i. Wilbur D.⁴ Lee, born Abt. 1906 in MI; died Unknown.
- 24 ii. William A. Lee, born 1913 in NY; died Unknown.

Notes for William A. Lee:

William was driving a truck for wages at a coal yard (most likely his father's yard) at the time of the 1930 Federal census of Charlotte, Chautauqua Co., NY.

Generation No. 3

12. Robert Emerson⁴ Page (Jay D.³, William Henry², William Henry¹) was born 30 Nov 1889 in Athens, Calhoun Co., MI, and died Aug 1964 in Dade Co., FL. He married **Ruth Steinwald Kuntzsch** 28 Jun 1916 in Syracuse, Onondaga Co., NY, daughter of William Kuntzsch and Magdalena Steinwald. She was born 06 Jul 1892 in Syracuse, Onondaga Co., NY, and died 27 Jan 1982 in Miami, Dade Co., FL.

Notes for Robert Emerson Page:

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[On the same page as the above article was an advertisement for the Page Family Liquor Store, 476 South Salina Street.]

Syracuse (New York) Journal, Wednesday September 29, 1915

AUTO SPEEDER IS SCORED IN COURT

Justice Shove in fining Robert E. Page of E. Fayette at \$50 for running 46 miles an hour in S. State St. early Wednesday morning told the offender against the speed laws that he could not see what he was thinking about to run at such a rate of speed at the present time when so many automobile accidents were occurring. Page was arrested by Motorcycle Officer Holden after complaints had been received from his neighbors that he was one of the fastest drivers in his section.

The officer said that his motorcycle was obliged to run 56 miles an hour to catch up with the flying car and that his speedometer showed that Page was going at the rate of 46 miles an hour in S. State St.

From The Farm Journal Illustrated Rural Directory of Onondaga County 1917. Philadelphia: Wilmer Atkinson Co., 1917, pp. 301-378.

FLOUR AND FEED

SYRACUSE-American Milling Co.; Armstrong, E. W.; Barker, H. Allen, Est.; Brown & Co.; Brown, F. E.; Consolidated Flour & Feed Co.; Doctor, Gabriel; Drescher, P., & Sons; Elstein, Hyman; Farrington Bros.; Gray, H. H.; Harvest Milling Co.; Hemmer, Michael; Hoffman & Co.; Kelley, Jno., & Son; Livshin, S.; Meager, John E.; Mich, G. M., Milling Co.; Onondaga Grain Co.; PAGE, ROBT. E., CO.; Parker, Harry W.; Pillsbury Flour Mills Co.; Porter Bros.; Russell-Miller Milling Co.; Smith Bros.; Smith, A. B.; Standard Milling Co.; Syracuse Milling Co.; Van Antwerp, Henry; Ward, J. H.

Robert registered for the draft on June 8, 1917 under name Robert Emerson Page. He specified his birth date as November 30, 1889, and location as Athens, MI. He was then living at 3023 S. Salina Street in Syracuse, NY, and was proprietor of a business as dealer in grain.

Robert was Commodore of the Syracuse Yacht and Country Club in 1931 according to the Sunday morning edition of the Syracuse Herald newspaper, May 3, 1931, in an article titled:

“Yacht and Country Club Will Observe Ladies’ Day on May 6.” A subtitle goes on to say: “300 Attend Formal Opening Dinner Dance With Several Large Parties.”

Notes for Ruth Steinwald Kuntzsch:

Ruth’s father William J. Kuntzsch was a successful real estate agent at the time of his death in 1934.

Marriage Notes for Robert Page and Ruth Kuntzsch:

The following article was taken from the Syracuse Herald newspaper’s Sunday morning edition for October 29, 1911.

FOR MR. AND MRS. WATERS

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kuntzsch entertained Tom Waters, leading comedian of the Pink Lady Company, and Mrs. Waters at dinner last Sunday evening at their home. On Tuesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Kuntzsch, Miss Ruth Kuntzsch, Robert E. Page and Raymond House had a delightful automobile trip around the county, with dinner at Cicero, after which Mr. Waters gave a theater party in the evening at the Empire Theater, at which the above were his guests. Later a supper at The Onondaga was given by Mr. Waters.

The following article was taken from the Syracuse Herald newspaper’s Sunday morning edition for June 11, 1916.

PARTIES FOR JUNE BRIDE

Mrs. William Quinn entertained delightfully at bridge on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Ruth Kuntzsch who will be one of the June brides. The decorations were in blue and white, the favors being blue nut baskets. A basket of spring flowers garnished the attractive table. In addition to the guest of honor were: Miss Eleanor Page, Miss Genevieve Page, Mrs. Arthur Goodfellow, Mrs. Roy Billington, Mrs. Robert Legget, Mrs. Daniel Kuntzsch, Mrs. William Kuntzsch, Mrs. Charles Fox, Mrs. Maurice Murphy, Mrs. J. D. Page, Mrs. Martin Fisher, Mrs. John Hewes, Mrs. Frank Stonewall, Mrs. Otto Johnson and Mrs. Caroline Stonewall.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Raymond F. Kotz was the hostess at a dinner bridge party at Endres, entertaining in honor of Miss Ruth Kuntzsch. Mrs. Kotz extended her hospitality to Mrs. William Kuntzsch, Mrs. J. D. Page, Miss Eleanor Page, Mrs. Alfred Hymas, Miss Florence Worth, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. Robert Vroman, Mrs. Emil Kotz, Miss Genevieve Page, and Miss Florence Waidle.

Syracuse (NY) Daily Journal, Monday June 26, 1916:

On the list of couples receiving marriage licenses today were “Robert E. Page of 134 E. LaFayette and Ruth S. Kuntzsch of 3023 S. Salina.”

Syracuse (NY) Daily Journal, Wednesday June 28, 1916:

To Wed This Evening

Miss Ruth S. Kuntzsch and Robert Emerson Page will be married this evening at 7:00 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kuntzsch at 3023 S. Salina St. The Rev. William F. Bauer will officiate. Miss Eleanor Page will be the maid of honor, and the bride's cousin Carlton F. Stonewall of Cleveland, O., will act as best man. Miss Ruth Fisher and Miss Arlene Van Lengen will be flower girls, and Mrs. Raymond F. Kotz will play the wedding march. A wedding supper will follow the ceremony. Mr. Page and his bride will spend their honeymoon on a two weeks' automobile trip, going to Atlantic City and Washington, and returning through the Berkshires. [The Berkshires are a range of hills near Pittsfield, MA, not far from the MA border with NY. /C.W. Paige]

The family was living in a house they owned with a mortgage at 3023 South Salina Street at the time of the 1920 Federal census of the 19th Ward of Syracuse, Onondaga Co., NY. In the household were: Robert E. "Paige," 30 years old, born in MI; wife Ruth, 27 years old and born in NY; daughter Doris R., 1 year 4 months old and born in NY; and father-in-law William J. Kuntzsch, 50 years old, a widower, and born in NY. Robert was a merchant in the flour & feed business. William was a mail clerk on a railroad train.

The family was living in a \$30,000 house they owned at 209 Sedgewick Dr. at the time of the 1930 Federal census of the 4th Ward of Syracuse, Onondaga Co., NY. In the household were: Robert E., 40 years old, born in MI; wife Ruth S., 36 years old and born in NY; daughter Doris R., 11 years old and born in NY; and servant Irene Williams, 20 years old, single, and born in NY. Robert was a building contractor and was an employer rather than worker. The household owned a radio set.

Robert and Ruth were living at 2814 Grenada in Coral Gables, Dade Co., FL, at the time of the 1940 Federal census. Also living in the household was their maid, Clara Harrison, who was a year younger than Ruth, was born in PA, and had been living in Coral Gables in 1935. In 1935 Robert and Ruth had still been living in Syracuse. Their house was worth \$12,000, and Robert did not have an occupation listed, although he did have an income from one or more sources. The maid's salary was \$300. Both Robert and Ruth completed four years of high school. Clara completed eighth grade.

The following article was taken from the Syracuse Herald newspaper's Tuesday evening edition for September 10, 1933.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Page and daughter, Miss Doris Ruth Page of Sedgwick Drive, have returned home after passing the summer aboard their yacht, Dorubob, at the Syracuse Yacht and Country Club at Oneida Lake. During the summer, they took a cruise on Lake Ontario and Lake Champlain stopping at Thousand Islands, Montreal, Burlington, VT, and Albany.

From email sent by Gail Clapper Palmer 03-04-08:

“I forgot in the first message that Robert E. Page was quite wealthy. We went to visit him and wife Ruth back in the 1950s in Coral Gables. As I remember they had a yacht. Don’t know yet what he did for a living. I would think his obit would have made a splash in the Miami papers, but I haven’t gone there yet. Mom said he may have been a stockbroker.”

Child of Robert Page and Ruth Kuntzsch is:

- 25 i. Doris Ruth⁵ Page, born 24 Jun 1918 in Syracuse, Onondaga Co., NY; died 11 May 2009 in Franklin, Williamson Co., TN. She married Benjamin Worcester Turner 25 Nov 1939 in Coral Gables, Dade Co., FL; born 26 Jun 1912 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., PA; died 06 Apr 1983 in Dade Co., FL.

Notes for Doris Ruth Page:

The following article was taken from the Syracuse Herald newspaper’s Sunday morning edition for June 28, 1925.

PARTY GIVEN FOR DORIS RUTH PAGE

Mrs. Robert Page of 209 Sedgwick Drive entertained a party of the friends of her little daughter, Doris Ruth Page in honor of her seventh birthday anniversary on Wednesday. The children played games and a birthday luncheon was served. The table was centered with a yellow Jack Horner pie which was surrounded by yellow balloons.

The little girls who helped the small hostess to celebrate her anniversary were Mary Kerr, Elizabeth Smith, Katherine Edwards, Betty Marsellus, Eleanor Larned, Helen Barnes, Emilou Johnson, Katherine Louise DeLong, Jean Brown and Sue Brown.

The following was taken from an article in the Syracuse Herald newspaper’s Sunday morning edition for June 11, 1933.

“MRS. ROBERT PAGE GIVES PARTY AT YACHT CLUB AND CRUISE ON LAKE

“Mrs. Robert Page entertained at a dinner dance recently at the Syracuse Yacht and Country Club in honor of her daughter Miss Doris Page. A cruise on Oneida Lake on the Page yacht Dorubob preceded the dinner.

“The guests included Betty June Marsellus, Jean Caldwell, Virginia Santos, Dorothy Kincaid, Jean Schenck, Laura Belle Stacy, Patricia Bell _____, Carol Lewis, Phyllis Cahill, Nancy De Mello...” [The list continued but much of it was unreadable. C.W.P.]

The following excerpt was taken from the Syracuse Herald newspaper’s Monday evening edition for June 25, 1934.

ANNUAL AWARDS ARE PRESENTED AT GRADUATION

At the 48th annual commencement exercise of Goodyear-Burlingame School conducted recently at the ballroom of the Onondaga Hotel, the following scholastic honors were awarded... [Among the awards given out, Miss Doris Page received honors in Latin and geometry. C.W.P.]

According to Becky Parham Shelley in her submission to Doris's obituary guest book dated May 18, 2009, Doris was a founding member of the University of Miami (at Coral Gables, FL) sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Kappa.

[The sorority was founded in 1938 and as of 2009 was still active. /C.W. Paige]

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tennessean/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=127205481>

Doris Ruth Page "Jody" Turner

TURNER, Mrs. Doris Ruth Page "Jody" Age 90 of Coral Gables, FL and Franklin, TN. Passed away peacefully in her sleep of old age, May 11, 2009. Jody's life consisted of three grand phases. Childhood in Syracuse, NY, where she was the consummate tomboy; sailor, ice hockey player, horsewoman and all around competitor. Then her college and married life in Coral Gables, FL, where she was a University of Miami Kappa Kappa Gamma, P.E.O. member, sports mom of three sons, bridge player, party goer and bodacious green thumb with a specialty in orchids. Her lifelong teams in their glory years were the University of Miami Hurricanes and the Miami Dolphins. After the untimely death of her attorney husband, she relocated to Franklin, TN to be close to her children, where she continued to garden and live independently in her own home until two weeks before her passing. Jody was preceded in death by her infant son, Richard Emerson Turner; her parents, Robert Emerson Page & Ruth K. Page; by her loving husband, Benjamin Worcester Turner; and by her wonderful granddaughter, Page Virginia Turner. She is survived by her three sons, Robert Hunter (Sharon) Turner, Benjamin Worcester (Ruth) Turner, Jr. & Douglas Page Turner; also by her four grandchildren, Jonathan Emerson (Elaine) Turner, Daniel McClain (Deana) Turner, Stuart Marshall Turner & Benjamin Fouche Turner; and two great-grandchildren, Sophia Grace Turner & Jackson McEuen Turner. Memorials may be made to Alex's Lemonade Stand, a non-profit organization to research childhood cancer. Memorial services will be conducted 1 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, Dr. Nancy McCurley officiating. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN. WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, (615) 794-2289. Published in The Tennessean on 5/12/2009

<http://www.vanorsdelfuneralchapels.com/visitations/View.php?id=175>

Name: Doris Ruth Page Turner

Date: June 24th, 1918 - May 11th, 2009

Obituary:

TURNER, Doris Ruth Page "Jody" Age 90 of Coral Gables, Florida and Franklin, Tennessee. Passed away peacefully in her sleep of old age May 11, 2009. Jody's life consisted of three grand phases. Childhood in Syracuse, New York, where she was the consummate tomboy; sailor, ice hockey player, horsewoman, and all around competitor. Then her college life in Coral Gables, Florida, where she was a University of Miami Kappa Kappa Gamma back in the day when it was the "Cardboard College" and where she met her husband in the cafeteria. This period includes her married Gables life on Granada Boulevard; CG Garden Club, CG Country Club, Riviera Country Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club and P.E.O. member, sports mom of three sons, bridge player and bodacious green thumb with a specialty in orchids. With Ben, her regular participation in the life of Coral Gables First, Key Biscayne and Granada Presbyterian Churches. Her lifelong teams in their glory years were the University of Miami Hurricanes and the Miami Dolphins. After the untimely death of her attorney husband, she relocated to Franklin, Tennessee, close to her children, where she continued to garden and live independently in her own home until two weeks before her passing. Jody's main churches in her final years were Hillsboro Presbyterian of Nashville and the televised services of Woodmont Baptist. Jody was preceded in death by her infant son, Richard Emerson Turner; by her parents, Robert Emerson Page and Ruth K. Page; by her loving husband Benjamin Worcester Turner; and by her wonderful granddaughter, Page Virginia Turner. She is survived by her three sons, Robert Hunter (Sharon) Turner, Benjamin Worcester (Ruth) Turner, Jr., & Douglas Page Turner. Also by four grandchildren, Jonathan Emerson (Elaine) Turner, Daniel McClain (Deana) Turner, Stuart Marshall Turner & Benjamin Fouche Turner; and two great grandchildren Sophia Grace Turner & Jackson McEuen Turner. Memorials may be sent to Alex's Lemonade Stand, a non-profit organization to research childhood cancer. Memorial Services will be conducted 1:30 pm Wednesday May 20th at Granada Presbyterian Church, Coral Gables, Florida with a private family interment to follow at Woodlawn Park Cemetery. Visiting can take place after the service or whenever possible for friends of Jody. Cemetery: Woodlawn Park North, 3260 S.W. 8 Street, Miami, FL 33135

<http://www.williamsonherald.com/obituaries?id=64512>
Obituaries for May 14
By wherald

Doris “Jody” Turner

Doris Ruth Page “Jody” Turner, age 90 of Coral Gables, Fla. and Franklin died May 11, 2009.

She is survived by her three sons, Robert Hunter (Sharon) Turner, Benjamin Worcester (Ruth) Turner Jr. and Douglas Page Turner; four grandchildren, Jonathan Emerson (Elaine) Turner, Daniel McClain (Deana) Turner, Stuart Marshall Turner and Benjamin Fouche Turner and two great grandchildren, Sophia Grace Turner and Jackson McEuen Turner.

Memorial services will be conducted 1 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, Dr. Nancy McCurley officiating. Arrangements were handled by Williamson Memorial Funeral Home.
5/14/09 Williamson Herald

Notes for Benjamin Worcester Turner:

Benjamin Turner was an attorney by profession, practicing in Dade Co., FL.

Marriage Notes for Doris Page and Benjamin Turner:

The following article was taken from the Syracuse Herald-American newspaper’s Sunday edition for November 26, 1939.

DORIS RUTH PAGE IS BRIDE IN CORAL GABLES

Syracuse Girl Has Wedding in Florida Church

In the Congregational Church in Coral Gables, Fla., yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o’clock Miss Doris Ruth Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emerson Page, of Coral Gables, Fla., and Syracuse, became the bride of Benjamin Worcester Turner, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hunter Heiner Turner, of Pittsburgh, PA. The Rev. Leslie Barnette officiated. The church was decorated with palms and the altar was set with white chrysanthemums. Large white urns of white gladioli and fern formed the background behind the altar. The kneeling bench was white and there were white wrought iron candelabra on either side holding tall tapers. On each pew was a white gladioli tied with satin ribbon. Joseph Tarpley gave a program of organ music during the seating of the guests and played traditional wedding music at the entrance of the bridal party. Mrs. Evan R. Roser sang “Liebestraum” and “O Promise Me.”

The bride was attended by Miss Bab Feltyberger of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Coral Gables, Fla., as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy Ashe, Miss Mary Kimball, Miss Peggy Price and Miss Mary Elizabeth Moore of Philadelphia, Pa., and Miami Beach, Fla. Dr. Oliver E. Turner was his brother’s best man. Ushers

included James E. Hunt, John Hanley Yates, Randolph E. Bell and Dr. John M. Larimer of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of heavy white duchess satin. There were insets of old Chantilly lace set in the shoulders and in the waist. The bodice was caught in tiny pleats with a V neckline. The short puffed sleeves had long, detachable mitts which were held in place by a row of tiny buttons. Tiny buttons extended down the back of the dress to below the hips, the skirt and in the four-yard train. The bridal veil was of tulle with three tiers of Chantilly lace bordering it. It was fastened to an imported tiara of hand-set seed pearls and rhinestones which tied in a little bow in the back. The bride wore white satin slippers and carried large white California calla lilies.

The bride's attendants were gowned alike in taffeta, the maid of honor being in gold and the bridesmaids in various colors with gold accessories. Miss Moore was in Louisiana red, Miss Kimball in aqua, Miss Ashe in soiree rose and Miss Price in periwinkle blue. The gowns were made with slender waistlines, the pointed bodices having tiny, short-sleeved boleros. The skirts were bouffant with a tiny back fullness. The boleros of the bridesmaids were trimmed with gold kid. Their headdresses were small, heart-shaped tiaras of matching taffeta, caught in back with three small flowers in contrasting colors, and long streamers to the waist. The bouquets of the bridesmaids were gold chrysanthemums and the maid of honor carried bronze chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Page, mother of the bride, wore a formal gown of white crepe entirely covered with tiny rows of white fringe. The fitted fringed jacket had a high neckline and short sleeves and the skirt extended into a slight train. Her bouquet was of fuchsia orchids. Mrs. Turner, the bridegroom's mother, was attired in peach lace with a matching jacket. It had a tight bodice and a square neckline and she wore pearl clips. Her bouquet was of purple orchids.

A reception at the home of the bride's parents, 2814 Granada Boulevard, was attended by 200 guests. White chrysanthemums and white gladioli were placed in baskets around the rooms. The entrance was adorned with potted palms and smilax. The mantelpiece, in front of which the receiving line greeted guests, was decorated with a large floral piece of white orchids and lilies of the valley. Green maidenhair fern was twined throughout the marble staircase. Punch bowls, the base surrounded with flowers, stood on each porch. The bridal table was centered with a cake in the form of a large wedding bell topped with a satin bow. Engraved in the icing on each side of the bell were the initials of the bride and bridegroom. Napkins with the names "Doris" and "Ben," marked in gold, were used. White tapers completed the table. Assistants at the reception, besides the attendants, included Miss Ruth Diestelhorst, Mrs. Sam Millard, Miss Betty Johnson, Miss Valerie Howitt and the Misses Betty and Catherine Louise DeLong.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner left on the wedding trip to St. Simon and Sea Island, Ga. After Dec. 10 they will be at home at 935 Catalonia Avenue, Coral Gables. For her going away costume the bride wore a brown and white dotted silk dress with a row of tiny buttons extending to the waist in front and a matching sheer wool coat fitted princess style with a fox fur collar. Her accessories were brown and she had a bouquet of white orchids.

The engagement of Miss Page and Mr. Turner was announced last May. The bride graduated from the Goodyear-Burlingame School in Syracuse, and from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Nu Kappa Psi honorary society. She also belongs to the Syracuse Yacht and Country Club and the Miami Biltmore Country Club.

Mr. Turner attended Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, and the University of Pittsburgh and graduated from the University Miami Law School where he was a member of the Beta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Psi fraternity. He belongs to the [unreadable] Country Club in Pittsburgh. He is a practicing attorney in Miami.

Doris and Benjamin were living at 356 Satolovia Avenue in Coral Gables, Dade Co., FL, at the time of the 1940 Federal census. In 1935, Doris Page had been living in Syracuse, NY, and Benjamin Turner had been living in Pittsburgh, PA. Benjamin was an attorney in private practice.

13. Genevieve⁴ Page (Jay D.³, William Henry², William Henry¹) was born Dec 1895 in IN, and died Mar 1961 in Fort Myers, Lee Co., FL. She married **Russell Byron Clapper** Abt. 1920. He was born 18 Nov 1892 in Monticello, White Co., IN, and died 15 Dec 1973 in Fort Myers, Lee Co., FL.

Notes for Genevieve Page:

The following article was taken from the Syracuse Herald newspaper's Sunday morning edition for July 29, 1917.

STENOGRAPHER RESIGNS

Miss Genevieve Page, who has been a stenographer at the Chamber of Commerce for two years, has resigned to go with the Ferguson Steel company.

From email sent by Gail Clapper Palmer 03-04-08:

"I have done little on Genevieve because it seems there is a wealth of stuff and will be easy. She was a member of the DAR, so she must have been able to trace her ancestry back to the revolutionary war. I have seen in One World Tree it goes back to Stephen Hopkins, of the Mayflower and Mayflower Compact signatory. I personally have not researched this yet."

Notes for Russell Byron Clapper:

The Indianapolis Star

Publication: 2 Jul 1911 - Indianapolis, Indiana

Classified

Situation wanted male

Wanted-- Position in garage by young man not afraid to work. Address Russell B. Clapper, Monticello, Ind.

From email sent by Gail Clapper Palmer 03-04-08:

Russell (Sr.) was a botanist working for the USDA in Beltsville Md. He was working on a blight-resistant chestnut tree and developed one that is named after him, the Clapper chestnut. Cultivars of it are still used to develop blight-resistant trees today. He also wrote, "A Glossary of Plant Genetics," which he self published. Not a lot of call for that info, I guess.

-Article appearing in the Tampa Tribune August 24, 1964-

Fort Myers' Clapper

CHESTNUT TREE EYED BY NAMESAKE

CARTERVILLE, ILL. (UPI)—Russell B. Clapper, 72, Fort Myers, Fla., stood proudly under a spreading chestnut tree at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Friday.

THE TREE, a hybrid developed by Clapper from the American and Chinese chestnut trees, was named "Clapper chestnut" earlier this year in honor of its developer.

It was Clapper's first look at the 50-foot tall tree with a seven-inch diameter since it was named for him. He retired 11 years ago as a plant pathologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The tree was planted on a test plot at the refuge in 1948 in an experiment to produce a strain to resist a blight which virtually laid low the American chestnut in the 1930s.

CLAPPER CROSSED American and Chinese chestnuts and then back crossed the hybrid with an American chestnut.

The Clapper chestnut apparently has grown faster and more luxuriantly than any of the other test plantings in the U.S., Clapper said.

Clapper, a former resident of Arlington, Va., is a native of Monticello, Ind.

Marriage Notes for Genevieve Page and Russell Clapper:

Genevieve was living with her mother Sussie V. Page, who was renting an apartment at 1821 18th Street N. W. at the time of the 1920 Federal census of the 8th Precinct of Washington, District of Columbia. Genevieve was employed as a government stenographer. Russell was renting an apartment at 1331 Vermont Avenue in the 2nd Precinct and employed as a US government typist. (Most of the other tenants at 1331 Vermont Avenue were also government workers.) Russell and Genevieve had not been married long.

The Clapper family owned a \$6,000 home on Klondyke Street at the time of the 1930 Federal census of Radnor Heights, Arlington, Arlington Co., VA. In the household were: Russell B., 37 years old and born in Indiana; Genevieve, 34 years old and also born in Indiana; and their sons 6-year-old Russell, Jr. and 9-year-old Robert, both born in the District of Columbia. Russell, Sr. was employed in "scientific work" for the US government. The family owned a radio set.

The family was living at 1415 14th Street, Arlington, VA, at the time of the 1940 Federal census. Both boys were still living at home. Russell, Sr. was the only one listing employment, which was "scientific field sub. professional" working for the "Federal Gov."

From email sent by Gail Clapper Palmer 03-04-08:

"Genevieve died in Fort Myers Florida in 1961 of heart problems and leukemia, which was pretty much a death sentence then. Russell in 1973 in Fort Myers. I remember them both as very dignified and reserved. Genevieve was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and loved to play solitaire. She also collected stamps. Toward the end of his life, Russell was researching for a book on comparative religions. Quiet people, never heard them raise their voices.

"A story I've heard is that my dad didn't want to go to college, so my grandfather invested the money in Florida real estate, which really paid off for him. Mostly unimproved lots in Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach. They lived on the beach during Hurricane Donna in 1960, which pretty well wiped out their trailer. It had about 8 inches of sand in it after the tidal surge abated. They stayed in town with us during the storm and Genevieve was very sick.

"The line from Russell and Genevieve pretty well runs out with my kids, who are 40 and 37 and don't look like they'll be having children. I was an only child and my dad's (Robert Page Clapper) brother (Russell Byron Clapper Jr.) and his wife Josephine had no children. Both brothers died very young, my dad at 55 and his brother a year later at about 51."

Children of Genevieve Page and Russell Clapper are:

- 26 i. Robert Page⁵ Clapper, born 09 Nov 1920 in Washington, District of Columbia; died 21 Mar 1976 in Fort Myers, Lee Co., FL. He married Vera Jane Teasdale 1941; born 06 Jul 1924 in Brownsville, Fayette Co., PA; died 18 Apr 2010 in Estero, Lee Co., FL.

Notes for Robert Page Clapper:

From email sent by Gail Clapper Palmer 03-04-08:

"...my dad was a land surveyor and civil engineer."

From Vera Jane's 2010 obituary"

"Bob worked as a surveyor and civil engineer for Carl Johnson in Fort Myers and Cap Prewitt in Clewiston...."

Notes for Vera Jane Teasdale:

VERA JANE CLAPPER RICHTER Obituary

Published in The News-Press, Fort Myers, Florida, on April 20, 2010

VERA JANE CLAPPER RICHTER

Longtime Lee County resident Jane Richter, 85, of Estero, was freed from her struggle with Alzheimer's disease on April 18, 2010. She was born July 6, 1924 to Maurice and Elizabeth Stover Teasdale in Brownsville, Pa.

Jane will be remembered for her feistiness tempered by cheery good humor.

She was always up for adventure. In the 1960s, Jane, her mother and her daughter could be found at 2 a.m. hanging off the "wooden bridge" angling for snook with cane poles. Few snook were caught, but much beer was drunk.

Jane married "the boy next door," Bob Clapper, in 1941 in Arlington, Va. They made it through the war years and, like everyone else, started a family. By 1951, they were ready for sunshine and fishing. After a brief stay in the Koreshan trailer park in Estero, they settled in Fort Myers. Bob worked as a surveyor and civil engineer for Carl Johnson in Fort Myers and Cap Prewitt in Clewiston and Jane dived into community activities.

She taught local Red Cross first aid classes, was Lee County Chairman of the Gray Ladies and worked with Veronica Shoemaker in the first Head Start program in Dunbar.

Her pride and joy was her Girl Scout Troop 29, which she led from Brownies in 1954 until the girls graduated from Fort Myers Senior High School in 1965. She taught them outdoors skills and wilderness survival. Protective of her girls, she once used a flashlight to fight off a wild hog that tried to take over their Fisheating Creek campsite. The hog fled squealing back into the woods.

After Bob's death, she pursued her dream of investing in real estate, buying and managing several rental properties, then married Clarence Richter, a retired federal air traffic controller, in 1983. She and "Ric" were active in the local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and Save Estero. Ric died in 2005.

She was a friend of Bill W. for more than 30 years and will be remembered by the oldtimers at YANA.

She'll also be remembered by her pals on Memory Lane at Park Club assisted living, her home for the last few months, for her sweet helpfulness, lovely singing voice and fashion flair. On her, even at 85, a paper sack looked like Prada.

Jane was predeceased by her two sisters, Ginny and Dorothy. She is survived by her daughter Gail Palmer (Bob) of Estero, grandson Mike Pastula of Estero and grand-daughter Tara Warfield (Mick) of Fort Myers, both of whom helped care for her in her later years.

Cremation arrangements by Harvey Engelhardt Metz.

Marriage Notes for Robert Clapper and Vera Teasdale:

From email sent by Gail Clapper Palmer 03-04-08:

“The line from Russell and Genevieve pretty well runs out with my kids, who are 40 and 37 and don’t look like they’ll be having children. I was an only child and my dad’s (Robert Page Clapper) brother (Russell Byron Clapper Jr.) and his wife Josephine had no children. Both brothers died very young, my dad at 55 and his brother a year later at about 51.”

From email sent by Gail Clapper Palmer 03-05-08:

“I remembered one fact about my family’s move to Florida: It was made possible by dad’s Aunt Eleanor. She died and left him an inheritance, \$3,000 sticks in my mind, so he got us out of the D.C. area immediately. He was working as a draftsman for the Army Map Service. He’d been a cartographer and aerial photog in the Philippines in the war. We were living in post-war, booming Silver Spring, Md., and he couldn’t wait to get out. He wanted to live where he could fish after work every day. And he did. Fished before, after and during, I think. A good thing because he didn’t have that many years left to do it. We were like pioneers down here, before good roads, air-conditioning and mosquito control. Because of the way the railroad lines were set up, New Yorkers went to Florida’s east coast and Midwesterners came to the west coast. We just drove and the west coast was less crowded and had better small-boat fishing.”

From Vera Jane’s 2010 obituary”

“Janie married “the boy next door,” Bob Clapper, in 1941 in Arlington, Va. They made it through the war years and, like everyone else, started a family. By 1951, they were ready for sunshine and fishing. After a brief stay in the Koreshan trailer park in Estero, they settled in Fort Myers. Bob worked as a surveyor and civil engineer for Carl Johnson in Fort Myers and Cap Prewitt in Clewiston and Jane dived into community activities.”

- 27 ii. Russell Byron Clapper Jr., born 05 Jan 1924 in Washington, District of Columbia; died Feb 1977 in Vienna, Fairfax Co., Virginia. He married Josephine Catherine Barnes Private; born Private.

17. Charles Page⁴ Haybarger (Elizabeth Bella “Lizzie”³ Page, William Henry², William Henry¹) was born 31 May 1885 in Lima, Lagrange Co., IN, and died 19 Sep 1966 in New Westminster, BC, Canada. He married **Helen “Nellie” Finnen** in Prob. St. Paul, Ramsey Co., MN, daughter of James Finnen and Bridget Conaughton. She was born 08 Jan 1896 in St. Paul, Ramsey Co., MN, and died 19 Sep 1988 in Maple Ridge, BC, Canada.

[Additional Haybarger information can be found in the essay “Most of Our Haybarger Cousins Today are Subjects of Queen Elizabeth II of England,” page 287.]

Notes for Charles Page Haybarger:
From Alberta Homestead Records 1870-1930:

HAYBARGER, Charles
Section 2, Township 54, Range 20, Meridian 4*
Film # 2788 in Accession # 1970.313 at Provincial Archives of Alberta
File # 1457042

HAYBARGER, Charles Page
Section 18, Township 60, Range 19, Meridian 4*
Film # 2126 in Accession # 1970.313 at Provincial Archives of Alberta
File # 1921223

* The fourth meridian (actually the 110th meridian of longitude) is the Alberta-Saskatchewan border.

In his brother Everett’s 1955 obituary he was said to be living in Vancouver, B.C.

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Notes for Helen “Nellie” Finnen:
Her name appeared as “Ellen” in the 1900 Federal census of Graceville Village, Big Stone Co., MN.

“We knew her as Nellie, but her given name was Helen, the birthdate was January 8th, I know her father’s name to be James Finan and her mother we believe was Mary Mcnaughton? I know she had relatives in Minnesota that my mother visited in later years. From what my mother said, they moved from Edmonton to South Carolina when she was quite young, then back to

Winnipeg, Manitoba, and then on to B.C. I do remember Nellie telling me that her mother died when she was very young, and her father died of the flu shortly after. She lived with cousins in Minneapolis until she answered a personals ad and met Charles, so I believe they were married wherever he lived at the time. The other thing was she said they had a homestead, and she had to learn the farming ways, as she was a spoiled city girl.”

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Vital Event Death Registration:

Name: Helen Haybarger

Event Date: 1988 9 19 (Yr/Mo/Day)

Age: 92

Gender: female

Event Place: Maple Ridge

Reg. Number: 1988-09-016408

B.C. Archives Microfilm Number: B17116

GSU Microfilm Number: 1709264

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Albert and Charles P. Haybarger entered the USA from Canada in 1919 through the port of Noyes, Kittson Co., MN, on their way to Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA. They were not going to visit friends or relatives according to the form they were required to fill out on the List Or Manifest Of Alien Passengers Applying For Admission To The United States From Foreign Contiguous Territory, “Required by the regulations of Secretary of Labor of the United States under the Immigration Act.” Both men were farmers. Albert was 5’ 7” tall and had medium complexion. Charles was 5’ 8” and had dark complexion. Both had brown hair and blue eyes and claimed Dutch descent. Date of landing and examination was April 10, 1919. (Lizzie remained in Canada.)

Nellie Haybarger and daughter Eileen entered the USA from Canada in 1919 through the port of Winnipeg, Manitoba, on their way to Greensboro, Guilford Co., NC. They were going to meet up with Nellie’s husband Charles P. Haybarger. Date of landing and examination was July 28, 1919.

Charles, Nellie, and Eileen Haybarger of Edmonton entered the USA from Canada in 1921 through the port of Sweetgrass, Toole Co., MT, on their way to Spokane, Spokane Co., WA. They were not going to visit friends or relatives according to the form they were required to fill out (see prior entry). Charles was an auto mechanic, was 5’ 8” tall, had fair complexion and a scar on his left cheek. Nellie was 5’ 4”, had medium complexion, a large scar on her lower neck,

and a goiter. All three of them had brown hair and blue eyes. Charles claimed Dutch descent and Nellie claimed Irish. Date of landing and examination was June 21, 1921.

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Children of Charles Haybarger and Helen Finnen are:

- 28 i. Eileen⁵ Haybarger, born 14 Jul 1917 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; died 09 Feb 2002 in Maple Ridge, BC, Canada. She married Samuel Willey; born 15 Aug 1918; died 10 Nov 2001.

Notes for Eileen Haybarger:

Border crossing in 1919 coming from Canada to the USA.

Name: Eileen Haybarger

Arrival Date: Aug 1919

Arrival Port: Winnipeg, Manitoba,

Age: 2

Estimated Birth Year: 1917

Birth Date:

Birthplace: Edmonton,

Birth Country: Canada

Gender: Female

Race: Irish

NARA Publication Title: Manifests of Passengers Arriving in the St. Albans, VT, District through Canadian Pacific and Atlantic Ports, 1895-1954

NARA Publication Number: M1464

NARA Roll Number: 376

(02/11/02 obituary)

WILLEY _ Eileen peacefully on February 9, 2002 in Maple Ridge, BC at age 84 years. Predeceased by her loving husband Samuel, she is survived by her loving family, 2 daughters Sammy (Reg) Nelligan and Linda (George) Venator; 1 son David (Faye) Willey; 8 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; also 2 sisters Dolores Boileau and Shirley Stinson. Funeral prayers will be held Tuesday, February 12th at 5 P.M. followed by a Funeral Mass on Wednesday, February 13th at 10:30 A.M. at St. Luke’s Catholic Church, 20285 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge, Father A. Abundo celebrant. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Garden Hill Funeral Chapel, Maple Ridge, 604-463-8161

- 29 ii. Dolores Haybarger, born in BC, Canada; died 21 Feb 2002. She married Robert Boileau Private; born Private.
- 30 iii. Shirley Haybarger, born Private. She married Orin Stimson Private; born 03 Nov 1922; died 21 Oct 2007 in Yuma Co., AZ.

Notes for Orin Stimson:

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/GEN-OBIT/2007-11/1194212213>

Date of obituary:

STIMSON, Orin "Red"; 84; Bellingham WA>Yuma AZ; Bellngm H (WA); 2007-10-28

19. Everett Munroe⁴ Haybarger (Elizabeth Bella "Lizzie"³ Page, William Henry², William Henry¹) was born Mar 1893 in IN, and died 29 Sep 1955 in Edson, Alberta, Canada. He married **Beatrice (nee ?) Haybarger**. She died Unknown.

Notes for Everett Munroe Haybarger:

Everette was single and living in District 36, Subdistrict 6, at Township 59, Range 19, Meridian 4, Municipality Sprucefield in Edmonton East, Alberta, at the time of the 1916 Canadian census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. He was a farmer, Methodist, and claimed to have immigrated to Canada in 1911 and been naturalized in 1914.

<http://users.rootsweb.com/~canab/digital/lhb/lhbindex.html>

In the Alberta, Canada genealogical index of indexes for local history books, an Everett and Alice Haybarger are listed in the index for "An Era In Review" published in St. Paul. Probably but not known for sure if same Everett. Title: "An Era In Review, A History of Owlseye - Ashmont Abilene, Boscombe, Cork, Boyne Lake, Anning and Area (Near St. Paul, Alberta, Canada."

[St. Paul, Alberta, Canada is located about 150 miles northeast of Ft. Saskatchewan, where Everett's parents were said to be living in 1912. /C.W. Paige]

 The following is recorded on the Junior Chamber of Commerce International (JCI) Canada website. This may or may not be in relation to THIS Everett Haybarger, or it may be his son:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SENATE #	STATUS
HAYBARGER	Everett A	4785	DECEASED

Last Name	First Name	Burial Date	Cemetery	Section	Block	Plot
HAYBARGER	EVERETT	10/03/1955	MOUNT PLEASANT	0G	0186	0001

 Obituary published in the Edmonton Journal September 29, 1955, page 32:

HAYBARGER--On September 29, aged 61 years, Everett Munroe Haybarger of 7924 82 Ave., passed away at Edson, Alberta. He is survived by his wife: two sons, Everett and Harry both of Edmonton; one daughter, Verna of Edmonton; one brother, Charles of Vancouver, B.C.; one sister, Mrs. George Bruce of Vancouver, B.C.; also two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Howard and McBride's Chapel. Rev. Dr. Edwin J. White will officiate, and interment will take place in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Howard and McBride, Funeral Service.

Children of Everett Haybarger and Beatrice Haybarger are:

- 31 i. Everett⁵ Haybarger, born Private.
- 32 ii. Harry Haybarger, born Private.
- 33 iii. Verna Haybarger, born Private.

23. Wilbur D.⁴ Lee (Chloe Bertrius³ Page, William Henry², William Henry¹) was born Abt. 1906 in MI, and died Unknown. He married **Florence M. (nee ?) Lee** Abt. 1926 in NY. She was born Abt. 1908 in NY, and died Unknown.

Notes for Wilbur D. Lee:

Wilbur was employed as a bookkeeper for the Borden Company.

Marriage Notes for Wilbur Lee and Florence Lee:

The family was renting a house at Charlotte, Chautauqua Co., NY, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. They owned a radio set.

Children of Wilbur Lee and Florence Lee are:

- 34 i. Robert E.⁵ Lee, born Private.
- 35 ii. Berdett H. Lee, born Private.

Most of Our Haybarger Cousins Today are Subjects of Queen Elizabeth II of England

Essay compiled by Charles W. Paige in April 2011

This is an account of a family by the name of Haybarger¹³ that left the United States of America early in the 20th century, became homesteaders pursuant to the Dominion Lands Act of 1872, and became naturalized Canadian citizens. Assisting me in this endeavor is Linda Venator. She and her two sisters, all born in British Columbia, are this writer's 3rd cousins once removed on the Page side of the family and 11th cousins once removed on the Thayer side. Also providing information is Shirley Stimson, last surviving daughter of Charles and Nellie Haybarger. To help fill in the homestead information, this writer consulted 39 pages from three homestead files for Albert Monroe Haybarger and his eldest son, cousin Charles Page Haybarger, then of Alberta Province, Canada. Near the end of this paper is a list of Great Britain monarchs who were in power when various Haybarger cousins' ancestors came to the area known or later known as the United States of America, and also when the Haybargers became subjects of the Crown, and when one of them became a dual citizen of Canada and the United States. At the end are several

¹³ Haybarger is pronounced with a soft "g."

Internet addresses about Alberta and British Columbia, including the history of homesteading in Canada.

Included with my own writing are excerpts from Linda that were part of our email correspondence.

“I am in [British Columbia] Canada.... I still have horses, and live on a small ranch....”

“Yes we are about 3 hours from the US border, although we don’t have passports, so we rely on the rest of the family to bring things across for us. Yes we are the country music capital, only because they have a festival here every July that turns into a week long drunken party. Usually they have big name performers. Alan Jackson is booked for this summer I think. We usually try to go on holiday then, so we don’t have to put up with the “city” folk...lol. We also have a few boats here; we do a lot of water skiing and fishing during the summer, now that we both took early retirement; we have the time to do what we want. Maybe once the remaining horses are gone, we will be able to take trips out of the country, may be a nice thing to do. Anyway...got to go feed said horses.” - Linda

Linda’s Great-Grandmother Elizabeth Bella “Lizzie” (Page) was the fourth of nine children of William Henry Page, Jr. and his wife, the former Mariah Patch. Lizzie was a first cousin of my Grandfather Charles Orlando Page, her father being the only full sibling of Charles’ father Riley Preston Page. William and Riley’s parents were William H. and Chloe (Thayer) Robinson Page. Since both parents had had children in previous marriages, the family was also populated with English-born Page half-siblings and New-York-state-born Robinson half-siblings.

Lizzie B. Page was married to Albert M. Haybarger 19 April 1884 at Fawn River, St. Joseph County, Michigan by George D. Lee, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses were notated as Albert Haybarger and Lucy Haybarger, both of Fawn River. Albert M. was said to be of Sturgis, Michigan, and Lizzie of Lima, Indiana.¹⁴ Albert was a 2nd great-grandson of Conrad Haybarger, who came to America from Germany during the first half of the 1700s. Although he settled in Hagerstown and Sharpsburg, Frederick (now Washington) County, Maryland, later generations tended to live in Erie County, Pennsylvania, where Albert M. was born.

¹⁴ Correction: Lizzie would have been of Sturgis and Albert of Lima, since Albert M. and his parents John and Susan were living in Lima, Lagrange County, Indiana during the 1870 and 1880 Federal censuses. The Pages were living in Branch County, Michigan, during those years.



Linda's ranch house in British Columbia

The new family moved to Lima, Lagrange County, Indiana before the children were born. By the time of the 1900 Federal census the family had moved to a farm they owned with a mortgage in the 2nd Ward of Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan. Four of Lizzie's five children were still living. The family consisted of:

1. Albert Monroe⁵ Haybarger (John J.⁴, John³, George², Conrad¹) was born Oct 1861 in Erie Co., PA, and died 12 Sep 1924 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. He married Elizabeth Bella "Lizzie" Page. She was born Jun 1865 in Bronson, Branch Co., MI, and died 16 Dec 1948 in Coquitlam, BC, Canada.

Children of Albert Haybarger and Elizabeth Page are:

- + 2 i. Charles Page⁶ Haybarger, born 31 May 1885 in Lima, Lagrange Co., IN; died 19 Sep 1966 in New Westminster, BC, Canada. He married Helen "Nellie" Finnen in Prob. St. Paul, Ramsey Co., MN, daughter of James Finnen and Bridget Conaughton. She was born 08 Jan 1896 in St. Paul, Ramsey Co., MN, and died 19 Sep 1988 in Maple Ridge, BC, Canada. They had three children.
- 3 ii. Ila Gualden Haybarger, born 12 Dec 1891 in Lima, Lagrange Co., IN; died 29 May 1972 in Maple Ridge, BC, Canada. She married George Bruce; born 10 Jan 1884 in PA; died 07 Nov 1955 in New Westminster, BC, Canada. No children.

- + 4 iii. Everett Munroe Haybarger, born Mar 1893 in IN; died 29 Sep 1955 in Edson, Alberta, Canada.. He married Beatrice and they had four children.
- 5 iv. Henry Alden Haybarger, born Nov 1897 in IN; died 06 Dec 1948 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

About 1903 the family immigrated to Canada, to an area near Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan, where they were living at the time of the 1906 Canadian census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. The province of Alberta had only been founded since 1905—two years after their arrival.

Here is how Charles’ granddaughter Linda describes the area around Edmonton:

“I see you’ve never been to Edmonton; they have 9 months of winter and 3 months of difficult sledding. Is also the only place you can watch your dog run away for an entire week, as long as it doesn’t get carried away by the giant mosquitoes.”

Albert and his eldest son Charles each claimed a 160-acre homestead parcel in 1905, filing the necessary paperwork and paying the required \$10 fees. Over the next years they went about trying to fulfill the requirements for retaining these homesteads for the requisite three years, often against inclement weather, in order to qualify to receive their ultimate rewards—land patents. Yet they along with nine other homesteaders lost their claims when the government decided to reserve the land for what would become known as the Elk Island National Park just east of Edmonton. Fortunately, Albert and Charles were allowed to credit what improvements they had accomplished on their old to their new homestead claims, which they were allowed to register without the usual fee. This time they established their acreages well northeast of the city. (On the map below, the circle with number 1 shows the area where their first claims were located. Their next homesteads were in the area of the circle numbered 2.)

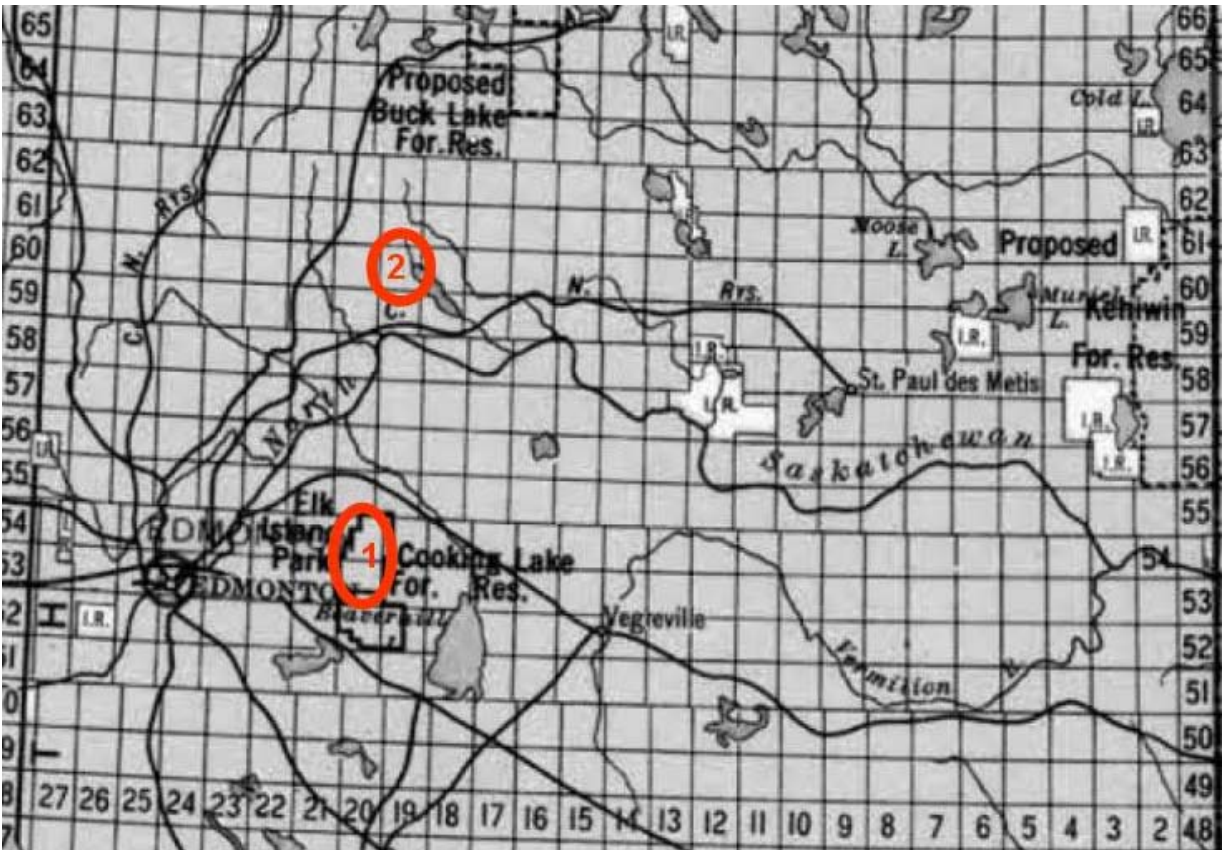
According to Henderson’s Edmonton city directory, Charles was the first to move into Edmonton, in 1916, where he was employed by the Northwest Lumber Company. The next year he was employed by the Edmonton City Dairy and living at 7565 112th Ave. Around this time he married Helen “Nellie” Finnen.

“Did you know that my grandmother Nellie was a mail order bride? I have been looking for her relatives too, but absolutely no luck at all. I know they were Irish immigrants, her dad’s name was James and they had cousins in Minneapolis by the name of Canaughton I think. Her mom died shortly after they arrived in the US, and her father died when she was in her teens, leaving her alone, and as she said, a spoiled kid with nobody to look after her. That was when she answered an ad...from who knows where, and married Charles. I have a picture hanging on the wall beside me of my grandparents....”

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Minneapolis until she answered a personals ad and met Charles, so I believe they were married wherever he lived at the time....”

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Excerpt from township map showing areas of Haybarger homestead claims

By 1919 Albert, Henry “Alden,” and Everett had moved to Edmonton, to 11433 88th St., where Alden was employed by Ford Motor. Charles was not listed in the Edmonton directory that year.

Albert and Charles crossed back into the United States in 1919 and spent some time on the east coast. They entered the USA through the port of Noyes, Kittson County, Minnesota, on their way to Farmville, Prince Edward County, Virginia. They were not going to visit friends or relatives according to the form they were required to fill out. Both men were farmers. Albert was 5’ 7” tall and had medium complexion. Charles was 5’ 8” and had dark complexion. Both had brown hair and blue eyes and claimed Dutch descent. Date of landing and examination was 10 April 1919.

Charles’ wife “Nellie” and their daughter Eileen entered the USA from Canada through the port of Winnipeg, Manitoba, on their way to Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina. They were going to meet up with Charles. Date of landing and examination was 28 July 1919.

By 1920 the whole family was living in Edmonton, at 11603 90th St. Albert M. was a carpenter, Alden and Everett, tractor engineers, Charles, a master mechanic, Mrs. Charles, a Dictaphone operator, and Ila, an operator for Emery Company.

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- Linda

By 1924 the family, except for that of Charles and Nellie, was living at 12152 91st St. in Edmonton. Albert was a carpenter, Alden, a laborer, Everett, employed by CNR [Canadian National Railway Company], and Ila, employed by Northwestern Manufacturing Company.

By 1925 Everett was the only one of the family still living at Edmonton. The others would all settle in the area of Vancouver, British Columbia. Everett was living at Edson, Alberta, at the time of his death in 1955.

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Charles Page and Helen “Nellie” (Finnen) Haybarger

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Of Charles and Nellie’s three children, all girls:

“Only Shirley was dual citizen; all 3 girls [Eileen, Dolores, Shirley] were born in Canada. Shirley married an American, then applied for citizenship; back then you didn’t have to give up your Canadian citizenship like I hear you do now.... [Her] girls are Americans.”

“Shirley...lives in Yuma, Arizona; [Her eldest daughter lives] in Bellingham, Washington; [her youngest daughter] is in Vancouver, Washington.”

“Uneasy Lies the Head that Wears a Crown” (Wm Shakespeare)

Chloe Thayer’s 5th Great-Grandfather Richard Tayer/Thayer left Gloucestershire, England, and settled in Braintree, Norfolk County, Massachusetts in 1641, when the ill-fated Charles I was king (27 March 1625–1649).

William H. Page, Sr., with his wife Martha, left England and arrived in the United States in 1829, at the tail end of when George IV was king (29 January 1820 – 26 June 1830—Prince Regent since 1811).

Mariah Patch, William Henry Page, Jr.’s wife, was born in England in March 1837, a few months before the end of William IV’s reign (26 June 1830 – 20 June 1837), and spent the remainder of her time in England under the reign of Queen Victoria (20 June 1837 – 22 January 1901).

The Haybargers left the United States, settled in Alberta Province, Canada, and applied for homesteads during the short reign of Victoria’s son Edward VII (22 January 1901 – 6 May 1910), finishing the process during the reign of George V (6 May 1910 – 20 January 1936), grandfather of the current monarch Elizabeth II (6 February 1952 – present).

Shirley Haybarger was married to United States citizen Orin J. Stimson during the reign of King George VI (11 December 1936 – 6 February 1952), whose speech impediment was dramatized by English actor Colin Firth in the Oscar-winning movie “The Speech.” They settled in Bellingham, Washington, and Shirley became a dual citizen of Canada and the United States. Their daughters were born United States citizens.

Internet Places for Additional Information about Homesteading and Early Life in Canada

For Alberta

Early Rural Life

http://www.abheritage.ca/pasttopresent/en/rural_life/index.html

Farming and Homesteading

http://www.abheritage.ca/pasttopresent/en/rural_life/farming_homesteading.html

The Land of Opportunity

<http://www.abheritage.ca/pasttopresent/en/opportunity/index.html>

Glossary: Land of Opportunity

<http://www.abheritage.ca/pasttopresent/en/opportunity/glossary.html>

Opening of the West

http://www.abheritage.ca/pasttopresent/en/opportunity/opening_west.html

The Great Migration

http://www.abheritage.ca/pasttopresent/en/opportunity/great_migration.html

Dominion Land Policy

http://www.ucalgary.ca/applied_history/tutor/calgary/dominion.html

1905 - The Birth of Alberta

http://www.landsurveyinghistory.ab.ca/alsastory/Association_Story-1905.htm

Homestead Files

<http://www.saskhomesteads.com/homestead-files.asp>

British Columbia

Fur Trade and Colonial Era

-and-

Rapid Growth and Development

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Columbia

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Some Page Family Bible Records and Pictures

Provenance and Odyssey of a Page Family Bible

By Charles W. Paige, April 14, 2011

The Odyssey Begins

This writer believes that the Page family bible discussed in this section entered the family around the time of Carrie Bell Page's marriage to Theodore Dudley "Dorr" Richards, which occurred 15 August 1877 at Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. Carrie was the firstborn child of my great grandfather, Riley Preston Page, and his first wife Elizabeth Adelaide (Hollenbeck). On the bible's Family Record page, situated between the old and new testaments, was a list of family members and some of their vital statistics, all documented in the same handwriting. The last dates recorded were in 1879, when diphtheria carried away three of Riley's six children. In later years pages from note pads were affixed to the bible to record other names and vital information.

Climax Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan

Carrie and Dorr settled in Climax Township, where they lived their entire albeit short married life. Sixteen years after they were married, Dorr passed away from cancer of the face. Three years later Carrie married Frederick Harrison Soule, who had previously been married to the late Hester Ann (Moulton). Frederick and Hester had had five children—the oldest being just five years younger than Carrie. Carrie and Frederick lived in the village of Scotts in Kalamazoo County, but this marriage was even shorter than the first when Frederick died at Scotts of "senility" in 1906 at age 70.

Carrie married for the last time in 1908, uniting with Elmer Wheeler in Scotts. They were together twenty years until Carrie's death in 1928. She was buried with her first husband and with his surname at the Gilson Cemetery in Climax Township. Elmer would live another eight years. He, like Carrie's other two husbands, had been a farmer.

Climax to Oneida, Knox County, Illinois

Carrie had only one child. Lola Mae Richards was born and spent the first half of her life in Climax Township. Her first marriage was to Joseph Burchard Milliman on 8 May 1898 and they settled in Climax Township. The Page family bible would be passed down to her. Unfortunately, this became a short marriage when Joseph passed away in 1910 from blood poisoning due to a dental alveolar abscess. The next year the widow Milliman succeeded D. F. Stearns as editor and business manager of the Scotts department of the *Cereal* newspaper. Then in 1916 Lola was united in marriage to LaVergne Benjamin DeForest, who had previously been married to Effie Lena (Epperson). LaVergne and "Lena" had had two children, the oldest of which was four years younger than Lola. The couple settled in Oneida, Illinois, and thence the bible left Michigan. Meanwhile, the bible had collected a few photo albums which joined it on a mutual odyssey.

Lola remained in Oneida after LaVergne's death in 1929, going to live with her only daughter and son-in-law, Helen Elizabeth (Milliman) and Harry Niles Shafer—said to be manager of a

fund-raising campaign. The bible and albums were now part of two households until Helen inherited them when her mother died in 1944 after an illness of several years. Lola died in Oneida but was returned to Michigan, where she was buried next to her first husband at the Gilson Cemetery, and her headstone was inscribed as “Lola M. Milliman.”

Illinois to Wisconsin

“Aunt Helen was married to a man named Harry Schaeffer (sic) long about 1916. He lived into the 30s, I think. She married Kenneth Krans as a widow of Schaeffer. Ken had one brother, John. Ken’s mother lived into her eighties, if not nineties, so I knew her, and the family. But Ken died of cancer, I believe. He was a printer, so Aunt Helen became a printer and ran the company for a number of years. Harry was a promoter so she traveled with him and learned how to set up a sales campaign—like the blanket campaigns they had in those days. Her third husband was an insurance salesman, so she got an insurance license. The last man in her life was a real estate dealer, so she buckled down and got her broker’s license.

“I think she was devoted to each man in her life and never cheated on any of them. They just didn’t live as long as she would have liked. Heart attacks and cancer.” Lola Gregg

Following is the obituary for the last descendant of Carrie Bell Page and the last Page family member to own the bible and albums until their miraculous migration to my branch, taken from the Thursday September 24, 1992 issue of the *Daily Register-Mail*, a Galesburg, IL, newspaper.

HELEN E. FORBES

GALESBURG--Helen Elizabeth Forbes, 93, a resident of the Knox County Nursing Home, Knoxville, formerly of Moon Towers, Galesburg, and Oneida, died Saturday (Sept. 19, 1992) in the nursing home.

She was born March 26, 1899, in Scotts, Mich., the daughter of Joseph Burchard and Lola Mae Richards Milliman.

Surviving are one nephew, Sam Metcalf, Oneida, and several cousins including Myra Rylander, Galesburg.

She worked at Altona Printing Co. and was a real estate agent in Knox County. She had worked in campaign promotions for organizations throughout the United States for Call-Harry-Niles-Schafer Enterprises.

She was a member of Oneida American Legion Post Auxiliary and 40 & 8 Voiture,¹⁵ Galesburg.

¹⁵ 40 & 8 Voiture:

“More popularly known as the “Forty and Eight,” we are an independent Veterans organization whose membership is drawn solely from the ranks of American Legionnaires in good standing. We were founded in 1920 as a fun and honor society of Legionnaires and draw our origin from World War I when young Americans were transported on the narrow gauge railroads of France in boxcars (Voitures) that carried little more than half the capacity of American boxcars. On each side of these boxcars was stenciled the capacity of each. Holding

Cremation rites will be accorded. Burials will be later in Gilson Cemetery near Scotts, Mich. Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Home, Knoxville, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post auxiliaries in Galesburg and Oneida and to 8 & 40 Voiture in Galesburg.

Helen was buried at the Gilson Cemetery beside her parents under the name Helen Milliman Forbes. The Page family bible and albums were held in trust for eighteen years by Helen's cousin Lola Rylander Gregg of Wisconsin pending the hopeful discovery of Page relatives.

The Bible and Albums Return to the Pa(i)ge Family

Out of the blue and totally unsolicited, on 7 August 2010 I received an email in Los Angeles, California, from Lola Rylander Gregg of Avoca, Wisconsin—a non-relative of mine that was a Milliman cousin of my late cousin Helen Elizabeth (Milliman) Shafer Krans Forbes, granddaughter of my great aunt, Carrie (Page) Richards Soule Wheeler. In her initial email Lola wrote the following: “I may be in possession of some important Paige family materials. I am named after Lola Richards Milliman DeForest. She was my great Aunt, but I never met her.” She later explained that Lola Mae (Richards) was actually a cousin by marriage, but since both Lola and her daughter Helen, a blood cousin, were so much older than she, Lola always called them Aunt.

Lola and I corresponded over the month, during which time we exchanged information about the Richards, Kranses, Millimans, etc. I was able to fill in some gaps and get clarifications on some information already collected. Then the promised package arrived on Friday September 3. In the rather heavy box, on which \$45 worth of stamps had been placed, were three photo albums and a large bible, all of hoary age.

The three photo albums were on top, so I went through them first. Some of the pictures in the photo albums were identified but many were not. Of those identified I found:

- Pictures of Riley P. Page in his thirties and late life
- A baby picture of Riley's daughter Elsie Adelaide Page, who died young
- A picture of Riley's half-sister Chloe (Robinson) Smith when she was a young woman, from whom Riley bought the Webster, NY, house in 1897; by 1897 Chloe was a widow and only lived until 1903, when she died at age 82
- A picture of Riley's third wife Emma (Conant) Wright Page in late life
- An ancient picture taken at Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY, of a man I now believe to be my immigrating ancestor William H. Page (his goofy smile was nearly an exact duplicate of a picture I have of my dad during a late-life graduation)

either forty men or eight horses, these Voitures became the trademark of the organization. If you could laugh at the train ride from the coast of France to the trenches crowded in these little boxcars only recently vacated by eight horses, you could surely adapt to the changes in life when returning home. Membership in the Forty and Eight is by invitation only to Legionnaires who have demonstrated their service to the American Legion and/or its programs.”

- Assorted pictures of Carrie (Page), including one with her third husband Elmer Wheeler
- A picture of Theodore Dudley Richards, Carrie Page's first husband
- A picture of Lola Mae Richards as a little girl and a few years older
- A picture of Joseph Burchard Milliman, Lola's first husband, in his late teens or early twenties
- A picture of Helen Elizabeth Milliman as a baby
- A number of pictures of Great-Uncle George Hudson Page, his wife Mary, their daughter Elsie May, and Elsie's husband Jesse Strange Harrison
- Assorted pictures of my more immediate Page relatives, including: one of Grandfather Charles Orlando Page as a boy, one in late teens or early twenties, and one in his thirties or forties; one of Dad, Uncle Marshal (Mutt), and Aunt Margaret (Peg) in a group shot as little kids (it was with these pictures that was found the old one believed to be William H. Page, Sr.)

The last book was a large, rather expensive-looking Holy Bible. The front matter was in tatters and I was unable to find a year of publication. However, in the center of the bible, between the old and new testaments, were some pages designed for recording family vital information. These were copyrighted in 1873. Someone, possibly Carrie or even her father Riley, had written-in information for a number of people on a page simply titled "Family Record." The first bit that caught my attention and made me catch my breath was about William H. Page. It said he was born in Essex, England on 19 Feb 1797. This was VERY IMPORTANT data to assist in tracking the Page family back to England. (There is also evidence William may have been born in, or came from, the English county of Sussex. See the table starting page 126.)

There was much information about William H. Page's family with his second wife, my ancestor Chloe (Thayer) Robinson Page, but nothing about his earlier, English-born family with Martha Sanders. Also, other than giving Riley's brother William's name and birth information, there was nothing further about him, his marriage or family. A number of previously missing pieces of information about Riley's two families were filled-in thanks to the single page that contained all the above information and much more.

NOTE: Be advised that not all the information in the bible is accurate, including the death dates for William and Chloe. Actually, William H. Page, Sr. died 17 Jan 1862 and Chloe died 13 Jan 1862. The list also has all six of Riley's children appearing as being the children of Riley and his first wife Elizabeth, whereas the last three were born to Riley and his second wife Sarah M. (Keyes) Page. Perhaps this oversight had something to do with residual resentment following Riley and Sarah's divorce.

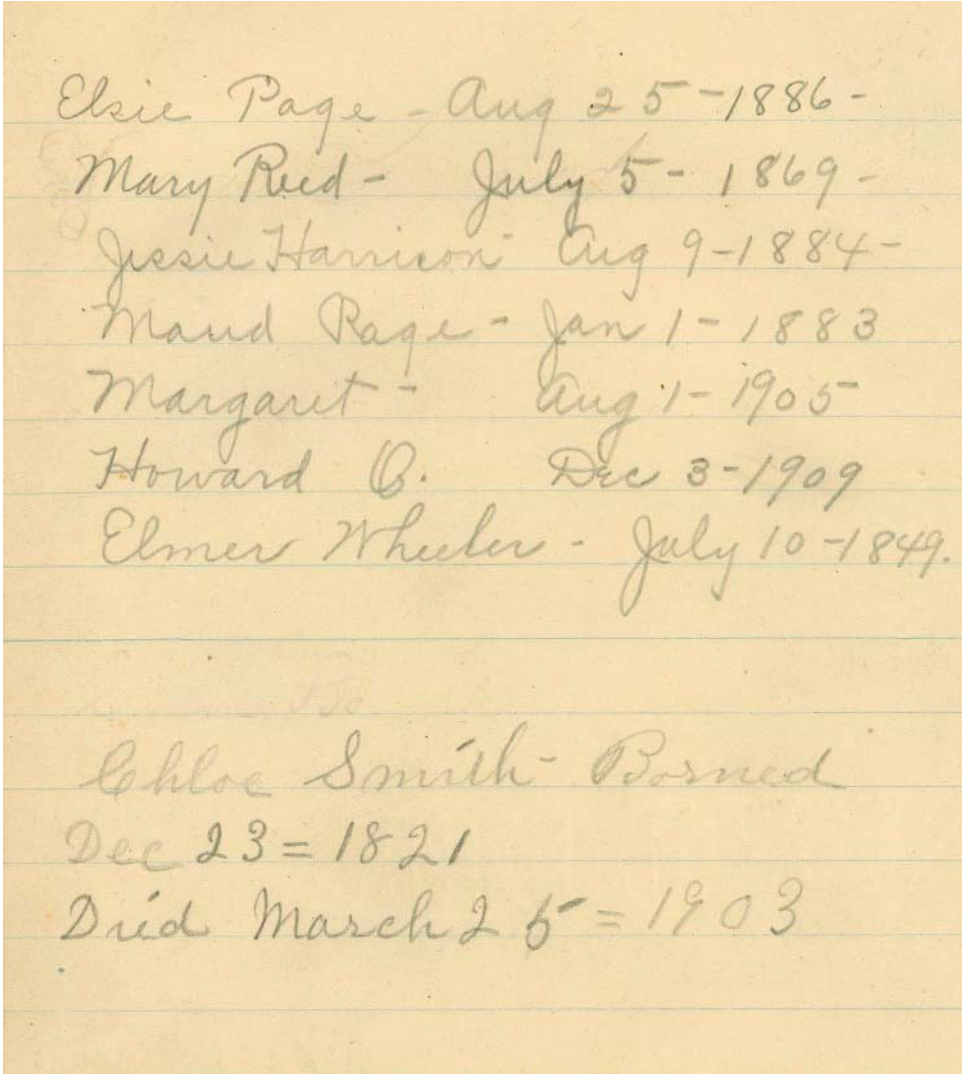
California to Minnesota

I kept the bible and albums for several months while gleaning whatever information I could from them, including scanning into digital form any handwritten records and photographs that were deemed pertinent to the Pa(i)ge family.

The time finally came for the bible and albums to continue their odyssey back toward the heart of the Pa(i)ge family further east. Thus it was arranged that I send these items plus a few other heirlooms collected over the years to the safekeeping of my sister Mary Louise (Paige) and her husband Robert Alvar West of Duluth, Minnesota, where they arrived on 18 April 2011. From there who knows? They might even end up back in Michigan one of these years. But the important thing is that they never be allowed to leave the family again.

Page Family Bible Records

This page was inserted in the bible adjacent to the formal Record (see next page).



A photograph of a page of handwritten family records on lined paper. The text is written in cursive and lists names, birth dates, and death dates. The entries are as follows:

- Elsie Page - Aug 25 - 1886 -
- Mary Reed - July 5 - 1869 -
- Jessie Harrison - Aug 9 - 1884 -
- Maud Page - Jan 1 - 1883
- Margaret - Aug 1 - 1905
- Howard B. - Dec 3 - 1909
- Elmer Wheeler - July 10 - 1849.

Below these entries, there is a section for "Chloe Smith - Borned" with the following dates:

- Dec 23 = 1821
- Died March 25 = 1903

FAMILY RECORD					
NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF DEATH	
William H. Page	Essex, England,	Feb. 19-1797	June 20-1852	Jan 13-1862	
Chloe Thayer	Mass.	Apr. 1-1794	" "	Jan 17-1861	Bronson, Mich.
(Children of William & Chloe Page)					
William H. Page	Macedon, Wayne Co.	Oct 23-1833			N.Y.
Riley P. Page	Macedon, Wayne Co.	June 20-1837			N.Y.
William Holenbeck	New York				
Adelaide Holenbeck	New York				
Children of Wm. & Adelaide Holenbeck.					
Elizabeth Adelaide Holenbeck	New York				
Riley P. Page	Macedon, Wayne Co. N.Y.	June 20-1837	Feb. 23-1857	July 26-1871	
Elizabeth Holenbeck	N.Y.	Aug 23-1842	" 23-1857	Sept 26-1871	Bronson, Mich.
Children of Riley & Elizabeth Page.					
Carrie Bell Page	Bronson, Mich.	Aug 23-1860			
George Hudson Page	Webster, Monroe Co. N.Y.	Mar 31-1864			
Elice Adelaide Page	Irondequoit, " " N.Y.	June, 20-1868			Sept 9-1877 Cl. near Sept 71
Berinnice May Page	Galesburg, Mich.	Nov 23-1874			Aug 29-1911 Cl. near Sept 71
Harvey Judson Page	" "	Sept 3-1876			Aug 28-1877 Cl. near Sept 71
Charles O. Page	Climax Twp. Kalamazoo Co. Mich	July 30-1878			

Not all family information in the bible synchronizes with the information in this book.

Page Family Pictures



Riley Preston Page



Emma (Conant) Wright Page



Riley Preston Page



Carrie Bell Page



Theodore Dudley "Dorr" Richards and Lola Mae Richards



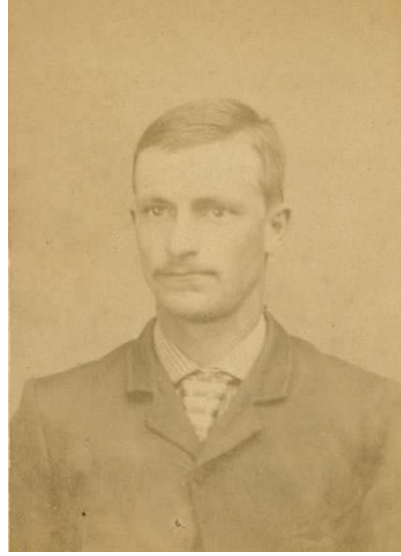
Lola Mae Richards and Allie Barton (in back)



Joseph Burchard Milliman and Helen Elizabeth Milliman



Carrie Bell (Page) and Elmer Wheeler



Mary A. (Reed) and George Hudson Page



George and Mary Page



Mary and George Page and Elsie May Page



Elsie May Page



Elsie May (Page) and Jesse Strange Harrison



Elsie Adelaide Page



Charles Orlando Page



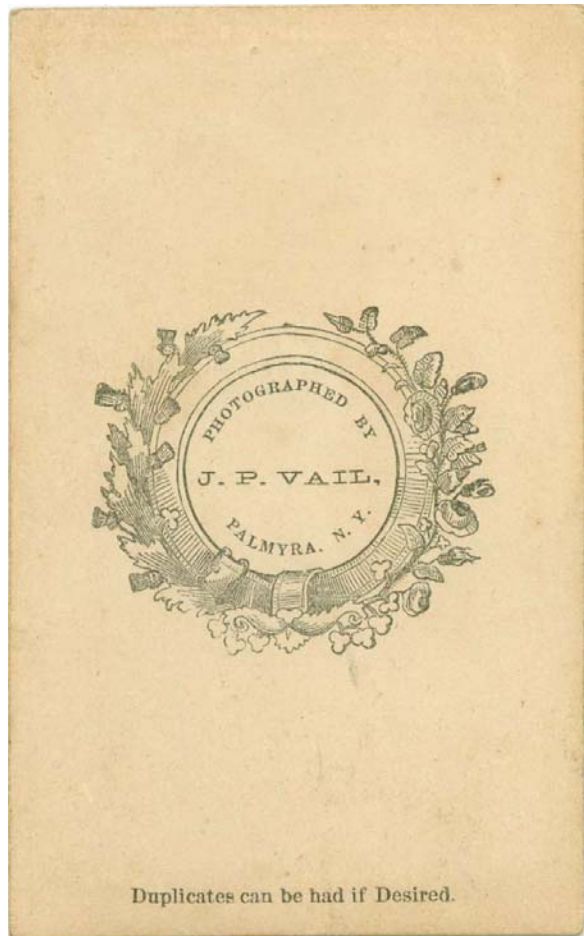
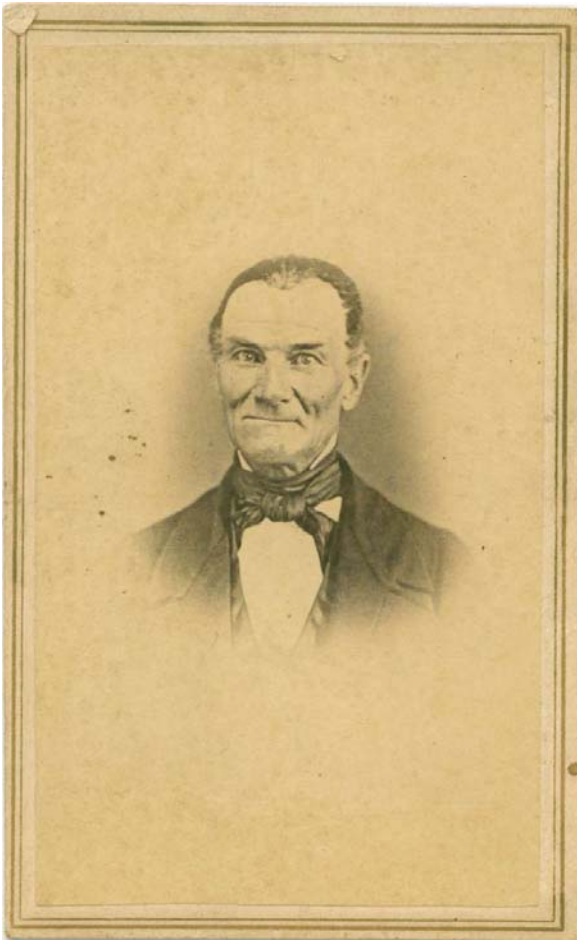
Charles and Florence "Big Betty" Page



Margaret, Howard, and Marshal Page



Chloe Ann Robinson, Riley's half-niece



This picture may be of William Henry Page, Sr.

Jay D. Page & Co., Inc. Monogram Liquor Bottle

The following email message was received by me on February 12, 2013:

Charles, Attached is a picture of a bottle I found, yesterday Feb 11th, on a foundation ledge in my basement. I live in Manlius, near Syracuse, NY. My house was built around 1880. The bottle must have been dislodged after a new furnace was installed last year. In trying to research its history, I found your "Family History Primer". Page 7 made reference to the feed and liquor business your ancestors had.

The very odd part is I found it on Feb 11th, apparently the anniversary date of the fire in Syracuse at the Mowry Hotel that also involved the feed business. Very strange indeed! If you would like the bottle, please let me know and I will send it to you. Linda DeHaas

I notified Gail Palmer, an actual descendant of Jay D. Page, and she was very happy to take it from there.



Ebenezer Page and the War Between the States

Compiled by Charles W. Paige, Ebenezer's half great-grandnephew
May 19, 2007; updated September 7, 2008, September 29, 2009
and March 3, 2014

Pre-Civil War

Ebenezer Page was born in England April 8, 1820, and immigrated to New York with parents William H. and Martha (Sanders) Page and siblings when nine years old. The family settled at Macedon near Palmyra, Wayne County. Within the year his mother died, and two years later his father married the American-born widow Chloe (Thayer) Robinson. The family remained at Macedon and soon two half brothers were born, William Henry Page, Jr. and Riley Preston Page.

Ebenezer became a blacksmith, a profession he pursued throughout his adult life. In 1850 he was living in Ontario, Wayne County, with wife, the former Elizabeth McDowell, and three children. Before the decade ended Ebenezer's father, stepmother, and half brothers settled in Branch County, Michigan, while Ebenezer remained in Wayne County, moving to Palmyra.

Ebenezer and Elizabeth had seven children, all but one being born before the Civil War.* They were: William S. b: 12-15-1844 d: 8-3-1864 in Washington, District of Columbia; Franklin W. b: Abt. 1846 d: 3-6-1890 in Sweden Twp., Monroe Co., NY; Nellie Ellen b: 8-1850 d: Aft. 1914; Esther M. b: Abt. 1852 d 5-1922 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY; Charlie b: 10-1855 d: 9-9-1859 in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY; Charles E. b: 7-1860 d: 12-24-1939 in Rochester; Martha A. "Matty" b: 9-1868 d: 9-17-1935 in Rochester.

* [Fort Mahan, Washington, D.C.] "In this same fort, later in April, a daughter of Ebenezer Page opened a school in the mess-house at fifty cents per pupil, weekly." This was recorded in Chapter X, "A General Shaking-Up," regarding a visit to the Ninth by General Grant, from the book, The Ninth New York Heavy Artillery--A History of its Organization, Services in the Defenses of Washington, Marches, Camps, Battles, and Muster-Out..., by Alfred Seelye Roe of Company A; Published by the Author, Worcester, Mass., 1899.

Civil War

From Company "B" Descriptive Book of the 9th Heavy Artillery New York Regarding Ebenezer Page

DESCRIPTION

Age 42 years; height 5 feet 8 inches; Complexion dark; Eyes grey; hair brown; Where born England; Occupation Blacksmith.

ENLISTMENT

When: Aug 2, 1862; Where: Ontario; By whom: J. Gregory; term: 3 y'rs.

Remarks: Appointed Corporal Aug. 14, 1862—appointed Commissary Sergeant Jan. 19, 1864. Reduced to the ranks Jan. 1, 1865.

From “Appears on Returns” Document Plus

The following includes a May 15, 1897, summary of Ebenezer Page’s military service, taken from a two-page document in his military records titled Appears on Returns, which can be found below placed in text boxes. Interspersed around these boxes is additional information from his other military records, all of which were retrieved from National Archives in Washington, D.C. Text in red preceded by a plus sign (“+”) is from a military timeline for Ebenezer’s regiment found at Lisa Saunder’s website: **New York 9th Heavy Artillery** at <http://www.authorlisasaunders.com/mycustompage0013.htm>.

Asterisked (*) material provides further explanation by this author. Note date discrepancies and inconsistencies and other mistakes in some of the reports, probably due to rushed recording, faulty bureaucratic processes, and the rigors of war. Also note Ebenezer’s sudden and unexplained reduction in rank from Corporal to Private that occurred around the time of the April 10, 1863 Special Muster.

Sep 9, 1862 through Oct 31, 1862 (from Company “B” Muster-in Roll):

Ebenezer Page, Corporal, Co. B, 138 Reg’t N.Y. Infantry;* Age 42 years; Joined for duty and enrolled: When Aug 2, 1862; Where Ontario, N.Y.; Period 3 years; Muster-in to date Aug 14, 1862; muster location Auburn, NY; Roll dated Sep. 9, 1862.

* This organization subsequently became Co. B, 9 N.Y.H. Art’y.

Sep 9, 1862 through Dec 31, 1862 (from Company “B” Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, 3 Corp., Co. B, 138 Reg’t NY Infantry/9 Reg’t N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty; Detailed as mechanic.

+Sept 1862-Aug 1863, 138 Reg’t NY Infantry/9th Reg’t N.Y. Heavy Artillery stationed near Washington, D.C. (Forts Bunker Hill, Kearney, Mansfield, and Reno)
<http://www.nps.gov/rocr/ftcircle/>

Oct 1862 (138 Regt NY Inf): Mechanic at work on fort.
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Oct 31, 1862, through Feb 28, 1863 (from Company “B” Muster Roll):
Ebenezer Page, Corp., Co. B, 9 Reg’t N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Claim from Aug. 2 to Aug. 14 from error in Oct. rolls; Present for duty; Detailed as mechanic.

Nov 1862 (Corpl). Mechanic at work on fortifications.

Dec 1862 to Apl 1863 (9 Regt NY H Arty). Mechanic at work on fort.
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Mar & Apr, 1863 (from Company “B” Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, Corp., Co. B, 9 Reg’t N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty; Detailed as mechanic

Apr 10, 1863 (from Special Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, **Corp.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty; Detailed as mechanic

May to Oct 1863 (Pvt). Detailed as mechanic to work on fortifications.

May & Jun, 1863 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, **Pvt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

Jul & Aug, 1863 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, **Pvt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

+Aug 1863-May 1864, Built Fort Foote <http://www.nps.gov/fowa/foote.htm>

NOTE: "During the Civil War 68 forts were built around Washington D.C. Only two were built to defend against a naval attack - Fort Foote and Battery Rodgers..."

http://www.geocities.com/baltforts/Fort_Foote/history.htm

Sept & Oct, 1863 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, **Pvt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

Nov 1863. Detailed mechanic in the engineer dept.

Nov & Dec, 1863 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, **Pvt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

Jan & Feb, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, **Sgt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty; Appointed from Private Jan 19, 1864 by order Col. J. Welling

Mar & Apr, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, **Sgt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

+May 18, 1864, [9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery] **Joined the Army of the Potomac.**

+May through June, Rapidan Campaign.

+May 26, 1864, North Anna River <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va055.htm>

+May 26-28, 1864, On line of the Pamunky River.

+May 28-31, 1864, Totopotomoy Creek <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va057.htm>

+June 1-12, 1864, Cold Harbor http://www.nps.gov/rich/ri_cold.htm

+June 1-3, 1864, Bethesda Church.

+June 18-19, 1864, Before Petersburg.

+June 18-July 6, 1864, Siege of Petersburg <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va063.htm>

+June 22-23, 1864, Jerusalem Plank Road, Weldon Railroad
<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va065.htm>

May & Jun, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):
Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

+July 6-8, 1864, Move to Baltimore.

+July 9-12, 1864, Battle of Monocacy, called the Battle that Saved Washington
<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/md007.htm>

The following article appeared in the Oswego (Oswego Co., NY) *Daily Times* newspaper for Tuesday, January 28, 1896.

FOR THIRTY-TWO YEARS

A Man Carries a Piece of Wood in His Hand That Length of Time Under the Supposition That It Was a Bullet

Special Correspondence of the Oswego *Times*:

ONTARIO, Jan. 28—Ebenezer Page, a well-known resident of this town, had an operation performed on him last Thursday in Rochester for the removal of what he believed to be a bullet which had been buried in his right hand since the battle of Antietam.* Mr. Page enlisted and went out as a corporal in Company B, Ninth New York heavy artillery, enlisting August 11th, 1862. He was promoted sergeant in 1864 and was discharged with the regiment July 6, 1865, and returned to Wayne county. In the battle of Antietam, Mr. Page was sighting his rifle and was all ready to shoot when a "Johnny" shot at him, the bullet striking the musket stock and slivering it. Mr. Page fell over and later found that his right hand was badly injured. He was taken to the camp hospital where the injury was dressed, but the surgeons were unable to locate the bullet. The wound healed up and then broke out again making a bad hand. From time to time he was troubled greatly with the hand and often threatened to have the bullet extracted. During the holidays, a young man, who is studying with a Rochester physician and whose parents live near Mr. Page's home, came home to spend a day or two. He visited Mr. Page's family and learning of the injury suggested that Mr. Page come to Rochester and have the ball removed. Last week Page mustered up enough courage to visit Rochester and the operation was performed. Instead of finding a ball, however, a piece of wood was removed from the hand which proved to be a sliver from the butt or stock of the musket. The hand is healing up all right and Mr. Page treasures the sliver as he would have prized the bullet had one been found. The sliver laid in such a position that it would have been impossible for the wound to have discharged it in "sloughing."

* Most likely it was not the Battle of Antietam where Ebenezer received his injury but instead was the Battle of Monocacy. Reasoning: first, the 9th Regiment N.Y. Heavy Artillery was not credited with engagement in the Battle of Antietam. Second,

Monocacy occurred shortly before Ebenezer was admitted to Carver U.S. General Hospital in Washington, D.C. Third, thirty-two years prior to 1896 would have been 1864, whereas the Battle of Antietam occurred in 1862. Perhaps Ebenezer or the newspaper stretched the truth slightly in favor of referencing the better-known battle.

July & Aug 1864. Absent without leave since July 14, 64.
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July & Aug, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent from duty; Appointed from private Jan 19, 1864 on order Col. J. Welling. **Absent without leave.***

* The Sep & Oct, 1864 Company "B" Muster Roll lists Ebenezer "Sick in Carver U.S. Genl Hosp. Washington D.C." The Nov & Dec, 1864 Company Muster Roll lists Ebenezer "Sick in Carver U.S. Genl Hosp. since July 15/64."

** On page 72 of an 1865 census for Ontario, Wayne Co., NY, the following soldier's death (of Ebenezer's eldest son) was recorded:

"William Page, age 20, single, citizen, entered service Private 111 N.Y. Aug. 15, 1862, Private 111 N.Y. at time of death, volunteer, died Aug. 3, 1864 at Cold Harbor of wounds received in battle, left no children, left no-one dependant, body sent to friends for burial, buried Arlington National Cemetery."

*** On two scanned pages provided by Gail Palmer, from a document titled: "Town Clerks' Registers of Men Who Served in the Civil War, ca 1861-1865," is the following additional information about William Sanders Page.

"Page, William Sanders: Residence-Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; Time and Place of Birth-Dec 15, 1844, Ontario, Wayne Co., NY; Rank/Reg't-Private/111th NY Infantry; Company-A; Enlistment date-Aug 15th, 1862, Muster date-Aug 15th, 1862 as Private; Enlisted for-3 years; Place of Enlistment-Ontario; White; no bounty was paid by either Town or County; no relief granted to family by Town; Single; Names of Parents and Previous Occupation-Ebenezer [Page], Elizabeth McDowell, Blacksmith; Promotions, resignations, Discharges, Deaths, &c, With Dates, Causes, &c.-Was wounded at Battle of Gettysburgh, Penn, July 3rd, 1863. Wounded in Battle May 30th, 1864, and died shortly after--on Aug 3rd--from effects of wound. Buried cem Arlington Heights, VA."

NOTE: One source states that William DOW (died of wounds) at Washington, D.C. That would presumably place his final days in the same hospital as his father Ebenezer, who went on furlough around the time of William's death but then was declared AWOL (Absence without leave). One could speculate that Ebenezer's episode of being AWOL in July might have resulted from his retrieving his son from another military location or hospital and taking him to Washington, D.C. The second AWOL may have been about taking care of his son's body.

July & Aug, 1864 (from Hospital Muster Roll of Carver U.S.A. General Hospital at Washington, D.C.):
Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent on furlough 30 Days from Aug 7/64.

+August 7 - November 28, 1864, Shenandoah Valley Campaign.

+August 21-22, 1864, Near Charlestown.

+August 29, 1864, Charlestown.

+September 19, 1864, Battle of Winchester <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va119.htm>

+September 22, 1864, Fisher's Hill <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va120.htm>

Sep 30, 1864 (from Descriptive List of Deserters from Carver U.S.A. Gen. Hospl, Washington D.C.):
Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent without leave having over stayed furlough. Left Hospl Aug. 7, 64. Length of furlough 30 days. Time expired Sept 6, 64.

Sep & Oct, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):
Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent from duty; Sick in Carver U.S. Genl Hosp. Washington D.C.; Stops: for Transp--\$16.16.

+October 19, 1864, Battle of Cedar Creek <http://www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org/> Order of Battle

+Through December, 1864, Duty at Kernstown.

+December 3, 1864, Moved to Washington, D.C., then to Petersburg.

Nov & Dec, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):
Ebenezer Page, **Sgt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent from duty; Sick in Carver U.S. Genl Hosp. since July 15/64.; Stops: for Transp--\$16.16.

+Dec 1864-April 1865, Siege of Petersburg <http://www.pamplinpark.org/>

Jan 1, 1865 (from Company "B" Descriptive Book):
Reduced to the ranks Jan. 1, 1865.

Feb 13, 1865 Ebenezer Page, **Private**, Company B, 9th New York Arty on duty at the 6th Corps Hospital, City Point, VA in accordance with Special Order No. 25, dated Medical Division, 1st Battalion, 9th New York Arty, February 13th 1865.

Jan & Feb, 1865 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):
Ebenezer Page, **Pvt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty.

Jan & Feb, 1865 ([Hospital Muster Roll (Soldiers on Duty) at U.S.A. Depot Field Hospital, 6 Army Corps, City Point, VA]:
Ebenezer Page, Pvt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Attached to hospital: When Feb. 14, 1865; How employed Nurse; Present for duty.

Feb & Mch 1865. Absent detached service City Point, VA since Feb-13-65.



Civil War Field Hospital, City Point, VA, near Petersburg, VA
<http://www.ihm.nlm.nih.gov/ihm/images/A/21/091.jpg>

From "AMA (Virtual Mentor) Images of Healing and Learning"
<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/10555.html>

Mar 6, 1865 (According to a memorandum of March 6 from Capt. R. F. Halsted, Head Quarters 6th Army Corps, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; for Lieut. Col. James W. Snyder) E. Page, Co. B, directed to appear for examination before a Board of Medical officers, which was to meet at Head Quarters 6th Army Corps at 1 o'clock P.M. the 7th inst.

+March 25, 1865, Fort Fisher.

+March 28-April 9, 1865, Appomattox Campaign.

Mar & Apr, 1865 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):
Ebenezer Page, Pvt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent from duty; Detailed as nurse at 6th Corps Hosp., City Point, VA, since Jan. 25/65.

Mar & Apr, 1865 ([Hospital Muster Roll (Soldiers on Duty) at U.S.A. Depot Field Hospital, 6 Army Corps, City Point, VA]: Ebenezer Page, Pvt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Attached to hospital: When Feb. 14, 1865; How employed Nurse; Present for duty.

+April 2, 1865, Assault and fall of Petersburg <http://www.petersburgbreakthrough.org/>

+April 5, 1865, Amelia Springs <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va091.htm>

+April 6, 1865, Sailor's Creek <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va093.htm>

+April 9, 1865, Appomattox Court House and Surrender of Lee and his Army <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va097.htm>

+April 17-27, 1865, Expedition to Danville.

+Till June, 1865, Duty at Danville and Richmond.

Apl & May 1865. Absent on detached service in 6 Corps Hospl since Feb-13-65.
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May & Jun, 1865 (from Company "B" Muster Roll): Ebenezer Page, Pvt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty; Detailed as nurse at 6th Corps Hosp., City Point, VA, since Jan. 25/65.

June 1865. Detailed as blacksmith in 2 M Dept.
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+June 8, Corps Review.

July 6, 1865 (Muster-out Roll, dated Washington, D.C., July 6, 1865): Muster-out to date July 6, 1865; Last paid to Feb. 29, 1864; Clothing account: Last settled Aug. 31, 1864; drawn since \$12.25; Due soldier \$37.35; Bounty paid \$25.00; due \$75.00; Remarks: Due U.S. clothing overdrawn \$1.63.

Post-Civil War

With peace again on the land, Ebenezer joined the 9th N.Y. Heavy Artillery Association and was listed on page 6 of *Roster of Survivors of 9th New York Heavy Artillery*, a booklet compiled by Frank Tallman, Association Secretary, and published in September 1902. His P.O. address at the time was Brockport, NY.

Ebenezer and his wife spent their latter years in Monroe County, where he died at Rochester July 5, 1911, of "senility & heat prostration," having reached and surpassed the venerable age of 91 years. Ebenezer and Elizabeth, who had died in July 1907, were interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, New York.

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[See below for Source Citation and Information.]

| RECORD OF SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS | | | | | | | | |
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| NAMES.
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RESIDENCE, TIME AND PLACE OF BIRTH. | PRESENT | | Letter of Co. | E.—WHEN ENLISTED.
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AND RANK. | | Enlisted for
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Y.—Years | PLACE OF
ENLISTMENT. | W—White,
C—Colored. |
| | RANK. | REG'T. | | | | | | |
| Page, Ebenezer | | | | | | | | |
| Name: <i>Page, Ebenezer</i> | <i>Private, 8th</i> | <i>Co</i> | <i>B. Co</i> | <i>Aug 9, 1862</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>Ontario, N.Y.</i> | | |
| Residence: <i>Ontario Wayne Co, N.Y.</i> | <i>4th</i> | | | <i>Sept 18, 1862</i> | | | | |
| Time and Place of Birth: <i>Apr 1844 1820 Sussex, Maryland</i> | | | | <i>Private</i> | | | | |
| Page, William Sanders | | | | | | | | |
| Name: <i>Page, William Sanders</i> | <i>Private, 11th</i> | <i>Co</i> | <i>A Co</i> | <i>Aug 13, 1862</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>Ontario, N.Y.</i> | | |
| Residence: <i>Ontario Wayne Co, N.Y.</i> | <i>1st</i> | | | <i>Aug 13, 1862</i> | | | | |
| Time and Place of Birth: <i>Feb 1844 Ontario, Wayne Co, N.Y.</i> | <i>2nd</i> | | | <i>Private</i> | | | | |

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| IN THE MILITARY SERVICE. | |
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| Relief granted to family by Town
S—Single,
M—Married. | NAMES OF PARENTS, AND PREVIOUS OCCUPATION.
PROMOTIONS, RESIGNATIONS, DISCHARGES, DEATHS, &c., WITH DATES, CAUSES, &c.
If deceased, state whether by Disease, Accident or on the Field of Battle; give Place of Burial. If not deceased and out of Service give present Post Office Address. |
| <p>(“above” was reference to the report for Pratt, Almon Jermain, a captain still in active service at the time.)
>>>>></p> | <p><i>Enlisted in 1861 in 11th Regt, Inf., which was transferred to the 8th N.Y. H.A., Dec. 1862, Promoted Sgt. and</i></p> |
| Page, Ebenezer (cont'd) | |
| <p><i>#17,25 M. William S. Martha, Sanders, Farmer.</i></p> | <p><i>Enlisted and transferred as the last above mustered into 11th 1862 at Washington D.C. Still living P.O. Ontario, Wayne Co N.Y. in battle of Cedar Mountain, Va.</i></p> |
| Page, William Sanders (cont'd) | |
| <p><i>S. Ebenezer, Elizabeth, Madsonell, Blacksmith</i></p> | <p><i>Was wounded at Battle of Gettysburg, July 31, 1863. Wounded in Battle of the 2nd 1864. and died shortly after from effects of wound. Buried on Blacksmith Burlington Heights, Va.</i></p> |

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The Forgotten High Priest of Nature and Emperor of the World—Edward Postlethwayt Page

Compiled by Charles W. Paige
October 7, 2012—April 16, 2014

What if you were Emperor of the World and almost nobody else knew about it? Here are some newspaper articles and other discussions about a person with just such a dilemma. (Edward was first mentioned, in reference to potential relative Esther P. Page, on page 131.)

From **NOTES AND QUERIES, A Monthly of History, Folk-Lore, Mathematics, Literature, Art, Arcane Societies, Etc.**, Vol. XVIII, p. 159, Published by S. C. & L. M. Gould, Manchester, N. H.: 1900.

EDWARD POSTLETHWAYT PAGE. This man announced himself as “The High Priest of Nature.” He was a Protestant Irishman of culture, and a complete gentleman; white-headed (about 1845), rather stout, and always the perfection of neatness in dress. He published various pamphlets with eccentric titles, generally without covers, and resided at Marietta, Ohio. The editions were small and hence very few are preserved. He died on the Virginia side of the Ohio river about 1853. He published a monthly, at one dollar for twelve numbers, namely:

“The Reminiscence of Nature, and Clew to Bible Astrology, by the Recess of the Equinoxes according to Fluxions.”

This periodical was published at Marietta, Ohio, 1831-1832. The 6th number for January, 1832, contains a biographical note of the editor, as follows:

“High Priest of Nature’s emblem speech; whilom in the East Indies, a Lieutenant in H. B. M., 12th Reg’t Inf’y; at 12 a Midshipman in H. B. M. ship Leviathan 74, in the West Indies. Three months accepted by the London Episcopal Society for Africa and East; but his constitution destroyed by continued sickness, he came to America in A. D. 1807; bound to India a Missionary at his own cost, waving Latin, Greek and Hebrew, unequal to the fatigue of study for ordination. Here he has remained ever since, long too ill to seek India; 11 years a farmer in Ohio.” “Ere missionaries you send, your own idolatry end; O what poetry is Nature, in her every feature.”

One of his previous octavo pamphlets contains this title page:

“Magic Harmonies; exemplifying the Second Advent Dispensation; or Grand Universal Political New Birth, and Third Resurrection. By solar calculation, July, A. D. 1821: by Lunar (the only true scriptural rule of time) much more. By Edward Postlethwayt Page, Late of Marietta, Ohio. New York, 1821.”

“The work of Christ was the republication and revival of the law of nature.

“This world, like the tabernacle of old, was so framed and constituted, as to be the pattern of heavenly things. All things here on earth are emblems of realities in heaven.

“The whole of the Bible is a mirror—read it on its smooth of water level and assimilation, perturbed by no avarice, no strife, no vain glory.” (42 pages.)

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From **New York [NY] Evening Post**, February ?, 1822.

POLITICS IN RELIGION & RELIGION IN POLITICS
Nature teaches WISDOM! Revelation, LOVE!

Constitution for the “**UNION CONCENTRIC SOCIETY OF LIGHT**,” a Commonwealth of Immanuel! In Paradise regained:--

The government is in a male and female President, and 12 male and 12 female Deliberators, always balloted for monthly; each sex voting in their own. These 24 elders are also a grand Jury; and male culprits are tried by the male judge and jurors. The females try their own sex. No other officers can exist; and no proxy work. The concurrence of the two parents, and of the upper and lower house, must always be had.

The law is: love each other, and be to others what they should be to you, as explained by Jesus the priest of revelation, and not Moses, the priest of nature.

A free church, and all religious opinions in the world will be tolerated. The trumpets and music shall rejoice at the birth of a live child.

Animals for food shall die by a guillotine.

Those members who eat flesh, work six hours a day: those who eat none, 3 hours, provided they refrain from imported tea, coffee, all manner of spirituous and fermented liquors, and tobacco. If they use any of these luxuries: then, for each, it is 50 minutes a day added to the 6 or 3 hours. But spirituous liquors, 2 hours.

This being a Theocracy, the dress shall resemble the cheapest and easiest made among the first Jews. The houses shall be only one story high. No money, gold or silver, shall be kept within the commonwealth. Self love, and self will, shall yield to social love and the aggregate will. All property is in common. *Mine* and *thine* abolished. One half of each individual's prior wealth is sunk in the land, and perhaps one fourth for books, museum, arts and sciences. The youths of both sexes are at school till 12 years old, all the day; and till 18, half. They should know more than any others on earth of their age, for the credit of the cause. All punishments are in the ratio of the offense to the danger of the community.

No member can be ejected while he abides by this constitution, a part of which shall never be altered, but lasts with the land, both unchangeable, unsaleable, while grass grows and water runs, an everlasting inheritance.

Given at the city of Peace, (though in too much reality, New York) this being a general invitation to your tents, O Israel.

EDWARD POSTLETHWAYT PAGE

Address (post paid) at this office.

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From **New-York [NY] Spectator**, Vol. XXIX, Tuesday, August 22, 1826

“Edward P. Page,” High Priest of Nature, as he is pleased to style himself, left Philadelphia on Tuesday, on his way to join Robert Owen’s settlement at Harmony. Mr. Page has taken with him all the remaining copies of his various publications, and an entire conviction of their truth, and of the truth of the Revelations he has made. (See New Harmony, Posey Co., IN, Wikipedia site for information on the Harmony/New Harmony settlement and for several of Owen’s movement’s contributions: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Harmony,_Indiana)

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From http://historicalmarietta.blogspot.com/2009_10_01_archive.html

Emblem Town

American Friend & Marietta [Ohio] Gazette, March 12, 1828

Mr. Prentiss:

In 1824, a little prior to Robert Owen’s first arrival in America, I went to Washington, distributed my printed memorial to each member of that Congress, for a grant of a million acres of land in East Florida in behalf of my “Scientific Commonwealth.” When read in the Senate, it expired for need of breath. I then embarked for St. Domingo, intending to petition Boyer; but was wrecked by a gale, and lost 650 dollars. With the remainder of my damaged cargo, I visited South America, and found it a paradise for communities. But those superstitious people could not estimate how unity gives knowledge, knowledge wealth, wealth power and felicity.

The “Scientific Commonwealth” over which I preside, (and Sol, like the head of any body, must guide the rest of the planets) has commenced at Emblem Town, 7 miles from Marietta, between Duck Creek and Muskingum river; and several families are now in full co-operation, one for all - all for one! My school begins this week. We receive scholars to board, &c. on moderate terms; mutual instruction our method, with its monitorial discipline. But we inculcate no other religion than that of nature, and reverence to the Great Spirit of the Universe; by which we learn to love each other, and do all the good we can.

Do me the favor to publish this communication. Not that we seek members. Too many, alas! will seek us. The Community I was three months associated with at Valley Forge, near Philadelphia, was overwhelmed by a rush of importunate applicants, and there was not fortitude enough to refuse them. All that have failed have been surcharged in the commencement.

Edward P. Page

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From **New York [NY] Evening Post**, Tuesday, March 15, 1831.

We have received the second number of a new monthly newspaper about six inches square, with the queer title of “The Reminiscence of Nature, and Clew to Bible Astrology. By Edward Postletwayt Page, High Priest of Nature.” We do not profess to understand the contents, but subjoin an extract for the edification of such of our renders as are blessed with clearer perception. It seems to be a history of free-masonry.

“In Edward 6th’s reign, A. D. 1552, books of Astronomy and Geometry were all destroyed as infected with magic. Here, in this wilderness, I resemble John the Baptist; desolate and destitute of company and books; where the people have one God, and that is money, one faith, and that is in their own superciliousness; one hope, and that is to oppress each other; one charity, and that is to hate those who differ from them in religious or political opinion; and one baptism, that is sensuality. These qualifications are preposterous in a Republic. For this rebuke I might be abbreviated, as John was, but for our laws. The Pharisees and hypocrites will hate and vilify me. He who hateth his neighbor is a murderer, saith the Bible. The Ionian maids, in dance and song, commemorated that language of the mystic Lyre, every where written on Nature’s Page, by the inspiration of the Almighty Herodotus, the first profane historian, wrote that history which they orally preserved. But he marred the musical language of nature. Hence he was named the *ofus*, or hateful Herod. In time, Ino, who I know is personated by the Freemasons’ Baptist John, was, owing to a dancing affair, where the Ionian maids were absent, beheaded by the influence of his book. Passing to Ireland, (where a human body was lately found dressed in hair cloth, for thousands of years buried in peat or turf)—one Culdee, an Irishman, conveyed this lore from thence to Iona, an Island of Scotland, described by Dr. Johnson; thence its transition was to York, where it was metamorphosed into Freemasonry. So much for Ireland’s harp, Scotia’s melody, Britannia’s cross in her flag, and 65 orders of precedence, a fifth part of which defined the 13 stars in the American flag.

“As Herod ‘neath the token star
Sought blood to save his crumbling throne ‘
So Christendom when doom doth stare;
Finds Harlot sects have Herod known.

“My father had 20 children. When told that dogs had killed and wounded 20 of my Merinos last night, I was reminded of the greedy learned Bishop Bouchard of Worms, who died in 1022, leaving a fortune of one hair shirt, one iron chain for his belt, and 3 dernier in money. [To enrich our dandies, drunkards, and gluttons.]”

The following advertisement appears on the cover:

“WANTED—An Atlas to remove a world of rubbish, and the judgment fire to consume it.”

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From **Long-Island Farmer, and Queens County Advertiser**, Jamaica, N.Y., Wednesday Evening, December 3, 1834

Bright Thoughts.— Edward Postlethwayt Page, in a communication to the editors of the Baltimore Chronicle, says he has solved the great mathematical puzzle of squaring the circle! The editors of that paper say, from a conversation with him they understand it to be his intention to revive the exploded science of astrology, by which he means to demonstrate that the year 1836 is destined to be one of peculiar interest, if not of fatality, to the human race.

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From **Albany [NY] Evening Journal**, Monday Evening, May 18, 1835

“Liber Vitae: or, Book of Life!”—EDWARD POST’LETHWAYT PAGE has honored us with a Copy of his “Elements of Astrology,” bearing the title which heads this paragraph. It is a strange mixture of science and absurdity—of learning and lunacy. Its author is a man of extraordinary mathematical powers, whose mind, from some cause, has evidently lost its balance, and runs to waste.

Mr. Edward Postlethwayt Page professes to have mastered all the occult sciences, to have solved all the problems in Algebra, to have fathomed all the mysteries in Astrology, and to have ascertained, with certainty, that 1836 will be the year of the Mellenium [Millennium]. He also crowns a long catalogue of titles, by proclaiming himself “Emperor of the World.”

The following is an extract from the “Proclamation” with which the Emperor sends forth his “Book of Life:”—

**PROCLAMATION
EXTREMES MEET.—CEREMONIAL IS THEATRICAL
WORSHIP!**

It having pleased Eternal Providence to ordain me, Great Nature’s Page, the High Priest of Nature and Emperor of the World: therefore, I shall measure my realm by circles for concave Heaven, and their squares for convex Earth; like man’s concave understanding to his convex head. (“The principle of inversion is productive of symmetrical forms,” says Sir David Brewster, of kaleidoscopic memory.)

“Nature is the mirror of the invisible One.” She is elder Scripture, written by his own hand. “The gospel of the stars, great Nature’s holy writ!” The globe terrestrial is a living creature, whose spirit, mind, or soul is the celestial globe, traced in the imagery of things on earth, as man’s occult mind is pictured in his body. Every planet, in number equal to all the moments of Eternity, is a body to a similar spirit heaven.—The electric fluid of matter pervades squares, and of mind, their circles. God the Father reigns omnipotent in active Matter; the Son omnipresent in neuter Space; the Comforter omniscient in passive Time:—to which triangles, squares, and circles allude.

I command, that Matter, Space, and Time be alike regulated according to the *metry* of Geometry, and rhythm of Arithmetic.

The Ptolemaic and Copernican system are both necessary to explain the recess or retrocession of the equinoctial points. Ptolemy's lunar year of 318 days, is as much a square to its circle Copernicus' lunisolar year of 355 days, as 360 is to 402,—because 360 is equally a mean between 318 and 402, as between 355 and 365. The lunar 320 are also a square to the luni-solar 355, by ratio 9 to 10 in golden 19, to 560 to 400; because 360 are as much between 320 and 400 as between 318 and 402. When 360 are between 355 and 365, then squares are to circlet as 18 to 20, and 19 their mean. But when 19 squared in 361 are between 356 and 366, then are squares to circles as 17 to 19 in Jesus Christ 36, and Chal-[sorry, the rest is missing]

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From **Daily Albany [NY] Argus**, Monday Morning May 18, 1835

[We dare say that our readers have heard of Edward Postlethwayt Page, “High Priest of Nature, padre of the supreme church, reviver of the Temple worship and its sacred drama, generalissimo of the crusaders against Spiritual Babylon of language and worship, alike confused, grand master of the Supreme Mystics, and emperor of the world.” If they, or any of them, are still in ignorance of a personage of such titulary potency, it is quite time they were introduced to his majesty, the “emperor of the world.” He professes to have mastered the occult sciences, the mystic lore of the Eastern Magi, the arcana of Nature and Astrology, and all divination and cabalistic power; and by it to have resolved the unmastered problem of the square of the circle, and to have calculated with certainty the Millennium of 1836! All this, and a vast deal more, in all sorts of jargon, may be found in his “Liber Vitae,” or Book of Life; which we have been permitted to see, but by no means to comprehend. Seriously, this enthusiast (impostor we will not call him, for he misleads only himself) seems to have pursued the abstruser studies with so much attention, possibly in search of the hidden square or the philosopher's stone, that upon that subject he wanders literally among the stars, amidst a countless throng of squares and circles, and a vast jumble of cycles and quadrants and magic circle of circles, and until on this topic his mind has become chaotic. The following letter, which we have consented to publish, may be taken as a fair specimen of the “High Priest of Nature,” and his manner of treating the occult science.]

NOTES: The brackets enclosing the preceding paragraph were inserted by the newspaper, presumably to designate it as the opinion of the publication and as an introduction and preface to the letter. Any material in braces {} in the actual published letter are mine. Also, I have indented most of the material Edward presumably included to elucidate something of his discoveries, although it may have been counter-productive as to the intent of a letter requesting a former acquaintance Alfred W. Elwes to provide a public acknowledgement and vouch for his character. The material is indented to allow the reader to skip past rather impenetrable matter to the letter's closing paragraphs, if so inclined. Subsequently a letter was received from Mr. Elwes and published in the newspaper, as seen immediately after the following request. C.W Paige, A.D. 2014

**On board steamboat New-London,)
May 14, 1835)**

To Dr. A. W. Elwes, U.S.A., at Fort Hamilton, Narrows.

Very dear friend—While gliding down the streets to embark for my home, (Marietta, Ohio,) how unexpectedly did we meet for the first time these many, many years!

Son of the most charming French lady I ever saw, who, when she woke her guitar, reminded me of similar tones played by my accomplished mother:--what conviviality I whilom (in 1807, '8, '9) enjoyed in your hospitable father's house at Columbia, Pennsylvania!

I there, and subsequently, succeeded in my own peculiar method of advancing my scholars with double the usual celerity.

My honor, honesty, sanity, have each been sullied by a libelous press. Some have deemed me another Matthias, a murderer, brute, impostor; a madman, fool, fanatic! All for what? Because I divided society into two classes: those who believe in the mystic word of God, the scientific potentates, the Newtons, Keplers, Ptolemies, Bacons, Bonapartes, who, like the magi of antiquity, considered Astronomy and Astrology to be a revelation of the body and soul of the U...[Much of the remaining paragraph was either not readable or barely so, in the particular copy of the published letter used to furnish this transcription, but the gist was that Christ would be returning in 1836...C.W. Paige A.D. 2014]...and his second appearance next year, would be to emancipate their souls from a bondage to the [?] god of this world, Ignorance, Superstition and Idolatry.

Though I have never yet gone with the anti-masons, still I marked the signs of the times; and thinking that Nature permits none of her secrets to be jeopardized by those who, having the brains of a calf and the manners of a swine, would trample rich pearls of science under foot; I ventured to preclude all oaths from the lodges of supernal mystics, though baptized by freemasons, as Jesus was by their tutelary saint.

What water, the type, is to time, its antitype, so did I deem a Masonic grand king a type of me, the emperor of the world, only in a lodge on the boards of the sacred drama.

I was only to be an emperor on the stage, though morally I may yet prove imperial as the reviver of that one thing needful, all Ptolemy's squares to Copernicus' circles.

Romulus' year of 300 days is adapted to each of 21600 miles or years in a circle's 360 degrees, which are a square to its circle 24000 years of 333 days, the period of the constellation Cetus. Enoch walked with God 300 years, and at 365 vanished alive.

The cube of bissextile's 4 being 64, and 360 being a mean between luni-solar 355 and solar 365 days or years; 64 times 365 and 72 times 360 are the same square and circle 23360, and 25920 as square and circle; the lunar year of 320 days or years and the luni-solar year 355 ditto multiplied by 73, because at the rate of 50' a year, 72 years become 73 in reference to the precession of the equinoxes.

Squares and their circles being as 9 to 10 in the golden 19, then double Bonnycastle's cycle 12492 for returns of the new moons, is a square to its circle

the Metonic cycle's 27760, to whose half add half 23360 in 11680, to get 72 times 355 or 23360, because the Septuagint 70 answering better than $69 \frac{1}{2}$ miles to a degree, and 355 being between 350 and 360, 70×360 are 72×350 . Yet it is curious, that 365 being a mean between 360 and 370, 70×370 are not 72×360 .

Now then for Manetho's period of 13917 years, confirmed by Professor Seyfarth's recent discovery. That 16 times positive 365, mean 366, negative 367, are the world's age next year, who can deny? That! 16 times Enoch's 300 are the Cherubim's 4800, to which add the date of Noah's birth A. M. 1056, to get these medium 5856, and that said negative 5872 (or half the sum of 20 patriarchs' ages from Adam 930 to Abraham 175) were the world's age when Christ first came, according to the Septuagint and Wm. Duane's "Aurora" of Jan. 14th, is as apparent as that A. M. 4004 and A. D. 1836 sum 4 times the Sothiacal {Sothic} cycle 1460 as above.

Then, because every square contains two triangles, these positive 5840 are a triangle, these wondrous 11680 a square, and Dr. Franklin's magic circle of circles, viz. 360×36 , or half 25920, is this square's circle.

How happens it, that said 11680 added to Manetho's 13917 sum 25596, a negative, whose positive being 25538, their mean is 70 times $365 \frac{1}{4}$ or 25567? For the square of said $5 \frac{1}{4}$ being the cube of 3 in 363, between 363 and 367, the *minimum* and *maximum*, are 365. For these 27 and Rosetta's monument's "Lord of the feast of 30 years" being a square and circle, they, multiplied by Egypt's 864 hieroglyphics, are square and circle 23328 and 25920, whose quadrants are Chaldea's Saras 18 cubed in 5832 and 360 times 18, wanting the circumcission 8 of being 5840. Because, as 9 to 10, so Bonnycastle's 140000 to 155555, whose sextant 25925 is too much in this Procrustean operation, and 73×355 are too little, the mean being 25920.

How do I get the above 25538? They are double the square of 113, which every scholar knows is the diameter of said 355.

The Platonical great year of 25000 years bring a mean between 23860 solar and 26640 lunar years their equivalent, next year is the quadrature of that great circle: then during the vernal equinox our earth squares this circle!

The Earth's circle being of $355 \frac{1}{4}$ days or years, and the moon's of 355 while both revolve around the sun, and 360 being their mean, and Dr. Adiran having shown that 24877.4 also 24880 miles are our earth's mean circumference,-the question is this: does or does not the following evidence prove it all?

| <i>Positive.</i> | <i>Mean.</i> | <i>Negative.</i> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 355 | $360 \times$ | $365 \frac{1}{4}$ |
| 70 | 72 | 70 |
| <hr style="width: 100%;"/> | <hr style="width: 100%;"/> | <hr style="width: 100%;"/> |
| 24850 | 25920 | 25567 |

Thus it is obvious, that every degree of these 355 degrees contains from $69 \frac{1}{2}$ to 70 miles, and that the Moon's circle (whose square is 320 or the lunar year) measures our earth.

I was a midshipman in H. M. S. Leviathan 74 on the St. Domingo station, when only 12 years of age. I returned from India to England in 1801 on a sick furlough, having the liver complaint, and sold my lieutenancy in H. M. 12th Regiment of Infantry. Since then, the London Episcopal Society accepted me, but 3 months of study reduced me again, and unequal to the studies preparatory for ordination, I resigned.

I wish you to express your opinion of me and my character in as public a manner as possible, and so create a reaction in my favor.

Affectionately yours,

Edward Postlethwayt Page

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From **Daily Albany [NY] Argus**, Thursday Morning May 28, 1835

To The editor of the Argus.

Sir—My whimsical, ancient and eccentric friend, Edward Postlethwayt Page, has thought proper to address me a letter through your paper, desiring a public expression from me of his character, and at the same time, involving at length, his astrological doctrines. With this latter subject I have no acquaintance, and must leave it with those who are versed in occult matters. On the subject of Mr. Page's character, for which he calls on me to vouch, I have no hesitation in saying, that when I knew him, some 26 years ago, in the village of Columbia, Pennsylvania, he bore the reputation of a good teacher, a man of unsullied honor, and a gentleman. I have never heard any thing the reverse of this since that time; and have regretted to see him severely assailed by some of the newspapers, on account of his incomprehensible mysticisms. My impression is, that the history he gives of himself in the Albany Argus of May the 18th, 1835, is entirely correct. That he was hospitably received at my father's house in 1807—8-9 is true; and I can also add, that whilst even at that time, he was looked upon as a most eccentric man, yet on account of his respectable parentage, his amiable and gentlemanlike manners and conduct, he was well received by the principal families of the place and its vicinity. Not having followed Mr. Page in his wanderings over old mother earth, much less among the stars, since "days long gone down the flood of time," I cannot speak with any degree of propriety of him during all this period. Mr. Page is mistaken in supposing that any certificate of mine can be of importance to him; but as he has called on me to say what I know of him, I can have no reason to hesitate, and if this expression of my opinion of Mr. Page's private character can in any degree soothe his injured feelings, I shall be happy to think that I have done an act of kindness to one, who certainly was esteemed, at the period I have referred to, a most innocent and inoffensive man.

Very respectfully,

Sir, your ob't. serv'nt.

ALFRED W. ELWES.

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From http://historicalmarietta.blogspot.com/2010_11_01_archive.html

Excerpt from: **Mr. Charles Sullivan's Studio**

The Marietta [Ohio] Gazette, July 25, 1835

Mr. S. has made also a splendid painting of the soi-distant "Emperor of the World." The drawing is very accurate – the likeness is perfect – and he has happily seized the expression of Mr. [Edward Postlethwayt] Page's really fine face, at the moment when it is glowing with his most "sublime and mysterious ken." "All things," says the Padra, "are doubled, one against another," and in this portrait, we have the "Page of Nature" in a Page of Art. There was never anything half so magnificent as his drapery possessed by "Hindoo Chrishna's 16000 women," or "160000 sons." This portrait alone, would repay the trouble of a visit to Sullivan's studio.

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From <http://lawrencecountyohio.com/obits/newspapers/vol1/ObitP.html>

PAGE, EDWARD POSTLEWAYT I.R. DEC. 07, 1854

Married in Marietta, on the 3d inst., Mr. Edward Postlewayt Page, known among his friends as the "High Priest of Nature" to Miss Jane Carter.

PAGE, EDWARD POSTLETHWAYT I.R. JUN. 04, 1857

Died May 17th, in Marietta, Edward Postlethwayt Page, Esq., aged about 75 years. Native of England and a resident of Marietta nearly 40 years.

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From http://www.archive.org/stream/historyofmariett01andr/historyofmariett01andr_djvu.txt

"History of Marietta and Washington County, Ohio and Representative Citizens." Edited And Compiled By Martin R. Andrews. M. A., Douglas Putnam Professor of History and Political Science. Marietta College. Published by Biographical Publishing Company, George Richmond, Pres.; S. Harmer Neff, Sec'y.; C. R. Arnold, Treas. Chicago, Illinois. 1902.

In Chapter VII--Education, Early Teachers and Schools, pp. 175-7

Excerpts from topic: EDWARD POSTLETHWAYT PAGE.

In the intellectual development of a community, the eccentric genius who is usually considered a "crank" may sometimes perform a useful service. He may at least awaken curiosity....

Our genial and public spirited friend, Dr. H. B. Shipman, who has recently been called away from us, has left the following sketch of Mr. Page:

"There died in Marietta May 17, 1857, a man of fine presence, robust, sturdy and purely English in physique, of high culture and fitted by education to adorn any society, but hopelessly insane on figures.

"Edward Postlethwayt Page, High Priest of Nature and Emperor of the Sun and Moon, was a remarkable man. A gentleman in every respect, affable, courteous, exceedingly kind and polite,

an intelligent talker on almost all subjects, until suddenly he would strike off upon his one absorbing topic, squaring the circle and its accompanying vagaries.

“In early life he had gone to Calcutta in the employ of the East India Company and there, of full habits, he was stricken down with sunstroke. He had a purely mathematical mind and was much given to the study of Brahmanic and occult science. As the result of this sunstroke, Mr. Page became what we knew him here for many years, a wreck of a bright intelligent man.

“His home was on the corner of Sixth and Warren streets, under the shadow of that magnificent elm tree still standing. He called it ‘Emblem Place.’

“His wife, too, was insane, and for years he kept her confined in a small brick house standing back of the dwelling. The writer of this article well remembers her rushing into the College Chapel with disheveled hair and the clanking of chains (for she had an iron clasp about her ankle and a chain attached), poorly dressed and beseeching us to protect and hide her. She was followed by her husband, who almost rudely took her away, scolding and upbraiding her.

“This unhappy wife soon after died and Mr. Page in later years married Miss Jane Carter. This last union proved a happy one.

“Sometime, perhaps in 1856, conscious of the infirmities of age and wishing to continue the authority and title he claimed for himself he called together a few of his best friends among the young men, and in the bookstore of W. H. Gurley formally abdicated his great office of High Priest of Nature and conferred the title upon the blushing writer of this article. It was done with gowns, caps and cowls and in a dark room, the door guarded by one of the number with a musket.

“Mr. Page was a man of more than ordinary poetic talent and of fine imagination. This was evident in all his conversation, however erratic, and if once he saw your appreciation and pleasure, he became doubly interesting from this sense of your recognition. He was uncommonly genial and pleasant, especially when, as he thought, he had discovered some new idea in his mystic lore. Then all of his nature flamed out and his conversation was rapid and excited, often running into poetic and fanciful couplets.

“At a time in his early life in Marietta (I cannot get the exact date of it) he wrote an amatory poem, ‘The Love of Nature,’ quite a long one in six cantos and in which are some really fine things, though occasionally dropping into his eccentric language and figures. It was impossible for him to continue a sustained, sensible thought.

“His portly figure, fine presence and genial manners, courtly ever, made him a distinguished person upon our streets for many years.

“He was born in England, July 13, 1782.”

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From http://articles.chicagotribune.com/1997-02-21/entertainment/9702210323_1_international-museum-florence-nightingale-medical-history

Science And Letters

Museum Offers An Incisive Look At Medical History

February 21, 1997 By Jay Pridmore. Special to the Tribune.

“On the theory that the strangest spirits reside in the grandest houses, the International Museum of Surgical Science ought to satisfy nearly any mystery monger. In one of Lake Shore Drive’s most splendid mansions, this museum contains some very peculiar paraphernalia.

“On display are ancient and medieval surgical instruments, the death mask of Napoleon, a painting of the first Cesarean section in South America, a 1950s-vintage iron lung and much more. It is all very strange and somehow riveting -- and points to the fact that life’s most compelling mysteries lie within.

“Then there is the last will and testament of one Edward Postlethwayt Page, a New York astrologer and all-around eccentric. In it he bequeaths his body to a New York medical college ‘for dissection; reserving the privilege of placing my head at the disposal of Dr. Mott of Park Place.’”

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From

<http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/cdm4/document.php?CISOROOT=/broad sides&CISOPTR=417>

Amongst the Broad sides held by the American Philosophical Society, this one is regarding Edward Postlethwayt Page:

Behold here is the first man who hath squared the circles of 140000 solar and St. John’s 144000 lunar years. --One is a square to that whose sextant 25920 answers to the modern Hindu’s 24000, the sixth of 360 x 400.



Nov. 1, 1834 these Portraits were drawn to represent Edward Postlethwayt Page, high priest of Nature, generalissimo of the Freemystics and father of the Supreme Church, claiming to aim at Truth and Perfection in the most sublime and beautiful form of temple worship that the progress of concatenate arts and sciences can realize.

He discovered St. Peter’s key - and these proportions in St. John’s 144000 lunar years when the ecliptic circle coincides with that of the Equator, which are (by adding Hindoo Christna’s 16000

So ends the account of Edward Postlethwayt Page, a burning ember on a sandy beach until the tide finally extinguished his protestations to the world. Yet there was another Page similarly consumed and similarly isolated on a sandy beach, though some degree of success has met at least a couple of his protestations to the world. His name was Thomas Frederick Page.

From NOTES AND QUERIES, A Monthly of History, Folk-Lore, Mathematics, Literature, Art, Arcane Societies, Etc., Vol. XVIII, p. 160, Published by S. C. & L. M. Gould, Manchester, N. H.: 1900.

THOMAS FREDERICK PAGE. This man is living at the present time in Laconia, N. H. We are informed he is a quiet, intelligent, peaceable citizen. He writes much of the time and sends his manuscript volumes to Masonic libraries, editors of serials, the press, and his friends. This office has received twenty-five manuscripts, octavo size, neatly sewed, and legibly written, the titles of which are given on page VIII of supplement of our No. for April, 1900. He has also sent one cloth bound volume of manuscripts entitled "The Calculation of Nine as to an Occult Science" We cannot fathom it. He has also published one octavo volume, in cloth, of 156 pages. It is "The Golden Fleece; a Book of Jewish Cabalism." Laconia, N. H., 1888. We do not comprehend it. The following is from the preface:

"When language is analyzed, a deeper meaning is seen, which leads to a higher knowledge of the law of God, and with his dealings with man in the law. Beneath the face of language lays the Hebraic law, always and forever the same."

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Interestingly in Thomas's case, his books "The Golden Fleece; a Book of Jewish Cabalism" and "Jewish Mythology, Or the Coming of the Messiah" have definitely reached people and are still widely available as of 2014.

Discovering Our Thayer Family History

William H. Page and Chloe (Thayer) Robinson were married on July 20, 1832, and spent their married life in northwestern New York and south-central Michigan. For both it was their second marriage. (For additional information about families of William H. Page and Chloe Thayer, see Families of William Henry Page and Chloe Thayer, starting page 107.)

Chloe and William Page lived in a number of New York towns including Macedon in Wayne County and Webster in Monroe County, and were farmers. On October 8, 1842, Chloe bought land in Webster which she later sold to Wm. H. Wheeler on September 17, 1846. In 1843, on November 29, she again bought land which she kept until selling it to George W. Weeks on March 1, 1857. That year they pulled up stakes and moved to Bronson, Branch County, Michigan, where in 1862 they both passed away within four days of each other: Chloe on January 13 and William on January 17.

Most of what's been learned about our New York Page and Thayer ancestry is either directly or indirectly the result of one discovery. On William and Chloe's grandson George Page's death certificate, at the Eaton County building in Charlotte, Michigan, George is shown to have been born in Webster, Monroe County, New York. The find not only located our Page ancestry in New York but eventually inspired a pilgrimage to Webster, and ultimately led to the discovery of our multigenerational Thayer family roots.

The Thayer ancestry, itself, was uncovered in four additional, converging steps. In Webster it was first discovered that Riley Page's mother Chloe's maiden name was "Thayer." The second breakthrough came when an inquiry, sent to the Mormon genealogical library at Salt Lake City, revealed Chloe's parents' names, and the date she married Riley's father, William H. The third piece fell into place with a letter from Mildred (Thayer) Struck of Webster. She was responding with a letter in March of 1980, to one I had written her father in December of 1977. In the letter, she told me all the Thayer history she could remember her father, Spencer Thayer, telling before his death in 1972. Both Mildred and I suspected we were cousins, but the positive connection between the Pages and her branch of Thayers was missing.

The final keystone came just before my auto trip to Michigan from California in October of 1980. Because I wanted to tie up as many loose ends as possible, I made several stops at the Mormon genealogical library in West Los Angeles. During the last day of research there, I decided to scan through the myriad of microfilms the library holds. Suddenly I noticed one entitled "Thayer Family." My heart began pumping faster, and I anxiously took it to a reader to look through its name index.

Checking the microfilm, I discovered that a book had been copied, and that the book had been published in 1874. The author of "Richard & Thomas Thayer and their descendants, from 1636 to 1874" was Bezaleel Thayer. The owner of the original book was an "Isaac E. Thayer" of Lima, Ohio. Isaac had been born in Ohio in 1842 to parents Daniel and Margaret (Gates) Thayer. Daniel and Margaret had left Oneida County, New York, for Ohio in 1835. When Isaac died at Phoenix, Arizona in 1912, the book became the property of Dean H. Thayer of Mesa, Arizona.

To my astonishment and elation, the book told of our Thayers, making the positive connection between ours and Mildred Struck's branch. As an added bonus, the coming together of the two branches after so many years has elicited from Mildred even more information about our Thayer cousins.

Chloe Thayer's Family

Chloe was the second child of William and Chloe (Preston) Thayer, who were married in 1791. They settled at Braintree and had the first three or four of their ten children, moving to the area of Macedon, Wayne County, New York before 1800. The following is a rundown on Chloe's siblings with some biographical information:

1. Nancy Thayer b. 1792; married Jeremiah Dillingham of Farmington, Ontario Co., N.Y.
2. Chloe Thayer b. 4/1/1794; married William Henry Page
3. Betsy Thayer b. 1796; married Curtiss Waterman
4. Polly Thayer b. 1798; married Amasa Taylor, and they resided in Ontario, Wayne County, N.Y.
5. Aldrich Thayer b. May 16, 1800; married first to Huldah Alcott on March 5, 1820, and they settled in Ontario, Wayne County, New York, where they were farmers. Hulda was born in December of 1802. Their children were:
 - a. Preston Thayer * b. 12/12/1820
 - b. Clarissa Thayer b. 10/ 4/1822
 - c. Polly Thayer b. 8/ 7/1824
 - d. Aldrich Thayer, Jr. b. 8/29/1826
 - e. Harriet Thayer b. 8/26/1828
 - f. Eliza Thayer b. 8/26/1830
 - g. Electa Thayer b. 5/18/1832
 - h. Susan Thayer b. 9/ 7/1834, d. 12/ 2/1843

The following is an excerpt from the book "Landmarks of Monroe County, N.Y.," by Wm. F. Peck, Thomas Raines, and Herman LeRoy Fairchild. Boston. 1895:

* "Thayer, Preston, was born in Ontario in 1820, and is the son of Aldrich Thayer, who came from Macedon in early life, and now resides in Ontario at the advanced age of ninety-four. In 1841 Mr. Thayer married Clarissa, daughter of Eliphalet Lawrence, who died in 1877, and they had five children as follows: William H., who now carries on the farm; Alonzo W., a farmer and cider maker; Alvah I., who lives in California and is a mechanic; Ida V., a teacher of music; and Jerusha A., who died October 2, 1855.

"Mr. Thayer was for sixteen years a justice of the peace, and settled on the farm in 1844. There is a saw mill on the farm, built by William Wiley about seventy-five years ago, which is still in use. In 1880 a feed mill was added."

Mrs. Huldah Thayer died in November of 1837. Aldrich then married Mary Ann McKee on December 1, 1839, she being twenty-five years his junior. Their children were:

- i. Huldah * b. 8/27/183
- j. William W. b. 2/19/1846
- k. Lucius J. b. 5/28/1849
- l. Chloe b. 7/10/1852
- m. Edgar b. 2/22/1858

* Huldah A. Thayer was married to Alfred Benedict Potter in 1864. Alfred was a wealthy banker, born on February 16, 1833, and the youngest son of Henry Sayre Potter, a Rochester entrepreneur. Henry's story is the cliché of rags to riches.

Henry was born in 1798 in Galway, Saratoga County, New York. He was the oldest of four children of Nathaniel Job and Mary (Sayre) Potter—Nathaniel being originally from Rhode Island. In 1801, the Potter family moved to a farm between Seneca Falls and Cayuga lake. Then in 1808 they settled in Canandaigua, where Nathaniel kept a hotel until his death in 1810.

Mary Potter returned with her family to the previous farm, where Henry worked and near which he attended school whenever possible. In 1812 he became a store boy for Ebenezer Hale of Canandaigua, and thereafter worked in a few other stores until moving to Pittsford, New York in 1818. There he worked for Sylvanus Lathrop, becoming a partner in 1822 and buying Lathrop out in 1826.

Henry owned the large mercantile business for twenty years. He married Harriet Benedict in 1824, and they had six children. The Potters then moved to Rochester in 1850 where, in 1851, Henry became one of the organizers, incorporators, directors, and largest stockholders of the New York & Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company. He was elected its first president and continued as such until 1856, when he declined re-election. Also in 1856, by a special act of the New York legislature, the name of the company was changed to the Western Union Telegraph Company, of which Henry was a principal stockholder.

Henry Potter was also one of the incorporators of the Eagle Bank in Rochester in 1852, and he served as one of its directors for thirty-two years. Eagle Bank eventually merged with another and was ultimately called the Traders National Bank. He was the largest single stockholder in it as well as in the Flour City National Bank, and was a large stockholder in the New York Central, the Harlem and Lakeshore Railways. He died on January 9, 1884.

Huldah (Thayer) and Alfred Potter settled in Fairport after their marriage, where they had three children: Alice, who married Walter Howard of Rochester; Bertha L., who married Frank Rusling, a Fairport financier; and Frederick. Alfred died on August 11, 1896, at Potter place, after having been a prominent and well-respected citizen of Fairport for many years.

6. Susannah b. 5/11/1803; married Reverend William Sherburn on March 15, 1820. They settled in Ontario, Wayne County, where he was a Methodist Minister. They had nine children.
7. Phineas b. 10/1805

8. William P. b. 5/16/1807; married Electa Woodward, and they settled in Mississippi where they had children.
9. Electa b. 9/22/1811; married Alonzo L. Wall, son of William and Sarah Wall, on December 10, 1827. They were married by Silas Dunham, Esq., of Webster. Mr. Wall was born on September 3, 1806, and was a farmer. They had eight children and eventually moved to White Pigeon, St. Joseph County, Michigan.
10. Sally b. 1812; married Benjamin McFarlin and they settled in Webster. She died in August of 1849.

Chloe Thayer's Ancestors

Richard Tayer I was born November 7, 1558, in England and later died in England. His first wife was Ann Gibbs, born in England and died November 10, 1590, in England. They were married in 1585 in Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England. Richard's second wife was Ursula Alice Dimery, born in 1572 in England and later died in England. They were married February 11, 1591/92 in Thornbury.

Chloe's ancestors were Thomas AND Richard Tayer II—both sons of the above Richard I and Ursula Tayer. The two brothers, who were shoemakers, came to America around 1639 with their families and settled at Braintree, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. Later they added an "h" to make the name "Thayer." (The name "Tayer" originally meant the occupation of dressing skins.)

Descendants of Brother Thomas T(h)ayer

Chloe's ancestor Thomas T(h)ayer was born August 16, 1596, in Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England, and died June 2, 1665 in Braintree, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. He married April 13, 1618, in England, to Margery Wheeler. She was born April 25, 1600 in Thornbury and died February 11, 1672/73 in Braintree.

Children of Thomas and Margery were:

1. Thomas Thayer
2. Ferdinando Thayer b: 4-18-1625 in Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England, d: 3-28-1713 in Mendon, Worcester Co., MA; married Huldah Hayward.
3. Shadrach Thayer
4. Sarah Thayer

Ferdinando Thayer, son of Thomas and Margery, married 1-14-1651/52 in Braintree, Norfolk Co., MA, to Huldah Hayward b: 10-7-1636 in Braintree, d: 9-1-1690 in Mendon, Worcester Co., MA. They left Braintree in the mid-1600s to start a new settlement at Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts. This branch of the family remained at Mendon (a town 30 miles southwest of Braintree) until the early 1800s. The name of "Mendon" was changed to "Milford" in the 1700s.

Their children were:

1. Sarah Thayer
2. Jonathan Thayer
3. Hulda Thayer b: 7-16-1657 in Braintree, Norfolk Co., MA, d: 1699; married Jacob Aldrich.
4. David Thayer
5. Naomi Thayer
6. Thomas Thayer
7. Samual Thayer
8. Isaac Thayer married Mercy Rockwood, and later, Mary.
9. Josiah Thayer
10. Ebenezer Thayer
11. Benjamin Thayer
12. David Thayer

The second wife of Ferdinando Thayer was Anna Freeburg, who he married after 1690.

Hulda Thayer, Jr., daughter of Ferdinando and Huldah, married 11-3-1675 in Milford, Worcester Co., MA, to Jacob Aldrich b: 2-28-1651/52 in Braintree, Norfolk, MA, d: 10-22-1695 in Mendon, Worcester Co., MA. Among their children was:

1. Seth Aldrich b: 7-6-1679 in Braintree, Norfolk Co., MA, d: 10-15-1737 in Uxbridge, Worcester Co., MA.

Seth Aldrich, son of Jacob and Hulda, married in 1714 in Mendon, Worcester Co., MA, to Mary, b: Abt. 1682 in Braintree, Norfolk Co. Among their children was:

1. Jonathan Aldrich b: 1-2-1717/18 in Mendon, Worcester Co., MA, d: in Guilford, Windham, VT

Jonathan Aldrich, son of Seth and Mary, married 12-4-1740 in Smithfield, Providence Co., RI, to Mary Wilson b: in Uxbridge, Worcester Co., MA, d: in Guilford, Windham, VT. Among their children was:

1. Susannah Aldrich b: 11-29-1743 in Uxbridge, Worcester Co., MA.

Susannah Aldrich, daughter of Jonathan and Mary, married 10-30-1765 in Uxbridge, Worcester Co., MA, to Wilson Preston b: 11-18-1744 in Ashford, Windham Co., CT, d: 8-1824 in Herkimer, Herkimer Co., NY. Their children were:

1. Daniel Preston b: 11-10-1766, d: 4-27-1769.
2. Submit Preston b: 4-25-1769 in Uxbridge, Worcester Co., MA, d: 8-29-1831 in Brownville, Jefferson, NY; married 7-23-1797 to Squire Read.

3. Chloe Preston b: 8-2-1771 in Uxbridge, Worcester Co., MA, d: 1838 in Wayne Co., NY; married in 1791 to William Thayer b: 1768 in Braintree, Norfolk, MA, d: 1822 in Wayne Co., NY.
4. Cynthia Preston b: 3-10-1774; married 11-6-1793 in Windsor, MA, to James Dodge.
5. Susanna Preston b: 6-21-1775 in Windsor, Berkshire Co., MA, d: 10-16-1850 in Wayne Co., NY; married 10-9-1791 in Windsor, MA, to Ebenezer Still b: Abt. 1766, d: 2-8-1848 in Home in Walworth, Wayne Co., NY.
6. Sarah Preston b: 1-3-1779; married Joseph G. Lewis.
7. Calvin Preston b: 6-9-1781.
8. Louise Preston b: 5-26-1784; married Daniel Williams.
9. Diadama Preston b: 8-27-1789.

Chloe Preston was Chloe Thayer's mother, whose marriage and children already have been discussed. William Thayer, Jr. and Chloe Preston were 6th cousins as well as husband and wife.

Descendants of Brother Richard T(h)ayer II

Chloe's ancestor Richard T(h)ayer II was born in 1601 in Gloucestershire, England, and died August 27, 1695, in Braintree, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. He married Dorothy, daughter of William Mortimer, and they had three children before coming to America:

1. Richard Thayer III.
2. Zachariah Thayer.
3. Deborah Thayer.

Richard T(h)ayer II was admitted freeman in the colonies in 1640 (the same year Dorothy passed away). Richard apparently had remarried as he had the following additional children while in Braintree:

4. Jael.
5. Abigail, b. Abt. 1851, d. 8-6-1717, at age 66.
6. Hannah.
7. Nathan.

Richard T(h)ayer III married Dorothy Pray on October 24, 1651. Their children were:

1. Dorothy Thayer b. 6-30-1653.
2. Richard Thayer IV b. 6-30-1655.
3. Nathaniel Thayer b. 1-1-1658.
4. Abigail Thayer b. 2-10-1661.
5. Joannah Thayer b. 12-13-1665.
6. Sarah Thayer b. 1667.
7. Cornelius Thayer b. 7-18-1670.

Richard and Dorothy Thayer died in 1705 within seven days of each other—he on December 4 and she on December 11.

Nathaniel Thayer, son of Richard III and Dorothy Pray, married Hannah Heydon on May 27, 1679, and they settled at Braintree. Children were:

1. Nathaniel Thayer b. 1680.
2. Richard Thayer b. 1683.
3. Hannah Thayer b. 1685.
4. Zachariah Thayer b. 3-10-1687.
5. Ruth Thayer b. 6-17-1689.
6. Dorathy Thayer b. 1692.
7. Lydia Thayer baptised in 1715.
8. Daniel Thayer b. 1695 d. 1799. [See NOTE below.]

Nathaniel Thayer, Sr. died March 28, 1729. (NOTE: In Bezaleel Thayer's book on the Thayer family, the eighth child of Nathaniel and Dorothy is written as "David." However, when Bezaleel later tells of the eighth child's marriage and family, the name is shown as "Daniel." Daniel is most likely the correct name, since "David" seldom if ever occurs in this branch of the Thayer family during the early years. Thus I have replaced the name David with Daniel in the above list of children.)

Daniel Thayer, son of Nathaniel and Hannah, married Elizabeth Thompson on June 2, 1718, and they settled at Braintree. Children were:

1. Patience Thayer b. 8-29-1719.
2. Daniel Thayer b. 8-3-1721.
3. Jacob Thayer b. 2-27-1726.
4. Elizabeth Thayer b. 9-11-1730.
5. Joazaniah Thayer b. 12-11-1733.
6. Mary Thayer b. 6-22-1736.
7. Nathaniel Thayer b. 2-6-1738.
8. Elijah Thayer b. 1741.

Daniel Thayer, Sr. lived to be 104 years old.

Daniel Thayer, Jr., son of Daniel, Sr. and Elizabeth, married Ruth Clark on April 15, 1741, and they lived at Braintree. Children were:

1. Mary Thayer b. 2-27-1741.
2. William Thayer b. 8-26-1745.
3. Eleathia Thayer b. 4-20-1748.
4. Avis Thayer b. 4-28-1751.
5. Nathaniel Thayer b. 3-4-1754.
6. Daniel Thayer b. 9-9-1756.

William Thayer, son of Daniel and Ruth Clark, married Susannah Dunham on December 21, 1765. Their children were:

1. William Thayer, Jr. b. 1768.
2. Susannah Thayer b. 6-16-1770.
3. Polly Thayer b. 10-10-1778.

William Thayer, Sr.'s wife Susannah passed away, and he married a woman with the surname of "Kingman." Their children were:

4. Isaac Thayer.
5. Daniel Thayer.
6. Caleb Thayer.
7. Betsy Thayer.
8. Clark Thayer.

William Thayer, Jr. was Chloe Thayer's father, whose marriage and children already have been discussed. As mentioned earlier, William Thayer, Jr. and Chloe Preston were 6th cousins as well as husband and wife. William, Jr.'s sister Susannah settled in Macedon as did William, Jr.'s family. (See below for more information about Susannah and Abner Hill's family.)

(For much of the above information on the Thayer family, this project is greatly indebted to the genealogical work, Richard & Thomas Thayer and their Descendants from 1636 to 1874, a book by Bezaleel Thayer. Oswego: 1874.)

The following information, through to the sections about Joel and Levi Thayer, was contributed in early 2015 by another Thayer cousin, Elaine Thayer Stewart:

**William Thayer and Sister, Susannah Thayer Hill
Move From Braintree to Palmyra /Macedon, N.Y in Late 1790s
(Information from Pioneers of Macedon, Mary Louise Eldredge)**

Page 57 from above book:

William Thayer is mentioned in a paragraph which begins: "The only traces now found of some who bought land are their names on the records of purchase and sale." On the twelfth line down is stated, "Richard Dillingham sold to William Thayer in 1803."

Page 22-24 from above book:

Francis Abner Hill, grandson of Susannah Thayer Hill and Abner Hill, provided this information for the above book.

"Abner Hill was a man of medium stature and weight, being five feet six inches in height and weighing one hundred and seventy pounds. He had lightest complexion, with brown or very dark gray eyes. He had much force of character, and was of commanding appearance. In the late summer or fall of 1791, when a young man about twenty-three years of age, Abner Hill came to

the new settlement in Western New York and purchased the land, since known as the Richmond farm, northwest of Macedon Center. He must have traveled from Massachusetts by such conveyances as then existed, as he brought with him a small chest about thirty inches in length, eighteen inches in width, and nineteen inches in depth, which was at the time of writing in the possession of his grandson and namesake.

“During the winter of 1791-2 and the summer of 1792, he chopped off and cleared a small portion of the land and built a log house. On November 12, 1793, he married Susannah Dunham Thayer, who was the daughter of William and Susannah Dunham Thayer. She was born June 16, 1770, in Braintree, Mass., thirteen miles south of Boston. She was a descendant of Richard Thayer, who was born in Thornbury parish, England, on February 10, 1600, and who emigrated from England and settled in Braintree in 1641. Susannah Dunham Thayer was quite short in stature, being only five feet one inch in height and weighing about one hundred and fifty pounds. She had light complexion and grayish blue eyes. She was mild in temperament, very motherly in disposition, and of Puritanical opinions and views. Both she and her husband were very earnest Christians, having been born of the Spirit in early life. Susannah Thayer was as much a pioneer as her husband and entitled to as much consideration as though she were a man. She had come to Palmyra, as it was then known in the spring of 1792, in company with, and as a servant girl for the family of Lieutenant John White. She rode on horseback all of the way from Massachusetts.

“On their wedding day, November 12, 1793, Mr. Hill and Miss Thayer rode on horseback to Canandaigua, she riding behind her betrothed and on the same horse. On reaching their destination they were married by a minister named Irons. They returned home and immediately began housekeeping in the log house on the farm and lived there until the spring of 1795. At first their nearest neighbor lived at, or near the place, since known as Hoag’s Hill, about two miles from their home. Mrs. Susannah Hill told many times in the presence and hearing of her grandson of the lonesome days and weeks that she spent there in the forest, it being nearly all woods at that time. She was so far from any other dwellings that often for weeks she would not see any white person except her husband and a man that worked for them. She said the roving Indians would often call at her door and ask for bread and would frequently ask for the privilege of lying on the floor by the fire over night. They were generally kind and orderly, but occasionally they would be cross and ugly; still, they would almost always yield if she was kind and firm with them. December 6, 1795, Mr. Hill sold to Gideon Durfee, or exchanged with him, and obtained the farm on the hill, known afterwards as David Hoag’s Hill, one mile east of Macedon Center. When they came to this place they built a new log house a little south of where the present framed house stands, and in that log house they lived until 1829.

“Seven children were born to them, four boys and three girls. The eldest died soon after its birth, then followed Ira, Electa, Horace, Louisa, Hiram and Amanda. Ira, Horace, and Louisa lived to old age, the others died before their twentieth year. The hill top was often a breezy place, even on the sultry days of midsummer the air stirred with grateful freshness, a broad, beautiful landscape was to be seen, and as the years passed Mr. Hill and his family must have seen great changes in the outlook. Abner Hill died of apoplexy on July 28, 1829, while in his harvest field, which was about eighty rods east of the hill, and on the flat on the south side of the road running east to Green’s Corners. He was buried in the burying ground by the school house in the eastern part of the town, but there is nothing to mark the spot. After his death his widow, Susannah Hill,

lived with her eldest son, Ira, and in 1833 removed with him to Ontario, NY, where she lived many years. She used to relate many interesting stories and incidents of pioneer life to her grandson, Francis Abner, son of Ira Hill. About seven years before her death, Mrs. Hill slipped and fell, injuring her hip, and was never afterwards able to walk without crutches. She died February 6, 1856, and was buried in the Ontario Cemetery, where a monument marks her last resting place.”

“**This cemetery is called the Pioneer Cemetery and is just East of the corner of Old Ridge Road and Lincoln Road....”

Joel and Levi Thayer and the Mormon Connection

Chloe Thayer’s distant cousins, the brothers Joel and Levi Thayer, were living in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York in the early 1800s. They, along with the Grandin brothers, were owners of a building called “Exchange Row” or “Thayer and Grandin’s Brick Block.” It was a large building, built in 1828, and housed the weekly Palmyra newspaper, “The Wayne Sentinel,” owned and published by Egbert B. Grandin. The newspaper was located on the Row’s third floor; on the second was a book binding establishment; and on the first was a bookstore, along with other shops run by Phillip Grandin and Joel and Levi Thayer.

A year after the Row was built, a visionary by the name of Joseph Smith, Jr., and a wealthy local farmer, Martin Harris, contracted to have the original 5,000 copies of the 600-page Book of Mormon printed. Handling the contract was Egbert Grandin, who signed the agreement in August of 1829 and had the first bound copies ready for sale in March of 1830.

According to Mormon history, Smith was directed to a hill near Palmyra by the angel Moroni. There he was shown a set of golden plates which held the history of an ancient American civilization whose origin was a lost tribe of Israel. Four years after the 1823 inspection, Joseph Smith was allowed to take the plates to his home. There he translated them into English using the power of interpretation given him by their guardian, Moroni. Witnesses to the existence of the plates, prior to their being spirited away by Moroni, were:

Oliver Cowdery
Martin Harris
Jacob Whitmer
John Whitmer
Joseph Smith Sr.
Samuel H. Smith
David Whitmer
Christian Whitmer
Peter Whitmer, Jr.
Hiram Page
Hyrum Smith

The Mormon Church, also known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, was born with the publication of the “Book of Mormon.” Many years later, in an effort to preserve artifacts

of its history, the Church located and purchased the original printing press in 1906. In 1979 it bought the building at 217 E. Main Street in Palmyra once known as Exchange Row. According to a church official in a 1980 article by Steve Crosby, appearing in the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" newspaper, "We plan to eventually open this up as a visitors' center and a museum." Don Enders, who has the task of restoration, also said, "We're not just going to push the connection with the Book of Mormon. This was a large print shop for the time, and we would like to show people the history of it."

Joel and Levi Thayer were probably the twin sons by that name of Captain Levi Thayer, who had been active in the Revolutionary War along with his father Ensign Samuel Thayer. Captain Levi was a great-great-grandson of Ferdinando Thayer (a son of Thomas T(h)ayer) who had left Braintree in the mid-1600s to start a new settlement at Mendon (later Milford), Worcester County, Massachusetts. Joel (and, apparently, Levi) left for New York in the early 1800s.

Joel Thayer married Ruth, a daughter of Judge Daniel Hudson, and they left Milford, settling for a while at Chenango, Broome County, New York. They moved to Phelps, Ontario County around 1808-09, where Joel and his father-in-law managed the salt track near Webster for a short time. Ruth died at Phelps on January 22, 1823, after which Joel remarried. Joel died at Buffalo, Niagara County on January 28, 1853. The name of one of his and Ruth's children, George Hudson Thayer, born on October 14, 1819, was later repeated in that of Riley Page's son George Hudson Page.

Information from Distant Cousin Mildred (Thayer) Struck—1911-1997

I had written a letter to Mildred's father Spencer Thayer, but it had arrived after his death. The letter was not opened but rather placed in a desk drawer and left for some years before someone went through to clear it out. This was explained to me when Mildred finally responded to my letter. In her letter, signed "Your distant relative, Mildred," she included some pieces of Thayer family information in which she thought I might be interested. She had never heard of a Page family connection. /C. W. Paige

Addendum #1 with Mildred's family legend

"It has been said Richard Thayer, father to the first William, walked out on the ice of Lake Ontario chasing a deer, and was never seen again.

"Wilbur Thayer told us when he came for a visit in 1941, that the Thayers were great for wine, women and song. (Great, eh?) Wilbur never drank until he was 50 years old. He sold the auto repair business in San Raphael and he and his wife Julia took a European trip. They started as a bicycle repair shop when first going to California. Of course, cars came in so they went into car repair.

"Their shop was finally sold to become a fruit stand or store.

"My grandfather Alonzo was a drinker--also my uncle Floyd. They used to drink wood alcohol that they had for the 1913 Ford car. Grandma used to keep hiding it but they'd

find it. At last it killed Grandpa. Uncle Floyd was in World War I. He always drank, but he was a man who could do anything in the house or out. Every now and then he'd have to go on a bender. It done him in, too.

"I can't talk to you so I write the family gossip.

"I find I have Preston Thayer's picture."

Addendum #2 with some old newspaper clipping excerpts

"These are from clippings that I've found that my grandmother saved through the years. Maybe they will be of interest to you:

'A net estate of \$256,783 was left by Mrs. Bertha (Potter) Rusling, 53 West Church Street, Fairport, who died July 2. She was the widow of Frank Rusling, financier, and daughter of a former Fairport banker. Sole beneficiary was a brother, Frederick J. Potter of Fairport. The gross value of \$271,034 did not include a major part of the \$85,028 Mrs. Rusling inherited from her sister, Mrs. Alice P. Howard, who died February 5, 1935. Of that bequest, \$55,256 was not reported in the gross as it had been previously taxed. The state collected \$4,003.00 from Mrs. Rusling's estate. She left no will.' (so she must have died last in 1935 or 1936. I think she was Huldah Thayer's daughter. I was told recently that the Potters were rich and had a stage-coach with a coachman and rider behind. Huldah's brother Edgar was the rider. They had a beautiful coach with horses. Huldah must have felt she was a queen).

'Dr. Herbert A. Thayer of 200 Park Avenue, Rochester, 41 years old, leaves his wife Helen E. Thayer, one son, Harold E., his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thayer, and two sisters, Mrs. George Chapman and Mrs. Florence De La Mater of Flushing, New York.'

'1931--In San Rafael, Calif., March 2, Ida (Thayer) Chapman, widow of William J. Chapman, leaves two stepsons, George and Frank Chapman, and other relatives. The funeral will be at Smith & Lotz in Webster on March 10 @ 2:00 o'clock. Interment at Union Hill Cemetery.' (Her body was shipped here from California.)

'1923--William H. Thayer, San Raphael, Calif., born in Ontario, New York in 1842, passed away. Son of Preston and Clarissa Thayer, he moved to California in 1909. His body was sent to Webster and buried in the family plot at Lakeside Cemetery.'

'1923--Oct. 20. William W. Thayer died leaving wife, Lenora, two daughters, Mrs. George Chapman and Florence De La Mater of Long Island; one grandson Harold, two sisters: Mrs. Abram Mogray (Chloe) of Ontario, and Mrs. Huldah Potter of Fairport; and one brother, Edgar S. Thayer.'

'September 3 (don't know what year) The annual reunion of the Thayer family descendants of Aldrich Thayer and Mary McKee was held at the old Thayer homestead on Lake Road, with Mrs. Harriet Thayer Chapman. The Thayer family traces its origin

back to Richard Thayer, who was born in Gloucestershire, England in 1600 and settled in Braintree, Massachusetts in 1641. The family takes its place as one of the earliest to settle in western New York.”

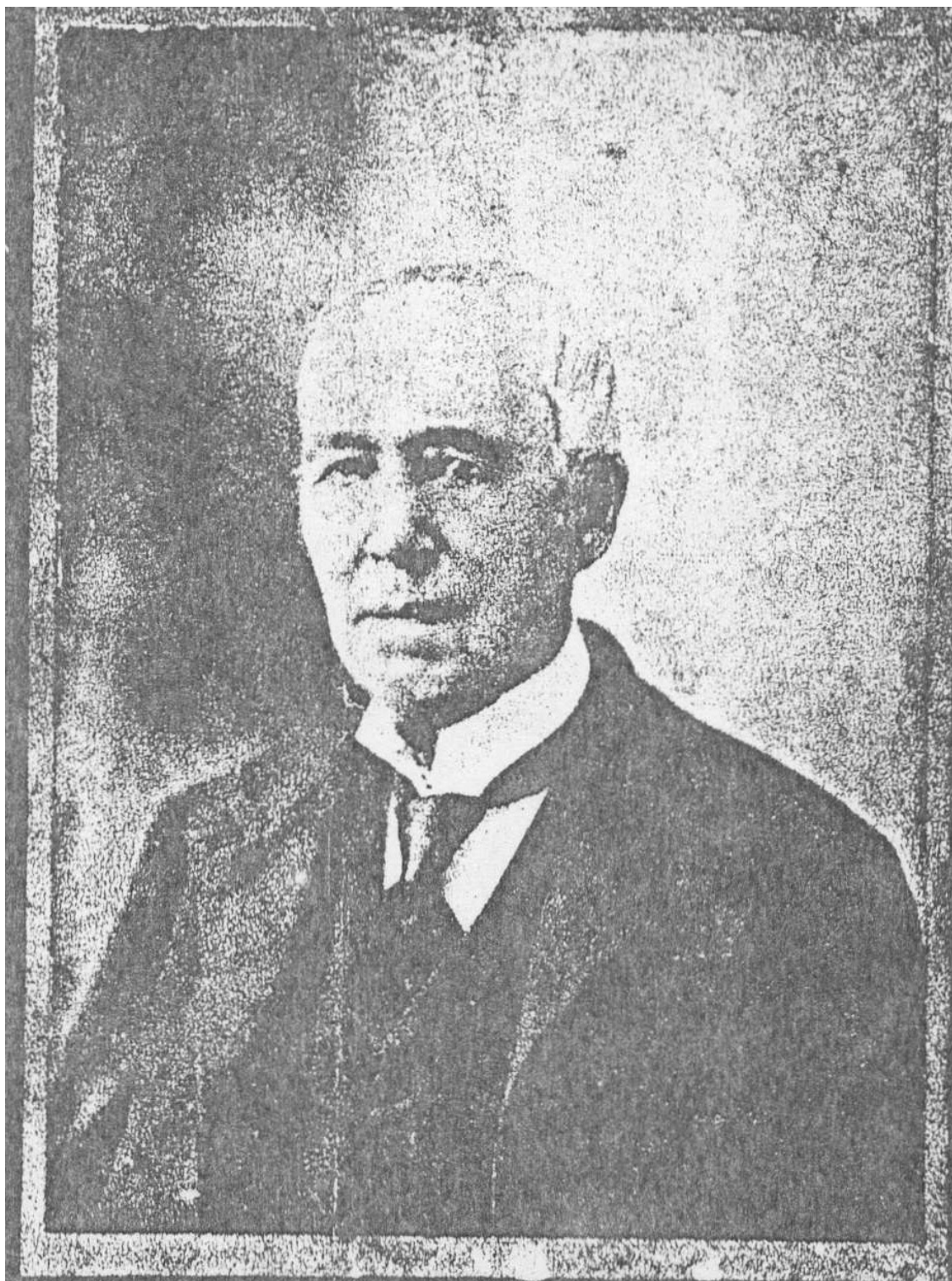
Mildred's Death

Some years later I received a letter from Mildred's daughter Lois Ann (Struck) Hilfiker, dated September 8, 1998, telling of Mildred's death.

“This is a short note to let you know Mildred Struck passed away December 19, 1997. She always enjoyed your letters and to know she had a distant relative in California. She always enjoyed sharing family history and knew so much about the family background of a lot of people in the Webster-Ontario areas. I now wish I had paid more attention to her ‘history lessons.’”

The following pages contain scans of the photocopies of pictures Mildred sent along with her correspondence.

Some Thayer Pictures Mildred had Sent



**Preston, son of Aldrich and Huldah (Alcott) Thayer,
Nephew of Chloe (Thayer) Robinson Page**



**Chloe (Thayer) Mogray, Daughter of Aldrich and Mary Ann (McKee) Thayer,
Niece of Chloe (Thayer) Robinson Page**



Ida V. (Thayer) Chapman, Daughter of Preston and Clarissa (Lawrence) Thayer



**Spencer, son of Alonzo W. and Mary A. (Pellett) Thayer,
Mildred's Father and Grandson of Preston Thayer**

Our Castner Family

Castners of New Jersey and New York

Maude Castner's father Edward Potter Castner was born at Milo, Yates County, New York, as were most of his brothers and sisters. Edward's parents were both born in New Jersey, and his mother's parents were also born in New Jersey. However, his father's parents were born in New York.



Edward Potter Castner

One of our ancestors may have been Joan Peter Kassener (John Peter Castner) who fled religious persecution in Germany and arrived in this country around 1710. In New York City, on April 2, 1711, John married Magdalena Paan, the widow of Jacob Hoof of Wirttemberg.

A "John P. Casner" purchased land on Bath Road at Milo during the early part of the first decade of the 19th century. John was born in New York in 1775. One of his sons was John P. Casner, born in 1802 in New Jersey, who married Hiley Hedges. Hiley was born in New York in 1807, and died in 1851. And her parents were Isaac Hedges, b. 1794 at Madison, New Jersey, and Elizabeth (Sayre). John P. and Hiley Casner lived at Milo where they had children.

Edward P. Castner's father William spelled his last name C-a-s-s-n-e-r, then C-a-s-n-e-r during his years at Morris County, New Jersey and Milo, Yates County, New York. William was born on March 29, 1806, and was probably a brother of John P. Casner, Jr.

Edward Castner's mother was the former Sarah Welter. The following are known children of Sarah's grandfather Henry Welter, b: 1735 in Germany, d: 5-25-1835 in Drakestown, Morris Co., NJ.

1. Adam Welter b: 10-11-1774 in Fox Hill, Morris Co., NJ; m. Abt. 1809 to Margaret Schenkel, b: 10-30-1777.
 1. William F. "Herman" Welter, b: 1810 in NJ, d: 1892 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI; m. Louisa Phillips, b: 1818 in VT, d: 1899 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI. "Herman" Welter was a butcher in Starkey (near Milo) and eventually would take his family to Ovid, Michigan.
 2. Henry Welter, b: 1811 in NJ, d: 2-2-1868 in Himrod, Yates Co., NY; m. Sarah Finch, b: 5-10-1819 in NY, d: 12-5-1895 in Himrod, Yates Co., NY. Sally was a daughter of Azariah and Jane (Martin) Finch of nearby Seneca County. Azariah's parents, Solomon and Sally (Randolph) Finch, were originally from New Jersey. Henry's family settled for a time at Milo then moved to Starkey, where they were neighbors of siblings Herman and Sophia. Henry's family would remain in Yates County.
 3. Sarah Welter, b: 8-21-1813 in Morris Co., NJ, d: 2-21-1901 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI; m. 2-7-1833 in Schooley's Mountain, Morris Co., NJ to William Castner, b: 3-29-1806 in NJ, d: 11-30-1895 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI.
 4. Mary Welter, b: 11-16-1814 in NJ, d: 9-27-1885 in Himrod, Yates Co., NY; m. 2-2-1833 in Morris Co., NJ to Stephen Oscar Miller, and they would remain in Yates County.
 5. Sophia Welter, b: 7-4-1819 in NJ, d: 11-16-1886 in Ovid, MI; m. 12-29-1838 to Edward Coke Potter, b: 6-13-1822 in NY, d: 1-5-1911 in MI.
2. John Welter, b: 1776 in NJ.
3. Jacob Welter, b: 1778 in Fox Hill, Morris Co., NJ, d: 1827; m. Bef. 1799 to Annie Shaukle, b: in German Valley, Morris Co., NJ, d: in Prob. Fox Hill, Morris Co., NJ. 2nd Wife of Jacob Welter: Elizabeth Eiche, m: Aft. 1799.
 1. Conrad T. Welter, b: 9-13-1799 in Fox Hill, Morris Co., NJ; m. Bef. 1823 to Mary Fulkerson, b: 8-15-1804, d: 4-8-1847. 2nd Wife of Conrad T. Welter: Keziah Biles, b: Abt. 1813, d: 2-19-1882; m: Aft. 1847.
4. Henry Welter m. Margaret Bird.

William Castner married Sarah Welter on February 7, 1833 at Schooley's Mountain, Morris County, New Jersey, by Holloway Whitfield Hunt, Minister of the Gospel. The family settled at Milo, Yates County, New York in 1835. Their children were:

1. Elizabeth, b. 1-27-1834 in prob. Morris Co., NJ, d. 3-31-1918 in St. Johns, Clinton Co., MI.
2. Isaiah, b. 9-23-1836 in Milo, Yates Co., NY, d. 10-2-1913 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI.
3. John, b. 1839 in Milo, Yates Co., NY, d. Abt. 4-1865.
4. Sarah, b. 1841 in Milo, Yates Co., NY, d. 12-22-1878 in Stockton, San Joaquin Co., CA.
5. William Jr., b. 2-1-1844 in Milo, Yates Co., NY, d. 1-22-1868 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI.
6. Emmet, b. 1846 in Milo, Yates Co., NY.
7. Dora, b. 10-20-1850 in Milo, Yates Co., NY, d. 8-29-1914 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI.

8. Edward Potter, b. 4-23-1854 in Milo, Yates Co., NY, d. 2-1939 in Redford near Detroit, Wayne Co., MI.

Sophia Welter married Edward Coke Potter December 29, 1838. The Potters settled in Starkey for well over a decade, where Edward was a carpenter. Their children were:

1. Henry Albert, b. 4-6-1840 in Starkey, Yates Co., NY, d. 7-1-1935 in Quaker Hill, Dutchess Co., NY; m. Dec. 2, 1867 to Katherine Elisabeth Gardner, b. 11-17-1846 in Yatesville, Yates Co., NY, d. 10-19-1917 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI. She was the daughter of Peleg Gardner, a merchant at Ovid, MI, and Nancy (Havens).
2. Ann Sarah, b. 4-18-1843 in Starkey, Yates Co., NY, d. 7-19-1844 in Starkey.
3. Anna Amelia, b. 10-10-1844 in Starkey, Yates Co., NY, d. 5-19-1914 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI; m. 3-4-1869 to D. Franklin Aldrich of Shepardsville, MI, b. 9-2-1843 in MI, d. 6-21-1914 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI.

Edward C. Potter was a great-grandson of Judge William Potter of Rhode Island. Edward C.'s father, William Potter, had married the widow of his uncle Simeon—a son of Judge Potter and brother of William's father Edward. So Catherine Klise was both Edward C.'s mother and great-aunt. Also, her children by Simeon were Edward C.'s half-sisters and second cousins. They were: Lucinda, Penelope, Mary and Sarah Ann. Catherine's children by William were: Edward C., Benjamin F., Evan M., and John A.

Edward's half-sister Lucinda Potter married Peter M. Fulkerson of Starkey and they emigrated to Ovid, Michigan, where she died in 1869 leaving six children. Edward and Sophia Potter emigrated to Shepardsville, Michigan—a village in the township of Ovid—in 1855. Edward's brother Evan M. married Phebe A., daughter of Daniel Husted of Starkey, and they, also, emigrated to Ovid. Once there, Evan was a merchant and partner of his nephew Henry A. Potter. Edward's brother John A. married Mary J. Brown of Ovid, MI, where he also was a merchant.

Many other families began leaving Milo, Starkey, and the surrounding area by the mid-1850s. Among them was the family of William and Sarah Casner, who arrived in Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan in 1854. They would ultimately spell their last name C-a-s-t-n-e-r.

Henry Welter in the Revolutionary War

The following account of the Revolutionary War experience of Henry Welter a.k.a. Henry Walter (b. 1735 Germany—d. May 25, 1835, Drakestown, Morris Co., NJ) has been transcribed and digitized by my cousin Beverly (Bev) Dormagen from aged material, some parts of which were difficult and other parts impossible to read. Bev's transcription has been reorganized somewhat in this presentation, with green text used to indicate corrections/verifications/interjections that I've made. /Charles W. Paige

Bev's original transcription can be found at:

http://www.netmeister.net/~cpaige/Henry_Welter_Pension.txt

July 24th, 1832, ninety-seven-year-old Henry Welter, a resident citizen of Roxbury Township, Morris County, New Jersey, appeared before William Munro, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for that county, in order to obtain the benefit of the **June 7, 1832, Act of Congress providing “the first comprehensive pension act for veterans of the Revolutionary War.”** The following paragraph is quoted from a web page that does not allow linking. (NOTE: Use browser to search Internet for first twelve or so words of paragraph, without quote (“), to access referenced page.)

“The Revolution Remembered was made possible by an 1832 act of Congress - the first comprehensive pension act for veterans of the Revolutionary War. To apply for a pension, a soldier had to indicate the time and place of his service, the names of units and officers, and engagements in which he participated. In most cases applicants told their stories to a court clerk or reporter; some presented their stories in open court; others related their experiences to lawyers and attested to their narratives in court. The pension application process thus constituted one of the largest oral history projects ever undertaken.” This paragraph is from a description of the below book edited by John C. Dann.

Dann, John C. Ed. *The revolution remembered : Eyewitness accounts of the War for Independence*; Chicago ; London : Univ. of Chicago Press., 1980, 446 p.

According to law, on his oath, **Henry** made the following declaration to wit:

...that he enlisted and entered the Company of Volunteers as a drummer in the month of May 1775 for the period of three years for common defense against the common enemy in the State of New Jersey and that he ?enlisted or entered the service of ? in a company at New Germantown, Hunterdon County NJ under the command of Captain Godfrey Rhinehart, Lieut. John Read and Ensign Morris Crammers which company was attached to a Regiment under command of Col. John McHolme of General Frelinghuysen’s brigade of the New Jersey Militia [**Frederick Frelinghuysen (1753–1804)**], which company of volunteers pledged themselves to ?house equipt and in control readiness for the period of three years for the common defense against the common enemy which and whenever called upon in the State of New Jersey and that during that period of his service his ? were ?sudden marched to various points of alarm and ? in acts of subjugating the Tories or internal enemies, while in the service he was also called to Elizabeth Town, Newark, Amboy, New Brunswick, Quarell?Lawn, Middle Booth? Short Hills, ?, ?Aquamanauk, Morris Town, Trenton, Springfield, and ? and various other places in New Jersey and that during the latter part of his three years service a change of Officers took place in said company and ?Micham Candy? was appointed capt, Morris Crammers lieut., and Matthieu Crammers Ensign, who continued to act as officers the three years service expired and that during his years of enlistment he was more than two full years engaged on active duty in the common cause for Independence and that ?his ? further South? That ? Subsequently?

Paid for three years Service and discharged at **Metuchen** near New Brunswick after May 1778 by a written discharge signed by General Heard, Gen. Frelinghuysen, Col. Martin, Col. McHolme and Col. Taylor of the Militia and this ?

Saith that he was born in Germany in Europe and came to America with his father when he was about 5 years of age and settled in Roxbury Township, Morris County, NJ.

Saith that he has no family record of his age but was informed by his parents that he was born sometime about 1735, that he lived in the Township of Roxbury near New Germantown when he enlisted or entered the service in the war of the Revolution as before stated that he has no documentary evidence of his service in his possession his discharge having been lost or destroyed and that he does not know of only one person now living who served with him or had any knowledge of his revolutionary service, to wit, John M. Fisher, who was an orderly Sergeant in said company to which the Deponent belongs, that he is personally known to Wm Mormon Esq, John Sharp Esq, and Samuel Wier and Lar Bienfer, a minister of ast?

And this diponent saith that from his great bodily infirmity he is unable to attend the County Court a distance of twenty miles and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever his pension or annuity (except the present) and declares that his name is not in the pension roll of New Jersey or any other state whatsoever, Henry Walter

Scribe and Subscribed before me
the 24th of July 1832
Wm Monro.

Database: Full Context of New Jersey Pensioners, 1835

County: Morris Co.

Name: Henry Walter

Rank: Drummer

Annual Allowance: 88 00

Sums Received: 264 00

Description of service: New Jersey militia

When placed on the pension roll: December 5, 1832

Commencement of pension: March 4, 1831

Age: 99

The Potter Fortune and the Universal Friend

The wealth of the Potter family of Rhode Island was considerable. Judge William Potter had inherited a large landed estate there. The Judge was born at South Kingston, Rhode Island in 1722, and was married about 1750 to Penelope, daughter of Colonel Thomas Hazard. Penelope was also born in South Kingston--in 1731. Their children were:

1. Sarah
2. Mercy b. 1751
3. Thomas Hazard (MD) b. 1753
4. Alice b. 1756
5. Susan b.1758
6. William Robinson b. 1760
7. Benedict Arnold b. 1761
8. Penelope b. 1764
9. William Pitt (called "Pitt") b. 1766
10. Edward b. 1768
11. Simeon b. 1770

Judge Potter served as a senator in the colonial legislature, and in 1775 was elected by that legislature Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in Washington County. He resigned from the latter post in 1780.

It was around the time Judge Potter resigned that he became profoundly interested in the ministry of a woman 36 years his junior. She was called the "Universal Friend." On her account he would travel on many religious expeditions, riding beside her on horseback, followed on foot by an impressive column of adherents. And for her he would spend much of his fortune and heavily mortgage his estate.

A Friend of Mankind

Jemima Wilkinson was born in Cumberland, Providence County, Rhode Island in 1758. Her father, Jeremiah, was a farmer moderately well off, who married Amy Whipple, a member of the Society of Friends. Jemima was reared a Quaker but possessed only casual religious interests. However, during her teenage years she became involved with a group of young Quakers who advocated that God makes a more direct affect on the world than current doctrine admitted. She never officially joined the group but attended all the meetings, conducted by the evangelizing Methodist George Whitefield. And Jemima began a routine of sitting for hours every day studying the Bible, becoming increasingly morose. She finally locked herself in her room for extended times interrupted only by the attending of meetings. Her health began to fail and in 1776 she became bedridden.

Friends of the family sat with the young girl day and night as she wrestled with the unknown ailment. Occasionally she told of seeing scenes from heaven as if she viewed them firsthand.

Miss Wilkinson eventually slipped into a complete trance which lasted 36 hours. The people attending were alarmed as she seemed on the verge of death. Then one day the girl awoke. Upon rising from her bed, the young lady told that the spirit of Jemima Wilkinson had passed to the "angel world," and that her body was re-animated.

The Universal Friend, as she called herself from that day, traveled and preached in a number of eastern states, collecting many followers. Her preceding reputation for working miracles helped win confidence in her movement. And its momentum accelerated. Among her most wealthy and powerful adherents were James Parker and, above all, Judge Potter. These two men pumped their energies, support and resources into the sect to aid its growth and further its purpose. Judge Potter built a new section onto his Rhode Island mansion to be the Friend's home and headquarters. Ironically, Parker and Potter later became instrumental in the movement's decline.

While the Universal Friend and her entourage traveled the eastern seaboard, Jemima Wilkinson's youngest brother Jephtha was exploring the Genesee country in New York. He explored much of the Lake region--assisted by Indians--drawing maps and writing descriptions. It has been proposed that his descriptions provided the spur which led to the area's further exploration, and its eventual settlement by the Friends. In 1789 a survey was made of the area by Perley Howe, and by 1790 seven families lived in township eight of the second range. These were the families of Francis Briggs, Michael Pierce, Benjamin Tibbits, Henry Lovell, John Walford, William Hall and (Benedict) Arnold Potter.

Benedict Arnold Potter, named after the great 17th-century governor of Rhode Island, dropped the use of his first name after the Revolutionary War. Arnold, his father, and some brothers became interested in the Genesee country and began buying land. Their interest was augmented by a vision held by the Universal Friend. She wanted to find a place where her followers could live unsullied by outside influences.

It was decided at a meeting in Connecticut in 1786 to send several men into the wilderness of New York in search of a place for the envisioned utopia. A deed was signed on October 10, 1792 for 14,040 acres of land in Ontario County (later to be severed from that county when Yates County was formed). The area was later nicknamed the "Potter Location." As part of the agreement with New York's governor George Clinton, the society promised that within seven years there would be one family located on each 640-acre section of land. So the followers began to sell their homes and property and move to the new Jerusalem.

In keeping with the promise to Governor Clinton, the following handbill was issued in 1800. It could have been in response to this advertisement that the Casners left New Jersey and settled where the Seneca, Cayuga and Keuka lakes predominate.

FOR SALE, ON REASONABLE TERMS, About 16,000 Acres of Land, Situate near the centre of the flourishing settlements of the Genesee Country, in the town of Augusta (commonly called Potterstown), and county of Ontario. On this Tract are a number of farms of a superior quality, some of which are under improvement. Said lands will be sold in small parcels or large tracts, as best suits the purchasers, for ready pay, or on credit; great allowance made to those who make immediate payment. There are two saw-mills on these lands and a good grist-mill,

commodiously situated for Southern market; there being only twelve miles land carriage from grist-mill to the waters of the Susquehanna, which lead to Baltimore, one of the best flour markets in the United States. For further particulars enquire at the dwelling house of the Subscriber on the Premises.

AUGUSTA, Nov. 24, 1800 ARNOLD POTTER

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Utopia Lost

The Friend's movement began to wane almost before the new settlement was established. A major factor was that the sect's premise rested on socialistic, even communistic principles regarding society, property and wealth. It was quite radical for the time and soon rubbed its wealthier constituents against their grain. Also, according to the consecrated formula, their ideal of perfection dictated that members be "neither marrying nor giving in marriage," and that "those who had wives should be as though they had none." The Friend thus surrounded herself with widows, old maids, and women who had abandoned their husbands and families, and these made up the central core. Among the elite were the widow Sarah Richards--the Friend's "prime minister"--and Rachael Malin.

The Universal Friend was the sponsor of what has been called a "millenarian" movement, meaning that its devotees viewed the world as if they were standing at the end of time. This "end" was to have been brought about by the victory of good over evil, God over Satan, and of Christ over the antichrist. The followers were prepared to give witness to the great things attendant to the return of Christ to earth.

The fatal blow came when a feud erupted between James Parker and Judge Potter over the disposal of land purchased by the joint action of the society. Soon the Judge withdrew his support from the Friend and her cause, taking back the land he had vested. His wife Penelope, however, remained faithful to the movement for the rest of her life. Returning to Rhode Island, the Judge sold his mortgaged estate there and returned to New York, where he spent the remainder of his life with his son Arnold. Judge William Potter died in 1814 at age 92 while returning from the home of his son-in-law George Brown in Jerusalem, N.Y.. At one time the Potters had owned about 55,000 acres of land in Yates County--the equivalent of 86 square miles, or more than one-fourth of the entire county.

The Universal Friend died in 1819, leaving a divided sect whose property was left to the trusteeship of Rachael Malin. By the time of Rachael's death in 1848, little of the society's land remained and virtually none of its vitality.

Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan

Many of the mid-19th-century settlers of Ovid and its village of Shepardsville were from Yates County, New York. Among these were the families of William and Sarah Casner/Castner and Edward and Sophia Potter. The Casners arrived at Ovid in 1854. In a few years, on March 10, 1857, they purchased 80 acres of land in Section 18, patent document No. 13649. The Potters settled in Section 22 in the fall of 1855. It was wild land south of Shepardsville occupied only by the family of Jacob W. Welter. Edward became township treasurer beginning in 1855 and lasting 4 terms.

The family of Jacob Welter, including his wife Emily and their three boys and one girl, was the first in the neighborhood. The children's names were: Bruce Kiddu, Frances E., Martin Scott, and Milo Lee. The property was so undeveloped that Jacob had to cut an access road. Jacob, born in Morris County, New Jersey, was a probable cousin of Sarah and Sophia's. His parents were William and Ann (Bird) Welter. Jacob had gone to Genesee County, New York, in 1839, where he met and married Emily Sayre, and where at least one of their children was born. The Welters initially immigrated to Michigan's St. Joseph County in 1854, relocating to Section 22 south of Shepardsville prior to the Potters' arrival.

Bruce Kiddu Welter, who had been born in 1843 at Milo, Yates County, New York, was 18 years old when he enlisted in the 15th Michigan Infantry, Company D, at Detroit on December 5, 1861. He was killed in action April 6, 1862, at Shiloh, Tennessee, and was buried in the National Cemetery at Pittsburgh Landing.

Edward Coke Potter's son Henry became a merchant in Shepardsville with his uncle Evan M. Potter. On July 28, 1862, Henry enlisted at Ovid as a Private in the 4th Michigan Cavalry. He served under Gens. Buell, Rosecrans, and Sherman in the army of the Cumberland, and was promoted to Second Lieutenant February 16, 1863. Besides participating in the battles of Stone River, Chatanooga, and the siege of Atlanta, the young lieutenant had two horses shot out from under him while leading charges at Rome, Georgia. The final honor of his military stretch came when he assisted in the capture of Jefferson Davis. Henry and Catherine's son Monroe B. was their only child and was the first male born of the sixth generation of Judge William Potter.

NOTE: Michael Ruddy, a descendant of the Potters, has transcribed letters written by Henry Potter during his Civil War years. They may be found on the internet starting with the following URL:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~mruddy/letters.htm>

Elizabeth Castner was married to Charles Bigelow/Bigalow March 15, 1856, at Clinton County, Michigan. Charles was born about 1833 in New York and died May 12, 1864, at Spotsylvania, VA. The Bigalow family was living at Ovid, Clinton County, at the time of the 1860 Federal census. In the household were: Charles, 27 years old, a farmer, with no real estate and a personal estate valued at \$100, born in New York; Elizabeth, 26 years old, born in New

Jersey; and George, 2 years old, born in Michigan. Sarah A. would be born in 1861 and Megan A. in 1862. Charles Bigelow, at age 31, served in the Civil War by enlisting in the 1st Company of Sharpshooters of the 27th Michigan Infantry, also known as “Perrin’s Sharpshooters,” as a Private. The sharpshooters operated with the 27th from 1864, when the 1st was formed, until the end of the war. They carried Spencer repeating rifles—leading-edge weapons of the day. Charles died in action at Spotsylvania. Some Civil War records have his surname misspelled as “Bigslow.”

The widow Elizabeth (Castner) Bigelow married October 8, 1865, at Clinton County, Michigan, to Thomas Sturgis, born about 1831 in New York and died July 18, 1893, in Clinton County. They each had three children from prior marriages. Thomas had served in the Civil War, enlisting at age 34 in the 7th Michigan Cavalry, Company E, from Scio, Michigan. Elizabeth and Thomas had one child: Ella A. Sturgis, born in July 1873 in Michigan. Thomas and Elizabeth would both receive burial at the expense of Clinton County, ostensibly due to Thomas’s Civil War participation as a member of General George Armstrong Custer’s famous 7th Cavalry. They were laid to rest at the Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, Clinton County, in Section OP-3, Lot #733.

Ella Sturgis married Frank Downham in about 1890. Frank was born in May 1867 in Michigan. The Downham family was living in a house they owned with a mortgage at the time of the 1900 Federal census of Bingham, Clinton County, Michigan. In the household were: Frank, 33 years old; Ella A., 26 years old; and Elizabeth Sturgis, 66 years old. Frank and Ella had been married 10 years and Ella had lost their only child. Both Ella and Elizabeth were working as dressmakers. The family was living in a house free of mortgage at the time of the 1910 Federal census of the 3rd Ward of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan. The household still consisted of Frank and Ella Downham and Elizabeth Sturgis. Ella had not had any more children.

Isaiah Castner was married to Eliza Ann Sloan around 1867. Eliza’s parents, Asa and Charlotte (Atwood) Sloan, had been born at Providence, Rhode Island—Asa in 1791 and Charlotte in 1801. The Sloans had moved to New York where they had the first five of their seven children: Horace b. 1823, Maria b. 1829, Philip b. 1831, Oliver b. 1834, Mary D. b. 1836. Then they moved again, this time to Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, where they had: Eliza Ann b. February 13, 1839—d. May 27, 1905; Loretta b. 1843.

Isaiah and Eliza A. settled at Ovid, where Isaiah was known for playing the fiddle at dances. Their children were:

1. Sarah Castner, b: 1868 in MI; m. 10-8-1889 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI, to Charles Cery (pronounced “Serrie”), b: in Canada.
2. William A. Castner, b: 3-10-1870 in MI, d: 8-23-1872 in Clinton Co., MI.
3. Clara Castner, b: 3-5-1878 in MI, d: 9-15-1927 in St. Johns, MI; m. Mr. Edwards. Clara was buried at Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.
4. Lewis Castner, b: 5-22-1884 in MI, d: 1968; m. 1916 to Elenor Kaiser, b: 1893, d: 1983. They lived in St. Johns on Krepps Road.
 1. Arthur C. Castner, b. 1917, d. 1965.
 2. Oliver Castner, b. 1919, d. 6-7-1999.

Apparently Eliza had a mental problem before Lewis was born, as she was listed in the 1880 federal census as “insane.” That year she, Isaiah and Clara were living with William and Sarah Castner, while little Sarah was staying with Isaiah’s sister and brother-in-law, the Easterlys.

Isaiah, Eliza, Lewis, and Arthur were interred at the Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, Clinton County—Isaiah and Eliza in Section C, Lot #118; Lewis and Elenor in Section G, Lot #55; and Arthur C. in Section K, Lot #12.

Sarah Castner was married to Salmon J. Sutliff (a.k.a. Johnson, Salmon Johnson, and Solomon J.) January 18, 1859 at the United Methodist Church in Ovid by Pastor N.L. Brockway. Witnesses were I. Castner (Isaiah, Sarah’s older brother) and L. Sutliff (Lucy, Salmon’s younger sister). Salmon was born July 12, 1837, in Hillsdale, Hillsdale County, Michigan, and died April 27, 1893, in Mount Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan. He was one of seven children born to Van Ransaler Sutliff (a.k.a. Ransley and Romsley) and Catharine Barnhart. During the Civil War “Solomon J. Sutliff” was 26 years old when he enlisted in the 2nd Michigan Cavalry, Company A, from Bingham, Clinton County, Michigan. The 2nd Cavalry primarily saw action in Tennessee, with some, also, in Alabama and Virginia.

Sarah and Salmon’s child was:

1. Francis Sutliff, b. 1860s in MI, d. 9-25-1864 in MI.
2. Alva J. Sutliff, b: 8-17-1868 in Ovid, Clinton Co., MI, d: 1-7-1947 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA; m. 5-4-1889 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI, to Elizabeth M. Therrett, b: 4-7-1873 in Syracuse, Onondaga Co., NY, d: 12-23-1945 in Los Angeles Co., CA.
 1. Orin J. Sutliff, b: Abt. 4-1891 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI, d: 10-11-1891 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI.
 2. Earl J. Sutliff, b: 2-12-1893 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI, d: 8-9-1980 in Los Angeles Co., CA; m. Ola May Coulter, b: 5-18-1895 in IL, d: 1-23-1990 in Orange Co., CA.
 3. Unnamed baby boy Sutliff, b: 2-13-1893 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI, d: 1893 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI.
 4. Leon Carl Sutliff, b: 4-15-1894 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI, d: 3-13-1958 in Taft, Kern Co., CA; m. Mary Elizabeth Hart.
Leon lived in Taft for 38 years.

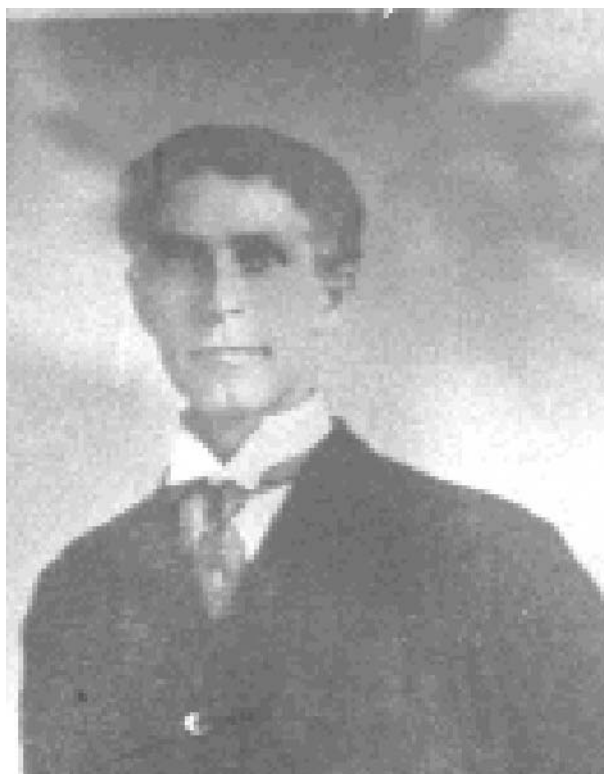
Significantly more information about the Sutliffs can be found in the segment “On Being Franc” later in this history.

“Dorah” D. Castner, 18, was married to Richard L. Easterly, 25—born at Granger, Allegany County, New York—on August 29, 1869. They were married at the residence of Albert McEuen in Ovid, by Albert McEuen, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses were: W. Sounsbury of Ovid and Adella Lewis of Shepardsville. The Easterlys settled for a while at Shepardsville, where they were living near Dora’s parents, most of her siblings, and her Uncle Edward and Aunt Sophia Potter in 1880. Richard and Dora’s only child, Willie, was born in 1876. Richard received his Ph. D. and taught school before dying of consumption at Kalamazoo on April 14, 1886. (Dora’s second and third marriages will be discussed later.)

Edward Potter Castner was married to neighbor Frances Marie Laronge Sutliff on August 11, 1878, at Shepardsville by Elisha M. Ney, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses were: E.G. Ney and Eva Ney. Edward was shown on the marriage registration to have been born in Yates County, New York, while “Franky” was listed as being born at Gratiot County, Michigan. Franky’s traditional birth date was July 4, 1862, and she died February 7, 1964, in Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan.

From: History of Shiawassee and Clinton counties, Michigan... Ellis, Franklin, 1828-1885, De La Vergne, Earl W. Philadelphia: D.W. Ensign & co., 1880.

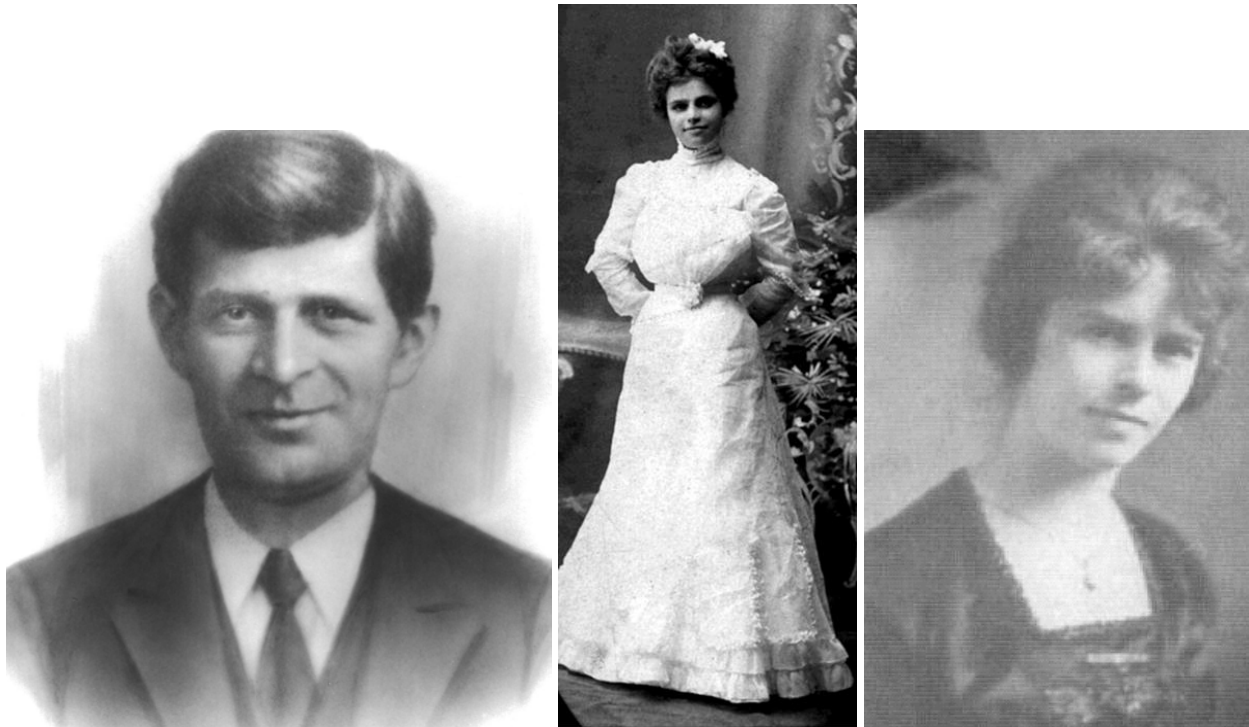
“BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHEPARDSVILLE. April 15, 1876, a meeting was held at Shepardsville for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. Among those present were P.C. Bassett, John D. Gleason, Jacob W. Welter, P.A. Winfield, Thomas Sturges, I.E. Hobart, Edward P. Castner, D.F. Aldrich, John Miller, H.H. Faragar, William Castner, Isaiah Castner, and Edward Potter. The persons named subscribed to the following: ‘We who do hereby subscribe our names, anxious to do something in an organized form to promote the Christian religion, and to maintain the permanent worship of God and the institutions of the Gospel in this vicinity, do organize ourselves into a society known as The Baptist Church and Society of Shepardsville.’ Samuel B. Spink, Edward Potter, John Miller, I.E. Hobart, and Thomas Sturges were chosen trustees and Edward Potter clerk.”



Edward Potter and Frances Marie Laronge a.k.a. Franky/Frankie/Franc (Gargett/Sutliff) Castner

Ed and Frankie Leave Ovid

Edward and Frances Castner had their first child on July 26, 1879. Almon Edward was born at Ovid and in his later life was artistic. Some of his charcoal sketches are still in existence. The family then moved to a farm outside of St. Johns, also in Clinton County, where a daughter was born on January 1, 1883. Maude Annabelle was also artistic and expressed her talents--like her mother and later, her daughter--as a skilled seamstress. The last child, Yula, was born on February 17, 1887 in Clinton County, shortly before the family moved to 302 S. Logan Street in Lansing, Ingham County. They moved again several times including to the Hotel Butler; a flat on Shiawasee Street; St. Joe Street; Ionia Avenue; and Chestnut Street.



Almon Edward (self portrait), Maude Annabelle and Yula Beatrice Castner

Almon Edward was married to Celia J. Harrison on March 15, 1900, by James Allen, Minister. The wedding took place at Harbor Springs, Emmet County, Michigan, where the Harrisons had a pioneering history. Celia was born in Michigan in December of 1881, whereas her parents were both born in New York. Her father Daniel C., b. in July 1836 and died in July 1905, is said to have been the first known white man on the Point near Harbor Springs. Daniel's two brothers, one of whom was Fred Harrison, had worked for the railroad. Celia's mother Julia A. was born about 1849 and died between 1880-1900.

Almon and Celia remained at Harbor Springs for a few years. In 1900 the new family was living with Celia's father, who was by then a widower. Also in the household was boarder Frank Tufts, a carpenter from Tennessee. At the time both Frank and Almon (who was by then a house painter) were unemployed.

Almon and Celia had two children at Harbor Springs: Laronge Katherine, b. August 12, 1901, and Gordon F., b. July 26 1902. They later moved to Detroit, where Harry E. was born June 19, 1908, and Almon Earl on August 27, 1912. Almon Earl died September 6 the same year of enteritis. Then the family moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where Carlton W. was born on September 7, 1913. Almon and Celia finally settled in Chicago, where Donald O. was born on September 1, 1916, and where Almon Edward Castner died July 20, 1929. Almon had remained a professional painter and decorator. It is said that he died of lead poisoning, a common ailment among painters because of continual exposure to lead-based paints. Celia survived her husband by thirty-two years and passed away in 1960.

(For many of Almon and Celia's descendants, see the section titled Some Descendants of Almon and Celia (Harrison) Castner, starting Page 433.)

Laronge Katherine Castner was married to Earl Elmer Brann March 28, 1919 in Chicago. Earl was born April 10, 1895, in Illinois. The Branns were renting at 820 53rd Street in the 30th Ward of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois at the time of the 1920 Federal census. Their family included Earl, 24 years old, a machinist working in a machine shop, born in Illinois; Laronge, 18 years old, born in Michigan; and Earl Jr., 4 months old, born in Illinois. The Branns were living with the family of George and Alice Joly. Besides George, Sr. and Alice there were two sons and two daughters in the family. Everyone in the Joly family was born in Illinois except for George, Sr., who was born in Canada as a French Canadian of French Canadian parents. George came to the US in 1887 and was naturalized in 1907. He was employed as a superintendent of a garage.



Laronge and Earl Brann

The Branns were renting at 9206 Blackstone Avenue in the 10th Ward of Chicago at the time of the 1930 Federal census. Their family included Earl, 34 years old, a self-employed painting contractor; Laronge, 28 years old; and six children. All were born in Illinois except for Laronge. The family owned a radio set. During their marriage Laronge and Earl were said to have had 13 children. Laronge lived sixty-four years and died on July 4, 1965, in Chicago. Earl lived nearly ninety-two years and died in February 1987 at Tinley Park, Cook County, Illinois.

Gordon F. Castner married a woman named Irma, and they were renting at 6221 University Avenue in the 6th Ward of Chicago, Cook Co., IL, at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were: Gordon F., 27 years old, a janitor in an apartment building, born in Michigan; wife Irma, 22 years old, born in Germany of German parents; a son and a daughter both born in Illinois. Irma had immigrated to the US in 1913 and claimed to be naturalized. The family owned a radio set. Gordon lived seventy-five years and died in December of 1977 at Cedar Lake, Marion Co., Indiana.

Harry E. Castner lived sixty-eight years and died on December 19, 1976 at Titus, Hillsborough County, Florida. He had married a woman named Betty and they had three children.

Carlton W. Castner was living at Newport Richey, Pasco County, Florida, in 1982 with wife Violet, where he died May 8, 1998. Carlton and Violet had seven children—four boys and three girls.

Donald O. Castner married a woman named Dorothea M., who was born about 1919, and they lived at Lombard, Du Page County, Illinois. In 1982 they were making plans to move to Florida to be near Carlton. Donald died at Downers Grove, Du Page County, September 26, 1984, and Dorothea died March 26, 1990, at Downers Grove. They had a girl and two boys.

Edward Castner's father William passed away on November 30, 1895. He died of influenza.

William's obituary from the December 5, 1895, "Ovid Register-Union" newspaper--

Wm. Castner, who resides on the Easterly farm southwest of Shepardsville, died Saturday, Nov. 30, at the ripe old age of 89 years. He leaves his wife, two sons and a daughter. His aged companion had shared his joys and sorrows for 62 years. The funeral took place at the Shepardsville Baptist church at 11 o'clock Monday. Interment in Maple Grove cemetery. [William's age was: 89 years 8 months 1 day.]

Ed and Franc were still living in Lansing in June of 1900. They were renting a house at 516 St. Joe Street. In the household were: "Edward," "Franc," "Maud" and "Eulah." In the 1900 census, Ed was listed as a "house painter," and both of Franc's parents were shown as having been born in Florida.

Also living in Lansing in 1900--at 820 Capitol Street--was the family of Harvey O. and Sarah M. Cline. With them was Sarah's natural son, 23-year-old Charles Page, and Harvey's natural son, Glen W. Cline, age 26. Charles was then working as a cigar maker.

Edward Castner's mother Sarah passed away on February 21, 1901, at Ovid after suffering a stroke. For some years Sarah had been living on a farm at Ovid with her daughter Dora through Dora's marriages and widowhood.

Dora and George Manning Sober were married October 13, 1894 at DeWitt, Clinton County. (The surname "Sober" was variously spelled "Sobers" and "Sabers.") George was born December 29, 1861 at Bath, Clinton County, and had a daughter Jessie, b. May 1885 in Michigan, from another marriage. Dora had previously been married to Richard Easterly, who had died some years before. Her only child Willie was by Richard. She had subsequently married William Chamberlain on September 22, 1886 at Ingham County, who was also born in 1861.

Sarah's obituary from a 1901 Ovid *Register-Union* newspaper:

Sarah Welter Castner was born August 1st, 1813, Morris Co., New Jersey. She was married to William Castner in 1833 and moved to the state of New York in 1835 and from there to Michigan in 1854. Eight Children were born to them, five sons and three daughters, four of whom survive her, Isaiah Castner of Shepardsville, Edward P. Castner of Lansing, Elizabeth Sturgis of St. Johns, and Dora Sobers of Shepardsville with whom she lived until the time of her death. Her husband died five years ago. Mrs. Castner was a member of the Baptist church for over fifty years and lived a devoted Christian only waiting for the Lord to call her home. She departed this life February 21. She was loved by all who knew her because of her readiness to lend a helping hand at any time.

Dora published a thank-you in the paper to all those who had helped out and been so kind to the family after Sarah's death. She especially thanked the church choir for their performance at the funeral.

Castners dabble in the hostelry business

Ed and Frankie leased and ran a hotel in Lansing called the Butler House from September 26, 1894 until sometime before the turn of the 20th century. The property was owned by Lewis Darby and formerly known as the Tivola House. As part of the bargain Castners purchased the hotel's existing kitchen, dining room, office, sleeping room, and other furniture and fixtures valued at \$1,200 through an exchange of property and a chattel mortgage for \$230.46. However, the enterprise failed, mortgage payments fell behind, and Darby foreclosed, taking back possession of the mortgaged chattel and having a foreclosure sale without first notifying the Castners. To add insult to injury, Darby was the only bidder and purchased the foreclosed goods at a fraction of their original, agreed-upon value.

Castner sued Darby in justice court to void the foreclosure sale and won, but the defendant Darby appealed to the circuit court, which upheld the original verdict. Finally, Darby claimed that an error had occurred in the case and it was referred to the Michigan Supreme Court. Associate Justice Joseph B. Moore wrote the final verdict, once again in favor of Castner. The Michigan Supreme Court case title was *Castner v. Darby*, 128 Mich. 241, 87 N.W. 199, decided September 25, 1901. For further discussion of the case see Page 412.

It can only be imagined how costly, consuming, and traumatic the case must have been for the Castners. Its existence sheds light on the backdrop of, and a possible reason for, the dissolution of the Castner marriage.

In Maude's words:

Places I lived. Born on a farm. Moved to Lansing at 3. 302 S. Logan, Lansing, Hotel Butler. Flat on Shiawassee to Capitol Ave. then St. Joseph St., Ionia eng (sic) Chestnut. Moved from there. Dad went away 1902. Mother & Yula moved to Mich Ave. flat. Yula went to Business Col. Then they went to Detroit. Chas O. Page and I went over to H.O.¹⁶ to live. Harwood, then Bartlett. Margaret Frances born there 319 Bartlett. Then sold & moved to Battle Creek. Moved to Detroit. Marg 2. Then Mason. Howard born there 1909. Back to Battle Creek (Bunch died). 1911 moved to Jackson, Aug 1st, 319 W. Mason.

It is said that Ed left Frankie in 1901/1902 and soon they were divorced. Maude stayed in Lansing, where she graduated from high school with honors in June of 1901. Although considered for a scholarship to Olivett College, she went to work for Bell Telephone as an operator when the scholarship was conferred on another girl.

In Maude's words:

Almon and Yula went thru the 10th grade. Almon went North, Yula to business college.

Yula Castner married William Wigand, divorced on account of his drinking too much. She died May 20, 1921, of TB, or Quick Consumption as called then.

My brother Almon buried in Chicago.

Edward was living at 360 Grand River Avenue in the 4th Ward of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, at the time of the 1910 Federal census. All those renting at the same address included: Gertrude M. Nott, 43 years old, divorced, a machine operator in a factory, born in Ohio; Julius S. Allen, 44 years old, divorced, a house carpenter rooming with Gertrude, born in Michigan; Edward P. Castner, 56 years old, divorced, a house painter, born in New York; Edmund L. Nutter, 41 years old, a cigar packer, born in Ohio; his wife Nellie, 34 years old, born in Ohio; and their son Edward J., 3 years old, born in New York. The Nutters had been married for 10 years.

Edward P. Castner married Catherine E. (Yates) Gallagher "Kate" May 10, 1911 in Detroit. They were married by Fred E. Delsaw, Justice of the Peace, and witnesses were Mary A. and Dora R. Feagan of Detroit. Edward's occupation was listed as "Restaurant." Ed's mother Sarah's maiden name was listed as "Walter," a spelling frequently used in place of Welter.

Catherine was born October 8, 1879 at Sandwich East Township, Essex County, Ontario, Canada, to parents Richard and Anne Maria (Hurst) Yates. According to the 1881 Canadian census of Windsor, Essex County, Ontario, Richard was Irish, born in Ireland, Anne Marie was Scottish, though also born in Ireland, and the family was affiliated with the Church of England. The Yates family immigrated to America in 1893, when Catherine was between 13 and 14 years

¹⁶ Harvey Olmstead Cline, called "H.O.," was married to Charles Page's mother Sarah M. (Keyes) Page, whom H.O. nicknamed "Bunch."

old, and Catherine had married Frank Gallagher, her first husband, before 1911 in Ontario, Canada.

When baby Edward Castner was stillborn on October 29, 1917, the Castners were living at 208 Brainard Street in Detroit. [The death certificate lists him as “baby Castner.” However, at the cemetery he is listed as “Edw. Castner.”]

Ed and Kate lived in Redford, Wayne County, Michigan near Detroit most of their married lives. At the time of the 1920 Federal census, Edward P. and Catherine were living at Redford in a house that they owned without mortgage. Edward was sixty-six years old and a house painter working for wages. Catherine was not employed. The census was taken January 9, 1920. At the time of the 1930 Federal census of “Detroit City,” Precinct 26, the Castners were living at and owned a house at 16863 Lenore Avenue valued at \$4,000—presumably the Redford location. Ed claimed to be a home decorator. Catherine was twenty-six years younger than Ed and had no occupation.

In later years Ed and Kate worked at a restaurant at the corner of Trumbull and Grand River streets, according to memories of Ed’s grandson Howard Paige. Ed and Kate lived in their small cottage in Redford, where Ed died of a stroke in February of 1939 at nearly age 85. He, baby Castner, and Catherine—who died in June 1965—were all laid to rest in Section 14, Lot 303, of Detroit’s Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Maud A. Castner and Charles O. Page, both of Lansing, were married in Lansing May 24, 1902, by Samuel B. Chase, Minister. Witnesses were Frank Cline and Mrs. E. Castner, both of Lansing. (Maud’s mother Franc’s maiden name was listed as Gargett.) They stayed for a short while with Charles’ mother and stepfather, Sarah and Harvey Cline. The Clines moved to Mason after Harvey’s election as Sheriff of Ingham County. The Pages also moved to Mason by the time of the 1910 Federal census, where they were living on Lansing Street. Maude assisted Sheriff Cline when it was necessary to transport female prisoners. After H.O. left office in 1911, the Pages moved to Jackson, MI.

Franky Castner married jolly Harry Justin Witherell in 1903 according to notes left by Franky’s daughter Maude, who also wrote that Harry was born on August 1, 1860, and died on August 24, 1931. However, Franc M. Castner and Harry J. Witherell were not married to each other at the time of the 1910 Federal census of the 6th Ward of Detroit, Wayne Co., MI. Then, Harry was a roomer of Franc M. Castner’s at 345 Michigan Ave. Franc was listed as 45 years old and divorced, her father having been born in NY and mother in MA. Harry was listed as 47 years old and married, his father having been born in NY and mother in VT. Both Franc and Harry claimed to have been born in MI. Franc was a dressmaker and Harry a barber. Another barber and wife, James (sic) and Ruth S. C. Yenx (sic), also lived in the apartment. James was 36, born in Canada of Canadian parents and Ruth was 25, born in Scotland of Scottish parents. James and Ruth had been married four years.

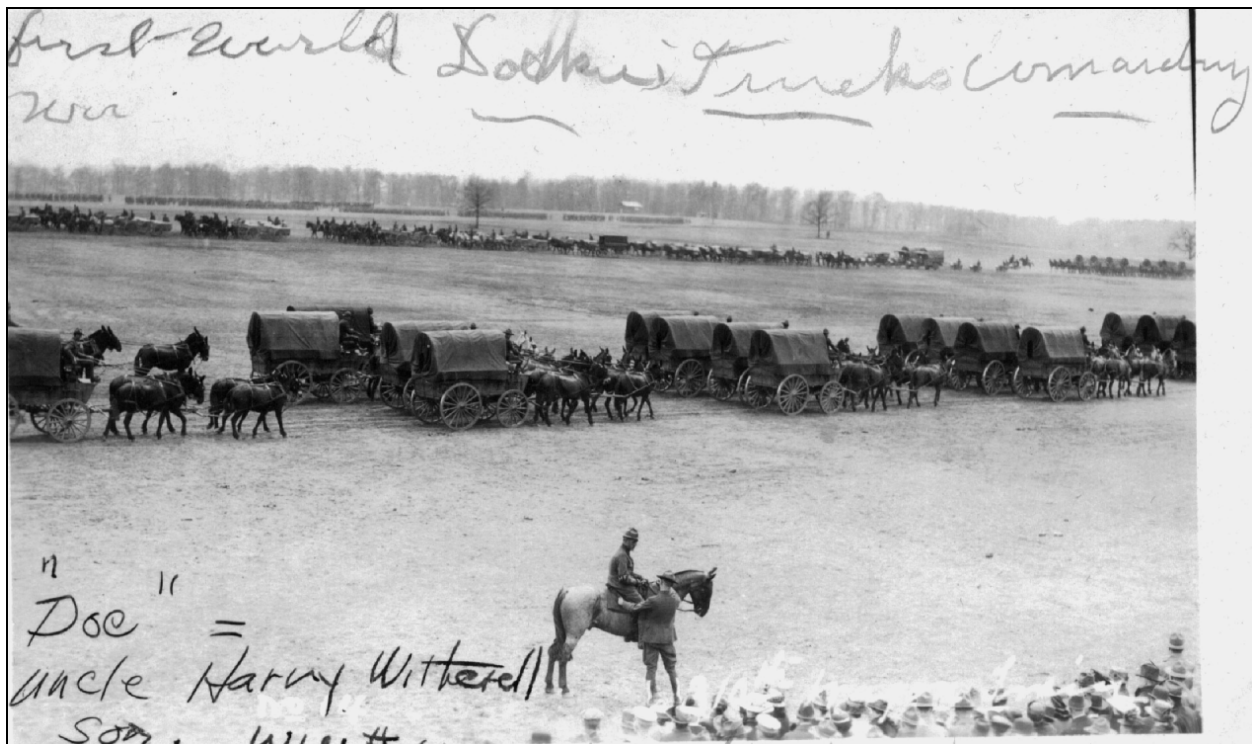
Harry J. a.k.a. Henry Justin Witherell had been an upholsterer and a carpenter before becoming a barber. Purportedly he was born at Lakeport, St. Clair Co., MI, though his brother Alvah L. and sister Sarah Blanch were born at Clyde, same county. During the Civil War Harry’s 23-year-old

father Hiram Justin Witherell enlisted in Company K of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry on September 20, 1861, at Lakeport. He was killed October 30, 1864, in action during the Battle of Shoal Creek, TN. Hiram's daughter Sarah Blanch was born nearly four months posthumously.

After their father's death and by 1870, Harry, Alvah and Sarah were living with their Stevens grandparents. Their mother, the former Almira Stevens, a.k.a. Alma, remarried to William Franklin Davis in 1871 and they later adopted a son, Harry Davis. (In the 1870 Federal census taken at Clyde, St. Clair Co., MI, the grandfather's given name Aladdin was incorrectly listed as "Alexander"; also, the surname was incorrectly spelled "Stephens.") Aladdin and Elizabeth (Cascaddin) Stevens had immigrated from Elgin Co., Canada, to the USA in 1849.

Harry Witherell lived a number of years at Sarnia, Lambton, Ontario, Canada, where four of his five children—Albert T. (1882-1882), Blanche (1883-?), Grace Lucille (1885-1973), and Harry Lawrence (1890-1968)—were born by his first wife Catherine, former surname Lawrence (1863-1940). Albert T. died within four days of birth. Later his family, as well as Catherine's parents and brother, lived together at Port Huron, St. Clair Co., MI, just across the St. Clair River from Sarnia, where Harry and Catherine's son Frederick J. (1891-1960) was born. Harry Jr., nicknamed "Doc" and "Dockie" during his service in the First World War, sent pictures from Europe home, which were added to Dockie's stepmother Franky's picture album.

Harry Lawrence Witherell a.k.a. Dockie was buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California, and Harry L.'s son Fred O. (1924-1998), who also served in the army but during World War II, was buried at Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California.





Dockie is second from left



Harry J. Witherell (center) and his boys

Harry Sr. was a barber as were his adopted brother Harry Davis, brother-in-law Don Mcphee (who married Sarah), father-in-law Thomas Lawrence and brother-in-law Thomas Lawrence, Jr. (Thomas Lawrence and son were listed as hair dressers in Canadian censuses.) Later, after marrying Franky, Harry and Franky lived several years in Detroit, where Harry gave free haircuts to his Castner step-grandchildren.

Thomas Lawrence, Sr. and his children were listed as having Spanish ancestry at the time of the 1871 Canadian census and as having African ancestry in Canada's 1881 census. He was born in TN but in 1900 did not know the birthplace of his parents, which he claimed had been slaves. At various times during his life he listed himself as Black (B for race in 1900 Federal census of Port Huron, St. Clair Co., MI), though

he was listed as White on his death record in 1914, with his father listed as having been born in Spain and mother in TN. Most likely Thomas, Sr. was a light complexioned mulatto, quadroon or even octoroon. His wife Mary was of Irish ancestry, and their children were usually listed as White when they filled out their census information in the US. In Canada, Catherine and Thomas, Jr. were listed as having Spanish ancestry in 1871 and African ancestry in 1881. It is probable that Thomas Lawrence, Sr. had been a runaway slave.

At the time of the 1920 Federal census of Detroit's 6th Ward, sixty-two-year-old Harry Witherell was a barber working for wages at a shop on Michigan Avenue. [A. F. Smith's Barber Shop was located at 247 Michigan Avenue. Besides haircuts, the shop also advertised "Hot and Cold Baths."] Fifty-eight-year-old Franc Witherell was listed as a dressmaker working on own account, which meant self-employed. She declared that her father was born in New York and mother was born in Massachusetts. Also in the household was thirty-one-year-old Yula Wigand. She was shown as married, an office worker for the Tool Works, and working for wages. They were living at 384 Elizabeth Street. The census was taken January 8, 1920.

Yula Castner had left high school to attend a business college. In Lansing, on September 20, 1904, she had married Horace N. Mead, b. 1880 in MO. They were married by Samuel B. Chase, Minister, and witnesses were Chas. O. Page and Mrs. Chas O. Page of Lansing. Horace was a Broker residing in Chicago. (Yula's mother Franc's maiden name was listed as Sutliff.) Consent had to be filed as Yula was under age. This marriage was later annulled. Then Yula had married William "Ed" Wigand of Ionia, Michigan, on June 29, 1908 at Windsor, Essex County, Ontario, Canada. William was a son of William and Noll (Marion) Wigand. They were united by E. G. Dymond, and witnesses were Chas. O. Page and Mrs. Chas O. Page of Detroit. However, William turned out to be a dipsomaniac, and the couple were later divorced. Yula never re-married nor had any children by either husband.

The Page family, including Charles, Maud, Margaret, Howard, and Marshal, was living at 936 S. Jackson Street when the 1920 Federal census was taken of Jackson, Michigan. They were living next door to where the Witherells would soon be moving. The family, excluding Charles and Howard, was still living at 936 S. Jackson Street when the 1930 Federal census was taken. Charles was missing due to having divorced Maud and was now staying with son Howard and daughter-in-law Jennie. At that time, Maud was an employed saleswoman at a shoe store, Margaret was an employed bookkeeper at a light and power company, and Marshal was an unemployed ambulance driver for an undertaker. The household did not yet own a radio set. (See page 217 for a picture of the Page family with Franky and Harry Witherell.)

Around 1921 the Witherells had moved to 934 S. Jackson Street in Jackson next door to the Pages. That's where Harry and Frankie were living at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the house which they owned, they had living with them two women lodgers: Helen L. McNally, 23 years old and born in Illinois, and Esther C. Jewell, 30 years old, born in Michigan. Both were working as operators for the telephone company. Frankie was employed as a seamstress for a dry goods store. Harry had no profession listed. Also, the couple did not yet own a radio set. (See the section below titled "On Being Franc" for more of the Witherells' story.)

Howard and Jennie's family was living at 710 Lincoln Street in Jackson at the time of the 1930 Federal census. In the household were Howard, Jennie L., Royce, and Charles. 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.

Maude Annabelle Castner



Maude Annabelle (Castner) Page

From Howard O. Paige's letter of June 30, 1981:

No boy ever had a more loving, devout, seemingly tireless mother. A true homemaker who would always put her family first ahead of all else. When money was short she took on dressmaking for some of the elite women in town to earn and help keep the family going. I can still see her bending over the weekly washboard with a bar of Fels Naptha soap in her hand doing the family washing. There was a woodshed built on the back of our house and under the floor about 2 feet down was a deep cistern into which rainwater from the roofs was piped for use in washings where "soft" water was needed. It was quite dirty and smelly but served nicely for the purpose. There were no washing machines in those days and no water softeners except some powders such as Borax sold for that purpose. The cistern, covered with boards, was a deep spooky mystery to us kids.

Wash day called for a large copper boiler to be put on the kitchen gas stove reaching over two burners to be filled with rainwater from the pitcher pump

in the nearby kitchen sink. No hot water heaters yet either! Then there was a special rack that held two wash tubs on opposite ends with a hand wringer in between so clothes could be wrung through to get out the soapy water and into the rinse tub and then back onto a flat board thence to go outdoors onto the clothes' line. Some women took in washings to earn money to live on; it was sure doing things the hard way! I can still see Mom working over that scrub board and hoping we would be near to turn the ringer for her, not our favorite pastime, believe me. She often hung the clothes outdoors to freeze, she said they smelled so nice; she didn't mention her frozen hands! From her meager income she was able to purchase a new violin for me from Grinnell Bros. and paid one dollar a week for me to take lessons from the then popular Max Helmer.

Mom and Dad separated when I was about 14, and she took a job selling shoes first at Stillman's, then at the Walkover Shoe store, which was later taken over by Rackleys. Ed Rackley worked with Mom in the Walkover store. It was in the Walkover Store that the bookkeeper was Esther Rubert who later married my brother Marshal. Mom had an Overland "90" auto left over from the divorce and when I learned to drive it was the source of my transportation and hers.

Later in life Mom met and married Ira A. Moore, an assistant steward at the Jackson Prison. They built a new home on E. Palmer St., in Jackson and enjoyed their life together. Ira was an Indiana farmer in earlier years and enjoyed coming out to our farm to see how the amateurs were getting along. He brought us our first pair of white geese which we allowed to increase. Mom had a curiosity about the "spirit" world and often sought a believing partner to help run the Ouija Board to tell fortunes. She also used tea leaves, cards and palm reading to tell the fortunes of neighbor kids who would drop in and visit with her.

Maudie had little money during her first sixty years. She had to work hard to make ends meet. It wasn't until after her second marriage that Maudie could begin living the way she wanted. Then she also began salting money away to safeguard against a penniless old age, destitution being a problem she had seen time and again in her own family.

I don't remember too much about the divorce between Mom and Dad (we called him 'Pop'). Mom seemed never quite satisfied with the money available and did sewing on the side for well-to-do customers.

Because there was talk, and accusations were made at divorce time, some of it hearsay, the whole true picture is not clear. Dad (apparently) wanted to go to California (with possibly questionable reasons), and Mom (so she says) tied him up in divorce so he couldn't leave. There were three of us kids, my older sister, Margaret, would have been about 18, I was about 14 and Marshal about 12 when the divorce was granted.

Mom went to work in Stillman's shoe department, and I worked there in stock across Christmas holidays.

Dad would come to Grandma's house on Jackson Street next door to our house, and Mom would go there to see him and talk over business.

After Maudie's first marriage ended in about 1923, she and the children continued on temporarily in the house at 936 S. Jackson Street. The ex-Mrs. Page received an income from professional dressmaking, and went to work in the shoe section at Fields Department Store in Jackson. In 1924 she started at Stillman's Department Store and met "Bart" soon after. They were close until Bart's death in 1942. She became employed at the Walkover Shoe Store in 1927, where she continued until 1943. Her son Howard was married to Jennie Barnes in 1927, and had changed the spelling of his last name to "P-a-i-g-e" in 1926. Margaret Frances married Fred Foster in 1933, and Marshal Harvey married Esther Rubert, also in 1933.

Maudie's ex-husband Charles Page died in 1941. Also that year she met Ira Arthur Moore. Ira had been a farmer in Carroll County, Indiana, before becoming a prison guard at the Indiana Reformatory at Pendleton, Madison County, Indiana, for four years. He and wife Lillian moved to Jackson, Michigan, where Ira joined the State Prison of Southern Michigan (SPSM) staff as a guard in 1929. His first wife died in 1940, and two years later he, a prison steward, and Maude Annabelle (Castner) Page were married. After the prison riot of 1952 Ira became chief steward (head cook) for the prison and its farms until retirement in January 1958.

Ira's First Family

Ira Arthur Moore, son of Jacob B. and Clarinda Jane (Duff) Moore, was born September 11, 1886 in Flora, Carroll County, Indiana, and died April 25, 1964 in Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan. He married for his first wife Lillian B. Haslet April 30, 1904 in Carroll County, Indiana. She was born November 1, 1883 in Indiana to parents William, Jr. and Rachel (Tedrick) Haslet, and died February 25, 1940 in Michigan. After moving to Jackson, Ira and Lillian lived at 706 Cooper Street near the old prison. Ira and Lillian Moore adopted as their only child Byron Edward Moore, born January 2, 1909 in Indiana; died January 18, 1949 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The following paragraph is from one of his great-granddaughters.

"I am on ancestry.com quite a bit and have been in touch with the extended family of Ira Moore's first wife. Ira's first wife was named Lillian Hazlet.... As you may recall, Byron was found on a doorstep. He was placed with Robert C. Tinkle and his wife, Addie, in Carroll County, Indiana. In the 1910 census, Bryon is listed as a ward of the state and his last name was Kennedy. Addie died when Byron was about five, and it is at that time that I believe (though I am not positive) Ira and Lillian (who was Addie's sister) took him in. I do not know at this time whether Byron was formally adopted or not by Ira and Lillian." From Judy Kay Moore's email of 01-30-2013.

Byron married Beatrice Evans, called "Bee," born December 10, 1910; died October 6, 1989 in Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana. They had three children: Sharon Ann Moore, born September 4, 1935 in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana; died June 20, 1983 in Richmond, Macomb County, Michigan; Byron Edward "Ed" Moore, Jr.; and Lynne B. Moore. Byron was a salesman at the General Store in Jackson, Michigan in 1930. He later moved to Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, and worked as a national furniture buyer for Sears. One day, during a bad rainstorm, he ran to the parking lot to get his car and died of an "acute myocardial infarction" a.k.a. heart attack. He had been on medical leave not long before his death and, according to his great-granddaughter Judy, may have been suffering with

cardiomyopathy, a disease that some of his descendants have developed. He was buried in Chicago's Mount Emblem Cemetery, where Beatrice would later join him.

(Most pictures courtesy of Ira's great-granddaughter Judy Kay Moore)

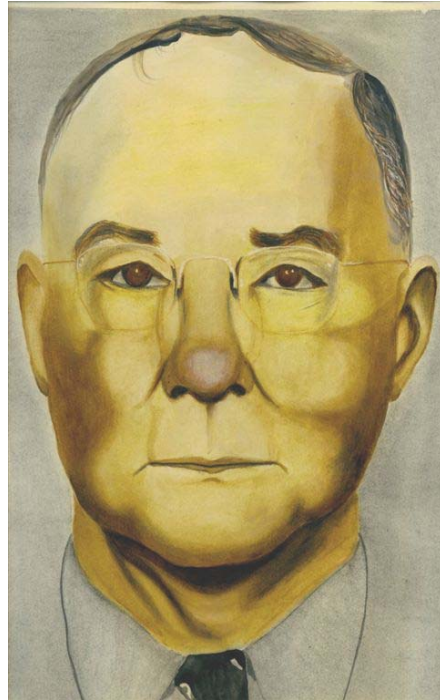


Byron Moore, Sr.; Maudie with Ira's grandkids Sharon and Byron, Jr.; and Beatrice



L-R: Sharon Ann (Moore) Zurakowski, Beatrice (Evans) Moore, Elmer Michael Zurakowski, Esther (Rubert) Page, unknown, Marshal Harvey "Mutt" Page, unknown, Maude Annabelle (Castner) Page Moore (picture presumably taken circa 1950s/60s by Ira)

The Professional World of Ira Arthur Moore



Picture created by W. M. Nott at SPSM

The following article appeared in the Jackson “Citizen Patriot” newspaper on Saturday, October 8, 1955:

SPSM’s Steward Rules Large Domain

By
Conrad Payne

The way to a man’s heart is through his stomach. This is even more true in prison than elsewhere. The most recalcitrant and obstreperous prisoner beams happily over a good meal.

With this precept constantly in mind, Ira A. Moore, robust chief steward, rules his domain with zealous fervor. His chief concern is to please the main line—everything else is of secondary importance, even the officers’ dining room.

How well he succeeds fluctuates according to varied tastes and appetites of inmates, which are more varied than the offenses for which they were committed.

This situation makes steward Moore alternately popular and unpopular according to the ups and downs of meals served. Paradoxically, he is frequently cursed out and praised for the same meal. This peculiar situation is directly attributable to the likes and dislikes of individual prisoners developed in the various regions of the United States in which they were brought up, and by their nationalities.

A southerner is fond of corn meal muffins, fat meat and collards; a Bostonian raves over baked beans; an Italian's yen is for spaghetti; a mid-westerner goes for baked macaroni and cheese; and weenies and sauerkraut converts are legion.

Because of such diversity it is impossible to please every one at the same time. Moore's formula is to spread out the variety so as to please various groups as evenly as possible.

How formidable such a job can become is readily understood when it is realized that during the course of one week Moore serves enough meals to feed every man, woman and child in the entire county of Jackson, including the city of Jackson, with an additional city of 35,000 thrown in for good measure. In other words Moore dishes out 143,000 meals per week to officers and inmates, or more than a million meals every two months.

There is another vital factor which influences the degree to which Moore can please the men who eat on the main line. It is a limiting factor of extreme importance—the budget allowance for food per year.

Many years ago it was the practice to allow so much per day per inmate. In fact one hundred years ago, in 1855, inmate meals per day were limited to a value of six and a half cents.

Today the budget allowance is estimated after a careful study and based on many considerations. Moore manages to stay within his budget because of close contact and advice from Com[p]troller Chas. T. Lockwood. The budget is figured in accordance with changing market prices of food and with the rise and fall of the population count of the prison.

Moore's greatest asset is his sparkling Irish wit and his Dutch directness and temper. This combination gives him a definite advantage in any situation. None can guess what mood he may happen to be in at any given time, thus he avoids many difficult situations, and his humor pulls him out of others. Actually it is very seldom that his temper becomes ruffled and at times he has shown the manifest patience of Job.

There are nineteen stewards who work under Moore, and on the kitchen assignment, 403, there are 466 men at work. This includes those in the officers' dining room, the main dining room, kitchen, bakery, creamery, vegetable room, butcher shop, and five clerks.

At the hospital kitchen, there are an additional 30 men and one commissary clerk; four kitchen workers at the Vandercook Farm; ten at Dalton; eleven at Wing; ten at the Root; nine at the Peek; and 98 at Sixteen block.

This is the empire Moore rules efficiently and firmly. In 26 years of work at the institution he has only one day of unauthorized absence on his record. His heart is so wrapped in his work that often he will be reclining at home and his mind will be going over possible menus for the men here.

He started work as a guard at SPSM on June 29, 1929, coming from the Indiana Reformatory where he had been employed for four years.

In the spring of 1943 he began working as a steward, was confirmed January 1, 1944, and was promoted to assistant steward March 26, 1950, under

Leon J. "Nick" Ross. In August, 1952, he became chief steward. During this time he has served under nine different wardens.

Moore is married and resides in his own home on E. Palmer in Jackson.

Next week: What makes the Kitchen tick.

The following article appeared in the Jackson "Citizen Patriot" newspaper on Saturday, October 15, 1955:

What Makes The Kitchen Tick?

By
Conrad Payne

SPSM's kitchen serves six million meals a year—that's a record of some kind, for few commercial establishments do a business of such magnitude. Reflected in dollars it amounts to approximately one million a year. Ira A. Moore, chief steward, administers this Herculean job efficiently and competently.

Every ounce, every pound of these millions of meals requires careful and accurate charting and tabulating, and hundreds of records must be kept current daily, with monthly and annual inventory thrown in for good measure. Into this job steps "Pappy" Moore's chief clerk, Gale Watson, with energetic versatility and initiative.

Watson brings his skill and ability to these tasks and relieves the chief steward of the vast majority of tedious and irksome details. Not all this work, of course, is done by Watson. He has a battery of excellent helpers, such as Bobby Falkenstein of St. Petersburg, Florida, who presides over the outer office and which is more like Grand Central Station than Grand Central Station itself. In fact almost every department has a special clerk.

Watson is a husky Irishman, with close-cropped, prematurely grey hair, a token of his prison years. He was born in Flint on July 29, 1915. He was married and became the father of Sandra, who is 19 now, and Watson keeps her photo along with that of his sister Barbara on his desk all the time.

For relaxation, Watson avidly reads "who-dun-its" and sometimes goes through two or three books and magazines in a single day. He is one of those unique individuals who, to use the words of the boss Chief Steward Moore, "If he worked just half as energetically out of prison as he does in, nothing could stop him from achieving a great measure of success."

Now for the food, without which the kitchen would be in sad shape. Just for one month's meals here is a partial list of the quantities used:

Beef, 64,067 pounds; Pork, 55,237 pounds; American cheese, 4,665 pounds; eggs, 405,930; flour, 97,650 pounds; coffee, 12,849 pounds; milk, 220,241 pounds; potatoes, 180,706 pounds; granulated sugar, 23,048 pounds; corn sugar used in baking, 5,300 pounds; brown sugar, 7,035 pounds; powdered sugar, 4,837 pounds; oatmeal, 1,278 pounds; saltine

crackers, 5,746 pounds; oleo-margarine, 7,672 pounds; Jello, 1,540 pounds; chili beans, 3,485 pounds; macaroni, 2,220 pounds; navy beans, 5,974 pounds; spaghetti, 2,800 pounds; noodles, 1,030 pounds; and peanut butter, 3,150 pounds.

This gives a little idea of what huge quantities the kitchen force handles monthly. There are a lot of other items, too, such as 62,943 loaves of bread; 3,850 pounds of corn flakes; 1,222 pounds of rice krispies; 805 pounds of maltex; 548 pounds of farina; 6,994 pounds of fish.

In the canned foods, all in number 10 cans, there are such items as 2,509 cans of tomatoes; 1,528 cans of peaches; 1,259 cans of cherries; and 1,763 cans of tomato puree.

To prepare all this food is a never ending job, and the chief cook, Jim Burbank, and the shift cooks under him Maddox and Henning, have more than their share of headaches. Few envy them their job, and in cooking in tremendous quantities, even the best of food loses something of its flavor and texture.

There is always somebody grumbling about the food, this writer as much as anyone, but the cooks have a tough time of it to meet the insatiable appetites of the main liners, and the definite deadline for the meal-hours. Actually these boys are doing a grand job, all things considered, for it is a thankless task, and never any bouquets.

There is almost continuous, round the clock serving of meals. Starting at 5:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 a.m., with only brief periods between servings to give the work crews a chance to clean up. This is another factor that makes the cook's job difficult. If there were but three meals a day to provide, the task would be much simpler, and the quality a lot better.

Occasionally, after menus have been made out, a little thing like non-delivery or delayed delivery of certain items will raise havoc with the menu arrangement, and there is a frantic rush to make last minute changes and still keep from duplicating a meal previously served within the week.

Despite the fact that the institution has large areas of farm land that produces large quantities of produce, and a canning factory that turns out an annual production comparable with many canneries in the civilian world, every item the kitchen gets from farms or cannery must be paid for from the budget allowance. This appears to be taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another, and, of course that is exactly what happens, but it is the only way to keep all accounts straight and up to now no one has thought of a better system.

Back in 1932 the kitchen was equipped with five 100-gallon coffee urns, six 100-gallon aluminum steam kettles, six iron roasting pots with a 75 gallon capacity each 46 vegetable cookers with a capacity of one bushel each, and a 3 oven bakeshop with a capacity for 17,000 loaves of bread monthly.

At the same time the dining room was equipped with four steam tables, and divided into two separate sections 104 by 160 feet, each. There was 45,000 pieces of equipment washed and stacked in a 30-minute period. The dining room was staffed by 190 inmates under James Magner and three stewards as assistants.

The equipment was “Wearever” aluminum, and the equipment cost complete for the kitchen and dining room was \$338,000.

There have been many changes since that time, some for the better. For example there are now six 100-gallon coffee urns, two bright new ones just put into operation. There are 12 100-gallon steam kettles; 24 double vegetable cookers; six stainless steel food heaters; and 12 Garland grills or ranges. There is also a large Hobart model M-800 electric mixer.

Back in the milk room there are two bright, gleaming Cherry-Burrell spray pasteurizers equipped with Sentinel temperature controls and circular graph recorders on each. There is a double unit homogenizer with pre-filter attachments. In the same room is a butter cutter, and in an adjacent room there is a three-wash combination live steam and water rinse for cleaning milk cans thoroughly.

In the ice cream room there is a large ice cream machine that furnishes all the ice cream used by the institution. When this machine goes on the fritz, ice cream production is curtailed and there is no ice cream for the Sunday evening meal or the holiday meal until the machine is repaired. Just recently a new ice cream formula was tried which improved the quality of the ice cream to an amazing degree. The full story about the ice cream formula change was reported in the Spectator at the time it occurred.

To get an idea of the growth of the State Prison of Southern Michigan one has only to look at the amount of bread baked, which averages out about 2,200 loaves per day. Or take coffee for a comparison. Twenty years ago only 3,875 pounds of coffee were used during a peak month. Today, nearly three times that amount is used for a total of 12,849 pounds. In other words almost as much is used now in one week as was used 20 years ago in a full month. Some old-timers say that the coffee served now is more like coffee than what was served back in the old days, which is a left handed compliment of a sort.

Any way you look at it, the feeding of more than six thousand men is a big job, as well as a complicated one. It is the same old grind meal after meal, day after day, week after week, and year after year. It never ends. There is no such thing as getting the work caught up and taking a breather or a rest. It requires a lot of drive with plenty of energy on the part of the entire force to just stay abreast of the demand for service. A slip-up anyplace along the line can create untold havoc.

Feeding the inmate population at SPSM is a gargantuan task, there is nothing easy about it. And the man to whom we can give the lion share of the credit for the meals turned out on an almost production line basis is none other than the chief steward, Ira A. Moore, for he makes them what they are.

The following article appeared in the Jackson “Citizen Patriot” newspaper on Friday, January 10, 1958:

SMP Chief Steward Ends 29-Year Tenure

Ira A. “Pappy” Moore, who since 1952 has been putting out 18,000 meals daily for the inmates at Southern Michigan prison, hung up his apron and put away his calorie chart Thursday, ending 29 years of service at the institution.

He was honored at a luncheon in the prison officers dining room Thursday.

Mr. Moore, who lives at 210 E. Palmer, was born in September, 1886, on a farm in Carroll county, Indiana, and lived there as a farmer until 1925. That year he went to work at the Indiana reformatory at Pendleton and remained there until 1929, when he came to SMP.

He began as a guard at the local institution and served in a number of assignments, chiefly in the dining room. In 1940 he was named assistant steward and immediately after the riot in 1952 he was named chief steward.

Pappy has served under nine wardens at the prison beginning under Harry Jackson. In his 29 years of service at the institution he has been absent because of sickness on only one day.

As chief steward, Mr. Moore has supervised the daily preparation of meals in the large prison kitchen, within the walls, the hospital kitchen, the 16 block kitchen and the five kitchens on the trusty farms.

Mr. Moore plans to move to Orlando, Fla. in the near future.

The following article appeared in the Jackson "Citizen Patriot" newspaper in 1957:

George Scofes Replaces 'Pappy' As Kitchen Boss

George Scofes of Lansing was named last week as the new Chief Steward at SMP. He replaces Ira "Pappy" Moore who has announced his retirement.

Scofes is a graduate of Michigan State University where he majored in hotel and institution management. He saw service in the Air Force, rising to the rank of first lieutenant.

He was assigned as a mess officer and was responsible for feeding 7000 men.

Family Business

The restaurant business is not new to the new steward; his family owns the Famous Grill in Lansing. Many parolees have worked for his father, Steve Scofes, in the restaurant.

"They knew their jobs," Scofes said, "They were good workers and never gave us a minute's trouble."

Getting Acquainted

At the present time, Scofes is getting acquainted with the operating procedure of the institution. He has been meeting the 19 stewards and many of the 500 inmates on the kitchen assignment.

Moore will remain on the job "until George gets settled." He said:

"I wouldn't want anyone to hire me for a job like this and say, 'here it is, goodbye.'"

When asked about possible changes, Scofes said, "At the present time I don't know what changes will be made. My first job is getting to know the procedures here. Then we can think about changes."

The following was written to Ira, upon the event of his retirement, by Laurence H. Mooney:

To Chief Steward Ira A. Moore

IT'S EVENING TIDE

The storm of life still,
It's evening tide.
Great waves, now ripples, trill
The shore and hide
In silence its rage,
Its tempest against earth's stage.

The storm of life still,
It's evening tide.
New Chief, sails unfurled fill
With new untried
Winds to reach the shore,
Your beacon light, "Pappy" Moore.

The storm of life still,
It's evening tide,
Retiring. May God will
The dawn to guide
You in eternal fame
With fond mem'ries for your name.

The storm of life still,
Retire as thy will, beside,
It's Evening Tide.

Maudie and Ira Moore



Ira Arthur and Maude Annabelle (Castner) Page Moore

“Maud Page” and “Ira Moore,” a “steward,” were married at Angola, Steuben County, Indiana on June 4, 1942. N. E. Smith, minister, officiated the marriage. On the marriage application Maud claimed her father was Edward B. Castner, born in Michigan. Her mother’s maiden name was listed as Frank M. La Ronge, who was born in Virginia.

Soon after marriage, the new Moore family bought a home at 2531 Overhill Road in Jackson, which they owned from 1942 until 1955. Their next-door-neighbors were the Moffits, a family with children in the same age group as Maudie’s two youngest grandchildren, Mary and Charlie Paige. Later, the Moffits moved away, and on May 7, 1955, the Moores sold their place and moved to a newly-built house at 210 E. Palmer Drive.

Maudie loved Ira deeply, and the two kindred souls took good care of each other. During most of their 22 years together they were inseparable, traveling extensively in their sequence of Chryslers, and jaunting occasionally between Jackson and Florida. They had a progression of black cats, all named “Nigger”—a name which caused a number of embarrassing incidents as the neighborhood began to mix racially. Their unhurried Sunday drives in the country invariably resulted in long queues of irate motorists trailing behind. But the Moores were unbothered and content in the security and tranquility they had established.

A bout with free association regarding the Moores, and especially Grandma Maude, produces in me an impression of an endless supply of cake and ice cream, coffee, lemon drops, Chiclets gum, Mogen David wine for the grown-ups, jars of refrigerated water, catnip bundles hanging in the garage, and gifts of multicolored, round throw rugs made from knotted scraps of cloth, cloth slippers at Christmastime, and catnip pillows for our felines. Also brought to mind are an old cuckoo clock, and a large-screened, black and white television on which Maude enjoyed “I Love Lucy,” “The Lawrence Welk Show,” “The Ed Sullivan Show,” and “What’s My Line.” During the hot, humid Michigan summers we would sit and visit on cushioned chairs on the enclosed and glass-jalousied breezeway, which connected the house and garage. Covering all, unaffected by seasons, was Maude’s easy smile and ready, playful laugh.

Maudie’s freedom was curbed after her mother fell and broke her arm in the late 1950s. The aged, convalescing Frankie was requiring more time and attention. Then things seemed to

brighten once more when Ira, who was affectionately called “Pappy” by the inmates, retired as head chef of the State Prison of Southern Michigan in January of 1958. The Moores had been planning another trip to Florida for after his retirement. But for now they had to postpone it until Maudie could safely leave her mother.



Picture taken by Marshal Page at Maudie and Ira’s home, 210 E. Palmer Drive, Jackson, in the late 1950s; L to R, Howard, Mary, Margaret, Charlie and Jennie Paige; Esther Page; Maudie (holding two-faced rag doll “Scrappy”) and Ira Moore

Ira had been overweight in his later years. In 1959 the condition helped precipitate uremia. The sickness, in its various stages, robbed him of his strength. A number of hospitalizations were required, and when he was home there was a virtual mountain of pills to take. Maudie watched helplessly as his life became painful and demoralized.

By 1962 Ira was feeling better. In the autumn Maude’s cherished and only niece Laronge (Castner) Brann came from Chicago to visit her aunt and grandmother. Maudie enjoyed the visit,

and it gave her many pleasant memories. Then in October of 1963 it became necessary for the Moores to place Frankie in a nursing home. Frankie had never fully recovered from her fall. Her mind was also failing—she being over 100 years old. Concurrently, Ira had a relapse before the year ended and was taken to the University Hospital at Ann Arbor.

Maude was torn between satisfying the needs of her mother and of her husband. She was finally able to have Ira transferred to Foote Hospital in Jackson. Then in February of 1964 Frankie died, followed by Ira on April 25th.

An article about Frankie and her obituary can be found on page 425.

Moore, Ira A.

210 E. Palmer Ave. passed away at Foote Hospital Saturday evening, age 77 years. Surviving are his wife Maude; two sons Howard O. Paige of Jackson, Marshal H. Page of Norvell, nine grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; six nieces. Mr. Moore is at the Horne-Vinson Funeral Home, 1608 Francis St., where services will be held Wednesday 2 P.M. Interment Roseland cemetery. Reverend Robert P. Garrett of Saginaw officiating.

Maudie's shock and grief over the losses dulled her mind, and the next years were spent in a post-trauma daze. The death of her niece Laronge in 1965 added another weight. A poem she wrote expresses how Maude reconciled the long years of awaiting death with the transcendental joy of expecting new life:

-To Ira-

To what far distant land
He has taken his way?
Pack the shadows of night--
There has dawned a new day.
And this be my comfort
Through grief hard to bear.
That far country is 'home,'
And he waits for me there

In memory of poor Ira, who wanted to stay and look after me. -Maude

The After Years

"I always sensed Maudie and Margaret in a different world . . . more spiritual might partially describe it. I even felt part of Maudie's world—can't hardly describe the feeling.... Margaret, Maudie and myself were egotistical perhaps in some ways more vital, more mentally intense, less anchored to solid acceptance, more inclined (on my part at least) to enjoy wandering up and down mental frontiers." H. O. Paige's letter of August 1981

Maudie had never been particularly religious, although she and daughter Margaret had sung in the choir at First Methodist Church in Jackson. However she had been known to dabble occasionally in the occult. After Ira died she frequently consulted an Ouija board, and soon complained of hearing voices. Her sons decided that the best thing to do would be to get her out

of the house so filled with memories, and into a new and happier environment. But Maudie refused to sell the house since it was her ace-in-the-hole against having a destitute old age. Howard and Marshal finally persuaded her to invest in a mobile home, to be parked at Sweazy Lake on property owned by Marshal and Esther Page. So the “New Moon” was put in place in August of 1964, close to the Page’s lakefront home.

Maudie was in no hurry to live in the New Moon—she could have felt that the new residence was a step away from her secure world and toward one of oblivion in a nursing home. She would go out occasionally to “visit” the trailer, but didn’t stay long. In the meantime her sons kept things in order at her house. However, her independence was reduced by a fall she had in the mid-1960s. Maudie was over 80 years old when she slipped on the grass at her Palmer Drive address while pushing a non-power lawnmower.

The fall hurt Maudie’s back, and she was admonished by her doctor against doing such strenuous work in the future. She was told to wear a special garment to help the back condition. But stubbornly she refused to wear it except on certain occasions, and then only if coerced. As the years passed her height markedly decreased as she became severely stooped.

Maude now had to spend more time at the New Moon so Esther could look after her. But where Maudie was, so was the Ouija board. Her bouts with the occult grew more frequent. She used the information divined to explain things happening around her. All attempts by Howard and Marshal to separate her from the board failed. Then one day, in a fit of terror, she burned it.

A neighbor girl used to come over to be with Maudie in the afternoons and evenings she spent on Palmer Drive. The girl helped around the house and was company: someone for Maudie to play cards with, or to help put together an endless supply of jigsaw puzzles. However, it wasn’t the days that bothered Maudie it was the nights. Alone, she was hypersensitive to all those things that go “boomp” in the night. If any one thing contributed most to her finally surrendering to the New Moon it was probably this.

As the new decade of the 1970s dawned, it found Maudie in her waning years. She was more frequently bedridden. And it became apparent that she wouldn’t duplicate her mother’s life span. On April 1, 1972, Howard took an early retirement from Consumer’s Power Company. Maudie became a great-great grandmother September 18th when her great-granddaughter Lynn (Paige) Schrank gave birth to Jason. On September 19 her grandson Charles Paige was released after a four-year stint in the Navy. Howard received Christ into his life November 11th—an experience which changed his direction. And on November 30, Maudie was released from life.

Maude’s obituary as appeared in the Jackson *Citizen Patriot* newspaper

Mrs. Maude Moore

Mrs. Maude A. Moore, 91, of 210 E. Palmer, died Thursday at the home of her son, Marshall Page of Norvell, where she had lived for the past eight months. She made her home in Jackson at least 60 years and was employed for many years as a clerk in the children’s department of the former Walk-Over Boot Shop. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was the widow of Charlie Page and Ira Moore. Surviving besides Marshall Page is another son, Howard Page of Jackson and six grandchildren.

Reflections on Grandma Maude

by Mary (Paige) West
December 3, 1972

Now here is a person—a one-of-a-kind,
A person like no other.
She laughed and she cried; she lived—now has died,
But she always will be my grandmother.

A small girl was I when we shared our good times,
And she was a child herself—
When I came to stay, when I came to play,
She put her own work on the shelf.

We would play Canasta for hours and hours,
And she'd still make time for more
Or puzzles, or cribbage, or dress-up,
Or "Beat your neighbor out the door!!"

Grandma had friends in to play with me,
She'd always provide a game,
And sometimes a pancake lunch outside
2 days were never the same.

Do people still take the time to play?
Do I with my two little girls?
Or are we too busy from day to day—
How do we stop while the world still whirls?

Now Christmas! There's a special time,
Scrappy—the doll with two faces,
Slippers and scrapbooks and divinity,
With no one would I ever change places!

Dear Maudie, how I loved to stay
And hear of the hip-boot lady,
How you did know how to make a child laugh—
I think of you so fondly today.

It is so very hard to say good-bye,
But my memories comfort me—
I remember the girl and her grandma,
And my heart fills with childlike glee.

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Maudie's World in Her Own Words

Over the years I have made reference to Maudie's notes and used them extensively when writing of the Pa(i)ge family history. However, I used only information needed. After Dad passed away, and I came into possession of several of Maudie's little Note Books, the thought wormed its snail-paced way into my thick skull that perhaps it was time for Maudie to get in a few words edgewise. So, the following are from Maudie's oft-repeating notes with oft-conflicting details about herself and her family. Sometimes the wording is in first person and sometimes it is in third person. Dad had the notebooks for several years and may be responsible for some of the third person material, though the handwriting does not appear to be his. Perhaps Grandma Maude herself switched between perspectives over the years. C.W. Paige

Before proceeding, following is the wording from Maudie and Ira's marriage certificate:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of June in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred forty two Ira Moore of Jackson Michigan and Maude Page of Jackson Michigan were by me united in MARRIAGE at Angola according to the Ordinance of God and the laws of the State of Indiana

Rev. N. E. Smith

Witnesses { Mrs. N. E. Smith

On the Subject of Maudie:

Maude Annabelle Page Moore born in Clinton Co. St. Johns – Jan 1st.

Places I lived. Born on a farm. Moved to Lansing at 3. 302 S. Logan, Lansing, Hotel Butler. Flat on Shiawassee to Capitol Ave. then St. Joseph St., Ionia eng (sic) Chestnut. Moved from there. Dad¹⁷ went away 1902. Mother & Yula¹⁸ moved to Mich Ave. flat. Yula went to Business Col. Then they went to Detroit. Chas O. Page and I went over to H.O.¹⁹ to live. Harwood, then Bartlett. Margaret Frances born there 319 Bartlett. Then sold & moved to Battle Creek. Moved to Detroit. Marg 2. Then Mason. Howard born there 1909. Back to Battle Creek (Bunch died). 1911 moved to Jackson, Aug 1st, 319 W. Mason.

St. Johns. Maude Castner Page Moore. Jan 1st born. Went to school in Lansing graduated June 2 1901 in honors. Worked for Bell Tell Co in Lansing until marriage in May 24th 1902 to Chas O. Page

¹⁷ Edward Potter Castner.

¹⁸ "Mom" was Franc Marie Laronge (Sutliff) Castner, also called "Frankie." "Yula" was Maude's sister.

¹⁹ Harvey Olmstead Cline, called "H.O.," was married to Charles Page's mother Sarah M. (Keyes) Page, whom H.O. nicknamed "Bunch."

[After the divorce] Maude was dressmaking and working in shoes at Fields. Then quit and went in steady later. Then in to Stillman in 1924. Met B.A.D. 1927 went to work at Walkover and staid until 1943. Oct. 1921 Yula died. 1930 Harry²⁰ died. 1937 Margaret died in childbirth. 6 PM. Mercy Hospital. She had been married to Fred Foster 9 years. 2 baby lost.

Lived a while upstairs at Frankie's. Worked until October 1943, retired then.

Marg. died Sept 22 1937. I was still working at Walkover and was going with Bart for about 6 to 7 years; had 2 or 3 other chances too.

Fell July 22 yd 64.

Maude's "New Moon" [motor home] put at lake [Sweazy Lake on Pages' property] in Aug. 1964.

Fell Oct 21st hurt back 65.

On January 7th, '66, I called at Summit Hall on Francis and signed up for reduction of taxes for 1966 coming due December 1966. Tax on \$1,000 amounts to about _ of \$203.69 (1965), or \$67.896. I understand we have to call there each year as now planned.

For burial dress well and becoming, preferably black. Call Florence²¹ for hair and make-up. Leave Ira's wedding band, a narrow one, on left little finger. Please place 2 or 3 red roses over hands and fluff up around neck with frills of some kind. Take away glasses and use teeth. Please don't mourn. It's better. Maude will be in Woodland with Frankie, Harry and Yula, my sister.

In case of death of Maude

Notify

Mrs. Fern Hayes²²
5326 W. 91st St.
Oaklawn Ill. 60453

Tell her to send word to all
of Almon E. Castner sons, etc.

²⁰ Franc Marie Laronge (Sutliff) Castner was married to Harry J. Witherell in 1903.

²¹ Florence McClain.

²² Fern was a daughter of Earl and Laronge (Castner) Brann.

On the Subject of Maudie's Mother's Father²³:

Franc Marie LaRonge Gargett, father J. Gargett one of founders of Albion College and a land owner there of some extent. Last saw him little before the turn of the century. A tall, thin, swell looker, swell hat and cane, big bag of oranges big as your head for sister Yula and I (Maudie). We had the measles. Boy were we pleased to see him. He was then single, State of Michigan Representative in Lansing. We heard that some young woman hooked him, probably in Florida. He had two homes there, one on St. Andrews Bay, the other on Biscayne Bay, and one in Richmond, Virginia, I believe. Frankie's mother died in childbirth and dad died about 1899. We tried to find his grave in Richmond, Virginia, when we took a trip through back from Florida.

Last saw Grandpa on mother's side, Rep. J.J. Gargett. Lived at corner of Washtenaw and Logan (302 S. Logan), Lansing, Michigan those years.

James J. Gargett, once State Representative from Alma, where he owned nearly all the village. He was co-founder of the great Alma College. A millionaire of great prestige. Frankie was really a born aristocrat and lived that way, believe me. She was a great person with many friends.

On the Subject of Maudie's Immediate Family:

Franc Marie Laronge Gargett, Frankie (Michigan name Sutliff, I believe was an adopted name). She married my dad Edward P. Castner. She was much younger than he, probably 10 or 11 years. She about 15, he about 26 or 27.

E.P. Castner, Maude's dad, Born about 1850, April 23rd. Franc Marie LaRonge, his wife, Born 1861, July 4. He died in 1940 of a stroke, she passed away February 7, 1964. He was 89, she was 102½ years.

Their children:

Almon E. Castner, Born July 28, 1879, died in Chicago 1928.

Maude Annabelle Castner, Born January 1st, 1883 (died 11-30-72)²⁴.

Yula Beatrice Castner, Born February 17, 1887, died in Detroit 1921.

²³ Information here about James J. Gargett must be taken with great loads of salt. Some of surviving information about him that has filtered down through stories of our family history appears to be pure fiction. Gargett may very well have been Frankie's father, and Marie LaRonge may very well have been Frankie's mother, but historic fact bears up that James and Marie were never married. Also, LaRonge, in French, could mean "the orange." The obituary article about Frankie, which appeared in the Jackson *Citizen Patriot* newspaper, says that Gargett brought his family to Michigan from Florida in 1880. In real life, Gargett and wife of many years Louisa never left Michigan even to vacation in Florida until 1881. Also, the years in which he was a State Representative were from 1862-63. Louisa Gargett died at St. Andrews Bay, Washington County, Florida in 1887, close to the time of Grandpa Gargett's poignant last visit. (For more in-depth information about James Gargett see the section titled "On Being Franc," starting Page 403.)

²⁴ This parenthetical information was inserted by Howard Paige.

Lived on farm in Clinton County, St. Johns, till I was three, then moved to Lansing. I graduated from Lansing High in Class of 1901. With a- average won a scholarship in Olivet but got cheated out of it by a Catholic girl.

Almon and Yula went thru the 10th grade. Almon went North, Yula to business college.

Frankie and Ed separated in 1901, after I graduated. I went to work for Bell Co. as operator.

Yula Castner married William Wigand, divorced on account of his drinking too much. She died May 20, 1921, of TB, or Quick Consumption as called then.

Frankie buried at Woodland.

My brother Almon buried in Chicago.

On the Subject of Almon Edward Castner and His Family:

Almon's children:

Laronge Castner, born June 12, 1900, died July 4, 1965.

Gordon Castner

Harry Castner

Carlton Castner

Donald Castner

Earl (died soon after birth)

Almon married Celia Harrison at Harbor Springs in 1901. He died of lead poisoning complications in 1928.

LaRonge Brann my niece visited me fall of 1962. Fine girl. Brother's girl. Almon died in 1928 age 49 yrs. I was at Walkover on W. Mich.

Almon's children

Earl deceased

LaRonge

Gordon

Harry

Carlton

Donald

moved from Detroit to Chicago.

On the Subject of Frankie and Her Marriage to Harry J. Witherell:

Franc M. Castner married Harry Witherell.

My mother, Franc M. Witherell, married Harry J. about 1903 in Detroit, where she and Yula went in that year about.

Frankie and Harry bought 934 S. Jackson in 1921 after Yula died May 21st. Frankie died there in Keeney Nursing Home October 15 to February of the day she passed away.

Harry died in 1930. Frankie died February 7, 1964.

Walter Fess died 1960.²⁵

On the Subject of Maudie's Family by Charles O. Page:

H.O. Cline and Bunch were my in-laws. Chas was one of Sarah Keyes' boys. Other 2 died of diptheria soon after they were born. Chas had it too but surmounted. He died in 1939 of hardening of arteries.

Married Chas O. Page May 24, 1902. I was then 19 years old.

Maude's children:

Margaret Frances Page, August 1st, 1903

Howard O. Page, December 3rd, 1909

Marshal H. Page, October 26th, 1911

Born 3 children:

Margaret Frances August 1st 1905 9 PM, Lansing.

Howard O. Dec 3rd Mason 12:20 AM

Marshal 10:30 AM Mason St., Jackson

Margaret graduated in 1923 winter. Howard 1926 Marshal 1928 quit. All worked at Consumers Power and Dettlings.

1923 Dec. 31st Howard's Dad left me. Divorced.

²⁵ Walter was company and provided assistance to Frankie for several years. He slept in the parlor at the front of the S. Jackson St. house. Before and during his stay was Frankie's boarder and close friend Esther Jewell. After him were several others, few of which were as good as Walter.

Their parents—Chas O. Page, Born 1876, passed away 1942 age 65, married Maude A. Castner 1902 May, graduated June 1901. Chas parents—H.O. Cline passed away about 1930. Sarah Keys died in 1911 in Ann Arbor.

Margaret Page married 1928 to Fred Foster. She passed away 1937, September 22nd at childbirth. Baby died in 1935, Fredericka; also one in 1937, Bonnybelle. Margaret Page Foster was a beautiful lyric singer.

Fred died of cancer 1962/1963. He married again to McCulley. They had several children.

To Jackson. Chas and Maude came to Jackson Aug. 1911 just before Marshal was born on October 26. H.O. lived there awhile till he resigned his post as prison Deputy Assistant on account of bad routine there. Then he went back to Lansing 2 Mason and we stayed at 319 Mason St. till about 1916 when we moved to S Blackstone, then to S. Jackson across from where Frankie lived then later we bought 936 S. Jackson St in 1918.

Then in 1923 Margaret (Peggy) graduated in the winter and worked to Consumer's then, and she and I sung in Methodist choir for years. H. finally graduated to Consumers Power and still is there in 1971. Grad in 1927. Sept 1927 he married Jennie Barnes.

In May '33 Margaret married Fred Foster and Frankie had bought house next door after my sis Yula died in 1921. Glad too that she bought it. She & Harry were happy there, too.

Chas & Maude separated in 1923 or 4 and he later wanted that Betty Squires (no good) more.

Marshal & I lived with Frankie. Met H.B. 1923. 1933 Marshal married Esther Rubert. 1937 Margaret died (she lived 9 years with Fred 316 Maurice, Vandercook [Lake]) at childbirth. 2 births. 1 lived a few minutes though pre mature. I lived at Fred's 1937-1939.

On the Subject of Howard O. Pa(i)ge's Family:

Howard Page married 1927 to Jennie Barnes. Their children:

- R.D. Page, November 26, 1928
- Charlene Page, April 13, 1930
- Margaret Ann Page, April 29, 1941
- Mary Lou Page
- Chas Page

R. D. Page married Elaine Shaw of Saginaw. Their children:

- Lynn
- Stevie
- Karen

Charlene married R. P. Garrett of Saginaw. Their children:

Bobbie
Sue Ann
Connie Jo
Laura Lee

Marilou married Robert West. Angela

Howard divorced 1965, April 2. Married to Marylee Jaynes. Jennie moved into bungalow 1100 E. North.

Divorced Mar 17 '65.

On the Subject of Marshal Harvey Page's Family:

Marshal Page married Esther Rubert 1933. They adopted Gayle.

Gayle married John Eric Miller. Their children:

Laura Marie
Elizabeth
John Eric Jr.

On the Subject of Life with Husband Ira Moore:

1940 my dad died and Ira's wife too. 1941 met Ira Moore in July. One year married 1942 June 4th at Angola. Went to live on Overhill 2531 staid there till 1955 May. Moved to 210 E Palmer Ave. 1958 Jan Ira retired. 1959 and he was sick.

M was single till 1942. She met Ira in 1941 July and married him in June 4 1942 and he died Apr 25 1964.

I met Ira in July 1941, married June 4, 1942 in Angola, Indiana.

Maude Page married Ira Moore June 4th, 1942. He passed away April 25, 1964.

Ira & I moved to Overhill in 1942 July 1st and sold it in 1955 May & moved in new home at 210 E. Palmer Dr. Very happy there but he passed away Apr 25 1964. So now I am alone. Been in love all those years from 1923 to 1971 to one other who was also married___ still am I guess.

Ira and I bought 2531 Overhill Rd on July 3rd 1942 for \$3,000. Sold it in May 1955 for \$11,500. Bought 210 E. Palmer Drive May 7, 1955 for \$13,500 plus landscaping \$500.

1958 Jan. Ira retired; 1959 & 60 was sick. Ira sick from Oct 63 to Apr 25 64 passed away at Foote. He went there 12th of Apr. Burial in Roseland by Lillian.

Ira and I were married 23 happy years together.

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1941 – 1949 – 53 – 55 – 57 – 60
Then Newport Chrysler 1962
Then Valiant June 1964

Poem#1 by Maude to Ira:

Rest in Peace
You are not forgotten, loved one
Nor will you ever be
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And he waits for me there.

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In memory of poor Ira, who wanted to stay and look after me....



Ira passed away April 1964, of uremia, wasted kidney, small peptic ulcer in upper stomach and enlarged heart and hardening of the arteries.

On the Subject of Ira Moore's Prior Marriage/Family:

Ira and Lillian #1 married in 1919.

Ira's child:

Byron died in 1948. Married to Beatrice Evans. Their children:

Sharon Ann Moore

Edward Byron Moore²⁶

Lyndel Moore

Sharon married Elmer Zurakowski and they live in Richmond, Michigan. Their children:

Kenneth

Karil

Judy Kay

Edward married Jody _____. One child Eddie Jr. Live in Carmel, Indiana.

Ira lost Ben, Jesse, Bill and John, brothers, and 1 sister while with me.

Byron, adopted son, died in 1949 age 40.

Byron, Ira's son, in Chicago at Mt. Emblem.²⁷

²⁶ Signed his name "Byron E. Moore" at Ira's funeral.

²⁷ Cemetery where buried.

On Being Franc

“A Lady in Waiting” Redux and Redone

By

Charles W. Paige

July 1975—January 2007—September 2016—November 2020

PART I: A Mystery This

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| <p>The above paragraphs are excerpted notations from small tablets left by my Grandma Maude (a.k.a Maudie) Annabelle (Castner) Page Moore. She scribbled them late in life, perhaps in an effort to ensure that the sometimes full and eventful lives she and her mother led, and memorable people they knew, weren’t lost to posterity. Though some details may be inexact, posterity should always be grateful to her for the stories and insight into our history she revealed. C.W.P.</p> |
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My Great-Grandmother Franc’s full name was Frances Marie Laronge (Gargett | Sutliff) Castner Witherell, and she was usually called either Franc or Frank(ie | y) during the 20th century. She was born on July 4, traditionally in 1861, though possibly in 1862, and definitely between 1861 and 1863. Her early story as an orphan brims with mystery, conjecture and allegation.



Frankie M. L. Castner about 1889

When Frankie was born, depending on whether the event happened in Gratiot County, Michigan or Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, her president was either Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States of America, or Jefferson Davis, 1st President of the Confederate States of America. Between her birth and death, twenty-one men held the office of President of the United States out of a total thirty-six—the 36th, President Lyndon Baines Johnson, was holding that office at the time of her death. Also, all four of the presidential assassinations that have occurred so far happened during her lifetime. She was about three years old when President Abraham Lincoln was killed in April 1865. She was about nineteen years old when President James A. Garfield died in September 1881 after being shot in July. She was about thirty-nine years old when President William McKinley was killed in September 1901. Finally, she was over 100 years old when President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was killed in November 1963.

Frankie spent at least part of her youth in the household of Salmon J(ohnson) and Sarah Sutliff. Frankie's daughter Maude purported that the Sutliffs were either Frankie's foster or adoptive parents. At one time the Sutliffs lived in Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan near the family of William and Sarah Castner, whose son Edward would become Frankie's first husband.

During the latter years of the 19th century and first years of the 20th, Frankie sometimes used as her maiden name "Sutliff," other times "Gargett," and at least once "La Ronge." It was

Sutliff when she married Edward Potter Castner in 1878. It was Gargett in 1902 when daughter Maude married her first husband Charles Orlando Page, and Sutliff again in 1904 when daughter Yula Beatrice married her first husband Horace Mead. (See the section titled Sutliff later in this writing.) Maude listed it as “La Ronge” in 1942 when she married Ira Arthur Moore.

Frankie claimed that her father was James J. Gargett, a wealthy Michigan entrepreneur, and that her mother’s name was Marie Laronge. Frankie’s only son was named “Almon” in homage to foster or adoptive father Salmon Sutliff, and Almon Edward named his firstborn child and only daughter “Laronge” in homage to Marie Laronge. Though James J. Gargett is well documented in Michigan history, a Marie Laronge was never his wife. (See the section titled James J. Gargett later in this writing.)

Throughout her life, Frankie would live in a sequence of Michigan locations: Ovid and St. Johns in Clinton County, Lansing in Ingham County, Detroit in Wayne County, and finally Jackson in Jackson County. She was a dressmaker most of her life and lived more than 102 years.

In 1870, 17-year-old Edward Potter Castner was the only child still living with his parents William and Sarah. Neighbors to the Castners were Salmon J. Sutliff, 33, born in Michigan, his wife Sarah, 27, born in New York, their son Alvah, one year old and born in Michigan, and a girl Frances, age seven, who was listed last in that year’s census, without a different surname, and also notated as born in Michigan. It was claimed that in later years, when the Sutliffs went West to California, Frances stayed behind to marry her neighbor Ed Castner—a man 10 years her senior. The marriage took place on August 11, 1878 at Shepherdsville, Clinton County, Michigan. They were united by Elisha M. Ney, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses were: E. G. Ney and Eva Ney. Edward was shown on the marriage registration to have been born in Yates County, New York, while “Franky” was listed as being born at Gratiot County, Michigan.

“Edward” and “Frances” were still living in Ovid Township, Clinton County on June 10, 1880 when the Federal census was taken. Their son Almon was ten months old. Edward was listed as a farm laborer. Edward was declared as being born in New York whereas his parents were both born in New Jersey. Frances’ father was shown as born in Ohio and mother in New York.

Sutliff

Salmon J(ohnson) Sutliff was born July 12, 1837 at Hillsdale, Hillsdale County, Michigan. His parents, Van Ransaler “Ransley” and Catharine (Barnhart) Sutliff had settled in the area three years before. The whole family then resettled in Clinton County about 1843. Sarah (Castner) Sutliff, who was Edward Potter Castner’s older sister, was born in 1841 at Milo, Yates County, New York. At the time of marriage, Sarah’s recorded surname of “Castro” was a misspelling. The two were united on January 18, 1859 at Ovid, Clinton County at the United Methodist Church. Officiating was Pastor N.L. Brockway, and witnessing were I. Castner (Sarah’s older brother Isaiah) and L. Sutliff (Salmon’s younger sister Lucy). Franky’s foster or adoptive parents becoming her in-laws created the happenstance of the Sutliff descendants being blood relations to hers.

The Sutliff family immigration to California without Franky was very short lived. Salmon’s older brother Charles Bliss Sutliff had married Dorliska Beach at Lake Victoria, Clinton County on February 1, 1855, and by the time of Salmon and Sarah’s marriage, Charles

and his family were living on their forty-acre farm in Bingham Township, Clinton County. In 1869 the Charles Sutliff family traveled by train to the rich farmlands of San Joaquin County, California, according to Charles' biography in the book "An Illustrated History of San Joaquin County, California." Over the next nine years Charles sometimes rented farms and other times worked as a farm laborer before purchasing a 720-acre ranch in Dent Township twenty-five miles east of Stockton (still in San Joaquin County.) They moved to their new ranch on October 1, 1878. Considering the timing between the purchase of the large ranch and the marriage of Ed and Franky, it is probable that Salmon and Sarah joined Charles and Dorliska in 1878 to help work the new property. According to Samuel Milton Sutliff's 1909 book "A History of the American and Puritanical Family of Sutliff Or Sutliffe...", it was at Stockton, California that Sarah Sutliff died on December 22, 1878.

Salmon J. Sutliff was now a widower. He and only surviving son Alvah (a.k.a. Alva) returned to Michigan forthwith, and by 1880 they were living with Salmon's parents Ransley and Catherine Sutliff, who were then living at Lincoln, Isabella County. Salmon remarried to Lucilla Way (a.k.a. Lua) November 12, 1891 and died April 27, 1893 at Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County. He was buried at the Salt River Cemetery in Shepherd, Isabella County, and was joined there by Lua in 1915.

On May 4, 1889 Alva J. Sutliff had married Elizabeth M. Therrett at Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan. Some years later they migrated to Los Angeles, California with their two surviving sons—both born in Lansing, Ingham County: Earl J., born February 12, 1893 and Leon Carl, born April 15, 1894. The migration occurred sometime between 1900 and 1910. Charles Sutliff died February 12, 1902 followed by Dorliska September 5, 1915, and both were buried at the Burwood Cemetery in Escalon east of Stockton, California.

James J. Gargett

On Franc Witherell's death certificate, and in one of her obituaries appearing in the Jackson *Citizen Patriot* newspaper, daughter Maude claimed that Frankie had been born in Richmond, Virginia. (Coincidentally, there is also a Richmond, Gratiot County, Michigan.) The obituary also said that her father James Gargett brought his family to Michigan from Florida in 1880. In real life, Gargett and wife of many years Louisa spent most of their years together either in Michigan or Ohio. It was only from 1881 that they began to *vacation* in Florida. The time Maude remembered seeing James was probably sometime after late 1887 and James bringing the body of his deceased wife Louise back from Florida for burial at Alma. (More about this later.)

James J. Gargett was born July 15, 1825 at Godmanchester, Canada. His father Robert Gargett was born July 10, 1800 in Yorkshire, England. Robert came to the United States when 16 years old and settled in New York, where he married Elizabeth Perkins. She was born April 15, 1805 in Connecticut. The couple remained in New York a brief time after which they moved to Canada. After twelve years in Canada they moved to Summit County, Ohio, which became their permanent home. Their children were: John, James, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Martha, Orpha, Chloe and Rodney.

1849

James was ten when his parents moved to Ohio, where he remained until age twenty-four. He acquired a common-school education and taught winter school terms for four years starting when nineteen. He married wealthy Louisa Gee in Lyons, Wayne County, New York on May 24, 1849. Louisa was born in Lyons on May 24, 1831 to parents Joseph and Eleanor (Seaton) Gee. Joseph had died in 1840 leaving a valuable estate to Louisa and her mother. Eleanor moved to Ionia County, Michigan, after her husband's death.

James and Louisa's children were: Minnie L. (also called "Cecelia C.," "May," and "Elaine") b. April 5, 1850, and James "George" b. December 5, 1858. Minnie would later marry twice whereas George Gargett was scalded to death on his second birthday.

1853-57

The family settled in Summit County, Ohio, where James engaged in farming soon after the marriage. He also earned an income by constructing artesian wells. In 1853 he sold the farm and worked in "commission business" in Cleveland. Four years later he bought half interest in a hardware store in Frederickstown, Ohio.

The hardware store proved successful until James' partner Alexander Love endangered it in 1857 due to mismanagement. James returned to commission business to help pay the debts incurred but, due to his own endorsement to aid other businesses, he found himself owing \$21,000. Although he was able to pay the sum, the store enterprise ended in the fall with a country-wide business bust and his own ill health.

1858-60

James Gargett had invested \$4,000 in a general store sometime earlier, so when the hardware store came to an end he took his family to Sumner Township, Gratiot County, Michigan to where the store was located. This venture soon failed when local crops failed, making credit customers unable to pay their bills.

The Gargetts moved to Alma, Michigan on January 1, 1859, the same day James bought a stock of merchandise from Gen. Ralph Ely. The next morning he opened a mercantile business which was successful for over two years. Also in 1859 he platted the village of Alma, after which he remained interested in its growth and progress. [According to the *History of Alma, Michigan* in its Wikipedia rendition, it was in 1858 James platted the area that he dubbed Alma. The area retained the name as it expanded into other areas and became increasingly populated.]

"James Gargett" was listed as a farmer with real estate valued at \$4,400 when the 1860 census was taken of Alma. Also in the household were: "Loisa;" 10-year-old "Elaine;" Adam Hars, a 26-year-old laborer from Germany; and Mary Mosier, 21 and born in Ohio.

1861-69

The mercantile store was robbed and burned to the ground on June 9, 1861. The fire consumed everything James owned, leaving only the real estate purchased by Louisa with money from her father's estate. However, in the fall James once again established himself in business—this time with H. B. Hulbert. The two bought a stock of goods from James Shearer on credit and became prosperous during the Civil War.

James was elected as a Republican to the Michigan Legislature, serving from 1862 until 1863. During the term he was Chairman of the Committee on Towns and Counties. He also later served as the Supervisor of Pine River Township for one year.

In June of 1867 the needs of the community spurred Messrs. Gargett and Hulbert to build a flour mill. In the fall the joint proprietors made a division of property—James receiving the flour mill and Hulbert the mercantile. James erected a woolen mill in 1869 and leased it for a period of five years to parties from Ohio. They filled the mill with modern machinery and everybody counted profits.

On July 21, 1867, 17-year-old Minnie Gargett was married to 24-year-old Charles W. Jam. Minnie was said to be of Lansing, Michigan at time of marriage and Charles was said to be of Alma, Gratiot County. They were united by Rev. J. Straub. Witness was O. B. Wright. But the marriage either didn't take or something happened to Charles before 1885. The only record so far found of a Charles Jam, other than his marriage to Minnie, was an immigration card for a Charles Jam, who was two years old in 1844 when arriving at New York from Great Britain on the ship *Siddon*.



1870-71

James began construction of an elegant home in the fall of 1870, which was completed a year later costing \$18,000. The next year he ordered the building of a “palace coach” with which to give his wife an excursion down south. The coach cost \$1,100 and was fitted for comfort. But events to come would postpone the trip for ten years.

By 1871 Robert and Elizabeth Gargett had lived in Summit County, Ohio for 37 years. That year both were murdered by John Hunter, fiancé to James’ younger sister Chloe, who was soon apprehended, tried and convicted. John was hanged at Akron, Ohio in October.

1872-80

Josiah F. Lathrop had run-up a bill for supplies totaling \$1,490 at Gargett’s mill. So to help Lathrop make profit enough to pay the tab, James lent him enough to get a drive of logs down Pine River. Something went wrong and James lost \$28,000. That occurred in the spring of 1872, and the next year James was forced to purchase the woolen mill’s machinery and run it himself

after three separate lessees failed. The purchase drained the last of his capital, and he had to rely on his wife's money to pull him through.

Also in 1873, Louisa was stricken by paralysis which lasted until 1876—the year their new home burned. In November of 1880 the woolen mill burned, taking with it the flour mill.

1881-87

The long-awaited trip south finally became a reality on September 27, 1881 when the Gargetts left in their regal coach. Louisa wrote of their many adventures on the trip to St. Andrew Bay, Bay County, Florida for publication in the Gratiot County *Record*, published at Alma. They did not return to Alma until October 21, 1882. Soon after their return, Louisa's mother Eleanor Gee came for a stay and died at their home on February 9, 1883. Louisa then returned to St. Andrew Bay.

James J. Gargett announced, in a letter dated February 8, 1884 to Samuel D. Bingham of Lansing, the organization of the Lansing, Alma, Mt. Pleasant and Northern Railway Company. James was elected by stockholders as one of the eight wealthy founding members of its board of directors. The resulting line was called the "LAMP" Road (Lansing, Alma, Mt. Pleasant).

Several meetings were held in affected towns to garner public and financial support as well as right-of-way guarantees. Gargett was in all ways an active proponent, attending and speaking at some meetings. Work in Alma began as early as February 28, and work on the railway bridge from Alma crossing the Pine River began in March 1884. The planned sixty-eight-mile stretch of track was from Lansing in the south to Mt. Pleasant in the north. Today, this railroad is listed as one of the predecessors of the Ann Arbor (AA) Railroad (1895-1976).

Minnie Gargett was married to William B. Humbert on December 29, 1885 in Escambia County, Florida. The Humberts would initially settle in Nassau Township, Iowa, but would later move to California.

Louisa passed away on October 8, 1887 while still at the Gargetts' St. Andrew Bay home, and was buried at the Pine River Cemetery in Alma. The burial plot was in her name as owner.

1890-1908

James Gargett was married to Odelia Witt Snead in 1890, presumably in Virginia, where she had been born and lived her entire life. She, and presumably they, joined the Seventh-day Adventist faith in 1896 and were living in the Bermuda District of Chesterfield, County, Virginia at the time of the 1900 Federal census. James died on June 11, 1902 at Chester in Chesterfield County.

"The funeral of Mr. James Gargett took place here yesterday from the Methodist Church. Mr. Gargett was an adherent of the Seventh-day Adventist, but they having no house of worship here the Methodists extended to them the use of their church. Mr. [Rev. Robert DeWitt] R.D. Hottel, an elder of Mr. Gargett's faith, preached the funeral sermon and conducted the exercises. His sermon was a very comforting and strong one on the 'resurrection.' Mr. Gargett came here from Michigan. He was a Canadian by birth and was a prosperous businessman in his day. He was nearly seventy-seven years of age at death and was much respected by all who knew him."

The Times, Richmond, VA, Saturday June 14, 1902, part of the Virginia Chronicle,
Library of Virginia, Vol. 17, No. 109, 14 June 1902, P. 3.

"OBITUARY

"James Gargett. Mr. James Gargett, one of the oldest citizens of Chesterfield county, died yesterday at his home in Chester. He was born in Canada in 1825. When a boy his parents moved

to Cleveland, Ohio. Later he lived in Michigan, and for the last twelve years, has resided in Virginia. For six years he lived in this city. He won the admiration and esteem of all who knew him. For many years he carried on an extensive business in Alma, Mich., in merchandise, milling and manufacturing woolen goods. He was energetic, honest and straightforward in all his affairs. He was successful in accumulating a considerable fortune, much of which has been given to charitable and religious institutions.

“Mr. Gargett served acceptably as an able and faithful member of the Legislature of Michigan.

“Twelve years ago Mr. Gargett retired from active business and has since lived a retired life. About this time he married Miss Odelia W. Snead, the daughter of Colonel Joseph H. Snead, of Chester. Their married life was a very happy one. He was a faithful and devoted husband. Mr. Gargett was a Christian gentleman of the highest character. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He was a close student of the Bible, and sought to do his duty and follow strictly what he believed to be right. All who knew him loved him and had the highest regard for his integrity and sincerity. For the last four months he was a great sufferer, but was constantly sustained by an unwavering confidence in his God.

“Mr. Garget leaves no children, his only child—a daughter—having died one year ago. His wife survives him.”

The Times, Richmond, VA, Thursday June 12, 1902, P. 8.

From “The Twenty-third Annual Session of the Virginia Conference” for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“The Virginia Conference met in the large pavilion at West End Park, Petersburg, VA, at 8 PM Friday July 27, 1906, pursuant to notices regularly given, the President, Elder R.D. Hottel, in the chair.

“The Committee on Plans and Recommendations presented the following:

“Item 16: We note with profound thankfulness that a church building is finished for the use of the church in Richmond, and the title has been duly placed in the hands of the Conference Agency, and we recommend that the same be dedicated the last of October or the first of November next followed by a series of meetings, and in this connection we recall the fact that through the generous gift of our brother, James Gargett, voluntarily supported by our beloved sister, Mrs. Odelia W. Gargett, his widow, it was made possible to erect so large and substantial a building, and we hereby express our loving remembrance of our deceased brother, and pray the continued blessing of the Lord upon our sister in her bereavement, and that they may share in the reunion of the saints in the great day of rewards.”

Atlantic Union Gleaner, Vol. V, No. 35. South Lancaster, Mass., August 29, 1906, p. 406, starting on page 404 under subtopic THE FIELD

James was buried at the Snead Cemetery in Chesterfield County, Find-a-Grave Memorial #: 28127693. His second wife included these for him: “In loving remembrance of my husband,” “A loving husband and devoted Christian,” “Rest In Peace.”

Odelia had never been married before she was united with James Gargett and, as mentioned earlier, had lived in Virginia, especially the Chesterfield County area, all her life.

“OBITUARY

“GARGETT—Fell asleep to Jesus, at Richmond, VA, June 1, 1908, of kidney trouble, Odelia W. Gargett, widow of James Gargett. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Richmond, VA, in 1896. Safe at last from the attacks of the cruel disease, she now sleeps until her Master’s voice calls her to a land where there is no more sickness, neither sorrow, nor crying. One brother and four sisters are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving sister. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14-13. H. W. Herrell”

The Columbia *Union Visitor*, published weekly by the Columbia *Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Vol. 18, No. 23, P 8. June 17, 1908.

Odelia, who had been born in January of 1839, was also buried at the Snead Cemetery in Chesterfield County, Find-a-Grave Memorial #: 28127769.

It was during this timeframe that both James’ only surviving descendant Minnie Louise and her husband William B. Humbert also passed away.

The Humberts were living at Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California at time of the 1900 Federal census. The census mostly inaccurately lists Minnie and her parents as having been born in Ohio. Her birth was listed as March 1855. William’s birth was shown as September 1847 in Pennsylvania, where his parents were also born. William was working as a “woolen mill man.” Also in the household was William’s son George, claimed to have been born in September 1879 in Pennsylvania, who was working as a “woolen mill carder.” William and Minnie claimed to have been married 25 years [actually 15], inaccurately stating William had had two children both of whom were still living. William’s firstborn child, a daughter Rachel born about 1869, had died in 1896.

The son George was from a different marriage. William had been married to Anna (Wagner) in Pennsylvania by whom they had three children in that state: Rachel, William M. and George Hillery. The family was living in Summit Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania at time of the 1870 Federal census. William was listed as a prominent business man of Alma at the time of his first wife’s death September 25, 1883 at age 38. Two years later he would marry Minnie L. Gargett of Alma. Minnie never had children of her own. William M. and George were still living at the time of the 1900 Federal census, though Minnie would die the following year and William B. the year after that—Minnie on July 10, 1901 in San Francisco County and William on April 21, 1902 in Colfax, Placer County, California. Minnie and William B. were interred at the San Francisco Columbarium.

James Gargett Visits Castners in Lansing

According to Maude Moore’s notes, the Ed and Frankie Castner family moved to 302 S. Logan in Lansing when she was three years old—about 1886. Since Frankie and Ed didn’t begin leasing the Butler Hotel at that address until September 26, 1894, presumably the Castners had been renting there for eight years before leasing the building from the owner, Mr. Darby. Maude wrote that Gargett was a bachelor at the time she and Yula saw him, which would have been between 1887, the year Yula Castner was born and Gargett’s wife Louisa died, and 1890, when Gargett

married Odelia W. Snead in Virginia and was no longer a bachelor. The two girls had measles when Gargett came to call bringing oranges from Florida. If Gargett brought the oranges directly from Florida, then it was probably after one of his trips to that state, perhaps to dispose of property he and Louisa held at St. Andrew Bay and Biscayne Bay.

Gargett's only surviving child, daughter Minnie, was beyond her childbearing years by that time and had never had children of her own. Her second husband, William B. Humbert, had brought to the marriage at least two, perhaps three, surviving children from his prior marriage.

Not having a chance at any future generations of his own through Minnie may have triggered Gargett's desire to connect with an offspring that might bring hope in that regard. It would not be surprising if Gargett had something to do with suggesting and even financing the lease of the Butler Hotel. Perhaps later he sponsored and/or used his government connections, from his stint as State Representative to Lansing from 1862-63, to assist with the litigation that followed.

It might have seemed to Mr. Darby that people who couldn't afford to make payments on either their \$230 mortgage or hotel lease also couldn't afford paying for legal action. That would make them fair game for underhanded practices on his part and might have accounted for his deceitful dealings with the Castners after they defaulted on payments. Somehow, the Castners were able to get counsel and take their case against Darby to the justice court, which they won. They also won when Darby appealed the decision to the circuit court. Finally, Darby got the case heard by the Michigan Supreme Court. Litigation finally ceased with the Castners' third and final victory by the decision handed down on September 25, 1901. [Incidentally, their Supreme Court Case, titled *Castner v. Darby*, 128 Mich. 241, 87 N.W. 199, set a precedent that was later used in a number of litigations by others.] See Page 370 for more about the case and its possible family impact.

Frankie maintained contact with James Gargett at least to the degree that she knew he married again to a younger woman. She also knew that he was buried in the Richmond, Virginia area as evidenced by Maude and her second husband Ira Moore unsuccessfully seeking to find his grave there half a century later.

PART II: Learning To Make Lemonade

Edward and Franc were living in Lansing in June of 1900. They were renting at 516 Saint Joseph Street (colloquially called St. Joe Street). In the household were: "Edward," "Franc," "Maud" and "Eulah." In the 1900 Federal census, Ed was listed as a "house painter," and both of Franc's parents were shown as having been born in Florida. [Incidentally, this may be the first time the given name spelling of "Franc" was used in a public record.]

Son Almon Edward Castner had married Celia Julia Harrison three months before the 1900 census was taken and they were living with Celia's widower father Daniel C. Harrison in Harbor Springs, Emmet County. By 1910 Almon's family had moved to Detroit, where the children received free haircuts from step-grandpa Harry Witherell. Between 1913, the year Carlton Castner was born, and 1916, the year Donald was born, the family left Detroit and moved to Chicago, Illinois. Maude, her husband Charles, and their two-year-old firstborn Margaret would move to Detroit for a few years before Howard was born.

The Ed and Franc Castner family moved to Detroit around 1901. Then Ed left Frankie in 1902, and soon they were divorced. Ed later would marry Catherine, who was generally called "Kate" by Maude's son Howard. According to the 1920 Federal census, Catherine was born in

Canada to Irish-born parents. She claimed to be a naturalized American citizen, though she didn't know when her family came to the United States, or the date of her naturalization. She was literate but at the time showed no occupation. She was twenty-six years younger than Ed. The Castners were living in a house that they owned mortgage free in Redford, Wayne County, and Ed was still a house painter. At the time of the 1930 Federal census of "Detroit City," Precinct 26, the Castners were living at and owned 16863 Lenore Avenue, presumably still in Redford.

"Franc" claimed to be fifty-eight years old at the time of the 1920 Federal census, that she was born in Michigan, and that her father was born in New York and mother in Massachusetts. At that time she was still living in Detroit, where she and second husband Harry J. Witherell, Sr. were renting a place. Sixty-two-year-old Harry was a barber working for wages at a shop on Michigan Avenue. According to a picture that exists in Frankie's old family photo album, which shows Harry and some other men standing out in front, it was *A. F. Smith's Barber Shop* located at 247 Michigan Avenue. Besides haircuts the shop also advertised "Hot and Cold Baths." Franc was listed as a dressmaker working on own account, which meant she was self-employed. Also in the household was Franc's youngest daughter thirty-one-year-old Yula Wigand. She was shown as married, an office worker for the Tool Works, and working for wages. They were family #57 and renting in dwelling #37. The census was taken January 8, 1920. Yula was separated from her second husband Ed, a dipsomaniac, from whom she would soon be divorced.

About 1921-22 the Witherells moved to Jackson—to 934 S. Jackson Street. Yula Wigand had developed quick consumption (fast-developing tuberculosis) and apparently been placed in the sanitarium near Jackson. The Witherells may have moved to be near her. She died May 20, 1921.



"I must have been about 6 (about 1915) when we made the first of several trips to Detroit. Dad had purchased an Overland 'Model 75 auto' and Grandma Franc and her barber husband Uncle Harry lived on Michigan Ave. in an apartment above his barber shop about one block from Briggs Stadium, the popular baseball park in Detroit. Uncle Harry was an Irishman from the Merchant Marine sailing the Great Lakes. My memory of the first trip was the double streetcars clanging down the street; the wooden block pavement soaked with creosote which smelled strongly in hot weather. We always tried to go on the 4th of July which was Grandma's birthday. The stairway to their apartment was at least a mile long and unlighted.

"The next time we went to Detroit I remember a little better. We had loaded on two spare tires and while in Detroit we had to find a place open on a holiday so we could buy another. The road, known as M 17, was gravel all the

way and passed through Saline and Ypsilanti a total of 80 dusty miles much different from today. On one occasion we visited a restaurant on the corner of Trumble and Grand River Avenues where Grandpa Castner (Grandma Franc's first husband, and Mom's father) and Kate his wife had set up a restaurant business. I remember the heavy restaurant plates and cups used in those days. On a later date Jennie, Buddy and I visited Grandpa Castner and Kate at their home in Redford Mich. We took a couple of pictures with him along with Jennie and Buddy.



Franc Witherell with Maude Page and her boys Marshal and Howard

“This time Grandma Franc's home was a downstairs ‘flat’ (one of four large apartments in one building, two up and two down). It was on Elizabeth Street one block from Briggs Stadium, close enough to hear the crowds hollering. The houses were close enough for no lawn and all fenced in with wooden fence and gates kept closed and locked. The streets in Detroit fascinated me as they tipped down to the Detroit River front and one of them usually had a passenger boat moored at the dock. There is a faint memory of a boat trip on the Detroit River to Belle Isle and back with Grandma Franc and Uncle Harry. Grandma Franc and Uncle Harry moved to Jackson about 1922 and bought the house next door to us at 934 So. Jackson St.”

“...Grandma Franc and Uncle Harry were Christmas regulars. My sister, Margaret, took pictures with an exploding powder, usually catching everyone with their eyes staring wide open.

“A fun thing got started when one Christmas someone received a fruit-cake about 5 inches cubed. But it quickly disappeared not to be seen again until someone received it the following Christmas and this went on for near 20 years. When last seen it was about 3 inches cubed and hard as a brick. No one knows

how come it disappeared. Grandma Franc, Maudie and Margaret were all under suspicion.”²⁸

Excerpts from Howard Paige’s 1993-94 *Auto-Biography*, part of his memorial *Glimpses into the Life of the Reverend Howard Oswald Paige*.

PART III: Witherell House—Anchor For Pages

(See also **Families of Riley’s Son Charles Orlando Page**, starting Page 217.)

“St. Johns. Maude Castner Page Moore. Jan 1st born. Went to school in Lansing graduated June 2 1901 in honors. Worked for Bell Tell Co. in Lansing until marriage in May 24th 1902 to Chas O. Page.”

“H.O. Cline and Bunch were my in-laws. Chas was one of Sarah Keyes’ boys. Other 2 died of diphtheria soon after they were born. Chas had it too but surmounted....”

“Yula went to Business Col. Then they went to Detroit. Chas O. Page and I went over to H.O. to live. Harwood, then Bartlett. Margaret Frances born there 319 Bartlett. Then sold & moved to Battle Creek. Moved to Detroit. Marg 2. Then Mason. Howard born there 1909. Back to Battle Creek (Bunch died). 1911 moved to Jackson, Aug 1st, 319 W. Mason.”

“To Jackson. Chas and Maude came to Jackson Aug. 1911 just before Marshal was born on October 26. H.O. lived there awhile till he resigned his post as prison Deputy Assistant on account of bad routine there. Then he went back to Lansing 2 Mason and we stayed at 319 Mason St. till about 1916 when we moved to S. Blackstone, then to S. Jackson across from where Frankie lived then later we bought 936 S. Jackson St in 1918.”

“1923 Dec. 31st Howard’s Dad left me. Divorced.”

“Maude was dressmaking and working in shoes at Fields. Then quit and went in steady later. Then in to Stillman in 1924. Met B.A.D. 1927 went to work at Walkover and stayed until 1943.”

“Lived a while upstairs at Frankie’s. Worked until October 1943, retired then.”

“Margaret Page married...to Fred Foster. She passed away 1937, September 22nd at childbirth. Baby died in 1935, Fredericka; also one in 1937, Bonnybelle. Margaret Page Foster was a beautiful lyric singer.”

“In May ’33 Margaret married Fred Foster and Frankie had bought house next door after my sis Yula died in 1921. Glad too that she bought it. She & Harry were happy there, too.”

“...I lived at Fred’s 1937-1939.”

²⁸ Howard’s daughter Charlene (Paige) Garrett reminisced in 1999 that there were three other “mystery gifts” besides the fruit cake that might show up disguised in anyone’s Christmas gifts. There was an ancient pair of scruffy-looking boots; a worn and tattered (man’s) suit; and a small embroidered throw pillow.

“Fred died of cancer 1962/1963. He married again to McCulley. They had several children.”

More excerpts from Maude’s notes

The Pages and Witherells were next door neighbors on the eastern edge of Greenlawn Memorial Garden cemetery. Bud Paige remembered the back yards were deep and there was a fence separating the yards from the cemetery. Whereas the Pages’ house at 936 S. Jackson Street was only in the family from 1918 until about 1934, the Witherell’s house at 934 remained for four decades from about 1921-22 until 1964. During those two stretches of time the Witherells stayed put whereas some Pages and Paiges always seemed to be relocating. Jennie Paige recalled that she and Howard lived in 14 places in 32 years, several of those places when Bud and his sister Charlene were young. That’s not including the times Jennie and Howard relocated before and after their marriage. (For a wealth of information about those relocations and life during those years, see memoir *The Life and Times of Jennie Louise Barnes Paige* a.k.a. *Jennie’s Times*, Volume I, Chapter 1, section *Places Where the Paige Family Lived, and Other Information.*)



Page and Witherell twin houses

Charles never owned the house at 936 S. Jackson. Instead, he was given a life lease—a promise made to Charles’ mother Sarah M. (Keyes) Page Cline by her second husband Harvey Olmstead “H.O.” Cline as a legacy to her only surviving son. H.O. was still sheriff of Ingham County, Michigan when Sarah died in 1911. “Bunch” was a fond moniker H.O. had assigned to Sarah. He also dubbed Sarah’s grandson Howard with the moniker “Bill”; the name with which he had wanted Howard christened and the only name H.O. ever used in his regard. Perhaps much can be deduced of Howard’s life attitudes by understanding the influence H.O. had over him during “Bill’s” formative years. As part of his *Auto-Biography*, Howard later wrote of him:

“I called my granddad ‘Unk’ at his request and if ever a boy had a shining star in his life my Unk was a beautiful light in my early life. He stayed with us a short

time at 925 [S. Jackson Street] when he worked at the prison as a Deputy Warden and was always near by at Christmas time. It's easy to guess why. I am told that at bedtime I would run to Unk and climb up on his lap and say 'Unkie, chee-tops' (Rock-a-bye baby, on the tree tops)."

The Pages had been living with the Clines in Mason, Ingham County, and for a while after Bunch's death H.O. lived with the Pages in Jackson before returning to Ingham County. In Ingham County he would later marry Nell Ione Swan in 1921.

Maude and the children moved next door with the Witherells after Maude and Charles' divorce, about 1923. Maude and the children initially lived upstairs in the rooms Frankie would later rent for additional income. Harry began suffering attacks of senility, and Frankie soon found she could no longer leave him alone. He would suddenly leave the house and wander off. So she remained at home, continuing to make income dressmaking, which included working with furs for some of her wealthier clients. Maude, who also worked as a dressmaker to supplement her family's income, dealt mostly with cloth. When a fur piece was required on one of her sewing projects, her mother would do the attaching.

Charles continued living at 936 until about 1929. That year he moved in with his son Howard and daughter-in-law Jennie. A year earlier the Paiges had just had their first son Royce Duane everybody called "Buddy," and later, the more permanent "Bud." While living with the Paiges Charles paid for the house rent and phone and furnished his own room. It was during that time he took Jennie to Jackson's Mercy Hospital for the birth of Charlene Frances a.k.a. "Tyke," born in 1930.

Harry Witherell died on August 24, 1931, by which time the Page children were already beginning to get married and move away, eventually followed by Maude between 1937 and 1939, when she lived with Fred Foster after Margaret's death, and again when she married Ira Arthur Moore in 1942. He was a widower and former Indiana farmer who was employed as a guard at the State Prison of Southern Michigan located near Jackson.

Charles married his next wife, Florence "Big Betty" (Peck), in 1931. Among other places, including with the Paiges, they would briefly live at 936 S. Jackson just before her mother's death in 1934. That's when they moved into Big Betty's mother Luella's house. That was also the year the Paiges moved in to 936. (See below.).

(See picture of Charles with first family on Page 217 and with Florence on Page 310.

Also, see more about Charles and Big Betty's story starting Page 222. See more about the Page and Paige children starting Page 223, and Paige descendants starting Page 435).

Mentally energized Howard Oswald (his son Bud called him "a man with a mission") had been the first to leave the Witherell's house. He married Jennie Louise Barnes in 1927—a Chicago-born girl he had met in high school Latin class and whose family had settled in Jackson from Horton a few years earlier. Howard was already spelling his surname "P-a-i-g-e" since 1926. Because Howard and Jennie delayed telling of their marriage until Christmas, Howard didn't move out of the Witherell house until January 1928.

Fun and charismatic Margaret Frances married equally fun and charismatic Fred Eldin Foster in 1933, a local policeman, and they made their home at nearby Vandercook Lake. (Their poignant story is told in a separate segment titled Margaret Frances "Peggy" Page and Fred Elden Foster, starting Page 233.)

Easygoing and friendly Marshal Harvey a.k.a. “Mutt” married Esther Louise Rubert—also in 1933. She was a neighbor with whom the Page kids played as children and Maude later worked with at the Walkover Shoe Store. Mutt and Esther lived most of their married life on Sweezy Lake at Brooklyn in Norvell Township, Jackson County. Esther’s parents, like the Pages, also had a daughter Margaret and a son Howard.

All three of Charles and Maude’s children started out working for the Consumers Power Company. In fact, Margaret got Howard his initial job there. Only Howard made Consumers Power his life’s career. Mutt eventually settled working on motors for the railroad.

The Paige Neighbors 1934-37

The Paige family lived in the house at 936 S. Jackson Street for only three years, yet the memories made during that short time were distinct and remembered with great fondness. The following excerpts about life next door to the Witherell house were part of the memoir *Jennie’s Times*, section *Places Where the Paige Family Lived, and Other Information*.

From *Howard’s 1993-94 Auto-Biography*: “The Jackson Street home became vacated and Dad let us move in until we were called to Flint in 1937....”

From *Jennie’s 1981 Account*: “Dad Page said if we wanted to move to 936 S. Jackson Street we could have the house rent free just have to pay the taxes. Charlene started kindergarten at the T.A. Wilson School on Morrell Street while we lived there. We were living next door to Grandma Franc. Maudie was living with her. They both made beautiful coats and dresses for Charlene. Maudie worked at the Walkover Shoe Store. She always bought Charlene white shoes for Easter and Bud hicuts in the fall for school.”

From *Bud Remembers—2004*: “Mom doing laundry in the back yard on Jackson Street, heating the washing machine water with a submerged heater and wringing the clothes out with a wringer that turned with a handle. I was six years old—1934. Grandma Franc and Grandma Maude lived next door.

“Still six years old Dad and Mom talked me into diving into a barrel of water by offering to buy Charlene and I a mug of root beer each for 5¢ and a free bag of popcorn at A&W.

“When I was seven I got a B-B gun for Christmas. One day in the yard I saw a sparrow in our big tree. I shot and wounded it. The bird was floundering in the ground and Grandma Maude came to her window to see what was going on. I told her I aimed the gun in the air and the bird fell down.

“One time when a storm was coming, Mom took Charlene and I and we walked to where our dad was working. (She was afraid of storms.)

“Our family used to get together every Christmas eve. Mom, Grandma Franc, Grandma Maude, Aunt Esther, and Aunt Margaret (who died during a childbirth) all brought jars of preserves they canned plus pies, cakes, etc. They used to kid each other and laugh a lot. Aunt Margaret was the life of the party.”

From *Charlene Remembers—2004*: “Soon we moved to 936 South Jackson Street. What a treat! We lived next door to Grandma Franc’s house, where Grandma Maud lived on the second floor

in front, and a lady named Esther Jewell lived in a back apartment upstairs. Esther Jewell took the pictures of Bud and I together in the front yard, and each of us alone in the back yard of Grandma's house next to a small tree.

"While on Jackson Street I started kindergarten at Blackstone School. I cried in school and wanted my big brother. They got Bud for me but I just wanted to go home. Daddy told me if I would stay home one day, would I then go back and not cry any more? I said I would, so he let me stay home a day. I was true to my word and was okay from then on.

"We had a lot of fun! We roller-skated and played outside all day in the summer. Grandma Franc invited us to come over for coffee and doughnuts when we got up in the morning before our parents. The coffee was mostly cream and sugar, but we loved 'sneaking out' without Mom and Daddy knowing it. It was Grandma Franc and our secret. (I found out when we were older that she had their permission.)

"Our greatest Christmas on Jackson Street was the one our parents closed off the 'parlor' and kept us out. We were awakened by Santa stomping down the steps after leaving a gift by each of our beds. I woke and found a set of dishes by my bed. I woke Bud up and we ran downstairs and opened the door to the parlor. We shouldn't have, for our gifts were not wrapped since they were too big. We had an incredible amount of gifts and ran upstairs and jumped back in bed. Bud remembers Daddy catching him and spanking him. I only remember pretending to be surprised when we got up at the normal time and our folks opened the door to the parlor for us to see all of our gifts.



Howard and Marshal Page



South Jackson Street with Maude, Howard, Marshal, Buddy and Tyke

"Bud got a red bike and Uncle Mutt bought us a red wagon and each a red scooter. I got a big doll that was sitting in the wagon and a white doll bed and dresser. What a Christmas! I have never since wanted to open a Christmas gift before Christmas, because the surprise would be over.

"Mom gave me a birthday party to celebrate my sixth birthday. She invited kids from my school to come. I was so excited because Daddy had made a goldfish pond out of poured cement

in our backyard that, instead of playing games Mom had set up for us, I took my schoolmates outside to see the pond, and Mom was so upset with me that she never had another birthday party until I was thirteen years old!”

Jennie’s 1981 Account: “Howdy transferred to Consumer's Power's Garfield substation in Flint. We rented a three bedroom bungalow on Decker Street. When school started in the fall Bud and Charlene had scarlet fever. Howdy's sister Margaret died. Just Howdy was able to go to her funeral.”

PART IV: The Silver Lining Prevailed

When she turned eighty years old Frankie determined that she would not leave the house again due to a fear of falling. With only a few exceptions, she kept her promise until leaving it for the Keeney Nursing Home on October 15, 1963, nearly four months before her death.

When Frankie did leave her house, it was only when two strong men (e.g. grandsons like Howard and Marshal) would create a chair for her with their intertwined arms/hands. I never personally saw this phenomenon occur, but she would talk about it whenever anyone tried coaxing her to leave her house for some occasion. Five-generation pictures were taken with her at the Paige family’s house at 1308 Leroy Street in Jackson on Christmas Eves 1952 and 1954.

A few years before Frankie was to turn 100 years old, Uncle Mutt (Marshal Harvey Page) bragged that for her 100th birthday he would give her a party at the Hayes Hotel, a former swank hotel in Jackson. This, of course, would require that Frankie leave her house to attend the party. My father Howard Oswald Paige, not to be outdone, promised 100 silver dollars. Good intentions evaporated and reality dawned on her purported 100th birthday, which we celebrated July 4, 1961. I attended a small family gathering at Frankie’s house. I believe someone said my father gave her ten silver dollars. Daughter Maude Moore baked and decorated a cake for the event then placed a clear plastic cover over the plate holding it, securing the cover with a ribbon and large homemade bow. She told her mother not to remove the cover, cut the cake or serve it to guests. It was to be a much admired decoration—perhaps in keeping with the old saw “you can’t have your cake and eat it too.” My sister Charlene Frances (Paige) Garrett and family arrived bringing another cake to be shared. Then we all lit sparklers and ate Charlene’s cake.



Frankie’s upstairs tenants at times included Helen McNally and Esther Jewell (1899-1966), both operators with Bell Telephone. Esther (in picture) was a lodger since at least April 1930 and helped get Charlene Paige transferred from Bell in Saginaw to the one in Jackson after the Paiges returned there. Also, Willard Wooster’s brother rented, with common-law wife and children. Frankie had helpers living with her during later years. For several of them it was a man by the name of Walter Fess. He slept in the front parlor to be nearby if needed. He once gave me a wooden slingshot. After Walter died in 1960, Frankie had a series of female helpers, but none measured up to Walter.

During the time I knew her, I don’t remember ever seeing Frankie walk. She held court from an overstuffed chair in the living room at the entrance to her bedroom. In front of her was a small table which held an ancient radio, telephone, a box of facial tissues, other odds-’n-ends, and a birdcage

containing an object of her love, a parakeet named “Cappy.” It was from here that she received her visitors, and from where she related stories of her past to her grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren. Frankie’s many descendants of son Almon Edward Castner lived in the Chicago area and seldom made the trip to Jackson, although Frankie received lots of cards from them as evidenced by card albums kept by Frankie and Maude. I don’t recall ever meeting anyone from that side of the family back then. It was mostly we Page/Paige descendants that graced her parlor during her later years. I met Frankie’s grandson Donald Castner and wife Dorothea in 1982 when Dad and I delivered a charcoal-media portrait of a dog by his father Almon Castner. Almon also had done other portraits including of his sisters and himself.

I enjoyed visiting with Great-Grandma Franc and hearing her tell of bygone days. At least two things she said about her past have stayed with me through the years. The first was that her sister was shot through the library window. The second was that she recalled a long journey by covered wagon. Frankie passed away on February 7, 1964 approaching her 103rd birthday. She was buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery near Harry J. Witherell, Sr., Yula Beatrice (Castner) Mead Wigand, and eight years later, Maude Annabelle (Castner) Page Moore. Esther Jewell, who was virtually like family for over three decades, was interred at Woodlawn in 1966.

Because of Franc’s long lifespan, she interacted with a number of her generations. Here are some family memories regarding her as of September 2020, more than 56 years after her death. Bud was thirty-two and a half, Mary was sixteen and Sue was nearing seven on Frankie’s 100th birthday. I was almost twelve.

From Royce Duane “Bud” Paige at almost 92, Franc’s great-grandson, as told to Mary West:

“First, memories of living next-door to grandma Franc and Grandma Maude. Grandma Franc taught him to crochet! He remembered the fellow that lived with her, providing he didn’t drink! One day when he didn’t come around, they found him in the kitchen where he had died of a heart attack. Maudie used to say that one reason Frankie lived so long was that he waited on her.

“She also had Esther Jewell, who worked at the telephone company. He remembers being in their house, and Grandma Franc explaining that his birthday would not be on Thanksgiving anymore because the President changed it.

“The yards were very deep and backed up to the cemetery and there was a fence between them and the cemetery.

“He said that Grandpa Charlie was a painter and he had a truck with ladders. He remembered Christmases getting together at Sweezy Lake, and that Grandpa Charlie was also invited. He remembered Aunt Margaret and Uncle Fred being there, and that Aunt Margaret brought canned peaches. All others brought their special food, and he especially remembered pickled watermelon rinds.

“I mentioned the five-generation picture, and he said that Dad had called the *Citizen Patriot* and asked them to come out and take a picture; which they did. But, according to Bud it was never in the paper because he and Lynn were not from Jackson! That picture is the only one he has of Grandma Franc.”

From Mary Louise (Paige) West at 75½, Franc’s great-granddaughter:

“When I think of her, I think of drinking cold water from her refrigerator. There was lots of iron in it, so the clear glass Ball jar container was orange and it had a

special taste. Once in a while I will have water with a lot of iron in it, and it will remind me of her. It was not unpleasant. In fact, I am pretty sure I requested it. I also remember that she was always happy to see us. I remember going there one time for her birthday, and Grandma Maude had dropped a cake off for her birthday and I remember thinking it was strange that she would just leave a birthday cake and not stay and celebrate with her mother. Even as a child, that seemed strange to me. Also, Christmas Eve celebrations at our house included her and Esther Jewell. That was before she stopped leaving her house. She must have been afraid of leaving her house, probably in her 90's. I don't remember any of the adult discussions when we were there, so I really don't know much about her from those visits. I wish I had known to ask!"

From one of Mary's earlier memories that included Grandma Franc during the Paige family's Leroy Street years:

"Christmas Eve was always very exciting, too. It was when Dad's family, Grandma Maude, Ira, Grandma Franc, Uncle Mutt, Aunt Esther, Gayle, and Esther Jewell would come over. Grandma Maude brought Mogan David wine (the only time I remember there being alcohol in our house), and I think we had a ham dinner. (Eating was just something to get done with!)...."

From Sue Anne (Garrett) Johnston at nearly 66, Franc's 2nd great-granddaughter:

"I remember going to her 100th birthday party. I was amazed that there were sparklers on her birthday cake!"

Some Speculation

Other than claims that James J. Gargett was her father, Marie Laronge was her mother, and that she had a sister that was shot, there has never been any tangible evidence that connected Frankie to blood relatives other than her own numerous descendants.

Following are some possible clues to the identity of potential blood relatives of Frances | Franc | Frankie | Franky through her first name and the surname Laronge.

A Francis Laronge was boarding in the city of Oswego, Oswego County, New York at the time of the 1850 Federal census. Incidentally, Oswego is on Lake Ontario, not far by water from the border with Canada. He was staying in the following household:

Oswego City, 3rd Ward, County of Oswego
Dwelling 202, Family 232--
C.S. Sumner, 34, M Printer b. NY
Annis " , 30 F b. NY
Harriet " , 3 F b. NY
Mary " , 7/12 b. NY
Elnora Harrington, 17 F b. Ireland
Ira Cole, 20 M Printer b. NY
Francis Laronge, 21 M b. England
Clarence Chrydler, 17 M b. Canada

Many years later, when the 1920 Federal census was taken, there was a Francis E. Laronge living at Bark River, Delta County, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He was living alone, in a town about ten miles southwest of Escanaba. The following was his census information as of April 10, 1920.

Dwelling 99, Family 102---

Francis E. Laronge, 69 M b. Ireland, Immigrated to the United States in 1865.

His father was born in England and mother born in Ireland. Thus he would have been born in about 1851 and been about fourteen years old when immigrating to the United States. It's possible that he was a child of Francis and Elnora (Harrington) Laronge from the Sumner boarding house (see the above 1850 Federal census excerpt from Oswego City, New York), but this is purely speculation at this time.

For now, I'm thinking the relationship between the first Francis Laronge and our Frances Marie Laronge, if there was one, probably would be one of uncle and niece, with Francis potentially a brother of Marie Laronge. (See the final section, titled: *Provided for Future Research into the Name Laronge, LaRonge, La Ronge, etc.*, starting Page 437, for additional insights.)

Summation

My personal belief is that Frankie either did not know who her parents were, or knew who her mother was but did not know the name of her father. For some reason she glommed onto James Gargett, who may have been some form of acquaintance. When Frankie was growing up, his name would have been well known in Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, which is near his home county of Gratiot. One thing that stands out is that her profession of working with furs for Detroit's, and later Jackson's, well-to-do citizens could only have benefited by Frankie having a strong connection with someone of her customers' ilk. However, her daughter Maude knew very little about James, and some of what she did "know" was inaccurate. He was a Michigan Representative, but connection with either Alma College or Albion College hasn't been found.

James did plat and name the town of Alma, but that town credits the following two men with the original establishment of Alma College: "1886 - Alma College founded. Alma College received 30 acres of land donated by Ammi Wright and \$50,000 from Alexander Folsom of Bay City."²⁹ That is according to: <http://www.ci.alma.mi.us/milestones.htm>. Albion College, on the other hand, credits the Methodist church for its founding. As for being a millionaire, most of his many business ventures ended in failure, even disaster, and it was always his wife's money that came to the rescue. His having wealth in the end was declared by his obituary and by praise for having endowed a Seventh-day Adventist church in Richmond, Virginia. Though hinted at as a possibility, it is yet to be conclusively proven that any of his wealth benefited Frankie. As to Maude's remembrance, she may have met James at some time, and he even may have brought the family oranges from Florida, yet the presence of oranges in the family story brings into the open yet another possibility; that "Marie Laronge" was really Marie L'Orange, or Mary the Orange, potentially yet another fictitious name/relationship. (L'Orange exists as a surname.)

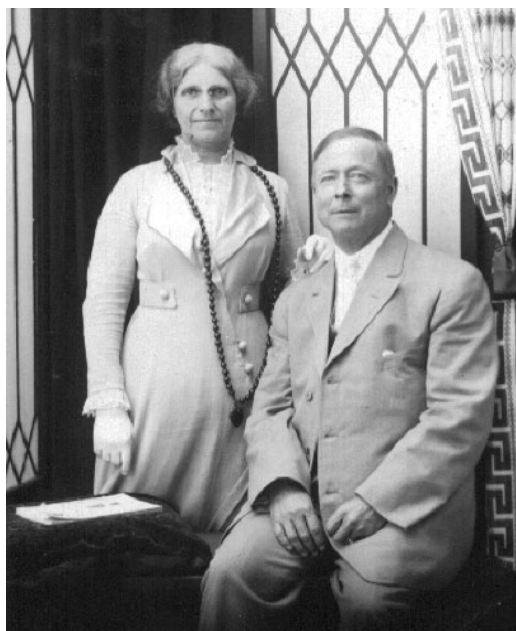
Before finally letting this topic go I would like to add possible validity to what her daughter Maude claimed. What if Frankie were born in Richmond, Virginia in 1861-2, became a

²⁹ James well may have endowed the college with money.

war orphan when her family was killed, such as during the *Seven Days Battles* of 1862 or *Siege of Richmond* from 1864-65, resulting in her sister being shot through the library window. Perhaps she was then brought to Michigan, accounting for her story of a long journey by covered wagon. Her foster or adoptive father Salmon had enlisted in the Civil War from Bingham, Clinton County, Michigan. A “Solomon J. Sutliff” was listed in the 2nd Michigan Cavalry, Company A, having enlisted at age 26 from that locale.³⁰ The 2nd Cavalry primarily saw action in Tennessee, with some, also, in Alabama and Virginia. Salmon might have taken pity on a little Civil-War-orphaned girl that had been carried off to Michigan for adoption, and raised her as part of his family to help fill the gap left by the death of his firstborn son Francis, which occurred September 25, 1864 while Salmon was serving in the war. A “Frances” to replace a “Francis” begs the question as to whether the name Frances was even her original birth name.

Embarrassment at being born in the South, during a time when in the North that would have been considered “politically incorrect,” plus all the attendant loss of family and heritage as an orphan, might have kept Frankie’s lips sealed to the fact throughout her life; a silence only broken by her daughter Maude’s death certificate and obituary declarations for her. There was also “Maud Page” listing her mother’s maiden name as “Frank M. La Ronge” and having been born in “VA” when marrying Ira Arthur Moore in 1942.

Unfortunately, except for the intervention of some miraculous new information, we may never know the whole truth. One thing is certain, however. Though there’s a good chance neither may be true, the Gargett story AND Virginia story would not seem likely to both be true, as evidenced by Gargett’s life’s timeline. Still, the silver lining for the Lady in Waiting we called Grandma Franc was a lifetime basking in the glory of a heritage she and her children enthusiastically proffered, accurate or not.



Frankie M. L. and Harry J. Witherell

³⁰ Listing Salmon as Solomon may have been a common error, especially since it’s an unusual name. For example, the index to the 1870 Federal census for Ovid had his name spelled “Solomon J. Sutliff.” Yet the actual written spelling on the census page was “Salmon J. Sutliff” A similar indexing error occurred for James and Odelia W. Gargett in the 1900 Federal census for Bermuda District, Chesterfield County, Virginia. In that index the surname was listed as “Garzett.”



Frankie holding court



Harry and Frankie with Billie Burk



Charles Page



Maude Page

Article about Frankie and her obituary as appeared in the *Jackson Citizen Patriot* newspaper

Mrs. Franc Witherell Is Dead at 102 Years

Mrs. Franc M. Witherell died Friday in the Keeney Rest Home at the age of 102.

Formerly of 934 S. Jackson, Mrs. Witherell's father, James P. Gargett was a member of the Michigan Legislature in the 1890s. He was a wealthy orange grower in Florida before he brought his family to Michigan in 1880.

He also owned land where the city of Alma now stands and later helped found Alma College.

Mrs. Witherell was born in Richmond, Va., on July 4, 1861, three months after the start of the Civil War. She lived in Lansing from 1880 to 1921, when she came to Jackson.

With the exception of periodical routine physical check-ups, Mrs. Witherell had never been under a doctor's care.

Her second husband, Harry J. Witherell, died in 1930.

She belonged to the Universal Church [of the Kingdom of God]. (See obituary column).

WITHERELL, FRANC M.

Formerly of 934 S. Jackson St. passed away at Keeney Rest Home Friday morning, age 102 years. Surviving are one daughter Mrs. Ira Moore of Jackson; seven grandchildren, Marshal Page of Norvell and Howard Page of Jackson and five other grandchildren of Chicago; many great-great-grandchildren and a few great-great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Witherell is at the Horne-Vinson Funeral Home, 1608 Francis St. where services will be held Monday 2 p.m. Interment Woodland Cemetery. Reverend R. P. Garrett of Saginaw Methodist Church officiating.

WITHERELL—

We wish to express our appreciation to all of our friends who were so kind in our recent bereavement, the loss of our mother, grandmother Mrs. Franc Witherell, also to the Reverend R. P. Garrett of Saginaw, the pallbearers, Horne-Vinson Funeral Home. The Woodland Flower Shop for their most beautifully arranged flowers and kind service of the Keeney Nursing Home. —Mrs. Maude Moore, Howard Page, Marshal Page.



Franc Witherell models a dress mid-life and visits relatives at Ovid in late life

Almon Castner's and Howard Paige's lines provide Frankie's still-blossoming posterity



Castners: Almon, Celia, Laronge, Gordon, Harry, baby Carlton (taken 1913 before Donald born)



Paiges: Howard, Jennie, R. Duane "Bud," Charlene, Margaret, Mary, Charlie (1980)

Frankie Marie Laronge (Sutliff/Gargett) and
Edward Potter Castner



Children of Edward Potter
& Frances Marie Laronge Castner



Almon Edward, Maude Annabelle, and Yula



Family picnic about 1925—At left: Frankie's stepson Harry Lawrence Witherell with his son Frederick O.; next, Howard Oswald Page and Frankie M. L. Witherell; next, Maude Annabelle Page; next, Margaret Frances Page and Harry L.'s wife Edna Mae Witherell; lastly, Harry Justin Witherell



Franc



Five generations: Frankie Witherell (seated); Maudie Moore; Howard, R. Duane “Bud,” and baby Lynn Paige (December 24, 1952)



Five generations by the number: (in chairs) (1)Frankie Witherell with baby (5)Sue Garrett and (2)Maudie Moore; (standing) (4)R. Duane “Bud” and (3)Howard Paige, (4)Charlene Garrett; (on footstool) (5) Lynn Paige and (5)Robert Garrett, Jr. (December 24, 1954)

Much of the Descendency of Edward and Frankie Castner

Some Descendants of Almon and Celia (Harrison) Castner

NOTE: This information is removed from the privatized version.

Descendants of Howard and Jennie (Barnes) Paige

NOTE: This information is removed from the privatized version.

Provided for Future Research into the Name Laronge, LaRonge, La Ronge, etc.

(More insights can be found in the above section titled: *Some Speculation*, Page 422.)

A Probably Not-Related Story: Our Marie Laronge, purported mother of our Frances Marie Laronge Gargett, has continued to be a mystery in the United States. In Europe, however, a parallel Marie Laronge was located who was a contemporary of ours. This one was born in 1834 at Saint Andre-de-Double, Dordogne, Aquitaine, France. (Saint Andre-de-Double is a commune in the Dordogne department in Nouvelle-Aquitaine.) Marie's father was Jean Laronge and her mother's maiden name was Jeanne Pasquet. She married Bernard Rousseau on May 25, 1858 in the town where she was born and lived most if not all of her life. He was born in 1833 to parents Annet Rousseau, and mother's maiden name was Marie Dalon.

The Rousseau's had a son Annet Rousseau in 1859 and had a daughter Marie Rousseau on May 26, 1861. Little Marie died December 8, 1862. Young Annet Rousseau survived childhood and married Elizabeth Marty on February 4, 1894. She was 20 years old, born 1874. Her father was Francois Marty and mother's maiden name was Catherine Dulapt.

The Laronge Clan of Cleveland: Louis L. Laronge, occupation physician, b. Alsace Lorrain, France/Germany June 1840 d. February 25, 1907 in Cleveland, OH; married Bertha Leiblich in 1876. She was b. May 16, 1848 in Buer, Hanover, Germany; d. June 25, 1925 in Cleveland, OH. Louis came to the United States in 1865. Bertha arrived in 1872 and was mother of 6 children, 5 still living as of 1900. That year the family was residing in Precinct C of Cleveland City, Ward 16, Cuyahoga Co., OH. They are probably the forebears of all Laronges living in and near Cleveland today.

Children:

Adolph b. July 1877 Ohio married Hilda Schwarz September 25, 1902 in Cleveland, OH

Joseph b. December 1881 Ohio married Retta Rosenthal June 7, 1903 in Cuyahoga, OH

Max b. April 1884 Ohio d. May 22, 1929 in Cleveland

Herman b. May 22, 1886 Ohio d. August 31, 1929 in Cleveland

Julia b. February 1888 Ohio married Adolph F. Pick

Canada, Michigan and Ohio: Philip Laronge, occupation boiler, b. 1840 in MI and parents born in Canada, was residing in Fremont, Sandusky Co., OH in 1880 with wife Julia b. 1844 in MI and children. Her parents were born in MI.

Children:

Nellie b. 1867 MI

Charles b. 1869 MI

Joseph b. 1872 MI

Note: A Martin Ronge died and was buried in Roanoke, VA, in 1999.

The Find-a-Grave website lists people in their database with the following name variations, including: La Ronge, LaRonge, and Laronge as follows. (Grandma Maude spelled it LaRonge in her notes and La Ronge when she married Ira Moore.) Also included are surnames LaRongea and Larongea. States include: California, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Washington state and Wisconsin. Countries include USA, Canada and France.

The Find-a-Grave name variation “Lorange” is very numerous and found in many states and countries—too numerous to tally here. Its original spelling was probably “L’Orange,” a spelling that also appears a number of times on Find-a-Grave but no where near as often as Lorange.

| La Ronge | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| State/Province | Number | City | County | Country |
| California | 1 | Riverside | Riverside | USA |
| Minnesota | 1 | Minneapolis | Hennepin | |
| Missouri | 1 | Cherryville | Crawford | |
| Washington | 1 | Tukwila | King | |
| | 1 | Chippewa Falls | Chippewa | |
| | 2 | La Crosse | La Crosse | |

| LaRonge | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| State/Province | Number | City | County | Country |
| Michigan | 1 | Niles | Berrien | USA |
| Missouri | 4 | Lemay | St. Louis | |
| Washington | 1 | SeaTac | King | |
| Wisconsin | 21 | Reserve | Sawyer | |
| | 1 | Ladysmith | | |
| | 7 | Hayward | | |
| | 5 | Island Lake | Rusk | |
| | 2 | Madison | Dane | |
| | 1 | Sun Prairie | | |
| | 3 | Ontario | Vernon | |
| 2 | Sparta | Monroe | | |

Note: The Louis L. and Bertha Laronge discussed earlier in this section were probably the forebears of all Laronges living in and near Cleveland (below). Also, one of the two people listed in Delphi, Indiana was a Mary Laronge for whom birth or death dates were not listed.

| Laronge | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| State/Province | Number | City | County | Country |
| California | 1 | Santa Barbara | Santa Barbara | USA |
| Indiana | 2 | Delphi | Carroll | USA |
| Louisiana | 1 | Chalmette | St. Bernard Parish | USA |
| Ohio | 7 | Cleveland | Cuyahoga | USA |
| | 10 | Cleveland Heights | | USA |

| Laronge | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| State/Province | Number | City | County | Country |
| Monteregie Region | 1 | Huntingdon | Quebec | Canada |
| Estevan Census Division | 1 | Dumas | Saskatchewan | Canada |
| Regina Census Division | 2 | Regina | | Canada |
| Dep. du Pas-de-Calais | 1 | Viny | Nord-Pas-de-Calais | France |
| Wisconsin | 1 | Bloomer | Chippewa | USA |
| | 1 | Milwaukee | Milwaukee | USA |

| LaRongea and Larongea | | | | |
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| State/Province | Number | City | County | Country |
| Michigan | 4 | Caro | Tuscola | USA |

| Larongea | | | | |
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| State/Province | Number | City | County | Country |
| Michigan | 2 | Sebewaing | Huron | USA |

