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EXPLANATION

Where several hundred names are recorded it is difficult to keep them from being confusing. I have adopted the system that seems to me to be as simplified as possible.

Each descendant, as a child, receives a number followed by his birthdate when available. If, then, this descendant is married and has one child or more his name and number appears in the next generation as a parent along with such pertinent data as is available. Such descendant thus becomes a "headliner" so to speak, with his or her child or children following as before.

If, however, a descendant is not married, or if he is married, but has no child, his name is not carried into the next generation as a "headliner," but the name of his or her wife's or husband's name and any other available pertinent data is given in the same space as his or her name as a child.

Thus, by referring back to former generations any descendant can locate his or her father, mother, grandfather, or grandmother, etc., or by referring to succeeding generations can locate her or her children, or grandchildren, etc.

A few common abbreviations are used, such as

b--for born
m--for married
unm--for unmarried

Abbreviations for given names are used where the name has a commonly used abbreviation, unless such name has only four letters or less in which case the name is spelled out in full.

The numbers in parentheses following the names refer to the generation in which such person lived or lives.
Origin of the Porter Family

William de la Grande was a Norman knight under William, the Conqueror.

His son--Ralph--sometimes called "Roger," was the first Grand Porteur to King Henry I from 1120-1140.

In the Middle Ages the position of porter or (porteur) was one of high responsibility and trust; often it was a commission from the King himself.

This line of Porters, descended from the Norman knight, has today a multitude of direct descendants, many of whom are Americans. Through the course of time, many corruptions and variations in the spelling of the name have come about until today we have, Porter, Poother, Poreter, Porther, Poter, and Potter.

The early family in England was of the landed gentry; and the early family seat was in Warwickshire.

The Porter Coat-of-Arms has some very interesting motifs in its design. While there may be slight differences in detail in the designs for the different branches of the family, one motif is common in all. Each design embodies two or three bells. This signifies that the first Porter was chief gate keeper to the king. It was customary for those who wished to be admitted to ring a bell at the gate.

Many Porters emigrated to America before the Revolutionary War. The U. S. Government census report of 1790 gives the first names of 575 heads of Porter families. Moreover, since several volumes of this census were destroyed by the British in the War of 1812, there are many names missing. No doubt, there were many more than the 575 Porter families in 1790.

Today there are tens of thousands of Porters in America. Many descended from families that were here in 1790; many from those that have since come from England.

Peter Porter, the first Porter emigrant to America, was of the sixteenth generation removed from William de la Grande.
I have found a reference to "Petri Porter" in the Register of the Parish Church of Standish in the city of Lancaster, England. His name was mentioned as having been born about 1575. This church has been in existence since 1206. The question arises, "Did our Peter Porter, the American emigrant, hail from this district?" This question I have left for further research.
FIRST GENERATION

1. PETER PORTER

Peter (1) Porter landed in Virginia in January, 1622. He was an English youth and, at the time, was just turning seventeen years of age. It is very probable that he was the first Porter to emigrate to America. (Samuel Porter, who landed in New England that year, landed later in the year.)

Peter had left England on September 21, and so, had spent four months on the voyage. The trip across the ocean had been made in a small 40 ton vessel named "Tiger." On board the "Tiger" were 40 persons including several maidens for wives; the boat was in charge of Captain Nicholas Elford.

His voyage across the ocean "was rough and beset with many dangers." As stated above, the "Tiger" had left England on September 21, 1621. She sailed in consort with a larger ship named "Warwick," a vessel with 160 ton capacity.

Copeland says, "The 'Tiger' became separated from the 'Warwick', was driven by ill weather so far as the North Cape, fell into the hands of the Turks on her way, who took most of her supplies, and all of her serviceable sails, tackling, anchors, etc.; but it pleased God to deliver her, by a strange accident, out of their power, so as she escaped that danger, and arrived safely in Virginia with all her people, two English boys only excepted, for which the Turks gave them two others, a French youth, and an Irish." Copeland goes on to say, "Was not here the presence of God printed, as it were, in Folio, on Royale Crowne paper, and in Capitall Letters? She arrived in January prior to the departure of the 'George'." I have never been able to find out the nature of the "strange accident" that delivered the "Tiger" from the power of the Turks.

The "Warwick," commanded by Captain Guy, had 100 persons aboard, including "An extraordinary choice lot of thirty-eight maids for wives." The Warwick had arrived in Virginia on 20 December 1621.

Peter took up his abode at once near the ocean. He either landed on the Eastern Shore or moved there soon afterwards, because on 16 February 1623, his name was on the Muster Roll of Captain William
Epes, "On the Eastern Shore over the Bay." This community was located on the lower peninsula north of Chesapeake Bay and across from where Fortress Monroe is now situated. This lower peninsula in Virginia is known today as North Hampton.

The fact that Peter lived in this lower section of the James River country may have saved his life. Two months after his landing in Virginia many white people were killed in the historical Indian massacre of Friday, 22 March 1622. The major part of the slaughter took place farther up the James River near Jamestown. "But few were killed lower down the river, or on the eastern shore, which was attributed to the action of the 'Laughing King,' who could not be induced to join in--and so, by consequence kept the remote coast Indians out of the general combination against the English, which otherwise might have been the complete ruin of the colony." Thanks to the "Laughing King." There is one case where a good Indian was not a dead Indian.

How abruptly the story of a man's descendants might end before it got started is aptly inferred by the foregoing accounts given of the two narrow escapes of Peter Porter, the emigrant.

Later in 1623, Peter Porter's name was on the Muster Roll of Captain William Tucker of Elizabeth Cittie, the county located on the south side of Chesapeake Bay. Thus, we note that he had moved from the "Eastern Shore" to a different community. His name was still on the Muster Roll of William Tucker in 1625. I visited this locality a few years ago and found that it now has many improved bathing beaches and water resorts.

On November 1623, Peter recorded a patent for one hundred acres of land. The patent by which this land was transferred to him explains the method by which he gained the title. The writer copied this deed from the records as found in the court house in Portsmouth, county seat of Lower Norfolk County, Virginia. This county was cut off from Elizabeth City County in 1636 and bounds that county on the South and West.

In this patent we note that Peter Porter had paid for, not only his own transportation, but that of Theo. or Thos. Mann. As to whether he made this payment in money in advance or by labor afterwards performed is conjectural. "Small planters could work their way out from under indenture." I guess that he worked for it. We know by the records that "Whosoever transports himself or any other at his own charge into Virginia shall for each person transported before mid-summer 1625, have to him and his heirs forever fifty acres of land upon the first, and fifty acres upon the second division."
It is quite probable that Peter, who in 1636, was 31 years of age, soon began improving his newly acquired hundred acres. No doubt he started a patch of tobacco as soon as possible, as that was the principal crop of the times. At any rate, we find him living upon this land in 1641. It was in the year of 1641 that the court directed that "This parrish church should be built at Henry Sewell's Point at the cost and charge of the inhabitants, and CHAPEL of EASE at Elizabeth River." Collections for this building were made from all "planters from Sewell's Point to Peter Porter's Place." Thus, we note that Peter's plantation was "The fartherest out."

For several years prior to 1650 many of Peter Porter's neighbors had become more and more dissatisfied with the way their religious freedom was being infringed upon by the Virginia authorities. Much can be found in books about this ever increasing dissatisfaction. These people had become known as "dissenters" or "Independents." Lord Baltimore who desired very much to attract more colonists to Maryland offered favorable inducements to these "dissenters" of Virginia.

In 1649 or very soon thereafter, there were about one hundred families who left Virginia and moved to Maryland and settled on or near the Severn River, which is in the vicinity in which Annapolis is now situated. In J. D. Warfield's splendid work, "The Founders of Anne Arundel County, Maryland," appear many names of families who joined in the exodus from Virginia to Maryland in 1649 and immediately thereafter. One of these names was that of Peter Porter.

Peter probably had such a move in mind as early as 15 February 1648, for it was on that date that he transferred his hundred acres to a man named Hostinson.

Peter arrived in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, sometime prior to 20 November 1651. The public records show that it was on that date that Robert Clark surveyed "Porter's Hills" for Peter Porter. "Porter's Hills" contained 200 acres and was located up the Anne Arundel River (now called the Severn), and on the south side of said river at a point called "Buston's Point."

If Peter and his wife, Frances, had not already been living upon their "Porter's Hills" before it was surveyed, they surely moved onto this 200 acre tract soon afterwards. They continued to live in this, their new Maryland home until their tragic and untimely death recounted below.
It is inferred from the fact that no wife signed the deed of 15 February 1648 that Peter and Frances were married after that date. We know that they were married prior to their leaving Virginia to go to Maryland because the Maryland patent recites the fact that he had transported his wife, "Frances" into Maryland.

I have no evidence as to Frances' surname, altho one reliable genealogist has written me that it was probably "Dorsey," a daughter of Adam Dorsey.

They probably were married in Elizabeth City County, Virginia. The date of the marriage will be difficult to establish as the records of that county were destroyed in the Peninsular campaign of the War of 1861-'65. Further proof that they were probably married not long before they moved to Maryland is the fact that their first and only known child, who was named Peter, married in 1673 or '74, thus suggesting that he was born about 1651 or 1652.

Peter's and Frances' residence in Maryland was destined to be but of short duration. Fate decreed that they were to fall before the relentless cruelty of the Indians. I have been unable to determine the exact date of this sudden termination of an otherwise satisfactory existence. I feel confident, however, that it was within a year or two after they began living in their new home. This belief is easily implied by the facts related below.

In addition to being a tiller of the soil, Peter Porter was a tinker in metals. He repaired large kettles, guns, and other metal implements used in his time. For that purpose he had a shop adjoining his log cabin.

It was a habit of the Indians to visit this shop and while "passing the time of day" with Porter, they indulged themselves by "picking up" little odds and ends that were handy and within easy reach in the shop. The fact that Porter became somewhat provoked by these pilfering episodes and decided to retaliate on a small scale proved to be his undoing.

One day Porter planned a little joking surprise for his Indian friends? Porter had noticed that his visitors usually sat on upturned kettles while watching Porter work. Perish the thought, but on that fatal day Porter had gone to the trouble to heat these kettles to such a degree that they would be quite uncomfortable to sit on. When the Indians came and one or more sat down on the heated kettle or kettles,
were they mad? They were boiling mad. They left with determined and revengeful looks on their faces.

Porter knew at once that he had made a mistake; he knew he was soon to be in serious trouble. The first thing he thought of was his gun. He had loaned it to a neighbor. He hurried at once to get it, expecting to get back before the Indians did. However, when Peter returned he found that the Indians had been there first, taken their revenge, and left. He found that they had murdered his wife and set his house and shop on fire. The Indians had showed some consideration, however, by saving the life of Peter's and Frances' one child, the baby son named Peter. They had left the baby lying under a nearby tree, alive and not at all injured.

When Porter saw that his wife had been murdered he was enraged and determined that he would mete out justice in his own way. He trailed the Indians until after dark. When he caught up with them he discovered the Indians doing a war dance around a campfire and amusing themselves by throwing feathers into the air; feathers that they had taken from Porter's feather bed.

Porter's gun was homemade and very large. He had it heavily loaded. He had loaded the gun thus in order to kill as many Indians as possible with the one shot. He waited until he had several Indians in a row, and then fired. He accounted for seven Indians with that one shot. The Indians scattered, but—and here is the sad part—Porter had loaded the gun so heavily that the "kick back" was so terrific that he was knocked unconscious. When there was no further firing the Indians returned and found Porter still unconscious and easy to capture.

The rest of the story runs true to form. They scalped him and burned him at the stake. This was not done, however, until they had first cut him open and sewed his little dog inside him.

Before closing the story of our First Generation, I should say that Peter Porter was a very tall and strong man. It is said of that when he disembarked at the end of the voyage from Virginia to Maryland he hung his hat on a high limb of a tree and remarked, "No other fellow will hang his hat on that limb."

Thus ended the life of the first Porter emigrant; truly a Pioneer. We found him not in high places but rather in the same humble environments that surrounded his sturdy neighbors. He and they were made of the stuff that laid the foundations of our great country. We found Peter Porter living alike in both Virginia and Maryland the last man out toward the wilderness for in both cases his home was the "farthest out."
SECOND GENERATION

2. PETER (2) PORTER (Peter (1)), b. about 1651 or '52; d. 1676; m. Sarah Howard, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Warner) Howard.

When Peter Porter, the emigrant, returned and found his wife murdered and his home in flames, to whom did he entrust the care of his baby son, Peter? And when he finally failed to return at all who took charge of the baby, Peter, the Second? This is a question for which I have never found an answer. It is quite likely that one of the baby's relatives on his mother's side adopted him. If not, then a kindly friend took him in.

I have been unable to unearth any details of the life of Peter (2) Porter other than that he continued to live in the same neighborhood, about six miles northwest from where Annapolis is now located. A patent for "Porter's Hills," issued and recorded on 19 September 1659, mentions Peter Porter, the Elder and Peter Porter, the Younger; thus establishing the relationship of a father and son between Peter (1) Porter and Peter (2) Porter. Peter (2) assigned this land to Samuel Howard on 7 April 1666. Since Peter was not yet of age this assignment could be made valid only by the Court. The court did this on 14 August 1666.

On 3 July 1673, Peter (2) Porter had "Haire Hill" surveyed for him. This 100 acre tract lay "At the head of Anne Arundel (Severn) River, Lying in the woods about three miles from the head of this river." It was patented to him on 16 July 1674.

In 1673 or '74 Peter (2) Porter married Sarah Howard, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Warner) Howard. In 1674 or '75 was born to Peter (2) and Sarah (Howard) Porter a son, also named Peter. Peter's and Sarah's married life was of short duration as Peter (2) died in 1676. His wife was appointed his administrator. An inventory of his chattels was dated on 1 August 1676. It is presumed that Sarah did not live many years after Peter's death as no further record of her has been found.

Note: Since Peter (2) was married in 1673 or '74 and since he was a baby when the Indian tragedy took place, I surmise that Peter (1) and his wife, Frances, were murdered about 1652 or 1653.
THIRD GENERATION

3. PETER (3) PORTER (Peter (2), Peter (1)), b. 1674 or '75; d. after 1750; m. Lois Shipley, daughter of Adam and Lois Shipley. Adam Shipley was killed by the Indians while returning from a visit with some of his children in Virginia.

Just the same as in the case of his father Peter (2), we find Peter (3) first mentioned in a deed. On 9 December 1679, Cornelius Howard's conveyance of Howard's and Porter's Fancy to Peter Porter, orphan of Peter Porter, was acknowledged in court. This tract of land contained 333 acres and adjoined Howard and Porter's Range, a tract of 500 acres. These tracts were located near Porter's Hills and about six or eight miles northwest of Annapolis.

Peter (3) was reared in the same neighborhood, probably in the home of one of the Howards. We know that he married sometime after 10 June 1700 because on that date he transferred "a part of Howard and Porter's Fancy" with no wife joining him in signing the deed. He probably married in 1701, '02, or '03. He married Lois Shipley, daughter of Adam and Lois Shipley. Adam and Lois Shipley were great-grandparents of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln. See appendix.

A deed dated 7 September 1746, which transferred a "Part of Howard's and Porter's Fancy" contained this, "Whereupon Peter Porter now dwells," no wife signed this deed with him. So, we conclude that his wife, Lois, had died before 7 September 1746.

On Tuesday, 5 March 1727, at a meeting of the Vestry of St. Anne's Parish, the members "approved of a spot of ground in Peter Porter's old field" on which to build the "Chapel of Ease." The chapel was to be 20 ft. by 16 ft. Peter Porter was hired to build it. We learn from the report of the Vestry Meeting of 5 April 1731 that the Chapel of Ease had been completed for some time. Peter was then given his final payment for building the chapel. He received a total of 952 pounds of tobacco for his labor and material. See appendix.

Succeeding Vestry Proceedings' reports reveal that Peter acquired a steady source of income. They disclose the fact that he received about 200 pounds of tobacco annually for taking care of the chapel.
The Vestry proceedings showed a continual annual payment to Peter Porter for caring for the "Chapel of Ease" until 7 August 1750. On that date the "Vestry" ordered: "That Peter Porter be allowed thirty shillings for his year's salary due the first of July past for taking care of the chapel." The Vestry Proceedings make no further mention of Porter. Evidently, Porter stopped taking care of the chapel in 1750. Peter Porter was then about 75 years old. I regret that to date we have not discovered any papers pertaining to the settlement of his estate.

From the above we infer that Peter (3) and Lois Porter spent their entire married life on Howard's and Porter's Fancy. We also note that Peter (3) Porter died approximately one hundred years after the death of Peter (1) Porter, the emigrant. So, too, we note that Peter (1), Peter (2), and Peter (3) all lived and died in the same locality; Peter (1), on Porter's Hills, Peter (2) on Haire Hill, and Peter (3) on Howard's and Porter's Fancy. I visited this neighborhood a few years ago and was very much attracted by its beauty.

Children of Peter (3), and Lois (Shipley) Porter:

4. Peter (4), b. about 1704

5. Phillip, b. about 1706; d. 1758

6. Lois, b. about 1708 or '09; m. 11 February 1728 Robert Barnes

7. Charles, b. about 1711

8. Mary, bapt. 12 March 1713

9. John, b. 6 February 1716, bapt. 24 June 1716

10. Sarah D., bapt. 15 June 1718

11. Catherine D., bapt. 20 May 1721; m. April 1753 David Todd

12. Selvanius, bapt. 10 June 1723
FOURTH GENERATION

It's time to move. That's what Peter (4), Phillip, and Charles, sons of Peter (3) Porter thought about 1724. Soon thereafter, these three Porter boys joined a movement toward the vicinity of Ellicott Mills, now called Ellicott City. Ellicott City is located about six miles west of Baltimore. Thus we see that the new colony was founded about twenty miles northwest of the vicinity where their parents and grandparents had been living for about seventy-five years. The Shipleys, the Hankes, the Barnses, the Dorsey, and others joined them.

It wasn't long until the little colony organized a church which they named Christ's Church. The records for this church began in 1728 and a church house was soon built. The three Porter boys were members of this congregation. Charles Porter was a counter in the church in 1729. In 1736 Charles, Peter, and Phill Porter occupied the same pew, No. 21.

I visited this church a few years ago and was very much impressed by the beautiful surroundings. The church is white and very much like the beautiful country churches that were built by our forefathers and are still standing today as monuments to their religious fervor.

I have not attempted to ferret out the descendants of any of the other brothers and sisters of the three brothers mentioned above. In fact, we have very little of the two brothers, Phillip and Charles. Since I found out early in the search that Peter (4) was my progenitor, I have limited my search to him and his descendants.

4. PETER (4) PORTER (Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)), b. about 1704; d. after 2 June 1774; m. ? (Shipley?)

Peter (4) Porter had "Porter's Care" a tract of 400 acres, surveyed for himself on 19 June 1724. This land was patented to him on 12 September 1728. "Porter's Care" is located near Ellicott City, on Brown's Creek, Baltimore Co. On 13 February 1743, "Robert's Advantage," a tract of 55 1/2 acres, was patented to Peter Porter, Jr. This establishes the relationship of father and son of Peter (3) and Peter (4). I'm inclined to believe that Peter (4) Porter and his wife lived most of their married life upon the farm named "Robert's Advantage." He acquired other tracts later, but for our purposes of establishing relationships it is unnecessary to list them.
Now, we come to a question that has puzzled me for several years, "Who was the wife of Peter (4)?" "What was her maiden name?" The marriage records of Baltimore County do not ante date 1777. Moreover, I have been unable to find their marriage given in any church record, nor, have I found any deed of transfer wherein his wife signed with him. Evidently, he did not transfer any land while his wife was living. By inference, I have placed their marriage as having taken place between 1733 and 1737.

We have data from an unimpeachable source that her maiden name was Shipley. Mrs. Mary Jane (Porter) Wilson, a great granddaughter of Peter (4) Porter, said before she passed away that her great grandmother's maiden name was Shipley. I have never questioned this statement and have been searching among the Shipleys for her given name.

Peter (4) Porter transferred "Robert's Advantage" to Adam Porter, his son, on 2 June 1774. Since no wife signed this deed with Peter we conclude that his wife died prior to that date. The following Porters of our line took the oath of allegiance in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in 1778: Adam Porter, Peter Porter, Sr., Peter Porter, John Porter, and James Porter.

Whether Peter (4) died in Maryland is not known. Tradition has it that he was called "Robin" as a nickname. Some believe that he moved to Virginia with his son, Adam, and lived to be a very old man, probably over 90 years of age. Unfortunately, the 1790 government census reports for Virginia were partly destroyed when the British burned the capitol during the War of 1812. The Porters who now live in Virginia say that they have always heard that Adam's father, "Robin" Porter came to Virginia with his son, Adam. It may be that his is the third grave beside those of Adam and his wife, Delilah.

Children of Peter (4) and ? (Shipley) Porter:

13. Peter (5), b. about 1738
14. Adam, b. about 1742
15. Kezia, d. about 1744
16. James, b. about 1746; d. about 1802; m. 2 May 1738, Ann Barnes
The three Porter brothers, Peter (5), James and Adam, as well as the sister, Kezia, continued to live in the neighborhood near Ellicott Mills, Maryland, until after the Revolutionary War. On 1 November 1784, Adam sold his home to his two brothers, Peter and James. Many of the Adam Porter descendants have known by tradition that Adam sold his Maryland home to his brothers. The public records reveal that those two brothers were Peter (5) and James.

This home contained three tracts of land welded into one farm. The Three pieces of land were called, "Robert's Advantage," Overy's Desire," and "Worth Nothing." The consideration of the sale was 300f--or about $1,500.

In 1785, Adam moved to Augusta County, Virginia. Sometime before 1790, Peter (5) moved to Pennsylvania. I know nothing of the whereabouts of James. I believe that he died between 29 January 1802 and 6 September 1804. On the former date, he signed a quit claim deed to William Shipley; on the latter date his wife, Ann, signed her dower interest in "Shipley's Discovery" to John Barnes.

14. ADAM PORTER (Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)), b. about 1742; d. after 8 December 1823; m. about 1766, Delilah Tevis, daughter of Robert (2) Tevis.

Delilah Tevis, of Robert (2) had five brothers and sixteen sisters. There is a tradition, well remembered in the family, that twelve Tevis sisters and their husbands had Christmas dinner together at the family home on the Petopsaco River, near Baltimore, Md. The names of the twelve sisters' husbands were, Messrs. Armstrong, Bennett, Bennett, Brown, James Crow, Hammond, Lindsay, Mercer, Adam Porter, Wells, Wells, and Francis Wells.

Delilah Tevis' grandfather, Robert (1) Tevis, was a Huguenot who came to America in 1702, married in 1707 to Susannah Davis, and has hundreds of descendants living in America today. Adam's and Delilah's first born son, Robert Peter Porter, was probably named in honor of her father, Robert Tevis, and Adam's father, Peter (4).

After Adam Porter had lived on Mossy Creek in Augusta Co., Va., from 1785 to 1790 he made a visit to his old Maryland home. In 1792,
he moved with his family to Bath Co., Va. While living at Mossy Creek his youngest daughter, Ruth, died. Also the records of Augusta Co., Va., show that Robert P. Porter, the oldest son of Adam and Delilah Porter, was married to Elizabeth Blair on 20 March 1790.

Upon arriving in Bath County, Adam built the Porter Grist Mill on Cow Pasture Creek. This creek is located in the neighborhood of Nimrod Hall. There he lived until his death which occurred sometime after 8 December 1823. It is in this locality that most of his children found their husbands and wives. It was at this place that his children separated to go their several ways: Joshua, John, and Robert to Indiana; Benjamin to Tennessee; Peter to Missouri, and Rezin to Prince Edward Co., Va. Adam Porter Jr. remained in Bath Co., Va. The daughters, too, married and moved to other places; where, I know not.

When on a visit to the old Adam Porter home a few years ago, I took a picture of his grave. A stone wall surrounds three graves, Adam's, Delilah's, and one other.

Children of Adam and Delilah (Tevis) Porter:

21. Ann, b. 5 October 1767
22. Robert Peter, b. 13 March 1768
23. Rezin, b. 3 November 1869
24. Pegga, b. 23 January 1772; m. 1 January 1801 John McDanald, son of John McDanald. John and Pegga (Porter) McDanald moved to Blendon Twp., Franklin Co., Ohio
25. Emelia, b. 28 November 1774; m. 7 February 1801 Nimrod Boggess
26. Adam, b. 20 October 1776
27. Peter, b. 20 July 1778; m. before 1827, probably Anna Hopkins, daughter of William and Mary Hopkins, August Co., Va.
28. Benjamin, b. 14 October 1779, moved to Lincoln Co., Tenn.; no record
29. Mary, b. 10 October 1782 (twin); m. 8 January 1808 John Gillispie
30. Joshua, b. 10 October 1782 (twin)

31. Ruth, b. 5 July 1784; d. in Augusta Co., Va., before 1792

32. John, b. 27 December 1787
SIXTH GENERATION

In the early part of the nineteenth century, the Porters of the sixth generation continued the western movement started by their parents in the late part of the eighteenth century. They joined with their neighbors and left their old homes to help in the settlement of Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, and Missouri.

Joshua, son of Adam, the first, we find, was, in 1811, the third person to take a claim in Fayette County, Indiana. There, many of his descendants live today.

John Porter, another son of Adam, went to Montgomery County, Indiana, in 1828 and bought land there. Some of his descendants are still there, altho most of them have continued the western movement.

Robert P. Porter, another son of Adam, together with several of his sons either accompanied John Porter to Indiana or soon followed him. Robert's sons settled in Carroll and Cass Counties, Indiana.

Peter Porter, another son of Adam, moved to Missouri. I have been unable to trace his whereabouts. Rezin Porter, son of Adam, moved from Bath County to Prince Edward County, Virginia, where he died without issue.

Benjamin Porter, another son of Adam, went to Lincoln County, Tennessee. Most, if not all of his living descendants have left their Tennessee home and moved to other states.

Adam Porter, the remaining son of Adam, continued to live in Bath County, Virginia, until his death in 1851. Many of his descendants may be found in the old home neighborhood at this time.

As we have previously noticed, John, son of Peter (5), went to Western Ohio, probably in 1813. Several of his descendants are now living in and around Columbus, Ohio.

The grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren of the sons of the Sixth Generation have continued and are still continuing to move about from state to state today. The succeeding generations are scattered in all parts of the country. Many are living near each other and do not know it and if they did, they would not
recognize the fact that they have hailed from the same port back in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.


After their marriage John and Nancy Agnes Porter moved onto one of her father's farms. This farm contains something over 400 acres and is located in Augusta County, Virginia. The place is a few miles east of Millboro, Virginia. In this neighborhood have lived the Brattons and their descendants since 1745. Here it was that the couple was living happily with a family of eight children when the wife and mother was taken away eleven days after the birth of the youngest. Nancy Agnes (Bratton) Porter is buried in the Bratton graveyard, located six miles east of Millboro, Virginia.

In 1828, John Porter rode on horseback to Montgomery County, Indiana. Strapped around his waist was a homemade leather pocketbook in which he carried seven hundred dollars from Virginia to Indiana. This pocketbook is still in existence, having passed down to the writer by his grandfather, John R. Porter and his father, James Porter. In that year, John purchased a farm located two miles west of Yountsville, Indiana. He then returned to Virginia on horseback. Two years later he brought his eight motherless children to Indiana in a covered wagon. He sold the farm he had bought in 1828 and bought a place two miles east of Mace, Indiana. This latter farm has been known ever since as the "Porter Farm."

John built, first a small log cabin, and later a larger two story house. These were built near a cool spring that has since refreshed four generations of Porters. The writer has enjoyed an annual pilgrimage to this old Porter Spring for many years. The first schoolhouse in the community was built on the Porter Farm and only a few rods from the Porter house. It was in this schoolhouse that, in 1843, was organized "Old Union Church," a Presbyterian Church that existed for the betterment of the community for nearly a hundred years.
before it ceased to "carry on." Because most of its members had either died or moved on westward, the church discontinued its work in 1915. John Porter furnished the land on which the church house was built in 1842. The church in its remodeled form is still standing today as a monument to the pioneers of a century ago.

In the graveyard by the side of "Old Union" on the hill, lies the remains of John Porter, and four of his sons and daughters. John Porter died 5 September 1853.

John Porter's grandchildren, excepting only two have passed on. The two living grandsons are Cyrus N., son of James Lewis Porter, and Charles Lewis, son of Joshua Adam Porter. Cyrus N. Porter was 80 years old on April 27, 1937; Charles Lewis Porter, 77 years old on 30 April 1937. The former lives in Ashland, Neb., and the latter in Solomon, Kansas.

Children of John and Nancy Agnes (Bratton) Porter:

83. Rebecca Ann H., b. 28 May 1812; d. 27 June 1859
84. Delilah Tevis, b. 25 February 1814; d. 15 March 1838
85. James Lewis, b. 19 December 1815; d. 4 May 1898
86. Joshua Adam, b. 28 April 1817; d. 6 July 1900
87. Margaret Bratton (twin), b. 1 April 1819; d. 16 March 1850
88. Agnes Jane (twin), b. 1 April 1819; d. 21 February 1852
89. John Reason, b. 27 December 1821; d. 5 December 1876
90. Mary Elizabeth, b. September 1824; d. 17 October 1834

John and Rachel (Berry) Porter had no children.

Children of John and Charlotte (McWilliams) Porter:

91. Hugh William, b. near Mace, Ind., moved to Missouri or Arkansas. No record.
92. Henry Clay, b. near Mace, Ind., 18 January 1851; d. 9 August 1852, fell into and was drowned in a large trough at the Porter Spring.
83. REBECCA ANN HOGSHEAD PORTER (John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)), b. in Virginia 28 May 1812; m. in Mont. Co., Ind., James J. Evans, b. 15 May 1813. Rebecca (Porter) Evans died 27 June 1859. James Evans died 2 December 1872. James J. and Rebecca Ann (Porter) Evans were members of "Old Union." They lived and died in Walnut Twp., Mont. Co., Ind., in the same neighborhood to which she came with her father, brothers, and sisters when a girl of 18 summers.

Children, Grandchildren, etc. of James and Rebecca (Porter) Evans:

271. John Porter Evans b. May 14, 1839. m. Nancy Louisa Lockridge

Alma Blanche Evans m. S. L. Gardner

Carl L. and Paul LeRoy Gardner

Edith May Evans m. George Mathewson

John H. and Marshall Mathewson

Mary Alice Evans m. H. A. Cowan

Ruth Florentine Cowan

Chester L., Fred S., and Charles A. Evans


Joseph Evans, Jr. m. ?

274. James Joshua Evans m. Amanda Duke

Frank C. Evans m. Bertha Ward

Zola and Lucile Evans
Minnie Evans m. John Clark
Maggie Evans m. Harve Linn
George William Evans m. Henrietta Van Scoyoc
Betty Jane Evans
James Oliver Evans m. Helen Simpson
James and Maryetta Evans
Clyde Evans m. Ura Keller
Phineas Ora Evans unm.

275. Robert (Bob) L. Evans m. Pine Walkup
Leva Evans m. Frank Reynolds
Guy Evans m. ?

276. Jesse Franklin Evans m. Willie Reed. They lived near Dover, Indiana. No children.

277. Nancy Ann Evans m. William Bratton
   For descendants see "Bratton Family"

278. Mattie Evans m. Nance Faust, buried at Union near Mace, Ind.

279. Margaret Evans m. John Tolin

280. Mary Evans m. John Chambers

281. ? Evans m. ? Stoner. They moved first to Tennessee, hence to Iowa, hence to Idaho. No further record.
Grave of William "Old Uncle Billy" Bratton, born in Va. in 1782, died March 20, 1862, buried at Mace, Ind. See Bratton Family.

Grave of John R. Porter, born in Va. 1821, died in Ind. 1876, buried at Mace Ind. See John & Nancy Agnes (Bratton) Porter.

PORTER-SHIPLEY-HANKS RELATIONSHIP

Explanation of relationship between the Porters and Nancy Hanks and her son, Abraham Lincoln.

The following is calculated from data given in Warren's "Ancestry of Lincoln's Mother," printed in 1935.

Adam and Lois Shipley  
Lived in A.A. Co., Md. from 1668 to about 1700

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We want first of all to acknowledge the inspiration we received from William Arthur Porter Sr.'s publication "The Descendants of Peter Porter."

It was very interesting to read of our heritage in the Porter family of which our grandmother, Nancy Evans Bratton, was a link.

We are indebted to Mr. Porter for all of his efforts at research, which extended from the earliest colonial period up to 1937. This period of time covers about three hundred and fifteen years and over ten generations. Without this background of material it would have been impossible for us to engage in our research.

We also want to acknowledge the debt we owe to many other people, who have taken their time to help us compile this book.

Without their help and cooperation it would also have been impossible to secure the facts in this book. No doubt there are errors and omissions, but we have tried in good faith to compile as complete a history as time and circumstances permitted.

Marion Bratton Snyder
R. H. Cramer
EXPLANATION

In this book you will find actually two numbering systems. The first comes from the book "The Descendants of Peter Porter." Mr. Porter devised this system for the first eight generations. Under this system every descendant has a number.

We cannot use this system because we are only concerned with the William Harrison and Nancy Evans Bratton family. Each of the children of the William Harrison Bratton family have been designated by a capital letter of the alphabet. Each family so designated is treated as a unit.

Thus for example the first child of parent A becomes A-1 and the second child becomes A-2 etc. In the next generation A-1's first child becomes A-1-1 and the second A-1-2 etc.

A few common abbreviations are used, such as:

b--for born
m--for married
unm--for unmarried
DEDICATION

This book is dedicated
to those descendants of the
William Harrison Bratton Family
that we hold most dear--

OUR PARENTS
ORIGIN OF THE BRATTON FAMILY

All of the Brattons from Walnut Township, Montgomery County, Indiana are descendants of Captain James Bratton, who lived and died in Augusta County, Virginia. He was the oldest son of Captain Robert, who came to Virginia two hundred years ago. This Robert Bratton, who was of Scotch-Irish descent was a captain of the Augusta Militia in the French and Indian Wars in 1755-57. He married Ann Dunlap, widow of Alexander Dunlap, whose maiden name was Ann McFarland. Their oldest son was Captain James Bratton, who was Captain of the Augusta Militia at the battle of Guilford Court House. N. C. August 15, 1781. His wife's maiden name was Rebecca Hogshead sometimes spelled Hogsett.

Soon after the death of Captain James Bratton in 1828 two of his six sons, William and John, one of his three daughters, Margaret Crawford, and his son-in-law. John Porter moved to Indiana. It is from these two brothers William or (Old Uncle Billy) Bratton and John Bratton, that all of the Walnut Township Brattons descend.
Robert Bratton m. Ann McFarland Dunlap

James Bratton m. Rebecca Hogshead

William Bratton m. Mary G. Berry

James Bratton m. Phoebe Allen

Margaret Bratton m. William Walkup
William Bratton m. Nancy Evans
Mary Bratton m. John Chambers
Frances Bratton m. William Lewis
Benjamin Bratton m. Mariah Stoner
George Bratton m. Adele Rider

John Bratton m. Polly G. Berry

Margaret Bratton m. Nathan Crawford

Nancy Agnes Bratton m. John Porter

Rebecca A. H. Porter m. James E. Evans

John Porter Evans m. Nancy L. Lockridge
William Evans unm.
Joseph Evans married twice
James Joshua Evans m. Amanda Duke
Robert L. Evans m. Pine Walkup
Jessie Franklin Evans m. Miss Reed
Nancy Ann Evans m. William Bratton
Mattie Evans m. Nance Faust
? Evans m. Mr. Stoner
Margaret Evans m. John Tolin
Mary Evans m. John Chambers

Four sons and one daughter of James Bratton - no record.

Four sons and one daughter of James Bratton did not move from Virginia to Indiana 1828-1832 and there is no further record of them.

George Bratton

John Bratton

Agnes Bratton m. Sam William Givens

Adam Bratton

Mary Bratton unm.
In the Name of God Amen. I, Robert Bratton of the County of Augusta, being of perfect and sound mind and memory, but calling to mind the uncertainty of the continuance of life, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. Principally and first of all I recommend my Soul to the Almighty God, who gave it to me and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executor, hereafter named. And as no such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner.

It's my Will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid by my Executor as soon after my death, as it can be conveniently done.

Then I give and devise to my dear and well beloved wife, Anne Bratton, the use of my two slaves, Bob and Daphne, half my household and kitchen furniture and half the stock of every kind that may be on the plantation at the time of my death, in lieu of her dower to my whole estate for and during her natural life, and it is further my will and desire that my said wife, shall, after my death, continue to live on the plantation that I hereafter devise to my son Adam.

Then I give and devise to my son James Bratton and his heirs, the lands and plantation where he now lives and for which I have given him a deed, which land, with one hundred pounds I have heretofore given him, I allow to be his full share and proportion of my estate.

Then I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Sam William Givens and Agnes, his wife, ten pounds to be paid to them by my executor after my decease having already made some provisions for them on and since their intermarriage as a portion to my said daughter.

Then I devise to my son John Bratton, in trust, two hundred pounds to be let out on interest, which interest is to be annually applied for the use, support and maintenance of my unhappy daughter Mary, who, from the many infirmaties both of body and mind under which she
labours might be ever unfit to become a wife or by her economy to support herself, and at the death of my said daughter, I will and desire that the said two hundred pounds may be equally divided amongst my four children, Adam, George, John, and Agnes, the wife of William Givens. My said son John is to accept and receive the two hundred pounds in trust, for the uses above said, and for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever.

I give devise and bequeath to my son Adam Bratton the lands and plantation on which I now live to him and his heirs forever also all my slaves after the death of his mother. I also give him all the rest and residue of what nature or land so ever not particularly disposed of by this my will to him my said son, Adam and heirs forever. Lastly I constitute and appoint my son Adam Bratton, sole executor to this my last Will and Testament and my much esteemed friend and neighbor, Thomas Adams, a trustee to overlook and see that this my will be carried into execution hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made do declare this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed by seal this tenth day of May 1783.

Signed, sealed, published and declared. Robert Bratton
as the last Will and Testament of the said Robert Bratton at whose request and in whose presence we have attested the same as witnesses. Lee Martin

Joseph Fauntleroy William Givens
Will R. Fleming John Pooge
John Dunlap Sam William Givens

At a Court held for Augusta County October 18, 1785, this last Will and Testament of Robert Bratton deceased was presented in court by Adam Bratton the Executor. Therein named and proved by the oath of John Pooge and John Dunlap witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said Executor, Certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form, he having made oath and together with John Pooge and William Givens his securities entered with bond of $1,000 conditioned according to law.

A. Gyle
THE WILLIAM HARRISON BRATTON FAMILY

EIGHTH GENERATION


Children of William and Nancy (Evans) Bratton:

660. Margaret Estaline, b. 25 April 1862; d. 6 September 1862
661. Mary Adline, b. 4 July 1863
662. Jennie Luella, b. 20 July 1865
663. Ulysses Morton, b. 21 April 1867
664. Nettie Ann, b. 29 March 1869
665. Marie Josephine, b. 1 October 1870
666. Rosette May, b. 27 May 1872
667. Clarence Ellsworth, b. 13 April 1874
668. Laura Alice, b. 6 May 1876, unm.
669. Harry Homer, b. 17 February 1878
670. William Franklin, b. 17 September 1880
671. Agnes Edith, b. 26 March 1883; d. 18 April 1935, unm.
WILLIAM HARRISON BRATTON FAMILY

Front row, l. to r.: Mr. Bratton, Frank, Alice, Harry, Clarence, Agnes, Mrs. Bratton

Back row, l. to r.: Maria, Nettie, Morton, Jennie, Mary, Rosetta.
Perhaps one of the outstanding features in the settlement around Mace, in Montgomery Co. Indiana was the fact that most of the families came from the same vicinity in Virginia. The following families made the trip west to Indiana in the early thirties: the Airharts, Berry's, Brattons, Chambers, Crawfords, Dices, Evans, Lockridges, Loops, Pogues, Porters, Sellers, Smileys, Spors, Youels, Walkups, and others.  

In the customs of those early days it was a common practice for the young people in a settlement to marry someone within that settlement. Thus it came about that William Harrison Bratton, age 24, and Nancy Ann Evans, age 19, were married on December 11, 1860. It is thought that James Bratton, the father, named his oldest son after the popular Whig presidential candidate, William Henry Harrison.

The newly married couple remained in the vicinity of Mace in Montgomery Co. Indiana. Three daughters, Margaret, who died in infancy, Mary and Jennie were born to this union while living in Indiana. Margaret is buried at Union Cemetery near Mace, Indiana.

On March 4, 1865, when twenty eight years of age, the husband and father heard the call of his country in the Civil War and served as a private in the 11th Indiana regiment. Shortly after he entered the war, the issue was decided, and he was mustered out on July 26, 1865 at Baltimore. It is believed that while on duty in the vicinity of the National Capitol, he was present at the services for the martyred President Lincoln.

Returning home from army service, the Bratton family decided to go west with a number of other families and take up farming in Tama County, Iowa. No doubt, these emigrants traveled in covered wagons drawn by horses or oxen. The writer was unable to find a starting date and does not know how long it took them to make the trip, but, on October 21, 1865, Mr. and Mrs. Bratton purchased forty-two acres of land in Otter Creek Township from a Benjamin Hays, paying seven hundred fifty dollars in cash. This tract of land lay about two and one half miles east of the present community of Toledo, Iowa and not over five miles from the Sac and Fox Indian reservation. This land was

2. Tama Co. Deeds Bk. 15 Pg. 398
held by the Bratton family for almost eighteen years, when it was sold on May 21, 1883 to a LeRoy Olney. I am inclined to believe that most of the Bratton family were born in the log cabin on this place.

Two years after arriving from Indiana a three acre tract was purchased on March 23, 1867 from a John Foster. This tract was about a mile southwest of the forty-two acre farm previously mentioned. Eventually this tract was sold to a Benjamin Knapp on December 12, 1874.

About this time a son was born, and perhaps it is understandable why this ex-Union soldier should call his son Ulysses. After all the father himself had been named after a prominent American citizen.

In the years following the birth of this son in a log cabin, three more sons and five daughters were born to the Brattons. As the size of the family increased additional tracts of land were purchased. The writer has no way of knowing whether the additional purchases had living quarters on them or not or where the different children were born other than in the vicinity of Toledo or Traer, Iowa. These two towns are about fifteen or sixteen miles apart.

On March 20, 1873 forty acres was purchased from John Bishop for one hundred fifty dollars. This tract lay adjacent to the first land purchase from Mr. Hayes and made a farm of eighty-two acres. However, after two years, this forty acres was resold to a Jeremiah Hays for one thousand fifty dollars.

More land was needed for growing Bratton family and this time eighty acres was purchased from John Ashpole for twenty two hundred dollars. This land was bought on April 3, 1876 and was located about five miles north of Toledo in Howard Township. This eighty was kept about eight years when it was sold to Pat Flynn for twenty eight hundred dollars on March 1, 1884.

3. Tama Co. Deeds Bk. 71 Pg. 170
4. Tama Co. Deeds Bk. 19 Pg. 483
5. Tama Co. Deeds Bk. 144 Pg. 264
6. Tama Co. Deeds Bk. 38 Pg. 20
7. Tama Co. Deeds Bk. 45 Pg. 84
8. Tama Co. Deeds Bk. 45 Pg. 541
9. Tama Co. Deeds Bk. 71 Pg. 592
Several months later Mr. Bratton bought some more land. On July 29, 1884, he decided to buy one hundred sixty acres from James Monson for four thousand dollars. This land was on Salt Creek in Crystal township about ten miles north of Toledo and about six miles southwest of Traer.

It is presumed that about this time some of the older sons and daughters were starting out on their own. It is about this time that names of other places seemed to be heard. Pipestone, Minnesota seemed to be one of the towns mentioned and names in Iowa such as Pocahontas, Humboldt, Rolfe, Laurens, Ottosen, Bode, West Bend and Bradgate seemed to take on new importance.

Finally a decision to dispose of their land holdings in Tama county was made and, on March 1, 1893, August Plagmann bought the quarter section purchased in 1884, for sixty-six hundred dollars.

No doubt the decision to sell their farm in Tama County was brought about by the decision to move to northwest Iowa where some of their children had migrated a few years previous. Mr. and Mrs. Bratton purchased a farm of three hundred twenty acres on February 4, 1893 from a Mr. Adolph Paul for eighty-eight hundred dollars. This farm was in Wacousta township southeast of Ottosen in Humboldt County.

We do not know how long William and Nancy Bratton lived on this farm at Ottosen, but we do know that they were living in Rolfe, Iowa when they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 10, 1910. About six weeks later on January 24, 1911, Mr. Bratton died and was buried at Rolfe.

Following the death of Mr. Bratton, the farm was sold to Carry Holden on July 26, 1913 for $36,800. About this same time Mrs. Bratton purchased a house in Rolfe. This house remained in her possession until October 22, 1921 when she sold it to a Hans Miller.

After selling the home Mrs. Bratton made home with some of her children until her death on May 18, 1925. She was buried beside her husband in the Rolfe cemetery.

10. Tama Co. Deeds Bk. 76 Pg. 137
11. Tama Co. Deeds Bk. 100 Pg. 482
12. Humboldt Co. Deed Bk. 54 Pg. 85
13. Humboldt Co. Deed Bk. 82 Pg. 496-498
15. Pocahontas Co. Deed Bk. T Pg. 239
Bratton home in Rolfe. Mrs. Bratton and daughter, Agnes.

Graves of W. H. and Nancy Bratton, daughters Alice and Agnes.
THE B. F. CHAMBERS FAMILY

B Mary Adaline Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. July 4, 1863 at Mace, Montgomery Co., Indiana. m. Benjamin Franklin Chambers b. December 23, 1852, at Humboldt, Iowa in 1896.

Children of B. F. and Mary (Bratton) Chambers:

B-1 William Ralston Chambers b. December 6, 1897, died in infancy
B-2 Glenn Robert Chambers b. December 8, 1898
B-3 Earl LeRoy Chambers b. December 10, 1899

Mary came to Tama County, Iowa in a covered wagon soon after the Civil War. Since Mary was the oldest of a family of eleven children, it fell to her lot to look after and care for the younger children.

Mary was a religious individual, thoughtful and considerate of others. It was Mary who took much of the responsibility of caring for her mother in her mother's later years.

Mary was past eighty years of age when she died on November 14, 1943, and is buried at Rolfe beside her husband who preceded her in death passing away on April 20, 1928.

B-2 Glenn Robert Chambers (Mary (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. December 8, 1898. unm.

Glenn was not a very strong boy and was subject to various illnesses. He was a good and willing worker when his health

Graves of B. F. and Mary Chambers and son Glenn
permitted it. Glenn and Earl were particularly close for brothers, and Glenn, unable to play football, was very proud of Earl's ability to play football both in high school and college.

Glenn passed away on May 11, 1921 and is buried in the family lot at Rolfe.

B-3 Earl LeRoy Chambers (Mary (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. December 10, 1899 in Tama County, Iowa. m. Pearl B. Sandvig, daughter of Peter and Isabelle (Williamson) Sandvig of Ruthven, Iowa on September 1, 1925.

Children of Earl and Pearl (Sandvig) Chambers:

B-3-1 Mary Isabelle Chambers b. June 24, 1926
B-3-2 Alice Frances Chambers b. May 17, 1929
B-3-3 Elwood Sandvig Chambers b. December 25, 1930
B-3-4 Earl Garland Chambers b. February 13, 1933

Earl was born on a farm near Traer, in Tama County, but moved with his parents to the Rolfe Community when but a few weeks old and lived in this area practically the rest of his life. After graduation from Rolfe High School and Coe College he acted as teacher, coach, and principal at the Plover, Sioux Rapids, Ruthven, Ayrshire and Pocahontas schools.

Earl was married to Miss Pearl B. Sandvig of Ruthven, Iowa on September 1, 1925, and four children were born to this union.

In 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers moved with their family to their farm southeast of Rolfe and lived there until his death.
Earl was known as a man of sterling integrity and was greatly respected in the county. He was a veteran of World War I, a member of the Methodist Church, a Mason, a School Board member for twenty years and was elected twice to the State Legislature.

Earl's death was a shock, not only to his family and relatives, but to the entire community. The esteem in which he was held was reflected by the presence of many members of the local civic organizations and officials of the State Legislatures of which he was a part. One of those present at the services was Governor Herschel C. Loveless.

Full military and Masonic rites were held at the Rolfe Cemetery on August 14, 1958.

B-3-1 Mary Isabelle Chambers (Earl (10), Mary (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. June 24, 1926, at Pocahontas, Iowa. m. Lloyd Joseph Flanigan, son of Oliver P. and Nancy (Ferguson) Flanigan at Boulder, Colorado in 1949.

Children of Lloyd and Mary Isabelle (Chambers) Flanigan:

B-3-1-1 Susan Leigh Flanigan

B-3-1-2 Patricia Kay Flanigan

Following graduation from high school, Mary Isabelle attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She is now a sixth grade teacher in Riverside, California and living with her family at 6688 Nicolett Street in Riverside.

Mary Isabelle has an "adopted" child in the Philippines and sends

1 The Rolfe Arrow, August 21, 1958
money every month for the child's support. This Christian act of
venevolence is very gratifying to her.

B-3-2 Alice Frances Chambers (Earl (10), Mary (9), Nancy (8),
Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2),
Peter (1)) b. May 17, 1929 at Gilmore City, Iowa. m. Thomas Taylor
Measom, son of Roy and Vera (Taylor) Measom on December 29, 1953,
at Riverside, California.

Children of Thomas and Alice Frances (Chambers) Measom:

B-3-2-1 Tracy Renee Measom
B-3-2-2 Devin Thomas Measom
B-3-2-3 Kendall Ann Measom

Mr. Measom is a commercial artist and Mrs. Measom is a sub­
stitute teacher at Azusa, California. They are presently living at
576 E. Fifth Street in Azusa.

Alice Frances does a lot of volunteer work, in various community
projects. She has tutored in a Methodist Orphan Home and is also
tutoring girls in a Juvenile Home.

Alice Frances, like her sister Mary Isabelle, has an "adopted"
child in the Philippines and is sending a certain amount of money
every month for this child's support.

B-3-3 Elwood Sandvig Chambers (Earl (10), Mary (9), Nancy (8),
Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2),
Peter (1)) b. December 25, 1930 at Rolfe, Iowa. m. Judith Ann
Carroll daughter of Arthur John and Marguerite (Coates) Carroll on
June 27, 1964 at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Children of Elwood and Judith (Carroll) Chambers:

B-3-3-1 Lisa Ann Chambers

Elwood is an electronic engineer with Douglas Aircraft in Ingle­
wood, California and his wife was an airline stewardess before her
marriage. Their address is 811 Austin Avenue, Apartment 7, Ingle­
wood, California.
B-3-4 "Earl" Garland Sandvig Chambers (Earl (10), Mary (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. February 13, 1933, Gilmore City, Iowa. m. Bonita LaRue Gard, daughter of Victor and Florence (Larson) Gard, on November 23, 1954, at Ruthven, Iowa.

Children of Garland and Bonita (Gard) Chambers:

B-3-4-1 Blane G. Chambers

B-3-4-2 Robin Renee Chambers

B-3-4-3 Shawn Susanne Chambers

Garland is an expert brick mason and has his own business. He is also a licensed pilot and has his own airplane.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers are living at 2605 Union Street, San Bernardino, California.
John and Jennie Taylor Family

C. Jennie Luella Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. July 20, 1865 at Mace, Montgomery County, Indiana. m. John J. Taylor, of Dickens, Iowa at Emmettsburg, Iowa on February 12, 1908.

Children of John and Jennie (Bratton) Taylor:

C-1 John William b. April 6, 1909

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor lived in Iowa for a short time after their marriage and then moved to a farm at Presho, South Dakota, in 1908. After living there four years, they then moved to Elbow Lake, Minnesota and lived there until their death. The husband and father died on May 28, 1837, and Mrs. Taylor passed away on January 23, 1943. Both are buried at Elbow Lake, Minnesota.

C-1 John William Taylor (Jennie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. April 6, 1909, at Presho, South Dakota. m. Mina Louise Balgaard, b. June 16, 1909, daughter of Joseph A. and Cara (Tollefson) Balgaard of Ashby, Minnesota on October 25, 1931 at Ashby.

Children of John and Mina (Balgaard) Taylor:

C-1-1 Milo Francis b. December 9, 1932
C-1-2 Donald William b. March 14, 1935 (twin)
C-1-3 LeRoy John b. March 14, 1935 (twin)
C-1-4 DeLoris Marilyn b. December 29, 1937
C-1-5 Elaine Joan b. November 2, 1939

John graduated from the West Central School of Agriculture at Morris, Minnesota, March 25, 1925. While in school he belonged to the Rifle Club, the Livestock Club and the Vincent Club, a literary society.
He farmed at Elbow Lake, Minnesota after his marriage to Mina Balgaard, October 25, 1931. When World War II started Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their family moved to Long Lake, Minnesota, where John worked as a machinist for the Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Company.

Another move in 1949 found the Taylors located at Miles City, Montana. They remained at Miles City until 1962 when John, who is engaged in the transportation of petroleum products, was transferred to Laurel, Montana.

Mrs. Taylor is a private music instructor, teaching piano and organ and has been acting as a church organist in the various places she has lived since 1928. She has also had vocal training and has appeared as a vocalist on many occasions.

Mrs. Taylor's hobby is flowers and she does a lot of hybridizing of house plants raising her own seed and producing new varieties.

C-1-1 Milo Franklin Taylor (John (10), Jennie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (l)) b. December 9, 1932, at Elbow Lake, Minnesota. m. Poebe Brockway, daughter of James D. and Ruth (Cooper) Brockway, on September 3, 1957, at Camp Des Loges, Paris France.

Children of Milo and Poebe (Brockway) Taylor:

C-1-1-1 Robert Joseph b. July 31, 1958, at Bethesda, Md.


Milo has been stationed at Guam, at the U. S. Headquarters European Command at Paris, France. Pentagon, Washington D. C., Bermuda and at the present time at the Naval Training Center at San Diego, California.

C-1-2 Donald William Taylor (John (10), Jennie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2),
Peter (1)) b. March 14, 1935, at Ashby, Minnesota. m. Sarah Gluyas, daughter of Richard James and Helen (Gagemaier) Gluyas of Miles City, Montana, on May 19, 1956, at Miles City.

Children of Donald and Sarah (Gluyas) Taylor:

C-1-2-1 Linda Jo b. April 10, 1957, at Miles City, Montana

C-1-2-2 Steve Paul b. August 24, 1959, at Miles City, Montana

Donald and LeRoy are identical twins and have lived an identical life from the time they were born. Each weighed seven pounds and twelve ounces. They have had the same type of work; they served eight years in the National Guard and kept everyone confused. They were married at a double wedding and have two children each. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Taylor live in Miles City, Montana.

C-1-3 LeRoy John Taylor (John (10), Jennie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. March 14, 1935, at Ashby, Minnesota. m. Beverly Patikas, daughter of Nicholas A. and Mary (Grover) Patikas, of Miles City, Montana, on May 19, 1956, at Miles City.

Children of LeRoy and Beverly (Patikas) Taylor:

C-1-3-1 Carla Lynne b. February 24, 1957, at Miles City, Montana

C-1-3-2 Susan Marie b. November 27, 1961, at Miles City, Montana

LeRoy and Donald are identical twins as previously stated. They both work for a wholesale grocery concern. Their territories overlap and as usual there is more confusion among their business associates. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Taylor also live at Miles City, Montana.

C-1-4 DoLoris Marilyn Taylor (John (10), Jennie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. December 29, 1937, Elbow Lake, Minnesota. m. Richard William Yates, son of William R. and Ethel (Cox) Yates of Marengo, Illinois on October 3, 1959, at Glendive, Montana.
Children of Richard and Doloris (Taylor) Yates:

C-1-4-1 Mark Russell b. March 17, 1960, at Glendive, Montana

C-1-4-2 Alan William b. May 25, 1962, at Billings, Montana

Mr. and Mrs. Yates are now living in Metairie, La., which is a suburb of New Orleans. He has been working as an engineer for the Shell Oil Company in Billings, Montana and was transferred to the new location.

Before her marriage Doloris spent four years in the naval reserve. Her husband Dick served in the Air Force.

C-1-5 Elaine Joan Taylor (John (10), Jennie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. November 2, 1939, at Elbow Lake, Minnesota. m. Robert Paul Larimer, son of Robert and Sue (Rettinger) Larimer, of Helena, Montana, on October 2, 1962, at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Elaine is working at the Registrars office at Eastern Montana College, Billings, Montana. Paul is employed as a repair man in a body shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Larimer recently purchased a house at 2112 - 10th Avenue, North, in Billings, Montana.
MORTON AND IDA BRATTON FAMILY

D Ulysses Morton Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. April 21, 1867, Tama County, Iowa. m. Elizabeth Ida Kneen, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Taubman) Kneen, December 18, 1901 at Delmar, Iowa.

Children of Morton and Ida (Kneen) Bratton:

D-1 Merton Kneen Bratton

D-2 Marion Elizabeth Bratton

Morton farmed in Minnesota for a time and then moved to Perry, Iowa. Hence to a farm near Rowley, Iowa and in January 1911, moved to a farm near Laurens, Iowa. He was a member of IOOF Lodge.

Mrs. Bratton graduated from a two year Special Primary course at State College of Iowa in 1899 and taught for several years.

Morton died July 25, 1912, and his widow passed away on July 7, 1954. Both are buried at Rolfe, Iowa.
D-1 Merton Kneen Bratton (Ulysses (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. December 18, 1905, at Pipestone, Minnesota. m. Grace Ella Whitley on December 24, 1927 at Fayette, Iowa.

Children of Merton and Grace (Whitley) Bratton:

D-1-1 Merton Bratton II b. April 30, 1929

D-1-2 Charles Harlan b. August 12, 1940

D-1-3 Sharon Lorraine b. June 1, 1945

Merton graduated from Laurens High School in 1924 and State College of Iowa at the end of the summer term in 1927 majoring in Mathematics and Manual Arts.

Merton was married on December 24, 1927 to Miss Grace Whitley whom he met while in college.

Merton's teaching experience was at Janesville and Cylinder in Iowa, Kewanee, Illinois and Sedgewick, Colorado.

About 1939 or 1940 Merton decided to return to farming at Laurens. He remained in this community until after the death of his mother on July 7, 1954.

Merton and his family then moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in January of 1955, where they are now living.

D-1-1 Merton Bratton II (Merton (10), Ulysses (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. April 30, 1929 at Fayette, Iowa. m. Elinor Ruth Schultz on June 4, 1949 at Ames, Iowa

Children of Merton and Elinor (Schultz) Bratton:

D-1-1-1 Kent Murray b. December 21, 1953

D-1-1-2 Jan Ellen b. July 9, 1955

Following high school graduation, Merton received his B.A. degree from State College of Iowa in 1952. In 1960 he received a National Science Grant in Science education and was awarded his M.A. degree in 1960. Merton is a high school chemistry and science teacher and in
the summer of 1965 he was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to attend a summer institute at Ohio State University. This institute, designed for high school science teachers, centers on geology and the nature of science. It is held on Ohio State's Snow college Campus in Ephraim, Utah.

Mrs. Bratton has continued her education since her marriage and has received a B.S. degree in Elementary Education at the University of New Mexico in 1964.

D-1-2 Charles Harlan Bratton (Merton (10), Ulysses (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. August 12, 1940 at Laurens, Iowa. m. Suzanne Marie Deats on August 10, 1964, at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Children of Charles and Suzanne (Deats) Bratton:

D-1-2-1 Stephanie Ann b. November 28, 1961 (step-daughter)

D-1-2-2 Dwayne Charles b. October 3, 1965 at Albuquerque

Charles served four years in the Air Force and has been at Albuquerque since November 1962. At the present time he is a foreman for the Russ Pitney Earth Moving Company.

D-1-3 Sharon Lorraine Bratton (Merton (10), Ulysses (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. June 1, 1945, at Spencer, Iowa. m. Gary Hamilton Gere on June 24, 1965 at St. Johns Methodist church in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

No children.

Sharon has completed her second year of College at the University of New Mexico. She is majoring in Elementary Education.

Mr. Gere is a student at New Mexico Highlands University at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

D-2 Marion Elizabeth Bratton (Ulysses (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. December 7, 1907 at Perry, Iowa. m. Lester W. Snyder, son of
Daniel Wesley and Maggie (Trinphaus) Snyder, on September 10, 1933 at Laurens, Iowa.

Children of Lester and Marion (Bratton) Snyder:

D-2-1 Harley Bratton Snyder b. March 13, 1936

Marion graduated from Laurens High School in 1924 and received her B.A. degree from State College of Iowa in 1927. She taught high school Math from 1927 to 1933 at Corydon. She served on Corydon Board of Education and the Official Board of the Methodist Church in Corydon. Her hobby is gardening--raising glads, roses, mums and African violets.

Marion's husband Lester who was born September 18, 1904, graduated from Corydon High School in 1923 and received his B.S. degree from Drake University in 1928. At the present time he is engaged in the feed business at Corydon, Iowa.

D-2-1 Harley Bratton Snyder (Marion (10), Ulysses (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. March 13, 1936 at Chariton, Iowa. m. Dixie Lee Reed of Perry, Iowa on June 1, at Perry Iowa.

Children of Harley and Dixie (Reed) Snyder:

D-2-1-1 Elizabeth Anne b. September 22, 1959 at Big Springs, Texas

D-2-1-2 Dianna Jeanne b. October 18, 1960, at Big Springs, Texas

D-2-1-3 David Allan b. June 7, 1962 at Perry, Iowa

D-2-1-4 Gerald Wesley b. July 1, 1963, at Charleston, South Carolina

Harley graduated from Corydon High School in 1954 and received his B. S. degree from Drake University in 1958.

Harley received a second Lieutenant rating in R.O.T.C. and entered the service in 1958. He was first stationed at Webb. A.F.B. in Texas from 1958 until April 1961, when he was sent to Iceland for one year. After his return he was stationed at Charleston, South
Carolina. He received his discharge in August 1965 and is now employed as a buyer for Meredith Publishing Company in Des Moines.

Mrs. Snyder graduated from Perry High School in 1956 and attended Drake University in Des Moines from 1956-58.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have purchased a home at Norwalk, Iowa, a few miles from Des Moines, and are living there at the present time.
W. R. AND NETTIE CRAMER FAMILY

Nettie Ann Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. March 29, 1869 Toledo, tri. William Riley Cramer March 29, 1900 at Reinbeck, Iowa, son of John and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Cramer of Reinbeck.

Children of William Riley and Nettie (Bratton) Cramer:

E-1 Ida Mae b. February 1, 1901
E-2 Unnamed son b. June 14, 1903 d. June 19, 1903
E-3 Roscoe Hollis b. April 11, 1905
E-4 Raleigh Forrest b. July 28, 1907
E-5 Ora Lucille b. February 8, 1910
E-6 Ona Lorraine b. September 8, 1911
E-7 Robert Leonard b. November 20, 1914

Nettie Ann Bratton was born March 29, 1869, in a log cabin near Toledo, Iowa in Tama County. She was the first of five daughters to be born in Iowa, following the migration of the Bratton family from Indiana.

She received her early schooling in the vicinity of Toledo. She and a sister, Maria, continued their education at the Iowa Normal School, later known as Iowa State Teachers College and after 1960 as State College of Iowa. One of her pupils in a rural school in northern Tama County, was a William S. Miller, who later became Superintendent of Schools at Reinbeck, and awarded high school diplomas to Roscoe, Raleigh, Ora, Ona, and Leonard when they graduated.

While teaching near Reinbeck, she met and married William R. (Pete) Cramer, a widower with one son, William Allen. They were married on her birthday, March 29, 1900 at Reinbeck. Seven children, one of whom died in infancy, were born to this union.

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer lived all their married life at Reinbeck. Mr. Cramer or "Pete" as he was called was a livestock buyer for fifty-five years.
A threshing machine accident when he was in his late twenties cost Mr. Cramer his right arm. After this accident, he claimed he could tell when there was a weather change coming. In learning to write left handed, he changed the spelling of Cramer to Cremer for his own convenience in writing.

Mrs. Cramer was very much interested in her home, family and education of the children. Her home making ability was partly attested to by the number of prizes and premiums she won in local contests which seemed to be a part of that era.

As the writer looks back on those wonderful yesterdays some things stand out very clearly in my mind.

My parents were patient, firm and fair-minded in their judgments and were good providers for their family. Each of us had some work and chores to do and we were taught responsibility at an early age.

Mother always frowned on dancing, card playing and pitching horseshoes. She liked sports and we could generally get her approval to play baseball in the afternoon, if we would work in the garden in the forenoon. She often said "work comes before play."

Father liked hunting, music, sports, particularly baseball, he hated football and didn't know much about the game called basketball. He was very much opposed to the use of liquor or tobacco in any form, and profane language. He was a radical Republican and was very much interested in the I. O. O. F. which he served as secretary for many years.
For both of our parents death came quickly following heart attacks. Mother died in her sleep on November 29, 1933, after being up and around as usual on the previous day. Eight years later, and shortly after the death of a son William by a previous marriage, father died suddenly in the evening of March 20, 1941, after working all day.

Both mother and father are buried in the Reinbeck Cemetery in the family lot alongside a son, who died June 19, 1903.

E-1 Ida Mae Cramer (Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (l)) b. February 1, 1901, at Reinbeck, Iowa. m. Raymond C. Smith son of Joseph and Alice (Landis) Smith on May 31, 1927, at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Children of Raymond and Ida (Cramer) Smith:

E-1-1 Glenn Raymond b. April 19, 1928

Ida had all of her early schooling at Reinbeck and received her diploma in 1918. She entered Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls in the fall of 1918 and graduated in 1922, majoring in Latin.

Following graduation she taught at Wesley, Thompson and Bagley, all in Iowa, until her marriage to Raymond Smith of Robinson, Kansas on May 31, 1927, at Lincoln, Nebraska. Ida's half-brother, William, had previously married Raymond's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith then moved to a farm near Hiawatha, Kansas, where their son Glenn was born April 19, 1928.

After living at Hiawatha for about ten years, Raymond died on February 27, 1938, and was buried in the Mount Hope Cemetery at Hiawatha.

Mrs. Smith and son then returned to Iowa. For a number of years she has been employed as a hospital aid at Independence, Iowa.

Mrs. Smith's hobby is books, flowers and travel. Her travels have taken her to many places of interest in the United States and Canada.

E-1-1 Glenn Raymond Smith (Ida (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2),
Peter (1)) b. April 19, 1928, at Hiawatha, Kansas. m. Esther Gerdes, Daughter of John and Nellie Jan (Conwell) Gerdes of Corydon, Iowa on August 18, 1950, at Denver, Colorado.

They have no children.

Glenn had most of his schooling at Reinbeck where he graduated in 1946. While in high school he won letter awards in basketball and baseball.

Following graduation, he went to Des Moines and enlisted in the Marines where he served for two years being assigned to office work because of his typing ability.

Following his discharge from the Marines in 1948, he became a salesman for the Real Silk Company at Colorado Springs. He continued this work as a part-time salesman while attending Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa on the G. I. Bill of Rights. He left college after about two years and continued to work for the Real Silk Company.

Shortly thereafter he was married to Miss Esther Gerdes on August 18, 1950, at Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are now living in Akron, Ohio. Mrs. Smith is a stenographer for a trucking firm and Glenn is now a real estate man but still has connections with the Real Silk Company. Their address is 1121 Jefferson Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

E-3 Roscoe Hollis Cramer (Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. April 11, 1905, at Reinbeck, Iowa. m. Alice Freda Kimzey, daughter of Fred R. and Effie (Downing) Kimzey on August 24, 1937, at Milo, Iowa.

They have no children.

Roscoe graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1924 and from Iowa State Teachers College in the summer of 1932. He was a member of the College baseball squad for four years.

R. H. started his teaching career in 1930 and since that time he has taught at Liberty Center, Norwalk, Martensdale, Linden and Saydel. During that time he has served as a teacher, coach, principal, and was a superintendent for eighteen years. In 1956 he gave up administrative duties and returned to the classroom as a teacher. In 1959 he went to
a TV workshop at Chapel Hill, North Carolina and later was a classroom teacher of American History by television in Junior High for two years.


Mrs. Cramer, who likewise is a teacher, also is interested in genealogy lines and has helped trace several branches of her lineage.

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer are members of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. Mrs. Cramer is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They live at 2807 48 Street in Des Moines, Iowa.

E-4 Raleigh Forrest Cramer (Nettie (9), Rancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. July 28, 1907, at Reinbeck, Iowa. m. Margaret Kathryn Graves daughter of Frederick F. and Catherine (Bakker) Graves of Grundy Center, Iowa, April 14, 1937, at Waterloo, Iowa.

Children of Raleigh and Margaret (Graves) Cramer:

E-4-1 Kathryn Annette b. June 3, 1938
E-4-2 Carol June b. February 20, 1940
E-4-3 Allen Kent b. July 28, 1941

Raleigh graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1926. He took part and lettered in football, basketball, and baseball.

After graduation he worked at various jobs in Reinbeck. In 1934 he traveled through the west and parts of Canada. On returning to the midwest he worked as a salesman for the Gemac Company in Milwaukee, St. Louis and Rockford, Illinois.

Leaving the sales field, he attended the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, graduating in 1936.

He returned to Reinbeck and again worked at various jobs until August 1, 1937, when he accepted the job as Superintendent of the Grundy County Rural Electric Cooperative. He later became its manager
and still holds the position. He is now the Senior Manager among Iowa R. E. A. managers. His address is 1004-11th Street, at Grundy Center, Iowa.

The Grundy County Rural Electric Cooperative came into existence largely through the efforts of a hard working public spirited county agricultural agent named Lew Plager and a young Reinbeck man named R. F. (Raleigh) Cramer.

E-4-1 Kathryn Annette Cramer (Raleigh (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. June 3, 1938, at Grundy Center, Iowa. m. Robert Hawley Sokol son of Howard and Ruth (Hawley) Sokol of Sibley, Iowa on June 26, 1959, at Grundy Center, Iowa.

Children of Robert and Kathryn (Cramer) Sokol:

E-4-1-1 Cynthia Sue b. April 23, 1961 at Waco, Texas

E-4-1-2 Elizabeth Kathryn b. August 31, 1963

Kathryn (Kay) had all her schooling in Grundy Center and graduated in 1956. She attended the University of Iowa for two years and then worked at the James Black Dry Good Store in Waterloo for one year.

Kay married Robert Sokol, a graduate of the University of Iowa, in 1959. He is now a captain in the U.S.A.F. and they are presently living at 4524 Narrow Lane, Montgomery, Alabama, where he is an instructor at the Squadron Officers School at the Maxwell Air Force Base.

E-4-2 Carol June Cramer (Raleigh (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. February 20, 1940, Grundy Center, Iowa. unm.

Carol graduated from Grundy Center High School in 1959. She attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, graduating in 1960. She was employed at the Merchants National Bank of Cedar Rapids for three years.

1From a History of the Grundy County Rural Electric Cooperative, Grundy Center, Iowa.
In 1963 she left Cedar Rapids and went to Tulsa, Oklahoma where she took a position as an electronic machine operator at the First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma.

E-4-3 Allen Kent Cramer (Raleigh (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. July 28, 1941, Grundy Center, Iowa. unm.

Allen has the unusual distinction of having the same birthday date as his father, July 28. He had all of his early schooling in Grundy Center, graduating in 1959 in the same class as his sister Carol.

He attended the University of Iowa for two years. In 1962 he enlisted in the U.S.A.F. and has been stationed at the Orlando A.F.B. in Florida, Cheyenne A.F.B. in Wyoming.

E-5 Ora Lucille Cramer (Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. February 8, 1910 at Reinbeck. unm.

Ora graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1928. Following her graduation she enrolled at Iowa State Teachers College and received her Elementary Education Diploma in June 1930.

Ora has alternated teaching and furthering her college education. She has taught in Iowa, Indiana, Wyoming, Michigan, Washington, and Canada.

Her college attendance since 1930 has been at Iowa State University, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1941. She received her Master of Arts degree at the State University of Iowa in 1949. She also spent a year at Denver University taking a course in Library Science. Since graduation from that course in 1960, she has been the First Assistant Librarian at Creighton University at Omaha.

Ora's hobbies are reading, especially history, knitting, and textile painting. Her address is 2768 California Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

E-6 Ona Lorraine Cramer (Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. September 8, 1911 at Reinbeck, Iowa. m. Charles James Hoeg, son of Howard James and Ann (Schmidt) Hoeg, on September 2, 1935, at Reinbeck, Iowa.
Children of Charles and Ona (Cramer) Hoeg:

E-6-1 Randolyn Lorraine b. July 20, 1936
E-6-2 Eloise Elaine b. September 26, 1937
E-6-3 Leon Forrest b. August 13, 1939
E-6-4 Jeanne Marie b. August 3, 1942
E-6-5 Charles James b. September 26, 1943
E-6-6 Robert Allen b. October 6, 1947

Ona attended the public school at Reinbeck and graduated from high school in 1929. While in high school, she took part in girls basketball and was a member of the Glee Club and Pep Club.

Ona entered Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls in the fall of 1929. After attending two years she dropped out of school and secured work at Reinbeck for several years.

On September 2, 1935, she was married to Charles Hoeg and six children were born to this union.

Ona never lost her desire for a college education and she re-entered the Teachers College in 1955 and received her B.A. degree in August, 1958. Her oldest daughter Randolyn received her B.A. degree at the same commencement.

Mrs. Hoeg has been teaching second grade at Bayard, Iowa for the past six years. Previous to that she taught one year at Floyd, Iowa.

During the summer months Mrs. Hoeg has been working at the Y. M. C. A. boys camp at Boone, Iowa.

E-6-1 Randolyn Lorraine Hoeg (Ona (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. July 20, 1936, at Reinbeck, Iowa. m. Ronald Johnson, son of Mrs. Marie Johnson and the late Luther Johnson of Storm Lake, Iowa on June 16, 1963 at Des Moines, Iowa.

They have no children.
Randolyn attended the Reinbeck Schools and was graduated in 1954. She was a member of the Pep Club, Future Homemakers Club, Mixed Chorus and Glee Club.

Randolyn entered Iowa State Teachers College in 1954 and graduated in 1958. She prepared herself in the kindergarten area and she started her teaching career in the Des Moines schools where she taught five years before her marriage to Ronald Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson taught kindergarten at Park Forest a suburb of Chicago in 1964-65 and the coming year will teach northwest of Chicago at Northbrook.

E-6-2 Eloise Elaine Hoeg (Ona (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1))
b. September 26, 1937, at Reinbeck, Iowa. unm.

Eloise attended the school at Reinbeck and graduated in 1955. While in high school she was a member of the Future Homemakers, mixed chorus and girls trio.

Eloise entered the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls and was a student from 1956 to 1960. She has been working in Des Moines the past five years.

E-6-3 Leon Forrest Hoeg (Ona (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1))
b. August 13, 1939, at Reinbeck, Iowa. unm.

Leon attended Reinbeck High School three years from 1955 to 1958. He was interested in sports and scouting and received the Order of the Arrow while in high school he enrolled in and was a member of the National Guard for two years. In February 1958, Leon enlisted in the Army and was killed in an accident on February 6, 1959. He was buried with military honors in the Reinbeck Cemetery.

E-6-4 Jeanne Marie Hoeg (Ona (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1))
b. August 3, 1942, at Reinbeck, Iowa. unm.

Jeanne attended three high schools in her quest for a diploma. All of her elementary schooling and the first two years of high school
were taken at Reinbeck. She attended Charles City High School her junior year while her mother was teaching at Floyd, Iowa. Her senior year was completed at Bayard in 1960. Jeanne was interested in sports and took part in basketball.

Following graduation Jeanne worked around Bayard for a year and then secured employment at Bankers Life Insurance Company in Des Moines. Jeanne has been attending night school in Des Moines and is now a key punch operator.

Jeanne's hobby is drawing.

E-6-5 Charles James Hoeg (Ona (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1))
b. September 26, 1943, at Reinbeck, Iowa. unm.

Charles' elementary education and one year of high school was at Reinbeck. He then spent one year at Charles City and one year at Bayard before enlisting in the Navy. Charles was interested in sports, automobiles and outdoor life. There is a possibility that he will make a career in the service.

E-6-6 Robert Allen Hoeg (Ona (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1))
b. October 6, 1947, at Reinbeck, Iowa. unm.

Bobby had most of his elementary schooling at Reinbeck and Bayard. He liked all sports and lettered in football his freshman, sophomore and junior years at Bayard, Iowa. A knee injury at the start of his senior year sidelined him. Bobby graduated in May of 1965 and immediately went to work in a garage at Bayard. His future plans might be concerned with service in the Air Force.

E-7 Robert Leonard Cramer (Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1))
b. November 20, 1914, at Reinbeck, Iowa. m. Ann Petersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petersen, on December 30, 1936.

Children of Robert and Ann (Petersen) Cramer:

E-7-1 Robert Leonard b. July 31, 1938

E-7-2 Unnamed daughter died at birth 1940
Robert graduated from Reinbeck in 1932. During his high school career he participated in football, basketball and baseball. He has the rather unusual distinction of playing in the Iowa High School State Basketball tournament at Iowa City while only a freshman in 1929.

He secured employment around Reinbeck following graduation and on December 30, 1936, was married to Miss Ann Petersen.

He continued to work around Reinbeck until he was called into service at the outbreak of World War II. He was assigned to submarine duty and had a few harrowing experiences in line of duty.

He returned to Reinbeck and worked there until he secured employment at Marshalltown where he has been living for the past six years.

E-7-1 Robert Leonard Cramer, Junior (Robert (10), Nettie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. July 31, 1938 at Reinbeck, Iowa. unm.

Robert Leonard Junior graduated from Reinbeck High School on May 22, 1956, and received several honors.

The Iowa State Bar Association and the Iowa State Bar Foundation presented him with an American Citizenship Award. He was the recipient of a membership award of the National Honor Society in 1956.

He also received a partial tuition scholarship to the State College of Iowa, which was good for all four years of undergraduate study there.

He received his B.A. degree from State College of Iowa in August 1959, and his M.A. degree from Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff in May 1964. Robert also has taken work at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio and Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

He has served on a panel at the 1964 Iowa State Education Association State Convention discussing the teaching of American Literature in the high school and junior college areas.

His teaching experience includes five years at Marshalltown High School and one year at Prescott Arizona High School. He will teach at Lake Park High School, Chicago, Illinois during the 1965-66 school year.

His hobbies are music, traveling, collecting books and original art and studying literature.
HENRY AND MARIA SINDT FAMILY

F Maria Josephine Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. October 1, 1870, in a log cabin near Toledo, Iowa. m. Henry Sindt, son of Chris and Kathrina (Wiese) Sindt of Germany on December 24, 1901 at Pipestone, Minnesota.

Children of Henry and Maria (Bratton) Sindt:

F-1 Russell Peter b. February 18, 1906 at Reinbeck, Iowa

Maria was the third child born to the Brattons after moving to Tama County. She was born in a log cabin on October 1, 1870 about two miles east of Toledo.

The writer is of the opinion that Maria was a friendly, spirited and fun loving girl. Stories are told of how she could figure out ways of getting good apples from the trees after being told not to pick them off the trees. She would devise a method all her own and still not be disobedient.

After finishing their schooling in Tama County, Maria and her sister Nettie attended college at Cedar Falls. While Nettie was teaching school in Tama County, Maria decided to go to Pipestone, Minnesota and keep house for her brother Morton. While keeping house for her brother, she became acquainted with her brother's friend, Henry Sindt, who had become a regular visitor at Morton's after Maria arrived.

About this time Maria invited one of her friends, Miss Ida Kneen, from Cedar Falls for a visit and introduced her to brother Morton. Two marriages resulted from this maneuvering.

Maria and Henry Sindt were married on December 24, 1901, at Pipestone, Minnesota and within a few years were farming about five miles north of Reinbeck, Iowa. On February 18, 1906, a son, Russell, was born to this couple. Married life for Maria was suddenly cut short when the husband and father died suddenly, August 1, 1907, and was buried at Reinbeck.

Mrs. Sindt continued to live north of Reinbeck, and with the help of two of her brothers, Harry and Frank, continued to farm until the
two brothers decided to homestead in South Dakota. Mrs. Sindt and her son then moved to Cedar Falls in 1911 where they remained for some twenty years.

After returning to the farm in the early thirties, Mrs. Sindt preferred to remain at home and she was concerned mainly with the farm, a few old friends, her grandchildren and her memories of some of the yesterdays.

On June 5, 1959, Maria died at the age of eighty-eight and was laid to rest in the Reinbeck Cemetery beside the body of her husband.

F-1 Russell Peter Sindt (Maria (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. February 18, 1906 at Reinbeck, Iowa. m. Alta Louisa Boege, daughter of Hans H. and Mary L. (Barfels) Boege of Reinbeck, Iowa on June 9, 1937, at Reinbeck. Alta was born at Gladbrook, Iowa, October 23, 1910.

Children of Russell and Alta (Boege) Sindt:

F-1-1 Arlene Alta March 27, 1938
F-1-2 Janice Marie November 7, 1940
F-1-3 Doris Mary November 29, 1943
F-1-4 Roger Russell October 20, 1945

Russell and his cousin Roscoe entered the first grade together at Reinbeck in the fall of 1911.
At this early age, Russell began to show evidence of his desire to experiment with almost anything at anytime. This caused the writer no end of worry and concern for his seat mate in the double seats that were used at that time.

Sometime during this first school year, Mrs. Sindt and Russell moved to Cedar Falls. I believe that a few years later Russell missed quite a bit of school because of some operations and he graduated from Cedar Falls in 1925.

While Russell was still in high school he became a ham radio operator. He had a map of North America and placed pins to indicate his station contacts. Russell was always interested in electricity and mechanisms and he entered college at Ames working in these fields. Russell's second love was music.

In the early thirties Mrs. Sindt and Russell returned to the farm after an absence of some twenty years. Russell then proceeded to set up the Sindt Machine Works, manufacturing some farm machinery and eventually secured some distributors and is now a branch of Hinson Manufacturing Company.

Russell was married to Miss Alta L. Boege on June 9, 1937, at Reinbeck. Mrs. Sindt, a Reinbeck graduate of 1929, has been a wonderful inspiration to her husband and family by her interest in all their activities and the ever generous time and help she gave to them.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sindt are now in semi-retirement and are enjoying a well earned vacation from their many labors. They have purchased a house trailer and enjoy traveling throughout the United States.

F-1-1 Arlene Alta Sindt (Russell (10), Marie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. March 27, 1938, Reinbeck, Iowa. m. Richard Mueller son of William Nicholas and Clara Anna (Borcherding) Mueller of Fredericksburg, Iowa, on June 15, 1960 at Reinbeck.

Children of Richard and Arlene (Sindt) Mueller:

F-1-1-1 David Paul b. and d. May 5, 1962

F-1-1-2 Phillip Richard April 10, 1965 (adopted) at Anamosa, Iowa
Arlene graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1955 and worked at the Rural Electric Cooperative office in Grundy Center for five and a half years after her graduation. Arlene was married to Richard A. Mueller on June 15, 1960. Arlene worked in Iowa City while her husband was completing his education at the university. Mr. Mueller worked as a Sociologist in the penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa for one year and received his M.A. degree in sociology from the State University two years later.

Arlene's hobbies are sewing and reading and she is also interested in church activities. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller have adopted a boy, Phillip Richard, and are now living at 200 1/2 Park Avenue, Anamosa, Iowa, where he has been employed as a psychiatric social worker at the State Mental Security Hospital in Anamosa.

F-1-2 Janice Marie Sindt (Russell (10), Marie (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. November 7, 1940, Reinbeck, Iowa. m. William Marshall Killebrew, son of Henry H. and Willie Gertrude (Starr) Killebrew of Georgia, June 23, 1961 at Miami, Florida.

William Killebrew and Janice (Sindt) Killebrew have no children.

Janice graduated from Reinbeck in 1959 with the highest academic record of any graduate. She received a five hundred dollar Business School scholarship to Gates College at Waterloo, Iowa and after graduation in 1960 has worked in an insurance and adjusting office in Miami, Florida.

Janice has ability along a number of lines. The writer was amazed at her dexterity with electric tools in cutting, putting together and painting wagon boxes, etc. in her father's machine shop at Reinbeck. She was equally skilled in household duties. Her recreational hobby is swimming and at the present time she is a stenographer at Hialeah, Florida.

F-1-3 Doris Mary Sindt (Russell (10), Maria (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. November 29, 1943, Reinbeck, Iowa. m. Kenneth "Mac" Bane, son of Kenneth E. and Dorothy (McPherrin) Bane of Oakland, November 28, 1964 at Reinbeck, Iowa.

Kenneth Bane and Doris (Sindt) Bane have no children.
Doris graduated from Reinbeck in 1961 and attended American Institute of Business in Des Moines. Following her graduation in 1962 she worked in Des Moines until her marriage to Kenneth Bane.

Farm life must agree with Doris in as much as she and her husband are now living on a farm near Oakland, Iowa.

F-1-4 Roger Russell Sindt (Russell (10), Maria (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. October 20, 1945 at Waterloo, Iowa. unm.

Roger graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1964. While in high school he took part in wrestling and football and was a team captain in each sport. In his senior year as a wrestler he was undefeated until the state meet.

During the summer he works for the Sindt Machine Works. Roger hopes to get a job in electronics after his college days at Iowa State University are completed.

Roger's hobbies are similar to those of his father--to make things out of spare parts and then to get some action out of them with electricity.
GEORGE AND ROSETTA MARBLE FAMILY

G Rosetta May Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. May 27, 1872.
m. to George Marble of Pipestone, Minnesota, 1898-99.

Children of George and Rosetta (Bratton) Marble:

G-1 Elsie May b. 1907 d. November 1917

Rosetta was the fifth living daughter of the Bratton family. I am not certain but I believe Rosetta was married in 1898 or 1899 when she was about twenty-seven years of age. A daughter Elsie was born in 1907 and lived until November, 1917. Rosetta and her husband lived at Pipestone, Minnesota for a time and sometime later her husband had oil interests near Drumright, Oklahoma.

For a number of years before her death, Rosetta suffered from arthritis but was very cheerful in spite of her affliction. Rosetta died in February of 1942. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marble and Elsie are buried at Rolfe.
CLARENCE AND MARY BRATTON FAMILY

H Clarence Ellsworth Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. April 13, 1874 at Toledo, Iowa. m. Mary Stone, daughter of Ira D. and Isabella (McCormick) Stone at West Bend, Iowa in 1903. Mr. Stone was a native of New York State. Mrs. Stone was born in Ireland and came to this country when six years of age from the Protestant province of Ulster in Northern Ireland.

Children of Clarence and Mary (Stone) Bratton:

H-1 Berniece Ruth b. February 1905

H-2 Lucy b. September 2, 1907

H-3 Margie Alice b. January 13, 1909

H-4 Harold Clarence b. February 25, 1917

Clarence E. Bratton was born April 13, 1874 and his early life was spent in and around Toledo, Iowa. About 1900 he and two brothers Harry and Frank went to South Dakota. Clarence stopped at Ashton where he worked for a time and later purchased a farm in the area. Harry and Frank Bratton continued on west to Bison, South Dakota.

In 1903 Clarence married Mary Stone of West Bend, Iowa and they returned to Ashton to make their home.

Three daughters Berniece, Lucy, and Margie were born while the family was living in South Dakota.

About 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Bratton sold the farm and the family moved to West Bend, Iowa where they bought a house and lived several years.

In 1913, the family purchased a farm and moved to Herman, Minnesota. While living at Herman, a son, Harold, was born in 1917. The children received all their elementary and secondary schooling at Herman, Minnesota.

In 1928 the wife and mother died and was buried at Herman. Six
years later, Harold died at the age of nineteen, and was buried at Herman.

After Harold's death, Mr. Bratton went west to be with Berniece and her husband at Medford, Oregon. Later he decided to go to northern California where he became a caretaker on a small ranch on the Klamath River near the Seiad Valley. It was here that he died on December 23, 1953, at the age of seventy-nine and was buried beside his wife and son at Herman, Minnesota.

Clarence Bratton was a kind, honest, temperate man devoted to his family, and always interested in their welfare. He did not accumulate any great wealth other than a good name and a fine family.

H-1 Berniece Bratton (Clarence (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. February 1905 Ashton, South Dakota. m. William Allen, son of Marion H. and Clara (Little) Allen of Barrett, Minnesota, October 22, 1927 at Herman, Minnesota. Mr. Allen's parents had moved from Rockford, Iowa to Barrett, Minnesota in 1917.

Children of William and Berniece (Bratton) Allen:

H-1-1 La Verne Harlan b. December 25, 1928

H-1-2 Margie Delores b. February 2, 1930

H-1-3 Carol Eileen b. June 29, 1932

H-1-4 Dorothy Elaine b. September 10, 1934

H-1-5 Robert Curtis b. June 3, 1941

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Allen lived at Hoffman, Minnesota, which was but a short distance from their respective homes at Barrett and Herman, Minnesota.

After a few years, the family moved west to Medford, Oregon, and Spokane, Washington. Sometime later they decided to return to Minnesota and purchased a farm in the vicinity of Rochester.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Allen purchased another farm near Stockholm, Wisconsin, where they are living at the present time.
H-1-1 La Verne H. Allen (Berniece (10), Clarence (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. December 25, 1928 at Hoffman, Minnesota. m. Bonnie Lee Grimes, daughter of Elmer W. and Sylvia R. Grimes of Spokane, Washington on January 28, 1951 at the Veradale United Church of Christ. Veradale is a suburb of Spokane.

Children of La Verne and Bonnie Lee (Grimes) Allen

H-1-1-1 Sandra Lee Allen b. October 27, 1952 at Spokane

H-1-1-2 Ronald Curtis b. January 19, 1954 at Spokane

La Verne or "Vern" and his family are still living in Spokane, Washington. Vern is employed as a manager by the White Pine and Sash Lumber Company in Spokane. Their present address is N. 917 Felts Road, Spokane, Washington.

H-1-2 Margie Delores Allen (Berniece (10), Clarence (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. February 2, 1930 Hoffman, Minnesota. m. Vernon Cecil Bynum, son of William Edward and Emmie Nora (Brown) Bynum of Bynum Geneva County, Alabama on March 15, 1951 at Anchorage, Alaska.

Children of Vernon and Margie (Allen) Bynum:

H-1-2-1 Carol Elizabeth b. May 1, 1960 at Plum City, Wisconsin

Margie and Vernon were married on March 15, 1951 at Anchorage, Alaska. Vernon was in the army at the time and was on his way home on a furlough when he met Margie. She had been attending a Business College at Spokane, Washington and she too was on her way home for a visit with her parents, who were living at Rochester, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Bynum lived from 1951 to 1960 at Anchorage, Alaska. They moved to Plum City, Wisconsin and while there, a daughter, Carol Elizabeth, was born on May 1, 1960.

Mr. Bynum is a carpenter and they have been living near Hardin, Montana where he is working on the huge Yellowtail Dam. Mrs. Bynum is working as an accountant in an office at Hardin.
H-1-3 Carol Eileen Allen (Berniece (10), Clarence (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. June 29, 1932 at Hoffman, Minnesota.

Carol Eileen only lived about seven years. She died on February 23, 1939, at Rochester, Minnesota and was buried at Stewartville, Minnesota.

H-1-4 Dorothy Elaine Allen (Berniece (10), Clarence (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. September 10, 1934 at Hoffman, Minnesota. m. Kenton E. Fillingham at Denver, Colorado, May 1959. Kenton's parents live at Muscatine, Iowa.

Children of Kenton and Dorothy (Allen) Fillingham:

H-1-4-1 Danny Stratton b. November 5, 1960 at Denver, Colorado

H-1-4-2 Mark Allen b. February 15, 1964 at Hardin, Montana

H-1-4-3 Judy Marie b. July 15, 1965 at Hardin, Montana

Mr. and Mrs. Fillingham and family are living in Hardin, Montana where Kent is employed in construction work.

Dorothy and her sister Margie have pretty much always stayed together even being together in Alaska but left before the earthquake at Anchorage a few years ago.

H-1-5 Robert Curtis Allen (Berniece (10), Clarence (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. June 3, 1941 at Rochester, Minnesota. m. Karen Sollie of Billings, Montana, June 16, 1965 at Barstow, California.

Bob Allen is stationed with the Marines at Barstow, California.

H-2 Lucy Bratton (Clarence (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. September 2, 1907, Ashton, South Dakota. m. Francis R. Lane of Salt Lake City, September 2, 1940, at Rochester, Minnesota.

Following their marriage Lucy and Francis (Frank) Lane lived at
Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was employed as a pressman for a newspaper. Frank passed away in 1945, and about seven years later, September 18, 1952, Lucy died. Both are buried at Salt Lake City.

H-3 Margie Alice Bratton (Clarence (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. January 13, 1909, at Ashton, South Dakota. m. Frank H. Castner, April 2, 1938, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Children of Frank and Margie (Bratton) Castner:

H-3-1 Gerald Melvin

Following graduation from high school at Herman, Minnesota, Margie attended the Minneapolis Business College.

After her marriage, Margie and her husband have lived their entire married life in Minneapolis with the exception of three years from 1950-1953 when they lived in Duluth, Minnesota.

Frank has completed thirty-six years with the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company where he is employed as a supervisor in the Traffic engineering department.

Mr. Castner is also employed. She is working in an office in downtown Minneapolis.

H-3-1 Gerald Melvin Castner (Margie (10), Clarence (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. Minneapolis. unm.

Gerald graduated from high school in Minneapolis in 1963 and has been attending the University of Minnesota where he intends to major in Business Education. One of Gerald's hobbies is boating and marine work on the lakes in the state of Minnesota.

H-4 Harold Clarence Bratton (Clarence (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. February 25, 1917, at Herman, Minnesota.

Harold's life was short. He died on March 11, 1936, when but nineteen years of age. He is resting now in the family lot at Herman, Minnesota with his father and mother.
LAURA ALICE BRATTON

I Laura Alice Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. May 6, 1876. unm.

Laura Alice Bratton was born May 6 in Tama County. Alice never married and for some time made her home with a sister, Mary Chambers, at Rolfe. Alice worked at a number of places in the Rolfe, Ottosen and Bradgate areas. She purchased a house in Rolfe about 1916 where she was living at the time of her death in August 1945. She was buried in the family lot in the Rolfe cemetery.
HARRY AND GRACE BRATTON FAMILY

J Harry Homer Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. February 17, 1878 in Tama County. m. Grace Etielean Jones, daughter of William Miller and Marinda (Barbee) Jones, on April 1, 1914. Grace was born November 21, 1890, at Mount Pulaski, Illinois.

Children of Harry and Grace (Jones) Bratton:

J-1 John Miller b. April 1, 1916

J-2 Thelma Vera b. July 6, 1919

J-3 Ralph William b. August 10, 1921

J-4 Pearl Rosetta b. November 24, 1924

In 1910 Harry went to Bison, South Dakota, with his younger brother Frank, where they homesteaded for a number of years. Bison at this time was an inland town and Harry and Frank had to drive their livestock about forty miles to a shipping point.

These two brothers, Harry and Frank, enjoyed being together which is rather unusual for brothers. They enjoyed sports such as boxing and wrestling and they were also adept at teasing and joking.

Harry died on November 4, 1952, and is buried at Morris, Minnesota where the family had been farming for a number of years. His widow, Grace, is living with her daughter, Mrs. Tim Sullivan, at Morris, Minnesota.

J-1 John Miller Bratton (Harry (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. April 1, 1916 at Bison, South Dakota. unm.

At the present time he is farming at Morris, Minnesota, West 8th Street.
J-2 Thelma Vera Bratton (Harry (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. July 6, 1919 at Bison, South Dakota. m. Tim Sullivan b. October 20, 1901, son of Dennis and Julie (Starr) Sullivan at Morris, Minnesota on September 11, 1947.

Children of Tim and Thelma (Bratton) Sullivan:

J-2-1 John Leo Sullivan b. April 21, 1949
J-2-2 Randy Tim Sullivan b. March 18, 1950
J-2-4 Gerald James Sullivan b. March 10, 1952, twin

Thelma graduated from high school in 1938. She served in the Women's Army Air Corp Overseas from April 18, 1944 to April 25, 1946, with rank of Sergeant. She worked in a motor pool in France and England.

One of Thelma's hobbies is tracing family history and she is doing extensive research in this field.
J-3 Ralph William Bratton (Harry (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. August 10, 1921 at Bison, South Dakota. m. Edna Ihlene Helgerson b. May 18, 1919 at Hancock, Minnesota, daughter of Peter and Clara (Johnson) Helgerson on September 28, 1946, at Cyrus, Minnesota.

Children of Ralph and Edna (Helgerson) Bratton:

J-3-1 Daniel Arland b. February 4, 1949, Starbuck, Minnesota
J-3-2 Wesley Lyle b. December 4, 1950, Starbuck, Minnesota
J-3-3 Rodney Dale b. October 27, 1952, Starbuck, Minnesota
J-3-4 Duane Jon b. December 1, 1958, Starbuck, Minnesota

Ralph is farming near Morris, Minnesota and he also does carpenter work. Before her marriage, Edna was a school teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Bratton's children belong to a 4-H Club.

J-4 Pearl Rosetta Bratton (Harry (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. November 24, 1924, at Bison, South Dakota. m. Gordon Rasmusson b. September 26, 1920, at Morris, son of Chris and Gina (Simmingson) Rasmusson on November 24, 1943 at Cyrus, Minnesota.

Children of Gordon and Pearl (Bratton) Rasmusson:

J-4-1 Arnold Vernon b. October 21, 1944 at Morris, Minnesota
J-4-2 Wayne Lee b. August 21, 1947 at Morris, Minnesota
J-4-3 Leon Dennis b. May 1, 1949 at Morris, Minnesota
J-4-4 Richard Dean b. August 8, 1950 at Morris, Minnesota
J-4-5 Kayla Jean b. September 21, 1960 at Morris, Minnesota
J-4-6 Lyle Kelly b. August 17, 1965 at Morris, Minnesota

The family of Gordon and Pearl Rasmusson are living on a farm near Morris, Minnesota.
J-4-1 Arnold Vernon Rasmusson (Pearl (10), Harry (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. October 21, 1944, at Morris, Minnesota. unm.

Arnold starred in wrestling and football while attending high school. He is a member of the National Guard.

J-4-2 Wayne Lee Rasmusson (Pearl (10), Harry (9), Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. August 21, 1947 at Morris, Minnesota. unm.

Wayne graduated from high school in June 1965.
FRANK AND MARIE BRATTON

K  William Franklin Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6),
    Adam (5), Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. September
    17, 1880, in Tama County, Iowa. m. Marie F. Mills on October 9,
    1945.

    Frank Bratton is the last living member of the William H. Bratton
    family. About six years ago Frank's sister Marie passed on at the age
    of eighty-eight leaving him the sole survivor of that pioneer family.

    Frank and his brother, Harry, returned to Bison, South Dakota,
    about 1910, where they had been homesteading for a few years. In
    1916 Frank bought a place about ten miles southwest of Bison. The
    writer supposes that this place was later disposed of because about
    1937 or 1938 he was farming around Laurens, Iowa.

    Some few years later Frank was married and since has moved
    west and is living at Havre, Montana.

AGNES EDITH BRATTON

L  Agnes Edith Bratton (Nancy (8), Rebecca (7), John (6), Adam (5),
    Peter (4), Peter (3), Peter (2), Peter (1)) b. March 26, 1883 in Tama
    County. unm.

    Agnes was the youngest of the Bratton children. She never married
    and lived at home with her parents. She was a good and willing worker
    and had a cheerful disposition. She continued staying at home following
    the death of her father in 1911, and when her mother died in May 1925,
    she lived part time with several sisters until her death on April 18, 1935.
    She was buried in the family lot at Rolfe.
THE MEMBERS OF THE WILLIAM HARRISON
AND NANCY ANN (EVANS) BRATTON FAMILY

1 William Harrison Bratton m. Nancy Ann Evans

A Margaret Estaline Bratton died in infancy

B Mary Adaline Bratton m. Ben F. Chambers
   1 William R. Chambers died in infancy
   2 Glenn R. Chambers died at 22 years of age
   3 Earl L. Chambers m. Pearl Sandvig
      1 Mary Isabelle Chambers m. Lloyd J. Flanigan
         1 Susan Leigh Flanigan
         2 Patricia Kay Flanigan
      2 Alice Francis Chambers m. Thomas T. Measom
         1 Tracy Renee Measom
         2 Devin Thomas Measom
         3 Kendall Ann Measom
   3 Elwood S. Chambers m. Judith Ann Carrall
      1 Lisa Ann Chambers
   4 Garland S. Chambers m. Bonita LaRue Gard
      1 Blane G. Chambers
      2 Robin Renee Chambers
      3 Shawn Susanne Chambers

C Jennie Luella Bratton m. John J. Taylor
   1 John William Taylor m. Mina L. Balgaard
      1 Milo F. Taylor m. Poebe Brockway
         1 Robert Joseph Taylor
         2 Charles R. died in infancy
         3 Terrence Lee died in infancy
      2 Donald William Taylor m. Sarah Gluyas
         1 Linda Jo Taylor
         2 Steven Paul Taylor
   3 LeRoy John Taylor m. Beverly Patikas
      1 Carla Lynne Taylor
      2 Susan Marie Taylor
   4 DoLoris Marilyn Taylor m. Richard W. Yates
      1 Mark Russell Yates
      2 Alan William Yates
   5 Elaine Joan Taylor m. Robert P. Larimer
D  Ulysses Morton Bratton m. Elizabeth Ida Kneen
   1 Merton K. Bratton I m. Grace E. Whitley
      1 Merton K. Bratton II m. Elinor R. Schultz
         1 Kent Murray Bratton
         2 Jan Ellen Bratton
      2 Charles Harlan Bratton m. Suzanne Marie Deats
         1 Stephanie Ann (step daughter)
         2 Dwayne Charles Bratton
   3 Sharon Lorraine Bratton m. Gary H. Gere
   2 Marion Elizabeth Bratton m. Lester W. Snyder
      1 Harley Bratton Snyder m. Dixie Lee Reed
         1 Elizabeth Anne Snyder
         2 Dianna Jean Snyder
         3 David Allen Snyder
         4 Gerald Wesley Snyder

E  Nettie Ann Bratton m. William Reilly Cramer
   1 Ida Mae Cramer m. Raymond Smith
      1 Glenn R. Smith m. Esther Gerdes
   2 Son who died in infancy
   3 Roscoe Hollis Cramer m. Alice Freda Kimzey
   4 Raleigh Forrest Cramer m. Margaret K. Graves
      1 Kathryn Cramer m. Robert H. Sokol
         1 Cynthia Sue Sokol
         2 Elizabeth Kathryn Sokol
      2 Carol June Cramer
      3 Allen Kent Cramer
   5 Ora Lucille Cramer unmarried
   6 Ona Lorraine Cramer m. Charles Hoeg
      1 Randolyn Lorraine Hoeg m. Ronald Johnson
      2 Eloise Elaine Hoeg
      3 Leon Forrest Hoeg died 19 years of age
      4 Jeanne Marie Hoeg
      5 Charles James Hoeg
      6 Robert Allen Hoeg
   7 Robert Leonard Cramer I m. Ann Petersen
      1 Robert Leonard Cramer
      2 Daughter died in infancy

F  Maria Josephine Bratton m. Henry P. Sindt
   1 Russell Peter Sindt m. Alta Louisa Boege
      1 Arlene Alta Sindt m. Richard A. Mueller
         1 David Paul Mueller died in infancy
         2 Phillip Richard Mueller adopted
      2 Janice Marie Sindt m. William M. Killebrew
      3 Doris Mary Sindt m. Kenneth M. Bane
      4 Roger Russell Sindt unmarried
G Rosetta May Bratton m. George Marble
   1 Elsie May Marble died at 10 years of age

H Clarence Ellsworth Bratton m. Mary Stone
   1 Berniece Bratton m. William Allen
      1 LuVerne Harlan Allen m. Bonnie Lee Grimes
         1 Sandra Lee Allen
         2 Ronald Curtis Allen
      2 Margie Delores Allen m. Vernon C. Bynum
         1 Carol Elizabeth Bynum
      3 Carol Eileen Allen died at 7 years of age
      4 Dorothy Elaine Allen m. Kenton E. Fillingham
         1 Dan Stratton Fillingham
         2 Mark Allen Fillingham
         3 Judy Marie Fillingham
      5 Robert Curtis Allen m. Karen Sollie
    2 Lucy Bratton m. Francis R. Lane
    3 Margie Alice Bratton m. Frank H. Castner
       1 Gerald Melvin Castner
    4 Harold Clarence Bratton died at 19 years of age

I Laura Alice Bratton never married

J Harry Homer Bratton m. Grace Ettheleen Jones
   1 John Miller Bratton unmarried
   2 Thelma Vera Bratton m. Tim Sullivan
      1 John Leo Sullivan
      2 Randy Tim Sullivan
      3 Thomas Edward Sullivan
      4 Gerald James Sullivan
      5 Susan Irene Sullivan
      6 Patricia Ann Sullivan
   3 Ralph William Bratton m. Edna Ihlene Helgerson
      1 Dan Arland Bratton
      2 Wesley Lyle Bratton
      3 Rodney Dale Bratton
      4 Duane Jon Bratton
   4 Pearl Rosetta Bratton m. Gordon Rasmusson
      1 Arnold Vernon Rasmusson
      2 Wayne Lee Rasmusson
      3 Leon Dennis Rasmusson
      4 Richard Dean Rasmusson
      5 Kayla Jean Rasmusson
      6 Lyle Kelly Rasmusson

K William Franklin Bratton m. Marie F. Mills

L Agnes Edith Bratton never married