Adam Guthrie:
Of Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky

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Mr. Z. H. Guthrie
Muncie, Ind.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th with the very interesting enclosure concerning the Polk and Guthrie families. As I already have a copy of this account I am returning yours as it occurs to me you may have occasion to use it again.

During the last few years I have been so busy with other things that I have not had time to think of family history and consequently am not any further along with Guthrie genealogy that in 1921.

I appreciate your kindness in writing me and regret that I am not in a position to give you any information.

Yours very truly,

George D. Caldwell
"Mr James Polk read the following paper at the Old Settlers Reunion at Vincennes, Indiana." (Prior to 1922)

There lived on the banks of the Monongahela and Potomac rivers in the early part of the 17th century, a large family of Scotch-Irish blood. Some remained true to the Crown of England, but others went into the Colonial Army. But the object of this paper is to detail the life of Charles Polk, Sr., who was born in 1744. He had two brothers and one sister who removed to Kentucky in 1780, or about that time.

--- Edmund Polk, who died at the age of 87; Thomas Polk, at the age of 65, and Sarah Piety, at the age of 96. Their numerous descendants are scattered over the west to California and Oregon. We will now confine ourselves to my grandfather, Charles Polk, Sr., who was born in 1744. When thirty years old he married Leilah Tyler in Virginia, and as stated above, removed to Kentucky, settling about seven miles from Bardstown. The Indians were hostile and the settlers were compelled to live in stockade forts. In 1782, in August, a band of Indians crossed the Ohio near the mouth of the Kentucky, at night 50 or 60 miles away. A hunter, Bland Ballard had seen some Indians twenty miles away and hastened to the fort to give warning. All the effective force of the fort sallied forth under command of Captain Charles Polk to surprise the Indians, as it was not known on which stations they would make the attack. They failed. It was afterwards learned that the Indians were already in ambush at the time Ballard arrived. The men being gone, the fort was captured, burnt and all the inmates either killed or made prisoners. The Indians made prisoners of grandmother Leilah Polk and four children:—William, Elizabeth (Spencer), Sally (Bruce), Nancy (Ruby). William was seven years old, the three girls still younger. The Indians made haste to get back on the west side of the Ohio, the third day after the burning of the fort, afterward known as the Burnt Station, from here they proceeded to Fort Wayne on the Maumee River and down the same to Detroit, which was a British post. Grandmother and the children were saved, and were claimed as the prisoners of their captors respectively. Grandmother was taken to the British garrison, and here on the 20th day of October, two weeks after the capture of his mother, in Kentucky, 300 or 400 miles distant, was born Charles Polk, Jr.

"My grandfather made inquiry as to the fate of his family, and after a year heard of their being in Detroit. I heard him tell of coming to Old Fort Vincent; he then started to Detroit and found them. It being after the war closed, the British officer in command gave him every assistance, and detailed the famous scout, Simon Girty to pilot him through Ohio to Wellsburgh, Va. The country was a wilderness at that day. After remaining there for some time, he brought his family down the Ohio river to Kentucky again, as poor as church mice. They had eleven children, five sons and six daughters:—William, Charles, Edward, Thomas, Robert, Elizabeth, Sally, Nancy, Christina, Eleanor and Polly.

"My grandmother died in 1798, aged 40. Grandfather never married again and died at his son's in Indian Territory at the age of 79.

"The Guthries came from Edinburgh, or near there. During, or just before the war of 1715, James Guthrie was brought to Ireland by a 'belted knight', and left with
the title deeds to an estate, with an uncle in the town of Cork. He was then a small child. The rebellion failed, the father perished in some way, the estate was confiscated and the boy remained with his Uncle. He grew to manhood, married and had quite a family. They determined to emigrate to America, but left 'Adam', the only son with the old uncle who raised 'James.' Adam became so unhappy about his mother, that the Uncle sent him to America after some months, perhaps a year or more, but information not definite. The sailing vessel on which James and his family embarked was driven out of her course and did not arrive at Norfolk, Va. for three months. James Guthrie and wife died on the passage. A daughter had her knee-cap broken and dislocated by some piece of furniture striking her during the great storm. (I well remember aunt Betsey, a very small, feeble old lady, who was very lame and spent much of her time studying the Holy Scriptures. N.M.K.) There were four sisters:--

Betsey, who never married. Mary married Jacob Belderbach of Indiana. She left two sons, one named Adam Guthrie, (I have not traced any further):-- Margaret married Mr. Walker of Virginia, no children. Jeanie married a Mr. Jennings, moved to Indiana. A correspondence was kept up with Mrs. Jennings until grandmother Guthrie died in 1842.

"The other sister married a Walker and went to Mississippi. Correspondence was almost impossible in those days, so they passed out of our knowledge.

"When my grandfather, Adam Guthrie arrived in Norfolk, he was twelve years old. He found he was an orphan, but his sister Margaret, (Mrs. Walker) took him in. She was very unkind to him, but the brother-in-law did all he could for him, and when he was almost grown advised him to run away to what was the west. There on the way, he met and married Joanna Polk. Edmund Polk and family were on their way to settle on a tract of land given him by the Government for services rendered during the war. Edmund Polk was remarkable for his integrity and piety, as well as for his handsome person. He had five daughters and five sons:--

Joanna (called Hannah), Sally, Kitty, Mary and Nancy; Joanna married James, Charles, Edmund and Thomas. Kitty, married Mr. Adam Guthrie Fowler; Sally, Mr. Abel. Nancy and Mary (Aunt Polly) died unmarried at Major Spence Minor's, at Bloomfield, Kentucky, at very advanced ages in ninety.

Edmund Polk married Margaret Brown of Shelby County. Charles Polk was a Baptist minister, lived on the Ohio River, 30 or 90 miles below Louisville, and was very much respected.

"Adam Guthrie, and Joanna his wife had children:--

Elizabeth, very brilliant, died at 19.

Edmund, a distinguished lawyer, died of yellow fever, unmarried.

Nancy Guthrie, married Daniel Stephens, died in Breckinridge Co., Kentucky in the first year of her marriage.

Mary Guthrie, married Spence Minor, of Bloomfield, left children.

Sally Guthrie, married Thomas Q. Wilson, a lawyer of Louisville, no children.

John Guthrie, married Lucy Force, left no children.

James Guthrie, married Eliza Prather of Hardin County.
Richard Prather and Polly Churchill were married Feb. 24, 1797.
Eliza Prather, born Nov. 24, 1799, married James Guthrie May 13, 1821. He was born Dec. 5, 1792. Their Children were—
Mary E. Guthrie, born Jan. 6, 1823, died April 23, 1901
Ann Augusta Guthrie, born Jan. 14, 1825; died Jan. 8th, 1872
Sarah Julia Guthrie, born Mar. 4th, 1827; died July 24, 1901

Ann Augusta Guthrie, born Jan. 14, 1825 married
William R. Caldwell on May 13th, 1847. William R. Caldwell was born April 3, 1818; died May 19, 1892.
April 24th, 1758 Captain James Dunlap, South Branch, killed - (from one of the Collections of Dr. Lyman C. Draper which is preserved by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin - The paper is called "The Preston Register". It is headed - "Register of the persons who have been either killed, wounded or taken prisoners by the enemy, in Augusta Co. Va., and also such as have made their escape." Page 154 - Annals of Augusta Co. Va. by Waddell.

Page 177 Under Moffett. "Col. George Moffett, son of John and Mary Christian. Moffett was born in 1735. His wife was a sister of Col. Samuel McDowell. He lived in the Middle River farm, owned for many years past by the Dunlap family, called Mount Pleasant, and built the stone dwelling house still on the place."
John G. Guthrie, son of Jacob Guthrie
went to Jasper Co., Iowa btl 1852.

He married Louisa —
Children

Levi Guthrie never married
George Guthrie removed to Omaha, Neb and
married — He was killed by train when
delivering mail to station.
Ada Guthrie married

Myrtle married Frank Evans in Newton, IA
Children - Twins.

Lewis Guthrie

Isaac Newton Guthrie
The following is taken from "The Cyclopedia of American Biographies" by Brown, Boston, 1900
Vol. 3, page 446:--

"Guthrie, James, Cabinet Officer, was born near Bardstown, Ky. Dec. 5, 1792. He was educated at Bardstown Academy and engaged in business in 1812 transporting merchandise to New Orleans on flat boats. He became a lawyer in 1817 and settled in Louisville, Ky. He was prosecuting attorney for his county, was a representative in the state legislature for nine years, and was in the state senate for six years. He presided over the state constitutional convention in 1851, he engaged in the banking business, and organized and was the first president of the Nashville and Louisville Railroad. He was Secretary of the Treasury in President Pierce's Cabinet 1855-1857, a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1864 and was elected U. S. senator in 1865 to succeed Lazarus W. Powell. He resigned in February 1865 on account of failing health and was succeeded by Thomas M. McCrea who completed his term. He was a delegate to the Union National Convention in Philadelphia in 1866. He died in Louisville, Ky. March 13, 1869."

The following is an extract from the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register," January 1870, page 83:--

"Guthrie, Hon. Jas."

"Mr. Guthrie was one of the ablest of the secretaries of the treasury who have held that office since Alexander Hamilton. He was a prominent candidate for the presidency in 1860 and had he been nominated it is more than probable that there would have been no civil war in 1861."


"A copy of the now obsolete Guthrie's Geography." (Note:-- We have been unable to determine what Guthrie was the author of this geography. L.R.G.)
My dear Mr. Kittredge,

Your letter of Apr. 8. at hand. I've called today putting in new organ -- so I am at office for 2 hrs.

Thank you very much for the information about location of David Guthrie's homestead. I'll go into this further where I know that David is my ancestor. Here I believe for the information here I should like to visit Mrs. Erskine. But I must now take any side trip. I am planning to visit at State Lib. Museum at Harrisburg Apr. 18. All day.

But no longer. If you have more that help in the column may not put more till Apr. 18. If you do please give Mrs. Ferguson a note to let know you are coming. I have a hard time to get these books at this time of the year so I must devote any money I can to it. If you have any suggestions for me, will care for Mrs. Ferguson. Can you put any idea of the time of your book on the Guthries? Are you anyone like thru the research? I shall do at Phil. Po. but too late.

I was many to Friday. I do not yet know where or by what route the return possibly by was from the.

Yours respectfully,

A. H. Yoder
April 8, 1917

My dear Mr. *kettner*,

Your last letter to you and me - March 27th. I am glad that you are to be in Harrisburg, April 11th. I have recently received a letter from Mr. Shirk about Archibald Guthrie. I'll give the important

following data, from the Pa. Arch.

Archibald Guthrie, private, Depreciation Pa., Cont. line, (Pa. Rebecca, Widows)

I find no record of a Bond Guthrie in the Pensional Service. An

I have written Wardell & Pearson because of your letter.

No. I am not warranted in assuming that this {energy} is my {memory} - but some writing unknown it is a suffocation. Will talk to my father until it is settled. I have a necessary look up the

chain of Julien as you suggested. Archibald having some

thing in his favor that lived in the neighborhood of the Rodwell's. While in line was some distance away. Now, do you know anything about Rebecca? Archibald must have married in the

region of his father's home in Franklin Co. Can you tell me where church would want with her record of the marriage of Archibald Rebecca? I enclose a lined map on their papers. Will you be

kind enough to send them to the original home, Poconos Co. I suppose you know all that can't be - hope some line soon. Tell me where Rebecca's parent lived so I can get to work on the new line while tier Enos. If you

have advice for me please let me know as soon as I can use it during April 14-15th. Is it to Harrisburg 1 day, Phila. 20-3 days, Wash. 10-2 days, Richmond 1 day. Want to make sure home count. After your letter to Harrisburg please write me briefly the result of your letter - send Gillie to Phila. can possibly see, and we got it after the 20th.
All helped to hear from u Phil. Don’t know where the
shop~ we were all in the West Library and all had
library & cats, till after work hours. See likely write for while 2
am on the trip. With kind regards, Jan.

[Signature]

[Signature]
My dear Mr. Guthrie,

Just received reply to my inquiry addressed to William Lawrence Guthrie, Washington, Pa.

I am about to the point.

Your letter at hand. Will say that my great-grandfather's name was Archibald and he had a daughter Mary. He was killed by the Indians near Pitts. This may be the name you want, but I do not know who she married.

W. L. Guthrie,
14 Bron St., Muncie, Ind.

Letter was written by some other person but signed by Mr. Guthrie. Now what do you make of this? Is this statement reliable enough to depend upon? I'll write again to Genevieve to see if I can get advice there. I am hoping to go East this fall, and will see the parties who, until now, best will not answer waiting for me to offer a price — may be.

Jacob's first child — my ancestor — was born Apr. 30, 1787, so they were married about 1786 and Mary was as doubt about 18. Hence born 1768, this may have been a first child.

Your sincerely,

Albert H. Yoder

March 21
Dear Sir, yours of Dec 13 at hand, too bad but you and I have too disappointed to accept a new one with good grace. We'll find it necessary to break all contact. I have had much too much success in these matters that I am unconfident. It means many letters, most of them in vain. I can't really recollect from some unpardonable source comes the information. On only experience I have had much help from good people who know little about knowledge but who cherish the family tradition and are to hold them one, I have had some such pleasant surprises in all of places, but inadvertently I may add that your writing this I have sent an inquiry to Hayneburg. I'll let you know the result. If you should come across any new evidence write you directly let me know. I really get to see your next spring. Also surprised that you failed to find any little in the probate deeds for there should be something on their records. Is it possible that the records are in some other county seat of which Matthiessen was once a part? I appreciate your queries offer and will share with you any information which I get

When you have time to write please suggest how where I try for these little Jacob Lutter who lived in Matthiessen in 1776 - may be sister of Jerusha. Do you know about this man, always an L corn correspondence.

With kind regards, Mary Christmas

Dec 18.
October 30, 1926.

Mr. Laurence Rawlin Guthrie
Mercersburg, Pa.
Route No. 2

My Dear Mr. Guthrie:

Here are several problems which I cannot solve. I am sending out this letter with the hope that it may fall into the hands of persons who may be able and willing to give me information about one or more of the names herein mentioned. Each item is briefly stated; more information can be given about each one if any correspondent so desires.

In most items I wish the name of the father, the maiden name of the mother, where they were married and about what year; state if you can, whether the person is an immigrant and from what country. Please give reference to written or printed record wherever possible. If you have unverified facts please give these, but indicate this as traditional or merely hearsay.

In case you know of some reference or some person who may be able to help me please give name and address.

I am attempting to trace these ancestors back to the first immigrants to America, but also wish information about their European connections. Any information pertaining to the ancestry of these persons will be gratefully accepted even though it is not a direct answer to my questions. A suggestion is often as valuable as a fact.

In case you are a genealogist and give information only on payment of a fee please indicate the nature of the information you have and on what conditions you will supply it. I will answer all replies to this letter. An addressed envelope is inclosed. Send all mail to 137 Reeves Ave., Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am

Yours respectfully,

Sec-Reg. of North Dakota Society of Sons of American Revolution.
I

CATHARINE VAN METER married Jacob Holsapple, a Hessian soldier, about 1782. May have married in S. E. Pa. or in Salem county, N. J. or possibly in the old district of West Augusta, Pa-Va. After marriage Jacob worked in S. E. Pa. as a printer, likely with German publications. About 1796 the family removed to Washington county, Va., where Jacob died. Want to know parentage of Catharine.

II


III


IV

MARY GUTHBIE married Jacob Bilderback probably in old West Augusta District about 1785. Moved to Shelby county, Ky. in 1806? Is Mary the daughter of Archibald Cathrie who was killed near Pittsburgh in Aug. 1779? Want ancestry of Mary back to first immigrant.

V


VI

CATHARINE MOLL (MULL, MUHL, MUEHL) born May 24, 1755 in Lancaster county Pa. Married Henry Weidner, born Oct. 9, 1717, son of Peter Weidner and Catharina Zimmerman (?), both immigrants. Who were Catherine's parents? What was the maiden name of Peter's wife?

VII

ADAM RADER (ROEDER) early settler in Rockingham county, Va., near Timberville, before 1748. Came from Pa. Who were his parents? Was his father Adam Roeder or Michael Roeder of New Goshenhoppen reformed church in Montgomery county, Pa?

VIII

ABRAHAM MILLER married Elizabeth Mann in Rockingham county, Va. about 1780, lived in Brooks Gap until about 1792 when he removed to Clarke county, Ky. His father was Jacob who lived in the Gap but who was Jacob? Probably an immigrant who settled first in Pa. Wanted, ancestry of Abraham.

IX

JACOB BILDERBACK, brother of Charles Bilderback who was killed by Indians in Ohio in 1789, married Mary Cathrie (see IV). Wanted, ancestry of Jacob and Charles Bilderback.

Address information to Albert H. Yoder, Grand Forks, N. Dak.
Nov. 16, 1926.

Mr. Lawrence R. Cathrie
Mercersburg, Pa.

My Dear Sir:

I was very glad to receive your reply to the letter of which
I sent you a copy. Today means a good deal with me and like most people
I have more expenses than I know how to take care of, but I am willing to
risk $10.00 on your theory that Mary is the daughter of Archibald. When
you go to Greensburg it ought not to take you long to settle that ques-
tion. If you find that she is not his daughter and therefore getting no-
thing for the investment will you take time to look at two other problems
which I have. Isaac Van Bussick served in the Revolutionary War as a very
young man and afterward went to Pennsylvania where he married Jerusha Lit-
tell. This statement is on his tombstone or commit for a large com-
ment was erected over his grave. I have been told by a genealogist that in
1765 the tax returns show that he was living in Westmoreland Co. and, she
thinks, was then married. There are other Van Bussicks living in or near
the same part which was Nialon Township—probably larger than than now.
From one of the Littells now I get the information that one of their fam-
ily married a Van Bussick. Further than that I have not been able to go.
If so Jerusha was a sister of James Littell, brother of William Littell whose
line has been carefully worked out. She could hardly be his daughter since
he graduated from college in Dublin in 1771. Also I have another problem
that may not touch this part of the state. Jacob Van Yeter married Cath-
erina Van Yeter. There, I do not know. But there are Van Yeters in that
part of Pennsylvania in both Washington and Westmoreland Co. I would not
want you to spend much time on this, but if you happen to see any references
on these people please note it. I shall be greatly interested to hear the
result of your work. There is not hurry about it. Let me know when you ex-
pect to go to Greensburg.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours respectfully,

A. H. Yoder

N. Van Metre
FIVE OF THE EIGHTEEN BUILDINGS
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
GRAND FORKS
Dear Sir,

I was very kind of you to write me so promptly. While you have not told me about Mary Euthres's parents you have started me on the way. I trust from your letter I may judge that my first effort was to learn all about the family of James Euthres son of Daniel, who went into Washington & (now Greene Co.) and was killed by Indians in 1779. I am not sure about Mary I knew very little about she was wife of Jacob Biddleback who lived on Ohio river in 1789 when his brother Charles was killed wife carried away by Indians. Euthres (Elizabeth) went to her home of Turners. Both she and Turners lived earlier. The first child of Jacob & Mary was my great grandmother Elizabeth Biddleback born in Val. Ohio river probably now Broct & Wills April 30, 1757. Thus it is stated on a monument in Rosedale Cem. Bloomington Ind. that often used to be the head of her daughter Elizabeth Biddleback. My grandmother was my own mother told me about Eliza Biddleback (Euthres) the woman who lived to read. It is easy to get on without (and people are not always so) my mother was her favorite grand child as she knew good old abeher. I judge for the fact Jacob & Mary were married in 1785 or 6. Could at that time married by 20 or so their first born born about 1764-6. The couple safely has born the daughter of James. You say the head land about 1751 and was sold in 1793.

I think Jacob's uncle & to men likely to see the girl than one long further east, so ill try this line - let you know the result.

Now for another question. The book of the Suthers says that 3 sons. Robt. James & John came to Boston about 1700 and

James & Robt. settled in Pa. Do you know from which of these three? Don't care. Who was David's father? mother? Do you know name of James' wife? her maiden name? Do you know any Suthers in Paterson, who ought to be able to give all this information to me? As soon as I know with which drive

John connected I want to get the book that gave history of

That drive. In reality some of the Suthers were your
people - am glad to have some Welsh blood. I am largely Welsh & Huguenot - German stock. You all have your Cumbrian - also have our early Danish line.

I notice that you are the author of the Genealogy of the American Darby & Allard Families. I have not seen one about. There is one by a Mrs. Dunn who was a Darby. Is your book in print? I shall be glad to have a copy of it as within reach of my purse. I am doing a history of my direct line. I already have a lot of work done. I am still working on the Early Bilderbeck. It is an old German family of Honour Bilderbeck - also married Beck. My touch road to Walter Bender and had long enough to learn to reset type. Walter and I acquired comment, etc. Daniel came to New Sweden in 1675 and later than 1639. The first date is 1639.

If you have any "furnishes" please let me have the facts. I mean about my line. Thanking you for your letter - SAM.

Yours respectfully,

A. Boyden.

Date 12-
Mr. Laurence Rawlin Guthrie

Dear Sir - From a Guthrie relative I have your name, can you tell me about the Westmoreland C. Guthries? Mary Guthrie married Jacob Biderbeck about 1786, in Pa or Pennsylvania Va - probably the former. Their first child was Elizabeth b. April 30, 1787, in Pennsylvania region, the married Melone (Van) Bisher - another one of my great grandchildren. This family went to Ky and settled in Shelby Co. Biddulph's (Brisheer) creek. Afterwards great great great grandchild in Murray Co. Kyd. My mother has told me of her grandchildren and how she received the name of the "Guthrie".

I do not know parents? Mary - in 1790 census there are two dozen Guthrie in Westmoreland C. Pa. One is given as "squire" and had large family several slaves. The other has smaller plantation families no slaves may have them some of the 8 quires. Mary suddenly came from this group of Guthries, can you enlighten me upon this subject? I am preparing a family history and would like to know something of the Guthrie family. Thanking you for any help you can give me about Mary's parentage etc.

Yours respectfully,

Sept. 6

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
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ALBERT H. YODER, DIRECTOR

UNIVERSITY STATION
GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.
My dear friend Cutting -

Well that was some surprise! I was thinking yesterday, that I couldn't get much time for F.H. this summer - too many duties crowding. Then came your letter. That clears up one problem. Do Mary's parents - mine James (and wife unknown) or there any possibility of tracing the James back to his Scotch home? I want to know what I have to do and will they get too front.

As this night? Mary Kenneth was Scotch descent but born in Ireland - hence was sealed twice, a little Scotch Scotch, do you know any idea about her age when she came over? Can we find any records in Norfolk of these immigrants?

Adam was you say about 2 Mrs. Beatty eldest then Mary, then Margaret mother, and then Jennings - another Mary, the youngest if you see in them no later as to Mary's age, her first child was born in April 1787 or the May next 1786.

Who took care of the J.J. Children? Children of parents? Were they sold out to settlers - did some family? They knew take them? How much can we get of the infant in history? I am very much disappointed that I am cheeked of another Rev. ancestor, for I had counted on making the "markings" to furnish one more.

Can you supply the names of James wife? Who were James parents - the man who perished somewhere in Ireland, where a lifetime did they homeland.

Then all the names, Mary's children and know of the grand children - but how can I get all the desc. of Mary & Jacob. Is that what you need? I am awaiting your next co-respond letter. You are a real benefactor. With kind regards, yonder.
My Dear Mr. Barlow,

It has been some time since I wrote you. I know that you will be pleased to learn that I am making some progress with the Kuthers of Holland. I have a little book compiled from short articles about the family published from time to time by the Breeding Advantage. I sent a dollar and told the story in two forms: how Mary Kuthers got to America. I was surprised to receive the paper last week with almost a column devoted to my letter and an introduction by the editor. It ought to bring some letters. You heard from several Kuthers on your call? I would very much like to hear from them. I hope I may get some readable data. I am having a great time trying to find parents of Catharina Van Meter who moved from Allegan about 1783. I think I have mentioned this. It is the hardest nut I have to crack. Are you any plans for publication?

With kind regards and Merry Christmas,

Yours respectfully,

A. H. Yoder
May 28, 1928.

Mr. Laurence R. Guthrie,
R. R. 2
Mercersburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Guthrie:

I have your card of May 23. I will try to give you the information at this time. If I do not get it done I will send it next week. I have not made an effort to get the full line of descendants from Jacob and Mary. However, I have all their children and a little information about some of the lines. I shall be very glad to send this to you.

Do you happen to know James Guthrie, son of Adam, who was so prominent in Kentucky history? I inclose a clipping about him—which, by the way, I wrote myself—based upon published accounts in the Kentucky Historical Register. There is a great deal of information about this Guthrie because of his prominence. I could furnish you more information on that subject if you wish it. I am in touch with descendants of James and could easily get more information. The wife of Adam Guthrie belongs to the President Polk family. There is a book on the Polk family. When you consider the stock behind Adam and the fact that he married a Polk you have a family of some importance.

May I inquire what you are going to say about the ancestors of Adam? Have you any information other than this story which tells of the coming of James and his wife to America? I shall want to buy a copy of the book when it is ready to be distributed.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

APY/V
February 25, 1928

Mrs. Eveline Guthrie Dunn
4035 West Adam Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Dunn:

I have a Guthrie line in my family history, which goes back to the Stuart Trouble in 1715. When James Guthrie, evidently a man of some standing and property having his land taken because of the attempt to reinstate the Prince. He sent by a trusted knight his little son, also of the name James and titled papers of his property to his brother John Guthrie of Cork, Ireland. The father lost his life during the struggle and his estates confiscated by the English. His son, James was brought up by his Uncle. John married a Danlap woman, raised six children and then decided to go to America. Adam was left behind at the request of the Uncle. The ship which James and his family sailed was blown out of its course and both James and his wife died and were buried at sea.

The young son Adam had mourned so much for his mother that his Uncle sent him to America. A few months later Adam reached Norfolk, Virginia at the age of twelve years. "He was born 1762" and he found his way to the Shenandoah Valley, where Scotch-Irish were settled. Later he served in the Revolution and eventually settled in Nelson County, Virginia and was known as "General" Adam Guthrie. I suspect the title may have been gratuitous. However his sons became prominent men. All this story is written in the hand of Adam Guthrie and presumably true in general and possibly in every particular.

Adam's sister Mary is my ancestor. Can you help me prove the above and show the connection of the first James with the proper line of Guthries in Scotland.

Thanking you for any suggestions which you may feel like giving me, I am

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

AY/A

You may be able to give the writer some information.
Rev. Laurence R. Guthrie  
Route #2  
Mercersburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Guthrie:

I have your letter of June 27th. It is not at all necessary for you to include the information which you mention. However, I am very glad to furnish you with the more recent history. It does not seem advisable to go back of the three generations which I have reported. There is only one error in this sheet so far as I know. Mrs. Yoder is not certain about the birthplace of her father. She seems quite sure that it is Millsbury, but the present postoffice directory has no such office in Connecticut. It might, however, have been a thriving village at one time.

At the bottom of the sheet where I have given my brothers and sisters, I have said Rock Grove. This place has no existence whatever except in the history of Floyd County. There are now three houses standing near the crossroads where once was a thriving village with a couple of stores, several blacksmith shops, a well-built church, and some 25 or 30 families. Practically all of them were Hoosiers. There is where I and my brothers were born. It was one of the two first settlements in the county and began in 1854.

I note that you are going to look into the military title of our worthy ancestor Adam. I shall be very much interested in what you find. I have not been able to get much from Scotland. You know the Scotch characteristic. It seems to apply in genealogical matters. If I can furnish 25£ they would undertake to investigate the matter. Twenty-five pounds sterling is about as big as the new arts building here-to me-, so I am afraid it will be a long time before I get the Guthrie information which I would like to have.

I shall be very glad to help push the new publication when it is out. I should think it advisable to get advice from some people like your friend the state librarian in regard to what libraries are most likely to buy.

With kind regards, I am

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

[Addenda]
FAMILY RECORD SHEET.

DIRECTIONS: Fill in blank below for yourself and family. Give as fully as you can all dates of births, marriages and deaths. Get these from the family record if available. Give names in full, the maiden names of married ladies and all names of parties to whom members of the family are married. Please return to L. R. Guthrie, Mercersburg, Pa. Route No. 2.

Your name: Yoder Albert Henry; date and place of birth: Feb 15, 1866 Rock Grove Floyd Co. Iowa; married June 11, 1884 to Susan Norton Griggs.

Date and place of their birth: Nov 5, 1868, Madison, Ind.

Companion's father's name: John E. Griggs; date and place of birth: July 12, 1847, Millsboro, Conn.; married Jan. 3, 1867 to Mary Ellen Little, who was born Oct 6, 1841, place of birth: Madison, Ind.

If either or both are deceased give date or dates: d, Nov 7, 1911.

May 4, 1926. Place of decease: Indanapolis, Ind. for both Leverett Griggs and Charlotte.

Name their children in order: (1) Edward Howard, (2) Susan Norton, (3) Joseph.

YOUR CHILDREN:—Give names, dates and places of birth

2. Miriam Yoder b. Sep 19, 1896 at Vincennes, Ind. married

YOUR PARENTS:—Father William Henry Yoder; date of birth: March 22, 1845, place of birth: Monroe Co., Ind.; date of marriage: Dec 1, 1864, to (maiden name: Addie Buskirk, who was born Feb 1846, place: Monroe Co., Ind.); if deceased give date: Jan 17, 1924; if father is deceased give date: Aug 17, 1921. Name their children in order:

giving dates and places of birth

1. Albert Henry Yoder b. at Rock Grove Floyd Co. Ind. Dec 15, 1866
2. Isaac Eldorus Yoder b. Feb 17, 1868, d. Aug 5, 1890
3. Lewis Monroe Yoder b. Aug 7, 1870, d. Aug 5, 1890
PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS

Grandfather **Henry**; date and place of birth ____________________________

who was born ____________________________; married to ____________________________

She died ____________________________; he died ____________________________

Name their children in order, giving dates and places of birth

1. ____________________________

2. ____________________________

3. ____________________________

4. ____________________________

5. ____________________________

6. ____________________________

MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS

Grandfather **Isaac Shelby Buskirk**; date and place of birth **Nov. 14, 1815**, Shelby Co., KY

who was born **Jan. 3, 1791**; place **Penn.** (great place heading)

She died **Sept. 17, 1876**; he died **July 10, 1864 in Tenn. in U.S. service (capt)**

Name their children in order, giving dates and places of birth

1. **Michael Henry Buskirk**, b. **Mar. 30, End d.**

2. **Mary Ann "Myers", b.**


5. **Jane**, **b. Myers, d.**

6. ____________________________

PATERNALE GREAT GRANDPARENTS

Great grandfather **Michael (Van) Buskirk**, b. **Feb. 28, 1742, Mar. 6th, 1806 Ky**

Great grandmother **Elizabeth Bilderback**, b. **Apr. 30, 1787 in Va, d. May 19, 1871 Ind.

MATERNAL GREAT GRAND PARENTS:

James Guthrie ____________________________

James C. ____________