Dear Relatives,

From extensive research and personal interviews during the past eight years, I have written this informal account of our Biddle history. As you must realize, it is quite a task to collect so much material about several hundred people and as some people disagree about dates or spelling of names...you will find errors. The material was obtained from county histories, newspapers, census reports, Civil War records, marriage and death records, wills, land records, family Bibles, tombstones and through my correspondence with many relatives. My sincere thanks to each of you who so kindly contributed.

With love,

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John W. Biddle was born about 1790 in the state of New Jersey. John was married in 1816 in Pennsylvania to Elizabeth Gamber. Elizabeth was a native of Pennsylvania and born about the year 1800. In 1817, the couple moved west to Donegal township in Washington County, Penn., where they lived for six years. Next they moved to Wheeling, West Virginia where they lived for about the next six years. Sometime around 1830, the couple with their first six children, Eliza, Isaac, John E., Jacob, Mary and Samuel G. Biddle moved to Carroll County, Ohio. On the sixteenth of February in 1833, John and Elizabeth Biddle bought 76 and 70/100 acres of land from Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barin. Neither John W. nor Elizabeth Biddle could write as had both signed their X. Elizabeth did learn to write some later as the information about her marriage and the years lived in Penn., W. Va. and names of their ten children was learned from a paper written by Elizabeth. The farm was about 3 1/2 miles due north of the village of Dellroy, Ohio. The land was situated in Harrison township, range 6, twp. 15, Section 34 and comprised the west one half of Southwest quarter.

Four more children, Sarah, George, Amos and Joseph were born on this farm, making a total of seven sons, and three daughters. The family enjoyed many social events at Baxters Ridge Methodist Church which was just 1 3/4 miles east of their home. The four oldest children married in Carroll County, Ohio. On Sept. 28, 1849, John and Elizabeth sold their farm to Jacob Best. Then with their five youngest children accompanying them, they headed for Owen County, Indiana. (All the other children with their families followed within next couple years...except for oldest daughter, Eliza Biddle Baxter and fifth child, Mary Biddle, who both died in 1844 and buried in Baxters Ridge Cemetery). On October 26, 1849, John W. Biddle bought 80 acres from John G. Long. The land was located 1 1/2 miles west of Vandalia, Indiana. It comprised the west one-half of Southeast one-quarter of Sec. 7, range 4 in Lafayette township. The land was a wilderness as was most of the county at that time. Vandalia consisted of one good general store, a hotel kept by James Davis, a blacksmith shop, a schoolhouse and a post office. The village of Lancaster, now called Patricksburg, was about 3 miles west of the Biddle homestead. The family depended mostly on meat for survival until the land could be cleared for cultivation.
Wild turkey, deer, prairie chickens, and squirrels were very plentiful. The creeks were stocked with many varieties of fish and wild ducks and other water fowl lived along the river banks. At times buffalo roamed in the county which provided skins for clothing. Beavers, coons, opposums, muskrats and otter also provided skins for clothing and to be traded for such staples as sugar, molasses, meal and flour. In 1852, a son Jacob Biddle bought a saw mill in Lancaster, installed a set of burrs and the town boasted of having a meal and flour mill. There were wild plums, grapes, black and red haws, dewberries, blackberries, which were preserved for use during the long winter months. Many persimmon and pawpaw trees grew along the rivers and there were many kinds of nut trees. The ingenuity of our ancestors were great for they made almost every thing they owned. The women made all the clothing and took much pride and pleasure in carding, spinning, weaving, sewing and knitting. We have no way of knowing if there was a house on the land when John W. Biddle bought it. If not, we can be sure they erected one in no time. The present house stands on the same spot with the hand dug basement of clay underneath. With all our luxuries of today, it is hard to realize how the pioneers got along with so little. Following is what John and Elizabeth owned in 1850 and its appraised value at that time: 1 gray mare $25, 1 wagon $35, 1 mettle plow $2.50, 1 cow $8, 1 spinning wheel $1.50, 1 lot of cooking utensils $2.50, 1 brass clock $4, 1 square table 75¢, 1 cupboard $4, 1 bedstead and bedding, $8.50, 1 bed $3, 1 wash kettle $1.25, 1 wash tub 50¢, 1 shovel 50¢, 2 flat irons 50¢, 1 log chain $1.50, 1 saddle $4, 1 reel $1.00, 1 horse glazing $4.50, 1 pair steelyards $1.12½, 1 brass kettle $2, 4 grain sacks 37½¢, 1 chair $2.50, 1 chest $1.25.
On June 1, 1850, John W. Biddle bought and paid for 33 acres of land from the Board of Trustees of the Wabash and Erie Canal. It was adjacent to the eighty acres he already owned. John died in 1850, less than a year after he'd arrived in Owen County, Indiana. A son, Samuel G. Biddle was appointed administrator of the estate. The appraised value of the furniture, tools and other possessions totaled $115.75. There was also $300.00 cash received from Ohio.

On October 4, 1851, Samuel G. Biddle paid eight dollars and 95¢ in full payment of the burial expenses of the late John W. Biddle. Elizabeth Biddle continued living on the farm her husband had bought in 1849, until her death in 1898. The youngest son, Joe married in 1866 and he and Lydia made their home with Elizabeth.

Note--from V.B.T. For almost eight years, we searched every cemetery we could find around Vandalia for the grave of John W. Biddle but had long ago decided he must have just had an old sandstone for a marker. So you can just imagine our surprise when on Feb. 28, 1964, Max and I found the stone of John in the Vandalia Cemetery. It had broken off at the base, fall backwards and became covered with dirt and sod. Freezing and thawing over the years must have brought it to the surface so that it was 3/4 uncovered. We had searched this cemetery thoroughly twice before.

We have not found the grave of Elizabeth (Gamber) Biddle nor her exact date of death but have learned she was still living with the youngest son, Joseph when she died in 1898 at 98 years old. My great Uncle Jim told me eight years ago in April that his grandmother, Elizabeth Gamber Biddle was buried in the Vandalia Cemetery. I've talked to three second cousins who remember Elizabeth as a little old lady who always wore her shawl but they were all too young to remember exactly where she was buried. The following pages are as complete as I've been able to collect about the 10 children of John W. and Elizabeth Biddle.

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ELIZA BIDDLE

I. Eliza Biddle was the first child of John W. and Elizabeth (Camber) Biddle. She was born on September 18, 1816 in Penn.

From page 76 in marriage volume July 1833-August 1849 in Carroll County, Ohio--"I do hereby certify that on the 20th day of November A D 1836, pursuant to license, Benjamin F. Baxter and Eliza Biddle were legally joined in marriage by me, Sean Harsh, Justice of the Peace. Benjamin F. Baxter was born on June 13, 1809. The couple lived in Harrison township, Carroll County, Ohio not far from Eliza's parents. A great grandson of Benj. and Eliza live in the old home. It is partly of log construction and still standing solidly. Eliza (Biddle) Baxter died on October 30, 1844, aged 28 years, 1 month and 12 days. She is buried in Baxters Ridge Cemetery. An infant son, William B. died in 1844 at the age of 4 months and 14 days. He is buried beside his mother. Benjamin and Eliza also had a son, Albert Baxter born in 1838, sons James and Cornelius and others. Benjamin F. Baxter died on May 25, 1856, aged 46 years, 11 mo. and 12 days. His stone was found face down a short distance from his wife, Eliza and infant son, William.

Note--from V.B. T. I think you might be interested in knowing how I learned about Eliza (Biddle) Baxter. Several years ago, I bought the marriage record of Benj. and Eliza from the county clerks office in Carrollton, Ohio. Since he had no will for Benjamin and a researcher in Ohio could not find a census record of Benj. and Eliza...I decided they too must have moved to Owen Co, Indiana. There were no records of them in Owen County. Last April, I wrote to Mr. Vasbinder, the county clerk in Ohio to see if he had any ideas how I might learn more of that family. He said the Baxters had settled in Carroll County at an early date and sent me the address of those he knew personally. Two people answered, one was Mr. L. Ross Baxter of Malvern, Ohio. His great grandfather was a brother of Benjamin F. Baxter. Ross Baxter had been raised in the vicinity around Baxters Cem. and made about a 40 mile trip to that cemetery and copied from the tombstones there. The other person was Mrs. A. W. Baxter. She too went to the cemetery and copied the names and dates for me. Mrs. Baxter said they knew her husband's great grandmother was named Eliza but had never known her maiden name till I sent it. She said they were now interested in learning more and if she came up with any more information, would send it on to me. I did not hear again from either of those people but was glad to learn all they sent. Since then I got the 1850 census of Benj. F. Baxter in Harrison twp, Carroll Co., Ohio. He was 41 yrs. old so must be the same Benj. as birthdate would be 1809. If so, then Benjamin F. Baxter must have been married before he married Eliza Biddle. He and 1st wife would have had children--James, Benj. F., and Lydia A. Then he married Eliza in 1836. They had Albert, born in 1838, Selinda born about 1840, Martin born about 1842 and Eliza born in 1844. Eliza (Biddle) Baxter may have died when the child Eliza was born. Benj. F. then md. a lady named Ann, had a son Cornelius and son, John who died at 2 yr. 1 mo and 12 days old. Buried in Baxters Ridge Cemetery.
Two. Isaac Biddle was born in the fall of 1819 or early part of 1820 in Donegal township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. On May 17, 1842, George Pugh, a justice of the peace in Carroll Co., Ohio solemnized the marriage contract of Isaac Biddle and Eliza Jane (Jenny) Davis. Jenny was born about 1825 in Ohio. About 1851, the family moved to Owen Co., Indiana. Isaac Biddle and Jesse Harrold were early merchants in Lancaster (now Patricksburg) Indiana. They had a dry goods business in one room of a building in Lancaster. Isaac Biddle bought several pieces of property. He bought 40 acres in 1859, 40 acres in 1860 and was listed as a farmer in the 1860 census of Marion township, Owen Co., Ind. On March 5, 1861, Isaac Biddle bought 80 acres in Lafayette twp., Owen Co., Ind. and that's the last record I can find of him. The researcher could not find him in the 1870 census but that census was in very poor condition. We think he was still living in that area at his death as his daughters were married in Owen Co. Isaac and Jenny were the parents of three daughters and a son who was killed in a sad accident. The boy was riding with his father, who was driving a team hitched to a log wagon near his Uncle Jacob's saw mill. In some manner he fell under the wagon, was run over and killed.

Mary Jane Biddle was born about 1844 in Carroll Co., Ohio. She married Jesse E. Harrold on August 27, 1865 in Owen County, Indiana. (I have not yet found a descendant of this couple so this is all I know about them.)

Anjaline L. (Annie) Biddle was born about 1847 in Carroll Co., Ohio. Annie was married to Nathaniel Fields on June 5, 1862 by Rev. George Jackson at Lancaster, Indiana. Nathaniel enlisted in Co. F, 71st Reg't Ind. Vol. on Aug. 18, 1862. Prisoner of war records show him captured and paroled at Richmond, Ky. on Aug. 30, 1862. He reported at Camp Dick Thompson, then again was captured and admitted to hospital at Andersonville, Georgia and died the same day. Annie later married Joshua Beckett and was living at Sullivan, Indiana when she died. Joshua died Aug. 17, 1898. Annie did not have any children. She drew a pension from her first husband after the death of Joshua. Annie died late in 1905. (I got this information from Nathaniel Fields Civil War records)

Sarah C. Biddle was born about 1853 in Marion township, Owen Co., Indiana. (Since the researcher I hired in Indianapolis did not find marriage of Sarah... it is possible her parents may have moved to another county after the marriage of Mary Jane in 1865.)
Additional information on the Isaac Biddle family — July 1966

Isaac and wife are buried in the cemetery in Lewis, Ind. This is only some 20 miles from where we last located them in 1861. While searching thru old Owen Co. papers, in Mar. 1965, Max and I found the obituary of Jesse S. Harrold which stated he was married to Mollie Biddle and buried at Lewis, Ind. It was quite a surprise to also find the graves of Mollie's parents (Isaac and Eliza Jane Biddle) nearby. In 1880 census, Isaac and wife were living in Lewis. This is in the southeast corner of Vigo Co., Ind. in Pierson twp. The town was known as Centerville at that time but later changed to Lewis. The couple had a 17 year old servant named Lizzie Griffy in their household. It was hoped obituaries would provide family data but none could be found. Eliza died in 1900, aged 76 yrs, 8 mo. & 6 days. Isaac lived almost 10 more years, at an age of 90 yrs, 7 mo. and 24 days. Since Isaac was one of the older children of old John W. Biddle and because he did not have any sons who carried on the Biddle name—this family became unknown to most of the younger generations. The Isaac Biddles lived in a small house in the northwest part of Lewis...just across the street from their daughter, Mary Jane (Mollie) and her husband Jesse. Isaac was a tall man and while there wasn’t much to do in Lewis, he kept busy digging wells and other odd jobs. While just a very small boy, one great grandson could remember seeing both his gr. grandparents rocking contentedly and smoking their clay pipes.

Mary Jane (Mollie/Biddle was born sometime in the year 1845. She taught school for while. Although it was reported that Jesse S. Harrold was killed in the Civil War, he survived and he was married to Mary Jane Biddle by Rev. Joel Dillon in Jefferson twp., Owen Co., Ind. after his return from service. Jesse was a blacksmith and later Justice of the Peace at Lewis, Ind. This couple had 3 sons and 1 daughter. Mary Jane didn’t care to go much but greatly enjoyed entertaining relatives and friends in her home. She was a good cook and well known for her piano playing and singing. Jesse Harrold died Feb. 28, 1915. His wife died on the 29th of Jan. 1917. They and their 3 sons are buried at Lewis.

1. Guy M.M. Harrold was born on Jan. 20, 1867. He farmed until 1925 when he moved to Lewis and continued the operation of the drugstore until 1929 when he moved to California where his sister Daisy lived. He died just 17 days later when struck and killed by an interurban as he crossed the track to mail a letter. Guy had never married.

2. Joe C.N. (called Nott) Harrold was born on Sept. 8, 1868. Nott ran a drugstore in Lewis, Indiana. He remained single and was always interested in politics and civic affairs. Nott died in 1925.

3. Dennis H. Harrold was born on Oct. 4, 1873. Dennis was a farmer. He was married to Stella Kemery. They lived one qtr. mile north of Lewis, Ind. Dennis and Stella had two sons: Max and Ralph. Max Harrold was born on Oct. 1, 1900. He married Leona Hammond of Vermont. The couple did not have a family. Max was a carpenter, and moved to California in 1921. Max died in Covina, California in 1964. Leona died there on Nov. 23, 1965.

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Ralph Harrold was born on December 31, 1906 at Lewis, Indiana. He was married to Charlotte Peters in Terre Haute, Ind. and the following day, they left for Los Angeles, California where they lived for six years. Then they moved back to Lewis, Ind. where they operated a service station and grocery store for 9 yrs. Ralph and Charlotte have one child, a daughter, Jo Ann who was born on February 19, 1934 at Lewis. She married Jimmie Hendricks and they live at 4315 S. 11th. St., Terre Haute, Ind. with their son, Martin (Marty) Hendricks who was born on Dec. 2, 1959. Ralph and Charlotte live at 4340 S. 9th St., Terre Haute, Ind. in their new home which Ralph built when he retired a short time ago.

4. Daisy E. R. Harrold, was the youngest child and only daughter of Jesse and Mary Jane (Biddle) Harrold. She was born on June 6, 1876. Daisy married Conard Jaenisch and lived in California. They had one son, Rex. Daisy died some years ago but Conard lives at 7705 W. Norton St., Los Angeles, Calif. Rex Jaenisch married Olive Evens of Utah. Rex and Olive have one daughter, Evah Marie, born in Feb. 1927. Rex is a deputy sheriff in Los Angeles Co., Calif.

The youngest child of Isaac and Eliza Jane Biddle in the 1860 census was Sarah C. Biddle born about 1853. I have the marriage record of a Sarah C. Biddle in Vigo Co, Ind. to Andrew Kizer or Kiser on Sept. 23, 1872. Old timers in Lewis, Ind. say there were Kizers in their area years ago. Ralph Harrold and wife, Charlotte have contributed much of this Harrold data. Ralph feels like his grandmother Mary Jane Biddle Harrold's sister, Sarah must have died many yrs. ago since he has no knowledge of an "Aunt Sarah."

The career of Lieut. Jesse S. Harrold, Co. H, 14th Ind. Vol. Inf. was probably one of the most remarkable in the history of the "GREAT REBELLION." I am grateful to Mrs. Virginia Norman of Poland, Ind. for sending me a copy of "A Much-Wounded Soldier of the Civil War" which appeared in the T.H., Ind. papers many yrs. ago. Since it would fill 4 pages...I shall give you a brief acct. Jesse S. Harrold was in the carriage building business in Spencer, when Pres. Lincoln issued his call for volunteers. Jesse was mustered in on June 7, 1861 as a private and discharged on Sept. 19, 1863 as a Lieut. (because of wounds). He was wounded six different times, first at Winchester, Va. At Antietam, Md. Jesse was shot 4 times before he fell to the ground. He got a flesh wound in the right thigh, next in his left elbow. While leaning over and holding his arm, a 3rd. shot struck the back of his head, splitting his head from base to crown. Once he lay for 64 days on an iron bed, without turning and taking no medicine. Once a brother to "come for the corpse" but found a very much alive Lt. Jesse reached home and had the dubious pleasure of reading his obituary in 3 papers, the Indpls. Journal, the Owen Co. Journal and the Gosport News. Forty eight yrs. later, Jesse was present at the unveiling of a monument erected by Ind. to her 5 reg't, and the old blouse he wore the day he rec'd the 4 shots in rapid succession was a feature in the dedication. He was presented an old musket. It had been unearthed earlier. His 5 wounds didn't bother him much except for stiff elbow.
III. John E. Biddle, the third child of John W. and Elizabeth (Gamber) Biddle was probably born in the fall of 1821. He was born in Donegal township, Washington Co, Pennsylvania. Washington County is in the southwest corner of Penn. and Donegal twp borders on the West Virginia line. We don't know the exact spot the Biddle family was living but it was surely hilly country with the road along the top of the ridges. The farms were located in the valleys sometimes a half mile or more off the ridge road. We located an old cemetery some 3 miles n.w. of Claysville. In it was the grave of Mary, wife of Reuben Gamber. She died on Aug. 14, 1840 and we believe her to have been a sister-in-law of our Elizabeth (Gamber) Biddle. We also found other Biddles and Gambers living in the same township at the same time our forebears lived in the area...but at this time—have not learned where they moved. When a youngster, John E. Biddle moved with his parents near Wheeling and later to Carroll Co., Ohio. John was married to Sarah Ann Worley on the first day of Sept., 1846 at Carrollton, Ohio. Sarah was born in Ohio about 1821. Census reports she could not read nor write which wasn't unusual for it was not thought necessary for a girl to be educated. The couple was living in Carroll Co., Ohio at the time the 1850 census was taken. Their son, Thomas was listed as 3 yrs. old and Catherine was one year old. This family moved to Owen Co., Indiana that fall or in the spring of 1851 as their third child was born in Owen Co., Ind. in July 1851. John E. Biddle bought 40 acres from his brother, Samuel G. Biddle and wife Jane on June 23, 1851 for the sum of $80. This land was in Lafayette twp. and located four miles south and a mile east of their fathers homestead. John E. and Sarah Ann were the parents of five sons and five daughters. On March 14, 1873, John E. Biddle bought 60 acres of land from Evvens Rawley. It was about 1.5 miles west of his 40 acres. Relatives say he was living on the 60 acre farm when he died sometime between March 1873 and before 1880 census. We have searched every old cemetery in the area and even on the land he owned but failed to find a marker or his exact date of death. Some believe he is buried in the Vandalia, Ind. Cemetery without a headstone. We believe John E. Biddle died in the fall of 1876. His taxes had been pd for previous years but were delinquent ...maybe because takes time to settle estates. John's aged mother visited him often while he was ailing and would cook his favorite foods and take to him. In 1880, the widow, Sarah Ann was still living in Lafayette twp. with five of the children ages 19, 16, 14, 11 & 9 yrs. On October 28, 1887, Sarah Ann Biddle bought 7 1/2 acres of land in Clay Co, Ind. on the Eel River Bottom. She bought the land from a daughter, Ellen Snyder for $75. This is the last acct we have of Sarah Ann except one of her descendants say she was living in the Eel River Bottom land when she died at an old age and that her sons, Ed and Bill were living with her.
Children of John E. and Sarah Ann (Worley) Biddle

I. Thomas Biddle was born in 1847 in Harrison twp, Carroll Co., Ohio. This boy was 3 yrs. old in the 1850 census in Ohio but surely died young as not listed with the family in Owen Co., Ind. in 1860 and unknown to members of that family.

II. Catherine Elizabeth Biddle was born in Ohio but moved to Owen Co., Ind. before she was two yrs. old. She was married on Jan. 19, 1871 to Robert C. Lundy. Robert was a blacksmith and did some farming. They lived at Freedom, Indiana and later moved to the Shilou community in Jackson twp, Sullivan Co., Ind. Robert is buried in Union Cemetery, north of Jasonville, Ind. Catherine Elizabeth Lundy died Feb. 20, 1911 in the city of Sullivan, Ind. Robert and Catherine were the parents of these children:

- Elza Lundy married Cora M. Price on Sept. 11, 1903. They lived at Hymera, Ind., and had one son, Archie L. Lundy. Archie married Amy Smith and lives in Gary, Ind. Elza is buried in Veterans Cem, Danville, Ill.
- John Lundy married Mary Winterbotton. They lived at Clinton, Ind. and had 4 children, Lucille, Johnny, Tommy and Mary. John is buried in Clinton, Ind.
- Joe Lundy was born on Aug. 12, 1883. He married Margaret Jane Rahml and they lived at R. R. 1, Shelburn, Ind. Joe died Mar. 10, 1943 with burial in Shilou Cemetery. Joe and "Maggie" had 6 daughters and 1 son. Cora Jane Lundy was born on Jan. 31, 1906. She married Herschel Shields. They did not have a family. Cora died Nov. 15, 1958. Berniece Lundy was born in 1908. She married Victor Shephard and lives in Coalmont, Ind. Their children are Joe, Mary, Carmon and Reda. Elsie Lundy was born in 1910. She married Ed Bicard. Their children are Ratha and Dewey of Buchanan, Mich. Elise died on July 24, 1957. Madeline Lundy was born on Nov. 23, 1912. She died in 1933, aged 21 yrs. Clarence Lundy was born in 1915. He married Ruby J. Walden. They have one daughter, Iris Diane Ellis. The Clarence Lundys live at Shelburn, Ind. Evelene Lundy was born in 1919. She married Arthur Thompson and lives at Buchanan, Mich. Bernadine Lundy was born on April 14, 1921. She married Kenneth Richey. They live at Clay City, Ind.
- Debra Lundy— These three are the daughters of Robert and Sara Lundy— Catherine Eliz. Biddle Lundy. Relatives think Ada Lundy— they must have died early as no knowledge of them. I did find the marriage of an Ada Alice Lundy to Edgair Smith on Oct. 29, 1906 in Sullivan Co., Ind.

III. John Emery Biddle, third child of John E. and Sarah Ann Biddle was born on July 4, 1851 near Spencer, Indiana. John married Mary Eve Smith in Owen Co., Ind. on Aug. 15, 1872. John and Mary had 10 children, 5 of which died in infancy. They lived in Hymera, Indiana. Mary died Aug. 9, 1922 and John died just two weeks later on Aug. 23, 1922. They are buried in Case Cemetery east of Hymera but do not have any stone markers.

Sarah Melissa Jane Biddle (called Jennie) was born on May 27, 1873. Jennie married 5 times. She md. John Beasley on Jan. 16, 1890 in Clay Co. They had one son and later divorced. Her next husband was Joe Stewart, third was John Mullen, fourth Thomas Buckeannon and fifth was Ed West. Jennie died April 6, 1956 and buried in Case Cemetery.

Jacob Marian Biddle was born on April 12, 1874. He died from whooping cough when small.
Emma Catherine Biddle was born on Sept. 5, 1877. She married Abraham Leonard in Clay Co., Indiana. They had one son, Curt and 3 daughters, Eva, Jennie and Eurnie. Emma Catherine Leonard died at Hymera, Ind. on Feb. 23, 1953. Curt Leonard was born on Oct. 31, 1894. They did not have a family. Curt died in Hymera in 1958. Eva May Leonard was born on Nov. 30, 1896. She married Orville Odell. Their daughter, Leila married Manford Shipley. The Shipleys have two children, Darryl and Cheryl. Eva Odell died Mar. 2, 1954 in her home in Hymera, Ind. Eurnie Leonard was born on Mar. 7, 1902. Eurnie married Leon McClanahan. They have two daughters: Galena married Evan Shipman. They have 4 children, Gary, Marsha Jo, Marla and Allan. The Shipmans live at Dugger, address is R. R. 3, Sullivan, Ind. Catherine McClanahan married Harold Greenwood. Their address is R. R. 2, Terre Haute, Ind. They have two daughters, Rita Kay and Sue Ann. Jennie Marie Leonard was born on May 18, 1904. Jennie married Edgar Smith. They live in Hymera, Ind. Edgar has been employed at Shahamak State Park for several years. Edgar and Jennie have a daughter, Mary Lu who married Bill Sweet. They live at Shelburn, Indiana and have one daughter, Jaffri Lynn. The Edgar Smiths also have a son, Russell E. Smith. Russell married Kathryn Clark. They live at Terre Haute. Their children are: Duane Eugene Smith and Darlene Kathryn Smith.


Adam Francis Biddle was born Apr. 4, 1884. Died Aug. 9, 1887.

Elsie Cleveland Biddle was born Feb. 7, 1886. Died August 10/86.

June Etta Biddle was born July 20, 1887. She died Aug. 11, 1887.

Edna Belle Biddle was born on Sept. 12, 1888. She married Ed Long on March 10, 1906. They lived at Hymera, Indiana and were the parents of the following ten children: Walter, Wilma, Robert, Paul, Charles, Wanda, Earl, Norma, Hosea Lee and Carolyn.

Joseph Elgin Biddle was born on Aug. 31, 1892. Died Jan. 11, 1893.

IV. Eliza Jane Biddle was born about 1855 in Indiana. She was 24 yrs. old when she married Alva Eralzo Dill in August 1879. They were living in Jefferson twp., Owen Co., Ind. in the 1880 census and had one son, Benjamin Dill who was born in March 1880. Relatives say "Aunt Jane" was later married to Tommy Tucker. They had a son, Frank Tucker who was killed in W. W. I. Some believe the family lived around Spencer. We know Jane was still living in July 1918 since she attended the funeral of her sister, Mollie at that time.

V. Isaac Jacob Biddle was born on Oct. 19, 1858. Isaac was married to Amanda M. Winklepleck in Owen Co., Ind. on Oct. 2, 1877. They became the parents of 5 boys and 7 girls. Isaac had a blacksmith shop on his farm and was a good smitty. They lived 2 or 3 miles east of Patricksburg, Ind. on the Spencer-Patrickburg Pike. Ike did very little farming but had a large orchard. He sold apples, pears and peaches to his neighbors. He also did a lot of carpenter work and built barns from hewn logs. Isaac once had a black Angus cow which had twin male calves. He broke them and...
would drive the unusual team to Patricksburg to haul wheat to the mill. He also used them some to harrow altho he had a team of horses. He made his own sorghum and maple syrup as many folks did in those days. In fact, about the only groceries the family bought was coffee and sugar. The old timers had all sorts of tricks. A son, Oliver told of using a pet ferret to scare rabbits. The ferret was put in a hole. It would chase the rabbit out enabling the hunter to get a shot. Amanda died on May 26, 1916. Isaac was married to Mary Garret on Jan. 11, 1919 in Vigo Co., Ind. Isaac died on Sept. 14, 1935 at the home of a son, Herbert in Terre Haute, Ind. Isaac is buried beside his first wife, Amanda in Splinter Rigs Cemetery ( now known as Pleasant Hill) in Lafayette twp, Owen Co., Ind. Following are the children of Isaac and Amanda. Order of birth not correctly listed.

1. Ida M. Biddle was born about 1879. Ida married John Graham on Dec. 5, 1897. They had nine children: Goldie, Lollie, Donald, Gilbert, Edith, Lula, Robert, Gertrude and one dec'd.

2. Oliver Wilson Biddle was born on Aug. 2, 1881. Oliver was married on Jan. 7, 1905 to Lillie M. Ashley. They had two girls, Elizabeth Weir and Anna Louise Shields. Lillie died Feb. 18, 1956 and is buried in Spencer, Indiana. Oliver lives with his daughter, Elizabeth at 230 W. Wayne St, Spencer.

3. Effie Biddle was born on Feb. 14, 1883. She married Leason Faylor on Feb. 28, 1913. They did not have any children.

4. Maria Biddle was born on Dec. 3, 1883. She married Harry Waldale on June 26, 1905 and lived at Terre Haute, Ind. Maria was killed by a train. She and Harry did not have children.

5. Nora Biddle was born on Mar. 25, 1895. Nora married Onnie C. Spice on March 7, 1914. Mr. Spice died and some yrs. later, Nora married a Mr. Clapp and lives at Linton, Ind. Her children are: Ray Spice, Mishawaka, Ind., Violet Spice Hamilton, Linton, Ind., Jean Spice Haris, Elnora, Ind. Hazel Spice Bryant, Indianapolis and Paul Spice who lives with his mother at 139 B. St., Linton, Ind.


7. Lessie Biddle was born on Aug. 17, 1898. She married Clarience Harry on Christmas Day, 1916 and lived in Terre Haute, Ind. They had one son, Joe Harry.


9. Grover Biddle was born in March 1889. He married Zella Woodruff on Sept. 28, 1911. They had two daughters and lived in T. H. They had two daughters and lived in T. H.

10. Ernest Biddle was born on Sept. 14, 1893. He married Antha Simer on Sept. 18, 1915. They lived in Terre Haute and were the parents of 3 daughters and 2 sons.

11. Herbert E. Biddle was born on Jan. 1, 1895. Herbert married Grace Morgan on August 15, 1919. They also lived in Terre Haute, Ind. and did not have any children.

12. An infant son of Isaac and Amanda Biddle died when 6 wks old.

VI. Harriet Ellen Biddle (called Ella) was born about 1860. She md. Simon Spangler on Apr. 15, 1882 in Owen Co, Ind. with Alva Dill as the witness. We are told this marriage was annulled 2 or 3 days later. On Oct. 23, 1883, Harriet Ellen Biddle was married in Sullivan Co, Ind. to Frank Snyder. Ella had a dau. who was named Laura Belle Kerr, born Jan. 13, 1877. Laura md. Wm. Bonham of Jasonville, Ind. The Bonhams had one son, Everette. Ella died about 1940 and buried in Cass Cemetery, Hymera, Indiana.
VII. Lucinda Ann Biddle was born in 1863. She was married to Emanuel Winklepleck on New Year's Day, 1886 in Owen Co, Indiana. Emanuel was born on Aug. 28, 1848, the son of Levi and Sarah Winklepleck. Lucinda and Emanuel were the parents of one son, Ephram and one daughter, Ella. The family lived around Freedom, Indiana. Lucinda died on August 4, 1902, aged 39 years. Emanuel died on March 10, 1917, aged 68 years. Both are buried at the Vandalia, Ind. Cemetery. The last report is that Ephram Winklepleck was a policeman in Indianapolis. His sister married Ed Baugh and was living in Spencer, Ind. at the time of her father's death.

VIII. Mary C. (called Molly) Biddle was born on March 5, 1866. Molly was married on May 23, 1898 in Sullivan Co, Ind. to Adam Crist, a widower with 2 little daughters, Cora 8 yrs. and Clara 6 yrs. Clara wrote "I remember they told my sister and I they were going fishing when they went to get married." Adam was a coal miner and they lived in the Shilou community near Lewis, Ind. Adam worked in his own slope mine on his farm. He used a mule to pull coal from the mine. Molly's hobby was making quilts and she loved to cook, especially to bake bread. Clara md. Walter Schriver in 1911 and had 2 sons, Clarence and Lester. After Walter died, Clara md. Jesse Clark in 1942 but is a widow since 1952. I don't have any data on her sister. Molly and Adam had one son, Herschel Crist. Herschel married Hazel Ashcraft and lived at Hymera, Ind. They had 2 children, Carol and Larry. Molly died July 15, 1918. Adam Crist died on May 4, 1947, aged 82 yrs. 6 mo and 10 days. Both are buried in Shilou Cem. Neither has a stone marker but if you look very closely you can see their inscriptions scratched in the concrete edge which borders their graves. It lists Mary C. Biddle as "wife of Adam Crist" and as "mother of Adam Herschel Crist and Robert Rowe." The son, Robert md Stella May Sluder on Sept. 25, 1912 but is now deceased.

IX. Edmon Biddle was born about 1868. He lived with his mother till her death (?) and on Sept. 28, 1897 was married to Ella Swabey in Sullivan Co., Ind. They had one dau., Axie Biddle born Jan.14, 1903. Axie married David Buskirk on July 24, 1920. David had 5 grown children by a previous marriage. Axie and David had two children, Edward Luther Buskirk of Kenosha, Wisc and Marie Buskirk Clancy of Cincinnati, Ohio. Ed Biddle, his wife and dau., Axie are buried in Mt. Mariah Cemetery, east of Vandalia but no markers.

X. William Biddle was the youngest child of John E. and Sarah Ann Worley Biddle. He was born about 1870. I have marr. application of Wm, son of John E. Biddle and Sarah Ann Worley Biddle...no date given but his age was 21...so believe he is the Wm Biddle who md. Mary J. Burton in Owen Co. on Oct. 27, 1891. Also said a nephew "Uncle Bill's first wife was named Mary but they separated & no ch. He remarried and believed to have lived around Jasonville." We do know Bill Biddle was alive in July 1918 as was in the group picture taken at the death of his sister, Molly Crist.

In 1875, a wild turkey was killed near Spencer, Ind. by Nathan J. Kinney weight 26 1/2 lb.
Four. Jacob Biddle, the fourth child of John W. and Elizabeth (Gamber) Biddle, was born on August 23, 1824. He was married to Rebecca Davis on October 12, 1849 in Carroll County, Ohio. Rebecca was born in Ohio about 1829. Probably in the fall of 1851, Jacob with Rebecca and two small sons moved to Owen County, Indiana. Jacob Biddle built the first grist and sawmill in the south part of Lancaster, now called Patricksburg, in Marion twp., Owen Co., Indiana. A few years later he sold out to Stephen Maegerlein. Jacob, realizing he didn't have long to live, made out a will on the 3rd of February 1859. He died 10 days later. William Moore and Hamilton Moffet were witnesses to the signing of the will. Jacob named his esteemed friend, James Black, Executor and asked that James sell his property and obtain a farm for the use of his beloved wife. He left all the household goods and furniture to Rebecca and nominated and appointed her guardian of their sons, James Samuel Biddle, John Biddle, Winfield Scott Biddle, Oliver Bruce Biddle and also of their daughter, Ellen Jane Biddle. (The will is 3 pages long but mostly legal terms so I've mentioned all the important data.)

Jacob Biddle died on February 13, 1859, aged 34 years, 5 months and 20 days. He is buried in the cemetery at the southeast edge of Vandalia, Indiana.

The widow, Rebecca Biddle married Joseph Denton on December 13, 1862 in Owen County, Indiana.

I. James Samuel Biddle was born in 1850 in Carroll County, Ohio. He was just a couple years old when his parents moved to Owen Co., Indiana. James Samuel must have died shortly after the death of his father in 1859, as he is not listed with his widowed mother, three brothers and sister Ellen Jans, in the 1860 census.

II. John Biddle was born in 1851 in Ohio, and was just a little tot when the family moved to Indiana. John was 32 years old when he married Margaret Anne Huffman on November 15, 1883 in Clay Co., Indiana. John and Annie lived at Brazil, Indiana. They had one daughter, Coila Biddle, who was born on October 21, 1884. The couple adopted a boy, Austin, who served in World War I. Coila Biddle was married to Emmet Kerins on October 29, 1907. They had one daughter, Margaret who married George James and live in Brazil, Indiana. Coila and Emmet Kerins adopted a girl, Marjorie who married John Kaelber. The Kaelbers live in Brazil, Indiana. They have two sons, John Robert and Bill.

III. Winfield Scott Biddle was born on Sept. 21, 1852 in Marion township, Owen Co., Indiana. Scott Biddle married Martha Ward. Scott and Martha Ann lived at Martinsville, Illinois and later at Sullivan, Indiana. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters. Scott died on January 20, 1916. He and Martha are buried in Center Ridge Cemetery, Sullivan, Indiana.
1. Pearl Biddle, was the oldest child of Winfield Scott Biddle and Martha Ann (Ward) Biddle. Pearl was born on October 16, 1880. She married Harrison Weaver and they lived at Broadlands, Ill. They did not have a family. Pearl died at Broadlands but was buried at Sullivan, Indiana.


3. Daisy Biddle was born on March 4, 1883. She died on October 15, 1903, aged twenty years. She was single.

4. Earl Biddle was born on December 14, 1885 at Martinsville, Illinois. Earl married Leona Wagner. Earl and Leona live in Rockville, Indiana. They have one son and one daughter, Robert Roscoe Biddle was born on Sept. 25, 1905. He married Gladys Lamb. They live at Shelbyville, Illinois. Their children are: Robert Earl, Frances Jane and Frank Rosco. Mildred Louise Biddle was born on February 20, 1908. Louise married Homer Allen Knowles. They live in Danville, Indiana with their adopted son, Guy Allen Knowles. Earl and Leona Biddle took Virginia Hance into their home when she was 15 yrs. old. Virginia Finagar lives at 402 S. Jefferson St., Rockville, Indiana with her daughter, Sharon Kay, who was adopted by Virginia and her late husband, Harold.

5. Charles Robert Biddle was born in October 1888. He married Bertha Mae Shady. Charles died on October 9, 1931. He was killed in an accident in the oilfields. Charles is buried in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The couple had one son, Ray E. Biddle. The Ray Biddles have two sons, Gary R. who is married and has a 3 yr. old son and infant daughter, Julie. Bertha Biddle lives with her son and family at 3607 Trimble Road, Nashville, Tenn.

6. Effie Biddle was born on November 27, 1890. She married William Ranabarger. The couple had one son, Delbert Ranabarger. Effie died in October 1918. She was buried in Highland Lawn Cem. Terre Haute, Indiana.
IV. Oliver Bruce Biddle was born about 1854. Bruce married a lady whose first name was Beulah and they moved to Minot, N. D. shortly after their marriage. They had several children but thru the years lost touch with the relatives so this is all we know of that family.

V. Ellen Jane (called Ella) Biddle was the youngest child of Jacob and Rebecca Davis Biddle and their only daughter. She was born on June 16, 1857. Ella married James C. Mustard on Nov. 29, 1877 in Clay Co., Ind. Jim was a farmer and they lived near Poland, Indiana. Jim and Ella had one son, Robert Bruce and one daughter, Minnie. Ella died Aug. 12, 1922. Jim died Apr. 11, 1941.


2. Minnie Mustard was born on Sept. 25, 1887 at Poland, Ind. She married Winfield Scott Mitchell in 1907, and they lived at Brazil, Ind. They had 4 children. Anna Katherine Mitchell was born on April 26, 1909. She married Roy Rightsell and had two daughters, Dorothy June who married Bill Robertson, Brazil, Ind., and Ruthanne who married Archie Trainer, Live at Clarkston, Wash. Anna Katherine later married Neal Short. They live at Cudasac, Idaho. Virginia Mitchell was born on July 27, 1913. She married Robert Blake. The Blakes have one son, James Edward and live at Kent, Ohio. Helen Mitchell was born on May 30, 1916. She married Fred Payna and lives on R.R. 3, Brazil, Indiana. Their children are: John Alan, Anita Kay, Richard Dale & Sue Ellen. James Mitchell was born on Aug. 8, 1917. He married and has one daughter, Michelle. They live in Arkansas.

Winfield Scott Mitchell died on Nov. 18, 1918. In 1921, Minnie Mustard Mitchell married Lucius Rightsell. They had two sons, Don Rightsell of Brazil and Edward Lee Rightsell of Staunton, Ind. Minnie died Dec. 8, 1953. She is buried in Cottage Hill Cemetery at Brazil, Indiana.

Rebecca (Davis) Biddle Denton and her second husband, Joseph Denton had one child, Hattie E. Denton born on Aug. 13, 1870 at Riley, Indiana. Hattie married May Admire in May 1888. They lived at Poland, Indiana. Hattie and May Admire had one daughter, Eva Admire who was born on Dec. 30, 1895. Eva married George Turley who died on Nov. 29, 1955. Eva married George Mickna & lives at Kevvilas, Texas. Hattie and May Admire also had one son, Jr. For Carl Admire who died in January 1955 at Logansport, Indiana. Hattie Admire died Jan. 29, 1949. She is buried in Presbyterian Cemetery at Poland, Ind.

Rebecca (Davis) Biddle Denton died on Dec. 23, 1900. She is buried in Wilkenson Cemetery, Indiana.
MARY BIDDLE

V. Mary Biddle was the fifth child of John W. and Elizabeth (Gamber) Biddle. She was born sometime in the year 1826. Mary died when 18 years old. She is buried close by her sister, Eliza (Biddle) Baxter in Baxter's Ridge Cemetery in Harrison township, Carroll County, Ohio. Mary's stone is inscribed as follows: "Mary, daughter of J. and E. Biddle, died May 9, 1844, aged 18 years. The old Methodist Church at Baxter's Ridge Cem. is still in use today.

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Tuscola, Ill.
March 26, 1964

Dear Relatives,

It's 10 p.m. and when I get this page filled, I'll have the last stencil typed. If you think it odd that page 10 is my final page, I'll tell you why. I've had to do the typing after I had 3 yr. old Suzy and infant Julie in bed for the night...therefore when I got a family as complete as I figured I could, I typed up that stencil and we ran off the copies when I got several of the stencils ready. I want you to know that Max has been a great help with this research. We've made 4 trips to Owen Co., Indiana in February and March this year, which makes a good 4000 miles we've traveled making trips to Indiana. Max has also operated the dynagraph machine to print all these copies. I appreciate all the times that Alan and Cindy have helped search through more than 30 cemeteries in Owen Co., several in Clay Co., and also at Hymera and Jasonville, Indiana. So you see it's been a family project and we've spent so much time in "Sweet Owen County" that we almost feel like residents. I still have about 20 lines to go so I'll tell you about one of the hardest cemeteries to reach. It's called the Phillips cemetery and is s.w. of Vandalia, Ind. At that time, we were told the only way to reach it was from the south so we left the kids in the car at a farmhouse. First we crawled under an electric fence, walked across a plowed field, across a pasture with "ma" constantly keeping both eyes on a bull while Max blazed a trail through weeds three feet tall, then we forded a creek, climbed over a wooden fence, and walked up the longest hill in Indiana, I think. This was truly an old cemetery as many old sandstones and the last burial we found was in the early 1870's. We've recently heard you can now get to this cemetery from the other side as a road has been opened up part way...so we plan to go again some nice day. Thanks again to all of you who have taken the time to write me again and again. It would indeed be dry reading to just read page after page of names and dates. For that reason, I placed sketches now and then to take one's eye off the print for awhile. This has been a great experience for me, I've met so many nice people and if I kept at this awhile I could learn more about the families of Isaac and John E. Biddle.

I had to stop sometime though so I set April 1 as the deadline & if Max doesn't break his right arm...we'll get the rest of this done tomorrow night.

Sincerely, Virginia
Claysville, Penn. is in Donegal twp. where our Biddles lived from 1817 to about 1824.

West Virginia was first called Virginia and later changed to West Virginia.

**SAMUEL G. BIDDLE AND DESCENDANTS**

Samuel G. Biddle was the sixth child of John W. and Elizabeth (Gambor) Biddle. He was born on May 23, 1829 in Ohio County Virginia (later changed to West Virginia) somewhere near Wheeling. Samuel was about four years old when the family moved to Carroll Co., Ohio. His boyhood was spent on the 77 acre farm purchased by his father in Harrison township. The closest village was Dellroy just 3½ miles due south of the Biddle land. The log house was situated in the valley with hills on all sides. A spring provided the family with cool water year around. We believe Sam got his schooling in a little schoolhouse just one mile from his home. Samuel was 20 years old when he moved to Owen Co., Indiana. He was 5' 10" tall and later wore a close cropped beard. Sam was married to Jane Davis on August 31, 1850 by Thomas Whallon in Owen County. Jane was the daughter of William and Jane Davis, both natives of Ireland. Jane was born in Ohio on April 25, 1831. The young couple lived with her parents for awhile after their marriage. Samuel was a carpenter by trade. They were the parents of three sons and one daughter. One of the sons died in infancy. Jane (Davis) Biddle died when aged 34 years, 11 mo. and 5 days. She died March 30, 1866. Surviving were her husband, son George aged about 14 yrs., Edward Edgar about 7 yrs. and Anna Maude who was just past five months old. Jane was buried on the Davis lot in the cemetery at Vandalia, Indiana.
Children of Samuel G. Biddle and first wife, Jane (Davis) Biddle.

I. George W. Biddle was born about 1852. He married Elizabeth E. (Lizzie) Blair on January 28, 1873 in Clay County, Indiana. George was a brakeman on the Vandalia Railroad and lived in Brazil, Indiana. George and Lizzie had two daughters, Cora and Sybil. Cora E. Biddle was born on August 29, 1875. She married Louis E. Tilley on Jan. 29, 1908 in Clay County, Ind. Sybil J. Biddle was born in 1877. She rode the Interurban to and from her job at Roots Dept. Store in Terre Haute, Indiana. George W. Biddle died when in his 30's...we believe about 1885...No death record available at Brazil courthouse. His widow, Lizzie married George A. Dandurand on April 6, 1892. They had a daughter Helen. Sybil Biddle did not marry. She died at Brazil, Ind. on August 11, 1939, leaving her property to her sister, Cora Tilley and half sister, Helen Ehrlich.

II. Charlie A. Biddle was born about May 4th, 1858. He died on August 2, 1858, aged 2 months and 28 days. On Feb. 28, 1964, my brother, Everette Biddle accompanied Max and I on one of our many "jaunts" to "Sweet Owen Co, Ind." to seek new data. It was then we found the stone of little Charlie, lying face down in the sod. The inscription also said he was the son of S.G. and J. Biddle. The infant was buried in Vandalia, Ind. cemetery near his grandfather, John W. Biddle.

III. Edward Edgar Biddle was born in 1859 or 1860. He was listed as 20 years old in the 1880 census of the city of Brazil, Ind. His occupation was "boarding clerk". Eddie was an artist and died in his early 20's. No marriage record found for him.

IV. Anna Maude Biddle was the youngest child and only daughter of Samuel and Jane Biddle. She was born on October 21, 1865 at Vandalia, Indiana. She played the piano and gave lessons before her marriage. Her favorite song was "The Florina Waltz." Maude was married to Charles A. Henderson on June 10, 1884. Charles was born near Williamstown, Ky. and was quite a horseman. Chas. worked for Samuel G. Biddle in earlier years...they built coal shafts for the mines. When Charles died, he was yard foreman for the largest clay works in Clay County, Indiana. Maude and Charles lost their first child, a son who died at birth in 1886. The infant was buried beside his grandfather, Samuel G. Biddle in Brazil Cemetery. A second son, Harold E. Henderson was born on Christmas Day, 1891 in Brazil, Ind. Charles Henderson died on June 2, 1909. Maude died June 6, 1929. Both are buried in Highland Lawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Indiana. Harold E. Henderson went to Michigan and was married to Clara A. Swanson On January 20, 1917. They have lived all their married life in Michigan. Harold retired on Feb. 1, 1957 after being a Division Sup't for Chrysler Corp. for over 26 years. Harold and Clara live in their lovely home at 16710 Harrison St., Livonia, Michigan. They have one daughter, Margaret who was born in Detroit on Jan. 11, 1924. Margaret married Harry Brown. The Browns have two children, Eilson Roberta born Aug. 22, 1953 and David Mark Brown born on June 3, 1958. The family now lives at Caracas, Venezuela, in South America.
Fourteen months after the death of his first wife, Jane, Samuel C. Biddle married Melissa Curtis. The date was June 5, 1867. Melissa was a good stepmother to the boys who were now 15 & 8 yrs. and Maude was 18 months old. They moved to Brazil, Ind. in the block coal district. Samuel built shafts for the coal mines and bought several lots and some land in Clay Co. Samuel and Melissa became the parents of 5 children. On Jan. 24, 1880 Samuel made out his will. He gave all his properties to his wife, Melissa except for the organ, which he bequeathed to his daughter, Maude. Samuel died 8 days later, on Feb. 1, 1880. His physician, Dr. J.J. Sifford listed consumption, as the cause of death. His age was 50 yrs, 8 mo and 8 days. He was buried in old Cottage Hill Cem. on W. Main St., Brazil at Water Works road. On Nov. 3, 1881, the widow, Melissa Biddle married Charles W. Reed in Clay Co. He was an attorney and in real estate. After the death of Mr. Reed, Melissa later married J.W. Nail, Melissa died Feb. 16, 1913 in Brazil. She is buried beside her daughter, Eula Lizzie Kemp in Cottage Hill Cemetery. Following are the 5 children of Samuel C. and Melissa Biddle:

I. Arby C. Biddle was born in 1868. Arby or Orbie was md to Lora Lathrop on Nov. 27, 1890 in Clay Co. The couple lived in part of the house owned by his mother. Arby died at an early date of tuberculosis and no children born to this union.


Nellie Louise Kemp was born on July 26, 1889. She md. Ray Ramsey in 1908 in Indianapolis. Nellie died on April 30, 1912.

Doyne Louise Kemp was born on Jan. 2, 1892. Doyne married Fred Stewart on Aug. 21, 1908 at Marshall, Ill. They had 1 dau, Helen born Mar. 10, 1910 at Paris, Ill. Helen married Ed Wilkins and lives at 1626 Albany St., Ferndale, Mich. The Wilkins have a son Charles E. who is married and has 2 children. Doyne later married Lawrence Morgan. She died Aug. 30, 1945.

III. Charles Samuel Biddle was born on Jan. 23, 1872 at Brazil, Ind. He md. Theresa Davis on June 27, 1894, a native of England who came to America at age of 7 yrs. They became the parents of 7 children. Theresa died Sept. 15, 1915 and buried in Crown Point Cem, Kokomo, Ind. Charles Samuel Biddle remarried in 1916 in Ft. Wayne, Ind where he was stationed with the Salvation Army Office. He married an Indian woman named Rebecca Tapakoo, who had 8 children. Rebecca had been raised in an orphanage in Shakertown, Ky. Charles died Dec. 21, 1932 and buried beside first wife, Theresa at Kokomo, Ind. Following are the 7 children of Charles and Theresa.
1. Roy Sheldon Biddle, first child of Charles Samuel and Theresa (Davis) Biddle was born at Brazil, Indiana on Oct. 4, 1895. He married Fannia Brown. They had these children: Charles Robert, Theresa Theora, Mildred Louise DeVee, Clarabelle Rose, and Roy Sheldon, Jr. who died in 1933 aged 3 yrs. Roy Sheldon Biddle, Sr. died Feb. 21, 1954 at Kokomo, Indiana.

2. Charles Davis Biddle was born on Dec. 10, 1897 at Brazil, Ind. He married Harriet Koon. They had 2 children, Harry Sheldon and Charles Raymond Biddle. Charles Davis Biddle's second wife was Faye A. Hosler. They had a son, Donald Charles and a daughter, Patricia who died on Feb. 13, 1953, aged 12 years. Charles Davis Biddle died on May 9, 1957, at Fort Wayne, Ind. He is buried there in Covington Garden Cemetery. Faye lives at 2602 Interior Park, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

3. Edith Fay Biddle was born on July 2, 1901 at New Albany, Ind. Edith married a Mr. Mullett and lives at 358 W. 7th St. Peru, Indiana. They had six children: Charles William, Donald Eugene, Norman Wayne, Virgil Walter—died when 3 yrs. old, Richard Lee and Phyllis Jean.


5. Thelma D. Biddle was born at Portland, Indiana on Oct. 14, 1905. She married Joe Hials. Her second husband is Amos Potter. Thelma does not have a family. Her address is: 4120 Frieman St. Hamilton, Ohio.

6. Robert B. Biddle was born on April 29, 1910 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He married Josephine F. Broncek. No children born to this union. The couple lives at 3925 Leesburg Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

7. Harry Edward Biddle was born on June 29, 1912 at Kokomo, Ind. His first wife was Bernice Mitzker. Harry and Bernice had three children, Eldon Leroy, Jo Ann and Theresa. Harry's second wife is Rosemary Gennante. They have one son, Samuel Edward Biddle. Harry's address is: 1222 Schilling—Fort Wayne, Indiana.

IV. Curtis Emory Biddle, fourth child of Samuel G. and Melissa (Curtis) Biddle was born on March 31, 1874. He married Jessie Sherwood on July 8, 1898. Jessie was born at Linton, Indiana. Curtis was a baker so the family lived in several places throughout the Wabash Valley while Curtis followed his profession. Curtis and Jessie became the parents of five children.

1. Theo Biddle was born on April 7, 1900 at Brazil, Indiana. She married Leo Bisch on Feb. 6, 1918. The couple lives at St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana. They have two daughters: Marianne Bisch and Marion Frey. The Frey children are: Leo, Rose Marie who is married and has a 7 mo. old son, David Joseph Vonladntingham, Marie Celeste, Gerald and Marion Frey, Jr.


2. Samuel Sherwood Biddle was born on March 8, 1902 at Brazil, Ind. He married Marguerite Kerstiens on August 26, 1942. S.S. Biddle has been a baker at St. Mary of the Woods College for over 37 years, with five years out while serving as a baker in the Navy in World War II. Samuel has been composing poetry for almost as long as he can remember. He has twice been crowned Poet Laureate of Indiana, first in 1956 and again in 1959.
His poem, "I Can No Longer Mourn" was the prize-winning poem in 1956. It reads:

"She left us when the new year's first full thaw
Had loosened Winter's grip upon the land;
The Spring she would have loved she never saw,
And this year's roses miss her ready hand.
And so do I. But thinking how she bore
The whole world's woes in one compassoned heart,
How fates of nameless waifs could hurt her more
Than all the pain that came to be her part
In the long months that bound her to her bed,
And all the strains her fragile frame had borne
And how she sleeps so sweetly now instead,
Then, suddenly, I can no longer mourn!
When Love and Bread, Earth's famished ones all know
Then I might wish her here to see it so."

Samuel and Marguerite Biddle live at 2338 Hulman St, Terre Haute, Indiana.

3. Betty Biddle was born on May 10, 1904 at Jasonville, Ind. She married Frank Lyman. They had one son, Thomas. Thomas and wife, Carol Lyman live at Mt. Prospect, Ill and have 4 children. Betty is now Mrs. Charles Pierce and lives in Appleton, Wisc.

4. Frances Tryphena Biddle was born on August 17, 1914 at Paris, Illinois. She is single and lives at 719 S. 7th St, in Terre Haute, Ind. Frances works in the bakery with her brother at St. Mary of the Woods College.

5. Catherine Biddle was born on June 4, 1919 at Terre Haute. She married Gordon Nickel on April 17, 1942. They have 4 children Kathy, David and twins, Robert and Roberta. They live at 1415 St. Clair Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.


Five. Harry A. Biddle, youngest child of Samuel G. and Melissa (Curtis) Biddle was born in February 1876. Harry died on Nov. 25, 1879, aged 3 yrs. and 9 months. He is buried beside his father in Old Cottage Hill Cemetery, Brazil, Indiana.
Seven. Sarah Biddle was born in Carroll County, Ohio on the 29th of September, 1833. She was just past sixteen years old when she moved with her parents and brothers to Owen Co., Ind. On August 19, 1852, Sarah was married to Richard G. Reynolds in Owen County. Richard was born on Jan. 2, 1833 at Clery, Ohio. Richard was 5' 11" had brown hair and blue eyes. He entered Co. H. 59th Indiana Infantry in August 1862 and served almost three years in the Civil War. He was mustered out at Washington D.C. on May 31, 1865. Richard and Sarah were the parents of four children, Caroline, Samuel, William and James. The family moved to Jass Loop, Guthrie Co., Iowa in the early 1880's where Richard purchased land. He farmed and was also a brick mason. Richard G. Reynolds died on July 18, 1886. He is buried in West Cemetery at Panora, Iowa. Sarah was married to Granville P. Cromwell on Sept. 8, 1904 at Panora, Iowa. Granville was born in Owen Co., Indiana on July 8, 1836. He, too was in the Civil War and the memory of the bad treatment he received while in Libby Prison remained strong in his mind. He was discharged from Co. I. 1st. Reg't Indiana Volunteer Heavy Artillery on Jan. 10, 1866. Granville and Sarah had known each other since childhood and somehow met in later years. Granville died on Oct. 25, 1911 in the National Military Home at Leavenworth, Kansas. He is buried in a Nat'l Cemetery. Sarah was an excellent practical nurse and helped many people. When her sons were young, she made their suits from the wool she carded. Sarah couldn't write as in those early days it wasn't thought necessary for a girl to have any schooling. She wove beautiful coverlets or counterpanes as they were called in the old days, with fancy designs and lovely colors. Sarah liked to make comforters and made large ones 90" by 110". She was badly burned when a kerosene lamp exploded by her bedside. She lived through the night but died early on Sept. 10, 1916. She is buried beside her first husband at West Cemetery, Panora, Iowa.

Following are the four children of Richard and Sarah Reynolds.

1. Caroline Reynolds was born in Owen Co., Indiana about 1854. She married Isaac S. Harger on March 5, 1876. She died within a few years and had no children.

2. Samuel Reynolds was born about 1856 as listed as 4 years old in the 1860 census of Owen Co., Ind. He died about 1875, aged nineteen years, from tuberculosis.

3. William Martin Reynolds was born on Dec. 20, 1859. He was married to Annie Ethelina Everly in Owen Co., Indiana on Feb. 23, 1882. "Ethie" was born on Feb. 10, 1864. William and Ethie moved to Panora, Iowa where their first child, Bruce Austin Reynolds was born on June 23, 1884. In 1885, the government opened up land in western Kansas near where Protection and Ashland now stand. William and family went there to prove up an 160 acres of land. They built a 2 room sod shanty and used buffalo chips and cotton wood as fuel. The area was an open prairie at the time. Two brothers of Ethie, Bruce and Ellsworth Everly joined them. The baby Bruce was sick a lot with stomach trouble due to the alkali water the well produced. After the claim was proved up, they sold it and went to Wichita. Ellsworth Everly returned to Indiana for a time and Bruce Everly settled in Colorado. Later William, Ethie and little Bruce moved to Arkansas City, Kansas. Their second child, Maudie was born there on Dec. 26, 1886. She died when only thirteen months old. Grandmother Sarah Biddle Reynolds stayed with them there as William was an
Indian agent for the Pawnee Reservation, 75 miles from Arkansas City. It was his job to see the Indians were getting treated fair. He made the trips back and forth on a buckskin palomino named Charlie. Charlie was noted for his speed and stamina. On Sept. 18, 1893, the Cherokee strip in Oklahoma territory was opened up for settlement. William staked out a claim eight miles from Arkansas City. At first he built a temporary house, then later a larger house and lived there for eighteen years. The town of Newkirk was just two miles south. A daughter, Mary Mabel, was born on this land on June 8, 1896. A son, Raymond Ellsworth Reynolds was born on Jan. 17, 1902. Ellsworth Everly came back, built a house in Newkirk where he lived the remainder of his life. William Reynolds was the restless type. The family lived in California, Oklahoma, Texas and back to Wichita where William died. Ethel died Aug. 24, 1939.

Bruce Austin Reynolds was married on July 5, 1907 to Evelena Hall. They had six children. Sybil married Hank Schroder. They have one daughter, Lois married, has one son and lives in Harlingen, Texas. Evelyn married, has 1 son and 2 daughters and lives in Victoria, Texas. Dwight and family live in El Monte, Calif. He has six children. Phyllis married, has 4 daughters and lives at Alice, Texas. Bruce died in infancy. Bruce Austin Reynolds died of a heart attack on Feb. 3, 1938. His wife died Feb. 24, 1938. They are buried in Newkirk, Okla. Cemetery.

Mary Mabel married David A. Curry. They live at 411 Orchard St., Carthage, Missouri. David served 13 months overseas in World War I. They are the parents of the following five children:

- Paul Harold Curry was born on March 6, 1921 at Red Oak, Missouri. He married Mary Wells Coles on Jan. 20, 1949. Paul served three and one half yrs. in the Air Force during World War II. Paul and Mary have three children, George Harrison, Karen Sue & Stephen Paul. They live at 1510 Kentucky St., Joplin, Missouri.
- Ruth Arlene Curry was born June 20, 1922. She married Raymond David Sutton on Dec. 20, 1947. Raymond served as a paratrooper for about 3½ yrs. in the European theatre in World War II. Their children are Bonnie Marie and Brice David. The family lives at 4404 Wyoming Ave. Tampa 16, Florida.
- Leon Ray Curry was born June 17, 1924. He married Betty Schell on Feb. 27, 1946. Their son is Michael David. Leon served 3½ years in the Air Force in World War II. On April 18, 1954, Leon was married to Mildred Edwards. They have one daughter, Kathleen Ann.
- Dorothy Ann was born Oct. 6, 1935. She died Aug. 19, 1937.
- David Richard was born June 23, 1937. He married Doris Marcones Lindsay on Jan. 27, 1956. Their children are: Randall Charles, Peggy Sue and Brent Alan. The family lives at Carthage, Mo.

Raymond Ellsworth Reynolds married Mabel Kirkpatrick in Wichita, Kansas on May 29, 1922. Mabel was born May 2, 1905 in Creston, Iowa. Raymond worked for the Railway Mail Service. He is now retired and he and Mabel live at 952 North Belmont, Wichita 8, Kansas. Their children are:

- Colleen Rae— born on May 28, 1923 in Council Bluff, Iowa. She married Lawrence Townsend on Oct. 16, 1943 in Ephrata, Washington. Lawrence was born on Sept. 2, 1917. They reside in Wichita and have three children, Lynn Rae, Rhonda Sue and Garry.
- Patricia Ruth was born on Jan. 11, 1925. She married James Ellis on Oct. 25, 1946. They had two sons, Charles R. and Bruce E. Patricia died Sept. 24, 1960 in Colorado Springs, Colo. She is buried in Wichita. James remarried and lives in Oklahoma City, Ok.
William M. Reynolds, youngest child of Raymond E. Reynolds and Mabel Kirkpatrick Reynolds was born on May 20, 1928. William teaches speech and debate in Washington, D. C. He is single.

4. James R. Reynolds, youngest child of Sarah Biddle Reynolds and Richard G. Reynolds was born on July 9, 1867. James was married to Edna Kerr of Owen County on Dec. 11, 1890 in Owen County, Indiana. Edna Kerr was the daughter of Armstrong and Diana Kerr. She was born on Sept. 30, 1868 near Patricksburg, Indiana. James and Edna had four children, all born in Panora, Iowa. James Reynolds was a farmer but was also a brick mason as were his father and brother William. Some of the brick buildings they put up in Panora are still standing. James died Dec. 10, 1950. Edna died July 3, 1951. They are buried on the same lot with Richard G. and Sarah Biddle Reynolds in West Cemetery on highway 64 just west of Panora, Iowa. Ernest Armstrong Reynolds was born on June 10, 1892. Ernest was married to Marie Morris on Dec. 25, 1914. They lost their first child, Morris M. was killed in an elevator accident in Yale, Iowa in 1957. Their daughter is Lola Louise Monther. The Monthers have two daughters and live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Ernest Reynolds is a retired farmer.

Elston Roy Reynolds was born on November 20, 1893. Roy was married to Bernice Burchfield on March 1, 1919. The couple has one daughter, Mary Jane Pasco of 7212 Douglas in Des Moines, Ia. The Pascoes have two daughters, Vicki who was 15 and Valerie who was 11 years old when I received this information. Roy Reynolds is retired from farming but is still active in the federal grain program. He is presently chairman of the Dallas County A.S.C.S. The couple lives on their farm near Yale, Iowa. Ruby Reynolds was born on October 28, 1895. She married Russell Parker in 1918. Ruby was expecting her first child when she got the flu and died on December 12, 1918. She is buried in Prairie Center Cemetery.

Ralph Reynolds was born on July 5, 1897. Ralph married Vivian Fifer at Panora, Iowa in February 1919. The couple lost their first child. Ralph Reynolds, Jr. is married, has 3 sons and one daughter. The family lives in Bellevue, Nebraska. Ralph, Jr. is a Major in the United States Air Force and presently stationed at the base at South Omaha, Nebraska. Jean Reynolds is married, has two sons and lives in Denver, Colorado. Joan Reynolds is married, has three children and lives at Dallas, Iowa. Ralph and Vivian Fifer Reynolds live at Linden, Iowa. Ralph is still engaged in farming.

Note—from VBT. Most of the information on this page was sent to me by E. Roy Reynolds of Yale, Iowa. On June 23, 1963, we had stopped overnight at Springbrook State Park, west of Des Moines, Iowa... while enroute home from a 7100 mile trip west. As we planned our route, we discovered we were just a few miles from Yale, Iowa where Roy and Bernice Reynolds live. We stopped in Yale and learned the directions to their farm. We later learned we met the couple as we were on the way to their home. We did see the nice farm home and maybe we'll get to meet them yet.
VIII. George Biddle, eighth child of John W. and Elizabeth (Gamber) Biddle was my great grandfather. He was born on Jan. 23, 1836 in Harrison twp, Carroll Co., Ohio and lived there til the family sold out in Ohio in fall of 1849. George was 13 yrs. old at the time and spent the remainder of his life in Lafayette twp., Owen Co., Indiana except for time serving in Civil War. He was the oldest boy at home when his father died in Sept. 1850. On May 15, 1859, George Biddle married Eliza Miriah Kerr. Rev. George Jackson performed at the ceremony. Eliza, daughter of John and Ann (Armstrong) Kerr was born in Holmes Co., Ohio on Dec. 23, 1840. She came to Owen Co. when 6 yrs. old and rec'd what little education she could by walking 3 or 4 miles to school a few weeks each year. A second house was erected on the John W. Biddle farm and it was here that the first three children were born. George Biddle was 5'8" tall, fair complexion, brown hair and hazel eyes. He was 28 yrs. old and a healthy robust man when he was drafted in the service as a private in Co. E. of the 57th Reg't. of Indiana Volunteers, commanded by Addison M. Dunn. Eliza was left with Rob 4½ yrs., Elizabeth Ann 2 yrs. and Mary (Molly) was just 2 months old. Late in the afternoon of the 30th day of November 1864, George was captured by the rebel forces, taken to Columbia, Tenn., marched til they came to Alabama River, on to Montgomery and finally to the horrible Andersonville prison. Geo. slept on the cold damp ground for first two weeks but managed to get a canvas and built a shelter. Food was poor and drinking water was worse. He became ruptured while attempting to carry a huge log from the outside into the prison pen for he and his bunkmates. He contracted rheumatism in his hips, suffered from scurvy and heart trouble as well as diarrhea from which many of the prisoners died. Late in April 1865, George was released and got into the Union lines at Jacksonville, Fla., then was taken by steamer to Annapolis, Md. and from there to Columbus, Ohio where he was honorable discharged at Camp Chase on June 15, 1865. In 1866, George Biddle bought land just 2½ miles south of where he had lived since 1849. The couple had ten more children, making a total of thirteen, with all reaching maturity but one son who died when 1 month old. Dr. Charles H. Willigman was the family physician from July 1856 till 1880 when he moved his practice to Clay Co., Ind. As the years went by, George was considered 3/4 disabled for manual labor but worked when he could chopping wood and clearing his land. In 1898, George bought more land and moved ½ mile north to a house and 10 acres located on the Spencer-Patricksburg Pike, and lived there until his death which occurred on November 15, 1906. He is buried at Splinter Ridge Cemetery now known as Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The couple's son Joseph lived with his mother. Despite her advanced years, Eliza Biddle enjoyed good health and was not satisfied unless doing something in the nature of productive work. On Wednesday evening, July 2, 1919, she was in the cellar churning butter to sell to a huckster when she suddenly died of heart failure. She was buried beside George in Splinter Ridge Cemetery.
A Civil War Letter

Jacksonville, Florida
May 3, A.D. 1865

Well, Eliza, it is with the fondest of pleasure I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am still on the land and among the living, and I truly hope these few lines may find you and mother and the children well. I am in tolerable health at this time. I have had the rheumatism a good deal but am well of it now. I will tell you about my travels. I was captured November 30 and taken to Fort Miser, Tennessee, stayed there a few days and was marched to Meridian, Mississippi where I was until the 20th of April. On the 28th of April, I got into the Yankee lines at Jacksonville, Florida, where I am yet.

I got a new suit of clothes yesterday and it makes me feel proud. Well, I must tell you what I got to eat in prison, one pint of meal, not sifted, half pint of peas, five ounces of meat, three spoonsful of sorghum. That was what I got for a day's rations, but Uncle Sam has plenty to eat. I get fresh bread, sugar, coffee, tea, molasses, fish, potatoes, beef, rice and onions. George Crab and Bill Crall and Sam Weaver and I mess together. We went out last night and brought in five fat hens and we had a gay mess. I would like to see you all first rate and have a small chat. I could tell you more than I can write. I don't think it will be long till I get home for the war is about played out. The damned Rebs are coming in here every day. The Colonel commanding the post at Balden came in here yesterday to surrender up his forces. Then I must tell you how the damned brutes served me when they took me prisoner. They took my overcoat, blanket, shirt, underwear, socks, gloves, knife, knapsack, canteen and comfort.

But enough of that, I think we will start to Annapolis, Maryland in a few days to parole camp and I think all the Indiana boys will be sent to Indianapolis from there. I must bring these few crooked lines to a close and go to camp and get supper. I am in a colored soldiers tent writing. He gave me this paper and envelope and ink. I tell you they are gay looking soldiers. Tell Roby and Lizzie Ann to be good children till I come home and I will bring them something pretty. I would like to see the baby and all the rest of the folks. I heard that Joseph was exchanged and had got a furlough home. Tell Bob, Tunis, John and Amos that I will write to them as soon as I can get some paper. I send my best respects to all Union friends but can't go a cent on a Reb. So no more at this time. But I remain,

Yours until death

George Biddle

Note from V.T.:--
The "Bob" mentioned would be Robert Kerr, Eliza's brother.
"Tunis" was Tunis Everly, husband of Eliza's sister, Matilda.
"John" and "Amos" were George's brothers.
George was discharged on June 19, 1865. His brother Joseph rec'd his discharge in Sept. 1865. -20-
Last Will of George Biddle
Jan. 26, 1907

Being in my right mind and of a disposing mood, I hereby make my last and only will.

First- I bequeath to my beloved wife, Eliza during her natural life, 10 acres of land on which we now live with house and barn and situated on Spencer & Patricksburg Pike road, also horse named Grant, if alive at my death, 1 cow, all household goods, furniture and buggy.

Second- I also bequeath to my son, Joseph A. Biddle, the above 10 acres of land at my wife's death, during his life time, at his death to revert to my legal heirs.

Third- I give to Madge Fulk, my grand daughter $25. I appoint Robert A. Biddle, my executor. I desire that the balance of my personal property be sold and that the remainder of my land 100 and 45 and a fraction over be sold by Robert at fair deal and out of proceeds he erect to my grave a suitable monument, pay all my just and honest debts and pay daughter Diana Myers $25 in place of a cow she was to have when she was married, pay to my son Wm. Fred $80. in place of a horse he was to have received when he was of age and rest of my money, I desire to be distributed equally among my children- Robert A., Elizabeth A., Mary A. Rosalie Diane, Tunis, James, Florence, Fred, Ada.

Witneses-John Dayhuff
W. Fred Biddle

Here are part of the people who vouched they knew George Biddle and helped him get an increase in his pension... Richard G. Reynolds, Thomas Ault, Jacob Humble, Dr. Wm. Williams, Wm. Crall, Curtis C. Halton, John W. Boiling, Wm. Fender, Mary S. Harger, Joseph W. Robinson, Elias Dayhuff, Tunis Everly, John M. Leonard, Geo. W. Watts, Dr. Chas. H. Willigman, all friends or relatives, of George and all the other Biddles in that area. Elias Dayhuff was born in Carroll Co., Ohio near the Biddle farm and had been a close neighbor to George for 44 yrs. in Owen Co., Ind. Wm. Crall or Crawl (he couldn't write so I found it spelled both ways) first met George in Andersonville prison. They were bunkmates. Wm. told of how he 'hooked' sweet potatoes from a sutlers stand...as heard they were good for scurvy. A sutlers stand was owned by a merchant who usually followed the troops and sold their food, etc. to soldiers for very high prices. Since Wm. was a prisoner...he had no money. John W. Boiling knew the Biddles since 1854. He was in the service with Joseph Biddle. He told of a visit soon after his return from the service and on another visit he went to make a trade and did make it. Richard Reynolds was the husband of George's sister, Sarah. Tunis Everly was the husband of George's wife's sister, Matilda. Mary S. Harger was a younger sister of Eliza, George Biddle's wife. All the signatures were obtained from photostatic copies.

Savine Biddle.

Tunis Everly

Richard G. Reynolds

Mary S Harger.

Charles H. Willigman.
I. Robert Armstrong Biddle was the first child of George and Eliza Biddle. He was born on January 3, 1860 at the family homestead in Lafayette township, Owen Co., Ind. Rob was just four years old when his father was away for a year fighting in the Civil War. He rec'd his education in the common schools of the township. He passed the exam for a teacher's license and taught in the Owen county schools for 17 years. Among the district schools in which he served as teacher were the Gray School at Freedom, Raleigh, Gourineck and Splinter Ridge schools of Lafayette township and the precinct school No. 2 of Jefferson township. Through all these years of teaching, he pursued his vocation of farming. On April 7, 1883, Rob Biddle was united in marriage to Lavina Ellen Johnson. They were the parents of four daughters and a son who died at birth. In later years, Rob and Lavina moved from the farm, which was located east of Patricksburg on the Spencer-Patricksburg Pike. They moved into Patricksburg where Rob was engaged, for a time, in the feed and poultry business with Samuel E. Halton. Later he served as the Postmaster for twelve years... until failing health compelled his retirement. For more than forty years, Rob was a Sunday school teacher and a member of various church boards. In early manhood, he rec'd the license of Exhorter or local preacher, which was renewed from time to time by the District Conference. Robert Armstrong Biddle died Feb. 5, 1943, aged 83 years, 1 mo. and 2 days.

1. Bertha V. Biddle was born on February 9, 1884. She married Marvin Lucas on March 19, 1904 in Owen Co., Ind. In 1905, they moved to a farm near Hume, Illinois. Bertha told me of the trip which was made in two farm wagons filled with their clothing, farm equipment and furniture. A hired man accompanied them. They got to Terre Haute about dark and finally found a room for the night. They stayed two years at Hume but returned to Owen Co. Marvin was Sheriff of Owen County from 1924 to 1928. He died on June 10, 1935 and buried in Riverside Cemetery. Bertha lives in Spencer, Indiana. Their six children are:

- Roxa Lucas was born on Nov. 12, 1904. She married Leo Kaiser and live at Centerpoint, Indiana. They have one daughter, Carolyn June Kaiser, born March 24, 1935, who married Harold Beasley. The Beasleys have two children, Mark Stephen born Feb. 18, 1959 and Marsha Sue, born on Sept. 21, 1962.

- Leota Lucas was born on Jan. 27, 1908. She married Loy Maegarlein & lives at Spencer, Ind. They have one son, John Marvin Maegarlein, born Oct. 1, 1929. He is married and has a son, Joe Michael, born Aug. 5, 1958.

- Ruth Lucas was born on June 2, 1909. She married Ralph Sindlinger and they live at Indianapolis, Ind. Their daughter, Marilyn Sue Sindlinger was born on Jan. 7, 1934. She married Harold Ison and their children are: Diana Jean, born Dec. 9, 1953, Nancy Lynn, born Oct. 31, 1955, Gregory Loren born Sept. 16, 1960.

- Robert H. Lucas was born on July 13, 1912. He married Edith Street. They live at Spencer, Ind, where Robert is Owen County Circuit Clerk. Robert and Edith have three sons: James Robert Lucas was born on Sept. 20, 1937. He is married and have a daughter, Sandra Ann born Nov. 28, 1960 and daughter Susan Lyn Lucas born Feb. 25, 1962.

Thomas Michael Lucas, youngest child of Robert and Edith Lucas was born on Nov. 8, 1953.


June Gay Wickens was born June 18, 1948. Keith Steven Wickens was born Jan. 18, 1953.


2. Ernestine E. Biddle was born on August 26, 1892. She married Walter E. White on Sept. 18, 1912. They live in Patricksburg, Ind and have eight children:

Pauline White was born on Nov. 4, 1913. She married Earl Reams, R. R. 1 Clay City, Ind. Children are—Don, Jim, Bob, Sharon, Sammy and Lynetta.

Irma White was born on December 19, 1915. Irma married Ernest Dayhuff, R. R. 1 Clay City, Indiana. They have two children, Nancy and Ernest, Jr. who are both married.

Evelyn White was born on February 12, 1918. Evelyn married Ocie Bonnewell and they live at Cayuga, Indiana. They have three children, Bob, Janet Kay and Arletta Sue.

Mary White was born on April 11, 1921. She married Carl Rea and lives at Bloomington, Indiana. Their daughter, Sandra is married. Virginia Ester White, born Jan. 12, 1923. Died, aged 9 months.

Betty White was born on Dec. 1, 1925. Betty married Wm. Hauser. Their address is R. R. 1 Coal City, Ind. Their children are Jack William Hauser and Peggy Diann Hauser.

John Robert White was born on March 23, 1929. He married Glandora Brown. They have one son, Jeff and live at Indianapolis, Ind.

Patricia White was born on Jan. 28, 1933. She married Leon Hochstetler. Children are Lynn and Kevin. Live at Plainfield, Ind.


John Robert White was born on March 23, 1929. He married Glandora Brown. They have one son, Jeff and live at Indianapolis, Ind.

4. Son of Rob't and Lavina Biddle died at birth.

5. Mildred Biddle was born on March 19, 1900. She married John Schmalz on Dec. 23, 1920. They live at R.R.1 Bowling Green, Ind. John and Mildred have three daughters: Vivian was born on Dec. 25, 1922. Vivian married Bill Sims. Their sons are Russell born July 3, 1947 and Ray born Sept. 1, 1954. The Sims live at 3151 Cleveland Ave. Michigan City, Ind. Roberta Schmalz was born on Nov. 7, 1927. She married Bill Morris, Spencer, Ind. Their daughter, Karla was born June 13, 1956. Priscilla Susan Schmalz was born on April 13, 1932. She married Bob Tandy. The family lives at New Market, Ind. Bradley Tandy was born on February 9, 1959. Pamela Tandy was born on July 26, 1962.
II. Elizabeth Ann Biddle was born on June 7, 1862. She married John Dayhuff on Dec. 3, 1889. John was a farmer and the couple lived most of their married life near Patricksburg, Indiana. Elizabeth's hobby was growing flowers. Three children were born to this union: Selma, Banning and Roxa. John Dayhuff died on March 12, 1913. Elizabeth died on June 24, 1930, aged 68 years, 17 days. They are buried in the Massocnia Cemetery near Vandelle, Indiana. This cemetery lies just north of the farm which Elizabeth's grandfather, John Biddle bought when he moved to Owen County from Carroll County, Ohio in the fall of 1849.

1. Selma Dayhuff was born on Sept. 21, 1890. She married Wm. Hauser on Feb. 14, 1911. They live on R. R. 1 Coal City, Ind. Their children are: Lena Hauser was born on Sept. 20, 1911. She married Thomas Dunigan. Their first son, Lawrence Lyle Dunigan died when only 10 days old. A second son, Warren Devon Dunigan was born on Feb. 20, 1936. He married Mary Hutcherson. Lena Hauser Dunigan died on June 15, 1960.

Selma Dayhuff was born on June 12, 1913. She married Elmer Newkirk. They live at R. R. 1 Ellettsville, Ind. No children.

Theodore Hauser was born on March 30, 1915. He married Mabel Shouse. They have one son, Gary Dean Hauser and a daughter, Sharon Anne Hauser. Gary married Lurita Jones. They live in Denver, Colo. Sharon Anne married Douglas Dalton. The Dalton's have one child, Angela. They live near Coal City, Ind.

Maxine Hauser was born on Aug. 12, 1917. She married Howard Imman and live at Coal City, Ind. Their children are: Janice, Tessabel, July, Douglas and Brad. Janice was born Feb. 14, 1935. She married Low Wallace and have one child, Stephanie Wallace. Tessabel was born May 27, 1936. Judy was born April 10, 1940. She married Gene Feltz and one son, Brent. Douglas was born on Dec. 8, 1941. Brad was born on Dec. 27, 1958.

Dewey Hauser was born on Nov. 25, 1919. He married Evelyn Sneath. They live at Plainfield, Ind. Their children: Lynne & Mark Marjorie Hauser was born on Oct. 6, 1922. She married Charles Main. Their daughter, Charlene was born on Feb. 25, 1948.


Rosalie Hauser was born on Mar. 30, 1928. She married Archie Brumfield. They had 2 sons, Lonnie born July 14, 1947 and Lynn born July 23, 1950. Rosalie is now married to Don Easton. They live at Patricksburg, Ind.

2. Banning Reid Dayhuff was born on May 4, 1894. He married Wilma Richards on Aug. 6, 1921 at Palestine, Ill. They lived most of their married life at Patricksburg. Their two children are: Zeta June and David. Banning died July 5, 1960. He is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Spencer, Indiana. Zeta June was born on Jan. 16, 1926. She married James Kin. No children. The couple lives in Indianapolis. David Dayhuff was born on Aug. 29, 1932. He married Mary Pinkerton. They live in Mooresville, Ind. Children are: Ila Lynne and William Reid Dayhuff.

3. Roxa Boyrl Dayhuff was born on April 6, 1899 at Patricksburg, Indiana. She was married to Harry Selzer on Dec. 28, 1933 at Bloomington, Indiana. Harry was born on May 9, 1896. They do not have children. Roxa and Harry live at Ellettsville, Ind.
Mary (Mollie) Angeline Biddle was born on July 10, 1864 in Lafayette township in Owen County, Indiana. Mollie was married to William Austin Bonnewell on August 4, 1889. W. A. Bonnewell was a farmer and the couple lived at Arney, Indiana. They had four sons and one daughter. Mollie was struck by an automobile as she walked home from a parent-teachers meeting and died from injuries on June 26, 1932. Her age was 67 years, 11 months & 16 days. Mollie and her husband are buried in Mt. Miriah Cemetery about three miles southeast of Vandalia, Indiana. Following are their children:

1. George Bonnewell was born on June 10, 1892. He married Ella Gullimore. Their three children are Evelyn, Wilbur and Vivian. George is retired and lives at 539 S. Washington, Bloomington, Ind.

2. Wayne Bonnewell was born on September 13, 1893 at Spencer, Indiana. He married Ellen Jane (called Nellie) Fraser at Sioux City, Iowa. Wayne dropped one "n" off his last name when he joined the army in 1917. Wayne and Nellie moved to Arkansas in Dec. 1934. They live on R. R. 1 Rudy, Ark. which is located 13 miles n.e. of Van Buren, Ark. Wayne is a retired farmer but still raises cattle. Their children are:
   a. Charles Wayne Bonnewell born July 18, 1922. He married Dorothy Crum and have one daughter, Kathy. Live at San Antonio, Texas.
   b. Bonnie Jean Bonnewell was born on Feb. 24, 1925. She lives at San Antonio, Texas.
   c. Robert Allen Bonnewell was born on February 8, 1927. He married Edna Coleman and have three children, David Allen, Marsha Jane and Janet Diane. Address is R.R. 1 Rudy, Arkansas.
   d. Donald Bonnewell was born on January 6, 1934. Donald married Betty Bayakin. They have one son, Ronald Dale, and live on R.R. 1 Rudy, Arkansas.
   e. Dorothy Ellen Bonnewell was born on November 4, 1941. She married Gale Bennett. The Bennetts have two daughters, Melanie Kaye and Cindy Gale. Address is R.R. 1, Rudy, Arkansas.

3. Selba Bonnewell was born on January 19, 1900. He married Molly White. They have two sons and a daughter, Bernice. Selba is retired. Their address is 2116 Procter, Peoria, Illinois.

4. Robert Paul Bonnewell was born on January 8, 1903. Robert married Muriel Hylden and has two sons, Paul Douglas Bonnewell and Mark Wayne Bonnewell. Robert is janitor at a school in Indianapolis, Indiana. His address is 7105 Dalegard, Indianapolis, Ind.

5. Florence Bonnewell was born on February 8, 1906 at Spencer, Indiana. She married Ivan Tischer and lived at Bloomington, Ind. The couple had one daughter who died when about one year old. Florence died in 1925 and is buried at Bloomington, Indiana.
IV. Rosalie Biddle was born on October 1, 1866. She married Vonlangingham Pugh. Rosalie and Lang lived in Owen County, Knox County and Greene County, Indiana. They were the parents of 7 children, although only three reached maturity. Lang died on the 23rd of December in 1914. Rosalie died August 19, 1940. They are buried at Worthington, Indiana.

1. Homer Curtis Pugh was born on Nov. 11, 1888. He married Ethel Oliphant. They had two children, Robert and Mary Jane. Robert lives in California with his wife and four children. Mary Jane lives in Florida. Homer Pugh died July 28, 1955 at Indianapolis. He is buried at Worthington, Indiana.

2. John Pugh was born in July 1891. Johnnie died on July 11, 1893, aged two years.

3. Nellie Ruth Pugh was born on July 11, 1893 at Freedom, Indiana. She married Ovid W. Merrill. They had one son, William born in October 1920 at Worthington, Indiana. William and wife live at Tarmel, California. No children born to this union. After the death of her husband, Nellie Merrill sold her home in Indiana. She left Indiana in July 1950 and bought a house in Pacific Grove, Calif. Her address is 247 17 Miles Drive.

4. Florence Mable Pugh was born on Dec. 9, 1894. In March 1912, Florence was married to Richard Yardley. In June 1917, the couple moved to Washington, D. C. where Dick worked for the government. They moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1937. Dick was attorney for the U.S. Gov't Interstate Commerce Commission. He died on April 15, 1957. Dick and Florence were the parents of the following seven children:

   a) Robert Pugh Yardley was born on Jan. 28, 1913. He married Ocie Emsweiler. Bob works in the Post Office at Annapolis, Md. They live in Rina, Md. Bob and Ocie have one son, Robert, Jr. He is married and they have one son, Kenneth.

   b) Mary Rosalind Yardley was born on Sept. 6, 1914. She married Harry Morgan. Their daughter, Sandra married Bob Swank and have one child. The Morgan's live on Valencia Dr., Decatur, Georgia. Virginia Nella was born on June 14, 1918. She married Alvin Williams. They have one son, Alvin, Jr. and live at 1534 Melrose Dr., Atlanta, Georgia. Richard K. Yardley was born on Feb. 10, 1921. He married Ellen Loslich in Germany. They live in Giessen, Germany where Richard is the Purchasing Officer for the Quartermaster's Office. The couple has one son, Richard Randolph Yardley. Rebecca Elizabeth Yardley was born Dec. 13, 1922. She married Gerald T. Young. Their children are: Gerald, Jr., Victoria Anne, Richard Hobard and Cynthia Sinclair. The family lives at 766 Virginia Circle, Atlanta, Georgia. Paul Keith Yardley was born on March 17, 1927. Keith married Mildred Grubb. They have two daughters, Nancy and Barbara. The family lives on Pinchill Drive, Decatur, Georgia. Susan Margaret Yardley was born on July 17, 1931. She married C. Gene Jones. They live at 2950 Shiloh Drive, Decatur, Ga. Their children are: Gene, Jr., Sherrill, Deborah Anne and Patricia Elaine.

5. Bessie Pugh was born about 1896, died when about 2 yrs of age.

6. Mary Pugh was born in 1898 and died in infancy. She is buried at Dutch Bathal Cemetery near Freedom, Indiana beside Johnnie and Bessie.

7. The youngest child of Rosalie Biddle Pugh and Lang Pugh was an infant daughter born in 1902. She is buried in Busseron Christian Church Cemetery near Oaktown in Knox Co., Indiana.
V. Diana Matilda Biddle was born on Aug. 15, 1868 on a farm in Owen County, Ind. When a young woman, she went to Newman, Ill. where she worked in the home of Mr. Issac Covert and his sister-in-law. Diana met Jeremiah (known as Tim) Myers. They were married in Terre Haute, Indiana by Rev. Robert Kerr. Tim was born on May 14, 1871 east of Hume, Ill. Tim and Diana lived on a farm near Hume. They were the parents of two children, Lucile and Waldo. Diana died July 4, 1911 from complications. She is buried in the cemetery at Newman, Ill. After Diana's death, a sister of Tim named Sally Clark took Lucile and Waldo. However after one year, a cousin Fred Clark married. Fred worked on the farm and his wife kept house, so Lucile went home to live but the aunt raised Waldo. Tim died on Jan. 2, 1958 and is buried beside Diana.

1. Lucile Myers was born on Sept. 14, 1901 on a farm 4½ miles southwest of Hume, Ill. and has lived most of her life in that area. She was married to Warren Bowyer on Aug. 31, 1919 at Hume. Warren was born on Nov. 6, 1899 at Solon, Ind. Lucile and Warren were the parents of two sons, Virgil and Steve. Warren Bowyer died on May 14, 1962. He is buried in Young America cemetery at Hume, Ill.

Virgil Warren Bowyer was born on June 23, 1921. He was married to Jane Wallace on June 28, 1945 in Wewoka, Okla. Virgil was in the Infantry from Sept11, 1942 until Feb. 11, 1945. He was in Germany and also the South Pacific. Virgil farms but the family lives in Hume. Their children are: Tim Wallace Bowyer born Dec. 4, 1949, Jeff Warren Bowyer born April 30, 1954, Pamela Jane Bowyer born April 10, 1955 and Dana Jo born Nov. 27, 1959.

Steve Nelson Bowyer was born on April 15, 1933. He was married to Naomi June Fulton on August 2, 1950 at Henderson, Ky. Naomi June was born Dec. 15, 1929 s.e. of Chrisman, Ill. They are the parents of two sons, Vlkk Nelson Bowyer was born on Dec. 31, 1951, Brad Alan Bowyer was born on Nov. 5, 1954. The family lives on a farm six miles northeast of Paris, Illinois.

2. Jeremiah Waldo Myers was born on June 7, 1911. Waldo was married to Lucille Bandor at Paris, Illinois on August 16, 1932. Lucille was born on Dec. 12, 1913 at Newman, Illinois. Waldo and Lucille are the parents of a daughter Carole Joan, born on Dec. 23, 1933 and a son, Jon Douglas, born Nov. 25, 1939. Carole Joan Myers was married to Ellis August Schmidt on Oct. 11, 1955 at Tupelo, Mississippi Ellis was born on July 18, 1933 at Wood River, Ill. Jon Douglas Myers was married to Carolyn Joan Ward on June 20, 1959 at Illiopolis, Ill. Carolyn was born on June 3, 1941 at Bement, Illinois.

Waldo and Lucille Myers live in Illiopolis, Illinois where Waldo is shop foreman at the Borden's Plant. Lucille had been the assistant postmistress at Illiopolis for about 15 years.

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VI. Tunis Warren Biddle was born on February 3, 1870 on a farm near Patricksburg, Indiana. When Tune was sixteen years old, he went to Newman, Illinois and worked for Mr. Bert Fidler. He spent the remainder of his life in the Newman area with the exception of seven years at Crowley, Louisiana. Tune Biddle was married to Ada Alice Hooe on January 3, 1894. Ada was born on July 31, 1872 in Newman, Illinois. She was the daughter of Wm. Henry Hooe and Nancy Jane (Jennie) Medown Hooe. Tune Biddle and Dr. Ralph Wagner decided to move to Louisiana and did in January 1902. Dr. Wagner’s father-in-law (a Mr. Shaw) owned several hundred acres of land there. They loaded a boxcar with furniture and implements and another with mules; the men rode to Louisiana in the boxcar so they could take care of the mules. Ada and three young children, Fred - 8 yrs., Grace - 5 yrs. and 10 month old Russell, followed about a week later. Tune worked for a few months and then was lucky to rent a farm. He raised mostly rice, some tobacco and enough corn for feed. They lived on five different farms while down there. The family used a buggy or wagon with horses to get to Crowley. After a big rain, the horses would have to swim through the low places to get home. Rice fields are surrounded by levees and every days someone had to walk the levees to see there were no holes as the rice had to be kept covered with water. One day while Tune was walking the levees, a water moccasin bit him. He knew he had to get help so cut through the rice field as was shortest way home. The doctor split the wound open and applied medicine. He said the walk through the water covered rice field probably saved Tune’s life as it washed out the poison from the bite. A negro couple named Joe and "Aunt Mary" worked for the family. Once a panther jumped up on a window where Joe and Mary were asleep, gave a loud scream and almost scared the couple to death. Life in Louisiana was something to remember. Tune and Ada became the parents of two more children while in Louisiana, a son Loren born in 1902 and a daughter Wilma born in 1907. The family moved back to Newman, Illinois in 1909. Tune farmed for many years, then bought a home in Newman and moved to town. Tune died Nov. 17, 1947. Ada died July 26, 1951. They are buried in the cemetery at Newman. Following are the six children.

1. Fred Hooe Biddle was born on Dec. 1894 in what is now Memorial Park at east edge of Newman, Ill. He was 8 yrs. old when his folks moved to Crowley, Louisiana and some of his adventures down there were pretty exciting. He told me this tale.

About five miles from where we lived was a cane break or jungle full of timber and wild animals of all kinds. It was like a small island surrounded by a river, one half mile wide. A boy friend and I went there looking for muscadines, a sort of striped grape. We were barefooted, he had a sore toe and I had a sore heel. We were up in a tree where the vines grow and all of a sudden we heard a loud scream like a woman makes, then another and another. A panther had spotted us. We sure got down in a hurry and ran for home; neither one had a sore foot then."

He said this same panther or another one just like it killed a little white dog they had and the other dog ran thru a screen door and got under a bed. It chased Uncle Fred for a half mile when he was horseback. Several men armed with guns finally killed it. Fred was married on October 29, 1913 to Anna O. Mijman. Anna was born on Feb. 21, 1893 at Bradlilans, Illinois. Fred and Anna moved into their home in Newman in 1960 although Fred is still engaged in farming. The couple celebrates their golden anniversary this past October (1963). They have five...
Frances Louise Biflile was born on March 31, 1914. She was married on Aug. 12, 1931 to Paul Van Sickle of Metcalf, Illinois. Paul and Frances were the parents of a son Charles, a daughter Janet and a daughter stillborn. Paul died February 12, 1947 and is buried in Young America Cemetery, Hume, Ill. Frances became a beauty operator. She has a shop in her home in Newman. Charles Franklin Van Sickle was born on July 10, 1932. He was in the Marines for three years. He married Pansy Allen on Feb. 7, 1953 at Folkston, Ga. They had one daughter, Melinda Jo, born December 22, 1953. The couple was later divorced. Charles married Darlene Kinzai on Dec. 27, 1950. They live in Newman where Charles has a welding business. Janet Ann Van Sickle was born on Aug. 9, 1938. She graduated from Newman High School. Janet was married to Joe Gutierrez on May 31, 1955. They were divorced and Janet married Philip Hoff. They have two sons: Steven Paul—born Aug. 3, 1959 and Philip Scott—born May 13, 1961. The family lives in their new home in Atwood, Illinois.

Helen Eleanor Biflile was born on February 17, 1915 near Newman, Illinois. After high school, she attended beauty school in Decatur, Ill. and had a shop in Newman for three years. She later went to Indianapolis, Ind. and worked in Turner's Beauty Shop. In April 1942, Helen was married to Dale Borton of Indianapolis but the couple was later divorced. Helen married WM. J. Lamp on Jan. 30, 1948. They have one daughter, Anna Carol born on Sept. 30, 1951. The Lamps live at 3127 37th St. Indianapolis, Indiana.

William Warren Biflile was born on March 18, 1916 east of Newman, Ill. Warren graduated from Newman High School and has been engaged in farming since then. He was married to Wilma Bolton of Arcola, Ill. on August 8, 1937 at Terra Haute, Indiana. Warren and Wilma have lived all their married life near Newman. They have three children: Delores Lynne Biflile—born April 23, 1939. She graduated from the University of Illinois in June 1961, and is presently working for the state at the U. of I. Delores was married to Fred Booth of Taylorville, Ill. on Aug. 3, 1963. The couple lives in Champaign. William Warren Biflile, Jr. was born on July 14, 1940. "Bill" married Mary Lou Rightsell on Aug. 12, 1961. They have one child, Robert Ray Biflile born on Aug. 30, 1962. Larry Dale Biflile was born on April 10, 1942. He lives at home.

Aila Christine Biflile was born south of Newman, Ill on Aug. 9, 1921. She graduated from N.T.H.S. and was married on Nov. 12, 1939 to William A. Schackel of Villa Grove, Illinois. Bill works for the C. and E.I. Railroad. They live at 302 Vine St., Villa Grove. Aila has a beauty shop in their home. They have three children: William A. Schackel was born Aug. 16, 1941 at Lakeview Hospital, Danville, Ill. He graduated from high school, attended college for 2 yrs. at Charleston, Ill., and now the U. Of I. at Chicago. Bill is studying to be a dentist. He married Sandy Kay Burnett on Dec. 7, 1956, and have two children; Gregory Michael—born July 1, 1958 and Christi Anne—born Dec. 22, 1961. Frederic Melvin (Mike) Schackel was born Oct. 15, 1945. Pamela Kristina Schackel was born Aug. 1, 1950. Both at home.

Fred Biflile, Jr. was born Aug. 9, 1926. He was married to Lowella Smith on Feb. 14, 1946 at Indianapolis, Ind. They live in their home in Newman with their three children. Fred is a farmer. Frederic David Biflile was born on April 15, 1947. Richard Lowell Biflile was born on Feb. 15, 1949. Linda Susan Biflile was born on Oct. 30, 1950.
2. Grace H. Biddle was the second child of Tunis W. and Ada Hooe Biddle. She was born on June 21, 1897, east of Newman. Grace was married in 1916 to Elmer S. Chandler. Elmer was born on the Chandler farm south of Longview, Illinois. He was a farmer. They lived on the Chandler farm, 2 3/4 miles southeast of Longview for seventeen years. In 1942, Elmer bought 25 acres s.w. of Newman where they lived until 1951 when they bought a home in Newman. Elmer died on May 6, 1953. He is buried in the Newman Cemetery. Following are their children: Fred Harold Chandler was born on Nov. 9, 1916. He attended the Longview schools and on March 30, 1942 joined the army. Fred served in California, Philippines and New Guinea. He was discharged on Jan. 24th, 1946. Fred was married to Joyce Kathryn Dague on March 22, 1945 at Homer, Illinois. Fred and Joyce have one child, a son, Harold Lynn Chandler born on October 8, 1947. The family lives on a farm near Chrisman, Illinois where Fred has farmed for several years. Lowell Harrison Chandler was born on the Chandler farm south of Longview. Lowell (known to all as Bud) entered the army on Feb. 13, 1942. He served three years in Africa and Italy. Bud was discharged on Oct. 25, 1945. He was married to Rita Jean Lucas on February 9, 1946 at Homer, Ill. Bud was born on April 11, 1927 at Battlecreek, Michigan. Bud and Jean have two children; Peggy Jean Chandler—born April 12, 1949 and Jerry Lowell Chandler born—July 17, 1952. Bud is a farmer. The family lives on the FORMER farm six miles from Newman, Illinois. Evelyn Louise Chandler was born on March 31, 1922 south of Murdock, Illinois. She graduated from Longview High School with the class of 1940. Evelyn married Dale H. Froman who was born on Jan. 28, 1923 at West Ridge, Illinois. Dale farmed awhile but for the past twelve years has worked for Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line west of Tuscola, Illinois. The couple has two daughters: Patricia Ann Froman was born on the 14th of August, 1942. She graduated from Tuscola High School in 1960 and has since worked as Secretary to H.J. McCown, States attorney. Judith Kay Froman was born on August 18, 1946. Judy is a senior at T.S.H.S. The four Fromans live at 903 South Ohio St., Tuscola, Illinois.

3. Russell Lowell Biddle was born on March 27, 1901 at Newman, Illinois. He married Coila Beatrice Thompson who was born on August 30, 1906 north of Newman, Illinois. Russell farmed the Willman farm south of Hugo, Illinois, then twelve years on the Oscar Anderson farm, 11 miles south of Broiland, Illinois. In 1941, Russell quit farming, bought a house in Newman and worked for John Smith Seed Co. and later on the State Highway Dept. till his death which occurred on August 22, 1947. He is buried in the Newman Cemetery. Russell and Coila were the parents of two daughters and two sons. Coila is now married to Francis Ward, Sr. and they live in Newman.

Mildred Virginia Biddle was born on April 29, 1924. Virginia graduated from N.T.H.S. in 1942 and worked in the post office at Newman for two years. She was married to Max R. Thode on Dec. 3, 1943 in Tuscola, Ill. by Rev. Loren Hooe, uncle of the bride. Max rec'd his discharge from the Army Air Force on the 6th of Sept. 1945. Max and Virginia have lived in Tuscola since April 1946. Our home address is 1000 pleasantview drive or can be found at M.&V. Garage on rt. 36. Children are: Alan Ray born July 4, 1945, Cynthia Jane born Jan. 1, 1951, Susan Christina born January 24, 1961 and Julie Ann born August 21, 1963.
Marjorie Jean Bifille was the second child of Russell and Coila Thompson Bifille. Jean was born on October 19, 1926. She graduated from Newman High School in 1944 and worked in First State Bank for two years. Jean was married to Richard Gene Wiese of Brocton, Ill. on Sept. 14, 1946. Gene had graduated from the U. of I., served in the European Theatre of War and after his discharge taught agriculture at Newman High. The family lives in Brocton where Gene managed Earl's Grain Co. Jean and Gene have two children, Donnie Jean born Feb. 15, 1948, Steven Gene born May 29, 1952. An infant daughter died at birth in Nov. 1950. Russell Everette Bifille was born on February 21, 1929. Everette graduated from Newman High School in 1947 and worked for some time for State Highway Dept. Everette was married to Donna Mae Lawrence on July 2, 1949 in Tuscola, Illinois. Donna was born on Jan. 23, 1935. They have 1 daughter, Marsha Kay Bifille born on June 20, 1950 and one son, James Russell Bifille born on Oct. 1, 1954. The family live about one and one half miles northeast of Newman, Illinois where Everette has farmed for several years. This family are camping enthusiasts as are the Fred Bifille Jr.'s, the Carl Dorsetts, the Max Thofle's and probably others.

Kenneth Hugh Bifille was born on May 20, 1935. Kenneth was married to Katharine Skada on March 1, 1959 in Methodist Church in Canargo, Illinois. A daughter, Darby died at birth on March 21, 1960. The couple has a son, Russell Kenneth Bifille, born May 28, 1961 and a daughter, Mary Kay born August 13, 1963. Kenneth has worked at the U.S. I. Chemical plant four miles west of Tuscola, Illinois for several years. The family lives in their new home at 1002 Glenview Drive, Tuscola, Illinois.

Loren Maxwell Bifille was born on August 4, 1902 about 1½ miles south of Crowley. He was about 7 yrs. old when his parents moved back to Newman, Illinois and Loren has lived near or in Newman since then. He was married to Elizabeth Grsborn on Sept. 25, 1926 at Danville, Ill. Elizabeth was born on Feb. 23, 1907 at Marion, Ind. Loren was served 16 years on the city board. Loren was elected Mayor of Newman in May 1961 and is still filling that office. He has a Feed and Seed business in Newman. Loren is a member of Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis. Loren and Elizabeth are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Patron and Matron in 1954. The couple has one child, a daughter, Mary Alice (Peggy) Bifille born February 22, 1931 at Hume, Illinois. Peggy graduated from N.T.H.S. in 1949. She was married to Charles Lewis Dravis on November 7, 1954 at the Christian Church in Newman. Charles (Chuck) Dravis was born on April 28, 1928 at Waukon, Iowa. He graduated from Waukon High School in 1946, served eighteen month in army and has been employed in the office of Secretary of State in Springfield, Ill. since 1953. Chuck and Peggy have one child, a daughter, Mary Lou Dravis born on June 13, 1956 in Springfield. The family lives at 3100 Rita Avenue in Springfield.

Note from V.B.T.--I have a little space left so I'll add this. Loren and Elizabeth Bifille enjoyed a trip to Cuba in November in 1951. Loren was top salesman in a contest so won the trip for free. My post cards says "It's sure different here, we've been on the go since we arrived and sure seeing the sights."
5. Wilma Eula Bidile was born on January 17, 1907 about 4 miles southwest of Crowley, Louisiana. Wilma was only two yrs. old when the family moved back to Newman, Illinois. She graduated from Allerton, Illinois High School and attended college at Normal, Illinois. Wilma taught one year at the Alexander country school in Vermillion Co., Ill, one year near Hume, Ill. and four years at Mc Dow school east of Newman, Illinois. She was married on June 16, 1932 at Danville, Illinois to Harold F. Eckerty of Newman. Harold was born on September 18, 1906, 7 miles S.W. of Newman. He graduated from Iskin Embalming College at Indianapolis and worked for a funeral establishment in Rankin, Illinois. The couple lives on a farm southeast of Newman, Illinois where Harold has farmed for 27 years. Wilma teaches kindergarten in Newman. They have two sons, Bob and Gerry.

Bob D. Eckerty was born on December 9, 1933. After graduating from N.T.H.S. he attended the U.S. until the 17th of Sept. 1953 when he entered the army. Had basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., stationed in Germany from May 1954 till May 1955. After his discharge, Bob worked for two years for an insurance co. in Fresno, Calif., but decided to be a teacher so graduated from Eastern Illinois University in Dec. 1959. Bob has been teaching at Fairmount, Illinois and also is coach there. He was married to Carolyn Young on April 13, 1963. Carolyn was born on Nov. 21, 1942. She also teaches at Fairmount.

Gerry Lee Eckerty was born on Feb. 9, 1940. He graduated from N.T.H.S. with the class of 1958 and from Eastern Illinois Univ. at Charleston, Illinois in 1962. Gerry was married to Jane Kay Swan at Newman, Illinois on Aug. 28, 1950. Jane was born on Dec. 23, 1941. Gerry and Jane have a daughter, Susan Diane Eckerty born on Jan. 7, 1953. The family lives at Monticello, Illinois where Gerry is 7th grade teacher and also coach.

6. J. Ross Bidile was born at Newman, Illinois on March 7, 1911. Ross was married on July 4, 1930 to Lozinka Elizabeth Delcheff Pilch in the Methodist parsonage at Charleston, Ill. Lozinka was born on December 12, 1908 at Stewardson, Illinois. Ross farmed until 1950 when they moved into their home in Newman, Illinois. Ross works in maintenance for Industry, Inc. at Villa Grove, Illinois. Ross and Lozinka are the parents of Betty Joan Bidile Dorsett and Ross Eugene Bidile. Another daughter Patty Sue Bidile died a few hours after birth on Dec. 8, 1933 and is buried in the Newman Cemetery. Betty Joan Bidile was born on July 14, 1931 at Downs Park, Ill. Joan graduated from N.T.H.S. in May 1949. She was married on July 3, 1949 to Carl F. Dorsett in her parents home which was north of Newman at that time. Carl was born on April 13, 1931. He has worked for General Motors at Danville, Illinois for several years but the family lives in Newman. Joan and Carl became the parents of Carl Wayne Dorsett on May 6, 1950. Carl Wayne was a healthy happy little boy but died suddenly on Jan. 30, 1952 from a convulsion. A second son, Richard Lee Dorsett was born on May 26, 1952 and David Eugene Dorsett was born on May 27, 1954.

VII. Albert Biddle died Feb. 4, 1872 when only 30 days old. Buried in Splinter Ridge Cemetery near Patricksburg, Indiana.

VIII. Joseph Arthur Biddle was born on December 11, 1872 in Owen County, Indiana. He was married to Ruth E. Close on Sept. 12, 1925. Ruth was born on October 19, 1899. Ruth had two daughters, Lavina and Ernestine, aged three years and five yrs. Joseph Biddle was a farmer. The family lived on R. R. 4 near Spencer, Indiana. Ruth and Joe were the parents of the following seven children:

1. Edna Lucille Biddle was born on July 12, 1926. She is single and lives at 5270 E. Reeder St, Indianapolis, Ind.

2. Frances Biddle was born on December 12, 1928. She married Charles Yates. They live at R. R. 3 Martinsville, Ind. Their children are: Steven, Christine and Karen.

3. Betty Biddle was born on Nov. 17, 1931. She remained single. Betty lives at R. R. 3 Franklin, Indiana.

4. Donald Richard Biddle was born on Jan. 8, 1935. He was adopted by the Clarence Rectors when 2 weeks old as Ruth was in poor health. Donald and wife, Virginia have two children, Valria and Teresa. They live at 3223 Eder St, Highland, Ind.

5. Phillip Biddle was born on April 5, 1936. He and wife, Bonita have two children, Cheryl and Lyn. They live at 7270 8th St, Buena Park, California. Phillip was in the service and served overseas.

6. George Biddle was born on Nov. 13, 1940. He, too was in the service and was overseas. George married Marie Means. They live at 108 Corona, Long Beach, California.

7. James Biddle was born on October 9, 1942. He has lived at Muscatatuch State School since he was about eight yrs. old. Lavina Close married Ernest Boling. Their children are: LeRoy, Russell, Fred, Hazel, Virginia, John Joseph and a son, Phillip Everett, deceased. Lavina lives at R. R. 1, Camby, Indiana.

Ernestine Close married Archie Edington. Their daughter, Virginia Mae Edington is a high school biology teacher. The family lives at 1529 South Butler, Indianapolis, Indiana. Ernestine and her husband took Phillip and George in their home after the death of their mother. Much credit is given to both Ernestine and Lavina for their good help in raising the younger children as Ruth was in poor health for years and finally had to have a leg amputated.

Joseph Biddle died on February 14, 1943. Ruth died on Dec. 23, 1953. They are buried in the Splinter Ridge Cemetery now known as Pleasant Hill.
IX. James Fountain Biddle was born in Owen Co. Ind. On April 15, 1875. He married Mary Elizabeth Fulk in 1902 and had five children. Jim was a farmer and lived most of his life in Owen Co. He spent about 8 years at Newman, Ill. working as a farm hand when a young man. At one time, Jim cut and hauled logs to the saw mill. He used a team of mules named Bill and Jack. He also worked in the mine. Jim liked to read and in the evenings in winter would play the harp and did a jig dance. His favorite song was "The Great Speckled Bird". His wife who was called Lizzie liked to crochet rugs and a favorite recipe of hers was sorghum molasses cookies. Lizzie died on Oct. 28, 1940 and buried in Splinter Ridge Cemetery. Jim died Oct. 3, 1956, aged 81 years. Their children are:

1. Paul Vernon Biddle was born on Sept. 5, 1903. Vernon married Gertrude Ruble who was born Mar. 24, 1905. They live at 2219 N. 29th St. Terre Haute, Ind. Their children are: Marjory Jean, born Dec. 25, 1924. She married Donald J. Eyster on Aug. 5, 1947. Their address is P. O. Box 108, Riley, Ind. The Eysters have two children, Judy Jean born Aug. 22, 1949 and Brent James born Feb. 20, 1959.


4. Owenah Lavon Biddle was born on August 22, 1934. She married Glen Gene Pyle. They live at 2900 South Center St., Terre Haute with their three daughters Rowena Gayle, Stephanie Lynn and Melissa Elizabeth.

2. Lyle Leland Biddle was born on Nov. 29, 1904. He died on Oct. 16, 1906, aged 22 months. He is buried at Splinter Ridge.

3. Loris Jay Biddle was born on October 6, 1906. He married Melva Pearl. They live on a farm near Lafayette, Indiana. Their children are: Joy, James, Sue, Dana, Bonnie and Diana.

4. Leafa Mae Biddle was born on Aug. 9, 1909. She married Onis Holmes and had 2 sons, Robert and Donald. Years later Mae was married to Emery Litten and now lives at 119 E. Jefferson Ave. Spencer.

Robert Lee Holmes was born on January 29, 1929. He married Doris Jean Franklin of Spencer, Ind. They have two children, Kim Alison born December 20, 1951 and Laurie Dee born Sept. 28, 1960. They live at 605 E. Daisy Lane, New Albany, Indiana. Robert is a high school teacher but presently serving as coordinator of Floyd County schools.

5. Wilma Ulla Biddle, youngest child of James F. and Mary (Fulk) Biddle was born on Sept. 30, 1911. Wilma married Clifford Culeman and had one daughter, Frances June. Frances married Morris Wildman. They live at Riley, Ind. and have 5 children, Teresa, Kyle, Vern, Jo and Karen. The Culeman's were divorced and Wilma married Henry Byerly. Henry and Wilma have 2 sons and 1 daughter, Glenn Ray Byerly, Gary Wayne Byerly and Cheryl Ann Byerly.

BIDDLE REUNION HELD

Several of the descendants of John W. Biddle and Elizabeth (Gamber) Biddle met at the Lions Club Shelter in Deming Park, Terre Haute, Indiana on July 14, 1963. A basket dinner was enjoyed and the remainder of the day was spent visiting. A second reunion is planned on Sunday, July 12, 1964 at the same location. You are invited and ask anyone related to come. Present were: Mrs. Theo (Biddle) Bischof, Mrs. Marion Frey and Mrs. Rita Maher, all of St. Mary of the Woods, Ind., Miss Frances Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. S.S. Biddle, Vernon and Gertrude Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon P. Biddle and V. Paul III and Scott Alan, all of Terre Haute, Indiana, Mrs. Charles R. Biddle of Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. Loren Biddle, Harold and Wilma (Biddle) Eckerty, Mr. and Mrs. Evette Biddle, Marsha Kay and Jimmy, all of Newman, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. James of Brazil, Indiana, Mrs. Guy Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Biddle, John Scott and Janis Rae, Noah and Lois (Biddle) Stevenson, Jim and David, all of Sullivan, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bielefeld of near Tolona, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Phipps of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phipps, Karen Kay, Carla Rae and Jennifer Jan of Rantoul, Illinois, Don and Joan (Biddle) Eyster, Judy and Brant, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wildman, Teresa, Kyle, Vern, Jo and Karen, all of Riley, Indiana, William and Selma Hauser, Henry and Wilma Byerly, all of Coal City, Ind., Guy and Betty (Biddle) Armstrong, Guy Frederick, Jr., Cynthia Lee, William Lomelin, Charles Allen, Bradley Dean and Danny Joe, all of Bloomington, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dufour, April, Robin and Blair of Geneva, Illinois, Mrs. Virginia Fincher and daughter Sharon Kay of Rockville, Indiana, also Cheryl Byerly, dau. of Henry and Wilma Byerly, of Coal City, Ind. and Max and Virginia (Biddle) Thode, Alan, Cindy, Suzy of Tuscola, Illinois. This makes a total of 76 people. I hope I didn't miss anyone but not all registered so had to complete the list myself. I'll be looking for you in Deming Park in July.

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X. Florence Mayble Biddle was born on June 22, 1877. She married Cary Phipps on May 8, 1902 in her parents home. They moved near Champaign, Illinois in Feb. 1926. In 1942, Cary and Florence purchased a home in Rantoul, Illinois and spent the remainder of their lives there. Florence died August 11, 1956. Cary died in 1957. They are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Patricksburg, Indiana. 

1. Gladys Phipps was born on Oct. 3, 1903 on a farm at Freedom, Indiana. She married Carl William Bielefeld on Feb. 26, 1929 at Ft. Branch, Indiana. Carl was born on a farm near Urbana, Illinois. The couple now live on a farm west of Tolona, Ill. They are the parents of four daughters: Marilyn Joyce Bielefeld was born in June 1930. She died on Dec. 30, 1931 and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery near Champaign, Ill. Iris Lea Bielefeld was born on Sept. 18, 1932. She married Frank DuFour on June 30, 1957 in Champaign. The Dufours have three children and live at Genova, Ill. April Lea Dufour was born April 27, 1958, Robin Alyce Dufour was born June 13, 1959, Blair Frank Dufour was born on August 21, 1960.

Eleanor June Bielefeld was born on Oct. 13, 1934 on R.R.2 Urbana, Ill. She married John Lee Hart on Aug. 23, 1956 at Champaign, Ill. They were the parents of a daughter, Julie Coleen born March 21, 1957. She died April 6, 1957 and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Eleanor and John make their home in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. where John is serving in the navy.

Caroline Kay Bielefeld was born on March 1, 1936. She married Donald Galitz on Sept. 11, 1960. They now live at Macomb, Illinois. They have a daughter, Donna Kay Galitz, born on Nov. 3, 1961.


3. George Phipps was born on Sept. 3, 1906. He died on Nov. 22, 1930 and buried in the Patricksburg Cemetery.


5. William Phipps died at birth on June 27, 1913.

6. Roscoe Phipps was born on Feb. 10, 1916. He married Juanita Carey in 1944, while Roscoe was in the navy. They live in Chillicothe, Ohio where Roscoe is chief electrician at the federal prison. Their children are: Gary Brinham Phipps born March 13, 1945, David Eugene Phipps born Aug. 8, 1946, Susan Christine Phipps born May 1, 1949.

7. Harold Phipps was born on June 29, 1919. He married Beverly Bartell. They live at Rantoul, Illinois. Harold works for the Kuhne-Simmons Construction Company. Harold and Beverly have three daughters:

Karen Kay Phipps Carla Rae Phipps Jennifer Jan Phipps

Note from V.B.T.--Donald and Carolyn Bielefeld Galitz have a new addition who arrived after I typed this page. His name is Douglas Stuart Galitz, born July 1, 1963 in Albuquerque, N. Mexico but the Galitz family still lives at Macomb, Illinois

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XI. William Fredric Biddle was born on Aug. 6, 1879 in Owano Co., Indiana. He served three years during the Spanish American War. Fred was in the coast artillery based at New Orleans, Louisiana. After his discharge in Sept, 1903, Fred stopped by Crowley, La. to visit his brother Tunis Biddle and family. Tune asked Fred to stay and help gather the rice crop as the only help were negroes. Fred did stay and got back to Indiana in December. He met Alma Edith Spear and they were married on Feb. 14, 1907. Fred and Edith were the parents of two sons and two daughters. During the depression, work was scarce so the Fred Biddle family went to Texas. Finding nothing there, they located at Russellville, Arkansas in August 1932. Fred traded his pickup truck as a down payment on a forty acre farm. Aunt Edith gives this interesting account of life in Arkansas.

"Life in Arkansas was hard but pleasant. It was in the middle of the great depression. The people were good, kind and honest but most were poorly educated. The standard of living was very low compared to what we were used to enjoying...was at least fifty yrs, behind our standards. Housing was crude, labor was either traded for or paid for with produce. Recreation was church, log rolling, quilting bees and husking bees. Things were much more progressive in the towns."

Fred died in the Veterama Hospital in Fayattville, Arkansas on August 3, 1939. He is buried in the cemetery at Russellville, Ark. Edith Biddle moved back to Indiana in the fall of 1945. She lives in Worthington, Indiana. Their children are:

1. Louise Biddle was born on Nov. 29, 1907. Louise married Francis McDermott on October 3, 1925. They have two children: Jeanne Carol McDermott was born Aug. 30, 1926. She married Bob Levitt and the couple had the following six children: Vicki Lynn, Beth Ann, Mark Edwin, Mary Jean and deceased are Lydia Ann and Todd. Louise lives at R. R. 1, Worthington, Ind.

Lloyd Edwin McDermott was born on Jan. 14, 1928. He married Dorothy Kay. They live in San Bernadina, California. Their children are: Deborah, Michael and Eva Lena.

2. Everett Eugene Biddle was born on Feb. 23, 1909. He married Elizabeth Novak in 1935. They live at 4262 Central Ave., Fremont, California. They do not have a family.

3. Merville Spear Biddle was born on July 2, 1911. Married Lola Thompson in April 1936. A son, Robert Louis Biddle was born on July 1, 1937. He married Dorothy Smith on the 25th of May 1962. A daughter, Barbara Anne Biddle was born on June 20, 1939. She is single. The Merville Biddle's live at 559 Western Drive, Memphis, Tennessee.

4. Rose Elizabeth was born on June 22, 1917. She married Arlos Ray on Dec. 26, 1936. They have two children: Patricia Gena Ray was born on Nov. 17, 1937. She married Larry Carseute in Jan. 1959 and was later divorced. Sherrill Lee Ray was born on Oct. 15, 1939. She married Robert Ludwig in Dec. 1955. They have one son, Robert Arlos Ludwig born in March 1957.

Rose Elizabeth's address is: Mrs. Arlos Ray, P. O. Box 95 Malden, Missouri.
XII. Ada Rusba Biddle was born on April 28, 1881. She married Walter Humble at Patricksburg, Indiana on January 13, 1902. Walter was born at Patricksburg on April 12, 1878. He made a living as a foundry shipping clerk. They lived at Terre Haute, Indiana. Ada died on February 25, 1954. Walter died January 4, 1960. They are buried in Grandview Cemetery in Terre Haute. Walter and Ada were the parents of five sons:

1. Oren Humble was born on Sept. 5, 1902. He married Ruth Fuller on August 25, 1934. Oren learned and worked at the glass blowers trade and later as a machinist. The couple was divorced in 1952. They did not have children.

2. Ovid W. Humble was born on April 29, 1905. He married Ilene Strang on September 27, 1941. They are the parents of identical twin daughters, Marilyn and Evelyn, who were born on Sept. 21, 1942. Ovid is engaged as a millwright foreman at Ford Motor Co. Rouge Plant in Dearborn, Michigan. He has been with the company there for thirty three years. Their address is 3427 Detroit St. Dearborn, Michigan.

3. Paul V. Humble was born on January 14, 1907 at Terre Haute, Indiana. He married Mary C. Mills in Detroit, Michigan on Sept. 15, 1930. Mary was born in Nova Scotia. Paul served as Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy in World War II and Korean War. Paul is a member of Local #25 of Ironworkers Union, occupying foreman status on various construction jobs, such as, bridges, factory buildings, office buildings, and other misc. iron work in Detroit. Paul and Mary live at 3238 Second St., Wayne, Mich. They do not have a family.

4. Donn Humble was born on April 10, 1914. He did not marry. He was living with his parents at the time of his death which occurred in September 1942. Donn is buried in Grandview Cemetery, Terre Haute, Indiana.

5. John A. Humble was born on March 8, 1922. He married Mary F. Touhy. John is a research engineer. He holds a masters degree from the University of Illinois and is pursuing a Ph.D. at present in his spare time. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. John presently works for the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Ind. No children born to this union.
XIII. Sarah Mina Biddle was the youngest of the thirteen children of George and Eliza Kerr Biddle. Mina was born on June 7, 1883. She married Noel Fulk on April 2, 1902 at Spencer, Ind. Noel was born on December 23, 1881. He was a farmer and the couple lived north of Freedom, Indiana. Mina and Noel had one child, a daughter Lois Madge Fulk, who was born on Sept. 17, 1903. Mina died in November 1904 from typhoid fever, aged 21 years. She is buried in Dutch Bethel Cemetery in Owen County, Indiana. For a short while after Mina's death, Noel and 14 month old Madge stayed with Noel's parents. Later they lived with an aunt, Anna Abrell at Freedom, Indiana until Noel remarried when Madge was three years old.

Madge married Robert Ward on Sept. 28, 1922. They were the parents of the following three children:

1. William Kendall Ward was born on June 9, 1923. He married Geraldine Abram. They live at 1602 North Coolidge Road, Indianapolis, Indiana. Their children are:
   William Jeffrey Ward
   Jennifer Lee Ward
   Gary Lynn Ward
   Deborah Ann Ward
   Susan Ward
   Chrystopher Ward

2. Doris Roberta Ward was born on October 13, 1924. She is a Captain in the United States Army Nurse Corps and at present is stationed at William Beaumont Hospital, El Paso, Texas. Her address is 5207 Cornell Avenue, El Paso, Texas.

3. John Noel Ward was born on September 21, 1933. He married Carol Adams. They live at 1409 North Mount, Indianapolis, Indiana. They have three sons:
   Twins—Robert Edward and Steven Thomas

Madge and Robert were divorced in 1942. Robert remarried and lives in Panama. Madge married Paul K. Engleman. They live at West Fork, Indiana, which is located in Crawford County in southern Indiana.
Nine. Amos was the ninth child of John W. and Elizabeth (Gamber) Biddle. He was born on December 12, 1838 in Carroll County, Ohio. Amos was almost 11 years old when he moved to Owen County, Indiana with his parents, brothers Samuel, George and Joseph and his only living sister, Sarah Biddle. His father died before his twelfth birthday. Amos Biddle was married to Sindrilla Ann Kerr on December 20, 1860. Sindrilla Ann was born on November 15, 1843 in Holmes County, Ohio. She was a sister of Eliza, who married George Biddle, a brother of Amos. The couple became the parents of six sons and one daughter. The family moved to Cowley County, Kansas in the early 1870's, as Sindrilla Ann's mother, brothers and some of her sisters had moved their earlier. Their dog went to Kansas but became homesick and showed up back in Owen County, Indiana. Amos Biddle died on July 24, 1897, aged 58 years, 7 mo. and 12 days. Sindrilla Ann died in the fall of 1911. Both are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, which is seven miles west of Winfield, Kansas on highway 160, on the north side of the road and just across from the Mt. Zion schoolhouse. Following are the children but exact order of birth not known by V. B. T.

I. George Biddle was born on Feb. 10, 1863 in Owen County, Indiana. He moved to Cowley Co., Kansas with his parents when a boy. George married Rose Anna Orr, who was born on July 14, 1867. They had one daughter, Lola, who married Ross Edward Burks. The Burks had one daughter, Maxine Roseanna. George Biddle was living at Branan, Oklahoma when he died on May 8, 1933. Branan, Oklahoma is located just south of Cowley Co., Kansas.

II. Charles N. Biddle was born on June 17, 1865 in Owen County, Indiana. He married Daisy Dean Beswick, who was born on Nov. 23, 1873. They lived at Newkirk, Okla. just a few miles south of Cowley Co., Kansas. The couple had eight children: Grace Ollie Biddle was born on Nov. 12, 1893. She married and had 3 children. Ethel Anna Biddle was born on Jan. 15, 1896, married and had 3 children. Edna Maude Biddle was born on Feb. 7, 1895, deceased. Irma Mae Biddle was born on March 29, 1898, married and one child. Nora Meble Biddle was born on June 12, 1900, married and 2 children. Ralph Agustus Biddle was born on Dec. 12, 1902, md, 1 child. Harry Emmett Biddle was born on June 1, 1905, married and 1 child. Frederick Charles Biddle was born on Nov. 12, 1908, deceased.

III. Elza Biddle was a farmer. He married Mary Ehmplyky. Elza and Mary lived at Winfield, Kansas. They had four children: Dudley, Irvin, Sylvia and a daughter who died when 2 years old. Dudley Biddle and wife Gorgia had a son Kay V. Biddle and daughter Peggy Biddle. Dudley and wife are both deceased. Sylvia Biddle married a Mr. Shelby and has a son Biddle Shelby of Winfield, Kansas.

IV. Albert L. Biddle was born in 1872. Albert was a farmer. He married and the couple had four children. Albert died in 1926. He is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Cowley Co., Kansas.
V. Jesse A. Biddle was born on February 8, 1876. Jesse married Ethel Elsie Ramsey. They lived on R. R. 3, Winfield, Kansas. Jesse and Ethel had eight children. Jesse died in November 1962. He is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Mabel Biddle was born on March 11, 1919. She married Jasper Goon. They did not have children. Their address is: 702 East 4th St., Winfield, Kansas.

Leonard Biddle was born on February 28, 1921. He married Iris Rush and have one child. They live in Winfield, Kansas. Lawrence Biddle was born on July 31, 1923. He is single.

Raimond Biddle was born on August 22, 1926. He married Mary Bonsawell and have ten children. They live on R. 1, Winfield, Ks. Lila Mae Biddle was born on July 12, 1928, deceased.

Leon Biddle was born on July 25, 1930. She married Alvin Wallsmith. They have two children.

VI. Edd Biddle was born on April 25, 1881 in Cowley Co., Kansas. He married Susie A. Ramsey. They had two daughters, Della Mae Biddle, deceased and June Biddle who married Delbert Murray. The Murrays have one son. Edd Biddle lived at Winfield, Kansas. He died several years ago. His widow lives with the daughter, June Murray in Denver, Colorado.

VII. Ollie Biddle was born on November 12, 1885 at Winfield, Kansas. She was the only daughter of Amos and Sindrilla Ann (Kerr) Biddle. Ollie married Ben H. Bonewell on November 11, 1906. Ben was born at Winfield on August 20, 1881. They lived on a farm near Braman, Oklahoma. Ollie and Ben had six children. Ollie Biddle Bonewell died on Nov. 15, 1933. She is buried in Oklahoma Cemetery, Braman, Oklahoma. George moved into Braman on January 25, 1963.

Pansy Bonewell was born on October 29, 1907.

Velva Bonewell was born on September 24, 1909.

Violet Bonewell was born on May 1, 1913.

Melvin Bonewell was born on Oct. 30, 1914. He died in 1945.

Ellna Bonewell was born on Feb. 28, 1918.

Roseland Bonewell was born on June 26, 1921.
Joseph -- youngest child of John W. and Elizabeth Biddle

Joseph Biddle was born on August 24, 1843 in Carroll Co., Ohio. He was just past his seventh birthday when he moved to Owen Co., Indiana. When Joe was eighteen he enlisted for three months service in the Civil War. He was mustered out on Sept. 8, 1862. Joseph was called into the service as a recruit on the 3rd day of June, 1863 at Indianapolis. He was in Co. H. 6th Reg't of Indiana Cavalry. Prisoner of War records show him as captured at Jonesville, Virginia on Dec. 24, 1863, and was in the miserable Andersonville Prison. Joseph was paroled at Savannah, Georgia on Nov. 2, 1864. He was then transferred to Co. F. 6th Indiana Cavalry and mustered out as Corporal on the 15th of Sept. 1865 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Joseph was a farmer and spent the rest of his life in Owen Co., Indiana, address was Vandalia, Ind. He was married on Nov. 6, 1866 to Lyda A. Everly. Lyda was born on Jan. 13, 1843. They were the parents of six daughters:

1. Mary E. Biddle was born on February 19, 1870. She died in October 1873, aged three years, seven months and twenty days.
2. Mantie Rebecca Biddle was born on December 8, 1872. She married William H. Secrest on Feb. 25, 1892. They had one daughter, May who remained single. This family are all buried at Spencer, Indiana.
3. Nannie O. Biddle was born on March 31, 1874. She was married on May 7, 1899 to Joshua V. Ault. They lived near Petersburg, Ind. They were the parents of the following children: Miss Helen Ault, who lives in Petersburg and is Linotype operator on the local paper, Mabel (Mrs. A. H. Bement), Fred and Kenneth of Petersburg, and Irva and Ralph, deceased.
4. Alicia Blanche Biddle was born on Oct. 1, 1875. She married Lawrence Elmer Plummer on May 24, 1896. They lived at Paoli, Kansas. They had one son, Walter of Paoli, Kansas and Ruth who is married and lives near St. Louis, Missouri.
5. Maggie M. Biddle was born on March 27, 1877. She married Charles Minnick. They lived at Colby, Kansas. Their children are: Dr. Vernon Minnick of Junction, Kansas and Mrs. Ona (Dewey) Ratcliff of Atwood, Kansas. Maggie and Charles moved to Colorado Springs after he retired.
6. Estella G. Biddle was born on Feb. 23, 1879. She was married on Feb. 18, 1906 in Owen Co., Indiana to Albert E. Mitten. They lived at Vandalia, Indiana. No children.

Lydia Biddle died on January 23, 1893. She was buried in the Vandalia, Indiana Cemetery. The little daughter, Mary E. Biddle is also buried there. Joseph's mother lived with the family until her death in 1898. On Dec. 11, 1902, Joseph married a widow lady named Elizabeth Williams at Patricksburg, by the Rev. Charles A. Ward. They did not have any children. Joseph died on July 26, 1924 at 6:15 p.m., aged eighty years, 11 mo and 2 days. A cerebral hemorrhage was the cause of death brought on by a fall one week prior. Joseph had lived his life on the same farm until the last few years when he moved into town. Military records listed Joe as 5' 10 1/2" dark hair and blue eyes. The G.A.R. ritualistic services were held at his home, after which funeral services were held in Vandalia with Ed West and son of Spencer in charge. Joe was buried beside his first wife, Lyda in Vandalia Cemetery. He has a military marker, which reads as follows, Corp. Joseph Biddle, Co. F. 6th Indiana Cavalry.