A HISTORY OF THE BLY FAMILY
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INTRODUCTION

In this work I have tried to do more than just record the names and dates of our ancestors. I have tried to show where everyone was a human being who once lived on this earth just as you and I do now. I have also tried to show how the family was related to the broader community and had a part in the shaping of the history of our country on a local and even a national level.

The time and research involved has been a pleasant and rewarding experience because I have come to know many people and have learned to appreciate the many excellent research facilities that are available. Many people have given me valuable assistance and co-operation in this work and I wish to thank everyone of them and to say that if there are deficiencies in this work the fault is entirely my own.

The appearance of this history marks approximately the two-hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Aby family in Virginia. If I seem to devote more attention to the earlier generations than to the more recent ones it is because my main desire was to reconstruct a story that has faded from the memory of the present and preserve it for the future before it was lost forever. May you find this work both interesting and informative and may you learn to cherish your own family heritage as an integral part of a much broader one.
PHILIP BLEY
"The Founding Father"

The majority of families in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia are descendants of German immigrants who came to Pennsylvania in the years between 1685 and 1775 and then moved southward into the Valley. Philip Bley (Ely) the first known ancestor of the Bly family in Virginia was among these immigrants. Though there are few known records of Philip Bley prior to his settlement in Virginia, a great deal is known about the early German settlers of Pennsylvania and Virginia. Because of this much can be learned about Philip Bley and the background of his life.

A great migration of German people to America began as a trickle in the last quarter of the seventeenth century as various persecuted religious groups sought a haven in William Penn’s new colony, where all faiths were tolerated. By the year 1725 the trickle had become a flood and within the next fifty years an estimated 65,000 or more Germans made the trans-Atlantic voyage. At first most came for religious reasons but others sought adventure and the great majority simply wished to escape the semi-feudal mode of existence that was still the lot of most of the lower classes of Europe. The situation was especially complicated in Germany. There was no political unity in Germany and years of war between the various princes created a chaotic atmosphere. The population was growing and the young men in particular found little opportunity for economic advancement or even security under the existing conditions.

Pennsylvania became almost exclusively a German settled colony, particularly the southeastern counties and to this day this region has its own distinctive German culture, perpetuated by religious beliefs in particular but even where that is not a factor many of the old customs and even the language have survived.
From Pennsylvania the Germans began to move southwestward into Maryland and Virginia as early as 1730. Once in Maryland they needed only to cross the Potomac River to enter Virginia. From 1732 onward a majority of those leaving Pennsylvania had Virginia as their destination.

The Shenandoah Valley, which is most accessible from the north, was the lure to Virginia. Its fertile fields, dense forests and protective mountains made it particular attractive to the growing number of pioneers seeking new lands. The fact that the geography of the Valley is in many ways similar to the German homeland must also have made it attractive. The English settlers to the East, on the other hand, were never very interested in the Valley simply because its natural features made it unsuitable for the establishment of great plantations or estates. The colonial government of the Tidewater region was quite content to let the "foreigners" settle the backwoods and fend off the Indians, while they raised tobacco for the English market.

The first major permanent settlement was made in 1732, when Jost Hite and sixteen other families settled in the Opequon-Cedar Creek area, a few miles south of the present city of Winchester. Within the next few years most of the land was surveyed by Lord Fairfax, the proprietor of the whole region and large portions of this land was soon granted to new settlers, most of them from Pennsylvania. Before long counties were laid off and towns established. Frederick County, comprising all the land west of the Blue Ridge and north of the Fairfax line was established in 1738, when the area was only sparsely settled but by 1753 the land had become inhabited enough to divide into two counties. All the land west of the Alleghenies became Hampshire and the Valley was Frederick County. By 1772 the Valley itself had become so populous that Dunmore (Shenandoah County since 1776) and Berkeley Counties were formed from parts of Frederick. The oldest town is Winchester; officially established in 1752.
Within the short period of forty years most of the land in these counties had been settled and at the time of the Revolution the ancestors of many of the present-day inhabitants of the Valley were well established as permanent residents. It was with these people, sharing many of the same hopes and experiences that Philip Bley, his wife, Maria Magdalena and their children arrived in the Shenandoah about 1770 and established a permanent home.

Philip Bley was born at Hornbach, a village in the Duchy of Zweibrücken in the German Rhineland, a son of Hans Werner Bley and his wife, Anna Elizabetha Huber. Hans Werner Bley, "a citizen and master cooper at Hornbach," died in the fall of 1757 and the inventory of his estate was made on May 5, 1759, "the said Werner Bley having been dead about 1½ years." He was survived only by his widow and two sons; Philipp Bley and Theobald Bley. The inventory further states that "Philipp Bley married here but ten years ago went into the district of Kleeburg and with the permission of the most gracious authorities went to America." Anna Elizabetha, widow of Werner Bley, died at Hornbach in 1764 and the settlement of her estate is dated May 23, 1770, she having been dead "for about six years." This record states that her son, Philipp, "twenty-two years ago went into Alsace, married at Trachenbronn and from there removed to America." This declaration was made by his brother, Theobald Bley, "a citizen and master cooper of Hornbach," who acted as administrator of the estate. There is a contradiction as to the place of Philip Bley's marriage, but both records indicate that he left Hornbach in 1748 and that he married about that time. Given the conditions of travel, he and his wife might be expected to have arrived in America in the fall of 1749.

Upon arrival in America all immigrants had to sign an oath of allegiance to the British king and many of the lists containing these signatures have been preserved. On September 15, 1749 the ship "Phoenix" docked in Philadelphia with
550 passengers from "Zweybruch, Nassau, Wirttemburg and the Palatinate." Among the signatures of the adult males aboard the "Phoenix" is that of "Filip Bley". This signature is almost identical to one that he made in a clear bold hand when witnessing a neighbor's will more than thirty years later.

Soon after arriving in America, Philip Bley and his wife, Maria Magdalena, settled in the frontier town of Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Here their children were born and Philip established himself as a blacksmith. No records of this early period can be found but it is not too difficult to imagine that the reports of plentiful and fertile land in Virginia became more and more attractive as the family grew in number and the older sons approached manhood. On June 17, 1766 "Philip Ply of Lebanon Town and Township in the County of Lancaster Province of Pennsylvania, Black Smith, and Magdalena his wife..." sold their lot on Market Street to John Light for the sum of 40 Pounds.

Philip Eley and his family moved to Virginia in the years between 1766 and 1770 and from 1770 onward there are enough records to reconstruct a clear picture of Philip's life in Virginia. The earliest known record of Philip in Virginia is dated Dec. 7, 1770 when he attended the sale of John Stickley's estate on Cedar Creek, north of Strasburg. His purchases included a pair of leather and a pair of woolen britches, a barrel, some spoons and dishes and two plain gun stocks. In May, 1771, Philip and his wife, Magdalena, were the sponsors at the baptism of Johann Philip Götz, infant son of Andreas and Anna Maria Götz, at the Lutheran Church in Strasburg. Then a year later, on May 18, 1772, Philip Eley purchased 313 acres of land in Dunmore County (renamed Shenandoah in 1776) from Henry Wetzel for the sum of seventy pounds and five shillings. This land lies in the northern end of the county, on the juncture of Paddy Run and Cedar Creek, adjacent to the Frederick County line and about ten miles west of Strasburg, on the west side of Little North Mountain.
Philip Ely's "plantation" was quite favorably located. There were two excellent streams with plenty of water power on his property and he was quick to utilize this by establishing a grist mill, a saw mill and a blacksmith shop on the banks of Paddy Run. In addition to the mills he owned some of the best farm land in the Cedar Creek Valley because of the wide meadows and deep soil of the bottomlands. All of this contributed to making Philip a man of position in his community.

Within several years Philip's older children were grown and had established families of their own, but apparently the homestead was capable of supporting a large multi-generation family because his sons stayed there after marrying. A county census was made in 1783 and Philip Eley is listed as the head of a family of four members and his oldest son, Jacob Eley is named as the head of a family of five. Another census was made in 1785 and by then Philip's second son, George, was the head of a family of four, while Philip's immediate family was reduced to three and Jacob still had five. All three lived on the same homestead and the 1785 census included the information that Philip's land was improved with two dwelling houses and two other substantial structures.

"Being very sick and weak in body" Philip Eley wrote his will on May 19, 1786 and died within the next month for his will was probated June 29, 1786. He was very generous to his "dearly beloved wife" who was given a one third interest in the plantation, the mills and the houses along with all the household goods and half the livestock for as long as she lived. His son Jacob Ely was to receive 213 acres of land and his son George Ely was to receive 100 acres along with the mills and smith tools. Jacob and George were named as executors and the other four children, namely: John Ely, Philip Ely, Barbara Coons and Elizabeth Ely were to receive 45 pounds each, to be paid by Jacob and George in a rather complicated schedule of payments described in the will. His son-
in-law, Philip Coons was to receive his large Bible upon paying three pounds to the other heirs and finally Philip directed that he buried in a "Christian-like and decent manner..." According to tradition, Philip Eley was buried in one of the fields of his homestead (as was the custom among the pioneers) and this site became the private graveyard of the early Ely family. There is no longer any evidence of a graveyard on what had been his land, however, one meadow along the bottomland of Paddy Run was until recently called the "Ely Field" though no members of the family have lived there since the early part of the nineteenth century.

Maria Magdalena Eley died prior to July, 1793, the date on which the inventory of the personal property of the estate of Philip Eley was made. A public sale of personal property was held on Sept. 11, 1793 but most of the purchases were by immediate members of the family.

The last third of Philip Eley’s life was spent in Virginia and by all accounts these were years of abundance and prosperity for him and his family. Besides his land, mills, dwelling houses and orchards, the inventory of his personal property included quantities of pewterware, ironware and household furniture, such as chests, cabinets and featherbeds, all of which were luxuries in a frontier society. His livestock consisted of cattle, hogs, sheep, fowl and even several swarms of bees. Along with the tools and farm implements that the family possessed it adds up to an impressive picture of self-sufficiency. It should be remembered that when they arrived in America, Philip and his wife could have had nothing more than a few personal possessions in a trunk. In his will Philip humbly stated that "It hath pleased God to bless me in this life...." To him this was not an empty legal phrase and his blessings extended beyond the material wealth to the opportunities offered by a new land open to all and to the strength and courage that it took to leave the old world behind and seek a new one.
Philip and Magdalena Eley raised a family of six children and perhaps had several who died young as was so often the case. Following are the names of Philip Eley's children with the approximate dates of birth, which have been carefully calculated, as well as the dates of death where they are known.

JACOB ELY, born about 1752, died Feb., 1794.
GEORGE ELY, born about 1754, died in 1827.
JOHN ELY, born in 1756, died July 7, 1821.
PHILIP ELY, born about 1758, died June, 1835.
BARBARA ELY, born about 1760, died prior to 1820.
ELIZABETH ELY, born about 1762, death unknown.

In his will, Philip Eley retained the German form for his own name but the names of his children were anglicized and that form (Ely) has been used by all succeeding generations of the family. The rest of this section will be devoted to the children of Philip Eley and their own immediate families.
Jacob Ely, oldest son of Philip and Magdalena, was probably born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania about 1752, though no definite place or date of birth can be established. He was already a young man when his family moved to Virginia and there he married Catherine Humble, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Humble in 1780 by publishing their banns "...according to the forms of the Lutheran Church of that day." Catherine Humble was born in 1762, in Frederick County, Virginia where her father owned land on Paddy Run, near the land of Philip Eley.*

Michael Humble died in April, 1781 and Philip Eley was the executor of his will. His lands were left to his only son, Michael Jr. who was to take care of his mother and to his only daughter, Catherine Ely, he gave one cow and calf, one mare, several sheep and ten pounds of "Virginia money."

Shortly after his marriage to Catherine, Jacob Ely enlisted as a private in Captain Jacob Rinker's company of the Eighth Virginia Militia, which was under the command of Colonel Peter Muhlenberg. This was during the later years of the Revolutionary War when a great deal of the fighting was being done in Virginia and the Carolinas. Jacob went with his company on an expedition southward and spent most of his time in South Carolina. This first tour of duty lasted a little more than six months during the winter of 1780 and 1781. In her widow's pension application, Catherine Ely also stated that Jacob left on several other short expeditions as a substitute for others in the years from 1781 to 1783.

Records of the Shenandoah County Court also show that Jacob Ely was appointed a constable in January, 1784 and served in that capacity for five years.

*Michael Humble (Hummel) and Philip Eley may have been long standing friends even prior to being neighbors in Virginia. In the records of Werner Eley's estate settlement it stated that his son Philip had gone to Trachenbrom in the Kleeburg district of Alsace, where he probably married. Research in the records of the district indicate Eleys lived there but nothing is found on Philip. However, a Hans Michael Hummel was born there Oct. 3, 1716 and left for America in 1749. This could easily be the Michael Humble who was Philip Eley's neighbor in Virginia.
When Philip Eley died in 1786 he left 213 acres of land to Jacob, on condition that he pay his brothers and sisters one hundred pounds to be divided among them. This was a considerable sum of money and there is some indication that he had difficulty meeting the obligation. Jacob conveyed part of his land to his brother John on Feb. 19, 1793 as part of the settlement and later in the same year sold him the remainder of the land. Perhaps Jacob sold his land because he was planning to move elsewhere with his family but if he had any such plans they were cut short by his death in February, 1794. In March, 1794, John Ely appeared in court and qualified as the administrator of Jacob's estate and an inventory of his estate was made and approved by the court in January, 1795.

After Jacob's death Catherine and her children lived in the Cedar Creek area of Frederick County with her brother, Michael Humble Jr. When Michael Jr. died in 1837 without a wife or children he left all of his real estate and personal property to his sister and it was to go to her children after her death. Catherine Ely applied for Jacob's pension benefits in the summer of 1838, when she was 76 years of age. She was assisted by her niece, Dorothy Ely, daughter of John. In her application Catherine gave the necessary information to prove that Jacob had served in the Revolution but unfortunately she did not say when and where he was born. She did include, however, a list of their six daughters and their birthdates.

The census of 1840 lists Catherine Ely as living alone and between the age of 70 and 80. On July 7, 1840 she wrote a short will leaving all her personal property to her "granddaughters" Rachel and Malinda Strawderman. Her will was probated on Aug. 31, 1840 with Abner Strawderman serving as executor. Jacob and Catherine Ely had six daughters and no sons. It has been difficult obtaining information concerning their daughters but considerable data has been collected.
Following are the daughters of Jacob and Catherine Ely with what has been gathered on them. However, no effort has been made to include all their possible descendants in this history.

ELIZABETH ELY, born Feb. 8, 1780, died Sept. 18, 1855.
RACHEL ELY, born May 5, 1782, died about 1845.
SARAH ELY, born June 17, 1785, died about 1842.
MARY ELY, born March 2, 1788, died about 1840.
REBECCA ELY, born April 9, 1790, died ?
PHEBE ELY, born Nov. 11, 1792, died Oct. 9, 1868.

ELIZABETH ELY, oldest daughter of Jacob was born Feb. 8, 1780, married John Grow in Shenandoah County, Va. on Mar. 11, 1805 and lived in Virginia until about 1840 at which time they moved to Gallia County, Ohio. John Grow probably died in Ohio and about 1848 Elizabeth moved to Cass County, Indiana with her son, George Grow, his wife Susan and their family. The family settled in Bethlehem township in the northern part of the county and George Grow died within a year or two of his arrival in Indiana. The 1850 census of Cass County lists only Elizabeth, age 70, her daughter-in-law, Susan, age 36 and her seven children: Joseph, age 13; William, age 11, both born in Virginia; Martha age ten, Henry age eight, George Jr. age six, James age four: all born in Ohio and Mary age two, born in Indiana.

In 1855 Elizabeth Grow "...of Cass County, State of Indiana...a child of Catherine Ely, dec'd and devisee of Michael Humble, dec'd...." sold her interest in the Humble estate to Elijah Pifer of Frederick County, Va. Elizabeth Ely Grow died in Cass County on Sept. 18, 1855 and her estate was settled on April 17, 1857 by Susan Grow, who was sole distributee.

No further record of the children of George and Susan Grow has yet been found except for their youngest son, James Grow. He was born in Ohio, Feb. 7, 1847, married Jane Ferguson of Cass County in 1867 and lived on a farm in Bethlehem township, Cass County, Ind. He died in Logansport, Ind. Nov. 20, 1917. At present there is no family by the name of Grow living in Cass County.
RACHEL BLY, second daughter of Jacob and Catherine, was born May 5, 1782 and married Andrew Lind on Sept. 17, 1804 in Shenandoah County. Andrew Lind was born about 1780 a son of George Lind who lived on Mulberry Run west of Strasburg, Va. On Feb. 12, 1800 Andrew Lind was appointed a lieutenant in the Shenandoah County militia and was apparently active in the militia some years after this. In 1812 his father and most of his family moved to Warren County, Ohio. Andrew and Rachel followed them to Ohio about 1815 and settled in Hamilton County where the 1820 and 1830 census lists them as residents of Miami township, near Cincinnati. Andrew Lind became a township clerk for Miami township in 1836 and probably died in 1838. He served as clerk for only two years and in records concerning the settlement of his father's estate in 1839 he was referred to as deceased.

Rachel Lind was listed as head of a family in the 1840 census which included herself (60 to 70 years of age), three males 20 to 30 years of age and one male between 20 and 25 years of age. She has not been found in the 1850 census. Also many Hamilton County records for this period were destroyed by a fire. According to information provided by some descendants of Andrew and Rachel they had nine sons but no other evidence corroborates this, though the earlier censuses indicate they had a number of sons. Only two sons have been identified; Andrew K. and Charles T. Lind, but they may also have had at least three more sons, namely, Thomas N., George W. and William H. Lind. From other records it is evident that Andrew and Rachel also had a daughter, Lucy, who was either too young or too delicate to make the trip west and was left with her grandmother, Catherine Bly. Following is what is available on the known children of Andrew and Rachel and some of their descendants.

ANDREW RICHARD LIND was born about 1806 and lived all of his life in Hamilton County, Ohio, where he owned a small farm in Miami township, near the town of Cleves. He served as a justice of the peace in Miami township from 1865 to
1880, probably the year he died. He was married and had several children, most of whom are thought to have moved to Kansas. His oldest son, Thomas N. Lind, was born May 26, 1839, served in the Union Army in the Civil War and died in Cleves, Ohio on Sept. 15, 1923. He was active in civic activities in his community and lived on the farm that had belonged to his father. He and his wife, Mary E. Spinning had six children, but only one son, George B. Lind,(1878-1961) left any descendants. His grandsons, Harry and Thomas Lind live near Cleves, Ohio and still own the original Andrew R. Lind homeplace.

CHARLES THOMAS LIND was born in Virginia on Dec. 15, 1811, grew to manhood in Ohio where he married Nancy Agnes McBride, a native of Ireland on Nov. 20, 1842. He and his wife moved to Ballard County, Kentucky where they lived for several years but about 1850 they moved to Knox County, Indiana and settled on a small farm near Sandborn, not far from the Greene County line. Charles Thomas Lind was a physician and during the Civil War he served as an examining doctor for the Union Army. He was also one of the few doctors in southwestern Indiana and it is said that he became so overworked that he took ill, accidently took the wrong medicine and died as a result. Charles and Nancy Lind had nine children and after her death in 1870 he married Sarah Curran but died shortly afterwards on Sept. 3, 1873. Dr. Charles T. Lind and his family were members of the Pleasantville Methodist Church at Pleasantville, Indiana and he is buried there. There are numerous Linds in and around Knox and Greene Counties Indiana descendant from Dr. Charles. Much of the information concerning him has been provided by Mr. and Mrs. Don Lind of Sandborn, Indiana, who have compiled a list of the descendants of Dr. C. T. Lind.

LUCY LIND, only known daughter of Andrew and Rachel, was born in 1815 and being too young or too delicate to make the trip west with her parents was left in Virginia with her grandmother, Catherine Ely. She married Abner Strawderman
on June 2, 1838 under the name Lucy Ely. Abner Strawderman was born in Hardy County (now West Virginia) on May 1, 1813 a son of Johann Anthony Strawderman and he first appeared in Frederick County in 1834 when he leased land from Michael Humble. After 1840 Abner Strawderman was in possession of the portion of the Humble estate that would have gone to Rachel Ely Lind or her heirs. The 1840 census lists Abner Strawderman as a neighbor of Catherine Ely and in addition to his wife there were two female children under ten years of age in his home. Abner Strawderman leased his land in 1846 to William Remsen, who was interested in the mineral rights. Lucy Strawderman died about 1845 or 1846 because not only did Abner release his land but he moved back to Hardy County where the 1850 census lists him as head of a family containing only his daughters, Malinda age twelve and Rachel age ten.

Abner Strawderman married Belinda Bolenor in 1856 in Hardy County and had several more daughters. He finally sold his property in Frederick County in 1861 to Joseph Patterson of New York, who bought it for the purpose of operating a manganese mine. This land all part of the old Humble estate, is on what is known as the Old Mine Tract, where manganese has been mined since 1834 and where a rather large concern was developed after the Civil War. Abner Strawderman died near Lost River, W. Va. on Dec. 3, 1891. His daughter, Malinda died prior to 1870 and nothing more can be found concerning his daughter, Rachel. There are probably no further descendants of this family.

SARAH ELY, born June 17, 1785, third daughter of Jacob and Catherine, married John Redd on May 2, 1803 and lived in Frederick County, Virginia for a number of years but later moved to Hardy County, where they were living in 1839 when "Sarah Redd, wife of John Redd of Hardy County..." sold her interest in the Humble estate to Elijah Pifer. John Redd, a farmer by trade, was born in Frederick County in 1777, a son of Andreas Redd (Roth). He and Sarah were parents of six children and about 1842 the family returned to Frederick County where
Sarah died prior to 1850. On Sept. 3, 1851 John Redd wrote his will and he died within a year for his will was probated on Sept. 6, 1852. His children as listed in his will and the 1850 census were: John B. Redd, born about 1806, went to Union County, Ind. 1833; Elizabeth Redd, born in 1808, was unmarried in 1850; Joseph S. Redd, born in 1810, married Martha Redd, widow of his brother James in 1852; Susan S. Redd, born in 1813 and was unmarried in 1850; James Henry Redd was born in 1818, married Martha Elswanger and died in 1851. He had one son, James H. Jr. born in 1850 and Andrew Jacob Redd, youngest son of John and Sarah was born in 1820 and left Virginia before 1860. John Redd of Indiana married and left descendants in the west.

MARY ELY, born Mar. 2, 1788, fourth daughter of Jacob and Catherine, was more commonly called "Polly" and in 1801 became the ward of George Hinkins. On Sept. 8, 1806 she married John Ohaver in Shenandoah County and lived there until 1830 at which time they moved to Hardy County (now West Virginia). Both were still living in 1837 when John and Mary of Hardy County sold their interest in the Humble estate to Elijah Pifer. The 1840 census of Hardy County lists John Ohaver as head of a family but his wife was no longer living. John died prior to 1850. Earlier census records indicate that John and "Polly" Ohaver had a rather large family but the names of only a few of their children have been verified and no further descendants have been located. John Ohaver Jr. married Jane Garrett in Frederick County on Mar. 26, 1836 but died prior to 1840 when his widow remarried. The family of Joseph Ohaver, age 40 is listed in the 1850 census of Hardy County and contained the following members: Sarah C. age 16, John W. age 15, Phebe Ann age 13, Mary E. age ten, Martin V.B. age eight, and Joseph A. age six. Joseph Ohaver's wife was Rebecca Kisner and they later lived in Preston County, West Virginia. Cornelius Ohaver, probably a son of John and "Polly" married Rachel Ogden on Dec. 31, 1837 and was listed in the 1850
census as 32 years of age and head of the following family: Rachel age 29, David age 16 (probably a brother), Warren age 12, John age 11, Joseph age nine, William age seven, Jesse age four and Mary R. age one month. There is now no Ohaver family in Hardy County.

REBECCA BLY, fifth daughter of Jacob, was born Apr. 9, 1790, married Abraham Tewalt, son of Jacob Tewalt on Mar. 5, 1812 and lived in the Cedar Creek area of Frederick County until 1836 at which time they sold the land that Abraham had inherited from his father and moved to Hampshire County (now West Virginia). In 1837 Abraham and Rebecca Tewalt "of the County of Hampshire" sold their full share of land which Rebecca inherited from the Humble estate. By 1840 the Tewalts had moved to Knox County, Indiana, where Abraham died prior to Apr. 20, 1846. Michael Humble Jr. designated in his will that his shoemaker tools were to go to John Tewalt, son of Abraham. Any other children or descendants of Abraham and Rebecca have not been determined, nor is Rebecca's death date known.

PHEBE ELY, born Nov. 11, 1792, the youngest daughter of Jacob Ely, married Abraham Garrett, son of Lawrence Garrett of Frederick County on Mar. 20, 1820. Soon after their marriage they moved to Greene County Indiana where they are listed in the 1820 census. In 1829 they sold the land in Frederick County, inherited from his father and in 1838 they sold Phebe's share of the Humble estate. Abraham and Phebe lived on a farm in Stafford township in the southern part of the county and Abraham established a wool carding mill about 1833. Abraham Garrett was born on Nov. 1, 1784 and died on Sept. 3, 1865. Phebe died in Indiana on Oct. 9, 1868, the last surviving of the children of Jacob Ely. Abraham and Phebe were members of the Pleasantville Methodist Church at Pleasantville, Indiana and both are buried there. They were parents of four children.

ELIZA GARRETT, oldest child of Abraham and Phebe was born in 1822, married Uriah Wolfe, son of Jacob Wolfe of Frederick County, Va. on Mar. 26, 1840 and died on August 24, 1841. She had one son but died shortly after his birth.
She is buried near Pleasantville, Indiana. Her son was Joseph Abraham Wolfe, born Feb. 9, 1841. He lived near Oaktown, Indiana and was twice married—first to Eliza Frye and second to Mary Keckley. Nothing more is known of his descendants, but it is thought he had children.

HARRIET GARRETT, second daughter of Abraham and Phebe was born Feb. 9, 1824, married Eli Good, a native of Virginia on Dec. 23, 1842 and died Aug. 27, 1850. She had three sons: Jacob Good, born Jan. 6, 1844, died Dec. 18, 1847; Uriah Good, born 1846, m. Urinda Beck and John Good, born in 1848.

JACOB GARRETT, born Apr. 18, 1828, only son of Abraham and Phebe, married Jane Smith on Feb. 15, 1855 and lived on his father's farm in Stafford township, Greene County, Indiana where he died Mar. 31, 1879. His wife Jane, born Mar. 13, 1834, died Oct. 28, 1911. Jacob and his family were members of the Pleasantville Methodist Church at Pleasantville, Indiana and he is buried in the cemetery there. He was father of ten children, six of whom died in infancy. Following are his four children who reached adulthood: Sarah Margaret Garrett, b. 1858, married Isaac Adams; Mary Harriet Garrett, born 1860, married Henry Adams; Joseph A. Garrett, b. 1864, married Elizabeth Bailey and died in 1937 and Jacob R. Garrett, born in 1871, married Elizabeth Denny and lived on the family farm near Pleasantville. He had four children: Everett, Hazel, Bessie and John. A son of Everett; Everett Gene Garrett, married Margaret Jane Lind, a great-granddaughter of Dr. Charles T. Lind, son of Andrew and Rachel Ely Lind.

MARY GARRETT, born in 1837, youngest daughter of Abraham and Phebe, married David Delay in Greene County on Mar. 16, 1854 and lived in Greene County where nine children were born to them, of whom six died in childhood. Their three surviving children were: Albert, born 1858; Cora M. born 1871; and Sollie P. born in 1876. No further information is presently available on descendants of this family.
George Bly, the second son of Philip and Magdalena, was born about 1734 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania and was already a young man when he came to Virginia with his family. The first record of him in the Valley is his marriage in 1783. On Apr. 23, 1783 George "Pley" and Elizabeth Taylor were married by the Rev. Anderson Moffett, a Baptist minister in Shenandoah County. Elizabeth's parentage is not known but there were several Taylor families in the Valley at that time.

There is just the briefest evidence that George Bly may have gone on a military expedition to Carolina the same time as his brother Jacob. In Catherine Bly's pension application there was a note which stated that when Jacob returned from Carolina in 1781 he returned a rifle to John Bird of Woodstock for his brother George. It is unclear whether he meant George Bly or George as the brother of John Bird. George Bly's name does not appear in any of the military records of the Revolution nor did he ever apply for a pension. If he did indeed serve it must have been for a brief expedition or as a substitute and therefore did not qualify for a pension.

George and Elizabeth lived on his father's homestead and when Philip Bly died in 1786 he left 100 acres of land and all his mills and smith tools to George on the condition that he pay 80 pounds cash to be divided among his brothers and sisters, with the exception of Jacob, who received the greater portion of the land. The 1785 census for Shenandoah County lists George Bly as the head of a family of four members and since he probably had only one child at that time the family may have also included his brother, sister or an in-law. The census records of 1800 were destroyed by fire and so there is no record of the family at that time. He continued to live and work
on his homestead until he sold his land to George Rudolph in 1805. Even after selling his land he must have continued to live on the same property, perhaps as a tenant, because the census of 1810 and 1820 continue to list him in the Cedar Creek neighborhood. The census of 1810 lists George Ely as over 45 years of age, there is a female in the family over 45 and a female under ten. By this time most of his children were grown and had begun families of their own. The older woman in his family may have been his sister or a housekeeper for there is evidence that his wife was dead by this time. The census for 1820 lists George Ely as over 45 years of age, there is a woman over 45 and two women under 26 in the family.

It is apparent from various sources that George Ely had difficulty in maintaining and continuing his father's legacy. The other sons of Philip sold their lands because of financial or marital difficulty. Then after Jacob's death, after John sold his land and perhaps because of ill health it may have been rather difficult for George to continue operating his mills, farm his land and meet the financial obligations set down in his father's will. So he too sold his land and may have used the money to settle a suit which his sister Barbara, wife of Philip Koontz had initiated against him in 1802. In 1807 George's wife may have died because he had to appear before the County Court to show evidence that he could care for his minor children. He must have been unable to do so because in 1807 several of his children became wards of the Court and were bound over to guardians. George Ely continues to appear on the personal property tax lists and a note on the lists for 1821 states that he is too poor to pay his taxes and too disabled to work. The last year in which he appears on the lists is 1827 and so it can be assumed that is when he died. There has been no intention to malign George but there has been no intention of glossing over the truth for the sake of family pride. If he experienced hardship and poverty he was certainly not alone in an age when
adversity was far more familiar to everyone. George and Elizabeth Ely were
the parents of at least eight children. Very little information can be found on
some of them. Several never married or died young and some moved west. His two
oldest children however, married, remained in the Valley and established families
that have been traced rather thoroughly. Their children were:

ADAM BLY, born 1784, died 1831.
MAGDALENA ELY, born May 20, 1787, died May 10, 1874.
JAMES ELY, born about 1789, nothing more known.
SUSANNAH ELY, born 1790, died about 1856.
PHILLIP ELY, born about 1792, died as a young man.
SARAH ELY, born about 1794, moved west.
GEORGE ELY Jr., born 1796, died prior to 1840.
BARBARA ELY, born 1805, moved west.

ADAM ELY, oldest son of George and Elizabeth, was born on Cedar Creek in
1784 and grew to manhood on the Ely homestead there. He married Mary Bauserman,
daughter of Frederick Bauserman Jr. and his wife, Judith, on Nov. 8, 1808.
Mary Bauserman was also born in 1784 and her father lived on a homestead in
northern Shenandoah County. He died in December, 1825. Adam and Mary moved
east of the North Mountain shortly after their marriage and lived in the neigh­
borhood of Mt. Olive.

During the War of 1812, Adam Ely served as a private in Capt. William Newell's
company of the Second Regiment of the Virginia Militia and spent several months
near Richmond in 1814 while on manoeuvres. Adam Ely was one of the subscribers
to the Hottel schoolhouse, which was built near Mt. Olive in 1823 and he and his
wife were also members of the Friedens Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church.
This congregation was composed of families from the Mt. Olive-Toms Brook area
and its meetings were held as early as 1806 in the Borden Schoolhouse near Toms
Brook. They later met regularly at the Hottel Schoolhouse and in November, 1824
a separate church building was completed near Mt. Olive.

About 1830 Adam and Mary may have moved closer to Woodstock because their
names do not appear in the records of the Friedens Church after 1833 and later
census lists give their neighbors as Lambert, Spiggle and Gochenour. This would definitely place them near Woodstock. Adam Ely was a farmer but he never owned any land. Instead he must have leased the land he farmed or served as a tenant. According to census records he and Mary never had a large family and his family Bible, in possession of descendants in Ohio, lists only the birth of a son and a daughter. The exact date of Adam Ely's death is not known but he and Mary were living in 1850. In 1852, their only son and heir moved to Ohio. It seems unlikely that he would have moved west if he had to leave his aged parents behind. The last year in which Adam Ely appears in the tax lists of Shenandoah County is 1851. However Mary Ely again appears in the records of Friedens Church in May, 1853, when she took communion. She may have lived with a brother or sister after the death of her husband and since this is the last reference to her she probably died shortly after this. Adam and Mary had two children; a son Henry (see below) and a daughter Catherine, born Oct. 11, 1812 and died as a young woman. Following is an account of their son Henry.

HENRY ELY, born March 31, 1810, married Eunice Hawkins, daughter of Samuel Hawkins on Oct. 19, 1829 and was widowed within a year or two. Henry then married Rosanna Woolf of near Edinburg, Va. on June 22, 1832. Henry and Rosanna lived near Edinburg for the next twenty years and Henry served as a magistrate in Shenandoah County for several years. In 1851 they sold the land which they inherited from Rosanna's step-father, Lewis Bearsch, and by 1852 moved with their family to Richland County, Ohio and settled on a farm near the town of Olivesburg. Richland County, in the heart of Ohio, was heavily settled by families from the Valley and there is a village there named Shenandoah. In 1878 Henry Ely and his family moved to Williams County, in northwestern Ohio and bought a farm near the town of West Unity. They became members of the Beaver Creek Methodist Church near West Unity. Henry Ely died at his home on May 2, 1886 and Rosanna, born in Shenandoah County on Jan. 19, 1815, died July 6, 1891.
Both are buried in the Beaver Creek Cemetery. Henry and Rosanna Ely had a
large family of sixteen children, four sons and twelve daughters. Following are
their children. Additional information on them and their descendants will be
given in the next section of this history.

MARY CATHERINE ELY, born July 9, 1833, died June 24, 1878.
ELLEN ELIZABETH ELY, born Apr. 27, 1834, died 1893.
SARAH ANN ELY, born Nov. 27, 1836, died 1898.
CAROLINE ELY, born Oct. 5, 1838, died Oct. 10, 1904.
ROSANNA ELY, born May 26, 1842, died Sept. 30, 1923.
LYDIA ELY, born Mar. 23, 1844, died 1935.
ARABELLA FRANCES ELY, born Nov. 5, 1845, died Mar. 27, 1921.
VIRGINIA ELY, born Nov. 2, 1849, died 1929.
AMANDA ELY, born Sept. 21, 1851, died Dec. 27, 1923.
ALICE ADELE ELY, born Feb. 4, 1855, died 1941.
SUNICE ELY, born Aug. 22, 1856, died 1895.
WILLIAM ELY, born Dec. 18, 1858, died May 10, 1933.
JOHN ELY, born Apr. 7, 1861, died Sept. 20, 1937.

MAGDALENA ELY, oldest daughter of George and Elizabeth, was born on Cedar
Creek on May 20, 1787 and married Jacob Snarr of Shenandoah County on Sept. 27,
1807. Jacob Snarr was born near Mt. Olive on Sept. 7, 1786, son of Henry and
Barbara Snarr.* Jacob and Magdalena Ely Snarr lived on the old Snarr homestead
near Mt. Olive and there raised a family of seven children. They were among
the founders and original members of the Friedens Evangelical Lutheran and
Reformed Church in 1824 and Jacob helped to build the first church building,
contributing both labor and money. Earlier he had also co-operated in building
the Hottel Schoolhouse, one of the first schools in that part of the county.

*The founder of the Snarr family in the Shenandoah Valley was Jacob Snarr
(Schnerr) who came from Germany in 1754, lived in Northampton County, Pa. for
about 15 years and then settled in Shenandoah County, where he died in 1771.
His wife was named Anna Barbara and they had at least three children: Barbara,
who married John Mauck in 1786, Jacob Jr. who died young and Jörg Heinrich
(Henry), born March 10, 1761, married Barbara Didawick, daughter of Stephen
Didawick(Ditewig) and died near Mt. Olive in 1816. Henry and Barbara had four
children: Jacob(above), John, Catherine and Elizabeth. John married Mary
hottel and had a large family; Catherine married Joseph Hottel and had a large
family; Elizabeth married Jacob Peer and lived in the Cedar Creek Valley.
Jacob Snarr died Feb. 26, 1869. Magdalena Ely Snarr died just short of her eighty-seventh birthday on May 10, 1874. She and Jacob are buried in the old Hottel-Keller cemetery at Mt. Olive on the hill above the Snarr homestead. Their children were as follows:

CATHERINE SNARR, born June 23, 1808, died May 3, 1888.
WILLIAM SNARR, born June 20, 1810, died Jan. 28, 1883.
LYDIA SNARR, born in 1815, died in 1855.
SARAH SNARR, born in 1817, died about 1865.
DAVID SNARR, born Sept. 25, 1820, died Feb. 14, 1867.
MARY ANN SNARR, born Mar. 31, 1824, died Feb. 20, 1879.
MARGARET ANN SNARR, born Dec. 15, 1828, died Oct. 29, 1911.

CATHERINE SNARR, oldest of the children of Jacob and Magdalena was born on June 23, 1808, married John Dirting on Dec. 11, 1852 and lived on a farm on Pugh's Run just north of Woodstock, Va. where she died on May 3, 1888. The Drintings had no children for they married late in life, however, Catherine, who was more commonly called "Kitty" had one son before her marriage. Her son, Tobias Snarr, was born in 1828, married Sarah Baker and lived near Woodstock. Both Tobias and his wife were dead by 1865 leaving two minor sons, John and Campbell Snarr. They are thought to have gone west.

WILLIAM SNARR, born near Mt. Olive on June 20, 1810, married Eliza Good of near Woodstock on May 7, 1836 and lived on the Snarr homestead as a farmer. He and his family were members of the Friedens Lutheran Church until 1857, at which time they, along with a number of other families from the area went by wagon to Harrison County in southern Indiana and settled on a farm near the town of Corydon. About 1870 he and most of his family moved to Montgomery County, Missouri and settled in the community of High Hill, near the town of Jonesboro. He died there on Jan. 28, 1883. His wife, Eliza, was born in Shenandoah County on Oct. 8, 1817 and died in Missouri on Aug. 19, 1889. They were the parents of eight children, seven of them born in Virginia. Their children are listed here but further information on them and their descendants will be given in the next section of this history.
Children of William and Eliza Snarr:

ROSANNA SNARR, born June 22, 1840, died Aug. 20, 1912.
SARAH ELIZABETH SNARR, born May 1, 1842, died by 1889.
MARY FRANCES SNARR, born Mar. 9, 1844, died Dec. 23, 1926.
JOSIAH SNARR, born Oct. 18, 1845, died Nov. 19, 1907.
WILLIAM DAVID SNARR, born Aug. 10, 1849, died Jan. 20, 1911.
HENRY HAMPSON SNARR, born May 3, 1852, died Jan. 6, 1923.
JACOB ANDREW SNARR, born Apr. 28, 1856, died Sept. 22, 1936.
ISAIAH FRANKLIN SNARR, born Feb. 8, 1859, died May 24, 1932.

LYDIA SNARR, born in 1815, married Samuel Warner in 1832 and lived near Mt. Olive for several years but later lived on a farm near Walnut Springs in northern Shenandoah County. Samuel Warner was born Jan. 27, 1809, a son of Philip and Rachel Hottel Warner and died on Jan. 27, 1864 after being run over by a wagon. Lydia Snarr Warner died in 1835, leaving nine children, some of them quite small. They are the ancestors of the Warners of Shenandoah County. Following are her children, with additional information on them and their descendants to be included in the next section.

MARY JANE WARNER, born Mar. 31, 1834, died Sept. 21, 1907.
WILLIAM MARTIN WARNER, born Sept. 4, 1835, died 1865.
JOHN HENRY WARNER, born May 31, 1837, died 1864.
ELIZABETH WARNER, born Jan. 18, 1839, died Sept. 8, 1906.
RACHEL ANN WARNER, born May 1, 1841, died in infancy.
BARRABA ANN WARNER, born Mar. 8, 1843, died in infancy.
PHILIP PETER WARNER, born Mar. 23, 1845, died Aug. 9, 1913.
MARGARET CATHERINE WARNER, born May 12, 1847, died May 31, 1898.
JACOB WARNER, born June 9, 1849, died June 28, 1910.

SARAH SNARR, born near Mt. Olive in 1817, married John Swartz Jr. on Apr. 2, 1836 and lived on a farm east of Toms Brook, where she died between 1860 and 1866. John Swartz was born in 1805, son of John and Susan Lehman Swartz and died on Oct. 4, 1889. He and Sarah were parents of ten children, most of whom moved west to Ohio and Indiana. Very little can be found concerning their descendants except for one daughter, Lydia Margaret, who married Philip P. Ely, son of William Ely and lived near Strasburg. Following is what scant information is known about their other children. Zimri Swartz, their oldest son was born
on July 24, 1836, married Catherine Coffman and about 1868 moved to Henry County, Indiana, where he settled in Fall Creek township. His wife Catherine died in 1877 and by 1880 he was remarried because the 1880 census gives his wife's name as Elizabeth. He and Catherine had at least six children according to census records: Mary Susan, born 1861, died 1876; Jacob, born 1863, Charles, b. 1867, Sally, born 1869, John W. born 1873 and James A. born 1875. Nothing more can be found concerning Zimri and his descendants. Susannah Swartz, daughter of John and Sarah was born May 29, 1839 and married John Reedy in 1866. Benjamin Franklin Swartz, son of John and Sarah was born June 29, 1841, moved to Springfield, Ohio about 1860 and married Margaret Einestein in 1863. They had two children, Mary and John and she died in 1893. Benjamin married Sarah Dallas and had one son, Ben. His daughter, Mary E. Swartz was born in 1867, married John Rauch and died in 1940. His son, John M. Swartz was born in 1871, married Mae Burke and died about 1915. Benjamin E. Swartz, son of Benjamin and Sarah Dallas, was born May 25, 1897 and was living in Springfield, Ohio in 1963. Mary Ann Swartz, daughter of John and Sarah was born in 1843, and died unmarried in Ohio. George Swartz was born Dec. 19, 1845 and died in Clark County, Ohio on Aug. 2, 1903. Moses Swartz was born in 1848, moved to Clark County, Ohio where he married Martha Campbell in 1872 and died about 1898. He like his brother Ben was a railroad engineer. Lydia Margaret Swartz, born Mar. 4, 1830, married Philip P. Ely. Amanda Swartz, born in 1833 but nothing else is known about her. Eliza Ann Swartz, born in 1835, married a Mr. Corbin and Sarah Elizabeth Swartz, youngest of the ten children of John and Sarah was born Feb. 7, 1858 and died on Sept. 8, 1867.

DAVID SNARR, born near Mt. Olive on Sept. 25, 1820, married Elizabeth Ann Feller on Nov. 26, 1844 and lived on his homeplace, where he died Feb. 14, 1867. He had no children and is buried with his parents in the Hottel Keller cemetery. His widow, Elizabeth, married his cousin, George H. Snarr.
MARY ANN SNARR, daughter of Jacob and Magdalena, was born on March 31, 1824 and was baptized at the Friedens Church on June 13, 1824. She never married and made her home with her parents, taking care of them in their old age. Jacob was somewhat more generous to her in his will because of this. After the death of her parents she lived with her widowed sister, Margaret Snarr Rutz and died on Feb. 20, 1879. She is buried with her parents.

MARGARET ANN SNARR, the youngest of the children of Jacob and Magdalena Ely Snarr, was born Dec. 15, 1828 and was baptized at the Friedens Church on May 31, 1829. She married Jacob Henry Rutz on Feb. 26, 1852 and lived on her homeplace for several years but then moved to the Bean Settlement on Baker's Run in Hardy County, where Jacob Rutz took up land as a farmer. Jacob H. Rutz was born Dec. 25, 1828, son of John Rutz and during the Civil War he was conscripted into the Confederate Army and served as a private in the 14th Virginia Infantry. He died of pneumonia in Jackson, Mississippi on Oct. 26, 1862. Jacob and "Peggy" Rutz were the parents of four children and after his death she moved back to Shenandoah County and lived with her mother. She and her sister, Mary Ann, later bought a small farm near her homeplace. Margaret Snarr Rutz died Oct. 29, 1911 and is buried in the cemetery of St. John's Reformed Church at Harrisville.

Jacob and Margaret were ancestors of the Rutz families of Shenandoah County. Following are their children with additional information on them and their descendants to be given in the next section.

ELIZABETH CATHERINE RUTZ, born July 23, 1853, died 1936.
EDWARD FRANKLIN RUTZ, born June 12, 1855, died Jan. 28, 1922.
JACOB HENRY RUTZ, born Nov. 14, 1857, died in 1937.
JOHN WESLEY RUTZ, born May 17, 1860, died Jan. 6, 1946.

JAMES ELY, second son of George and Elizabeth, was born about 1789 and apparently lived in Shenandoah County until at least 1816. In that year he signed bond for one of his sisters' marriage but nothing else is known about him. He either died young or moved west.
SUSANNAH ELY, the second daughter of George and Elizabeth, was born on Cedar Creek in 1790 and on Jan. 13, 1816 married Samuel Good in Shenandoah County. Nothing is known of the parentage of Samuel Good but there were several Good families of German descent in the area from the earliest days. Samuel and Susannah lived near Mt. Olive and both were members of the Friedens Evangelical and Reformed Church. Samuel Good helped to build the first church building in 1824 and both appear among the lists of communicants for many years thereafter. Samuel Good died prior to 1850, for the census of that year lists Susannah Good as 60 years of age and the head of a family of three other persons, evidently her children. Susannah is not listed in the 1860 census and it can be assumed that she was dead by that time. Further information on this family has been difficult to obtain. They apparently never owned any land and no will settlement or administrative bond was ever made in the disposal of their estate. Samuel and Susannah had at least three children, according to the census but there may have been more. Susannah also had a daughter, Elizabeth, born before her marriage.* Following are the children of Samuel and Susannah but only their youngest son has left descendants.

LEAH GOOD, born in 1818, the oldest of the three children of Samuel and Susannah, she was living with her mother in 1850 but no further record of her can be found. She probably died young and unmarried.

PAUL GOOD, born in 1823, married Sarah Hotsinpiller, daughter of Jacob Hotsinpiller in 1851 and bought property at Fishers Hill, near Strasburg. He died about 1895 and left no children.

EMANUEL GOOD, born Mar. 22, 1825, married Rebecca Ann Feller on Dec. 15, 1852 and in October, 1857 moved to Harrison County Indiana with the large contingency.

*Elizabeth, born in 1811, married Jonathan Gochenour, a widower in 1856 and lived near Maurertown. She was listed in the 1850 census as Elizabeth Snarr and when she married she gave her parents as Susan Ely and John Snarr. Jonathan and Elizabeth had no children. He died in 1850 and she died in 1863.
of families from the Mt. Olive-Toms Brook area that also included Rebecca's parents, Joseph and Nancy Hamman Feller and Emanuel's cousin, William Snarr. Emanuel and Rebecca settled on a farm near Corydon, Indiana and were parents of twelve children. Emanuel died on June 17, 1890 and his wife died in 1903. A list of their children and some of their descendants can be found in the History of the Hottel Family.

PHILIP ELY, third son of George and Elizabeth was born about 1792 and in December, 1807 was made a ward of Daniel Hottel "...to learn the art of farming, according to law...." He probably died as a young man for no further record of him can be found.

SARAH ELY, daughter of George and Elizabeth was born about 1794 and in 1807 became the ward of Augustine Windle Jr. "to learn spinning and weaving according to law...." On Sept. 3, 1815 Sarah Ely married George Fetherling Jr. in Shenandoah County and lived there until at least 1830. The census for that year lists four children in their family, two sons and two daughters. George Fetherling was probably born in Pennsylvania, where the family name appears in the early records of Lancaster County. George also appears on the payroll of Capt. William Newell's regiment of Virginia Infantry in the War of 1812, the same regiment in which his brother-in-law, Adam Ely served. The Fetherling family is not listed in the 1850 census of Shenandoah County and most certainly moved west.

GEORGE ELY JR. youngest son of George and Elizabeth, was born on Cedar Creek in 1796 and was a young man when he moved across the mountain to the Mt. Olive area and probably lived with his sister and brother-in-law, Jacob and Magdalena Snarr. George Ely Jr. first appears on the tax rolls of Shenandoah County in 1818 and in 1822 he did a considerable amount of carpentry work for the Hottel School House. Shortly after this he moved to Harrison County, Indiana, where
he married Sarah Sibert on Dec. 11, 1823. Sarah Sibert was most likely from Shenandoah County since there were several Sibert families in the Toms Brook-Mt. Olive area. George must have gone to Indiana in the summer of 1823 with a group of families that also included the Siberts. The 1830 census of Harrison County lists George Ely as head of a family of four that included himself, a female over 26 (Sarah) and one male between five and ten and a female under five years of age. He is not listed in the 1840 census and may have been dead by then. The 1850 census of Harrison County lists a David Ely, age 26 and born in Indiana with four children in his family (but no wife). His children were: Sarah Ely, age six, Elizabeth and Charles H. Ely both age two and Harry (Henry?) Ely age one. David Ely, who was no doubt a son of George Jr., purchased land in Harrison County in 1857 but there is no further information on this family.

BARBARA ELY, youngest daughter of George and Elizabeth Ely was born about 1804 and married David Jordan, son of John Jordan, in Shenandoah County on Sept. 8, 1823. She was made his ward at the same time, which indicates she was a minor at the time. No further information has been found on David or Barbara Jordan. There were several David Jordans in the County and this has presented some difficulty. This family probably went to Indiana, perhaps with the same group that included her brother George.
JOHN ELY

John Ely, the third son of Philip and Magdalena Eley, was born in Lebanon Pennsylvania in 1756 and came to Virginia as a youngster along with the rest of his family. The Revolutionary War broke out when John was only 19 years old and on Feb. 7, 1776 he enlisted as a private in Capt. Jonathan Clarke's company of the Eighth Virginia Militia. The Eighth Virginia Militia was authorized by the Governor in January of 1776 and placed under the command of Col. Peter Aulenberg, the great Lutheran evangelist who was serving the church in Woodstock at that time. Because most of the soldiers of the Eighth were from the German families of the Valley it was more commonly called the "German Regiment." John Ely served in the Continental Army a little over two years, participating in the battles of Germantown and Brandywine and received his discharge in March, 1778 after spending the winter at Valley Forge, near Philadelphia. He nevertheless remained active in the county militia and received a commission as a lieutenant from the governor in 1782 after being recommended by the Court.

John Ely married Esther Keller, the daughter of Joseph and Leah Keller of the Mulberry Run area of northern Shenandoah County on June 8, 1784. They lived on his homeplace on Cedar Creek and in February, 1793, Jacob Ely conveyed part of the homeplace to John in settlement of their father's estate. In his will, Philip Eley gave John an equal allowance of money but he gave him no land and John was not to receive any of his money until the others had received at least half of their legacy. It is not known why John was treated in this manner but he evidently had done something to earn disfavor with his father. Jacob rather than pay him the money he owed him settled the debt with part of his land. John continued to live on his homestead for several more years as a farmer but he was also a carpenter and it was by this trade that he earned a
living for the most part of his life. He sold most of his land to George Rudolph on Dec. 29, 1792, but kept a small amount of it until 1803 at which time he also sold that to Rudolph.

By his wife Esther, John Ely had three sons but the marriage must have been an unhappy and uncongenial one for he received a dissolution of the marriage in 1799. A separation or divorce was a very rare occurrence then but apparently John had little difficulty in obtaining this one. An indenture between John Ely and George Keller, trustee for Esther Ely, dated August 10, 1799 required John to put up a bond of 1,000 dollars "in consideration of the unhappy differences which have arisen between the said John Ely and Esther his wife." John was to have no authority over Esther as her husband and both were free to act in the future as if they were "free, souls and unmarried." Nothing was mentioned about their children, who were raised by their Keller grandparents.

After John sold his land and separated from Esther he moved into Frederick County and remarried within two years. His second wife was Barbara Boehm, whom he married in Hagerstown, Maryland on Dec. 17, 1801. Until the record of their marriage was found in Hagerstown, there was an aura of mystery surrounding John's second marriage and it appeared as if it were a common-law arrangement. Since John was divorced from his first wife it is probable that the Court of Shenandoah or Frederick County would not issue a license for his second marriage or more probably no minister would perform the ceremony. Thus John and Barbara did what many later day young couples were to do, they made the trip to Hagers-town, about sixty miles away, in order to be married in another state.

Barbara Boehm Ely was born in Shenandoah County in 1774, daughter of Jacob and Mary Burner Boehm.*

*Jacob Boehm was born about 1745, son of Samuel Boehm, a Mennonite pioneer in the Massanutten region who later settled on Mulberry Run. Jacob died in 1798 and in his will he named nine children: Regina, Barbara, Franey, Samuel, Catherine, Mary, Elizabeth, Dorothy and Daniel. Jacob's wife, Mary, was born about 1750 daughter of Jacob Burner, another Mennonite pioneer in the Massanutten region. She died in 1812.
John and Barbara lived in the Cedar Creek region of Frederick County, where five children were born to them. The census for 1810 lists John Ely in Frederick County and on April 9, 1816, John and Barbara purchased 261 acres of land from the heirs of Peter Herbaugh in Frederick County. This land lay on Paddy Run, adjacent to the Philip Ely lands on Cedar Creek. They sold this land in 1817 however and moved back to Shenandoah County before 1820 and settled on the Boehm homestead on Mulberry Run, near Lebanon Church. The 1820 census lists John as the head of a family of ten.

In 1818 John became eligible for a pension because of his service in the Continental Army and in January, 1821 he made his application. He gave his age as 64 and that of his wife as 46. He further stated that he owned no land, was a carpenter by trade and was becoming too old and crippled to work as much as had been his custom. He listed his dependent children and their ages, which included two daughters and three sons, the oldest son, age 18, was also learning to be a carpenter. John never lived to collect his pension. He died on July 7, 1821 and is buried in the Boehm cemetery on the hill overlooking Mulberry Run and Capon Road. His widow waived her rights as administrator and the Court appointed George Hupp as the administrator of John Ely's estate. After the appropriate affidavits had been submitted to the pension office, 176 dollars was collected by his heirs.

Barbara Ely continued to live in Shenandoah County with her children. She was listed in the 1830 census as the head of a family of four. She was not listed in the 1840 census and was probably living with one of her married children. According to court records Barbara Ely died about April, 1849. The Court ordered her estate settled in July, 1849, "...the said Barbara Ely being dead three months and no administrator having come forward."
John Ely was the father of eight children. His sons by Esther all left the Valley but his children by Barbara as well as a foster son, remained in Shenandoah County and raised families of their own. Following are his children:

JOSEPH BLY, born 1786, date of death unknown.
JOHN BLY, born 1788, date of death unknown.
ISAAC BLY, born 1790, died 1856.
JONATHAN BLY, born 1803, died 1836.
LEVI BLY, born 1806, died Nov. 1865.
MARY BLY, born July 7, 1808, died May 10, 1880.
DOROTHY BLY, born 1811, died about 1855.
SAMUEL BLY, born April 10, 1814, died Aug. 29, 1878.
WILLIAM BLY, born July 1, 1810, died Apr. 24, 1863.

JOSEPH BLY, oldest son of John and Esther, was born on Cedar Creek in 1786 and was raised by his grandparents, Joseph and Leah Keller. He married Sally (Sarah) Getz, daughter of Abraham Getz on Dec. 31, 1810 in Shenandoah County and he appears in the lists of tithables for the years 1811 to 1815. About 1815 or 1816 he moved to Botetourt County, about 100 miles to the southwest of Shenandoah County. He was living there at the time of the 1820 census but nothing more has been discovered concerning him or possible descendants.

JOHN BLY, second son of John and Esther, was born in 1788 and was raised by his grandparents, Joseph and Leah Keller of the Mulberry Run area. About 1810 John Bly Jr. left the Valley and in 1824 when Joseph Keller wrote his will he stated that if John "does not return to the neighborhood" within two years, his share of the Keller estate was to be divided between his two brothers. Obviously John's family did not know of his whereabouts and he had been gone a number of years. Efforts to find him or descendants have not been successful.* (see note below)

ISAAC BLY, the third son of John and Esther, was born in Shenandoah County in 1790 and was also raised by his grandparents, Joseph and Leah Keller. During the War of 1812 Isaac served as a private in Captain George Shrum's Company of

*William Bly, raised by John and Barbara, was a son of Barbara's sister, Regina Boehm. It has been suggested that his father could be John Bly Jr. who left the Valley about the time William was born. (see page 38).

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the Thirteenth Regiment from Shenandoah County and he spent six months during 1814 at Fort Powhatan in eastern Virginia. Isaac Ely lived in Shenandoah County until about 1817, at which time he moved to Hardy County, which borders Shenandoah on the northwest. There he married Catherine Bucher, the daughter of Philip Bucher, prior to 1820 and settled on her father's farm in the northwestern part of Hardy County in the New Creek Mountain district, near the community of Williamsport. This area is now in Grant County, W. Va. which was formed from Hardy County in 1866. In 1840 Isaac and Catherine Ely inherited 226 acres of land from her father's estate, the same land on which they had been living for some years. The 1850 census for Hardy County lists Isaac Ely as 60 years of age and a farmer, his wife Catherine was aged 58 and also living in their household were two unmarried daughters and two orphaned grandsons. Isaac Ely probably died in 1856, for that is the last year in which he appears among the lists of tithables in Hardy County. Catherine Ely died in 1863 and in October of that year the estate of Isaac Ely was divided among his heirs. Isaac and Catherine Ely had no sons and only three daughters to survive or raise families of their own. If they had other children they died in childhood. Following are their daughters and additional information on them will be given in a later section:

SUSANNAH ELY, born about 1820, died prior to 1850.
CATHERINE ELY, born 1832, died about 1895.
NANCY ELY, born Feb. 1, 1835, died June 27, 1897.

JONATHAN ELY, son of John by his second wife, Barbara Boehm, was born in 1803 and grew to manhood in the Cedar Creek area of Frederick County. He moved back to Shenandoah County with his parents about 1820 and there practiced his trade of carpenter. He lived in the neighborhood of Mulberry Run and the 1830 census lists him as head of a family of four members, but there is no record of him having married. According to the county records he never owned any land, but
he does appear among the tithables for personal property after 1824. When Philip Ely Jr., his uncle, died in 1835, Jonathan Ely was the executor and beneficiary of his estate, which consisted only of a small amount of money. Jonathan Ely died about March, 1836 and the county court for June of 1836 committed the estate of "John Ely" to the sheriff for administration "...on the motion of William Ely, the said John Ely being dead more than three months and no person applying for the administration thereof."

LEVI ELY, born in Frederick County in 1806, the second son of John Ely by his second wife, Barbara Boehm, married Franey Rosenberger on April 3, 1830 and died near Strasburg in November, 1865. Franey Rosenberger was born Dec. 12, 1808 a daughter of Rudolph and Barbara Hamman Rosenberger* and was baptized in the Strasburg Lutheran Church on Mar. 5, 1809. Levi and "Fanny" lived on her father's homestead along North Mountain from 1830 until about 1836 and were active members of the Friedens Church at Mt. Olive. They regularly took communion there and their first five children were baptized in this church. The registry of the church contains the note that in 1836 they removed to Strasburg and by 1840 they were living on a farm north of Strasburg, on the hill overlooking the juncture of Cedar Creek and the Shenandoah River, near the Valley Pike. Levi and Franey inherited part of the Rosenberger estate in 1846 but sold that to her brother, Paul Rosenberger. In 1853 Levi purchased 53 acres on Cedar Creek where he had been living for some years.

Levi and "Fanny" had a total of eleven children, the older ones were all baptized at Friedens Church but the youngers ones were baptized in Strasburg and

*The Hamman and Rosenberger families are closely related to several branches of the Ely family. The Rosenbergers are descendant from Erasmus Rosenberger who came from Germany in 1749 and settled in Shenandoah County in 1790 with some of his sons. His son Rudolph Rosenberger was born Jan. 14, 1774, married Barbara Hamman on April 14, 1795 and died April 14, 1844. Barbara Hamman was born July 14, 1776, oldest child of Paul and Franey Hamman and died Jan. 26, 1846. She and Rudolph had fourteen children. Their daughter, Flora, married Samuel Ely, brother of Levi and the other children married into the Hamman, Stickley, Baker, Brubeck and related families. Erasmus Rosenberger's youngest son, Abraham, married Margaret Hamman, another daughter of Paul and Franey Hamman.
and at St. Stephens. A number of their children died young and Franey Bly died of small pox during an epidemic in the spring of 1863 that also claimed the life of one of her younger sons. Levi died in the fall of 1865 and an inventory of his estate was made in December, 1865, with his two oldest sons acting as administrators. Levi and Franey are probably buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Strasburg in unmarked graves. Following are their eleven children. Additional information on them and their families will be given in the next section.

JOHN RUDOLPH BLY, born Mar. 6, 1831, died prior to 1850.
BARBARA BLY, born May 2, 1833, died in 1920.
WILLIAM BLY, born Sept. 17, 1834, died about 1855.
JAMES MADISON BLY, born May 17, 1836, died June 15, 1906.
ANN REBECCA BLY, born Feb. 19, 1838, died July 2, 1881.
CATHERINE BLY, born Feb. 7, 1840, died 1901.
MASON BLY, born Aug. 22, 1842, died Oct. 21, 1904.
RICHARD BLY, born in 1844, died in 1868.
FRANCES ELLEN BLY, born May 24, 1847, died 1873.
LEVI BLY Jr., born in 1849, died in April, 1863.
CHARLES HENRY BLY, born Apr. 12, 1851, died Feb. 21, 1882.

MARY BLY, oldest daughter of John and Barbara, was born in Frederick County on July 7, 1808 and was listed as twelve years of age in John's pension application of January, 1821. She married George Burd, son of William Burd on Sept. 24, 1840, in Warren County, Va. George Burd, born in Pennsylvania, was a shoemaker by trade and in 1850 he and Mary were living near Lebanon Church in Shenandoah County and had three children in their family. They are also listed in the 1860 census of Shenandoah County but George probably died soon after this and Mary continued to live near Lebanon where she died May 10, 1880. She was the last surviving of the children of John Bly and apparently the last surviving grandchild of Philip Bly. She is buried in the Boehm cemetery near Lebanon Church. Her three children were: John Tyler Burd, born 1841 but died before 1860; Sarah C. Burd, born 1845 and Mary E. Burd, born 1847. It is said that Mary E. Burd later lived near Lynchburg, Va. The author has seen an old tintype of a young woman with the name "Mary Burd" written on the back. Nothing more is known of any Burd descendants.
DOROTHY BLY, the second daughter of John and Barbara, was born in Frederick County in 1810. The census for 1850 lists her age as 30 years but that must be erroneous because in John's pension application of January, 1821, Dorothy was listed as ten years of age. In 1838 she assisted her aunt, Catherine Bly, widow of Jacob, in applying for Jacob's pension benefits and Dorothy was described as a woman of excellent character. She had also received some education for she signed the papers with a clear legible hand and not the customary mark. Dorothy married William Veach on Dec. 1, 1846 in Strasburg. He was born in the Fort Valley, which lies east of Strasburg in the Massanutten Mountains on Sept. 25, 1823, a son of Solomon and Polly Lichliter Veach. William and "Dolly" as she was called, lived in the Fort Valley for several years but in 1852 they purchased a small farm just east of Strasburg. They lived in their new home only a few years before Dorothy died in late 1855 or early 1856.

It has been said that Dorothy was murdered by her husband, who was considerably younger than she, but no definite evidence verifies this. However, certain circumstances indicate something irregular in this family. On Feb. 25, 1856 William Veach appointed William LeHew as his trustee and with the power to sell his land and dispose of his property. If Dorothy were living her name would have been on the bond and William was in some way prevented from being his own agent in the disposal of his property. In March, 1857 the court ordered the estate of William Veach "dec'd" settled and in 1859 LeHew reported that as trustee and executor he had settled the estate. William and "Dolly" left four small children as orphans. They were taken by relatives and grew up with little or no recollection of their mother and were told nothing of their father. Following are their children with additional information to follow in the next section.

REBECCA ELLEN VEACH, born Feb. 28, 1848, died Nov. 15, 1886.
WILLIAM JASPER VEACH, born July 5, 1851, died Mar. 7, 1914.
FRANCES CORDELIA VEACH, born 1853, died March, 1876.
SAMUEL ELY, the youngest son of John and Barbara, was born Apr. 10, 1814 in Frederick County, Va. and grew to manhood in Shenandoah County, where he married Flora Rosenberger on May 26, 1836. Flora Rosenberger was born Mar. 10, 1813, a daughter of Rudolph and Barbara Hamman Rosenberger and was a younger sister to Franey Rosenberger, wife of Levi Ely. Samuel and Flora lived on her father's homestead west of Strasburg and Samuel eventually acquired a large portion of the Rosenberger estate through inheritance and purchase from some of the other heirs. Samuel and Flora were members of the Friedens Church at Mt. Olive and several of their children were baptized there. They did not participate in the founding of the St. Stephens Church, which was built near their home, but instead remained within the Friedens congregation, taking communion there for many more years. The census records from 1850 to 1870 list Samuel's occupation as a farmer and a carpenter, so evidently he had learned his father's trade and practiced it most of his life. Flora Rosenberger Ely died in 1873. Samuel married again, his second wife being Margaret Slayton, a widow, whom he married on Aug. 17, 1875. Samuel died on Aug. 29, 1878 at the age of sixty-four. His second wife, Margaret Slayton Ely was born in 1839 and was killed by a train at Harpers Ferry, W. Va. in Nov. 1905. Samuel and Flora are both buried in the St. Stephens cemetery but their graves are now unmarked. Samuel and Flora had ten children, several of whom died rather young. They are as follows. Additional information will be given in another section.

DAVID HENRY ELY, born Sept. 15, 1838, died in 1914.
JOSEPH MARTIN ELY, born Sept. 22, 1840, died about 1876.
SARAH CATHERINE ELY, born May 5, 1842, died Aug. 18, 1866.
NASHVILLE DAVIS ELY, born June 12, 1844, died Mar. 25, 1846.
FLORIANNA ELY, born May 3, 1846, died about 1900.
ELKANAH ELY, born July 17, 1848, died Apr. 23, 1928.
MARIAH ELLIN ELY, born Jan. 15, 1830, died Aug. 28, 1876.
MARY ANNE ELY, born Nov. 17, 1854, died Mar. 21, 1863.
JAMES ISAAC ELY, born Nov. 17, 1856, died Jan. 14, 1939.
WILLIAM ELY, ancestor of one of the largest branches of the Ely family was a foster son of John and Barbara Ely. He was born July 1, 1810, a son of Regina Boehm of the Mulberry Run area of Shenandoah County. Regina was a sister to Barbara Ely and she and her young son lived in the household of John and Barbara until William was about twelve years of age. After the death of John Ely, William was made a ward of Isaac Lockmiller in order to "...learn the Art, Trade and mystery of a Boot and Shoe-maker." Upon reaching manhood William changed his name from Boehm to Ely and first appears in the tithe lists of the county in 1836. William Ely married Susanna Hamman of near Strasburg on November 22, 1840. Susanna was born Sept. 26, 1816, the youngest daughter of John and Barbara Baker Hamman, who lived on Tumbling Run, west of Fishers Hill. Barbara Baker Hamman must have been very particular about her daughters' suitors (her two older daughters never married) and she objected to William Ely's courtship of Susanna. She forbid Susie to marry him, but in defiance of her mother they eloped in the middle of the night on horseback to the old Boehm home near Lebanon Church and were married the following day. Barbara Hamman never forgave them and excluded Susanna from her will.

On August 14, 1841, William Ely was confirmed at the Friedens Church at Mt. Olive and he and Susanna took communion there until the following year when he along with several other members of the Friedens congregation met at the home of Isaac Baker on Feb. 12, 1842 and organized the St. Stephens Evangelical Lutheran and German Reformed Church. Paul Rosenberger set aside the land

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* Regina Boehm, born about 1775 was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Burner Boehm. It is not known when she died. William took the name Ely about 1835 and it seems possible that he knew his father to be a Ely. If this is true the most likely possibility is John Ely Jr. who left the Valley about 1810. William also appears to have been involved in a suit with the administrators of Philip Ely Jr's and Jonathan Ely's estates in 1836.

** John Hamman, son of Paul and Franey Hamman, was born Feb. 15, 1778 and died Oct. 12, 1832. He married Barbara Baker, (who was born Sept. 12, 1774, daughter of Philip Peter Baker) in 1805 and was father of five children: Elias, Flora, Rebecca, Lawrence and Susanna.
for the church and William Ely along with about twenty other individuals contributed both money and labor toward construction of the new church. He and his family were communicants in this church for the remainder of their lives and a large number of the present day congregation are descendants of William and Susanna. Also in 1842 William purchased the old Hamman homestead, which is situated west of Fishers Hill on Tumbling Run. However, during the early 1860's William leased a farm on one of the river bends south of Strasburg and he and his family occupied this farm during the early years of the Civil War. The farm buildings were destroyed by raiding troops and the horses which he kept for breeding were stolen and so in the year 1862 the family moved back to the Tumbling Run home. Soon after this William contacted small pox by visiting the home of a neighbor family that was stricken. He died of the dread disease on April 24, 1863. There was a serious epidemic of small pox in the area at that time, which also claimed the life of other members of the Ely family, including the wife and a son of Levi Ely and a child of Samuel Ely. Susanna Hamman Ely continued to live on her homeplace, remained active, in good health and a regular communicant in the St. Stephens Church until her death on Aug. 25, 1891. She and William are buried together on the family farm. They were parents of the following eight children. Additional information will be given on them and their descendants in the next section.

JOHN WILLIAM ELY, born Dec. 17, 1841, died Aug. 28, 1862.
ANANIAS ELY, born May 7, 1847, died April 11, 1910.
MARY JANE ELY, born Feb. 17, 1851, died Mar. 12, 1919.
ANTHONY ELY, born July 11, 1853, died Mar. 1, 1886.
SUSANNA REGINA ELY, born June 21, 1856, died Apr. 10, 1919.
BARBARA BLY KOONTZ

Barbara Ely, oldest daughter of Philip and Magdalena Ely was born by about 1760 and by 1786 was married to Philip Koontz for when Philip Ely wrote his will in 1786 he referred to his daughter Barbara "Coobs" and his son-in-law, Philip "Coons". Philip Koontz may have been related to the large Koontz family that lived in the Massanutten region (present-day Page County) but no definite connections have been found. Philip and Barbara definitely lived in the Strasburg area until about 1810, where a Philip Koonts appears in the 1810 census but does not appear in the 1820 census. In 1802 Barbara Koontz brought suit against her brother, George Ely, for her share of their father's estate and there are no further records of her after 1807, when the suit was taken off the court docket.

PHILIP ELY Jr.

Philip Ely, the fourth son of Philip and Magdalena was born as early as 1758 and not later than 1763, for he was no longer a minor at the time his father wrote his will in 1786. He never married and lived all his life in Shenandoah County as evidenced by his appearance in the tithe listings. He never owned any land and is never listed as the head of a family in the censuses. Philip Ely Jr. wrote his will on June 6, 1835 and it was probated July 13, 1835. His worldly goods consisted of personal effects and a small amount of money. This was left to his nephew, Jonathan Ely, who was also named as executor of the will. Philip Ely is probably buried in the Boehm cemetery near Lebanon.

ELIZABETH ELY

Elizabeth, second daughter of Philip and Magdalena, was born prior to 1765 and at the time of her father's death was not married. She appears to have made a number of purchases at the settlement of her father's estate in 1793 but no further information about her is available.
MARY CATHERINE ELY, the oldest of the sixteen children of Henry and Rosanna Ely, was born in Shenandoah County, Va. on July 9, 1833; married Joseph Halsey on July 4, 1854 and died in Richland County, Ohio on June 24, 1878. They lived in Richland County, Ohio and had several children but nothing more is known of them or descendants.

ELLEN ELIZABETH ELY, born in Shenandoah County, Va. on April 27, 1834, married David Bloodhart of Richland County, Ohio on April 19, 1855 and died in 1893. They lived in Richland County and had a family but other information is not known.

SARAH ANN ELY, born Nov. 27, 1836 in Shenandoah County, married Henry Altaffer of Richland County, Ohio and died in 1898. The Altaffer family moved to Ohio from the Valley about the same time as the Ely family. They had children but nothing more is available on this family.

CAROLINE ELY, born in Shenandoah County, Oct. 5, 1838, married Samuel Glenn on Dec. 6, 1860 and died in Richland County, Ohio on Oct. 10, 1904. She was known by the nickname of "Cally". They had at least two children but nothing more is known about their descendants.

JOSEPH ELY, born Aug. 14, 1840 in Shenandoah County, Va., grew to manhood in Ohio where he died Mar. 25, 1913. He never married. During the Civil War years he went to California to work in the gold fields, going by ship from New York City to Panama and from there to San Francisco. He returned from California and bought a farm in Williams County, in northwestern Ohio in 1878. He then brought his parents to Williams County and later provided a home for brothers, sisters and nieces and nephews.

ROSANNA ELY, born in Shenandoah County, Va. on May 26, 1842, married Cyrus Hout of Richland County, Ohio and died there on Sept. 30, 1925. They lived on a farm near the town of Crestline in Richland County. Cyrus Hout died on a business trip to San Francisco in 1916. They were the parents of two children: Charles E. Hout, who lived in Canton, Ohio; and Daisy Hout who married J. J. Foster and lived in Crestline, Ohio.

LYDIA ELY, born March 23, 1844 in Shenandoah County, Va., married John Barr of Richland County, Ohio and died in 1935. They lived on a farm near Shelby, Ohio and were the parents of two children: William Barr, who lived in Richland County, Ohio and Jennie Barr, who married Mr. Wasnich of Shelby, Ohio.

ARABELLA FRANCES ELY, born Nov. 5, 1845 in Shenandoah County, Va., married William Henry Laser on Nov. 18, 1866 and moved to Williams County in northwestern Ohio in 1872 and died there on Mar. 27, 1921. They had three children: Cora Belle Laser, born 1870, died 1889; Virginia Laser, married Aaron Zigler and lived in Bryan, Ohio and Charles Laser who also lived in Bryan, Ohio.

JAMES HENRY ELY, born Oct. 19, 1847 in Shenandoah County, Va. married Sarah Briner on Nov. 21, 1867 in Richland County, Ohio and died in Williams County, Ohio on Oct. 12, 1923. James and his family moved to Williams County, Ohio in 1879 and settled on a farm in Jefferson Township, near the town of West Unity.
JAMES HENRY BLY

He was an outstanding farmer, served as a township trustee and was prosperous enough to be one of the first people in his county to own an automobile. He and his family were members of the Methodist Church in West Unity, Ohio. James and Sarah were parents of six children, two of whom died in a diphtheria epidemic in 1885. Their children and descendants are as follows:

WILLIAM HENRY BLY, born March 3, 1868, married Margaret Dominica Wasnich in 1893 and died in Williams County, Ohio on May 29, 1946. They lived on a farm near the town of Pulaski, Ohio. Two children:


LOREN HENRY BLY, born Feb. 17, 1902, died Oct. 11, 1914.

VIRGINIA MAY BLY, born Feb. 9, 1870, married Calvin Eli Laser and died in Bryan, Ohio on Jan. 12, 1960. He was born in 1868 and died in 1947. They were the parents of three children:


MARY VIRGINIA LASER, born Oct. 4, 1900, married Clarence Reifel and lives in Bryan, Ohio. They have two children: Paul and Lewis Reifel.

PAUL JAMES LASER, born Aug. 1, 1907, married Marguerite Charles and lives in Williams County, Ohio. No children.

WILLARD JAMES BLY, born Aug. 9, 1872, married Mary Alice Fackler in 1895 and died in Richland County, Ohio on June 28, 1953. He was a well-known farmer in Richland County, having moved back there after his marriage. He was a member of the Reformed Church and a Democrat in politics. Like his father, he also served as a township trustee. His wife Mary, died on Sept. 21, 1960 at the age of 87. They were the parents of four sons:


RALPH W. BLY, born Oct. 28, 1899, married Madeline Artz and lives in Shelby, Ohio, where he operates an auto-supply house. He has done considerable work collecting information on the Henry Bly family. He has two daughters: Gladys Vivian Bly, born Oct. 27, 1923, married Ross McKinney and lives in Shelby, Ohio and Betty Jean Bly, born May 4, 1926, married Hubert Vail and also lives in Shelby, Ohio.


JAMES HENRY BLY, born May 26, 1915, married Winifred Ruth Hanlon and lives in Mansfield, Ohio where he is a superintendent for the Gorman Rupp Pump Co. They have two children: Richard Eugene Bly, born July 25, 1934, married Judy Dall and lives in Richland County, Ohio and Nancy Carole Bly, born Jan. 30, 1939, married Robert Cicolani and lives in Ohio.

ARABELLA FRANCES BLY, born Feb. 26, 1875 and died in a diphtheria epidemic on April 18, 1885.

JAMES HENRY ELY

FLORENCE FAY ELY, youngest of the children of James H. Ely, was born Sept. 24, 1886, married Charles F. Alleman in 1907 and died in Bryan, Ohio in 1972. They had no children.

VIRGINIA ELY, born Nov. 2, 1849 in Shenandoah County, Va., daughter of Henry and Rosanna Ely, married Walter Abraham Adams and moved to Quincy, Michigan, where she died in 1929. She was always called "Jennie" and was the mother of four children: Ike, Marion, Melvin and Elva Adams. They all lived in Michigan but nothing more has been learned of them or their descendants.

AMANDA ELY, born Sept. 21, 1851, in Shenandoah County, Va. and was less than one year of age when her parents moved to Ohio. She is the only daughter of Henry and Rosanna Ely that never married. She died in Richland County, Ohio on Dec. 27, 1923.

ALICE ADELE ELY, born Feb. 14, 1855 in Richland County, Ohio, married Jacob Gates on July 4, 1873 and died in Richland County in 1941, the last surviving of the sixteen children of Henry and Rosanna Ely. Jacob Gates was born in 1832, was a farmer and livestock dealer in Richland County and also served as police chief for the town of Shelby, Ohio for many years. He gained a place in the history of Shelby because of several daring gun-fights in which he was engaged. Jacob and Alice Ely Gates were the parents of four children:

GLOYD GATES, born Dec. 28, 1873 and was still living in 1968, active and spry at the age of 95. He was married and the father of two children: William Gates (deceased) and Lois Gates, both of Shelby, Ohio.

DOROTHY GATES, deceased.

MELLIE GATES, still living in Shelby, Ohio.

GEORGE GATES, born Feb. 22, 1883, still living in Shelby, Ohio (1968) he was married and father of four children: Reid, Ardell, Eugene and Sherman.

FELICE ELY, born Aug. 22, 1856 in Richland County, Ohio, married Henry Gates, a brother of Jacob on May 10, 1874 and died in Shelby, Ohio in 1895. They lived on a farm near the town of Shelby, Ohio and were the parents of four children. Henry Gates was born in 1834, was a farmer and a carpenter by trade. There children were: Walter, Bert, Moleska and Myrtle Gates but nothing more is known of them or their descendants.

WILLIAM ELY, born Dec. 18, 1836 in Richland County, Ohio, married Laura May Mill on Feb. 20, 1887 and died in Williams County, Ohio on May 10, 1938. After his marriage he bought a large farm near the town of West Unity, Ohio and designed and built his own farm house which accomodated the family of nine children that was born to them. William and Laura Ely were active in the Methodist Church and other community affairs. Laura Mill Ely, born Aug. 14, 1871, died Feb. 22, 1963 at the age of 92. Of their nine children seven survived and had families of their own. Following are the children and descendants of William and Laura Ely:

FORD WILLIAM ELY, born 1889, died as an infant.

ARCHIE HAROLD ELY, born April 18, 1890, known as Harold, he married Ethel Ervin and lives in Archbold, Ohio, where he is a farmer. They have six children:

ROBERT WILLIAM ELY, born July 4, 1913, married Marcena Kellog and lives in Ohio. They have no children.

HELEN MARIE ELY, born May 26, 1917, married Fred Raszman (div), no children.
WILLIAM BLY

ARCHIE H. BLY


DORIS IRENE BLY, born Sept. 27, 1921, married Rex Allen Taylor and lives in Ohio. They have two children, Cheryl, b. 1947 and Carol, b. 1949.

MARY LOU BLY, born May 23, 1928, married Walter S. Oberlin and lives in Ohio. They have three children; Thomas Scott, b. 1954, Jack Lee, b. 1957 and Gregory Joel, born 1964.


LLOYD NELL BLY, born Aug 13, 1891, married Mabel Lyons and lives in West Unity, Ohio, where owns and operates an insurance and real estate agency. They have five children:

DONALD WILLIAM BLY, born Oct. 17, 1914, married Irene Leininger and lived in West Unity, Ohio, where he died Dec. 20, 1955. They had two children: Donald David Bly, born Sept. 24, 1936, received a Ph.D. in chemistry from Purdue University and lives in Delaware where he works for the DuPont corporation; married Linda Neff; and Alma Lou Bly, married Anthony Weaver and lives in Ohio.


ROLLO HENRY BLY, born May 23, 1893, died Feb. 23, 1960. He married Nina Hicker and lived in Williams County, Ohio, near West Unity, where he was a farmer. They had two daughters:


ARDA WANETA BLY, born Nov. 24, 1921, married Franklin J. Smiggen and lives in Florida. They have four children: Suzann, b. 1944, Rebecca, b. 1948, Franklin, b. 1950 and Kathy, b. 1952.

RHEA DEANNETTE BLY, born Jan. 1, 1895, married Ora Newton Kline and lives in Hillsdale, Michigan. They have five children:


MARTHA ELIZABETH KLINE, born Feb. 15, 1918, married Emery Chase and lives in Michigan, two children: William and Barbara.
WILLIAM BLY

RHEA BLY KLINE


WILLIAM J. KLINE, born Sept. 24, 1922, married Virginia Stodola (div.)

and had two children and married second to Leila Simmons and had one

son: Sandra and Carol by his first wife and a twin by the second wife.

GEORGE DEWEY BLY, born May 30, 1898, married twice and died near West Unity

Ohio on April 29, 1945. He married first Georgia Harrison who died in 1929.

They had four children. His second wife was Alice Stewart. They had no

children. George D. Bly was a farmer in Williams County, Ohio. His children

were as follows:

EARL WILLIAM BLY, born Dec. 7, 1919, married Dorothy May Jones and lives

in Toledo, Ohio. They have five children: William Allen Bly, b. Mar 31,

1953; Deborah Rae Bly, b. July 13, 1954; Stephen Douglas Bly, b. May 20,


GEORGE EDGAR BLY, born Mar 21, 1921, married Ruth Vonsatzien and lives

in Williams County, Ohio. They have three children: Richard Alan Bly,

b. Mar 22, 1947; John Charles Bly, b. May 14, 1951, and Georgia Kay Bly,


LAURA GENETTE BLY, born Sept. 18, 1922, married Joseph Collum and lives

in Ohio. They have two children: James b. 1946 and Constance, b. 1952.

PAUL RUSSELL BLY, born July 11, 1925, married Carole Matthews (div) and had two children. He married second to Hilda Rutz from Germany and has one daughter. They live in Williams County, Ohio. Russell Eugene Bly, b. June 20, 1947; Ronald Bruce Bly, b. May 15, 1948 and Susan Katherine Bly, b. Feb. 8, 1957.

HAZEL BLY (son), born Sept. 22, 1900, died Nov. 18, 1900.

WARD STANLEY BLY, born Feb. 14, 1903, married Cornelia Rousche Seder and

lives in Hillsdale, Michigan. They have two daughters:

SALLY LAURAYNE BLY, born June 9, 1934, married William McElroy and lives

in Michigan. They have five children: Ronald, John, William, Kimberly, and Kelly Rae McElroy.

NANCY ELAINE BLY, born Feb. 5, 1936, married James O. Taylor and lives

in Michigan. They have two daughters: Linda and Diane Taylor.

JOSEPH RUSSELL BLY, born Apr. 26, 1910, married Armona Spitler and lives

in Osseo, Michigan. They have two children: Brenna Ann Spitler, b. Aug. 6, 1939, married William Baron and has a daughter, Crista; Joseph Alan Bly, b. July 19, 1939.

JOHN BLY, born Apr. 7, 1861 in Richland County, Ohio, the fifteenth child of

Henry and Rosanna Bly, and died in Bryan, Ohio on Sept. 20, 1937. As a young

man he went to Albuquerque, New Mexico and worked for the Santa Fe Railroad

during its great western expansion. In 1891 he returned to Ohio, due to the

death of his mother and decided to remain. He married Tillie Cline and settled

in Bryan, Ohio, where he was a barber for forty years. Tillie Cline Bly died in 1943. They were parents of two sons:

BOYD CLINE BLY, born 1895, attended the University of Michigan until World

War I broke out at which time he enlisted in the Army and served as a captain.

After the war he attended Ohio State University and received his M.D. in

1925. He practiced medicine in Akron, Ohio until his death in 1940. Unmarried.

FRANK HENRY BLY, born Nov. 24, 1899, attended Ohio State University and

received his M.D. in 1925 in the same class as his brother. He married Doris

Unger in 1927 and lives in Akron, Ohio, where he has a medical practice.

During World War II he was a major in the U.S. Army. Two sons: John Scott

Bly, b. 1932, a dentist in Akron, Ohio and David Cline Bly, b. 1934, Akron.

DOROTHY BLY, born Mar. 7, 1864, youngest of the sixteen children of Henry Bly,

married Jacob Magnor of Bryan, Ohio and died there, Dec. 16, 1932. No children.
THE WILLIAM SNARR FAMILY
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ROSANNA SNARR, the oldest of the children of William and Eliza Good Snarr, was born in Shenandoah County, Va. on June 22, 1840 and died in Washington County, Indiana on Aug. 20, 1912. She married Charles Henry Julian, a native of Arkansas on Apr. 8, 1860 and lived in Washington County, Indiana. No children.

SARAH ELIZABETH SNARR, born May 1, 1842 in Shenandoah County, Va., married Thomas C. Davis of Indiana on Oct. 20, 1866 and lived in Harrison County, Ind. where she died before 1889. She had one son, William Davis who went to Calif.

MARY FRANCES SNARR, born in Shenandoah County on March 9, 1844, married Theodore Berwanger in 1862 and lived in Harrison County, Indiana until 1869, at which time they moved to Montgomery County, Missouri and settled in the town of Wellsville. Mary died in St. Louis, Missouri on Dec. 25, 1926. Theodore Berwanger was born in the Duchy of Baden-Baden, Germany in 1837, came to America as a youth and served in the Union Army during the Civil War as a corp. in Co. "E" of the 23rd Indiana Infantry. He died in Wellsville, Missouri in 1910. He and Mary were parents of five children:

LILLIAN ANNABELLE BERWANGER, born in 1863, married Sylvester Bunch and lived in St. Louis, Mo. No children.

DARIUS HAMPTON BERWANGER, born Dec. 27, 1872, died June 3, 1940. He married Cora Proffitt and lived in St. Louis, Mo. until 1936 and then moved to Fresno, Calif. They had five children:

HAROLD DARIUS BERWANGER, born June 13, 1901, lives in St. Louis.

CORA MAY BERWANGER, born Apr. 18, 1906, married Norman Zimmer and lives in St. Louis; three children; Norma, Richard and James Zimmer.

JAMES RALPH BERWANGER, born Oct. 20, 1911, works for an oil company in Saudi-Arabia.

EUGENE RAY BERWANGER, born Apr. 3, 1914, lives in Fresno, Calif.

LEE ROY BERWANGER, born May 3, 1916, lives in Valley Park, Mo.

EMMA BERWANGER, born 1874, never married and lived in St. Louis, Mo.

THERESA BERWANGER, born June 22, 1876, died Apr. 19, 1896.

ESSIE MAY BERWANGER, born 1878, married Edward Flachmeire and lived in St. Louis, Mo. They had several children.

JOSIAH SNARR, born Oct. 18, 1845, in Shenandoah County, Va. and was twelve years of age when his family moved to Harrison County, Indiana. During the Civil War he served in the Union Army as a private in Co. "I" of the 58th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. He married Phoebe Harrell on Jan. 2, 1868 in Harrison County, Indiana and in 1871 they moved to Montgomery County, Missouri along with his parents and several of his brothers and their families. They settled on a farm in Bear Creek Township and Josiah built his own farm house from bricks that he and his sons made and burned on the farm. He later helped to build the Providence Methodist Church, near his home and he and his family remained lifelong members of this congregation. Josiah Snarr died suddenly at his home on Nov. 19, 1907 and is buried in the Providence cemetery. His wife, Phoebe, was born in Indiana on Nov. 25, 1844, a daughter of Beverly and Mary Harrell and died in Missouri on Dec. 31, 1918. Josiah and Phoebe were the parents of ten children, who with some descendants are as follows:

CHARLES EDWARD SNARR, born Sept. 18, 1858, died May 24, 1951. He married Susan Foster in 1890 but she died within the year. He remarried and lived at Bellflower, Missouri. One son (adopted): Samuel Edward Snarr, died at Troy, Missouri Mar. 29, 1968. He married but had no children.
JOSIAH SNARR

SUSAN ANN SNARR, born Jan. 30, 1870, died Dec. 3, 1917. She married Martin G. Brown and lived in Jonesboro, Missouri. They had seven children:

ELSIE PEARL BROWN, born Jan. 28, 1892, died July 21, 1951. She married George P. Darnell and lived in St. Charles, Mo. They had four children and after his death in 1928 she married Lafayette Creech of St. Charles Mo. and had two sons. Her children were: Mary, Marie, Doreene and George Darnell, Donald and Melvin Creech. Most of this family lives in and around St. Charles, Missouri.

MARTIN LUTHER BROWN, born June 20, 1893, married Nora Preston and second to Lucy Brown. He lives in McAlester, Okla. No children.


IRENE MAY BROWN, born and died Apr. 1906.

JOHN HENRY PAUL BROWN, born and died 1910.

PHOEBE KATHERINE BROWN, born Jan. 5, 1912, married Carl Preston (div.) and second to a Mr. Sheets. She lives in New Florence, Mo. and has four children: Carl W., Mary, Frederick and Barbara Preston.

WILLIAM BEVERLY SNARR, born Feb. 20, 1872, married Belinda Jane Foster, a descendant of Daniel Boone in 1895 and lived in Lincoln County, Missouri where two children were born to them. After her death in 1902 he moved to the Gallatin Valley of Montana, remarried and had one daughter. He died at Big Timber, Montana on Aug. 30, 1938. His children were:

JAMES LEROY SNARR, born Feb. 26, 1896, married Florence Robertson and lived in Lincoln County, Missouri but died in Oct. 1948, while visiting his father in Montana. He had five children: Rosetta Louise Snarr, b. 1918, married Herman Hockman and died in 1964; Carl Warren Snarr, b. 1921, lives in Washington, Mo; James William Snarr, lives in Cedar Ridge, Colo.; Elsie May Snarr, lives in Colorado Springs and Faith Snarr, died an infant.

ARCHIE BEVERLY SNARR, born May 4, 1897, died Mar. 27, 1967. He was a guide and ranger in the Yellowstone National Park. Though married several times he had no children.

ANNA MARY SNARR, born Nov. 8, 1918, lives in Montana.

MARY ELIZA SNARR, born Aug. 13, 1873, died Aug. 27, 1951. She married William H. Winters in 1904 and moved to Chaffee County, Colorado. Three children:


ANNIE GRACE WINTERS, born Nov. 18, 1908, died Dec., 1963. She married Roland A. Willoughby and lived in Salida, Colo. They had four children: William, Rex, Wilma and Alfred Willoughby.

WALTER WINTERS, born May 12, 1912, died Mar. 19, 1915.

HERDIE CATHERINE SNARR, born Oct. 18, 1875, died May 3, 1939. She married Lucian L. Milner and lived in Wellsville, Mo. They had seven children:

CLEMENT NORTH MILNER, born Mar. 1, 1901, married Ruby Henry and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

LULA MARTHA MILNER, born Oct. 21, 1903, married Roger O'Leary, Wellsville.

SADDIE HERDIE MILNER, born May 8, 1906, married Charles Lingenfelter and lives in Wellsville, Mo.

FLORENCE EVELYN MILNER, born Mar. 10, 1909, married Peter Paul Norton and lives in St. Louis, Mo. Three children, Peter, Mary and Alice.

MONTY PEPKIN MILNER, born Jan. 10, 1912, married Dorothy Oertwig and both were killed in an automobile accident May 30, 1958. They lived in Montgomery County, Mo. and had several children.
JOSIAH SNARR

HARLE SNARR MILNER


EVERETT HOWARD MILNER, b. Nov. 28, 1919, m. Betty Pettill, St. Louis, Mo.

CORA BELLIE SNARR, born Sept. 29, 1877, died Apr. 12, 1960. She married James Mattocks and had one daughter, Vera, who died in 1903 at the age of four. After the death of her first husband in 1931 she married Albert Bailey and lived at New Florence, Mo.

JAMES HENRY SNARR, born Dec. 30, 1879, married Emma Ethel Hemp in 1899 and lived in Montgomery County, Mo, where he died May 29, 1959. His widow died in 1967. They were the parents of four children:

WILLIAM JOSIAH SNARR, born Dec. 19, 1900, married Pearl Williams in 1928 and was ordained a Methodist minister in 1929. He served numerous churches throughout Missouri and is now retired to a farm at Tennessee Colony, Texas. Two children: Ethel Jean Snarr, b. Nov. 15, 1932, married Donald Martinson (div.) and lives in Tennessee Colony, Texas. She has done a tremendous amount of work in compiling information on the descendants of William Snarr; James Robert Snarr, b. Feb. 7, 1941.

CLAUDE EDWARD SNARR, born Sept. 6, 1903, died Apr. 16, 1943. He married Lucille Wilson and lived in St. Louis. No children.


JAMES HENRY SNARR Jr. born Apr. 1921, died Oct. 1921.

ANDREW HOLLAND SNARR, born Aug. 19, 1881, died in Detroit, Michigan on June 10, 1964. He was married twice and had five children, three by his first wife and two by his second wife. His children were: Arthur Andrew Snarr, born Apr. 18, 1904, died Feb. 26, 1956 in Montgomery Co. Mo; Michael Snarr; Clement W. Snarr, lives in Arizona; Andrew Holland Snarr Jr. and Mary Snarr.

GEORGE MONROE SNARR, born Dec. 27, 1883, married Fannie Sanders and lived in Montgomery County, Mo. where he was a farmer. He is now (1967) in a nursing home in Montgomery City, Mo. the last surviving of the ten children of Josiah and Phoebe Snarr. He had five children:

ALTA MAE SNARR, born Jan. 21, 1914, married Leonard Straube, Fontana, Calif.

JAMES EDWARD SNARR, born Feb. 6, 1916, married Laverne Cole and also lives in Fontana, Calif. He is a veteran of World War II and has one son: Ronald James Snarr, born Dec. 21, 1956.

GEORGE T. SNARR, born Sept. 21, 1920, married Mary Elizabeth Gruber and lives in Fontana, California. Like his brother, he is a veteran of World War II. Four children: Ray, b. 1946, Catherine, b. 1948 and twins, Christine and Wanda, b. 1951.

WILLFRED LEON SNARR, born Sept. 18, 1926, married Dorothy Rockwood (div.) and had two children and married Betty Bowers and had two children. He lived in Walden, Colo. Children are: Wilfred D., b. 1948; Gloria b. 1949; Robert L., b. 1956 and Gail L. Snarr, b. 1958.

LEONARD LUCIAN SNARR, born May 19, 1928.

LULAMARIE SNARR, born Apr. 11, 1886, youngest of the children of Josiah Snarr, married Clement North Milner (brother of Lucian L. Milner who married her sister, Raddie) and lived in Montgomery City, Mo. She died Oct. 16, 1965. They had three children:

LUCIAN L. MILNER, born Sept. 15, 1904, married Eva Dryden (deceased) and second to Vernette Watts Winters (widow of his first cousin) and lived in Montgomery City, Mo. Three children: Alan L. and twins Alice and Aline.


BREULA GERALDINE MILNER, born Mar. 21, 1911, married William Whyte and lives in Montgomery City, Mo. Two children, Donald and Vivian Whyte.
WILLIAM DAVID SNARR, born Aug. 10, 1849 in Shenandoah County, Va., second son of William and Eliza Snarr, married Julia Ann Hottel on Aug. 22, 1870 in Harrison County Indiana and died in Washington County, Indiana on Jan. 20, 1911. He and his wife moved to Jonesboro, Missouri shortly after their marriage but after several years they returned to Indiana and settled on a farm in Washington County, near the town of Fredericksburg. His wife, Julia was born in Shenandoah County on Jan. 14, 1850, daughter of William P. and Lydia Spiggle Hottel and died in Indiana on Apr. 9, 1924. Her family was in the group with the Snarr family that moved to Indiana from Virginia in 1857. William and Julia had seven children:

EDWARD CALVIN SNARR, born May 14, 1871, married Daisy Gresham and died June 26, 1953. He lived in Washington County, Indiana where he was a public school teacher and later served as superintendent of schools in Fredericksburg, Ind. He and his family later moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked in the school system. Two children:

MILDRED ANTOINETTE SNARR, born Mar. 29, 1901, married Attilio Cavagnaro and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is an electrical engineer. They have one daughter: Anita Jean; b. 1932, married Paul J. Been and lives in Brookfield, Wisconsin. She has a Ph.D. in biology from Marquette University and her husband is a building contractor in Brookfield.

HOWARD GRESHAM SNARR, born May 2, 1906, married Claudine Catherine Gross and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is an executive for Carthage Mills, manufacturers of floor covering. They have a son and daughter: John Frederic Snarr, b. Jan. 3, 1939, married Marilyn Reecy and is a member of the faculty of Northwestern University Medical School in Evanston, Ill.; and Julianne Snarr, b. Sept. 1, 1942, married Keith Brougher and lives in Cincinnati.

HATTIE M. SNARR, born Aug. 21, 1873, married Andrew Roll and lived in Fredericksburg, Ind. where she died Oct. 12, 1949. They had three children:

CARL LYMAN ROLL, born Nov. 19, 1894, married Bessie Black and lives in Fredericksburg, Indiana. Four children: Robert, Helen, Harold and Audrey.

GRACE INEZ ROLL, born Jan. 4, 1897, married James P. Still and lives in Washington Co. Ind. — two children: James and Mary.

MAVIE MARIE ROLL, born Aug. 1, 1901, married Herman Vorgang and lives in Washington Co. Ind. Two children: Martha and a son Carroll.

WILLARD M. SNARR, born Apr. 7, 1874, died as a child.

ROSE ELLA SNARR, born Sept. 24, 1878, married Fred Miller and lived in Fredericksburg, Ind. She died in 1967. One dau. Ruth Eloise, b. 1914, m. Edmonds Howard and lives in Fredericksburg, Ind.

MARVIN OSCAR SNARR, born Nov. 21, 1881, married Daisy Voyles and lives (1967) in Richmond, Ind. where he was a bricklayer but is now retired. They have five children:

HELEN IRENE SNARR, born June 7, 1907, married Irvin S. Meyer and lives in Richmond, Ind. Two children: Fay and Jerry.

LENA LAYON SNARR, born Dec. 2, 1913, died Apr. 1914.


PAUL WILLARD SNARR, born Nov. 1, 1920, married Delores Schneider and lives in Richmond, Ind. Where he is a building contractor. No children.


NAOMI BELLE SNARR, born Mar. 3, 1884, married Elmer Rippey and lives in Harrison County, Ind. (1957) They have three children.

CARL EDWARD RIPPEY, born Nov. 19, 1911, married Berta Patiet and lives in Harrison County, Ind. One son, Leroy Kent Rippey, Harrison County, Ind.
WILLIAM D. SNARR
NAOMI SNARR RIPPEY


NANCY CAROLE RIPPEY, born Feb. 2, 1926, married Donald Murray, Lanesville, Ind.

PASCAL ERNEST SNARR, born Oct. 4, 1888, married Bertha Martin and lived near Colton, Iowa for several years but later moved to Inland, Nebraska, where he settled on a ranch. They had three children and she died in 1920.

Pascal then married Bertha Dickman and had three children. After her death in 1955 he married Edith Haynes and now lives (1967) near Giltner, Nebraska. The children of Pascal Snarr are:

LOWELL MARTIN SNARR, born July 19, 1913, married Ruth Wilde and lives near Giltner, Nebraska.

WAYNE LLOYD SNARR, born Feb. 9, 1915, died in Bassingham, England, on Sept. 13, 1951. He was unmarried.


RUTH MAXINE SNARR, born June 18, 1923, married Kenneth Krull, Nebraska.

ROBERT ERNEST SNARR, born June 20, 1925, married Connie Shtay, lives in Inland, Nebraska. They have one son, Gregory Wayne Snarr, b. 1955.


HENRY HAMPSON SNARR, born May 3, 1852 in Shenandoah County, Va. son of William and Eliza Snarr and died Jan. 6, 1923 in Boulder, Colorado. He spent his boyhood in Harrison County, Indiana and went to Missouri with his family in 1871, where he married Emma Patterson and then moved to Boulder, Colorado. His wife, died in 1910 and he never remarried. He was father of the following three children.

WHEELER ALBERT SNARR, born Dec. 8, 1876, died in 1889.

MINA ELEANOR SNARR, born Mar. 28, 1878, died Apr. 10, 1964. She had a brief marriage with a Mr. Hall and lived in Denver, Colo. where she died. No children.

DAVID RALPH SNARR, born Dec. 19, 1886, died Nov. 27, 1934. He was married but had no children. Lived in Los Angeles.

JACOB ANDREW SNARR, born Apr. 28, 1856 in Shenandoah County, Va. and was only one year old when his parents moved to Harrison County, Ind, where he spent his early years. He went to Montgomery County, Missouri with his family in 1871, where he studied for the ministry and was ordained in the Methodist Church in 1878. Her served as the pastor and presiding elder in numerous churches throughout Missouri in a career that ended only with his death in St. Joseph, Mo. on Sept. 22, 1936, a period of 58 years. He married Minnie Gray on Oct. 14, 1884 in Scotland County, Mo. and had four children:

PAUL SNARR, lived in Oklahoma. No children.

LOIS SNARR, married Alfred Sonner and lived in Missouri, she died young, no children.

MYRTLE SNARR, died in St. Joseph, Mo. in 1960. No family.

JUGENE SNARR, died young.

ISAIAH FRANKLIN SNARR, born Feb. 8, 1859 in Harrison County, Ind, youngest of the eight children of William and Eliza Snarr and died in Montgomery Co. Mo. on May 24, 1932. He married Melvina Horton on Sept. 28, 1879 and lived at High Hill, Mo. where he was a farmer. They had seven children, several of whom died young and the others left no further descendants.


HENRY ELVERT SNARR, born Apr. 18, 1890, lives in High Hill, Mo. (1957).

GEORGE McAINLEY SNARR, born Aug. 21, 1894, died June 27, 1957. High Hill, Mo.

THE LYDIA SNARR WARNER FAMILY
(From p. 23)

MARY JANE WARNER, the oldest of the children of Samuel and Lydia Snarr Warner, was born Mar. 31, 1834 and was baptized at the Friedens Church at Mt. Olive on May 19, 1834. She married Ephraim Miller, a farmer and cooper, and lived near Lebanon Church in northern Shenandoah County. They had two daughters and were members of the Walnut Springs Christian Church. Mary Jane Warner Miller died on Sept. 21, 1907 and is buried at Walnut Springs.

ADA MILLER, born May 21, 1856, died Oct. 14, 1886. She married Robert Hite Pangle and lived near Lebanon Church.

EMMA MILLER, born 1863, died 1887. She married Riley Pangle (bro. of Robert) and also lived near Lebanon Church.

WILLIAM MARTIN WARNER, born Sept. 4, 1835 and was baptized at Friedens on May 8, 1836. He married Regina Miller, who died soon after the marriage. He married second to Mary Miller of Toms Brook and during the Civil War he served in the Confederate Army. Shortly after the war he was killed in a fall from his horse. He had one son by his second wife:

MADISON F. WARNER, born 1863, died 1891. He married Maggie Lichliter and lived at Toms Brook, Va. They had two sons: Madison and Clarence Warner.

JOHN HENRY WARNER, born May 31, 1837 and was baptized at Friedens Church as an infant. He died of pneumonia in the summer of 1834, while serving in the Confederate Army. He never married.

ELIZABETH WARNER, born Jan. 18, 1839 near Mt. Olive and died near Middletown, Va. on Sept. 8, 1906. She married George Miller of near Lebanon Church and lived on a farm near Middletown, Va. They were members of the Walnut Springs Christian Church and both are buried there. They had one son:

EZRA WARNER MILLER, born July 22, 1877, married Annie Long and lived in Winchester, where he was a veterinarian. Two sons: Paul and George.

PHILIP PETER WARNER, born Mar. 25, 1845, near Mt. Olive and died in Shenandoah County on Aug. 9, 1913. He married Catherine Soul, a native of Germany and lived on a farm near Lebanon Church in northern Shenandoah County. During the Civil War he served as a private in Co. "E" of the 11th Va. Cavalry and received a leg wound that crippled him for the rest of his life. Philip and Catherine Warner were members of the Lebanon Lutheran Church and are buried there. They were the parents of eight sons:

GEORGE SAMUEL WARNER, born Feb. 14, 1875, died May 9, 1930. He married Dorothy Miller of Mt. Olive and lived in Cherrydale, Va., a suburb of Washington, D.C., where he worked for the Treasury Department. They had one son (adopted) George William Warner, b. Nov. 3, 1909, died July 14, 1921.

WILLIAM IRVIN WARNER, born Mar. 10, 1877, died Feb. 25, 1965. He married Annie Hawkins and lived in Pittsburgh, Pa. but later moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he died.

CLARENCE PHILIP WARNER, born June 30, 1880, married Bertha Miller and lived on his homeplace at Lebanon Church, where he was a farmer and a merchant. They had two sons: Robert L. and Norman P. Warner.

JAMES LUTHER WARNER, born Nov. 2, 1884 and died in 1953. He married Mary Arden Miller and lived near Gettysburg, Pa. for some years but later returned to Strasburg, Va. where he worked for the Shenandoah Publishing Co. He had seven children.
PHILIP P. WARNER

JAMES L. WARNER

BRONDELL IRVIN WARNER, born March 30, 1910, died in 1964. He married Edna Dacey and lived in Strasburg, where he worked for the Shenandoah Publishing company and was also an insurance agent.

VIRGINIA CATHERINE WARNER, born November 21, 1911, married Claude Rawston and lives in Annapolis, Md.


LENA MAY WARNER, born December 7, 1915, died July 1924.

JAMES LUTHER WARNER, Jr., born May 19, 1919, lives in Falls Church, Va.


LENAMAY WARNER, born March 7, 1915, died July 1924.

JAMES LUTHER WARNER, Jr., born May 19, 1919, lives in Falls Church, Va.

MARY IRENE WARNER, born November 27, 1921, married O. M. Wilson, Strasburg, Va.

JOHN HOWARD WARNER, born September 16, 1887, served in the Navy during World War I and later lived in Washington, D.C.

ERNEST MARION WARNER, born May 15, 1890, died July, 1890.

ALBERT ROY WARNER, born May 15, 1890 (twin) married Rose Holland and was a pharmacist in Berryville, Va. He now lives (1957) in St. Lauderdale, Fla.

the last surviving of the eight sons of Philip P. Warner.

WALTER SPENCER WARNER, born April 9, 1894, served in the Marines during World War I and lived in Washington, D.C.

MARGARET CATHERINE WARNER, born May 12, 1847 and died May 30, 1898. She married three times and was widowed each time. Her first husband was Samuel Rauber, a farmer near Mt. Olive, Va. She had one daughter by him. She then married Jacob Hamman also of near Mt. Olive. They had one daughter. Her third husband was Jacob Kronk, of Toms Brook, Va. They had two daughters. Her children are:

LYDIA CATHERINE FAUBER, born January 1, 1871, married Charles R. Sibert and died June 10, 1947. They lived on a farm near Mt. Olive, Va. Two sons:

ROBERT C. SIBERT, b. Apr. 1, 1890, died 1935, married Ruth Baker and lived at Mt. Olive, where they had one son, Joseph Sibert, b. 1918.

JOHN W. SIBERT, born November 22, 1895, married Naomi Palmer and lived at Mt. Olive. One daughter, Pauline Sibert, married Marvin Coffman.

ANNA REBECCA HAMMAN, born December 11, 1880, m. Luther Heckley and lived in Harrisonburg, Va. They had several children.


ILA KRONK, born October 24, 1886, married Andrew Jenkins, Toms Brook, Va.

JACOB WARNER, born on June 9, 1849, youngest of the children of Samuel and Lydia Snarr Warner, married Martha S antim on June 8, 1879 and lived in Winchester, Va. until 1885 at which time they moved to North Lewisburg, Ohio. He was killed and his wife badly injured by a runaway horse and buggy on June 28, 1910. They were parents of thirteen children who will not be given here but can be found in the History, p. 178. They all lived in and around North Lewisburg, Ohio.
ELIZABETH CATHERINE RUTZ, born July 23, 1853, oldest of the children of Jacob H. and Margaret Snarr Rutz and died in 1936. She married Martin Windel, a farmer and lived at Fishers Hill, Va. She was more commonly called "Betty" and was the mother of one son:

ERNEST WINDEL, born Jan. 11, 1885, died in 1956. He married Ruth Stover Stover of Strasburg and lived at Fishers Hill. They had two children:

MALCOLM LEWIS WINDEL, born Nov. 23, 1903, lives in Upper Darby, Pa.

MILDELL RUTH WINDEL, born July 10, 1910, m. a Mr. Gautchie and lives in N.J.

EDWARD FRANKLIN RUTZ, born June 12, 1855 in Hardy County, and died in Strasburg, Va. on Jan. 28, 1922. He married Sidney Keller, of near Mt. Olive and lived in Strasburg, where he was a shoemaker. They were parents of six children.


LENA GERTRUDE RUTZ, born Jan. 7, 1884, married William Lichliter and lived in Strasburg.

DAVID FRANKLIN RUTZ, born Aug. 8, 1891 and died in May, 1964. He married Maggie Sine and lived in Strasburg, where he worked for the railroad. They had three daughters:

SINDEY VIRGINIA RUTZ, born Sept. 10, 1913, married Luther (Tim) Artz and lives in Strasburg. Two daughters, Wilma, m. Richard Smoot and Cecilia Artz, m. Raymond Albom.


HILDA LOUISE RUTZ, born Feb. 17, 1923, married Bertha Drummond and lived near Strasburg, where he was a farmer. They had the following children:

EDWARD S. RUTZ, born Sept. 20, 1914, lives near Toms Brook, Va.

LENA G. RUTZ, born Jan. 7, 1916, married a Mr. Vaught, Front Royal.

CATHY RUTZ, born Feb. 8, 1917, died June, 1918.

JOHN W. RUTZ, born Apr. 23, 1918, lives near Strasburg.

HARRY H. RUTZ, born Nov. 21, 1919, lives near Toms Brook, Va.


ROBERT P. RUTZ, born July 30, 1922, lives at Mt. Jackson, Va.

CLAUSE RUTZ, lives in Mt. Jackson, Va.

EVA RUTZ, lives in Columbia, Indiana.

DOROTHY RUTZ, married Herman Riffey, Red Lion, Pa.

FREDERICK RUTZ, lives in Arlington, Va.

JACK RUTZ, lives in Greenville, Pa.

JUDELLA ELIZABETH RUTZ, born Sept. 1897, married Robert Sparks and lived in Strasburg, where she recently died. Mr. Sparks was killed in France in 1918 while serving with the army in World War I. They had one dau. Mabel Sparks, born Mar. 15, 1918, married Percy Müller and lives in Strasburg.

FLORENCE O. RUTZ, born Apr. 30 1901, died Aug. 1902.

JACOB HENRY RUTZ, born Nov. 14, 1837 in Hardy County and died in Shenandoah County in 1937. He married Emma Feller, daughter of Noah Feller and had two children. After her death he married Annie Feller. They had no children. Jacob H. Rutz lived near Harrisville, where he was a farmer and a member of St. John's Reformed Church. He is buried in the cemetery there. Two children:
JACOB H. RUTZ

SAMUEL LESTER RUTZ, born Aug. 20, 1889, married Mary Etta Carroll and lived at Harrisville, where he was a farmer. He died about 1973. Mr. Rutz was a well known figure in the county, having been a surveyor, census taker and well-known farmer. Two sons:

LEWIS HENRY RUTZ, born Aug. 10, 1911, married Virginia Rhinehart and lives at Calvary, west of Woodstock, Va.

LESTER CARROLL RUTZ, born Jan. 1, 1913, married Stella Worrell and lives near Toms Brook, Va.

MARGARET RACHEL RUTZ, born Nov. 10, 1891, died 1949. She married Lawrence Keller and lived at Maurertown, Va. where she was the post mistress. No children.

JOHN WESLEY RUTZ, the youngest of the children of Jacob and Margaret Snarr Rutz, was born in Hardy County on May 17, 1860 and died at Harrisville on Jan. 6, 1946. He married Mary Catherine Smoot and lived on a farm near Harrisville. He was a member of St. John's Reformed Church and is buried in the cemetery there. Two children.

ERNEST EDWARD RUTZ, born Nov. 18, 1882 and died Oct. 24, 1939. He married Dorothy Keller of near Toms Brook and moved to Monessen, Pa. where he died. They had four children.

RALPH ADEN RUTZ, born Apr. 2, 1907, lived in Monongahela, Pa.

RODNEY CECIL RUTZ, born Apr. 22, 1910, died 1918.


DOROTHY CATHERINE RUTZ, born Oct. 10, 1918, married Melvin Kibler, Toms Brook.

NELLIE GERTRUDE RUTZ, born Apr. 22, 1892, married Hallie H. Houston and died in 1974. She lived for many years in Winston-Salem, N. C. but since she became a widow she divided her time between her homeplace at Harrisville and Florida. The last surviving grandchild of Margaret Snarr Rutz, she provided some valuable information for this family history. Three children.

JOHN RUTZ HOUSTON, born and died 1918.

MARY CATHERINE HOUSTON, born Feb. 2, 1920, married Wayne Knight and lives in Arlington, Va. They have four children: Kenneth, John, Charlene and Mary Catherine Knight.

NELLIE MAXWELL HOUSTON, born Jan. 8, 1923, married Marwood Rickard and lives in Auburndale, Florida, but also spends time at the Rutz home near Toms Brook. Four children: Lyman, Maureen, David and Jeannette.
SUSANNAH ELY, the oldest daughter of Isaac and Catherine Ely, was born about 1820 in Hardy County (now W. Va.), married Alexander Likens and lived in the household of her father in Hardy County. Both Susannah and Alexander died before 1850, leaving two small sons, who were raised by Isaac and Catherine Ely. ISAAC LIKENES, born 1840, inherited part of his grandfather's estate in 1863, but in 1875 he and his wife, Louisa Rudolphia, sold their land and may have moved on west. They had at least one son whose birth was recorded in the Grant County (formed from Hardy in 1866) records: Elkanah Ely Likens, born Nov. 16, 1870. WILLIAM LIKENES, born 1842, lived on his share of the Ely estate in Grant County, W. Va. (formed from Hardy in 1866) as a farmer until his death on May 4, 1877. He and his wife Sarah Catherine had two children: Noah Grant Likens, b. May 24, 1868, married Iva May Leatherman and lived near Burlington, W. Va. and Elvina Virginia Likens, b. Nov. 7, 1871.

CATHARINE ELY, born in 1832 in Hardy County, married George Harris Jr. in 1861 and lived on their share of the Ely estate in Grant County, where they had a family of six children. George Harris died about 1880 and Catherine died about 1892. Their children were: DAVID HENRY HARRIS, born 1862, died June 1, 1930, never married. IDA BELL HARRIS, born May 7, 1863, died Apr. 20, 1928. She married William D. Rotruck and lived in Grant County. They married late in life and had no children. ISAAC SHERMAN HARRIS, b. 1865, married Laura Rotruck and lived at Martin, W. Va. (Grant County), where he was a farmer. Several children. TAYLOR ULYSSES HARRIS, born 1868, died Jan. 29, 1929, married Anna Rebecca Rotruck and lived at Martin, W. Va. Several children. GEORGE THOMAS HARRIS, born 1870, married Maggie Rotruck and lived at Martin, W. Va.; several children. MARTIN A. HARRIS, born Mar. 13, 1873, died as a young man.

NANCY ELY, born Feb. 1, 1835, in Hardy County, youngest daughter of Isaac and Catherine Ely, married Martin Stonestreet on May 23, 1871 and lived on her homeplace in Grant County, W. Va. Nancy Ely Stonestreet died of cancer at her home on June 27, 1897. They had no children and after Nancy's death, Martin Stonestreet sold most of his real estate in Grant County and may have moved away.
THE LEVI BLY FAMILY
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JOHNRUDOLPH BLY, born Mar. 6, 1831, the first born of Levi and Franey Bly, was baptized at the Friedens Church at Mt. Olive on July 24, 1831, sponsored by his grandparents, Rudolph and Barbara Rosenberger. He died prior to 1850.

BARBARA BLY, born May 2, 1833, daughter of Levi and Franey Bly, was baptized at Friedens Church in September of the same year. She married James William McFarland on Sept. 10, 1867 and died in Strasburg, Va. in 1920, the oldest and last surviving of the children of Levi Bly. They had no children but did raise a foster dau:

ANNE LEE WOODS MCFARLAND, married Hugh Senseny and had one son. She married second to Robert Snapp and had one daughter. Her son, Ernest L. McFarland (born Senseny) was raised by James and Barbara Bly McFarland and lived in Strasburg, where he died several years ago. Having been raised by the oldest daughter of Levi Bly he had an intimate knowledge of much family history and provided many interesting anecdotes and valuable leads on information. His sister, Garnett Snapp, married Bart Russell and lives in Baltimore.

WILLIAM BLY, born Sept. 17, 1834, was baptized at the Friedens Church on Apr. 17, 1835 and was still living in 1850. He died as a young man prior to 1860.

JAMES MADISON BLY, was born May 17, 1836 and baptized at the Friedens Church on August 21 of the same year. He married Margaret Stover on Dec. 24, 1860 and died in Weatherford, Texas on June 15, 1906. Margaret Stover Bly was born in Strasburg on Jan. 22, 1836, daughter of Joseph and Catherine Sonner Stover and died in Millsap, Tex. on Dec. 15, 1899. During the Civil War James Bly was a private in Co."A" of the 10th Va. Inf. commanded by his brother-in-law, Joshua Stover. He was discharged in the Spring of 1862 because of health but later joined the 23d Va. Cav. and served as a second lieutenant in Co. "G". He was captured in 1864 and imprisoned at Camp Chase, Ohio for the rest of the war. After the war he lived east of Strasburg in the Cabin Hills area and was engaged in farming and business activities. Throughout the '60's and '70's he bought and sold real estate and was involved in a number of transactions such as co-signing loans, holding deeds of trust and settling estates. He was a member of the Strasburg Lutheran Church. About 1876 he and his family moved west and located in Parker County, Tex. They lived at Millsap for some years and later at Weatherford. In Texas James Bly did some farming and also worked as a mason and builder. He died after being injured by a runaway horse. He and Margaret had ten children.

GEORGIA ANN BLY, born in Strasburg, Va. on Aug. 31, 1861, married twice and died in Weatherford, Texas on Jan. 8, 1947. Her first husband, Charles Heifrin died young and she then married Gardner J. Bankhead of Weatherford. They have descendants living in Texas.

NATHAN STOVER BLY, born in Strasburg, Va. Mar. 16, 1863, grew to manhood in Parker Co. Tex. and in 1887 moved to Navajo Co. Arizona, where he married Beatrice Margaret Forsythe on Feb. 24, 1904 and died in Winslow, Ariz. Dec. 9, 1918. When he went to Arizona he became a sheep herder and later took up a homestead and sheep ranch of his own. By the turn of the century he was one of the most prominent ranchers in the Territory. After his marriage he sold his ranch and moved into the town of Winslow. He was the first president of the Bank of Winslow and also served one term as mayor. He returned to Virginia on at least one occasion to visit relatives, probably in 1913 when he attended Woodrow Wilson's inauguration in Washington. Beatrice("Bea") Forsythe Bly was born Aug. 6, 1884 and died in Winslow, Ariz. Apr. 3, 1938. They had four children.
JAMES M. ELY

NATHAN S. ELY

VIRGINIA MARGARET ELY, born Feb. 15, 1905, married Ralph Miller and lives in Phoenix, Ariz. (widow). They had two children: Ralph Bly Miller, b. July 31, 1936, married and lives in Manhattan Beach, Calif.; and Mary Laurel Miller, b. Feb. 7, 1942, married Daniel Logan and lives in Dallas, Texas. She has a Ph.D. in psychology as does her husband.

LAUREL BESSIE ELY, born Apr. 13, 1908, married Cyril H. Barron and died Nov. 5, 1969. They lived first in Winslow, Arizona and later Phoenix. She taught school for a while. No children.


BUFORD G. ELY, born in Strasburg, in 1865, grew up in Parker County, Tex. where he married Margie Osgood July 18, 1886. He later moved to Nolan County, Tex. where he apparently lived the rest of his life, though no date of death has been established. He had two children: Ruth and Thomas. Ruth married a Barnhill and lives in Vernon, Tex. Tom, who died in the 1960's had children: Maybelle Roberts and Billy Bly of Big Springs, Tex. belong in this family.

MAGGIE L. ELY, born in Virginia in 1867, married George W. Flippo in Parker Co. Tex. Dec. 25, 1885 and died as a young woman.

LILLIE ELY, born Feb. 14, 1869, died as a child.

VERNON C. ELY, born in Strasburg in 1871, married Joseph Edward Williams of Parker Co. They had several children among them James Madison Williams who lives in Fort Worth, Tex.

JAMES W. ELY, born in Strasburg in 1872 and was killed in Parker County Texas in the 1890's. He was shot by the jealous suitor of a young woman whom he was escorting to church.

FLETCHER DAVIDS ELY, born Aug. 21, 1874 in Strasburg, Va. grew up in Texas and in the 1890's went to Navajo County, Ariz. and entered the sheep ranching business with his brother. He married Georgia Alcorn on June 11, 1918 and died Mar. 2, 1962 in Pasadena, Calif. where he had retired. His ranch in Arizona is now part of the national forest near the Grand Canyon. His widow, Georgia still lives in Pasadena, Calif. No children.

CLAUDE CONVERSE ELY, was born in Parker Co. Tex. in 1877 and as a young man also went to Ariz. to enter the sheep ranching business. He married Lyda Wright in Phoenix, Ariz in 1917. Apparently his business failed, his wife left him and he died sometime afterward near Goleta, California. No date known known. He went by the nickname of "Gon" Bly. No children.

LAURA LEE ELY, born Dec. 10, 1879, died Feb. 1, 1880.

ANN REBECCA ELY, born Feb. 19, 1838, was baptized at the Friedens Church on July 1, 1838, married Joseph O. Stover in Strasburg on Jan. 3, 1856 and died in Harrison County, Indiana on July 2, 1881. Joseph O. Stover, son of John Stover of Strasburg and Ann Rebecca moved to Harrison County, Ind. about 1862 and settled near the town of Corydon. They had three sons: John Stover, Martin L. Stover and Albert Stover, all of whom lived in Harrison County but nothing further is known of this family at present.
CATHERINE BLY, born Feb. 7, 1840, was baptized in the Strasburg Lutheran Church, married George B. Lynn of Frederick County, Va. on Mar. 15, 1866 and died in Frederick County, Va. in 1901. Generally called "Kate" she and her husband lived on a farm west of Winchester, Va. George B. Lynn was born in 1838, during the Civil War served as a private in Co. "S" of the 11th Va. Cav. He died in Frederick County in 1908. They were parents of two sons:

CHARLES EDWARD LYNN, born 1867, married Sadie Fries in 1893 and lived in Frederick County, Va., where he died in 1943. They had four children: Kate, Love, Hilda and Eldridge Lynn.

ROBERT LEE LYNN, born 1876, married Sarah Miller on May 20, 1903 and lived in Frederick County. They had one son: George Miller Lynn, born May 19, 1917, lives in Hagerstown, Md.

MASON BLY, born near Strasburg on Aug. 22, 1842, son of Levi and Franey Ely, married Eliza Catherine Sevier on Oct. 29, 1867 and died at Lebanon Church, Va. on Oct. 21, 1904. During the Civil War he served as a private in Co. "S" of the 11th Va. Cav. which was part of Ashby's famous Laurel Brigade. He was later promoted to orderly sergeant and was seriously wounded in Amelia County, Va. in the spring of 1863. He returned to his regiment and served for the duration of the war. After his marriage he bought a farm on Mulberry Run near Lebanon Church, Va. west of Strasburg. "Mass" Bly was a well-known man in the county, being a prosperous farmer he also served in public office as deputy sheriff, constable for Davis District and Commissioner of Revenue for Shenandoah County. He was also active in the local chapter of Confederate veterans. Eliza Catherine Sevier Bly was born Jan. 18, 1843, daughter of William and Sarah Sevier and died April 1, 1925. "Mass" Bly and his family were members of the Lebanon Lutheran Church and were parents of twelve children, who are as follows:

MINNIE DORA BLY, born Dec. 14, 1868, married Arthur Hottel in 1889 and died Nov. 19, 1946. They lived near Riddletown in Frederick County, Va. and had five children: Abbie May Hottel, married a Dr. Hamblight and lives in Winchester, Va.; Loring Arthur Hottel, b. Nov. 10, 1891, married Martha Lee and lived at Riddletown; Earl L. Hottel, lives in Coraopolis, Pa.; Jennings Hottel, lives in Texas; and Irma Hottel, lives in Fla.

SARAH OZELLA BLY, born Feb. 16, 1870, married William Ribble on Apr. 28, 1903 and died Dec. 2, 1908. They lived in Philadelphia, Pa. where she was a nurse. After her death, William Ribble took their small son and moved to Oklahoma where he became prosperous in the oil business. Dr. Ernest McFarland of Strasburg recalls that William Ribble was one of the first men to come to Strasburg with an automobile and it caused so much excitement that people paid him ten cents a ride for a ride at the annual Lebanon Church picnic. The car was a 1907 Columbia with brass fixtures and kerosene headlights. William and Sarah Bly Ribble had one son, Jack Mason Ribble, who lives in Oklahoma.

WILLIAM LUTHER BLY, born June 9, 1871, married May Bigelow on Mar. 3, 1903 and died in Strasburg, Va. in 1941. As a young man he went to Pittsburgh and worked for several years and married there. He and his wife later returned to Strasburg and he worked for the Southern Railroad. He and his family were members of the Strasburg Lutheran Church. Seven children:

LAURA CATHERINE BLY, married Elmo Phillips and lives in Front Royal, Va.

THEODORE LEON BLY, called "Ted" Bly he married Nancy Irma Fisher and lives in Strasburg, Va. They have one son; Charles Albert Bly, born Jan. 11, 1912, attends the University of Virginia.

RUTH ALMA BLY, born Nov. 11, 1915, married Lyle Cameron and lives in Manassas, Va. One son; Lyle Cameron Jr, b. 1942.
MASON ELY

HARRY MERLE ELY, born Apr. 8, 1918, married Katie Rush and lives in Cabin John, Md. They have two daughters; Sandra and Pamela Ely.

STANLEY HUGGLOW ELY, born June 16, 1920, lives in Roanoke, Va.

VIOLA JEANNE ELY, born Apr. 19, 1924, married Thomas Stratton and lives in Indiana.


STANLEY BIGELON ELY, born June 16, 1920, lives in Roanoke, Va.

HARRY BIERLE BLY, born Apr. 8, 1918, married Katie Rush and lives in Cabin John, Md. They have two daughters; Sandra and Pamela Ely.

WILLIAM LUTHER ELY Jr. born and died 1923.

MASON ELY, born Dec. 25, 1873; married Ella Sibert, daughter of David and Martha Hamman Sibert and died in Pittsburgh, Pa. on Feb. 11, 1908. He was killed in a fall into an elevator shaft where he worked. No ch.

ABBIE FRANCES ELY, born Feb. 21, 1875, married Samuel C. Hockman on June 18, 1896 and died Oct. 24, 1948, the last surviving of the children of Mason Ely. Samuel Hockman, son of Samuel and Seatta Cullers Hockman was a farmer at Oak Grove about three miles west of Strasburg. Samuel and Abbie were parents of thirteen children including two sets of twins.

BRUNO HOCKMAN, born Jan. 9, 1901, married Hilda Wymer and died Apr. 28, 1965. They lived near Lebanon Church and had four children: Marcus Hockman, married Aldred Clayton and lives in Glasgow, Va.; Kay Hockman married Robert Drummond and lives in Strasburg; Keith Hockman married Dorothy Linesburg and lives near Strasburg and Ronald Hockman, married Joan McDonald and lives near Lebanon Church.

CHESTER MASON HOCKMAN (twin) born Jan. 9, 1901, married Catherine Hottel (deceased) and died Feb. 21, 1968. He lived on a farm near Strasburg and had six children: Martha Hockman, married John Rennie and lives near Strasburg; Daniel Hockman, married Mildred Morris and lives at Strasburg; Susan Hockman; Dwight Hockman; Sally S. Hockman; and Douglas Hockman.

AUDREY HOCKMAN, born Jan. 13, 1903, married Frank Herle (deceased) and lived in Washington D.C. for a number of years where she was a telephone operator. She now lives near Strasburg; no children.

ATLEE HOCKMAN, born Jan. 3, 1905, married Silth Aller and died June 3, 1911. They lived at Oak Grove near Strasburg and had one daughter (adopted); Margaret Ann Hockman, married Bradley Chadwick and lives in Winchester, Va.

DELLA HOCKMAN, born Oct. 28, 1907, married Floyd Reynolds and lived in Martinsburg, W. Va. for a number of years but both have now retired and live west of Lebanon Church. She has given a lot of assistance in compiling information on the Mason Ely family. No children.
MASON ELY

GLENN HOCKMAN, born June 24, 1909, and was killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 4, 1929.

TILDEN HOCKMAN, born Feb. 12, 1911, married Frances Main (div.) and had three children. He married second to Anna Orndorff and had two daughters. He lives at Oak Grove and works for the American Viscose Corp. in Front Royal, Va. His children are: Janet Hockman, m. Alfred Neff; Joyce Hockman, m. Donald Feller of near Woodstock; Earl Hockman, lives in Baltimore, Md; Linda Lou Hockman, b. 1934 and Wanda Elaine Hockman, b. Mar. 4, 1936, died June 30, 1968.


SAMUEL CLAY HOCKMAN (twin) born July 4, 1913, married Maxine Hayes (div.) and lived near Lebanon Church, Va. He is recently deceased. Three children: Henrietta Hockman, m. David Hupp; Jerry W. Hockman and Marcalla Hockman.

ELWOOD HOCKMAN, born Apr. 1, 1916 and was killed in an auto-train collision on Sept. 13, 1927. This tragic accident also took the life of his cousin Ralph Hockman and seriously injured several of their brothers and sisters.

SELESTA JANE HOCKMAN, born June 7, 1918, died June 25, 1918.

CHARLES SEVIER ELY, born Aug. 29, 1876, married Maude Burkhardt on Nov. 29, 1899 and died Oct. 4, 1945. As a young man he moved to Pittsburgh, Pa. where he married and then later he and his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio. They had three children:

JAMES MASON ELY, born 1901, now deceased, he lived in Cleveland, Ohio and had one daughter, Delores Ely.

ELMER CHARLES ELY, born 1903, lived in Cleveland. Now deceased.

GLADYS ELY, married Harold Hough and lives in Cleveland, Ohio. She has one son, Harold Hough Jr.

ARTHUR OMAR ELY, born Oct. 29, 1877, and was killed by a horse on April 11, 1883 at the age of five.

INFANT ELY, born and died Feb. 17, 1880.

INFANT ELY, born and died Mar. 6, 1881.

JESSE FRANKLIN ELY, born June 10, 1882, married Vernie Keller in 1904 and died in Winchester, Va. on July 28, 1933. They moved to Winchester as a young married couple and he had a business in Winchester. They had five children:

CURTIS AUSTIN ELY, married Catherine Souder and lives in Silver Springs.

THELMA CECILLE ELY, born Dec. 15, died Dec. 18, 1910.

HERMAN OLLIN ELY, born July 12, 1913, lives in Washington D.C. and is a lawyer with the Justice Department.

SHIRLEY ORVILLE ELY, born Oct. 28, 1915, lives in Winchester, Va. where he is an accountant. He is married and father of two daughters: Joyce Campbell Ely and Susan Elizabeth Ely.

WALTER MERVIN ELY, born Sept. 3, 1917, married Rebecca Hopkirk (deceased) and lives in Winchester, Va. where he works for the Internal Revenue Service. One daughter: Martha Ann Ely, b. Apr. 10, 1944, married and lives in Winchester.

RICHARD ELY, born in 1844, near Strasburg, son of Levi and Franey Ely and during the Civil War he served as a private in Co. "E" of the 11th Va. Cav. along with his brother, Mason. The records of the company report that he was killed on Sept. 23, 1863, but this is incorrect. His service record in the National Archives proves that he was only captured at that time. He was released from a prisoner of war camp in April, 1865. He was still living in Strasburg in 1867 but died prior to 1870. He never married.

FRANCES ELLEN ELY, born near Strasburg on May 24, 1847, was baptized at the St. Stephens Lutheran Church on Aug. 29, 1847 and on Nov. 28, 1865, she married William Miller of near Lebanon Church. She died in 1873. She left three young sons, one of them whose name is not known burned to death as a child. William Miller was born in 1838 and after the death of Frances he remarried and died in 1909. The two sons of William and Frances were raised by a step-mother and had no memory of their real mother.

ARTHUR AUSTIN MILLER, born Aug. 17, 1868, married Carrie White and died in 1947. They lived at Lebanon Church, Va. where he was a farmer and a merchant. They had one daughter: Marguerite Miller, married Eldred Helsley and lives at Lebanon Church. She is a school teacher. No children.

WILLIAM CLINTON MILLER, born in 1872, married Etta Mowery and lived on his father's farm at Lebanon, where he died in Mar. 1940. Three sons:

- WILLIAM CECIL MILLER, born July 5, 1914, married Mary Scott and lives on his homeland. They have one daughter:
- LESLIE CLINTON MILLER, born Feb. 11, 1917, unmarried, lives on the homeplace with his brother.

LEVY ELY JR. born near Strasburg, Va. in 1849 and died in April, 1863 in the smallpox epidemic that also claimed the life of his mother.

CHARLES HENRY ELY, born near Strasburg on Apr. 12, 1851, youngest of the children of Levi and Franey Ely and died at Strasburg on Feb. 21, 1882. He was crippled in one leg as the result of a childhood accident or illness. He never married and lived most of his life in Strasburg, where he operated a tavern.
THE DOROTHY ELY VEACH FAMILY  
(from p. 36)

REBECCA ELLEN VEACH, born near Strasburg, on Feb. 28, 1848, oldest of the four children of William and Dorothy Ely Veach and died in Strasburg on Nov. 16, 1886. She married Joseph Sonner on Dec. 15, 1865 and lived in Strasburg, Va. where Mr. Sonner was a businessman. Joseph Sonner had served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War as a private in Co. "A" of the 10th Virginia Regiment. He died in Strasburg, in 1921. They were members of the Strasburg Lutheran Church and are buried in the cemetery there. They had one daughter: 
IDA GERTRUDE SONNER, born Mar. 1871, married George Metzger and moved to Chicago, Ill. where she died. No children.

ROBERT SAMUEL VEACH, born near Strasburg, Va. on July 5, 1849, and died in Chicago, Ill. on Mar. 28, 1920. At the age of thirteen he was conscripted into the Confederate Army and served as a private in Co. "A" of the Sixth Virginia Cavalry, the famous "Black Horse" division. He was wounded at Gettysburg and again at the Battle of Fishers Hill. In the years after the Civil War he went north to New England and Canada, where he worked as a stonemason. He then moved to Middle Point, Ohio, where his younger brother, William, had settled. Robert had been out of touch with his family for almost 15 years and he found his brother by answering an advertisement that William had placed in a newspaper. Robert married Elizabeth Winters on Apr. 1, 1882 in Middle Point, Ohio and in 1888 they moved to Chicago, Ill. where he was a contractor and a stonemason. They were the parents of three daughters.

FRANCES DOLLY ELLEN VEACH, born Dec. 26, 1882, married Frederick Pinkel of Chicago on Mar. 8, 1912 and lived in Chicago, where she died Mar. 7, 1947. They had no children.

LILLIAN VALERA VEACH, born in Ohio on May 15, 1887, she married Edgar Long of Chicago on Mar. 8, 1912 in a double wedding with her sister Frances. She is now (1965) a widow living in Miami, Florida and has provided much of the information for this branch of the family. No children.

BERNICE ANNA VEACH, born May 6, 1890, died June 9, 1907.

WILLIAM JASPER ANNA VEACH, born near Strasburg, Va. on July 4, 1851, he died in Middle Point, Ohio on Mar. 7, 1914. He was orphaned quite young and after spending his boyhood with various relatives in Shenandoah County, he went to Middle Point (Van Wert County), Ohio in the 1870's where he married Almanary Foster on Dec. 30, 1879. She was born in Ohio on Jan. 31, 1857 and died Oct. 28, 1943. They bought a farm near Middle Point and were the parents of eight children. Shortly after moving to Ohio, William placed an advertisement in a newspaper in an effort to locate his brother Robert. Robert answered the ad and restored his family connections. The children of William J. Veach are as follows:

VIOLA GERTRUDE VEACH, born Apr. 19, 1881, died Feb. 17, 1897.

LAURA ELLEN VEACH, born in Ohio Aug. 12, 1883, died Apr. 23, 1955. She married Claude C. Fast in 1903 and lived near Middle Point, Ohio. They had three children:

HELEN RUTH FAST, born Oct. 19, 1904, married Harlan Howard and lives in Torrington, Conn. They have one son: John Harlan Howard, b. 1942.

HOWARD VEACH FAST, born May 17, 1910, died Nov. 1, 1913.

BETTY JANE FAST, born June 1, 1915, married Robert Whitemore and lives in Beverly, Mass. They have five children: Susan Jane, b. 1941; Martha Ellen, b. 1943; Nancy Lydia, b. 1946; David Robert, b. 1951 and Elizabeth Laura Whitemore, b. 1955.
WILLIAM J. VEACH

DOLLY AGNES VEACH, born Mar. 9, 1886, died May 9, 1957. She married the Rev. Ira Ladd in 1913 and lived in Mulberry, Indiana. In the summer of 1908 she spent several months visiting with her Bly relatives in Virginia. One son:

JOSEPH VEACH LADD, born Mar. 7, 1918.

RALPH RAYMOND VEACH, born May 23, 1889, married Gladys Ruth Carlo on Apr. 10, 1912 and lives on a farm near Middlepoint, Ohio. They have three children:

BUFORD CARLO VEACH, born Aug. 25, 1913, married Vada Wilmore (died 1958) and second to Catherine Burd. They live in Lima, Ohio. Two children:

Vivian Lelia Veach, b. 1943, married Jerry Thompson and Andrea Jean Veach, born 1947, Lima Ohio.


JOANNE VEACH, born May 23, 1927, married Ralph Rogers and lives in Ohio. They have three children: Roy, b. 1930, Jane, b. 1931 and Raymond, b. 1932.

LULU DAYLE VEACH, born Dec. 12, 1891, died July 31, 1962. She married first Earl Manship (died 1920) and second to Arthur T. Schreiber and had one son:


MARY SUSANNA VEACH, born Nov. 21, 1894, married Russell L. Hire on Aug. 14, 1922 and lives in Lima, Ohio, where Mr. Hire was the Auditor for Allen County, Ohio. Mrs. Hire provided much of the information which is contained here on William J. Veach and his family. They have one son:


WILLIAM ROBERT VEACH, born Jan. 8, 1899, never married and still lives on the farm near Middle Point, Ohio.

DOROTHY MILDRED VEACH, born May 28, 1902, married Andrew J. White Jr. on Apr. 8, 1927 and lives in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. White is a prominent citizen of Columbus and is on the Board of Trustees for Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio. They have two children.

DOROTHY JEAN WHITE, born Jan. 5, 1929, married Raymond Robinson and lives in Columbus, Ohio. They have three children: George Andrew, b. 1950; David A., b. 1951 and Sara Lu, born 1959.

ANDREW J. WHITE III, born May 24, 1932, married Miriam Recker and lives in East Cleveland, Ohio, where he is a Lutheran pastor. They have four children: Mary Sue, b. 1955; Daniel A., b. 1958, John Andrew, b. 1960 and James D. White, b. 1962.

CORDELIA FRANCES VEACH, the youngest of the children of William and Dorothy Bly Veach, was born near Strasburg, Va. in 1853. She was orphaned very young and was raised in the home of her uncle, Levi Bly. She never married and died in Strasburg, in March, 1876.
DAVID HENRY BLY, born in Shenandoah County, Va. on Sept. 15, 1838, eldest of the
ten children of Samuel and Flora Bly and was baptized at the Friedens Lutheran
Church at Mt. Olive on June 9, 1839, sponsored by his grandparents, Rudolph and
Barbara Rosenberger. He died in Frederick County, Va. in 1914. David Bly married
Leah Rebeeha Wetzel on Apr. 21, 1861. She was born near St. Stephens Church on
Feb. 21, 1840, a daughter of Henry and Rebecca Wetzel and died Oct. 3, 1861,
leaving an infant son. After the death of his wife, David Bly joined the Con-
federate Army and served as a private in Capt. George Woodings’ Company of Vir-
ginia Artillery. After the war David married Angeline Steed, who was born in
Warren County, Va. on Oct. 1, 1836, the daughter of Jacob Steed and a granddaughter
of Jesse and Eva Rosenberger Steed. Thus, she and David were second cousins. They
were married on Mar. 27, 1866 and shortly afterwards bought a farm near St. Stephens
Church. They had eight children. Angeline Bly died Mar. 16, 1901. David then
married a third time to Jane McInturf Rinker (a widow) and lived in Warren County
for a short time but then moved to Keyser, W. Va. They had two sons and Jane
died about 1912. David moved back to Virginia and lived with one of his sons
in Frederick County, where he died in 1914. Altogether, David Bly was the father
of eleven children, born over a period of fifty years. Following are his
children and descendants.

CHARLES EDWARD BLY, born Sept. 19, 1861, in Shenandoah County and died in
New Oxford, Pa. on May 29, 1939. He was raised by his grandparents, Henry
and Rebecca Wetzel, married Eva Ella Dellinger and lived near St. Stephens
on Erubeck Run. He later lived north of Strasburg, near Cedar Creek but in
1921 moved with his family to a farm near New Oxford, Pa. which is not far
from Gettysburg. Charles and Ella Bly were the parents of nine children.

MINNIE CATHERINE ELY, born Oct. 30, 1889, died Dec. 6, 1964. She married
Robert Benton Boyar and lived north of Strasburg, near Cedar Creek. They
were the parents of six children: Leonard Morris Boyer, married Maude
Hall and lived in Middletown, Va., now deceased; Alice Rebecca Boyer,
moved Fred Pearson, Front Royal, Va.; Catherine Ellen Boyer, married
Roy Neal of Strasburg, Va.; Thelma May Boyer, married Elmer Pingley of
Front Royal; Jack Eugene Boyer, married Beverly Bergey and lives in Stras-
burg, and Boyd Hopewell (barney) Boyer, lives in Strasburg.

HARRY RICHARD ELY, born Sept. 17, 1891, died Dec. 29, 1965. He served
in the U. S. Army during World War I, married Odessa Heckley (div) and
moved to New Oxford, Pa. where he was a businessman. He had one daughter;
Frances Ely, married Ray Yohe and lives in Hillsburg, Pa.

CHARLES FRANKLIN ELY, (Frank) was born Aug., 1893, near Strasburg, married
Mary Cooley and lives on a farm near New Oxford, Pa. They have seven
children: Loretta Ely, m. Russell Osborne, John Ely, married Loretta
Mommer, New Oxford, Pa; Bina Ely, married Samuel Witmer, New Oxford;

ADA CAROLINE ELY, born in Sept. 1895, married Moses Racey and lives in
New Oxford, Pa. Moses Racey is also a native of Shenandoah County, Va.
They have two sons: Lewis Racey, lives in California and Larry Racey,

MARION LUTHER ELY, born in June, 1897, near Strasburg, married Mary House-
fluck, also of near Strasburg and lives in New Oxford, Pa, where they had
a farm. They had nine children: Roy Ely; Melvin Ely, killed in W. W. II;
Russell Ely, Irene Ely, m. Donald Howe; Frederick Ely; Helen Ely, m. Kenneth
Burkheimer; James Ely; Dorothy Ely, m. Ray Burkheimer and Jesse Ely.
DAVID H. ELY
CHARLES E. ELY

BERTHA MAY ELY, born in Dec. 1900, married James Racey, also a native of Shenandoah County and lives in Baltimore, Md. They have one daughter, Margaret Racey, married James Norfolk and lives in Florida.

RAYMOND HARRY ELY, born in Aug. 1902, married Katie Messersmith and lives in Middletown, Va. where he has operated a restaurant and service station for a number of years but is now retired. Four children: Alvin A. Ely, married Kathleen Crabbs (div.) and lives in Middletown, Va.; Louise V. Ely, married Frank Baker, Middletown, Va.; Betty Ellen Ely, married Pete Andrick, Frederick Co., Va. and Robert E. Ely, m. Anita Lacey, Middletown.

NELLIE VIRGINIA ELY, born June, 1905, married Earl Cooley and lives in Hanover, Pa. Two daughters; Betty Cooley, m. Robert Rogers, Alentown, Pa., and Elsie Cooley, m. Harold Bixler and lives in Hanover, Pa.

STELLA IRENE ELY, born June, 1907, married Earl Race and lives in Gettysburg, Pa. One son; William Race, Gettysburg, Pa.

ANNIS ELEANORA ELY, born Jan. 1, 1867 in Shenandoah County, Va. and died in Martinsburg, W. Va. in 1947. She married Decatur (Dee) Beeler, son of John and Catherine Beeler and lived in Martinsburg, W. Va. They were the parents of six daughters:


LEATHA BEELER, married Roland M. Pyne and lives in Martinsburg, W. Va. where he is a florist. They have three children: Robert D. Pyne, Thomas J. Pyne and Annalea V. Pyne, who married Kenneth C. Dawson and lives in Berkeley Springs, W. Va. She has provided considerable information on Samuel Ely and his descendants.

ARTIE FRANCES BEELER, married John Bauserman (div.) and second to Noah Bovay. She is now a widow and lives in Detroit, Mich. No children.

SARAH BEELER, married Julian Shipe and died in 1936. She lived in Martinsburg and had two sons: Bernard and Jack Shipe.

GOLDIE BEELER (twin of Roxie), married Francis Tederick and lived in Martinsburg, W. Va. where she died in 1958.

SHELTON ALEXANDER ELY, born Mar. 22, 1868 and died in Frederick County, Va. on May 15, 1935. He married Lucy Estep who left him with three small children. He then married Ursula Burkhart on May 14, 1907 and had eleven children. "Shelt" Ely lived on a farm near Fawcett's Gap in Frederick County, where his widow Ursula still resides (1970). Following are the fourteen children of Shelton Ely and their families.

GODFREY RUSSELL ELY, born Aug. 21, 1891, died Oct. 16, 1955. He married Jeanette Pearl Linsburg and lived at Fawcett's Gap where he was a farmer and an orchardist. They had no children.

EDNA ELY, born in 1893, died in 1904.

HERBERT FRANKLIN ELY, born Jan. 18, 1895, died June 20, 1965 when he was struck by an automobile. He married Lucy Frances Supinger and lived on a farm at Lebanon Church, west of Strasburg. He had one daughter, Stella Ely, married a Mr. Albright and lives near Strasburg.

SHELTON W. ELY, born in 1908, married Elmer Cooke and lives in Martinsburg, W. Va. They have several children.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT ELY, born Apr. 24, 1909 and died in July, 1964. He married Ruby Lowe and lived at Relief near Winchester, where he was a farmer. They had three daughters: Mary Lou Blanche Ely, married Albert Tinsman and lives in Winchester; Helen Marie Ely, married Jeffrey West, Winchester and Peggy Alice Ely, married Edward Winne of Marshall, Va.
DAVID H. ELY
SHELTON A. ELY

CORA ELLEN ELY, born 1910, married John Garman and lives in Sykesville, Md.

SILAS BERNARD ELY, born Dec. 25, 1913, married Eva Love and lives in
Winchester, Va. They have two children: Roy Lester Ely, married Patricia
Edens and Linda Lenora Ely, married Ellis Shanholtz.

ANNA MATILDA ELY, born Apr. 21, 1915, married Richard Lowery and lives
at Bartonsville (near Winchester), Va. They have a large family.


EMMA MARGIE ELY, born 1919, married Robert Willis and lives in Ft. Lauderdale.

SAMUEL RAYMOND ELY, born 1921, married Rebecca Mowery and lives in Stras-
burg, where he is employed by the Northern Virginia Power Co. They have
four daughters: Colleen Marie Ely, b: June 16, 1945, married Gary Tisinger,
Winchester, Va; Lillian Gayle Ely, b. Feb. 17, 1947; Sharon Rae Ely, b.
June 26, 1948, married Casey Crabill, Strasburg and Bonnie Lou Ely, born
March 22, 1953.

CATHERINE EVELYN ELY, born 1923, married Morris Perry and lives in Winchester.

ALFRED LESTER ELY, born 1923, married Evelyn Weakley and lives at Hayfield
in Frederick County, Va. where he is a farmer. They have two children:
Ann Louise Ely, b. 1949 and Alfred Lester Ely Jr.

EMMA LAVINIA ELY, born June 23, 1869, married Charles L. ("Bosh") Beeler and
died Mar. 29, 1931. "Bosh" Beeler was the son of Leonidas and Barbara Beeler.
They lived on the Beeler homestead near Lebanon Church, Va. and were the
parents of thirteen children, who are as follows:

ZELDA BEELER, born Feb. 28, 1886, oldest of the children of Charles and
lived on the Pangle farm west of Strasburg and were parents of thirteen
children: Leonard A. Pangle, (deceased) married Mary Pence, Strasburg;
Fred C. Pangle, married Laura Brundage and lives in Tiffin, Ohio; Lewis
Pangle, b. May 24, 1909, died Feb. 19, 1917: Frank W. Pangle, b. Apr. 12,
1912, married Madeline Miller and lived near Strasburg, he died Oct. 20,
1973: Earl Pangle, b. Sept. 1, 1913, died Jan. 17, 1919: Lorraine Pangle,
b. Mar. 2, 1915, married Frank Bell and lives in Front Royal: Ruth E.
Pangle, b. Aug. 16, 1917, married Raymond Beeler (deceased) and lives in
Strasburg; Curtis C. Pangle, b. Mar. 20, 1920, died 1932: Hershel C. "Ted"
Pangle b. June 6, 1921, married Martha Hockman(div.) and Joan Trevey, lives
and lives in Newark, Ohio: Beulah Pangle, b. Sept. 11, 1924, married Will-
iam J. Ely Jr (deceased) and James Maples and lives in Florida: Roy Arthur
Pangle, b. Apr. 11, 1927, married Margaret Rennie and Roland Lee Pangle,
born Sept. 11, 1928, married Joan McInturff and lives in Strasburg, Va.

MATTIE BEELER, born Sept. 8, 1887, lives on the Beeler homestead, unmarried.

HOMER BEELER, born July 2, 1890, died Mar. 1965. He married Fannie Drill
and moved to Bloomsville, Ohio where he lived the rest of his life. They
were the parents of seven children: Mildred Beeler, married Neil Santors,
Curtis, Ohio; Charles William Beeler, married Rose Ann Myers and was killed
Apr. 12, 1944 with the U. S. Army in Italy; Marjorie Bell Beeler, married Charles
Seiler, Tiffin, Ohio: Walter Ross Beeler, married Margie Hewitt, Tiffin,
Ohio: Helen Beeler, m Wayne Stinchcomb, Tiffin, Ohio: Robert Beeler, married
Donna Dunlap, Green Springs, Ohio.

TISHA MAE BEELER, born 1889, married Melvin Goenenour (deceased) and lives
in San Fernando, California, where they lived for many years.
DAVID H. ELY

EMMA BLY BEELER

BARBARA BEELER, born 1892, married Frank A. Funkhouser (deceased) and lived at Lebanon Church, Va. They had three children: Ruth Irene Funkhouser, died young; James Delbert Funkhouser, married Margaret Hockman and lives in Washington, D.C.; and Charles Edwin Funkhouser, married Gladys Hammond and lives at Lebanon Church.

EULAH BEELER, born 1896, died June 2, 1970. She married Floyd Walker and lived in Toledo, Ohio. Their children were: Louise Pattendorf, Toledo, Ohio; Kenneth Walker, Toledo; Emma Matry, Toledo; Floyd Walker Jr., and Charles Walker, both of Toledo.

LUTHER BEELER, born 1898, lives in Blessfield, Michigan.

JULIA BEELER, born Sept. 23, 1899, married Hubert Heishman and lives at Toms Brook, Va. They have no children.

GUARD BEELER, born 1902, died 1915.

GRACE BEELER, born Mar. 29, 1903, died Feb. 6, 1970. Lived in San Fernando, California, never married.

RENA BEELER, born Feb. 8, 1908, married John Naphis and lives at Mt. Olive in Shenandoah County. They have two children: Jack Edward Naphis, lives in Luray, Va.; and supervisor of the State Biological Laboratory and Jean Naphis, married Kenneth Keller and lives near Toms Brook, Va.

NORTH BEELER, born 1910, married Pearl Bowers and lives in Toledo, Ohio. He has one son, Charles Beeler, lives in Winchester, Va.

GUARD BEELER, married Lois Mae Keller and lives near Strasburg, Va. He is a farmer. They have four children: Peggy Beeler, married William Pattenden and lives in Manassas, Va.; Kitty Lou Beeler, married Robert Judy; Robert (Bobby) Beeler, Strasburg and Landa Beeler, married Fred King, Strasburg, Va.

ARTIE ESTEP ELY, born Sept. 15, 1870, married William Estep and died in 1941. Mr. Estep's sister, Lucy was married to Shelton Ely. Will and Artie Estep lived on a farm at the top of Fishers Hill, south of Strasburg. Mr. Estep died in 1937 at the age of 95. They were the parents of three children:

ROBERT ESTEP, born 1890, married Hilda Molina and died in 1958. As a young man he lived in Kansas City where he worked for the railroad. He moved back to his homeplace upon retiring. They had no children.

CHRISTIE ESTEP, born 1897, married Harry Naphis and died in 1924. No children.


OLIVE GERTRUDE ELY, born Dec. 17, 1872, died Nov. 11, 1946. She never married and lived most of her adult life in Sycamore, Ohio, where she died.

SAMUEL THOMAS ELY, born Nov. 8, 1873 and died Dec. 27, 1945. He moved from Virginia to Montana in 1906 and settled on a ranch in the Gallatin Valley, near the town of Bozeman. He married Grace Curtis in 1908 and had three children. Their widow was still living on the homeplace near Bozeman in 1964.

Their children are as follows:


DAVID B. BL!  
SAMUEL T. BLY  

INFANT ELY, born and died Nov. 9, 1874.

WILLIAM TILDEN ELY, born Oct. 9, 1876, died Nov. 1, 1947. He moved to Melmore, Ohio, about 1897 and settled on a farm there. He married Mary Mary Harter in 1903 and had three children. She was still living on the farm in Ohio in 1963.

Their children are as follows:

MABEL ANGELINE ELY, born Feb. 4, 1905, married Russell Schwab, Melmore, Ohio.

RALPH WILLIAM ELY, born Oct. 9, 1906, married Kathleen Cleary and lived in Melmore, Ohio but disappeared shortly after twins were born to them.

HILDA JANE ELY, born Aug. 8, 1919, married Willard J. Colgate and lives at Fort Seneca, Ohio.

FRANKLIN LEE ELY, born in 1879, died as a child.

DAVID HENRY ELY Jr., born about 1908, son of David H. Ely and his third wife, Jane McClurty, he was raised by relatives and later lived in Page County, Va. He married and had one son but abandoned his family and his whereabouts is unknown. His son, Julian C. Bly, lives in Fredericksburg, Va. He is the owner of a wholesale grocery concern.

RA!MOND ELY, born about 1910, youngest son of David H. Ely and was killed when struck by a train near Paw Paw, W. Va. in 1927. He was 17 years of age.

JOSEPH MARTIN ELY, born in Shenandoah County on Sept. 22, 1840, second son of Samuel and Flora Bly and was baptized at the Friedens Church on Apr. 25, 1841. He was crippled as the result of a childhood illness and died unmarried about 1876.

SARAH CATHERINE ELY, the oldest daughter of Samuel and Flora was born on May 2, 1842 and died on Aug. 18, 1866. During the Civil War she saved the family farm from being burned when she drove off a band of raiders at gunpoint. She never married.

FLORIANNA ELY, born May 3, 1846, married William Hockman on Aug. 7, 1873 and died near Strasburg about the year 1900. William Hockman was born in Shenandoah County on Nov. 14, 1849, the son of Jacob and Lelia Hockman. After Flora's death he married a widow Sager and died Dec. 1, 1909. William and Flora lived on a farm near St. Stephens Church, west of Strasburg and are buried at St. Stephens. They were parents of five children:

HARRY HOUSTON HOCKMAN, born Oct. 9, 1875, died Jan. 2, 1958. He married Liza Sager in 1897 and lived near Opequon in Frederick County, Va. where he was a farmer and an orchardist. He had four children: Marshall, Pauline, Richard and Harry Hockman Jr.

EMMA FRANCES HOCKMAN, born 1878, married Benjamin Hatenour in 1896.

CLARA ELIZABETH HOCKMAN, born Apr. 13, 1880, died as a child.


EMILY MAY HOCKMAN, born July 22, 1884, married Henry A. Reedy and died Oct. 17, 1972. She and her husband moved to Fremont, Ohio as a young couple and lived there the rest of their lives. They had seven children: Elmer, lives in Clearwater, Fla; Louis lives in Bellevue, Ohio; Mary married Sanford Fisher of Clyde, Ohio; Kathryn married Charles Falter of Floyd, Ohio; Gladys married Gene Niesh of Fremont, Ohio; Paul lives in Fremont and George lives in Greensprings, Ohio.
ELKANAH ELY, born on July 17, 1848 in Shenandoah County, Va. and died in Mineral County, W. Va. on Apr. 23, 1928. Known most of his life as "Cane" Ely, he moved to the area of westernport, Md-Piedmont, W. Va. in the Upper Potomac Valley about 1873, where he married Julia Whittaker. They lived near Bloomington, Md. for several years but then moved across the river and lived on a small farm at Beryl, W. Va., near Piedmont. Like his father, Samuel, and his grandfather, John, "Cane" Ely was a carpenter. He and Julia were the parents of two children and she died at Beryl W. Va. on Feb. 22, 1944. Following are their descendants who spell the name Elye.

BESSIE BLIEE, born Apr. 4, 1875 and died in Mar. 1943. She married Sant Baker and lived at Piedmont, W. Va. They had six children—one son and five daughters, most of whom live in and around Zanesville, Ohio.

RICHARD EDWARD ELYE, born Oct. 27, 1884, died Dec. 9, 1964. He lived at Beryl, W. Va. where he had a small farm and worked as a coal miner most of his life. Always called "Pete" Elye by his family and friends, he married Rosetta Keepinger and was the father of three children. They are as follows:


MARTHA ELLEN ELY, daughter of Samuel, was born Jan 15, 1850 and burned to death in a fire at her home on Aug. 28, 1879. Her death is all the more tragic because she had been permanently afflicted by a childhood illness, possibly scarlet fever. She never married and is buried in an unmarked grave at St. Stephens Church.

GEORGE WILLIAM ELYE, son of Samuel and Flora, was born Sept. 2, 1852 and died near Strasburg, Va. on Nov. 7, 1915. He married Margaret Frances Beeler on Sept. 12, 1878 and lived for several years in Frederick County, Va., north of Winchester, but later moved back to Shenandoah County and built a home at Oak Grove (near St. Stephen's Church). George W. Ely, called "Billy" by his acquaintences, was like so many in his family a carpenter and a farmer. His wife, "Fanny" was born Feb. 22, 1855 a daughter of John and Catherine Miller Beeler and died Aug. 30, 1937. George and Fanny were members of the St. Stephens Lutheran Church and are buried in the cemetery there. They had three children.

EDGAR PAYNE ELYE, born Dec. 8, 1879 and died Dec. 12, 1939. He married Georgia Ely, daughter of Daniel and Harriet Ely and lived near Strasburg until about 1917, at which time they moved to a farm near York, Pa. They were the parents of seven children, who are as follows:

ESTIE TRELLA ELYE, born Feb. 14, 1901, died Feb. 27, 1918.
ROY WILLIAM ELYE, born May 3, 1904, married Cora Walker and lives in Warren County, Va. They have two children: Robert Lee Ely and Peggy Jean Ely.
GEORGE W. BLY
EDGAR P. BLY

GEORGE W. BLY, born Mar. 3, 1909, died Dec. 1967 as the result of an auto accident. He was married and lived in York, Pa.


RAYMOND AUSTIN BLY, born Mar. 22, 1884, died Dec. 23, 1943. He married Beulah War and lived in Strasburg, where he worked for the Southern Railroad for many years. They had two sons:


ROLAND A. BLY, born 1913, married Louise Bly, daughter of Benjamin Bly and lived in Arlington, Va. where he worked for the Brink's Company for a number of years. They have since retired and returned to Strasburg. No. ch.

LENA CATHARINE BLY, born Nov. 9, 1888, married Samuel Pollard and still lives on her homeplace at Oak Grove, west of Strasburg. She is one of the two surviving grandchildren of Samuel and Flora Bly and has given valuable information for this history. She has two children:

FRANCES MAY POLLARD, born Apr. 27, 1913, married Rodney Wymer (div.) and had four children. She married second to Frank Pierro and lives in Alexandria, Va. Children are: Betty Wymer, married William Bertsinger, Strasburg; Judith Wymer, Strasburg; Travis Wymer, Alexandria, Va.; and Steven Wymer.

MARY ANNE BLY, born Nov. 17, 1854 and died Mar. 31, 1863. She died of small pox in the epidemic of 1863 which also took the life of William Bly, of Mrs. Levi Bly and her son Levi Bly Jr.

MARY ANN BLY, born Nov. 17, 1854 and died Mar. 31, 1863. She died of small pox in the epidemic of 1863 which also took the life of William Bly, of Mrs. Levi Bly and her son Levi Bly Jr.

JAMES ISAAC BLY, the youngest of the ten children of Samuel and Flora Bly, was born Nov. 17, 1856 and died near Gettysburg, Pa. on Jan. 14, 1939, the last surviving of the grandchildren of John Bly. He married Virginia Linn Beeler on Aug. 9, 1881. Virginia ("Jennie") Beeler was born Feb. 19, 1860, daughter of Leonidas and Barbara Judy Beeler and died in Pennsylvania on Oct. 6, 1938. "Ike" and "Jennie" Bly lived at Star Tannery in the Cedar Creek area for several years and he worked at the tannery there. They later moved back to his homestead west of Strasburg, Va. and remained there until 1899 at which time they moved to Campbell County, Va. and lived near the town of Rustburg. About 1920 they moved to a farm near Gettysburg, Pa. and remained there the rest of their lives. "Ike" Bly was a distinguished man wherever he lived. He was one of the founders of the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church west of Strasburg and several of his children were given a college education. He and Jennie were the parents of six children:

LORING BLY, born in Shenandoah County on Apr. 28, 1882 and died in Pennsylvania on Jan. 25, 1929. He attended the Massanutten Academy at Woodstock, married Margaret Calmese Carpenter in 1919 and moved to Gettysburg, Pa. where he was a school teacher. He had two daughters:

VIRGINIA LEE BLY, born Dec. 9, 1919, married Carroll J. Redding and lives in Gettysburg, Pa. They have a family of fifteen children: David Redding, born 1940; Virginia L. Redding, b. 1942; Michael Redding, b. 1944:
JAMES ISAAC BLY
LORING BLY

MIRGINIANA BLY REDDING
Idley Redding, b. 1945; Stephen Redding, b. 1947; Timothy Redding, b. 1948; Sally Ann Redding, b. 1950; Loring Redding, b. 1951; Kathleen Redding, b. 1952; Cynthia Redding, b. 1953; Deborah Redding, b. 1955; Phyllis Redding, b. 1957; Margaret Redding, b. 1958; Sharon Redding, b. 1959 and Matthew Redding, b. 1962.

LAURA CATHLEEN BLY, born Feb. 11, 1921, married Francis E. Smith and lives in Gettysburg, Pa. They have a family of eight children: Patricia Smith, b. 1942; Sandra Smith, b. 1946; Robert Smith, b. 1948; Nancy Smith, b. 1949; Cynthia Smith, b. 1954; Keith Smith, b. 1956, died 1963; Gregory Smith, b. 1959 and Kimberley Ann Smith, b. 1964.

SAIDA BLY, born Aug. 4, 1884 in Shenandoah County and died at Gettysburg, Pa. on Nov. 16, 1966. She married John T. Sibert in 1905 and they moved to Gettysburg about 1919. John T. Sibert was born in Shenandoah Co. May 15, 1880 a son of Abraham Sibert and died Jan. 17, 1952. They had five children:

ROBERT ELLIS SIBERT, born and died Dec. 2, 1906.


JAMES LEE SIBERT, born Sept. 2, 1921, married Vivian McLaughlin and lives in Gettysburg, Pa. They have no children.

JESSE SAMUEL BLY, born Nov. 4, 1886 and died Oct. 7, 1918 in the great flu epidemic that swept the country that year. He was a graduate of Massanutten Academy and Shenandoah College, married Emma Childress and lived in Lynchburg, Va. where he worked for the Post Office Dept. They had no children.

GILBERT BLY, born in Shenandoah County, Va. on Oct. 19, 1890, married Annie Moore in 1912 and died in Pennsylvania on Aug. 13, 1952. Annie Moore Bly was born in Campbell Co. Va. Nov. 11, 1892 and died Aug. 16, 1973. Gilbert Bly grew up nearhurstburg, Va. and after his marriage moved to Shenville, Pa. (near Gettysburg) where he remained the rest of his life. He was a carpenter by trade. He and Annie had six daughters:


JAMES ISAAC BLY

GILBERT BLY


MAZIE ELLEN BLY, born Aug. 20, 1926, died Dec. 25, 1943. She died of a brain tumor during her senior year in high school.


REINA GRACE BLY, born Sept. 12, 1899, married Charles Roy Tucker in 1920 and lives in Gettysburg, Pa., the last surviving of the children of James Isaac Bly and one of the two surviving grandchildren of Samuel and Flora Bly. She has no children.
JOHN WILLIAM ELY, born near Fishers Hill, Va., Dec. 17, 1841, the first born of William and Susanna Hamman Ely. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the Sixth Virginia Militia which was later incorporated into Co. "K" of the 33d Virginia Infantry. He was killed at the Second Battle of Manassas on Aug. 28, 1862. He was the only member of the Ely family to die on the field of battle during the Civil War. He was unmarried.

PHILIP PETER ELY, born Sept. 30, 1843, married Lydia Margaret Swartz on Dec. 24, 1868 and died at Fishers Hill, Va. on Mar. 22, 1906. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Co. "A" of the 3d Regiment of the 7th Virginia Brigade which was later incorporated into Co. "3" of the 23d Virginia Cavalry. He was captured in December, 1863 and imprisoned in Fort Delaware for the remainder of the War. Lydia Margaret Swartz Ely was born near Toms Brook, Va. on Mar. 4, 1830, the daughter of John and Sarah Snarr Swartz and was a great-granddaughter of George Ely. She died at her home on Apr. 8, 1903. In 1872 Philip P. Ely purchased a farm on the bluff above the Shenandoah River, just south of Strasburg. This hill has since been called the Phil Ely Hill. He and his family were members of the Strasburg Lutheran Church. Philip Ely was very fond of machinery and it was said that he knew more about steam engines than almost anyone in the Valley. He operated a heavy steam tractor and threshing machine and was well-known to the farmers of Shenandoah County. Philip and Lydia Ely were the parents of nine children.

JOHN WILLIAM ELY, born Jan. 11, 1871, married Amanda Catherine Swartz, daughter of Philip Swartz and died near Woodstock, Va. on Mar. 26, 1924. He lived on a farm in the vicinity of Fairview, west of Woodstock. He also worked as a flagman on the railroad and was like his father, very mechanically inclined. He and his family belonged to the Lutheran Church at Fairview. Three children:

DELLA IRENE ELY, born Aug. 28, 1894, died 1961. She married Odell R. Smoot and lived at Saumsville, Va. where he was a farmer. They had a large family.

NELLIE MAY ELY, born Oct. 23, 1903, married Clarence Coffman (deceased) and lives in Front Royal, Va. No children.

BERLIN BENNET ELY, born June 24, 1909, married Catherine Keller and lives on his homestead near Woodstock and until recently operated a service station in Woodstock. They have two daughters: Barbara Kay Ely, born Feb. 1, 1946, married Paul Racey and Darlene Belle Ely, b. Jan. 12, 1955.

MARGARET ("MAG") ELY, born Apr. 27, 1873, married Frank Hockenberry in 1890 and died near Montandon, Pa. on Aug. 29, 1944. This family lived near Strasburg until about 1903 at which time they moved to a large farm near Montandon in central Pennsylvania. They were the parents of six children.

HARRY HOWARD Hockenberry, born Aug. 13, 1892, married Nan Cotner and lives in Sunbury, Pa. They had one son: James Cotner Hockenberry, born Mar. 25, 1916 and was killed in France on Dec. 18, 1918 while serving with the U.S. Army in World War I. He was unmarried.

JOHN COULTER Hockenberry, born Nov. 6, 1893, married Margaret Croft and died Oct. 13, 1929. He had two children: Margaret Croft Hockenberry, b. May 20, 1921 and William George Hockenberry, b. Sept. 9, 1927.

HUBERT BLAND Hockenberry, born Feb. 15, 1985 and was accidentally shot to death on Oct. 2, 1990. He is buried with his grandparents in Strasburg.

PHILIP P. BLY
MARGARET ELY HOCKENBERRY


HARRY HOWARD BLY, born Sept. 11, 1875, died Nov. 5, 1935. He married Lydia Fauver, daughter of Cornelius Fauver and lived in Somerset, Va. where he worked for the railroad. He later lived in Strasburg. Harry and Lydia were parents of five children:

IDA FLORENCE BLY, born Jan. 25, 1895, married Boyd S. Miller and lives in Strasburg, Va. They have one son; Boyd S. Miller Jr. born 1937, married Patricia Paradis and lives in Ogalo, Fla.

CLARENCE MARTIN BLY, born Jan. 11, 1897, married Florence Lang and lived in Alexandria, Va for a number of years but now lives in Crozet, Va. They have one daughter; Ruby Bly, married John Lowe and lives in N. J.

ELSIE IRENE BLY, born Jan. 14, 1900, married Ray Duff and lives in Uno, (Madison County), Va. They have two sons; Harold Duff of Madison County and Douglas Duff of Charlottesville, Va.

CARLOS ADAM BLY, born Mar. 6, 1902, died Apr. 13, 1902.

CORA MAUDE BLY, born Oct. 24, 1904, married Scott Modena and lives in Orange County, Va. They have three children; Helen Modena, b. Apr. 11, 1922, William Modena, b. June 9, 1923 and Peter Modena.

PETER BLY, born Mar. 4, 1879, married Lucy Calvin and died in Strasburg, Va. Jan. 5, 1932. He lived in Strasburg, Va. where he was an engineer and mechanic having inherited his father's enthusiasm for steam engines. In fact he was the last person in the area to own and operate one of the big steam tractors. He and his family were members of the Strasburg Lutheran Church. Two children;

DOUGLAS CALVIN BLY, born in 1905 and was killed in a railroad accident at Toms Brook, Va. on Nov. 17, 1941. In addition to working for the railroad he had a restaurant in Strasburg.

LEONA MARLE BLY, born in 1907, married Charles Greene and lives in Greensboro, N. C.

HATTIE BLY, born Dec. 10, 1880 and was killed in a fall from a window at her home on Nov. 20, 1893.

LUTHER LEE BLY, born Aug. 18, 1884 and died Oct. 29, 1949. He married Bessie Fahnstock, daughter of Peter Fahnstock, and lived on a farm just east of Strasburg. They were the parents of three children.


ANNA MAR BLY, married Daniel Bly Miller (son of F. O. and Lura Bly Miller) and lives in Strasburg. They have four children, listed in their father's line of the family (p. 78).

OMAR LEE BLY, born Mar. 25, 1914, married Juanita Baker (granddaughter of Abbie Bly Hockman) and lived in Alexandria, Va. They were divorced and had no children. He died Apr. 25, 1971.

BESSIE BLY, born May 10, 1888 and died Sept. 2, 1902 as the result of being scalded when she accidently fell into a kettle of boiling wash water.
PHILIP P. ELY

VIOLA ELY, born Nov. 7, 1890, died July 2, 1944. She married Irl Fleming on Dec. 24, 1912 and lived on a farm near Woodstock, Va. They had two sons:

HARRY LEE FLEMING, born Sept. 18, 1922, lives near Woodstock, Va.


MARY ELEANORA ELY, born Oct. 1, 1894, married Teddy Paul Lantz on June 30, 1923 and lives on a farm near Edinburg, Va. She is the last surviving of the grandchildren of William and Susanna Ely. Mrs. Lantz has given a great deal of co-operation in compiling this history. They have one daughter:


ABRAHAM ELY, born near Fishers Hill on Oct. 30, 1845, married Barbara Ann Hyde on Dec. 24, 1867 and died near Strasburg, Va. on Feb. 12, 1909. During the Civil war he was in the Confederate Army, O'Farrell's Battalion, Co. "G", which later became part of the 23rd Virginia Cavalry. He was wounded and captured at the Battle of Fishers Hill in Sept. 1864 and imprisoned at Camp Chase, Ohio until the end of the war. The leg wound that he received crippled him for the rest of his life. Barbara Ann Hyde Ely, daughter of Joseph Hyde, was born near Toms Brook, Va. on Sept. 12, 1838 and died Mar. 26, 1915. Soon after his marriage Abraham Ely purchased a farm on the Shenandoah River south of Strasburg and became a rather prosperous man. He was a member of the Strasburg Lutheran Church and was active in the Democratic party in the county, which is unusual because most of the Elys were traditionally Republicans. He was father of four sons:

ROBERT LEE ELY, born Apr. 9, 1871, died Feb. 3, 1872.

MARTIN LUTHER ELY, born Nov. 10, 1872, died Apr. 14, 1951. He was a graduate of Shenandoah College at Reliance, Va. and married Cora America Hammock of Warren Co., Va. They lived near St. Stephens, west of Strasburg for some years, where he taught school at the Top Not and Oak Grove schools. They later lived in Strasburg, where both died. No children.

THOMAS EDWARD ELY, born Dec. 21, 1875, died July 23, 1937. He attended William and Mary College as a young man but had to quit because of an injury he received while a member of the football squad. He later graduated from Shenandoah College at Reliance, Va. and taught school for several years. He married Clara May Palmer in 1915 and lived on a farm near Toms Brook, Va. Five children:

NANCY LEE ELY, married Henry Reed and lives at Fishers Hill, Va.

THOMAS EDWARD ELY Jr., married Lucille Sager and lives near Toms Brook, Va. They have one daughter; Patsy Marie Ely, b. Aug. 7, 1948, married Thomas Keith and lives in Woodstock, Va.

MARY ANN ELY, married Richard Kerns and lives in Falls Church, Va.


ALMA HAFE ELY, married Donald Fadely and lives near Edinburg, Va.

WILLIAM JOSEPH ELY, born Aug. 26, 1881, died May 11, 1928. He married Katie Seely, who died in 1913 and in 1915 he married Annie Hottle and lived on a farm just east of Toms Brook, Va., where his widow still resides. He had five children (no children by the first wife):

ABRAHAM BLY

WILLIAM J. BLY


WILLIAM JOSEPH BLY Jr. born Apr. 29, 1922 and died Apr. 19, 1946. He married Beulah Pangle (granddaughter of Emma Bleer) and lived at Toms Brook. One son, James William Bly, b. 1945, married Betty Funk.

JANE MARIE BLY, born Apr. 4, 1925, married James Stevens and lives in Front Royal, Va.

DOUGLAS WILSON BLY, born Feb. 18, 1928, married Betty Jewell and has been employed by the Pentagon in defense work. He has lived in Okinawa and Germany but at present lives near Edinburg, Va. Two children: Douglas Wilson Bly Jr. born 1954 and Mary Anne Bly, born in 1962.

ANANIAS (NILE) BLY, born May 7, 1847, married Annie Catherine Beeler on Sept. 26, 1885 and died April 10, 1910. "Nile" Bly lost the sight in one eye and lost his right hand in a shell explosion shortly after the Civil War, as he and his brother, Daniel, were attempting to extract the powder from a live mortar. In spite of his handicap, "Nile" Bly was an industrious and well-known farmer; had a distillery and steam tractor and threshing machine as well. His wife, Anna, always called "Todd" was born Oct. 15, 1863, the daughter of Noah and Mahala Rudy Beeler and died June 23, 1911. Her death was the result of too much anesthesia while undergoing a minor surgical operation. "Nile" Bly and his family were members of the St. Stephens Lutheran Church and he and his wife are buried in the cemetery there. They had seven children:

ALFRED BLY, born near St. Stephens in 1886, married Harriet Jane Racey, daughter of Isaac M. Racey and died in Strasburg in 1932. He lived at Fishers Hill, where he operated a garage, was a salesman for Indian motorcycles and Maxwell automobiles and was widely known as an excellent mechanic. "Hattie" Bly died of typhoid fever in 1925 and Alfred died seven years later leaving ten children, some of them quite small.


RUTH ESTELLE BLY, born Sept. 2, 1908, married Basil Good and lived in Middletown, Va. She died Nov. 9, 1950. No children.


CATHERINE FRANCES BLY, born Sept. 9, 1911, married David Frye and lives at Edinburg, Va. where she operates "Kathy's Gift Shop" on Rte. 11. They have one daughter; Kathy Frances Frye, b. Mar. 23, 1949.


OMAR ALFRED BLY, born May 4, 1915, married Margaret Halpott (deceased) and lives in Suitland, Md. They had two children: Patricia Ann Bly, b. July 26, 1938 and Omar Alfred Bly, b. July 12, 1944.
ANANIAS ELY

ALFRED ELY


PEARL BLY, born Oct. 19, 1887 and died Jan. 7, 1953. He married Annie Ryman, had six children and after her death he married Gavin Keller and had one son. "Pearlie" Bly lived on a farm near Lebanon Church and like many of his family was mechanically inclined. As a young man he worked with the old steam tractors and as a boy once had the interesting job of working with a mule train that hauled carnival equipment up and down the valley. He and his family were members of the Lebanon Lutheran Church. His children were:

VALLIE ELIZABETH BLY, born Feb. 12, 1912, married John Daniels and lives in Arlington, Va.

BESSIE MABEL BLY, born Jan. 17, 1914, married Carl Boxwell and lives in Ashland, Va. She is now a widow.

JOSEPH ANANIAS BLY, born Nov. 1, 1915, married Veda Wisecarver and lives in Strasburg, where he is an electrician and a plumber. No children.

GERTRUDE D. BLY, born Oct. 11, 1918, married Mark Strosnider and lives on Capon Road, near Strasburg. They have three children: Charles Allen Strosnider, married Anna Miller and lives at Strasburg; Clark Henry Strosnider, married Ida Bernetta Bly (daughter of Cecil W. Bly) and lives at Strasburg and Carolyn Strosnider, married Irvin Getz, Toms Brook, Va.


FRANK BLY, born Jan. 31, 1890 died Feb. 28, 1929. He married Annie Strosnider, daughter of William and Rachel Racey Strosnider and lived on the Philip P. Bly farm just south of Strasburg, where Mrs. Bly continued to reside until recently. Frank Bly operated a steam tractor and threshing machine as did many other members of this family. He was father of five children:

BRONDELL MILB BLY, born Nov. 28, 1912, married Ruth Morris and lives in Strasburg, where he operated the South Mountain Creamery for a number of years. They have no children.

GRANVILLE FRANKLIN BLY, born Sept. 2, 1914, married Winnie Nicolson and lives in Strasburg, where he manages a feed and supply store. He is a veteran of World War II and has been doing research on the history of the Bly family for many years. He should receive credit for much of this history. No children.
ANATIAS BLY

FRANK BLY

MILDRED CATHERINE BLY, born Mar. 22, 1916, married Henry Smith and lives in Washington, D.C. They have one daughter; Madine Anita Smith, born Aug. 11, 1938, married and lives in Washington area.

SHIRLEY WILLIAM BLY, born Feb. 6, 1920, died Apr. 20, 1926.

CLARK ALVIN BLY, born June 3, 1925, married Virginia Riffey and lives near Fishers Hill, Va. He is a veteran of World War II and a carpenter by trade. No children.

MARY LILLIE BLY, born Mar. 19, 1892, died Sept. 6, 1933.

RUSSELL MATTHEW BLY, born Sept. 25, 1894, died Aug. 26, 1964. He married Alta Jenkins and lived on a farm near Maurertown, Va. He was the last surviving of the children of Nile and Annie Bly. Six children:

BEVERLY CLYDUS BLY, born Nov. 22, 1917, married Mildred Noolin(div.) and lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. One son; Larry Robert Bly, born Oct. 17, 1947, is a radio announcer in Roanoke, Va.

GRAYSON WILLIAM BLY, born and died in 1919.

TREVA MAY BLY, born Mar. 5, 1923, married Everett Copp and lives on a farm near Maurertown, Va. They have no children.


WILDA BLY, born July 4, 1897, died suddenly, Nov. 10, 1950. She married George Neff and lived on a farm adjacent to her homeplace along North Mountain, west of Strasburg. They had the following children:

ROY NEFF, born July 1, 1917, married Hilda Aram and lives near Toms Brook, Va.


LESTER CLYDUS NEFF, born Feb. 7, 1922, married Louise McInturff and lives near Toms Brook, Va. Three children: Ronald and Donald(twins) and Mild Ann Neff.

HARRY LEE NEFF, born Nov. 16, 1925, married Betty Shaklett and lives at Fishers Hill, Va.


MARY CATHERINE NEFF, born Dec. 1, 1937, married Jacob Hollar (div.) and had one son. She married second to Miles Elliot and lives on her homeplace near Fishers Hill; Two children: George M. Hollar, b. 1960 and Miles Osborne Elliot Jr. b. 1966.

ANTHONY BLY, born July 5, 1909, youngest son of Nile and Annie Beeler Bly, and died from complications of measles on June 12, 1923. He married Mary Sager and lived near St. Stephens, west of Strasburg. They had one son:

DANIEL BLY, born Sept. 26, 1849, fifth son of William and Susanna, married Harriet Elizabeth Orndorff on Aug. 3, 1876 and died suddenly while working in the fields of his farm on July 16, 1909. As a young man he had worked for the railroads but after his marriage he settled on a large farm in the area of St. Stephens Church, several miles west of Strasburg, Va. He had extensive holdings of land, operated several steam tractors and threshing machines and for a time operated a distillery. Harriet Orndorff Bly, was born in Frederick County, Va. on June 26, 1855, daughter of William and Harriet Pitcock Urndorff and died April, 1, 1931. She was one of the founders of the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church and had a widespread reputation as a midwife and a nurse. The home of Dan and Harriet Bly was a huge eighteen room house that had many comforts and conveniences for its time. Here a family of twelve children was raised and many grandchildren found it a second home. At the time of her death Harriet Bly was survived by eleven of her children, 67 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Following are the children and descendants of Dan and Harriet Bly:

LURA BELLE BLY, born June 26, 1877, died Dec. 24, 1938. She married Franklin O. Miller and lived on a farm just north of her homeplace, near St. Stephens. F. O. Miller was born in 1873 and died in 1964. They had ten children.

ROBERT WHITE MILLER, born May 2, 1900, married Ruby Good and lived on his homeplace, until he more recently built a new home nearby and retired from farming. No children.

JESSIE IRENE MILLER, born Sept. 10, 1901, married Robert Ryman and lives on the Dan Bly homestead. They have four children: Joseph Franklin Ryman, lives in Strasburg; Martha Ann Ryman, married James Linwood of near Strasburg; Floyd Ryman married Imogene Dellinger and Mary Belle Ryman married Walter Stokes and lives on her homeplace.

SUSAN CATHARINE MILLER, born July 13, 1903, married Russell Miller and lives in Lapon Road, near Strasburg. They have three children: Rosalie Miller, married Aubrey Griffey of Strasburg; Harry Franklin Miller and Sarah Jane Miller.

AGNES THELMA MILLER, born Oct. 15, 1905, married Harry Pardoe and lives in Carlisle, Pa. One dau.: Thelma


MADELINE EDITH MILLER, born Feb. 22, 1914, married Frank Pangie (grandson of Emma Bly Seeler) and lives near Strasburg. They have two children: Frank W. Pangie Jr. married Jean Aton, Strasburg and Joyce Pangie, married John Ruffner, Strasburg.

GLORIA GRACE MILLER, born Oct. 30, 1921, married John Probst and lives in Erie, Pa.

WALTER WILLIAM BLY, born July 15, 1878, died June 3, 1932. He married Wilmette V. Eastep, a daughter of Luther and Sarah Hamman Eastep and lived just south of his homeplace in a house that he built for his family. He was a farmer and mechanic. They had four children:

Sarah Elizabeth Bly, born Oct. 17, 1911, she lives on her homeplace near Fishers Hill, Va. unmarried.

Walter Ivan Bly, born Feb. 16, 1915, died June 20, 1932.


Susan Beulah Bly, born Aug. 13, 1880, died Oct. 3, 1937. She married Moses Hamman Elbon, son of Joseph and Lydia Brubeck Elbon and lived on the old Brubeck homestead near St. Stephen's Church. They had eight children:

Emma Catherine Elbon, born Feb. 9, 1907, married Maynard Lichliter and lives at Clary, near Strasburg. They had four children: Helen Lichliter, married William Hockman of near Strasburg; Marvin Lichliter, Fishers Hill, Faye Nell Lichliter, married Elwood Boyer of near Strasburg and Ida Sue Lichliter, married Donald Drummond of Strasburg.


Ida Belle Elbon, born May 4, 1918, married Ernest Whittington and lives near Strasburg. Two daughters.

Mary Elizabeth Elbon, born Apr. 20, 1921, married Ralph Kronk and lives in Strasburg. They have one daughter: Shirley Irene Kronk, married Alfred Renner Jr. and lives in Strasburg.


Lloyd Franklin Elbon, born Dec. 20, 1925, married Eva Vance and lives in Strasburg, where he works for the Shenandoah Publishing Co. They have two children: Dean Franklin Elbon, b. 1953 and Jennifer Darlene, b. 1956.

Georgia Bertha Bly, born March 28, 1882, died May, 1938. She married Edgar Payne Bly, son of George W. and Margaret F. Beeler Bly and lived in the neighborhood of Strasburg for several years before moving to a farm near York, Pa. They were the parents of seven children. Additional information on this family is given in the section on descendants of Samuel Ely. (p.69).
DANIEL ELY

Benjamin Stewart Ely, born Feb. 2, 1884, died June 14, 1946. He married Luella Virginia Racey, daughter of Rush and Mary Orndorff Racey on Feb. 22, 1906 and lived on the back road near St. Stephens Church for some years but later built a home near Fishers Hill. He was a carpenter and for a while operated his father's steam tractor and threshing machine. "Ben" and "Ellie" were the parents of five children:


Oravis Hope Ely, born July 28, 1922, lives at Point of Rocks, Maryland where she is manager of an electronics company. One daughter: Tanya Kristin Ely, born Apr. 9, 1953, lives at Strasburg, Va.

Stewart Clark Ely, ("Jimmy"), born Sept. 8, 1923, died Aug. 2, 1944. He was killed in France, while serving with the U.S. Infantry during World War II.

Lucy May Ely, born Sept. 10, 1885, died June 6, 1929. She married George Coffman, son James Coffman and lived on a farm south of Strasburg. George and Lucy died within months of each other, leaving twelve children, many of them quite young at the time. Their children were: Evelyn Coffman, married Howard Grubbs, Winchester, Va; Margaret Coffman, Lynchburg, Va; Clinton Coffman, Winchester, Va; Pauline Coffman, married Walter Bradley, Winchester, Va; Raymond Coffman; Freda Coffman; George Coffman Jr; Curtis and Carson Coffman (twins) Jacqueline Coffman; Ruby Coffman, died young and Patsy Coffman, Newburgh, N.Y.

Robert Eugene Ely, born July 17, 1887, died Aug., 3, 1966. He married Bertha Coffman (sister of George, above) and they had three children. Bob Ely worked for the railroad for many years and lived in Winchester, Va. His children were:


Sarah Elizabeth Ely, born Oct. 6, 1923, died Oct. 8, 1923.

Jesse Harrison Ely, born Feb. 6, 1889, died Feb. 16, 1956. He married Pearl Dyke in 1907 and lived on the back road near his homeplace. He worked for the railroad for many years and was also well-known as a carpenter. His widow "Aunt Pearl" still resides at their home. They had the following children:

DANIEL ELY

JESSE H. ELY


AUDINE HARRISON ELY, born July 23, 1912, married Eva Hottle (div.) and had three daughters. He married second to Ethel Racey and lives at Toms Brook, Va., where he is a mechanic. His children are: Betty Lou Ely, b. Jan. 25, 1931; married William Baker, Fishers Hall, Va; Anne Ann Ely, b. June 12, 1933; married Donald Rupert (div.) Miami, Fla; and Janet Louise Ely, b. Apr. 15, 1935; married Kenneth Holsinger, Strasburg, Va.

HATTIE ELIZABETH ELY, born Oct. 4, 1917, married Kenneth Funkhouser and lives near Strasburg. They have one daughter; Joan Elizabeth Funkhouser, b. Oct. 18, 1936; married James Lovett and lives in Middletown, Va.

OTIS BLY ELY, born July 7, 1927, married Mary Ellen Williams and lives near Strasburg. They have three children: Sharon Ely, b. 1951; Richard Ely, b. 1953 and Todd Ely, b. 1956.

MYRTIE PEAKE ELY, born Feb. 7, 1891, died Apr. 14, 1960. She married Russell Coffman (brother of George and Bertha, above) and lived on a farm near Fishers Hill, Va. They had four children:


WINFRED FRANKLIN COFFMAN, born 1916, died Dec. 1938. He married Marie Hamman and lived near Fishers Hill, Va. They had four children: Larry Coffman, b. 1933; Ronald Coffman, b. 1940, Gloria Jean Coffman, b. 1942, married James Hinkelwright and lives near Strasburg, and Winfred Franklin Coffman Jr., b. 1956.

LESTER CLEVELAND ELY, born Dec. 21, 1892, died June 7, 1954. He married Olive Fahnestock, daughter of Peter Fahnestock in 1912 and moved to Winchester, Va. where he worked for the railroad. His widow, "Aunt Ollie" still lives in Winchester. They were parents of eight children:
Daniel Bly

Lester C. Bly


Clara Irene Bly, born Oct. 24, 1895, died Jan. 26, 1953. She married Lovid Henson and lived on a small farm just north of her homeplace. They had three children:

Pauline Henson, born Aug. 24, 1913, married Arthur Arts, Strasburg, Va. No ch.

Lee M. Henson, born May 25, 1915, died suddenly on June 18, 1949. Unmarried.


Reuben McKinley Bly, born Feb. 13, 1877, the youngest of the children of Daniel and Harriet Bly and died Oct. 18, 1966, the last surviving of a family of twelve. He married Wilda Keller and lived at Fishers Hill, Va. where he was a farmer and an active member of the Fishers Hill Reformed Church. They had no children.

Mary Jane Bly, born near Fishers Hill, Va. on Feb. 17, 1851, oldest daughter of William and Susanna Bly, and died at her homeplace on Mar. 12, 1919. Known to most of her family and friends as "Aunt Jane" she married Oscar Barnett Orndorff ("Barney") on Apr. 16, 1875 and lived on her homeplace on Tumbling Run west of Fishers Hill, where Mr. Orndorff was a farmer and operated a saw mill. He was born in 1848 a son of William and Harriet Atcock Orndorff and was thus a brother of Harriet Orndorff, wife of Daniel Bly. "Barney" Orndorff died in 1922. Jane and Barney were parents of seven children:

William Aiden Orndorff, born Feb. 7, 1877, and died in July 1909 as the result of falling from a threshing machine and injuring his spine. Unmarried.
JANE BLY ORNDORFF

CORA MAUDE ORNDORFF, born Mar. 28, 1880, died in 1949. She never married and lived most of her life in Jackson, Miss. where she was a nurse.

JOHN CLINTON ORNDORFF, born Aug. 12, 1884, died April 20, 1952. He married Zina Bauserman Fadely and lived near Toms Brook, Va. They had one daughter:

CORA ANN ORNDORFF, born 1943, married Kenneth Wilkins and lives near Woodstock, Va. They have several children.

LUTHER POLICARP ORNDORFF, born May 28, 1887, died Nov. 15, 1937. He married Nellie Hamman, daughter of William and Caroline Beeler Hamman and built a home near his homeplace west of Fishers Hill. He was a farmer, operated a steam tractor and a sawmill. They had five children:

JOHN WILLIAM ORNDORFF, born 1916, died Sept. 27, 1941 of a heart attack. He was serving in the Army at the time. Unmarried.

ALFRED FRANKLIN ORNDORFF, born Apr. 19, 1919, died of a heart attack, Mar. 20, 1952. He was married, lived on his homeplace but had no children.

ALBERT CLINTON ORNDORFF, born Apr. 19, 1919 (twin) and died in an automobile accident on May 12, 1952. He was married to Anna Conner and lived in Arlington, Va. They had two sons: Albert Eugene Orndorff, b. Jan. 15, 1943 and Gerald Quinton Orndorff, b. Sept. 10, 1946.

CLARENCE LUTHER ORNDORFF, a veteran of World War II, he married Josephine Aldhizer and lives in Strasburg, where he is a welder. They have several children.

MABEL LOUISE ORNDORFF, married Glenn Gochenour and lives near Strasburg. She is in possession of the William Family Bible. They have two children, Glenn Allen Gochenour, b. 1943; Joy Lynn Gochenour, b. 1960.

ANNIE BLANCHE ORNDORFF, born Dec. 15, 1889, married Ernest Hamman, son of William Jacob and Ida Beeler Hamman and lived on a farm on Sandy Hook, east of Strasburg. She spent her last years in the Woodstock Nursing Home because of ill health. She died in 1973, last surviving of the children of Barney and Jane Bly Orndorff. Annie and Ernest Hamman had five daughters:


MILDRED LOUISE HAMMAN, born Feb. 21, 1917, married Richard Long (cousin of Lawrence, above) and lives in Middletown, Va. Two children: Donald Long, died of burns at the age of five and Linda Long, m. Ronald Orndorff, Ohio.


MARY JANE HAMMAN, born Nov. 8, 1923, married Russell McCartle and lives in Laurel, Md. They have three children: Mary Jane McCartle; m. Jerry Ammon, Van Russell McCartle and Lynn Russell McCartle.

FREDERICK HAMMAN ORNDORFF, born May 20, 1892, died Apr. 18, 1945. He married Nellie Brill and lived on his homeplace for several years but then moved to Fishers Hill. He was a carpenter. His widow still lives at their home at Fishers Hill, three children:

MAY LELLIE ORNDORFF, born 1913, married Jim Pence and lives at Fishers Hill. They have one son, Clifton Pence, married Brenda Pingley.
JANE ELY ORNDORFF
FREDERICK ORNDORFF

ROBERT LEE ORNDORFF, born 1915, married Mary Pickens and lives in Jackson, Miss. where he works for the railroad. They have two children: Robert Lee Orndorff Jr. and Mary Ann Orndorff.


HUBERT ELY ORNDORFF, born Dec. 17, 1894 died 1951. Always called "Ely" Orndorff, he moved to Jackson, Miss. where he married Evely Alcap and was employed by the Coca Cola Company. They had three children:

HUBERT ELY ORNDORFF Jr. lived in Jackson, Miss. recently deceased.

OSCAR BARNETT ORNDORFF, lives in Jackson, Miss.

KATHERINE RUTH ORNDORFF, born 1930, married Milton Breswell, Jackson, Miss.

ANTHONY ELY, born near Fishers Hill, July 14, 1853, youngest son of William and Susanna damman Ely and died March 11, 1886. He married Rebecca Jane Miller, daughter of Jacob and Harriet Evans Miller on Apr. 10, 1879 and lived on a farm near his homeplace. He was very fond of music and dancing and was known for his skill with the violin. His death from pneumonia was the result of having fixed the roof of his house in a cold rain so that he could host a dance. He is buried in the family cemetery with his parents. Anthony Ely was the father of three children and in 1892 his widow took the children to Cascade County, Montana and settled on a homestead near the community of Monarch, where some of her family had already settled. The children of Anthony Ely grew up in Montana but Rebecca Ely returned to Virginia with some of her grandchildren in 1911. They lived first in Nottoway County and later at Fredericksburg, where Rebecca died Feb. 14, 1934, her 73rd birthday. The children of Anthony and Rebecca were:

ANNA ELIZABETH ELY, eldest daughter of Anthony, was born May 14, 1881 near Strasburg, Va. and died Sept. 13, 1909 in Montana. She married Fred Danielson, a native of Sweden and lived on a ranch near Belt Park, Montana. She died shortly after the birth of her sixth child. Several of the children stayed with their father in Montana but most of them were taken back to Virginia by their grandmother. They were:

WILLIAM ALFRED DANIELSON, born 1900, grew up in Virginia but returned to Montana as a young man and married Ethel Shelby. They lived in Cascade County, Mont. and had three children: Joy Jean, Vivian and William Danielson, Jr. who died at the age of 14.

CHARLES HENRY DANIELSON, born 1902, died 1954. He married Mary Lumsden and lived near Fredericksburg, Va. He had one son, Charles E. Jr. and an adopted daughter, Betty Danielson.

CLARENCE JOSEPH DANIELSON, born 1904, remained in Montana with his father, married Marie Delgeson and has one daughter, Debbie Danielson.

MYRTLE ESTELLA DANIELSON, born 1906, lives in Fredericksburg, Va. where she is now retired from the American Viscose Co. She never married.

JOHN LEMUEL DANIELSON, born 1907, married Beatrice Cook and lives at Fredericksburg, Va. He has five children: Marguerite, Mildred, Patricia, John Jr. and Gloria Danielson.

ANNA BELLE DANIELSON, born Sept. 1, 1909, married Sidney Snellings (deceased) and had three children. After his death she married Frank Power of Lynchburg, Va. Her children are Hilton Scott Snellings, Sylvia Sidney Snellings Alson and Cynthia Temple Snellings Wright.

ROSABELLE ELY, born June 10, 1883 in Shenandoah County, died in Montana in Nov., 1967. She married Glenn Griffin and lived near Monarch, Montana. They had two children:
ANTHONY BLY

ROSA BLY GRIFFIN

ANNA REBECCA GRIFFIN, married Kermit Thurston in 1937 and both served in the armed forces during World War II. She is now a widow, living in Helena, Mont. No children.

LEONARD GRIFFIN, married and lives near Belt, Montana; several children.

CHARLES ANTHONY BLY, born July 20, 1885, youngest of the children of Anthony Bly, and died in an influenza epidemic in Montana in 1906. He was a rancher, died unmarried.

SUSANNA REGINA BLY, born June 21, 1856, near Fishers Hill, youngest daughter of William and Susanna Hanman Bly, and died on Apr. 10, 1919. On June 15, 1879 she married Newton L. Beeler, son of Leonidas and Barbara Rudy Beeler and for several years they lived near Strasburg, but about 1899 they moved to Campbell County, Va. with several other families from the Strasburg area, including Newton Beeler's sister and brother-in-law, Jennie and "Ike" Bly. They were members of the Methodist Church in Rustburg and are buried in the cemetery there. Newton and Susie Bly Beeler were parents of five children:

LAURA BEELER, born 1880, married Maynard Orndorff and lived in Campbell County, Va. Maynard Orndorff was born in 1880, the son of Addison Orndorff of the Cedar Creek area of Frederick County, Va. and died in 1965. They had four children: three daughters and a son, Travis B. Orndorff, Rustburg, Va.

WILLIAM M. BEELER, born Mar. 25, 1882, died July 1, 1965. He married Icie Orndorff, sister of Maynard Orndorff, (above) and lived in Campbell County, where he worked for the railroad for many years. He later returned to Strasburg. Mr. Beeler provided much useful information and many anecdotes in connection with the history of the Bly family. He had one son; William C. Beeler, born 1910, died 1933.

FRANK BEELER, born 1884, he never married and lived in Campbell Co. Va. where he was a farmer.

NELLIE BEELER, born 1886, married John Riley of Campbell County.

JOHN BEELER, born 1888, he was killed at the age of 22 when a mule kicked him in the head. He had only been married a few weeks when the accident occurred.
Phillip Bley Homestead

40 poles
(660 feet)

George Bly's Share 103 acres
old Ranch
House

Jacob Bly's Share
210 acres

3102 feet

CEDAR CREEK

SHENANDOAH COUNTY

FREDERICK COUNTY

old road
The three known signatures of Philip Bly

(1) Oath of Allegiance to King George II, at Philadelphia, Sept. 15, 1749.

(2) As a witness to the will of his friend Michael Humble in 1780.

(3) Signature to his own will, May 17, 1786, shortly before his death.

Signature of Jacob Bly-1780

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