Glimpses of the
Henry S. BABCOCK Family
in New York, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois & California

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Synopsis

Henry Springstead BABCOCK was born in New York State c 1794. He served in the War of 1812-1814 before migrating to Ohio, and had one known, older brother James. His parents have not been identified.

Nancy L. MEALMAN / MILLMAN was born 08 Mar 1800 in Greenbrier County Virginia (later: West Virginia), the daughter of a conscript Hessian soldier who fought for King George during the Revolutionary War, and presumably was captured at the battle of Trenton. She was the youngest of seven children.

Henry and Nancy married on 23 May 1818 near Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. Nine children were born during the years they farmed there. In 1836 the family moved to Henderson County Illinois, where they continued farming until 1859. At that time, the family (except for sons Elisha and Abraham) migrated to the Sacramento Valley in northern California. Henry and Nancy died in Butte County, California, Henry on 01 Mar 1868 at age (74) and Nancy on 09 Nov 1894 at (94). Their final resting places have not been located.

What is known to everybody in one generation is known by none of the succeeding generations unless some one took the pains to record the facts.

Landon BELL
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Babcock
Antiquity

In Stephen BABCOCK's definitive work *The BABCOCK Genealogy* (1903), the *Dictionary of American Family Antiquity* is quoted to describe the BABCOCK coat of arms, thus:

He beareth Argent; three pale cocks on a Fesse cotised, gules. Crest, a cock's head. Motto, 'Deus spes mea.'

"Argent" means silver, sometimes represented by white. "Fesse cotised" identifies a broad band crossing the shield horizontally, between two narrow bands. "Gules" means red. The "Crest", "Fesse" and "Motto" usually are located at the top, middle and bottom, respectfully, on the shield.

Thus, the BABCOCK coat of arms is a silver (or white) shield with three pale cocks emblazoned on a broad red band, crossing the shield horizontally, with a narrow red band on each side. A cock's head is above the shield, and the motto "God is my Hope" is below. A picture of one such coat of arms is presented as frontispiece to this document.

Author Mr. Carl BOYER 3rd, in his document *SLADE-BABCOCK GENEALOGY* (1970, Newhall CA), states that the BABCOCK coat of arms appears to be a composite of several coats of arms of the same general family:

There are four coats of arms worn by different English BADCOCKs, where the original spelling is used to this day. These branches of the family are located at St. Winow, Cornwall in Essex and Middlesex in Devonshire, in Lincolnshire and in Buckinghamshire, where the fourth was born by a Lt. Col. Lovell Benjamin BADCOCK.

A coat of arms legally can be born only by descendants who can trace their ancestry to an original bearer. Hence, heraldry is of but academic interest to the descendants of Henry and Nancy BABCOCK, our subjects.
It is evident, however, that the BADCOCKE / BADCOCK / BABCOCK / BABCOOK name is of English or Saxon origin, and that it is quite old. BOYER quotes authors and sources which supposedly traced the name (Ancestry of James 1st, of Rhode Island) to the Norman invasion of England in 1066, even to 449 AD; but those tracings relied on reports concerning one Sir Richard BADCOCK, a knight whose family had lived in the same mansion in Wivenhoe, county Essex, England, for nineteen generations. BOYER goes on to refute those claims, stating that he was unable to confirm the existence of BABCOCKs in Wivenhoe, although they were found to exist in other parts of Essex County. He sums up with one delightful sentence, as follows:

Tales of long family trees are often fabricated out of wishful thinking, where an inexperienced researcher confuses lines and is drawn into a wrong branch about which data is plentiful, ....

Need more be said?
PREFACE

From a Random House Dictionary of the English Language (C) 1969, we obtained the following definitions:

Glimpse:
(1) a very brief, passing look, sight or view.
(2) a momentary or slight appearance.
(3) a vague idea; inkling.

Fragmentary:
(1) consisting of or reduced to fragments; broken; disconnected; incomplete.

and Fragment:
(2) a portion that is unfinished or incomplete.

These terms seemed appropriate to describe this collection of glimpses into the lives and personalities of our subjects. We see them for brief moments when they are born, marry or die; when they sign important papers, and when they are counted (more or less accurately) by a census enumerator. We wish we could fill in the blanks in this fragmentary picture, that we might know them better (sigh), but that is not to be. We can only conjecture as to the joys and sorrows, smiles and tears, which glue these events together.

It should come as no surprise that genealogy is a never-ending study. Our intermittent research has continued over forty years. During this time we have concluded that more will be gained by publishing, although incomplete and with pending updates and additions, than to wait for all unanswered questions to be resolved. Therefore, we decided to segment our genealogy into multiple volumes, with each volume discussing one family of interest, "interest" constituting a family for which information is available and "family" restricting the text to primary parents (which may include more than one spouse), their children, and the grandparents of those children. In certain instances, when germane to the text, siblings and other relatives are identified and discussed. We find it difficult to define the bounds of "one family" in genealogical studies.
In this document we have capitalized SURNAMES, even when those names were not capitalized in original items. While this is not an accepted genealogical standard, we feel it should be. With this convention, one may distinguish accurately between Mr. James GLENN and Mr. Glenn JAMES. Further, we express dates in "day month year" format, as in 06 Jan 1936. There is no confusion in that format ... but does 1/6/36 mean 06 Jan 1836 or 01 Jun 1736?

Also, you will notice that some names are prefixed with numbers such as 15:Nancy, 351:Nancy, 481:Nancy or 1017:Nancy. These numbers are our Record Identification Numbers, or RINs, and were assigned by our genealogy computer program. They serve no purpose other than to identify individuals within our personal database; other databases will assign different RINs. In our example:

15:Nancy is Nancy MEALMAN, wife of 16:Henry S. BABCOCK, and
351:Nancy BABCOCK is a granddaughter of 15:Nancy by her son 22:Abraham;
481:Nancy MESSICK is the wife of 57:James BABCOCK, and
1017:Nancy LONGKER is the wife of 21:Worley BABCOCK.

These are but a few of the women in our genealogy named "Nancy". RINs are included in this document as necessary to distinguish between individuals having similar names. Abbreviations and symbols are presented in Appendix.

Finally, we wish to thank the many members of our extended family, the librarians, and the clerks, auditors and recorders in county court houses across the nation. Their assistance has been greatly appreciated.
Introduction

The BABCOOK names are as follows. Mill, Jake, Worley, Elisha, Abe, Alf, Jane, Ann, and Jim. Jane SMITH and Ann DANIELS.

So spake my great aunt Alwilda BURNETT SCOTT to her younger sister, Meme BURNETT BABCOOK, my maternal grandmother, a few years before Wilda died. Fortunately, Meme dutifully recorded these fragments in hand-written pages she entitled "Some Family History" and it was from this brief story that many rewarding clues were obtained regarding our ancestral heritage.

Meme was the wife of Horace BABCOOK; Horace the son of Elisha BABCOCK and grandson of Henry and Nancy MEALMAN BABCOCK, subjects of this report. The story continued:

Henry BABCOOK lived in a house by the Lake, owned the place. (I believe that was called the MILLMAN Lake, later).

The old folks went to California in 1859 with all the boys. Elisha and Abe came back. Jim BABCOOK went to California, in 1849 ahead, he died there. George BABCOOK's father died in the Gold Mines. His family didn't go with him . . .

As it turned out, the two daughters Mary Jane and Barbara Ann, together with their children and husbands James SMITH and N. DANIELS, respectfully, also may have accompanied "the old folks" (Henry and Nancy) and "all the boys" on the trek west from the fertile soils of Henderson County, Illinois. But this is getting ahead of the story. A facsimile of the text written by Meme, and a translation thereof, follows.
"Some Family History"

Uncle Jake Millman had two brothers: Adam and John, and four sisters: Nancy, Babcock (John's grandmother), Betsey, Rouche, Polly, Millman, and Grandmother Burnett (mother of Margaret). They were all born at Green Brier County, Virginia. Andrew Millman was the father of the Millman family. After the father's death, a friend went and brought the family to Graham Station, now called Racine, in Megs County, Ohio.

The father died on the way between there.

The Babcock names are as follows:

Mill, Jake, Horley, Elisha, Abe, Alf, Jane, Ann, and Jim. Jane Smith and Ann Danielle. Henry Babcock lived in a house by the lake, owned the place. (I believe that was called the Millman Lake, later.)

The old folks went to California in 1859 with all the boys. Elisha and Abe came back. Jim Babcock went to California in 1849 ahead, he died there. George Babcock's father died in the gold mines. He family didn't go with him. Uncle Jake Millman's father, or Elisha Babcock's grandfather (Henry Millman) was brought to this country.

He was one of the Hessians that was brought to this country during the Revolution War, and was taken prisoner, at the time, Washington crossed the Delaware River, in 1776, with his army, through the lakes of ice. Henry Millman married a woman in Virginia. He died while his children were all small. They went and brought the family too. The children were born out of...
different families to be raised. When Pa, alvin
Burnett was 17 yrs old. He and his mother,
(Josephine Burnett) (Mema, Walters, Tea, Leslie
Tildas grandmother) came here to keep
house. For Uncle Jake Millman and his
home was a big house, on the same
spot where Archie Vaughn lives now.
Uncle Jake Millman was born the same
year that Washington died.

Please do not destroy this piece
of history - United for Mema
Babe and got all this picture
from Tilda Burnett Scott
a few years before she died.
"Some Family History."

Uncle Jake MILLMAN had two brothers; Adam and John, and four sisters; Nancy MILLMAN BABCOOK (Horaces Grandmother) Betsy ROUSCH, Polly MILLMAN, and Grandma BURNETTS mother, Margaret. They were all born at Green Brier County, Virginia. Andrew MILLMAN was the fathers name. After the fathers death, a friend went and brought his family to Graham Station, now called Racine, in Meggs County Ohio. The father died on the way between there.

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Uncle Jake MILLMAN was born the same year that WASHINGTON died.

Please do not destroy this piece of history. Written by Meme BABCOOK. got all this history from Wilda BURNETT SCOTT a few years before she died.

Notes:

(1) The two daughters, Jane and Ann, with their husbands and children, may have accompanied Nancy, Henry and sons to California.

(2) The correct names are Andrew MEALMAN / MILLMAN, and Henry BABCOOK / BABCOOK.

(3) The first battle of Trenton was fought in 1776. Andreas MEALMAN may have sailed from Europe on 28 Mar 1777.

(4) George Washington died 1799. Jacob MEALMAN was born 15 Jan 1797.
In the records we have located pertaining to Henry, references are found only to "Henry S. BABCOCK, of New York." At the LDS (Church of Latter Day Saints, or Mormon) Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, records were located which identified service of Henry S. BABCOCK during the War of 1812-1814. While several Henry BABCOCKs served in that war, correlation with subsequent information confirms that the correct soldier has been identified. Henry served with Corporal-Captain Samuel B. ROMAYNE's Company (later renamed Sergeant-Captain Charles HUMPHREY's Company) in the 41st Regiment of Infantry. I was struck particularly by the name Corporal-Captain ROMAYNE. It may be only coincidence that my maternal grandmother's middle name is Romaine.

Several months later at the National Archives we were able to retrieve original War 1812-1814 records. With tremendous anticipation, discharge papers dated 21 May 1815 were examined, these papers being signed by five different officials. In true bureaucratic form, none of the signatures was sufficiently legible to be readily deciphered. Nevertheless, these were original documents, and in the space for "Said Henry S. BABCOCK was born in ______ county", it said exactly that — a blank line, a non-entry, this space intentionally left blank. Perhaps Henry did not know the county in which he was born, or perhaps he considered that information to be private. At least the document identified "in the state of New York." A facsimile of the discharge, with translation, is presented below. Genealogical progress comes in small steps.

When discharged, Henry was "twenty-one" years of age, "five" feet "seven" inches high, "dark" complexion, "blue" eyes and "brown" hair, and by occupation, when enlisted, a "Taylor". Thus, Henry was born circa 1794, and must have been either 19 or 20 years old when he enlisted; his tour of duty had been 1 year 7 months 8 days. Perhaps he was a city boy, judging from the stated occupation.
Or maybe he had been apprenticed into an occupation he did not like. For most of his remaining life, he was a farmer.

One of the histories describing the 41st Regiment stated that it was raised in 1812 from New York City. However, Henry enlisted on the 13th day of October 1813 at Newburg, in Orange County, New York. The town of Newburg is located some 50 miles north of New York City, near the Hudson River. It is possible that Henry may have been born in or near Newburg; his place of birth remains a mystery, as do his parents.

The War of 1812-1814 officially was declared on 18 Jun 1812, although hostilities and bad feelings had been going on for some time. One historian stated "the War of 1812 can be called a continuation of the Revolutionary War." The battle of Queenston Heights (Ontario, Canada, across from Buffalo, New York) occurred on 13 Oct 1812, the battle of Toronto on 27 April 1813, and the battle of Lake Erie on 10 Sep 1813. Henry missed those campaigns. But he was enlisted by the time Washington DC was burned on 24 Aug 1814, and the battle of Lake Champaign fought on 11 Sep 1814. (We doubt that he participated in either of those campaigns.) Peace was declared on 24 Dec 1814 when the Treaty of Ghent was signed, although one final engagement, due to slow and faulty communications, occurred at the Battle of New Orleans ("The Needless Battle") on 08 Jan 1815, two weeks after the war was over.

Having enlisted on 13 Oct 1812, most probably at rank of private, Henry was "present" as a Corporal in the roll call taken 11 Jan 1814. He was promoted to Sergeant 01 Apr 1814 (great timing, but no joke), the rank at which he was discharged. "Henry S. BABCOCK, Sgt." was recorded as "present" in the roll on 31 Jan 1814, and on 01 Sep 1814 he was recorded as "on duty at Brooklyn, NY, since 21 Aug 1814". Thus, Henry undoubtedly missed the excitement of burning the White House in Washington, D.C. He was recorded "present" three more times before his discharge on 21 May 1815.
Once discharged, Henry signed a paper granting power of attorney to his brother James. This document (facsimile with translation enclosed) is dated 09 Jun 1815, implying that James was at least 21 years of age by that date. Henry probably was younger than James and James probably was 22 years or older in 1815, since Henry was the son born in 1794 (unless, of course, they were twins!). Less than two weeks later, on 22 Jun 1815, James H. BABCOCK substituted Charles W. CONNOR, lawful attorney of Henry S. BABCOCK, to apply to Secretary of War for the bounty land warrant to which Henry was entitled. A facsimile of this document (with translation) also is enclosed.

This concludes the information available on Henry in New York. Further research in New York state may produce additional information on Henry and his brother James, and their parents. One objective is to connect with the James BADCOCKE / BABCOCK who arrived from England into Portsmouth, Rhode Island around 1642 (some early writers placed the arrival into Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts, as early as 1623 aboard the ship Anne; later writers have refuted such claims).
BY ORDER OF Major General Alexander Macomb coming 5th Military District

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Know Ye, That Henry S. Babcock, a Sergeant of Captain Charles

Humphrey’s Company, 6th first Regiment of Infantry, who was enlisted the

thirtieth day of October, eighteen hundred and thirteen to serve during the war, is hereby

HONOURABLY DISCHARGED from the Army of the United States, having faithfully served out the full period of

his Enlistment.

Said Henry S. Babcock was born in __________ in the State of New York is about

seventy-five years of age, five feet seven inches high, black complexion, blue eyes, brown hair,

and by occupation, when enlisted a Taylor.

Given at the Brigade Inspector’s Office, this thirty-first day of

May 1815.

REGISTERED IN BOOK NO. __________

__________________________

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
BY ORDER OF Major General Alexander Macomb commndng 3rd Military District

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

KNOW YE, That Henry S. BABCOCK a Serjeant of Captain Charles Humphrey's Company Forty first Regiment of Infantry who was enlisted the thirteenth day of October eighteen hundred and thirteen to serve during the war, is hereby HONOURABLY DISCHARGED from the Army of the United States, having faithfully served out the full period of his Enlistment.

Said Henry S. BABCOCK was born in --blank-- in the State of New York , is about Twenty-one years of age, five feet seven inches high, dark complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, and by occupation, when enlisted a Taylor

Given at the Brigade Inspector's Office, this twenty-first day of May 1815.

REGISTERED IN BOOK No 202

{ 5 Signatures }
Know all Men by these Presents,

THAT I, Henry S. Babcock, late a Solicitor in the 41st Year of the
Have constituted, made, and appointed, and by these Presents DO constitute, make and appoint my trusty and beloved Friend

and Arthur Summ. A Babcock, my—

true and lawful Attorney,
in Name and stead, and to sue, demand, sue, levy, recover and receive, all Sum and Sums of Money, Debts, Rents, Goods, Wares, Dues, Accounts, and other demands whatsoever which are or shall be due, owing, payable and belonging to any or detained from, in any Manner of Ways and Means whatsoever, by any person and also to receive my books, papers and other things of account
GIVING AND GRANTING unto my said Attorney, by these Presents my full and whole Power, Strength and Authority, in and about the Premises, to have, sue, and take all lawful Ways and Means in my Name, for the Recovery thereof; and upon the Receipt of any such Debts, Dues, or Sums of money aforesaid, Acquittances or other sufficient Discharges, for me and in my Name to make, seal and deliver; and generally and all and every other Act, and Acts, Thing and Things, Device and Devices, in the Law Whatsoever needful and necessary to be done in and about the Premises, for me and in my Name to do, execute and perform; as largely and amply, to all Intentions and Purposes, as I might or could do if was personally present, or as the Matter required more special Authority than is herein given; and Attorneys, one or more, under for the Purpose aforesaid, to make and constitute, and again at Pleasure to revoke; ratifying, acknowledging, and holding for firm and effectual, all and whatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully do in and about the Premises, by Virtue hereof.

In Witness whereof, have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the — day of — in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

That I Henry S. BABCOCK late a Soldier in the
41 Div US Inf ——

Have constituted, made, and appointed, and by these Presents DO constitute,
make and appoint my trusty and beloved Friend

and Brother James H. BABCOCK my ——

my —— true and lawful Attorney,

for me and in my Name and Stead, and to my Use, to ask, demand,
sue for, levy, recover and receive, all Sum and Sums of Money, Debts,
Rents, Goods, Wares, Dues, Accounts, and other demands whatsoever which
are or shall be due, owing, payable and belonging to me or detained
from, in any Manner of Ways and Means whatsoever, by any person and
also to receive my discharges and all deeds, patents or warrants
for my Service from the U.S. Infantry or my Office under the same
and also to be and for my lot:

Giving and Granting unto my said Attorney, by these Presents my full
and whole Power, Strength and Authority, in and about the Premises, to have,
sue, and take all lawful Ways and Means in my Name, for the Recovery
thereof; and upon the Receipt of any such Debts, Dues, or Sums of money
aforesaid, Acquittances or other sufficient Discharges, for me and in my
Name to make, seal and deliver; and generally and all and every other Act,
and Acts, Thing and Things, Device and Devices, in the Law whatsoever
needful and necessary to be done in and about the Premises, for me and
in my Name to do, execute and perform, as largely and amply, to all Intents
and Purposes, as I might or could do I was personally
present, or as the Matter required more special Authority than is herein given;
and Attorneys, or or more, under him for the Purpose aforesaid, to
make and constitute, and again at Pleasure to revoke: ratifying, allowing, and
holding for firm and effectual, and all whatsoever my said Attorney shal
lawfully do in and about the Premises, by Virtue hereof.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal
the ninth day of June in the Year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Robt Bogardus {signature}
Henry S. BABCOCK {Signature}

{Signed} Robt Bogardus Col 41 Reg.NY Inf

[and in the left margin is written:]
I, Robert Bogardus do hereby testify on honor? that James S BABCOCK who has executed this
power is the identical James S BABCOCK named and described in the Annexed discharge -
Newark City. June 14th 1815
Know all men that I James H. Babcock swears in the presence
by virtue of the power vested in me as a duly elected Substitute
Elder to Convey the several letters of credit of James H. Babcock in the
name to apply to the Secretary of War or other legal authority
for the said warrant which the same being may be entitled to
and to receive the same for him and in his name and to bond
for him and receive in possession thereof for him and in his
name and to do all Acts Matter and Things Necessary to be
hereinafter done about the Premises and to give all discharge
which may be Necessary for him and in his name. Truly concurring
with the said Substitute may eschew the duty. Where I have been
Baptized in the name and bonds the twenty second day of June the
thirteen right hundred and fifty
sealed and delivered in the presence of
James H. Babcock

(Notary Public)

[Signature]
Know all Men that I, James H. BABCOCK named in the written power by Virtue of the power Vested thereby in me I do hereby Substitute Charles W Connor the lawful Attorney of Henry S. BABCOCK within named to Apply to the Secretary at War or other Legal Authority for the Land Warrant which the said Henry may be entitled to and to receive the same for him and in his name and to hold for his lot and receive as patent therefor for him and in his name and to do all Acts Matters and Things necessary to be done in and about this pension, and to give all discharges which may be necessary for him and in his name, hereby confirm what the said Substitute may do. In witness Where I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the twenty Second day of June One Thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

James H. BABCOCK.

{ Signature } Robt Bogardus

Not Pub
By legislative enactment of the Virginia Assembly, Greenbriar County was formed in 1777 from the western part of Botetourt County, and extended west to the Ohio River; however, the act defining its boundaries did not become law until Mar 1778. When Virginia seceded from the Union in 1861, many of the western counties objected. In 1863, following Union victories during the Civil War which drove Confederates from the area, fifty of the western counties were readmitted into the Union as West Virginia. Greenbriar County has been reduced in size several times since its formation, yet it still consists of over 1000 square miles, making it the second largest county in West Virginia.

In spite of rugged topography, Greenbriar County contains a substantial area of reasonably broad and level flood plains. An eight to ten mile wide belt of low relief, developed largely upon Greenbriar Limestone, extends through the county. The county also has many mineral springs, which leach out to discolor their basins, giving rise to colorful names such as White Sulphur Spring and Blue Sulphur Spring. Two notable Seventeenth Century features were great forests and savannahs. The forests and shrubs sheltered and fed an abundance of wildlife, including bear, fox, groundhog, panther, wildcat, raccoon, rabbit, deer and squirrel. One report identified a species of squirrel called "ferrydiddle."

This was the area into which a Hessian soldier and ex-prisoner from the Revolutionary War, Andrew MEALMAN, settled. And it was here that his seven children were born. Perhaps here also is where his wife died. Before 1804, however, Andrew had migrated westward into Ohio, where he farmed in Letart Township, in an area that later became Meigs County.

"Some Family History"

Uncle Jake MILLMAN had two brothers; Adam and John and four sisters; Nancy MILLMAN BABCOOK (Horace's Grandmother), Betsy ROUSCH, Polly MILLMAN, and Grandma BURNETT's mother, Margaret. They were all born at Green
Brier [sic] County, Virginia. Andrew MILLMAN was the father’s name.

Henry [sic] MILLMAN married a woman in Virginia. He died while his children were all small. ... After the father's death, a friend went and brought his family to Graham Station, now called Racine, in Meggs [sic] County Ohio. ... The children were bound out to different families to be raised.

Andrew MEALMAN died in the fall of 1804. His estate was probated in Gallia County Ohio, Court of Common Pleas, on 19 Nov 1804 (Meigs County was not formed until 1819), and these proceedings dragged on until 29 Jul 1819, after the youngest child (Nancy) had reached legal age.
The Andrew MEALMAN estate papers are discussed in greater detail in the forthcoming document, "Glimpses of the Andrew MEALMAN Family in Virginia and Ohio", soon to be available from this compiler. Of particular interest to establishing birth dates of Nancy and siblings, however, are Gallia County Court Records (vol:A p:36-37), which describe the assignment of guardians to the minor children of Andrew MEALMAN. Portions of these pages are extracted:

At a special Court of Common Pleas Held at Gallipolis on the Eighth day of April Anno Domini 1805.

Appeared in Court, Adam MEALMAN a Boy of about Sixteen years of age & John MEALMAN a Boy of about 15 years of age, both Sons of the late Andrew MEALMAN late of LeTarts Township Deceased & Prayed & Begged Leave to Choose Peter LALANCE of LeTarts Township for their Guardian & that the Court might appoint him the said LALANCE as Such Whereupon the Court having taken the Prayer of said Two Boys & the Said LALANCE (being present) & being willing to take upon himself the Burden of the Execution of the Trust--

Ordered that the said LALANCE is appointed a guardian to the aforesaid Adam & John MEALMAN.

On Application, It is also ordered that the Said Peter LALANCE is appointed guardian to Margaret about thirteen years of age, Betsey about twelve years of age, Polly about Nine years old, Jacob of the age of Seven years old, or there about & Nancy of about five years old, all children of the aforementioned Andrew MEALMAN Deceased (The said LALANCE being willing to accept the Trust) and for the Punctual Discharge of the Duties required by Law of Said LALANCE as guardian aforesaid, It is ordered that the said LALANCE with Francis LECLEREY his surety do Enter into a Penal Bond in the sum Of fifteen hundred Dollars payable to the clerk of our said Court.

In an era when one rifle gun, pouch & horn sold at public auction for $10, one red heifer for $9.25, two sheep for $5.51, a spinning wheel for $3.50, and a saddle for $1, fifteen hundred dollars seems like a lot of money. Nonetheless, the family friend Mr. LALANCE, posted the Penal Bond, and was awarded Letters Of Guardianship for the seven minor children. The children then were bound to various families to be raised, as stated in the original story recorded by Meme.
From the preceding transcript, one can extract the children's ages, and we can expect those ages to be reasonably accurate, particularly those of the younger children Jacob and Nancy; it takes a special skill to make an error of more than one or two years when estimating the age of a five-year old:

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<td>Nancy</td>
<td>about five years</td>
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This summary of the children's birth years might indicate that Andrew was married circa 1788 (or before) and that his wife (name not known at this time) died between 1800 and 1803/1804 (since Nancy is a last child). These details notwithstanding, the court records correlate wonderfully with the original text related to Meme by her sister Wilda.

We make additional observations at this point: Meme BURNETT BABCOCK and Alwilda BURNETT SCOTT also were descendants of Andrew MEALMAN, via Andrew's daughter Margaret; Margaret's daughter Josephine was their paternal grandmother. Obviously, Henry BABCOCK knew Margaret MEALMAN, great-grandmother of Meme Romaine BURNETT BABCOOK; Margaret was his sister-in-law. He also knew Margaret's daughter Josephine, mother of Alvin BURNETT, Meme's father. And they each knew Henry, and probably knew of his service in the War of 1812-1814. What is not clear is whether any of this gave rise to Meme's middle name, Romaine, a name at least similar to Henry's former military commander, the Corporal-Captain ROMAYNE. It is interesting conjecture.
As stated previously, the Andrew MEALMAN estate was probated in the Court of Common Pleas, Gallia County, Ohio in 1805. Andrew left a substantial estate with minor children, and it wasn't until 29 Jul 1819 that probate finally was settled. The following entry is found in the court papers (vol:A p:166):

**Voucher No 6: Paid Henry S BABCOOK, one of the heirs of said estate $65**

Just how Henry migrated from New York to Ohio is not known, but there he is, one of the heirs to the MEALMAN estate. Henry had married Nancy MEALMAN / MILLMAN the preceding year (23 May 1818 by Philip MIKESSELL, JP) near Dayton in Montgomery County, Ohio (OH marr recd vol:1 1803-1827 p:75).

Figure 1: Marriage Record - 23 May 1818

Henry and Nancy were farming near Liberty, a small town seven miles southwest of Dayton, and it was there that their nine children were born.

- Millman Adam b: Mar 1819
- Jacob William b: May 1821
- Mary Jane b: 19 Dec 1822
- James b: Fall 1825
- Worley A b: 13 Jun 1827
- Barbara Ann b: 1828
- Abraham C b: 14 Jun 1830
- Elisha P b: 12 Sep 1832
- Alfred Benjamin Franklin b: 19 Aug 1833

Birth dates of these children were determined from census records when more accurate information was not available.

Liberty was established in December 1815, and the first lots were sold in January 1816. The town was advertised as "situated in pleasant, healthy and
elevated ground, in the midst of a rich, populous and well-cultivated country. Roads from all parts of the State meet at the town." As those early settlers found it, "the outlook was a waving sea of green tree-tops, varying only by channels of rippling streams." There was nothing monotonous in the topography of this area, an ever-changing panorama of hills, valleys and sparkling streams winding gracefully through the green prairies and woodlands. Even the hilly tracts were dotted with valleys of rich loamy soil - the best of farm lands.

The 1820, 1830 and 1840 census identify "head of household" and count the number of household males and females in various age groups. The census of 1830 enumerates these males and females in the thirteen age groups below, ages being as of the 1st monday in August of the census year:

| 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80-89 | 90-99 | 100+
|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----

The Henry S. BABCOCK family was living in Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio in 1830. The enumeration found on p:235 of microfilm reel 136 (Archives) [(males) 3110010... and (females) 1100010...] can be interpreted:

..... enumeration ******* | ..... our interpretation *******
males 1 (30-39) bc:1791-1800 16:Henry S (36) b: c 1794
males 2 (10-14) bc:1816-1820 19:Millman (11) b: Mar 1819
males 3 (5-9) bc:1821-1825 20:Jacob (9) b: May 1821
males 4 (0-4) bc:1826-1830 57:James (4) b: Fall 1825
males 5 (0-4) bc:1826-1830 21:Worley (3) b:13 Jun 1827
males 6 (0-4) bc:1826-1830 22:Abraham (2m) b:14 Jun 1830
females 1 (30-39) bc:1791-1800 15:Nancy (30) b:08 Apr 1800
females 2 (5-9) bc:1821-1825 18:Mary Jane (7) b:19 Dec 1822
females 3 (0-4) bc:1826-1830 17:Barbara Ann (2) b: 1828

Census interpretation can be tricky. First and foremost, enumerated data is subject to question; its validity depends on the accuracy of the enumerator, as well as on the memory and knowledge of the provider. We show James age (4) in 1830, birth year 1825, implying that his birthday occurred after the enumeration on Monday 02 Aug. Similarly, Mary Jane is age (7y 7m) since her birth occurred in mid-December. The preceding C:1830 interpretation is substantiated by documentation described in subsequent chapters.

3.2-2
Backing up one decade, three Henry BABCOCKs can be identified in the 1820 Ohio, but none of the families of these gentlemen fit the several requirements of our Henry S. and Nancy BABCOCK. However, about 100 miles southwest of Liberty, across the border in Clark County, Indiana in the small community of Bethlehem (p:32 of microfilm reel 13) we found:

**Henry S. BABCOCK** 100010 – 00100

In this census, males are counted in 6 groups and females in 5 groups, their ages again being as of the 1st Monday in August of the census year. A quirk of this census is that certain males, those in age groups 16-18 and 16-25, are counted twice! The age groups and our census interpretation follow:

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<td>19: Millman (1) b: Mar 1819</td>
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<td>Female 1 (16-25) bc:1795-1804</td>
<td>15: Nancy (20) b: 08 Apr 1800</td>
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We are unable to explain why Henry and family seem to be located in Indiana rather than Ohio at this time. We searched land records in both areas, but could not identify Henry as a landowner. It was noted that this "Henry S. BABCOCK" listed "manufacturing" as his occupation rather than "agriculture;" perhaps this is not the Henry of interest, or perhaps he simply was travelling through the area when census was taken. Bethlehem is located on the Ohio River twenty miles upstream from Louisville, Kentucky at the headwaters of (what used to be) "The Falls of the Ohio". We leave you to draw your own conclusions.

Cholera erupted into a wide-spread epidemic across much of the nation in the early 1830s. Meigs County, located in southeastern Ohio, was particularly heavily affected in 1834, whereas Montgomery County, in southwestern Ohio, may have escaped much of the death and misery. Whether or not the Cholera epidemic impacted Henry and Nancy, they left Ohio in 1836 and relocated to west-central Illinois.
The land granted to Henry for his service in the War of 1812-1814 was located 10 miles south and 10 miles west of Carthage in Hancock County, eight miles east of the Mississippi River. It consisted of 160 acres identified as South-East 1/4 of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 8 West of the 4th Principle Meridian [*]. This land grant is found on p:235 of Congressional Document No. 262, to wit:

16 Dec 1817 #317 Henry S. BABCOCK, Sgt Humphrey's 41st Infantry
SE 5 T3N R8W Hon. Mr. WILKIN, in Congress 23 Dec 1817

It was granted on 16 Dec 1817 and delivered to the Hon. Mr. WILKIN, congressman from Orange Co NY, on 23 Dec 1817, who then forwarded it to Henry.

Instead of farming his allocated grant, Henry decided to sell the land and settle closer to the River, moving 35 miles farther north into an area which the Saux Fox Indians earlier had called Shokokanor or Shokokon. There they erected a log cabin and began farming. This area later was named Honey Creek Township, and was part of Warren County. In 1841, the western half of Warren County was split off to form what today is Henderson County. The original town of Shokokon, surveyed in 1836, did not flourish and has since disappeared.

Henry and family are enumerated in C:1840 IL Warren Co, 9N-6W, Archives R:72. The enumeration (02311010... 0011001...) reflects ages on the 1st Monday in August 1840, and is interpreted in groups similar to C:1830.

C:1840 IL Warren Co 9N-6W p:?? R:72 BABCOCK, Henry S.
------- enumeration ------- | ------- our interpretation -------
male 1 (40-49) bc:1791-1800 | 16:Henry S (46) b: c 1794
male 2 (20-29) bc:1811-1820 | 19:Millman (21) b: Mar 1819
male 3 (15-19) bc:1821-1825 | 20:Jacob (19) b: May 1821
male 4 (10-14) bc:1826-1830 | 21:James (14) b: Fall 1825
male 5 (10-14) bc:1826-1830 | 21:Worley (13) b: 13 Jun 1827
male 6 (10-14) bc:1826-1830 | 22:Abraham (10) b: 14 Jun 1830
male 7 (5-9) bc:1831-1835 | 32:Elisha (7) b: 12 Sep 1832
male 8 (5-9) bc:1831-1835 | 56:Alfred (6) b: 19 Aug 1833
fem 1 (40-49) bc:1791-1800 | 15:Nancy (46) b: 08 Apr 1800
fem 2 (15-19) bc:1827-1825 | 18:Mary Jane (16) b: 19 Dec 1822
fem 3 (10-14) bc:1826-1830 | 17:Barbara Ann (12) b: 1826

[*] For brevity, subsequent land plat descriptions are reduced to the form: SE 1/4 Sec 5 T3N R8W 4PM or similar shorthand notation.

4.1-1
Mary Jane married James SMITH in Henderson County on 12 Jan 1842 (marr recd bk:A p:6 #48), and Barbara Ann married N. DANIELS (Christian name not identified) also in Henderson County, on 23 Aug 1849 (bk:A p:33 #112). This seven year difference between marriage dates of Jane and Ann (1842 vs 1849) first suggested assignment of birth years 1823 and 1828 taken from C:1830 OH records. Other records have since confirmed that Mary Jane was the elder daughter. James married Nancy MESSICK, daughter of Asbury and Priscilla MESSICK, circa 1847. These children have established their own households in the 1850 census; only James has been located.

By 1850, census enumerators were identifying family members more clearly, recording names instead of merely counting heads, and including more exact age information. They also recorded where each resident was born.

The census of 1850 was legislated to record individuals as of 01 Jun 1850. However, it is not unreasonable to suggest that in some cases the data may have been provided based on the date of actual rather than intended enumeration. Applying this possibility to James would resolve his stated age (25) versus (24), and would further identify his birth to between 02 Aug 1825 and 01 Oct 1825, although this may be stretching the credence of the census information.

From the earlier family history notes, James is reported to have gone to California in 1849, yet he was counted in Illinois when the census was taken on 02 Oct 1850. It is possible that "1849" as stated in the history notes is not
accurate, although 1849 would be a logical date based on the "gold rush" history. It is also possible that James made a quick return from California; certainly he would have had sufficient time to do so. We should not read too much into this circumstance, however, since (depending upon local custom) enumerators were paid either by head counts or by number of households counted. Perhaps 481:Nancy declared her husband James as a member of the household, even though he was not there when the census was taken. C:1850 records for Barbara Ann and N. DANIELS, Mary Jane and James SMITH, and the children of these daughters have not been located at this time. It is likely they may be residing in western Illinois, although southern Iowa counties also are a possibility.

A state census for Henderson County was taken in 1855, and is available on LDS film 0976183. On page 40 thereof, in T8N R6W 4PM (the Lomax Precinct, just south of Carman) we located the following sequence of names:

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Nate DANIELS (0001...) (101...) stock $ 333
neighbor
neighbor
Asbury MESSICK (11001...) (00001...) stock $ 20
H. S. BABCOOK (2041001) (0040001) stock $1350
neighbor
neighbor
Sal LONGCOR (11001) (11001) stock $ 310
neighbor
 neighbor
Ws. MESSICKER (10001) (12001) stock $ 300

For the first time, we have evidence of the Christian name (Nate) of N. DANIELS, husband of Barbara Ann. We observe that Asbury MESSICK, the father of 481:Nancy MESSICK, was an adjacent neighbor of H.S. BABCOOK, indicating that Henry's son James married the girl next door! We also observe the neighbor Sal LONCOR (sic), three residences down, possibly the father of Nancy LONGKER, future wife of Worley; Nancy was born c 1835, and may be the female enumerated in age group 10-19. The next neighbor, William MESSICKER, has not been identified, but the surname is surprisingly similar to MESSICK. Finally, we note that Henry's livestock is valued at about three or four times that of his neighbors.
We offer the following interpretations of the DANIELS, MESSICK and BABCOCK households, based on the ten age groups of the C:1855 IL enumeration for males and females:

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C:1855 IL Henderson Co T8N R6W p:40 R:0976183(2) Nate DANIELS  
--- enumeration -------       our interpretation -------  
male 1 (30-39) bc:1816-1825 | 17:Barbara Ann (30) b:1828  
fem 1 (20-29) bc:1826-1835 | 1270:Isabella (17) b:1854
male 2 (10-19) bc:1836-1845
male 3 (0-9) bc:1846-1855

C:1855 IL Henderson Co T8N R6W p:40 R:0976183(2) Asbury MESSICK  
--- enumeration -------       our interpretation -------  
male 1 (40-49) bc:1816-1825 | Asbury (53) b:1802?  
male 2 (10-19) bc:1836-1845 | George (14) b:1841  
male 3 (0-9) bc:1846-1855 | William (2) b:1853
fem 1 (40-49) bc:1816-1825 | Priscilla (45) b:1810
fem 2 (0-9) bc:1846-1855
fem 3 (20-29) bc:1826-1835
fem 4 (20-29) bc:1826-1835
fem 5 (20-29) bc:1826-1835

C:1855 IL Henderson Co T8N R6W p:40 R:0976183(2) H.S. BABCOOK  
--- enumeration -------       our interpretation -------  
male 1 (60-69) bc:1786-1795 | Henry (55) b:1800  
male 2 (30-39) bc:1816-1825 | Mary (26) b:1830  
male 3 (20-29) bc:1826-1835 | Worley (21) b:1833  
male 4 (20-29) bc:1826-1835 | Elisha (23) b:1832  
male 5 (20-29) bc:1826-1835 | Alfred (21) b:1833
male 6 (20-29) bc:1826-1835 | Abraham (26) b:1830
male 7 (0-9) bc:1846-1855 | Worley (28) b:1830
male 8 (0-9) bc:1846-1855 | Elisha (23) b:1832  
fem 1 (60-69) bc:1786-1795 | Nancy (55) b:1800  
fem 2 (20-29) bc:1826-1835 | Nancy (27) b:1828  
fem 3 (20-29) bc:1826-1835 | Nancy (20) b:1830  
fem 4 (20-29) bc:1826-1835 | Jemima (19) b:1836  
fem 5 (20-29) bc:1826-1835 | George (21) b:1833

Several scenarios which satisfy the preceding census and circumstantial evidence could be presented to identify members of the BABCOOK household who are not children of Henry and Nancy. The most likely scenario is that unidentified males members are grandsons and the unidentified females are daughters-in-law. This scenario also allows for the presumption that James and Jacob are enroute to or from California in 1855.

Henry, Nancy, their children and grandchildren farmed in a closely-knit community between Lomax and Carman in Henderson County. Other relatives living nearby included Nancy's brother Jacob MILLMAN (born: MEALMAN), niece Josephine BURNETT (daughter of Margaret MEALMAN), and Josephine's son Alvin BURNETT. This
we know from C:1855 and C:1860. But in 1859, "the old folks went to California with all the boys," departing by covered wagon from Burlington, Iowa, to join and follow the Oregon Trail across western plains, probably through Nebraska and Wyoming, then south from Idaho through Nevada and on into the Central California valley. We are only guessing as to the route they followed, but Henry was (65) years old and Nancy (59), when they abandoned the fertile soils of Illinois for the promises of California.
Figure 2: Major Routes 1840-1880
In the summer of 1993, Joan and I travelled parts of the Oregon Trail. It took us about two weeks in our motorhome, much less than the original pioneers, and was a more comfortable trip. The Oregon Trail existed from about 1841 to 1920, and the paths paved by the hardy pioneers have not disappeared. These roads later were used by stagecoaches and rail trains. Even today, many Main Streets and interstate highways (I-70, I-80, and I-84) follow those same routes.

At a Tourist Historical Information Center display board at Bonneville Point, Idaho we recorded the following text:

By 1848, twelve thousand men, women and children had followed this trail to the lush, fertile Willamette River Valley. The journey was two thousand miles of plains, mountains and deserts - one step at a time. Their visions of personal freedom and opportunity were vital to national expansion.

The long journey overland to Oregon took about six months. Time, distance and hardships seasoned the emigrants. They had the ability and had earned the right to mold their destiny in the new land. The Oregon Trail became a vital part of the American Heritage.

During the twenty year period beginning in 1841, more than 300,000 people migrated along the Oregon Trail, most travelling after 1848. That averages out to well over 15,000 persons per year during the 1850s. Since the year permitted only about two months viable starting time (April and May), we can project that during two months each year roughly 250-350 people EACH DAY passed a given point along the route. It was one of the first super highways! The first major wave of travelers left in 1843 under Marcus Whitman, and consisted of 1,000 people, 5,000 head of stock and 120 wagons. Later trains would be much smaller.

Prior to 1849 the Oregon Route (originally developed in the late 1830s from fur trapper and Indian trails) was known as The Oregon Road. The term Trail was not applied until much later. John C. FREMONT described and mapped the route of the Oregon Road in 1843. In 1849, Joseph R. WARE published a traveller's guide entitled The Emigrants Guide to California. He recommended the following list of supplies:
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A little arithmetic applied to this list quickly shows over twelve hundred pounds of recommended material, exclusive of wagon and personal artifacts and furniture. Much of this material later was abandoned along troublesome parts of the trail.

We found it interesting that according to one report, when the wagons started on the trip, on the first day they usually departed at four o'clock in the afternoon and camped one hour later for evening meal and overnight. The theory was that if anything had been forgotten, it was only an hour back to town. During the rest of the trip, their day usually started about an hour before sunrise to prepare breakfast, and ended at dusk in time to prepare the evening meal. They were committed to average approximately ten miles per day; on good days they might make twenty, but bad days were ever lurking to slow them down. Storms resulting in muddy trails, river and stream crossings, steep cliffs and hills to climb or descend, rocks and broken wheels were some of the obstacles they conquered.

At an Interstate I-86 rest area near Massacre Rocks, Idaho another tourist display provided the following:

Thousands of emigrants crossed the prairie, desert and mountain ranges traversed by the 2000-mile trail until train travel became possible. It was a race for life! The emigrants had only 5 months from the spring thaw in Missouri until the snowfall in the western mountains closed the passes. Emigrants often travelled in trains of 6 to 8 wagons.
From the "Massacre Rocks Historical Leaflet:"

Emigrant traffic on the Oregon Trail was well established by 1862. Most wagon trains were fairly small with only ten to fifteen wagons and a following of extra stock. There were many trains, usually only a few miles apart.

We surmise that Henry BABCOCK and companion pioneers travelled from Burlington westerly across Iowa, probably crossing the Missouri River near or south of Omaha, Nebraska to link up with the Whitman Trail, then on westward to join the Oregon Trail near Fort Kearney, Nebraska. This route would seem more expeditious than travelling south into Missouri to join the Oregon Trail at its origin in Independence. From Fort Kearney the trail led westward across Nebraska and into Wyoming and South Pass, the only place across the Rocky Mountains (ie, the Continental Divide) that was passable with wagons, then on into Idaho. The route was determined by availability of water, grass and food for the animals, as well as by ease of travel (or the lack thereof) for the wagons.

At Register Cliff just outside Guernsey, Wyoming we marvelled at hundreds of names inscribed into the sandstone cliffs. On one surface we discovered the name "WORLEY" deeply etched into the rock. That pioneer did not record either surname or date - chances are slim that this was Henry's son, but possible! A few miles further along the trail at Guernsey, we climbed the sandstone bluffs and walked within ruts up to two feet deep left by the thousands of wagons which had passed that way. The trail was
forty or fifty feet wide through these particular hills and consisted of three or four separate tracks up and over the rough terrain, the trails separating at one point to rejoin at another. Unexpectedly, we found pine trees of thirty or more years growing between the ruts — but then we realized that those trees were a lot younger than the 150-year old trails we followed.

Independence Rock in central Wyoming, so named from the fact that the travellers attempted to arrive at this nearly half-way point by Independence Day, afforded lush grass for the animals, plenty of fresh water, and a point at which...
Farther along the northern trail near Baker City, Oregon in the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretative Center at Flagstaff Hill, we were treated to displays, models, films and recordings of pioneer life along the Trail. After spending an afternoon in that air conditioned facility, we walked down the hill to examine a replica of a typical wagon installed on the actual trail. Promptly at five o’clock we were treated as dinner by hordes of mosquitos. Within minutes we were masses of welts and blood, our lives being saved only by the can of aerosol bug spray carried in our knapsack. This episode brought home to us the real life along the trail. One in ten travellers died enroute, of cholera, illness, snake bites, gunshot or other wounds, drowning or accidents. Most were buried beneath the trail to protect the bodies from predatory animals and Indians looking for trinkets. Yet this 10 percent ratio was not much greater that the ratio for those who stayed at home.
Section 4.3: James (Part 1)
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James BABCOCK may have made two trips from Illinois to California, leaving his wife and child behind. Surmising that James intended to fetch his family at a later date, his untimely death (in the mines?) would have defeated such plans (see Chapter 5, Section 5.6). In C:1860, his wife Nancy MESSICK BABCOCK and their son George W. were residing with Nancy’s parents Asbury and Priscilla MESSICK near Carthage:

[Enumerated as of 01 Jun 1860]
C:1860 IL Hancock Co Carthage p:389/649 f:2793/2699 R:0803184
Asbury MESSICK (58) M b:MD carpenter $---/150
Priscilla MESSICK (50) F b:MD
George MESSICK (19) M b:IL farm laborer
William MESSICK ( 7) M b:IL school
481:Nancy BABCOCK (30) F b:MD
268:George W. BABCOCK (11) M b:IL school

We have not searched sufficiently to locate further references to 481:Nancy. So far as we know 268:George W. was an only child.

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Elisha and Abe came back...

Whether ties to Illinois exceeded the promises of California can not be known with certainty, but whatever the reasons, two sons returned permanently to Illinois. In C:1860 IL we find Elisha residing with his brother; Abraham and Jemima WESTFALL married in 1854 and were parents of two children. Jemima was the daughter of Simeon and Martha SCHOONOVER WESTFALL.

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<td>58:Mary E BABCOCK (3) F b:IL</td>
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<td>351:Nancy M BABCOCK (1) F b:IL</td>
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<td>32:Elisha P BABCOCK (28) M b:OH farmer</td>
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Abram, after his marriage, settled on Honey Creek in Lomax Township. He went twice to California and in 1859 sold out on Honey Creek and bought another farm which he owned but a short time.

On 04 May 1865, Elisha married Anna J. PINKHAM, daughter of Calvin and Jane PINKHAM of Canada and Massachusetts. Anna was born 15 Feb 1842 in Vandenburg County, Indiana. She had twin sisters Emily and Mary (born c 1857), and one younger brother John (born c 1863), all born in Henderson County, Illinois. Her older brother Calvin, born in Massachusetts around 1831, also was a resident of Henderson County. By 1870, Abraham is father of four children, Elisha of two:

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<td>22:Abraham BABCOCK (40) M b:OH farmer $---/2160</td>
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<td>58:Mary BABCOCK (13) F b:IL</td>
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<td>351:Nancy BABCOCK (11) F b:IL school</td>
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<td>352:Charles BABCOCK (9) M b:IL school</td>
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<td>59:Armina BABCOCK (6) F b:IL school</td>
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| Census: 12 Aug 1870 IL Henderson Co 9N-6W (Shokokon PO) | p:6 | F:43/39 | R:228 |
| 32:Elisha BABCOCK (38) M b:OH farmer $---/2000 |
| 33:Anna BABCOCK (28) F b:IN K.H. |
| 92:Jane BABCOCK (4) F b:IL |
| 10:Horace BABCOCK (2) M b:IL |

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In 1875 the brothers engaged in the grain and general merchandise trade at Carman. They remained in the Carman area the rest of their lives. By 1880 their families had grown still larger:

Records for the 1890 were destroyed by fire at the national level, but we can present the records for 1900 and 1910.

Nine children were born to Abraham and Jemima WESTFALL BABCOCK: 58:Mary E, Nancy M, Charles, Armina Lucretia, Annie J, Maud, Alfred Clinton, Fanny M, and Della; and seven children to Elisha and Anna J PINKHAM BABCOCK: Nancy Jane.
Horace Reuben, William Henry, Dolores E, Edward Beecher, Nellie and Mary E (not to be confused with the first child of Abraham and Jemima).

Abraham died in Carman, Illinois on 16 Aug 1903. His wife Jemima WESTFALL BABCOCK died 01 Feb 1917. Elisha died 30 Nov 1910, and Anna J. PINKHAM BABCOOK died 21 Aug 1911, both in Carman. They all are buried in the Carman Cemetery. As evidenced by the photographs following, their BABCOCK name became BABCOOK.

Figure 10: Abram & Jemima WESTFALL BABCOOK

Figure 11: Elisha & Anna J. PINKHAM BABCOOK
Chapter 5: California  
Section 5.1: 1860-1868  
Rev: 27 Oct 1993

The central valley in California is a 450-mile long basin lying between the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east, and the Coastal Range Mountains to the west. The floor of this basin is exceedingly flat in most areas, and except for depth and color of soil, reminiscent of the Illinois prairies. The basin actually consists of two valleys, a northern valley drained by the Sacramento River, and a southern valley drained by the smaller San Joaquin River. The two valleys are named for the rivers by which they are drained. The San Joaquin flows north to join into the Sacramento River east of San Francisco, and together the waters empty into San Francisco Bay before exiting via the Golden Gate into the Pacific Ocean. Salmon are found in the Sacramento River during spawning season.

Rainfall varies considerably within the basin, from 60 inches annually on Mt. Shasta in the northern end of the Sacramento Valley, to less than six inches annually at Bakersfield in the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley. Today, a vast complex of irrigation canals has been developed to transport water from north to south, but this network did not exist in 1859 when the BABCOCK and other families arrived into California.  

![Shasta Dam - Mt. Shasta in Background](image)

A small mountain range provides a prominent physical feature and landmark in the California Sacramento Valley. Early Indians considered these mountains sacred, "the Spirit Mountains" or the abode of the dead. The early Spanish
explorers observed the range as they rode up the Sacramento River, but it was not until 1829 that Michael Laframbois, a trapper for Hudson's Bay Company, permanently named the "Los Picachos" or "Little Peaks". Sources state that he was trapping on the Sacramento River at that time. Henceforth, the strange hill formations were known as the Butte Mountains, or simply "The Buttes." For the rest of their lives, Henry and Nancy lived within sight of the Buttes.

The California First State Legislature Act of 1850 established boundaries for the twenty-seven original counties. Thinking that the Buttes were within county boundaries, the name was given to Butte County. However, a due-west line projected westward from the mouth of Honcut Creek at its junction with the Feather River north of Marysville was designated the Butte-Sutter county line. Later it was discovered that this division allocated the Buttes to Sutter County. The boundary was temporarily adjusted southward, but on 31 Mar 1854 the county boundary was fixed by the legislature at its original position, and the Buttes were restored to Sutter County. So much for a name!

Census 1860 records confirm that Henry, Nancy, Jacob and Alfred were settled in Grand Island Township, Colusa County, southwest of the Buttes near the Sacramento River which provided a reliable source of water. Millman settled a few miles farther east in Long Bar Township in northern Yuba County, just south of the Butte County town of Moores Station. Census records have not been located for other members of the family.
Two laborers Benj. GIDEONS and Augustus INGERSON are enumerated in the BABCOCK household. Were these individuals known previously in Illinois? Did they accompany the BABCOCKs west on the journey to California? Were they merely hired farm hands? We do not have answers to these questions.

Moores Station (Honcut) is located on modern maps in Sec 16 T17N R4E MDM (Mount Diablo Meridian), 14 miles South of Oroville (the Butte county seat) and 12 miles north of Marysville (in Yuba County). Although the town was a mining center in 1854, it had been known generally as Moores Station, deriving its name from a large sheep ranch owned by John C. MOORE. Being situated about 65 miles due north of Sacramento, it was conveniently reached by immigrants arriving into California from a southern branch of the Oregon trail. Farmers began arriving in the 1850s to raise cattle and sheep and to plant various grains. The BABCOCKs homesteaded ranches just north of the MOORE Ranch in the early 1860s. Here they collectively homesteaded nearly a thousand acres located as shown on the maps following, along the Central House and Lone Tree Roads in the Honcut and Lone Tree Districts. Construction of the California Northern Railroad (CNRR) from Oroville to Marysville was completed in 1864, and the CNRR gave ranchers a viable means to ship wool and animals to market. The CNRR was located about a mile east of the BABCOCK properties.

A Honcut Post Office was originally established in 1856 in Yuba Co, but it relocated several times between there and Butte County before settling finally at Moores Station in Butte County. The Post Office Department officially renamed the post office from Moores Station to Honcut in 1878. The town name finally was settled in 1892 when the CNRR changed Moores Station to Honcut.

While many records pertaining to Henry S. BABCOCK have been examined, one of the most enlightening was the Butte County Voter’s Great Register for 1866. The entry for voter no. 85 was:

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This was the first and only reference we have located which associates a name with that mysterious middle initial "S.", and the name Springstead certainly implies a mother's maiden name. We know that Henry enlisted in the War of 1812-1814 at Newburg in Orange County New York, and that the congressman to which Henry's bounty land warrant was delivered was a representative from that same county. These circumstantial clues may assist in identifying Henry's parents. For the record, we note that the southern part of Orange County was split off on 23 Feb 1798 to form Rockland County.

Henry Springstead BABCOCK, taylor, soldier, patriot, farmer, father - adventurer, explorer and pioneer - died intestate on 01 Mar 1868 near Honcut, in Butte County California. We have no record of where he was buried, nor were we able to locate his grave. Honcut cemetery is located 5 miles east of where Henry

spent his last years, in a grassy field atop a small knoll, 200 yards North of La Porte Road in SW 1/4 Sec 12 T17N R4E MDM. We searched this cemetery on 11 Jun 1993. It was overgrown with grass and weeds, was home to at least one brown snake, and contained stones from as early as 1858 to as late as 1950. Many of the stones were weathered and difficult to
read; others either were broken or missing. We found no BABCOCK/BABCOOK stones. Reportedly, many of the older graves were marked with wooden markers which, like the original buildings of Honcut, have burned when grass fires razed the area. Nobody knows just who is buried in those unmarked graves. The close proximity of this cemetery to the ranches on which H.S. BABCOOK and his sons lived promotes its candidacy as his final resting place (and maybe Nancy also), but this is conjecture.

Henry's estate was probated as case #319 in the Superior Court of Butte County on 08 Apr 1887, nineteen years following his death. The executor was his son Jacob William BABCOCK. This information is summarized in a document we located in the California State Library in Sacramento. In that summary, however, "Millman A." BABCOCK is mis-identified as "William A BABCOCK", and Ann DEVOLT is listed as Ann "DRAVET." Examination of original records on microfilm at the Butte County Recorders Office in Oroville confirmed the errors. The enclosed facsimile of the Petition for Letters of Administration illustrates that a person not familiar with the BABCOCK names could easily mis-read the written text.

Henry S. BABCOCK estate probate case #319 Superior Court, Butte Co CA
Heirs: Nancy BABCOCK, Surviving Widow;
Sons & Daughters of deceased:
  J.W. BABCOCK (also executor) - in Butte Co CA
  Alfred B.F. BABCOCK - in Butte Co CA
  Millman A. BABCOCK - in Butte Co CA
  Mary Jane SMITH - in Butte Co CA
  Worley BABCOCK - in Red Bluff CA
  Ann DEVOLT - in Marysville CA
  Elisha BABCOCK - in IL
  Abraham BABCOCK - in IL
  George W. BABCOCK - in IA
Witnesses:
  J.W. BABCOCK    N.F. WOOD    B.F. DARBY

The presence of George W. BABCOCK (son of James) as an heir implies that his father James has died by this date. George is reported to be in Iowa, but a locality is not given. This item will be researched later. Ann DEVOLT of Marysville has been identified to be Barbara Ann BABCOCK DANIELS DEVOLT, wife of James DEVOLT; they married on 04 Feb 1875 in Marysville, Yuba County California,
The third witness (B.F. DARBY) is Benjamin Franklin DARBY, son-in-law of Jacob William, husband of Jacob's daughter Esther Jemima.

Henry's estate was settled 29 Nov 1887. The probate consisted of 114 items, many containing multiple pages. Excerpts which illustrate signatures of family members are presented below.

Superior Court, County of Butte, State of California.

Estate of Henry S. Rabcooek,
Deceased.

Received from J.W. Rabcooek, administrator of the estate of Henry S. Rabcooek, deceased, the sum of $660.10 being the share of the said estate distributed to me by order of the Superior Court.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the sum of $73.34 from J.W. Rabcooek, the administrator of the estate of Henry S. Rabcooek distributed to me by order of the Superior Court of Butte County.

Figure 15: Receipt of Distribution to Heirs in California
Superior Court, City of Butte, State of California.

Estate of Henry S. Babcook, dec'd.

Received from J. W. Babcook the administrator of the estate of Henry S. Babcook, deceased the sum of $73.24 being the sum distributed to me by order of the Superior Court made on the 12th day of December 1887.

J. W. Babcook

E. O. Babcock

Figure 16: Receipt of Distribution to Heirs in Illinois

In the Superior Court, County of Butte, State of California.

In the estate of Henry S. Babcook, deceased,

Received from J. W. Babcock, administrator of the estate of Henry S. Babcook, deceased, the sum of two hundred dollars—$200—being the amount allowed me in full by the Superior Court, for my support.

Dated Nov. 30th 1887.

Katie M. Babcock, witness

Figure 17: Receipt of Distribution to Widow

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Figure 18: Ophir District, Butte County, California - 1887
The 160-acre ranch homesteaded by Henry and Nancy (E 1/2 of NW 1/4 and W 1/2 of NE 1/4, all in Sec 7 T17N R4E MDM) is described in the Petition for Order of Sale of Real Estate and was recorded in Deeds bk:28 p:404-407. It sold for $12.60 per acre to yield $2016, which after expenses left an estate of $1320.20, half of which went to the widow Nancy. The other $660.10 was divided amongst the nine heirs, each receiving $73 and 34 cents. (We presume the excess four cents was retained by the court!) The ranch was purchased by John C. GRAY on 12 Nov 1887. A facsimile of the Report of Administrator accompanying Annual Report is presented.
In the Superior Court,
of the
County of __________ State of California.

In the Matter of the Estate of
Henry J. Baskett
Deceased.

Petition for Letters of Administration.

To the Honorable the Superior Court of the County of __________ State of California.
The petition of J. W. Baskett, of said County respectfully shows:

That Henry J. Baskett died on or about the Day of __________ in the County of __________ State of California.

That said deceased at the time of his death was a resident of the County of __________ State of California.

That said deceased left estate in the said County of __________ State of California, consisting of property;

That the value and character of said property, so far as known to your applicant, are as follows, to wit:

Wheeler 48.54 0 2 P 1 N W 1/4
Section 7 T 17 S 1/2 W T 1
160 Acres. Value $6,000

That the estate and effects for or in respect of which Letters of Administration are hereby applied for do not exceed the value of __________ dollars.
That the next of kin of said deceased and whom your petitioner do advised and believe to be the heir at law of said deceased, namely:

Barbara, aged years, residing at

That due search and inquiry have been made to ascertain if said deceased left any will and testament, but none has been found, and according to the best knowledge, information and belief of your petitioner, said deceased died intestate;

That your petitioner is the son of said deceased, and therefore as your petitioner do advised and believe entitled to letters of Administration of said estate;

That the undersigned, your petitioner, do advise and request your petitioner enter this petition and in the matter of the Estate of

Wherefore, your petitioner pray, that a day of Court may be appointed for hearing this application, that due notice thereof be given by the Clerk of said Court by posting notices according to law, and that upon said hearing, and the proofs to be adduced, Letters of Administration of said Estate may be issued to your petitioner.

And your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Dated April 8, 1887

[Signature]
In the Superior Court
of the
County of Butte State of California,

In the matter of the Estate of

Henry S. Babcock
Deceased.


To the Honorable E. H. Green Superior Court
of the County of Butte State of California.

J. M. Babcock administrator of the estate of Henry S. Babcock deceased, on this, the 29th day of November, 1887 respectfully render the following report of his administration:

That letters of administration of said estate were issued to him on the 18th day of April, 1887.

That immediately after his appointment he caused notice to creditors to be published in the Oranville Register, a newspaper published in said Butte County;

That within three months after the first publication of said notice, several claims against the said deceased; accompanied by proper affidavits, and supported by satisfactory vouchers, were presented to the said Administrator, and allowed by him and the Superior Judge, the amounts, the dates of presentation and allowance and all the particulars of which claims are contained in the statement of debts annexed to said annual account this day rendered:

That the only property belonging to said estate was the real estate, which was sold for $2,016.00.

That the total amount paid out was $699.50 leaving a balance paid indebtedness, $326.50.

That all the debts against said estate have been paid, and said estate is in a condition to be closed.

That there is no further property belonging to said estate.

Wherefore said administrator prays that there out of said estate be distributed to the heirs in the following proportion, to

To Nancy Babcock surviving widow of deceased in

sum of $660.00; to each of the children, deceased

children.

J. M. Babcock, Adm. Babcock, William W.
Babcock, Mary Jane Smith, Worley Babcock, Aun Serret, Eligha Babcock, Abraham Babcock, and Geo W. Babcock, each the sum of $78.84.

Said Administrators pray that the Court appoint a day of a term of said Court for settlement of said account, and that on the day appointed, or on such subsequent day as the hearing may be adjourned to it being first proved to the satisfaction of said Court that due and legal notice of the time appointed for the settlement of said account has been given, said account be settled and allowed by said Court. And that a duly certified copy of said account be distributed.

And said Administrators will ever pray, &c.

Dated Nov 29, 1887. J W Babcock
Section 5.2: Nancy, Surviving Widow  
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Following Henry's death, C:1870 shows Nancy living with sons 56:Alfred and 19:Millman. Alfred owned the farm adjacent to the east of his parents. In 1880, Nancy was living in the same area with son Jacob and his family. Census records for these decades are presented:

C:1870 CA Butte Co Ophir (Oroville PO) p:112 F:463/444 R:0545569
15:Nancy BABCOCK (74) F b:VA K.H. $1600/400 - s/b (70)
56:Alfred BABCOCK (34) M b:OH farmer $---/2000
19:Milan BABCOCK (54) M b:OH farmer - Millman
354:Sarah BABCOCK (40) F b:PA K.H. - wif/o Millman
1023:Harry BABCOCK (12) M b:CA school
1022:Nancy BABCOCK (11) F b:CA school

20:Jacob W BABCOCK M (59) Head marr b:OH Fb:NY Mb:VA farmer
15:Nancy BABCOCK F (84) Mo wdo b:VA Fb:VA Mb:VA K.H.
656:Frank P BABCOCK M (24) Son sngl b:IL Fb:OH Mb:TN farmer
... 3 chinese laborers ...
1042:Wm U BABCOCK M (14) --- sngl b:CA Fb:OH Mb:VA at school

By 1879, Moores Station was terminus for two immense log flumes reaching from the Sierra Nevada Mountains, one being forty miles long. In 1883, a V-flume was built from Woodville (Woodleaf) to the railroad station at Moores Station. A large lumber yard and planing mill was built there, 1/2 mile north of the CNRR station. In the latter 1870s, A. M. LEACH had acquired large timber holdings in the Clipper Mills section, and the flume to Moores Station made this timber marketable. During the 1880s, Moores Station became a manufacturing and trading center for a fertile region chiefly devoted to agriculture, stock raising, horticulture, and lumbering.

Honcut school district was formed in 1876 from the southern portion of Lone Tree district. This left the Lone Tree schoolhouse, which formerly had been in the center of the district, on the border. Political difficulties experienced in efforts to remove the building were resolved when the schoolhouse mysteriously burned. The map on page 5.1-8 shows a school house (see arrow) located in Sec 32 of T18N R4E, situated on the southern edge of property owned by A.B.F. BABCOCK (Alfred had purchased this 160-acre ranch from his brother Millman in 1870). It
has not been determined whether this was the building which burned, but insurance
monies of $500 permitted the trustees to rebuild and Lone Tree School, located
where Cox Lane runs into Lone Tree Road from the east about two miles north of
the BABCOCK properties, became a social center for the Lone Tree District.
Grandchildren of Henry and Nancy BABCOCK attended these schools.

Although Henry died 01 Mar 1868, his patents were not recorded officially
until 29 Nov 1887. We located the following patents and pre-emption certificate
numbers in the Butte County land records (facsimile and transcript of Henry’s
patent is presented):

- 21 Aug 1866 Jacob W. BABCOCK bk:C p:94 160 Ac NE 1/4 Sec 06 T17N R4E MDM
- 21 Aug 1866 Jacob W. BABCOCK bk:C p:94 80 Ac W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 05 T17N R4E MDM
- 01 Dec 1868 H.S. BABCOOK bk:D p:214-215 80 Ac W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec 07 T17N R4E MDM #2566
- 01 Dec 1868 H.S. BABCOOK bk:D p:214-215 80 Ac E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 07 T17N R4E MDM #2566
- 01 Dec 1868 Jacob W. BABCOOK bk:B p:433 160 Ac SE 1/4 Sec 31 T18N R4E MDM #2563
- 01 Dec 1868 Millman A. BABCOOK bk:I p:21 160 Ac SW 1/4 Sec 31 T18N R4E MDM #2536
- 10 Feb 1873 Alfred B.F. BABCOCK bk:B p:438 80 Ac E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 08 T17N R4E MDM
- 10 Feb 1873 Alfred B.F. BABCOCK bk:B p:438 80 Ac W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec 07 T17N R4E MDM

On 01 Sep 1870, Millman sold his 160 acres to Alfred (bk:Y p:174-175). By 1890,
due to deteriorating soil conditions, wet seasons resulting in high water tables
and the resulting crop failures, most of that land had been lost to creditors.
This situation was not uncommon for the time; large land owners in western
sections of the county also suffered financial losses and liquidations of their
ranch properties. From these disasters came the irrigation techniques and other
farming improvements such as crop diversification and citrus orchards which are
prevalent in the valley today.

By 1892-93, Honcut had reached a population of 890. It supported a weekly
newspaper The Graphic, and maintained three hotels, several stores and saloons,
schools and churches. By 1900, however, its population had dropped to 660, over
200 fewer than in 1890, and by 1910 the population was reduced further to 410.
In 1993 the population probably is less than 100, and none of the original
buildings remain. Most were made of wood, and were destroyed by fire over the
years. The following series of disasters contributed to the decline:
1887 - the lumber mills at Challenge, in the Sierra Nevada Mountains near Woodleaf, burned. These mills supplied lumber to Honcut via the flumes.

1888 - the planing mill and box factory in Honcut burned. Water from the flume was used to save the stacks of lumber from burning.

1891 - Part of the flume was wrecked by a storm. It was later rebuilt.

1894 - Another severe fire occurred in January, and in December a wind storm destroyed 10,000 feet (nearly two miles) of the flume; the flume was never rebuilt.

1898 - The rest of the flume was torn down and sold for firewood.

1901 - Honcut experienced another severe fire.

Despite such disasters, huge dredges were digging deep to recover gold from soils in and along Wilson and North Honcut Creeks. Dredging continued intermittently until the 1940s, although smaller dredges were used in the latter years as work progressed further upstream and into areas which were inaccessible to the larger machines. Residue from mining activity is still in evidence.

Sometime during the 1880s, a telephone line was strung from Marysville in Yuba County, to Honcut and to Oroville. People in those days thought voice communication over a wire to be amazing, and they sometimes treated the telephone as an amusement. One reported activity was to arrange a "telephone concert", people in one town getting together to sing or play music so that people in another town could listen. The listeners then would reciprocate. According to the report, for three nights in 1885 a telephone concert took place between Marysville, Honcut and Oroville. The newspaper article states that the concert was mainly band music. We are led to wonder if any of the BABCOCK family participated in that event.

Ten miles west of Honcut, the larger town of Gridley was located on the Oregon Division of the Central Pacific Railroad, 70 miles north of Sacramento and 15 miles west of Oroville. Gridley is two and one half miles from Feather River, and twenty miles east of the Sacramento River, surrounded by rich arable land of three different qualities. Rich river bottoms seldom failed to support a good crop; timber land boasted fine sandy soil peculiarly adapted for wheat, the wood paying the expense of cleaning; and adobe lands west of town were a fine grain producing soil. The town was laid out in 1870 at the time the railroad was
Figure 20: Ophir District, Butte County, CA
completed, and named for George W. GRIDLEY, a rancher and large landholder in the area and on whose land it was located.

Gridley had reached a population of seventy by 1884-1885. It supported three churches: Catholic, Methodist and United Brethren. The local newspaper was named The Herald. A Grangers' bank, flouring mills, grain warehouses, broom factory, hotels and schools were prevalent in this era. The population in 1993 is nearly 5000, and supports a thriving agricultural area devoted to orchards, rice, wheat, tomatoes, dairy farming, etc.

BABCOCKs are not mentioned among the early settlers of Gridley; they were instead residents of the Honcut and Lone Tree Districts, residing along the Central House Road east of the Lone Tree Road (see map opposite). In the Directory of 1884-1885 CA Counties: Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Calusa, Glenn, Tehama & Shasta, however, we located the following (RINs and identifications added):

1884-1885 Butte Co, Gridley:
56: BABCOCK, A. - Prop. Arcade Saloon -- Alfred
56: BABCOCK, Alfred B.F. - (BABCOCK & JONES) farmer, 640 acres
1023: BABCOCK, W.H. - groceries -- Harriet Nancy, dau/o Millman
19: BABCOCK, M.A. - groceries & provisions -- Millman Adam
15: BABCOCK, Mrs. Nancy -- wdo/o Henry
JONES, A.P. - (BABCOCK & JONES) farmer, 640 acres
JONES, Mrs. H.E. -- unknown

1287: SMITH, Florence J - dressmaker -- dau/o Mary Jane
1269: SMITH, Henry C - engineer -- son/o Mary Jane
SMITH, J.T. - laborer -- possibly James, husb/o Mary Jane
SMITH, Mrs. Mary J
SMITH, S.A - ass't miller at Gridley Flouring Mills -- unknown
SMITH, W.L. - farmer -- unknown

1884-1885 Butte Co, Moores Station (later: Honcut):
56: BABCOCK, A.B.F - 480 acres -- Alfred Benjamin Franklin
20: BABCOCK, J.W. - 554 acres -- Jacob William
901: DARBY, B.F. - 232 acres -- Benjamin Franklin -- son-in-law of 20: Jacob

1884-1885 Butte Co, Central House
20: BABCOCK, J.W. - farmer -- Jacob William
901: DARBY, B.F. - farmer, 160 acres -- Benjamin Franklin, son-in-law of Jacob
JONES, Lucien - farmer -- possibly Fz/o J.L: James Lucien
1063: JONES, J.L. - 1,442 acres -- perhaps: James Lucien, Jacob's son-in-law

1884-1885 Yuba Co, Marysville
17: DEVOLT, Mrs. Anne - dressmaker -- res: "B" Street between 6th & 7th

1884-1885 Tehama Co, Red Bluff
21: BABCOCK, W.B. - laborer -- Worley
The county directories were compiled over a period of several months, a sufficient period of time such that Worley was counted twice, once in the Central House area near Honcut and again in the Tehama County town of Red Bluff, some 80 miles north. Perhaps Worley relocated from Honcut to Red Bluff during 1884 or 1885. Other family members also were counted twice in the preceding list.

On 17 Jul 1884, a severe windstorm hit Gridley, destroying much of the town. A local newspaper gave this accounting of the event (enhancement ours):

Disastrous conflagration - nearly two blocks laid waste - terrific southeast gale. Losses: Price & Lily, Gridley Hotel; A Clemens, barber; Mrs E Taylor, buildings; BABCOCK and JONES; C D Corcus, blacksmith shop; J A DeRuchie, Wagon shop; La Strella, paint shop; Robert Schermire, buildings; Chas. Chapman, dwelling; R.N. Beebe; Mrs. E.A. Stewart, dwellings; C.E. Gridley; H.H. Neel, barn; Mrs. Chas. Hull, machinery shop; total loss: $17,725; insurance, $4,650. The building was set on fire where fire originated.

That last sentence is a bit hard to comprehend; we conclude it means that the fire was set by the storm, rather than arson.

On 21 Apr 1874, Nancy applied to the Commissioner of Pensions in Washington D.C. for the pension due her as widow of a War of 1812-1814 veteran. The claim was rejected on the basis that she had married the soldier (Henry S.) after 17 Feb 1817. Politicians provide a lot of technicalities! The restriction was removed by an 1878 amendment to the law, and Nancy re-applied for pension on 12 Oct 1878. The second application again shows Nancy unable to write her name; she signed with an "X" witnessed by "Augustus CLEALE" and "Henry C. SMITH age 32 yr." We have identified Henry C. SMITH as Nancy's grandson, son of Mary Jane BABCOCK SMITH. We have not identified "Augustus CLEALE," who was age (46) when he witnessed the document. Nancy was required to submit a notarized marriage certificate and comply with other legalities, but on 21 Feb 1880 she was awarded a pension of $8 per month, retroactive from 09 Mar 1878, two years previous. The pension continued until her death in 1894. A facsimile of p:175 in the Index to
The 1892-1893 Butte County Directory indicates Millman Adam had retired in Gridley, while other family members still were farming near Honcut:

1892-1893 Butte Co, Gridley
19: BABCOCK, M.A. - retired
1892-1893 Butte Co, Moores Station (later Honcut) pop:1000
20: BABCOOK, J.W. - farmer -- Jacob William
856: BABCOOK, F.P. - farmer -- Franklin Perry, son/o Jacob
1042: BABCOOK, Will - farmer -- William Ulysses, son/o Jacob
901: DARBY, B.F. - farmer -- Benjamin Franklin
500: JONES, Lucien - farmer
501: JONES, A.P. - carpenter

We identify J.W. as Jacob William, F.P as Franklin Perry (son/o Jacob), Will as either William Ulysses (son/o Jacob) or William Jefferson (son/o Worley), but most probably the former as Worley has relocated to Red Bluff, and B.F. DARBY as Jacob's son-in-law, Benjamin Franklin DARBY. Lucien JONES is perhaps "James Lucien JONES" who married Jacob's daughter Esther Jemima, although it may be his father "Lucien".

Nancy L. BABCOCK reportedly died on 09 Nov 1894 in Butte County, at age (10ly 7m 21d). The derived birth date 09 Mar 1793 is known to be inaccurate based on the Gallipolis, Ohio court papers. We have assumed the day and month to be correct, although such assumptions frequently are false. Incidentally, the death record is the only reference we have located which indicates a middle name for Nancy, said reference being the initial "L." Neither obituary nor burial records have been found. As previously stated, Nancy may be buried near Henry, possibly in the old Honcut Cemetery on La Porte Road. Other members of her family are buried in the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery north of Gridley; perhaps she and Henry were buried there also. Given the origins, hardships, travels, joys and rewards of these hardy pioneers, it is sad their final resting places have not been identified.
United States of America
In the Supreme Court of the United States

Wichita, Kansas

Perpetual Laws of America
In all cases where the same
Shall come before the
Wisconsin, Nebraska Territory

3d Edition of the United States and
Certificate of the Secretary of State of the United States at the
Office of the Secretary of State at Washington, to which
Appeared that full payment had been made
by the said Nancy F. Baker, according to the
Provisions of the Act of Congress of the 22d
of April 1850, and the
Further proceedings for the sale of the public

Land for
The third quarter of the North-East Quarter and
The second quarter of the South-West Quarter of section
in Township Twenty-five North of the third Principal
Meridian, containing one hundred and sixty acres
according to the official act of the Survey of the said
Land, according to the Annual Land Office of the Surveyor
General, which said Land has been published by the
said Nancy F. Baker.

And I have caused, that the United States of America, in
consideration of the same, and for a certain sum, to be specified in
the said act of Congress, to be paid, and the said Nancy F. Baker to
execute the same, together with all the other
Requirements of law, shall, by the power and authority
in me vested, sell the Land, to be known and called
In the said Territory, to
Andrew Johnson, Trustee of the United States of America, there
under, and to be made Patent, and the sale of the
Surveyor General Office to be henceforth

Done under my hand at the City of
Washington, the first day of December
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty-eight, and
of the Independence of the United States of America three
hundred and twenty-third.

By the President

Andrew Johnson,
President of the United States

Henry Klapp,
Surveyor General of the United States

Recorded at the Land Office
29th Oct. 1888, at 1st Reel
De Leon, Texas
United States

to

H. S. BABCOOK

The United States of America

to all whom these presents shall come Greeting:

Whereas, Henry S. BABCOOK Pre-emption of Butte County California, has Certificate deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the land office at Marysville, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Henry S. BABCOOK, according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public Lands" for the West half of the North East quarter and the East half of the North West quarter of Section Seven in Township Seventeen North of Range four East, Mount Diablo Meridian, containing one hundred and Sixty acres according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said Tract has been purchased by the said Henry S. BABCOOK.

Know ye (sic), That the United States of America, in consideration of the Promises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, Have given and granted and by these presents Do Give and Grant, unto the said Henry S. BABCOOK and to his heirs, the said Tract above described; To Have and to Hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Henry S. BABCOOK and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony Testimony Whereof, I Andrew Johnson President of the United States of America, have causd these these (sic) letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty eight, and of the Independence of the United States the Ninety third By the President

Andrew Johnson

by Frank COWAN Sect’y

M. GRANGER, Recorder of the General Land Office

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Recorded at Request of A.D. CUTTS

Nov 29 A.D. 1887 at 1:25 P.M. N.D. LAUSEN, Recorder

By G.J. ALLEN, Dep
The undersigned Nancy Babcock as resident of the county of Butte, State of California respectfully represents that she is the identical Nancy Babcock who made application for a pension on account of service in the war of 1812 by her husband Henry Babcock, late private 11th U.S. Dragoons, which application was filed in 1874 and is now pending (number not known).

The Commissioner of Pensions is respectfully requested to adjust said claim under the provisions of the Act of Congress amending the laws granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812 and their widows issued Dec. 9, 1876. All claim for pensions now pending is hereby waived.

With utmost respect,

Witness: San Francisco this day of the month of the year 1877.

[Signature]

Henry B. Smith Age 32 yrs

We, the undersigned witnesses do hereby certify that we are residents of Butte, County, State of California.
The undersigned Nancy BABCOOK
a resident of the County of Butte
State of California respectfully represents
that she is the identical
Nancy BABCOOK who made application
for a pension on account of service
in the war of 1812 by her husband
Henry BABCOOK late Private 41st U.S. Inft
Col Bogardus - Capt Humphrey or Sherman
which application was filed in 1874
and is numbered (number not known)

The Commissioner of Pensions is
respectfully requested to adjust said
claim under the provisions of the
Act of Congress amending the laws
granting pensions to the Soldiers and
Sailors of the war of 1812 and their
widows, approved March 9 1878.

All claims for pensions under previous
enactments is hereby waived. W.H. AIKEN
of San Francisco is her attorney in this case.

Witness:
Augustus CLEALE
Mrs. Nancy X BABCOOK
Henry C SMITH age 32 yr
mark

We the undersigned witnesses
do hereby certify that we are residents
of Butte County State of California
and are aged respectively 46 yrs
years and 32 years and that
we were present and saw the
said Nancy BABCOOK sign her name
to the above statement, and
we know her to be the person she
represents herself to be.

{signatures} Augustus CLEALE
Henry C. SMITH
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**Service**
- Corp Capt Romayne's Co & Sgt Capt Charles Humphrey's Co 41 US Inf

**Enlisted** Oct 17 1813  **Discharged** May 31 1815

**Residence of Soldier** 1874 Hornutt Butte Co (Pom Moore's) Cal
**Remarks** Soldier's discharge CTE filed in the Brief

**Residence of Widow** 1874 Hornutt Butte Co (Pom Moore's) Cal
**Maiden Name of Widow** Nancy Willman

**Marriage of Soldier and Widow** May 23 1818 Liberty Montgomery Co Ohio

**Death of Soldier** Mar 1 1866 Butte Co Cal
**Death of Widow** About 1894

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Section 5.3: Millman Adam  
Rev: 27 Oct 1993

We located the following census record for Millman Adam and Sarah Ann (maiden name not known):

C:1860 CA Yuba Co Long Bar (Long Bar PO) p:?? F:1006/865 R:0803072
19:M. BABCOCK (40) M b:OH miner $---/100
354:Sarah BABCOCK (34) F b:PA
1023:Harriet BABCOCK (2m) F b:CA school

The Long Bar Precinct is in the northern part of Yuba County, just below Honcut in Butte County. The next census in 1870 records Millman and Sarah living in the Ophir District (Honcut area) in Butte Co. Although Millman's Christian name is recorded erroneously as "Milan," we confirm his identity based on the fact that his mother, the widow 15:Nancy, is living with them.

C:1870 CA Butte Co Ophir ( Oroville PO) p:112 F:463/444 R:0545569
15:Nancy BABCOCK (74) F b:VA $1600/400 - s/b (70)
56:Alfred BABCOCK (34) M b:OH farmer $---/2000
19:Milan BABCOCK (54) M b:OH farmer - Millman
354:Sarah BABCOCK (40) F b:PA K.H.
1022:Harry BABCOCK (12) M b:CA school
1023:Nancy BABCOCK (11) F b:CA school

We have been unable to identify the elder child 1022:Harry in C:1870, but note consistency in the age of child 1023: Harriet Nancy (recorded as Harriet in 1860 vs Nancy in 1870). Based on the age of Harriet Nancy, we are led to infer that Millman and Sarah Ann may have married roughly 1859.

On 01 Dec 1868, Millman homesteaded a 160-acre tract just east of the 160-acres homesteaded by his brother Jacob. Two years later in 1870, Millman sold his ranch to Alfred (bk:Y p:174-175). The homesteads were located one mile north of the ranch homesteaded by Henry (see maps).

C:1880 CA Butte Co Ophir ED:8 p:28/270B F:284/284 R:1254063
19:Millman BABCOCK M (61) Head marr b:OH Fb:NY Mb:VA farmer
1023:Harry BABCOCK F (20) Bau singl b:CA Fb:OH Mb:PA K.H.
  Alfred McMains M (56) Border singl b:OH Fb:KY Mb:IN owner of ferry

C:1880 CA Butte Co Ophir ED:8 p:28/270B F:286/286 R:1254063
901:Benj DARBY M (23) Head marr b:CA Fb:MO Mb:MO farmer
1028:Esther J DARBY M (23) Wife marr b:CA Fb:OH Mb:-- K.H.
  Benj F JOHNSON M (25) -- singl b:IL Fb:GER Mb:IRE farmer

5.3-1
On 15 Apr 1881, M.A. BABCOOK recorded patents for lots 1 and 2 in the SW 1/4 Sec 6 T17N R4E MDM. Lot 1 contained 64.89 acres and lot 2 80 acres (bk:C p:236 and bk:C p:237, resp.).

The 1898 Great Register of Voters Butte Co CA identifies Millman Adam BABCOCK as a laborer living in East Gridley, 79 years old, born in Ohio, being 5' 4 1/2" tall, with dark complexion, blue eyes and brown hair, and able to both read and write his name. Two years later, in the 1900 census his age is listed erroneously as (83)!

C:1900 CA Butte Co Gridley ED:16 p:8A F:174/180 R:1240084
19:Millman A BABCOCK Head M (83) wd b:Mar 1817 OH Fb:NY Mb:VA

The Butte County California death index vol:(A-S) 1890-1910, reviewed on microfilm at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, records the death of Millman Adam as "William A. 15 Jun 1905." The name Millman is unusual for a Christian name (it even is rare as a SURNAME!), and we have located several records where he was referenced as "William", examples being when Henry's probate records were translated (discussed previously) and his entry in the California Voters Great Register of 1872. The C:1870 shown above is yet another variant.

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Henderson County Illinois records show that Jacob married Margaret J. McCauley on 13 Jun 1848. Later records show that Jacob was married a second time, on 06 April 1853 to Martha Ann Daniels, also in Henderson County. Records verifying the death of Margaret (the first wife) have not been found, but since Jacob is enumerated with Henry and Nancy in C:1850 Henderson County, we might conclude that Margaret had died by then.

The Roster of California Pioneers (1985, Native Daughters of the Golden West) identifies Jacob William Babcock, a native of Ohio and Illinois, as having arrived into California in 1850 with his spouse Martha Ann Daniels, occupation: farmer. It further states that he returned East and came back to California in 1852. While this report does not correlate fully with Illinois records, we can use it in conjunction with C:1855 IL (see Section 4.2) to infer that since Jacob was not located in Illinois, he and Martha may be in California in 1855. With adjustments to the dates, the Roster report correlates with Illinois records.

Jacob and Martha ranched in the Ophir district of Butte County, having relocated from Colusa County sometime before 1867. Census records for the decades 1860, 1870 and 1880 are presented below:

C:1860 CA Colusa Co Grand Island (Grand Island PO) F:586/525 R:57
20: Jacob Babcock (32) M b:OH farmer
501: Martha A Babcock (24) F b:TN
656: F. P. Babcock (4) M b:IL
657: Martha F Babcock (2) F b:IL
    Benj Gideon (30) M b:IL laborer
16: Henry Babcock (70) M b:NY farmer
15: Nancy Babcock (56) F b:VA
56: Alfred Babcock (24) M b:OH laborer

C:1870 CA Butte Co Ophir (Oroville PO) p:112 F:464/445 R:0545569
20: Jacob Babcock (52) M b:OH farmer $1600/2000
501: Martha Babcock (35) F b:TX K.H.
1028: Jennie Babcock (13) F b:IL school
1029: Wm Babcock (12) M b:IL school
1030: Mosley Babcock (10) M b:CA school
1031: Nancy Babcock (4) F b:CA

5.4-1
On 21 Aug 1886, Jacob BABCOCK applied to record his 160-acre homestead. It was described as the W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 5 T17N R4E MDM and the NE 1/4 Sec 6 T17N R4E MDM, the two 80-acre parcels being valued at $4800. These records are found in the Butte County land records bk:C p:94. Jacob later owned an additional 240 acres in Sec 6 T17N R4E MDM, the section south of his original homestead and north of Henry and Alfred.

The History of Butte County (1918, Geo C. Mansfield) p:172 states:

In the final years of the 1880s decade, large land owners in the western sections of Butte County suffered financial losses to the extent of liquidation of their ranch properties. Too much rain, high water tables, and exhaustion of fertility of the adobe lands were given as reasons for the failure of the wheat crops. Up to this time, Butte County had been one of the leading wheat producing centers of California.

We surmise that these crop failures also affected Jacob William BABCOCK; in 1888 most of his properties were seized and sold at auction to satisfy creditors.

14 Jan 1888 J.W. BABCOCK (insolvent) sold to M.G. GREEN, assignee CABU bk:28 p:574
30 Jan 1888 J.W. BABCOCK requested protection CABU: bk:C p:200-201 Order Letting Apart

The 1898 Butte County CA Great Register of Voters identifies Jacob William BABCOCK as a farmer, living in Central House, 75 years old, born in Ohio, being 5' 8" tall, with dark complexion, grey eyes and white hair, and able to both read and write his name. The Census 1900 found Jacob and Martha in the home of their son William Ulysses.
DANIELS BABCOCK died on 06 Mar 1905, also in Butte County California. We propose the following as children of Jacob and Martha:

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<td>b: 1857</td>
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Other than her death record, the only conclusive California reference we have found to Mary Jane BABCOCK SMITH, wife of James SMITH, is the following census listing of 1880. This census identifies her correct age (57), place of birth (OH), and correct places of birth of her parents (Father Henry: NY and Mother Nancy: VA). Her son Henry C. SMITH was witness to several of his grandmother Nancy's papers, further substantiating this identification, despite the error in the middle initial "Mary H". Mary's husband James SMITH has died by this date (Mary is listed as "wdo"). Also identified is daughter Florence J and grandson William BORDELL. We have not located the son-in-law Mr. BORDELL, nor have we identified which daughter was his wife and mother of William. Probably we can eliminate Florence J since she is listed as "snlg" rather than "wdo" and carries the name SMITH.

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5.5-1
The following C:1870 has been a source of much conjecture and supposition. First, this enumeration is found on p:112 in Ophir Precinct, adjacent to the enumerations for Nancy BABCOCK (Family 463/444) and Jacob BABCOCK (Family 464/445), so we are led to infer kinship. Second, James (45) is of correct age to support his known birth year 1825, although he is listed as a farmer rather than a miner (this is not a great discrepancy).

C:1870 CA Butte Co Ophir (Oroville PO) p:112 F:465/446 R:0545569
57:James BABCOCK (45) M b:OH farmer $2000/800
1032:lewis BABCOCK (35) M b:OH K.H. - perhaps is 1017:Nancy
656:Frank BABCOCK (13) M b:IL school - neph: son/o Jacob
1033:lewis BABCOCK (11) M b:IL school - neph: son/o Worley
1034:Laura BABCOCK ( 9) F b:CA school - niec; dau/o Worley
1035:Annie BABCOCK ( 7) F b:CA school - niec; dau/o Worley
1036:Abram BABCOCK ( 3) M b:CA - neph; son/o Worley
1037:Jeff BABCOCK (9m) M b:CA - neph; son/o Worley

The second entry usually was reserved for the wife in the household. In this case, it identifies "Lewis Male Keeping House, age (35), b:Ohio", and presents a problem. We have not identified an individual to fit these facts, and it is mildly unusual for a "male" to be "keeping house". The next entry "Frank" is probably the nephew Franklin Perry b:1856, son of Jacob, and the next five entries can be identified as the children of Worley and Nancy LONGKER BABCOCK. Nancy LONGKER was b:c 1835 in Ohio, which facts fit well with those of the second entry. Could it be that the enumerator erred in writing (or copying) that second entry, and it should state "Nancy Female"? But then, where is Worley?

James was not located in the 1872 Great Register of California Voters, another indication that he may already have died in the mines as reported in the "family history". His death in the gold mines is not substantiated, but neither is it disproven. We determined that James had died by 1887. He is not listed as an heir to his father's estate, his share being represented instead by his son George W. c

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Previous remarks (Section 5.6) concerning Worley and C:1870 material notwithstanding, Worley and family are residing in Shasta County, CA, in 1880. Shasta is the second county north of Butte, past Tehama County, and is approximately 80 to 120 miles north of Honcut. By this date, the logging industry probably was less productive than before, and Worley, a teamster, may have migrated farther north in search of work.

\[ C:1880 \text{ CA Shasta Co ED:92 p:43 F:325/325 R:1254082} \]
\[ 21: \text{Worley BABCOCK M (55) Head marr b:OH Fb:NY Mb:GER [*] teamster} \]
\[ 1017: \text{Nancy BABCOCK F (46) Wife marr b:OH Fb:OH Mb:VA K.H.} \]
\[ 1035: \text{Angeline BABCOCK F (14) Dau sngl b:CA Fb:OH Mb:OH at school} \]
\[ 1036: \text{Abram BABCOCK M (13) Son sngl b:CA Fb:OH Mb:OH at school} \]
\[ 1037: \text{Jefferson BABCOCK M (11) Son sngl b:CA Fb:OH Mb:OH at school} \]
\[ 1043: \text{Luella BABCOOK F (3) Dau sngl b:CA Fb:OH Mb:OH} \]

[*] although of German ancestry, Worley's mother (15:Nancy) was born in VA.

Worley died on 17 Mar 1898 in Red Bluff, Tehama County, California. His obituary states his age as (74y 9m 5d). It is more plausible that he was born 13 Jun 1827 rather than 1823, and that he died at age (70y 9m 4d).

The Red Bluff Daily News, Friday 18 Mar 1898
DEATH OF A PIONEER.

Worley BABCOOK, an old resident of Red Bluff, died at his home on Johnson Street at 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning. He was a native of Dayton, Ohio, and was seventy-four years nine months and five days old. He was married in 1855 and in 1859 came to California. For nineteen years he has lived in Red Bluff. Besides his widow he leaves five children, three sons, James, Abe and Jeff, and two daughters, Mrs. W.F. SWINNEY and Miss L. BABCOCK. The funeral will he held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence.
Barbara Ann BABCOCK DANIELS married James DEVOLT on 04 Feb 1875, in Marysville, Yuba Co, California. We found that record on p:127 in bk:2, and without thinking, innocently requested a copy thereof from an assistant clerk. Ten minutes later a copy was presented to us, properly certified as required by California state law, together with a bill for $12! Oops!

Barbara Ann was a dressmaker in Marysville, as was one of her daughters. James DEVOLT was a blacksmith (1870), then later a policeman (1874-1876). He died 28 Aug 1878, his residence being the corner of 6th Street and Yuba Alley.

Yuba County tax rolls in 1875 show that Mrs. Ann DEVOLT (Marysville, Rameriz Twp Lot:2 Blk:3) paid tax assessments of $4.00, and in 1876 she paid $2.81. We were unable to locate entries for 1877, 1878 and 1879. A more thorough search of the records undoubtedly would reveal whether she had sold the property. Barbara Ann was approximately (50) years old in 1878, and was living with three of her children when C:1880 was enumerated.

C:1880 CA Yuba Co Marysville 4th Ward ED:167 p:43 F:199/205 R:C88v26
1270:isabella DANIELS F (26) Dau snegl b:IL Fb:NY Mb:CA dress maker
1271:lucy DANIELS F (21) Dau snegl b:IL Fb:NY Mb:CA tailoress
1272:alfred DANIELS M (16) Son snegl b:CA Fb:NY Mb:CA

Barbara Ann possibly was mother of one or two other sons. She first married on 23 Aug 1849, yet the birth date of Isabella (c 1854), the eldest child shown in C:1880, is five years later. The C:1855 IL identifies two apparent grandsons residing in the H.S. BABCOOK residence. It is remotely possible that those children may have belonged to the DANIELS family. We can also surmise that N. DANIELS, Ann's first husband, died sometime between 1864 (birth of their son Alfred, if Alfred is indeed the youngest) and 1874 (before Ann married James DEVOLT). Mrs. Ann DEVOLT is not present in the 1892-1893 Marysville directory. One possibility is that she was living elsewhere.

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Figure 21: Gridley-Biggs Cemetery
Alfred Benjamin Franklin BABCOCK and Sarah Frances PANGBORN were married on 02 May 1872 in Marysville, Yuba Co CA (marr bk:2 p:371). At least three children are identified with this union, as evidenced by the C:1880 record.

Alfred was a businessman dealing in timber and land speculation, among other activities. In 1884-1885, according to the Directory of CA Counties, he was proprietor of the Arcade Saloon in Gridley, and also partner in the business BABCOCK & JONES. His partner has been identified only as A. P. JONES.

Alfred homesteaded in 1873 (and recorded in 1875) the 160-acre tract which abutted the eastern border of Henry BABCOCK's homestead; ABF and Sarah Frances sold this land to A.D. CUTTS in 1888. At this time, Mr. CUTTS also purchased the tract homesteaded by Henry and Nancy, which was sold to settle Henry's estate. In 1878, ABF sold a 160-acre tract, less timber rights, to John C. MOORE for $550, and in 1888 he recorded the sale of a 160-acre tract to Thomas DOUGALL for $3500. The firm of BABCOCK & JONES in 1880 recorded the purchase for $250 of a corner lot in Gridley; and sold it five years later for $450. ABF purchased two other lots in Gridley in 1879, and sold them in 1888.

Alfred died in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County California on 19 Sep 1916 (83y 1m 4d). His derived date of birth, 19 Aug 1833, coincides with other supportive material. He was buried 23 Sep 1916 in the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery (sec:1 blk:1 lot:118 no:3) located one mile south of Biggs, Butte Co CA. Sarah Francis age (79y 7m 28d) died 30 Oct 1933 in Santa Rosa. She was buried on 03 Nov 1933, beside Alfred (lot no:4) in the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. The graves are unmarked.

Section 5.9: Alfred Benjamin Franklin
Rev: 30 Oct 1993

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Appendix 1: Conventions, Abbreviations, Symbols & Examples

Abbreviations:

- ac - acres as in 160 ac MOL
- aft - after
- adop - adopted
- aka - also known as aka:"other name"
- b - born as in b:IRE or b:c 1890
- bap - baptized synonymous with Christened
- bc - birth date derived from census record
- bef - before
- BIL - Brother In Law
- bk - book
- bp - birth place
- Bro - Brother
- bu - buried as in bu:IA
- c - census as in c 1890
- cem - cemetery
- ch - children as in [ch:#born/#living]
- Ch - Church
- CH - Court House
- chr - christening (baptism)
- Co - County
- CX - census index as in CX:1840
- d - died as in d:IRE or d:1891
- DAR - Daughters of the American Revolution
- Dau - Daughter of
- DB - Data Base
- dc - death date derived from census record
- div - divorced(d)
- gmma - did not marry
- dp - death place
- ED - Enumeration District
- F - Family as in F:123
- Fa - Father as in Fa:John
- Fb - Father born as in Fb:IRE
- fem - female
- FHLC - Family History Library in SLC
- FR - Family Records
- Gd - Granddaughter
- Gen - Genealogy / Genealogical as in Gen Soc
- GG - Great Gd (or Great Gs)
- G2G - Great-Great Gd (or Gs) etc...
- Gr - Grandson
- H - Household
- Head - head of household
- imm - immigrant, immigrated
- incl - including
- j - journal as in jw:A (journal of wills)
- K.H. - Keeping House
- L - Line number as in L:456
- lic - license
- LDS - Latter Day Saints (Church of)
- Libr - Library
- liv - living
- (LS) - Legal Signature
- m - married as in m:SURNAME or m:1923
- m2 - second marriage, etc
- marr - marriage (record)
- Mb - Mother born as in Mb:IRE
- M.E. - Methodist Episcopal
- Mil - Military
- Mo - Mother as in Mo:Alice
- nc - not complete as in tombstone dates
- neph - Nephew
- no - number as in no:1
- NTL - No Township Listed
- o - of as in son/o or wif/o
- obit - obituary
- orig - original
- p - page number as in p:123
- Pct - Precinct
- PO - Post Office

Symbols:

- == - defined as / means
- => - implies (that)
- / - also as in OH/IL/CA
- /o - of as in son/o or wif/o
- ?? - information is questionable or unconfirmed
- ??? - NAME not known
- [text] - explanatory text added to original
- ~ - approximately; as in (~13)
- ,, - multiply inclusively, as in pp:103,,107
- ! - deviation in data verified to be correct
- [ Male ] - Given name not known, sex known
- [ Female ] - Given name not known, sex known
- [ Unknown ] - Given name not known, sex not known
- [list] - encloses related items
- [no issue] - without children
- name* - name used in lieu of given name
- (name) - alias name, or nickname
- (nmn) - no middle name
- 12.34 - reference "Source Notes" page 12, note 34.
- (17) - age 17 years
- m:17 - age 17 years when married, etc
- (71y 11m 5d) - age when died (reportedly, as from stones)

Latin terms:

- et al - and others / and elsewhere
- et ux - and wife
- et vin - and husband

Special land reference terms:

- MDM - Mount Diablo Meridian (in central CA)
- MOL - More Or Less
- Range as in Sec:17 T18N-R4E MDM
- Section as in Sec:17 T18N-R4E MDM
- Township as in Sec:17 T18N-R4E MDM

Types of Records (Journals)

- a: - a:
- b: - birth
- c: - cemetery
- C: - CENSUS
- d: - death
- D: - DEED
- e: - estate
- f: - F: - FAMILY
- g: - guardianship
- h: - history
- i: - Immigration (incl passenger list)
- j: -
- k: -
- l:
- m: - marriage
- M: - MILITARY
- n: - naturalization
- p: - permission (consent)
- P: - PATENT
- q:
- r:
- s:
- t: - tax list
- u:
- v:
- w: - will
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A.1-1
| NAME: BABCOCK, Millman Adam (#19)                                      |
| BORN: Mar 1819 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH                           |
| MARR: circa 1857                                                       |
| DIED: 15 Jun 1905 Butte Co CA                                           |
| WIFE: ???, Sarah Ann (#354) DIED:                                      |

| NAME: BABCOCK, Jacob William (#20)                                      |
| BORN: 26 May 1820 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH                        |
| MARR: 06 Apr 1853 Henderson Co IL                                        |
| DIED: 19 Dec 1901 Lone Tree (near Honcut), Butte Co CA                 |
| WIFE: DANIELS, Martha Ann (#501) DIED:                                  |

| NAME: BABCOCK, Mary Jane (#18)                                          |
| BORN: 19 Dec 1822 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH                        |
| MARR: 12 Jan 1842 Henderson Co IL                                        |
| DIED: 28 Oct 1905 McCoud, Siskiyou Co CA                                |
| BUR: Gridley-Biggs (formerly Live Oak) Com, Gridley, Butte Co CA       |
| HUSB: SMITH, James A (#1014) DIED:                                      |

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| MARR: 12 Jan 1842 Henderson Co IL                                        |
| DIED: 28 Oct 1905 McCoud, Siskiyou Co CA                                |
| BUR: Gridley-Biggs (formerly Live Oak) Com, Gridley, Butte Co CA       |
| HUSB: SMITH, James A (#1014) DIED:                                      |

| NAME: BABCOCK, James (#57)                                              |
| BORN: circa 1825 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH                        |
| MARR: roughly 1847                                                    |
| DIED: before 1872 CA                                                   |
| WIFE: MESSICK, Nancy (#481) DIED:                                      |

| NAME: BABCOCK, Worley (#21)                                             |
| BORN: circa 1827 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH                        |
| MARR: 26 Jun 1855 Oquawka, Henderson Co IL                             |
| DIED: 17 Mar 1898 Red Bluff, Tehama Co CA                               |
| WIFE: LONGKER, Nancy (#1017) DIED:                                     |

| NAME: BABCOCK, Barbara Ann (#17)                                        |
| BORN: circa 1828 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH                        |
| MARR: 23 Aug 1849 Henderson Co IL                                       |
| DIED: living 1885 Marysville, Yuba Co CA                               |
| HUSB: DANIELS, N (#1015) DIED:                                         |

| NAME: BABCOCK, Abraham (Abram*) C (#22)                                 |
| BORN: 16 Jun 1830 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH                       |
| MARR: 30 Nov 1854 Oquawka, Henderson Co IL                             |
| DIED: 16 Aug 1903 Carman, Henderson Co IL                              |
| BUR: Carman Cem, Carman, Henderson Co IL                              |
| WIFE: WESTFALL, Jemima (#349) DIED:                                    |

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HUSBAND: BABCOCK, Henry Springstead (#16)
WIFE: MEALMAN / MILLMAN, Nancy L (#15)

8. NAME: BABCOOK, Elisha P (Leish*) (#32)
   BORN: 12 Sep 1832 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH
   MARR: 04 May 1865 Henderson Co IL
   DIED: 30 Nov 1910
   BUR: Carman Cem, Carman, Henderson Co IL
   WIFE: PINKHAM, Anna J (#33)
     BORN: 15 Feb 1842 DIED: 21 Aug 1911

9. NAME: BABCOCK, Alfred Benjamin Franklin (#56)
   BORN: 05 Aug 1833 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH
   MARR: 02 May 1872 Marysville, Yuba Co CA
   DIED: 09 Sep 1916 Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co CA
   BUR: Gridley-Biggs (formerly Live Oak) Cem, Gridley, Butte Co CA
   WIFE: PANGBORN, Sarah Francis (#1038)
     BORN: 02 Mar 1856 DIED: 30 Oct 1933
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WIFE: ???, Sarah Ann (#354)

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HUSBAND: BABCOCK, Jacob William (#20)
BORN: 26 May 1820 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH
MARR: 06 Apr 1853 Henderson Co IL
DIED: 19 Dec 1901 Lone Tree (near Honcut), Butte Co CA
OCC: farmer (1850:IL, 1860-1885-1892:CA)
ADD. SP: Married 13 Jun 1848 McCauley, Margaret J (#1016)
FATHER: BABCOCK, Henry Springstead (#16) born circa 1794, possibly ORANGE Co, or in or near NYC, NY; died 01 Mar 1868, Honcut, Butte Co CA; occ. 1813-1815:War 1812, [1840,1850:IL 1860:CA] farmer.
MOTHER: MEALMAN / MILLMAN, Nancy L (#15) born 08 Apr 1800, Greenbriar Co VA; died 09 Nov 1894, Butte Co CA; child #7 of MEALMAN, Andrew (Andreas) (#12) and ???, [Female] (#502); [Note: liv 1874: Honcutt, Butte Co CA].

WIFE: DANIELS, Martha Ann (#501)
BORN: 07 Apr 1838 TN
DIED: 06 Mar 1905 Butte Co CA

1 NAME: BABCOOK, Franklin Perry (#656)
M BORN: Mar 1856 Henderson Co IL
MARR: 02 Mar 1887 Moores Station (Honcut), Butte Co CA
DIED: before 1910
WIFE: BLANCHARD, Belle V (#1024)
BORN: 03 May 1864 DIED: 25 May 1954

2 NAME: BABCOOK, Esther Jemima (Jennie*) (#1028)
F BORN: 1857 Dallas Pct, Henderson Co IL
MARR: 23 Oct 1879 Residence of J.W. BABCOOK, Ophir Twp, Butte Co CA
DIED:
HUSB: DARBY, Benjamin Franklin (#901)
BORN: 1857 DIED:

3 NAME: BABCOOK, Martha Francis (#657)
F BORN: circa 1858 Henderson Co IL
MARR: 24 Apr 1879 Gridley, at residence of Jacob BABCOOK, Butte Co CA
DIED: before 1900
HUSB: JONES, James Lucien (#1063)
BORN: Mar 1853 DIED:

4 NAME: BABCOOK, Mosley (#1030)
M BORN: 1860 CA
MARR:
DIED:

5 NAME: BABCOOK, Nancy (#1031)
F BORN: 1866 CA
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M BORN: Sep 1868 CA
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BORN: circa 1825
MARR: roughly 1847
DIED: before 1872
OCC: farmer (1850:IL), miner (1860:CA)  NOTE: may have died in California
FATHER: BABCOCK, Henry Springstead (#16) born circa 1794, possibly ORANGE Co, or in or near NYC, NY; died 01 Mar 1868, Honcut, Butte Co CA; occ. 1813-1815:War 1812, [1840,1850:IL 1860:CA] farmer.
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WIFE: MESSICK, Nancy (#481)
BORN: circa 1828
DIED:
NOTE: Fa:Asbury MESSICK Mo:Pricilla

| NAME: BABCOOK, George W (#268) |
| BORN: Sep 1848 |
| MARR: 12 Nov 1878 |
| DIED: |
| WIFE: ARMSTRONG, Martha Anna (#269) |
| BORN: Jan 1862 |
HUSBAND: BABCOCK, Worley (#21)

BORN: circa 1827 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH
MARR: 24 Jun 1855 Oquawka, Henderson Co IL
DIED: 17 Mar 1898 Red Bluff, Tehama Co CA

FATHER: BABCOCK, Henry Springstead (#16) born circa 1794, possibly ORANGE Co, or in or near NYC, NY; died 01 Mar 1868, Honcut, Butte Co CA; occ. 1813-1815 War 1812, [1840,1850:IL 1860:CA] farmer.

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WIFE: LONGKER, Nancy (#1017)
BORN: circa 1835 OH
DIED: 26 Aug 1916 CA
BURIED: Oak Hill Cem, Red Bluff, Tehama Co CA

NAME: BABCOCK, James Handley (#1047)
BORN: 1857 IL
MARR: 1895
DIED: 1945
WIFE: CARLISLE, Lillie (#1048)
BORN: 1878 DIED: circa 1908

NAME: BABCOCK, William Jefferson (#1029)
BORN: 1858 Carman Pct, Henderson Co IL
MARR: 1895
DIED: 17 Jul 1911 Red Bluff, Tehama Co CA
BUR: Oak Hill Cem, Red Bluff, Tehama Co CA

NAME: BABCOOK, Lewis (#1033)
BORN: circa 1859 IL
MARR: 1895
DIED: 1911

NAME: BABCOOK, Laura May (#1034)
BORN: circa 1861 CA
MARR: before 1882 CA
DIED: circa 1887 CA
HUSB: WILSON, Charles Alfred (#1021)
BORN: 31 Dec 1858 DIED: 08 Sep 1932

NAME: BABCOOK, Angeline (Annie*) (#1035)
BORN: circa 1864 CA
MARR: before 1898
DIED:
HUSB: SWINNEY, W. F. (#1032)
BORN: roughly 1860 DIED:

NAME: BABCOOK, Abraham (Abe** (#1036)
BORN: circa 1867 CA
MARR: 10 Oct 1910 Red Bluff ?, Tehama Co CA
DIED:
WIFE: LINDSEY, Lilly (#1282)
BORN: 1886 DIED:

NAME: BABCOOK, Jefferson (#1037)
BORN: circa Oct 1869 CA
MARR:
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NAME: BABCOOK, Luella (#1043)
BORN: circa 1877 CA
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- **BORN:** circa 1828  near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH
- **MARR:** 23 Aug 1849  Henderson Co IL
- **DIED:** living 1885  Marysville, Yuba Co CA
- **OCC:** dressmaker (1885:CA)
- **ADD. SP:** Married 04 Feb 1875 DEVOLT, James (#1221)

**FATHER:** BABCOCK, Henry Springstead (#16) born circa 1794, possibly ORANGE Co, or in or near NYC, NY; died 01 Mar 1868, Honcut, Butte Co CA; occ. 1813-1815: War 1812, [1840,1850:IL 1860:CA] farmer.

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**HUSBAND:** DANIELS, N (#1015)
- **BORN:** 1864 - 1870
- **DIED:**

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MOTHER: MEALMAN / MILLMAN, Nancy L (#15) born 08 Apr 1800, Greenbriar Co VA; died 09 Nov 1894, Butte Co CA; child #7 of MEALMAN, Andrew (Andreas) (#12) and ???, [Female] (#502); [Note: liv 1874: Honcutt, Butte Co CA].
HUSBAND: BABCOOK, Abraham (Abram*) C (#22)
WIFE: WESTFALL, Jemima (#349)

8 | NAME: BABCOOK, Fanny M (#350)
F | BORN: 22 Nov 1873 Henderson Co IL
MARR: 
DIED: 25 Jan 1919
BUR: Carman Cem, Carman, Henderson Co IL
HUSB: WADDILL, Seth (#1360)
BORN: 
DIED:

9 | NAME: BABCOOK, Della (#23)
F | BORN: circa 1878 Henderson Co IL
MARR: circa 1909 Henderson Co IL
DIED: 
HUSB: JARVIS, John Lee (#1020)
BORN: 
DIED:
NOTE: twice married, no issue
HUSBAND: BABCOOK, Elisha P (Leish*) (#32)
BORN: 12 Sep 1832 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH
MARR: 04 May 1865 Henderson Co IL
DIED: 30 Nov 1910
BURIED: Carman Cem, Carman, Henderson Co IL
FATHER: BABCOCK, Henry Springstead (#16) born circa 1794, possibly ORANGE Co, or in or near NYC, NY; died 01 Mar 1868, Honcut, Butte Co CA; occ. 1813-1815: War 1812, [1840,1850: IL] Farmer.
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WIFE: PINKHAM, Anna J (#33)
BORN: 15 Feb 1842 IN
MARR: 04 Mar 1887 Bushnell, McDonough Co IL
DIED: 21 Aug 1911
BURIED: Carman Cem, Carman, Henderson Co IL
FATHER: PINKHAM, Calvin (#482) born circa 1810, CANADA; occ. 1850: Farmer-Henderson Co IL, Shokokon Twp.
MOTHER: ???, Jane (#483) born circa 1810, MA.

NAME: BABCOOK, Nancy Jane (Jennie*) (#92)
BORN: 05 Feb 1866 Carman, Henderson Co IL
MARR: 04 Mar 1887 Bushnell, McDonough Co IL
DIED: 17 Dec 1955 Sapp Nursing Home, Plymouth, McDonough Co IL
HUSB: HARVEY, Elsworth (#93)
BORN: 26 Jan 1866 Carman, Henderson Co IL
NOTE: res: Dallas City ILN, bu:Lomax, ILN

NAME: BABCOOK, Horace Reuben (#10)
BORN: 26 Jun 1868 Carman, Henderson Co IL
MARR: 30 Oct 1901 Monmouth, Warren Co IL
DIED: 13 Nov 1954
BUR: Carman Cem, Carman, Henderson Co IL
WIFE: BABCOOK, Meme Romaine (#11)
BORN: 13 Mar 1879 CARMAN, HENDERSON CO IL
DIED: 02 May 1964

NAME: BABCOOK, William Henry (#62)
BORN: 10 Sep 1870 Carman, Henderson Co IL
MARR: 10 Oct 1896 Henderson Co IL
DIED: 18 Aug 1955
BUR: Carman Cem, Carman, Henderson Co IL
WIFE: PAUL, Edna Amelia (#63)
BORN: 18 Nov 1878
DIED: 11 Mar 1941

NAME: BABCOOK, Dolores E (Doll*) (#67)
BORN: circa 1874 Henderson Co IL
MARR:
DIED:
HUSB: HOPKINS, Foster A (#68)
BORN: circa 1864
DIED:
NOTE: bu:Dade County Fl, res 1955:Miami, Dade Co Fl

NAME: BABCOOK, Edward Beecher (#61)
BORN: Jul 1876 Henderson Co IL
MARR: 07 Oct 1900 Stronghurst, Henderson Co IL
DIED:
WIFE: CRANE, Daisy Edna (#806)
BORN: Roughly 1875
DIED:
NOTE: res 1955:ILN Dallas City

NAME: BABCOOK, Nellie (#60)
BORN: 26 Dec 1878 Carman, Henderson Co IL
MARR: 27 Jun 1930
DIED:

NAME: BABCOOK, Mary E (#495)
BORN: 06 Oct 1884 Carman, Henderson Co IL
MARR:
DIED: 1972 Henderson Co IL
BURL: Oquawka Cem, Oquawka, Henderson Co IL

A.2-11
HUSBAND: BABCOCK, Alfred Benjamin Franklin (#56)
  BORN: 05 Aug 1833 near Liberty, Montgomery Co OH
  MARR: 02 May 1872 Marysville, Yuba Co CA
  DIED: 09 Sep 1916 Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co CA
  BURIED: Gridley-Biggs (formerly Live Oak) Cem, Gridley, Butte Co CA
  OCC: prop saloon & farmer (1885)
  FATHER: BABCOCK, Henry Springstead (#16) born circa 1794, possibly ORANGE Co, or in or near NYC, NY; died 01 Mar 1868, Honcut, Butte Co CA; occ. 1813-1815: War 1812, [1840,1850: IL 1860: CA] farmer.
  MOTHER: MEALMAN / MILLMAN, Nancy L (#15) born 08 Apr 1800, Greenbriar Co VA; died 09 Nov 1894, Butte Co CA; child #7 of MEALMAN, Andrew (Andreas) (#12) and ???, [Female] (#502); [Note: liv 1874: Honcut, Butte Co CA].
  WIFE: PANGBORN, Sarah Francis (#1038)
  BORN: 02 Mar 1854 CA
  DIED: 30 Oct 1933 Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co CA
  BURIED: Gridley-Biggs (formerly Live Oak) Cem, Gridley, Butte Co CA
  FATHER:
  MOTHER:

1. NAME: BABCOCK, Joseph L H (#1039)
   BORN: 26 Feb 1873 CA
   MARR:
   DIED: 08 Mar 1934 Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co CA
   BUR: Gridley-Biggs (formerly Live Oak) Cem, Gridley, Butte Co CA
   WIFE: ???, Iva Evaline (#900)

2. NAME: BABCOCK, Alfred M (#1040)
   BORN: cir. 1875 CA
   MARR:
   DIED:

3. NAME: BABCOCK, Edith C. (#1041)
   BORN: cir. 1877 CA
   MARR:
   DIED:

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BABCOCK, Henry Springstead (#16) b. circa 1794; d. 01 Mar 1868.

sp- MEALMAN / MILLMAN, Nancy L (#15) b. 08 Apr 1800; d. 09 Nov 1894.
- 1--BABCOCK, Millman Adam (#19) b. Mar 1819; d. 15 Jun 1905.
  - sp-???, Sarah Ann (#354) b. circa 1830.
  - 2--BABCOCK, Nancy (#1022) b. 1859.
    - 3--WILSON, Charles Alfred (#1021) b. 31 Dec 1858; d. 08 Sep 1932.
    - 3--WILSON, Charles E (#1364) b. Mar 1897.
    - 3--WILSON, Sylvia S (#1365).

- 1--BABCOCK, Jacob William (#20) b. 26 May 1820; d. 19 Dec 1901.
  - sp-DANIELS, Martha Ann (#501) b. 07 Apr 1838; d. 06 Mar 1905.
      - sp-BLANCHARD, Belle V (#1024) b. 03 May 1864; d. 25 May 1954.
      - 3--BABCOCK, Bessie L (#1025) b. Jul 1887.
      - 3--BABCOCK, Lulu Adeline (#1026) b. Sep 1889.
      - sp-FARNCOMB, Charles Henry (#1044) b. circa 1885.
        - 4--FARNCOMB, Dorothy D (#1046) b. 28 Dec 1908.
        - 4--FARNCOMB, Lavern (#1379) b. circa 1912.
      - 3--BABCOCK, Esmond E (#1027) b. 1895.
      - 3--BABCOCK, Frank (#1283) b. circa 1902; d. 1902.

  - 2--BABCOOCK, Esther Jenima (Jennie*) (#1028) b. 1857.
    - sp-DARBY, Benjamin Franklin (#901) b. 1857.
      - 3--DARBY, Assen Etta (#1026) b. 24 Apr 1880.
      - 3--DARBY, Austin E (#1027) b. Jun 1882.
      - 3--DARBY, Lilly May (#1368) b. 22 Aug 1884.
      - 3--DARBY, Effie Mabel (#1369) b. 26 Apr 1887.
      - 3--DARBY, Hazel A (#1370) b. Jun 1889.
      - 3--DARBY, Helen Ethyl (#1371) b. 03 Aug 1894.
      - 3--DARBY, Infant (#1372) b. 05 Jul 1899; d. 11 Jul 1899.

  - 2--BABCOCK, Martha Francis (#657) b. circa 1858; d. before 1900.
      - 3--JONES, Willis W (#1374) b. Dec 1883.

  - 2--BABCOCK, Minley (#1030) b. 1860.

  - 2--BABCOCK, Nancy (#1031) b. 1866.

  - 2--BABCOCK, William Ulysses (#1042) b. Sep 1868.
- 3--MILLS, Edward Isaac (#1333) b. 12 Jun 1877; d. 27 Nov 1956.
- 3--MILLS, Henry E (#1334) b. Jan 1879; d. 04 Jan 1952.
- 2--SMITH, Florence J (#1278) b. Dec 1860; d. 1940.

1--BABCOCK, James (#57) b. circa 1825; d. before 1872.
   sp-MESSICK, Nancy (#481) b. circa 1828.
   2--BABCOOK, George W (#268) b. Sep 1848.
   sp-ARMSTRONG, Martha Anna (#269) b. Jan 1862.
   3--BABCOOK, Charles Edward (#270) b. 30 Aug 1879; d. 1957.
   sp-Ellis, May (#271).
   4--BABCOOK, Raymond (#272).
   4--BABCOOK, Martha (#273).
   4--BABCOOK, [female] (#274).
   4--BABCOOK, [female] (#275).

3--BABCOOK, Clyde Rupert (#492) b. 02 Mar 1883.
3--BABCOOK, Chester (#1265) b. circa 1907.

1--BABCOCK, Worley (#21) b. circa 1827; d. 17 Mar 1898.
sp-LONGKER, Nancy (#1017) b. circa 1835; d. 26 Aug 1916.
2--BABCOOK, James Handley (#1047) b. 1857; d. 1945.
sp-CARLisle, Lillie (#1048) b. 1878; d. circa 1908.
3--BABCOOK, Lola (#1049) b. circa 1898.
3--BABCOOK, Inas (#1050) b. circa 1902.
3--BABCOOK, Maud (#1051) b. circa 1904.
3--BABCOOK, James Jr (#1052) b. 1905.
3--BABCOOK, Homer (#1053) b. circa 1908.
2--BABCOOK, William Jefferson (#1029) b. 1858; d. 17 Jul 1911.
2--BABCOOK, Lewis (#1033) b. circa 1859.
2--BABCOOK, Laura May (#1034) b. circa 1861; d. circa 1887.
sp-Wilson, Charles Alfred (#1021) b. 31 Dec 1858; d. 08 Sep 1932.
3--WILSON, Roy Lee (#1354) b. Jul 1885.
3--WILSON, Lilly May (#1355) b. 1882.
sp-CLOUD, James Thomas (#1356).
4--CLOUD, James R Sr (#1357).
sp-UNKNOWN, [female] (#1358).
5--CLOUD, James R Jr (#1359).
2--BABCOOK, Angelina (Annie*) (#1035) b. circa 1864.
sp-SWINNEY, W. F. (#1032) b. roughly 1860.
3--SWINNEY, Jesse (#1375) b. 1891.
3--SWINNEY, Eddie (#1376) b. 1896.
3--SWINNEY, Harvey (#1377) b. 1900.
3--SWINNEY, Elywin (#1378) b. 1904.
2--BABCOOK, Abraham (Abe*) (#1036) b. circa 1867.
2--BABCOOK, Jefferson (#1037) b. circa Oct 1869.
2--BABCOOK, Luella (#1043) b. circa 1877.
1--BABCOOK, Abraham (Abraham*) C (#22) b. 14 Jun 1830; d. 16 Aug 1903.
   - sp-WESTFALL, Jemima (#349) b. 27 Nov 1836; d. 01 Feb 1917.
   - 2--BABCOOK, Mary E (#58) b. circa 1857.
   - 2--BABCOOK, Nancy M (#351) b. circa 1859.
   - 2--BABCOOK, Charles H (#352) b. circa 1862.
   - 2--BABCOOK, Armina Lucretia (Mina*) (#59) b. 21 Mar 1864; d. 21 Sep 1953.
   - sp-TCJF, Levi Gregory (#1222) b. 19 Apr 1864.
   - 3--METCALF, Mary Edith (#1223) b. 17 May 1893; d. before 1983.
   - 4--RUDE, Claude (#1224) b. 30 Mar 1893.
   - 5--RUDE, Julia Ann (#1225) b. liv 1983.
   - 5--RUDE, Male (#54).
   - 6--RUDE, Female (#65).
   - 7--WADDILL, Seth (#1380).
   - 8--WADDILL, Female (#1381).
   - 9--WADDILL, Male (#1382).
   - 10--WADDILL, Frank S (#1383) b. 01 Aug 1900; d. 12 Jul 1971.
   - 11--WADDILL, Fred (#1384).
   - 12--WADDILL, Ed (#1385).
   - 13--WADDILL, Female (#1386).
   - 14--WADDILL, Female (#1387).
   - 15--WADDILL, Female (#1388).
   - 16--WADDILL, Male (#1389).

2--BABCOOK, Elisha (Leish*) (#32) b. 12 Sep 1832; d. 30 Nov 1910.
   - sp-PINKHAM, Anna J (#33) b. 15 Feb 1842; d. 21 Aug 1911.
   - 2--BABCOOK, Nancy Jane (Jennie*) (#92) b. 05 Feb 1866; d. 17 Dec 1955.
   - sp-HARVEY, Elsworth (#93) d. Apr 1930.
   - 3--HARVEY, John Tom (?) (#94).
   - 3--HARVEY, Byrd Eleanor (#95) b. 19 Feb 1888; d. 22 Dec 1929.
   - sp-WALKER, Oren Brant (#96) b. 25 Jan 1885; d. 19 Feb 1955.
   - 4--WALKER, Verla Leona (#97) b. 06 Feb 1920.
   - 4--WALKER, Virginia Ione (#98) b. 06 Feb 1920.
   - sp-CHRISTOPHER, Wesley Fay (#99) b. 03 Oct 1913.
   - 5--CHRISTOPHER, Rolland Fay (#100) b. 02 Sep 1941; d. 02 Sep 1941.
   - 5--CHRISTOPHER, Joan Leigh (#102) b. 10 Oct 1956.

   - sp-BABCOOK, Meme Romaine (#11) b. 13 Mar 1879; d. 02 May 1964.
   - 3--BABCOOK, Mae (nmn) (#34) b. 1902; d. 1902.
   - 3--BABCOOK, Kenneth Lemoine (#36) b. 29 Oct 1904; d. 20 Feb 1970.
   - sp-SAMUELSON, Margaret Elvera (#79) b. 07 May 1914.
   - 4--BABCOOK, Thomas Lee (#37) b. 07 Oct 1947.
   - sp-CHRISTOPHER, Barbara Ann (#80) b. 30 Sep 1947.
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BABCOCK, Dolores E (Doll*) (#67) b. circa 1874.
sp-HOPKINS, Foster A (#68) b. circa 1864.

BABCOCK, Grace Juanita* (#42) b. 08 Apr 1911; d. 09 Feb 1967.

BABCOCK, William Everette* (#38) b. 02 May 1907; d. 06 Jun 1988.

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