Record of the Colonial Forebears—Decendants—Kinsmen and Childhood Friends and Schoolmates of the late

LUCINDA EARLE PATTON HIGHLAND

West Milford, West Virginia

Lucinda Earle Patton Highland, widow of the late Captain John Edgar Highland, was born in the hamlet of West Milford, Harrison county, then Virginia, now West Virginia, April 3, 1851, at 7:30 o'clock a. m., and died at the Highland homestead there on Wednesday, May 29, 1929, at 9 o'clock a. m., aged 78 years, one month, twenty-six days and one and one-half hours.

This sweet and gentle mother always plucked a thistle and planted a flower in its place wherever a flower would grow.

Three of Mrs. Highland's forebears who sleep today in Harrison county soil were born 199, 189, and 168 years ago, respectively. These were Alexander Lewis (1730-1814), the Rev. Isaac Morris (1740-1830), and William Patton (1761-1826), the first and last named settling in Harrison county, then Virginia, now West Virginia, circa 1800, and the Rev. Isaac Morris a little prior to February 20, 1778, on which latter date the sixth of his twelve (12) children, Daniel Morris, was born on soil later included in Harrison county, then Virginia.

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United States senators, members of congress, supreme and circuit court judges, bankers, lawyers, soldiers, ministers, authors, inventors, and sweethearts and playmates of long ago pass in honored review.

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West Milford’s Oldest Native Born Citizen Closes Active Career

Former Childhood Playmates, Schoolmates, Friends and Sweethearts Pass in Honored Review

A Sweet and Gentle Mother Answers Call

LUCINDA EARLE PATTON HIGHLAND
West Milford, West Virginia

Poems That Live

"Believe me, if all those endearing young charms
Which I gaze on so fondly today,
Were to change by tomorrow, and flee in my arms,
Like fairy gifts faded away;
Thou wouldst still be adored, as this moment thou art,
Let thy loveliness fade as it will,
And around the dear ruin each wish of my heart
Would entwine itself verdantly still.

"It is not while beauty and youth are thine own,
And thy cheeks unprofaned by a tear,
That the fervor and faith of a soul can be known.
To which time will but make thee more dear;
No, the heart that has truly loved never forgets,
But as truly loves on to the close,
As the sunflower turns on her god when he sets,
The same look which she turned when he rose."

—THOMAS MOORE.

"I've Laid the Rusty-Bladed Hoe to Rest"
Mother of the local Highland brothers

Great Power Exists

"The scientists truthfully tell us that nature has set us floating in space, on an airship, the earth. It’s a wonderful airship that we inhabit, heavier than if made of solid steel, whirling round and round, its slowest speed 1,000 miles an hour, on its axis, its speed around the sun more than 1,500,000 miles a day, 60,000 miles an hour, 1,000 miles a minute. The earth is a real airship, going off through space, somewhere, with the sun. The sun flies at terrific speed on some errand that we cannot comprehend, and we go with it. Where we do not know. But we do know that the universe is managed well and with justice. Without science there could be no material progress.

Divine Power Exists

Great is science and we profitably worship at its shrine, but there is more comfort for the human soul, more consolation in the hour of despair in six simple words than in all scientific knowledge:

"I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH."

The blackest hour that makes life worthless and hopeless is lightened for millions by those words.

Shall we ever meet again? Ten thousand times ten thousand this question has been asked. It cannot be that the earth is man’s only abiding place.

Lucinda Earle Patton Highland, widow of the late Captain John Edgar Highland, died Wednesday, May 29, 1929, at 9 o'clock a.m. at her home in the placid, peaceful town of West Milford, where her mother died November 12, 1854, three-quarters of a century ago.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon, May 31, at 2 o'clock, at her late home in West Milford, and interment will be made at 2:30 o'clock in the Elk View cemetery where the body will be placed in a crypt in the mausoleum there following services by the Rev. Kelvin McCray and the Rev. J. D. Engle.

The cause of mother Highland’s passing was the realization that she could render her friends no further active service.

The surviving relatives are very numerous and fill positions of trust and responsibility in practically every state in the Union.

At the age of fifteen this sweet and gentle mother came as a bride into the Highland family bearing bright roses; her presence ever promoted peace and contentment; her departure is for many the end of dreamland.

Blessed Name of Mother

"The noblest thoughts my soul can claim,
The holiest words my tongue can frame,
Unworthy are to praise the name
More sacred than all other.
An infant, when her love first came—
A man, I find it just the same;
Reverently I breathe her name,
The blessed name of mother."

Without science there could be no material progress.
we leave this earth. Faith tells us so. And the faith that
religion inspires alone makes life endurable, and death bear-
able.”—ARNOLD BERSIN.

Colonial Pioneers

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Descendants Own Original Cabins

The original cabin built by William Patton on the waters
of Duck creek in 1800 is still owned and occupied by two of
his descendants, while the second hewn log cabin erected by
the Rev. Isaac Morris on Booth's creek in 1812 is now (1929)
owned and occupied by one of his descendants.
The Rev. Isaac Morris and William Patton were revolu-
tionary soldiers.

Authority on Local History

Mrs. Highland was an authority on local history and per-
sually knew numerous persons who were born prior to
the year 1800, among whom were her grandfather, Col. Alexan-
der Lewis Patton, born in Clermont county, Ohio a sister of Hon. Thomas Morris, born Berks
County, Pennsylvania, Jan. 3, 1776, died in Clermont County,
Ohio, Dec. 7, 1844, United States senator from (Ohio (1835-
1839), nominee of the Liberal Party Aug. 50, 1843, for vice-
president); granddaughter of Rev. Isaac Morris (1740-1830),
and Ruth Henton Morris (1750-1839), of Harrison County,
Virginia, now West Virginia, who were married April 11,
1766. Mrs. Highland, above named, was born April 21, 1871, died near
West Milford, then Virginia, July 28, 1826, and Susanna
Lewis Patton, born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Nov.
5, 1761, died near West Milford, Harrison County, Virginia,
now West Virginia, Aug. 28, 1828, who settled on Duck
Creek, Harrison County, then Virginia, circa 1800.
Lucinda Earle Patton Highland was a great great grand-
dughter of Major Samuel Earle (1692-1771), member of
the Virginia House of Burgesses (1724-1747), attorney-at-
law, graduate of William and Mary College, high sheriff, collector of tobacco for the Crown, and justice of the Frederick County, Virginia, Court, sitting with Thomas Lord Fairfax
and others. Major Samuel Earle served in King George's
War (1744-1748), and in the early part of the French and
Indian War, which closed in 1763.

John Earle (1614-1660)

Mrs. Highland was eighth in descent from John Earle and
Mary Symons Earle, the former born in Somersetshire,
England, in 161, and married in England in 1637; emigrated
to America with their three children, John, Samuel and
Mary Earle, in 1649, settling first in St. Mary's County,
Maryland, and in 1652 permanently locating in what was
than Northumberland County, afterward Westmoreland
County, Virginia, where he was granted land patents from
1652 to 1655, aggregating 1,700 acres, for bringing thirty-
four white persons into the Colony of Virginia. He died in
1660. Mrs. Highland was a direct lineal descendant of the Earle,
Davis, Henton, Symons, Patton, Hale, Bennett, Holbrook,
Hoffman, Carder, Smith, Morris and Lewis families of Vir-
ginia, and Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Virginia
Society of Colonial Dames of America and a member of the West Virginia Society.

Pupil of Belle Davison

Lucinda Earle Patton Highland spent the year 1859 in
Clarksburg, staying with her step-grandmother, Jane Mart-
eny Dobears, born in Randolph County, Virginia, Aug. 29,
1838, died May 19, 1869, daughter of William Marteny and
Eunice Estburn Marteny, Randolph County surveyor, sheriff
and member of the Legislature from Randolph County,
Virginia, 1806-1826, and widow of the late Dr. Benjamin Dol-
beare, born Oct. 28, 1789, died in Clarksburg, then Virginia,
June 7, 1854, married in Randolph County, Virginia, May
13, 1824, an early Clarksburg editor and distinguished phy-
sician who lived from 1838 until his demise in a two-story
weather-boarded log house, situated on the southeast corner
of Main Street and Monticello Avenue, Clarksburg, where
his widow was residing in 1859.
Lucinda Earle Patton Highland attended the private
school in Clarksburg in 1859 then conducted by the Misses
Carrie and Belle Davison, on the northeast corner of Main
and Second streets.

After the death of his first wife, Eunice Estburn Mar-
teny, William Marteny, above mentioned, was united in
marriage with Miss Nancy Earle, daughter of Major Essais
Earle, and sister of Col. Archibald Earle, clerk of the Ran-
dolph County Court from 1810 to 1840, and sister of Lucinda
Earle Carder, Mrs. Highland's grandmother.

Clarksburg Schoolmates in 1859

A list of Mrs. Highland's schoolmates at the Belle Davis-
son school in Clarksburg in 1859 follows:

Lettie Carlisle, Mary Carlisle and Dorsey Carlisle, daughters and son, respectively, of John S. Carlisle; Nora Steele, daughter of Samuel R. Steele, who married Col. Thomas T. Wallis; Anna Belle Steley, daughter of Ned Steely; Anna Flechter, who married Jacob Swartz; Catherine (Kate) Leach, who married Thomas W. Timsman; Dora Powell; Iosiphene (Icie) Powell, who married Jacob Koblegard, of Weston; Anna Irvin, daughter of John Irvin, merchant; India Lowther, daughter of Dr. John C. Lowther; Agnes Criss, daughter of Aaron Criss, merchant; George Criss, son of George Criss; Ella Hursey, daughter of Elmore Hursey, who married the Rev. T. S. Wade; Ella Foulks, who married Russell Post; Agnes Ridenour; Dora Ridenour; Margaret (Maggie) Smith, daughter of Alf (Alfred) Smith, who ran a stage coach between Clarksburg and Weston; Columbia Carder, daughter of Abbott Carder, merchant in Clarksburg in 1848, and granddaughter of James and Lucinda Earle Carder, proprietors of the old Northwestern Hotel in the early forties, later known as the Walker House; Maria Lida, daughter of the Reverend Andrew J. Lida; Bertha Spates, daughter of Col. Thomas W. Spates, who married Oliver P. Boughner; Kate Spates, daughter of Col. Thomas W. Spates; Susan M. Hornor, daughter of James Y. Hornor; who married Lee Haymond; James Hornor, son of James Y. Hornor; Emaline Link, daughter of Peter Link, who married Luther Haymond; son of Col. Luther Haymond, and brother of Col. Henry Haymond; Sarah (Sadie) Ebert, daughter of Walter Ebert, the hatter and inn-keeper, who married Col. Fred A. Lang; Florence Ebert, daughter of Walter Ebert, who married William Dawson; Myra Haymond, daughter of Col. Luther Haymond; who married Mordecai Lewis; Alcinda Boughner; Kate Spates, daughter of Col. Thomas W. Spates; Mollie Belle Highland, daughter of John Highland, who married Zachanah McChesney; Lulie Lorentz; Hester Lynch, wife of Dr. Susan Dew; Jeannette Mick, daughter of Mathias and Jemima Mick, who married Frederick M. Sturm; Sarah Louise High- mond, who married Thomas W. Tinsman; Phoebe (Icee Powell, who married Jacob Koblegard of West Milford; Virginia Waldeck, daughter of Henry Waldeck, and sister of Lucinda Earle Patton Highland and were born in the Village of West Milford, W. Virginia. Other schoolmates were: Benjamin Huff, Floreed Huff, Margaret Huff, and Columbia Jane Huff, children of Benjamin and Malilda Stout Huff; Sarah Lynch, born at West Milford, Virginia, May 27, 1861, married Miss Ida Hay, Pearson, in Chicago, June 27, 1883; Lulu Ruth Patton, youngest daughter of Ebenezer Wilson Patton, though not a schoolmate of those above mentioned, was born April 7, 1873, married Julian Dart, of Jacksonville, Florida, and their son Leroy Dart is married and has one son, Leroy Dart, Jr.

**Court Reporter**

Lorenzo Dow Patton held for a long number of years the country's record for rapid and accurate stenographic reporting; he learned stenography in the early years of his life at Clarksburg, and became official court reporter at the age of twenty-two years; he served continuously in this capacity for forty years, and until his death, December 29, 1923, he was official court reporter for the Henry Circuit Court, New Castle, Indiana.

**Additional Schoolmates**

The above mentioned Patton children were brothers and sisters of Lucinda Earl Earle Patton Highland and were born in the Village of West Milford, W. Virginia. Other schoolmates were: William B. Gooding, of Greenfield, Indiana, September 16, 1878; Daisy Ellen Patton, who married Frank B. Johnson, publisher, Washington, D. C.; Benjamin Patton, single, merchant; Ebenezer Wilson Patton, Jr., editor, Washington, D. C.; Lorenzo Dow Patton, born at West Milford, Virginia, May 27, 1861, married Miss Ida Hay, Pearson, in Chicago, June 27, 1883; Lulu Ruth Patton, youngest daughter of Ebenezer Wilson Patton, though not a schoolmate of those above mentioned, was born April 7, 1873, married Julian Dart, of Jacksonville, Florida, and their son Leroy Dart is married and has one son, Leroy Dart, Jr.

**Message of Good Will**

Most of these childhood friends and schoolmates of Mrs. Highland have passed over the great divide. Peace be to their tender memories! To those now living an affective message of esteem and good will is conveyed by Mrs. Highland's descendants through the medium of this story.

**West Milford School Teachers, 1857-1866**

The following is a roster of West Milford school teachers from 1857 to 1858, and from 1860 to 1866, whose schools were: Benjamin Huff, Floreed Huff, Margaret Huff, and Columbia Jane Huff, children of Benjamin and Malilda Stout Huff; Sarah Lynch, born at West Milford, Virginia, May 27, 1861, married Miss Ida Hay, Pearson, in Chicago, June 27, 1883; Lulu Ruth Patton, youngest daughter of Ebenezer Wilson Patton, though not a schoolmate of those above mentioned, was born April 7, 1873, married Julian Dart, of Jacksonville, Florida, and their son Leroy Dart is married and has one son, Leroy Dart, Jr.

**Schoolmates of Long Ago**

A partial list of Mrs. Highland's schoolmates at West Milford from 1857 to 1866 follows:

Virginia Helen, who married E. D. S. Reynolds; Almira Drew, wife of Dr. Rush H. Drew, and son of Dr. W. H. H. Drew; Benjamin Horn, son of Smith Holden; Rachael Medskar, who married Jacob Thornberry; Mary Smith, daughter of Captain Smith, who married Almira Davison; Elizabeth Medskar; Dora Bartlett, and Charles Bartlett, children of Mrs. Olive Bartlett; Martin Ward, who married Justice (Jeanette) Ravenz; Eliza Ravenz, who married Fannie Thornberry; Mary Grow; Rebecca Grow; William Grow, who married Jane Wilcox; Mary Virginia Fox, daughter of Jacob Fox; James Allen Fox, son of Jacob Fox, who married Sarah Wilcox; John W. Fox, son of Jacob Fox, who married Laura Price, daughter of William Price; Lourenna M. Fox, daughter of Jacob Fox, who married Samuel B. Hickman, later a civil war veteran; John Racey and Charles Racey, sons of John and Milla Minerva Maxwell Racey, the latter a daughter of Armstrong and Susanna Aleinda Lowther Maxwell; Amelia Lowther, daughter of Jesse and Mary Emily Maxwell Lowther, who married John Grow; Nancy Martin; Elizabeth Morrison; Lucy Rider; James I. Highland, who married Sarah Lynch, daughter of Hiram J. Lynch; Lloyd Lowndes Highland; Mary Frances Highland; Virginia Waldeck, daughter of Henry Waldeck, and sister of E. W. P. Waldeck, who married Eliza Rector; Lillian Belle Patton, who married Charles Louis Dunnington, son of Noah Dunnington; Martha Jane Patton, who married Attorney Marshall B. Gooding, of Greenfield, Indiana, September 16, 1878; Daisy Ellen Patton, who married Frank B. Johnson, publisher, Washington, D. C.; Benjamin Patton, single, merchant; Ebenezer Wilson Patton, Jr., editor, Washington, D. C.; Lorenzo Dow Patton, born at West Milford, Virginia, May 27, 1861, married Miss Ida Hay, Pearson, in Chicago, June 27, 1883; Lulu Ruth Patton, youngest daughter of Ebenezer Wilson Patton, though not a schoolmate of those above mentioned, was born April 7, 1873, married Julian Dart, of Jacksonville, Florida, and their son Leroy Dart is married and has one son, Leroy Dart, Jr.

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The following is believed to be a fairly complete roster of West Milford merchants, each of whom Mrs. Highland knew personally, from 1851 to 1928, a span of seventy-seven years.


Village Grist Mill

The owners of the West Milford grist mill which was established circa 1817 and abandoned as a mill May 1, 1912, follow: Samuel Cleman, Jacob Romine, Jacob Coplin, Joseph Johnson, Hordridge Childister, Warner W. Chapman, Orphrey L. Medsker, Austin Shinn, George W. Golden, Bennett D. Rider, John A. Williams, Joseph Pritchard, Wesley Post, Thomas Marion Smith, William C. Burns, Raymond C. Helms, West Fork Milling and Lumber Company, Millard F. Snider, Trustee, Leeman Maxwell, Attorney Louis A. Henderson, and the Clarksburg Water Board. Among the operators were John R. Lynch, E. Thaddeus Post, John W. Gaston, Dorsey L. Reed, and Edwin D. Steel, the latter being the last operator of the flour mill.

Wesley Post and Thomas Marion Smith, above named, purchased the mill and site February 24, 1885, and were joint owners of the property at the time of the flood of July 9-10, 1888, when the mill was lifted from its foundation and carried away on the crest of the rise of 23 feet above normal low water stage. The rise in the West Fork River then exceeded in height the flood of April 5, 1852, and a previous flood stage recorded in 1807.

Mrs. Highland’s eldest brother, William Wirt Patton, was owner and editor from May 30, 1840, to the date of his death October 8, 1885, who was a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, 1861. He married and left descendants.

He (Lorenzo Dow Dolbeare) was a nephew of the celebrated pioneer preacher of a former generation, Lorenzo Dow, for whom he had been named. He was short and stout of figure and the best groomed man I had ever known; looked always as just out of a bath; in summer dressed in buttonless linen, with polished shoes, and was as dapper and handsome as any city dandy. He had beautiful teeth, which were his especial pride. His father had been editor of a county paper, and the son had grown up in an intellectual atmosphere. Through this gentleman, I was led into a small literary adventure. He has been dead many years. We never met after I left his village; and when I recall him as he was then—gay, clean-minded, high-souled, gentle but proud—I am sorry life’s currents did not bring us together in later years.

Dr. Benjamin Dolbeare, Early Editor

Mrs. Lucinda Earle Patton Highland visited the printing establishment of William Cooper, Clarksburg, then editor of Cooper’s Register, seventy years ago. Her step-grandfather, Dr. Benjamin Dolbeare, was an early Clarksburg editor, and a member of the Virginia Legislature from Randolph County, 1828-1829, and a brilliant writer and public speaker. Dr. Benjamin Dolbeare’s sister, Lucy Dolbeare (born January 8, 1786, died October 26, 1863), became on February 1, 1855, the third wife of Mrs. Lucinda Earle Patton Highland’s father, Ebenezer Wilson Patton, attorney, merchant, civil engineer; Doctor Dolbeare’s son, Lorenzo Dow Dolbeare (born March 21, 1825, died October 21, 1850), was a graduate of College of Virginia, Richmond, 1851. He married and left descendants.

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Dr. Benjamin Dolbeare removed to Clarksburg from Beverly, Randolph County, Virginia, circa 1838, one of the foremost editors, writers and physicians of his time. He was owner and editor from May 30, 1840, to the date of his death June 7, 1854, of the Clarksburg Virginian, the Clarksburg Democrat, the Scion of Democracy and the Independent Democrat.

Doctor Dolbeare performed a surgical operation in the early part of 1854 upon the then young and promising man, born December 23, 1846, and who is now (1929) residing in Clarksburg, and is active and vigorous.

Doctor Dolbeare graduated from Dartmouth University, Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1812. His daughter, Martha Jane Dolbeare (born September 21, 1826, died April 22, 1887), became on February 1, 1855, the third wife of Mrs. Lucinda Earle Patton Highland’s father, Ebenezer Wilson Patton, attorney, merchant, civil engineer; Doctor Dolbeare’s son, Lorenzo Dow Dolbeare (born March 21, 1825, died October 21, 1850), was a graduate of College of Virginia, Richmond, 1851. He married and left descendants.

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Married at Age Fifteen

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man Batten, who were married in Gloucester County, New Jersey, December 7, 1730, the latter a daughter of Uriah Cheeseman.

Colonial Massachusetts Pioneers

John Highland, 1770-1814, before mentioned, was a direct lineal descendant of Thomas Highland, who was born April 23, 1604, in Waldron, County Sussex, England, a great-grandson of Richard Highland, of Waldron, the testator of 1691. Thomas Highland was baptized in All Saints Church in Waldron, in April, 1604; married in 1626; lived and was a freeholder in Tenterden, County Kent, England, from 1629 to 1633; emigrated, with his wife, Deborah Highland, and their eight children to Scituate, Plymouth County, Massachusetts Bay Colony, in New England, America, where he was a proprietor of Scituate in 1637; he took the oath of allegiance and was a freeman in Scituate, February 1, 1638; was a jurymen and town officer in 1638; died in Scituate, Plymouth County, America, between February 14 and May 8, 1682, on which latter date his will was probated.

John Edgar Highland, Student at Northwestern Academy

John Edgar Highland, above mentioned, attended school at the Northwestern Academy, Clarksburg, in 1858-1859. He roomed and boarded at the pleasant homestead of Mrs. Mary Ann Stealey Baker, wife of Isaac Baker, merchant, and widow of Edmond K. Stealey, and daughter of James and Anna Steele, in the old brick house which is still standing on the northwest side of Milford Street, between Baker Avenue and Nicholas Street, Clarksburg. He later stayed at the Ebert House, then owned by Walter Ebert, the hardware and innkeeper, on the northwest corner of Pike and Third streets, now known as the Deison House, owned by Edward B. Deison and others.

Among his schoolmates were: Richard T. Lowndes, Clarksburg's foremost citizen; Nathan Gore; Solomon D. Gore, father of former Governor Howard Mason Gore and citizen; Nathan Goff; Solomon Shufeldt of whom he esteemed highly.

Mother of Six Children

Six children were born to Capt. John Edgar Highland and Lucinda Earle Patton Highland, all of whom are actively identified with numerous business interests of the state, and with the exception of the demise of Capt. John Edgar Highland, May 4, 1908, there has not been a death in the family for the last sixty-two years. "Should you be last returning home, I'll greet thee, mate o' mine."

The children are:

Charles Bruce Highland, merchant and investments, Fairmont;

Virgil Lee Highland, president of the Empire National Bank, Clarksburg, which he was instrumental in organizing in 1903; former Republican National Committeeman for West Virginia; owner of the Clarksburg Telegram; and long associated with the development of the natural resources of the upper Monongahela Valley;

Franklin Earle Highland, head of the Highland Brothers and Gore retail shoe house;

Isophene Highland Tetrick, wife of Emory Ellia Tetrick, Fairmont;

Senator Cecil Blaine Highland, investments, realty, coal, oil and gas interests; and

Scotland G. Highland, general manager of the Clarksburg water plant and system.

Miss Dicie Ellen Wagner, a member of one of Harrison County's fine old pioneer families, and a capable and dependable girl has been Mrs. Highland's faithful companion for the last thirty years and they loved each other dearly. Miss Wagner came to the Highland home when a mere child and was ever regarded as a daughter and sister.

Colonial Massachusetts Pioneers

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Ebenezer Wilson Patton was an attorney-at-law, presiding justice of the Harrison County Court, 1857-1858, merchant and civil engineer. A theodolite (transit-compass) was presented to him by Governor Joseph Johnson of Virginia in 1852 in recognition by the State of Virginia of meritorious services rendered by him to the state as a civil engineer on pioneer highway projects in Harrison County.

Colonel of Eleventh Regiment

Col. Alexander Lewis Patton was promoted to the rank of colonel in the Eleventh Regiment of Virginia Militia, of which he had long been a major, by Governor John Tyler, of Virginia, April 18, 1826, in the room of Jonathan Jackson, deceased. At an earlier period, in the year 1815, James Findall was lieutenant colonel of this regiment, and George I. Wilkinson was major. These pioneers were prominent Clarksburg lawyers.

Orphan at Age Three

Mrs. Highland's mother, Sarah Ann Carder Patton, who died at West Milford, Virginia, November 12, 1854, leaving her little daughter, Lucinda Earle, without a mother's tender care, at the age of three years, was born at the beautiful and picturesque Village of Beverly, Randolph County, Virginia, July 12, 1826, daughter of James and Lucinda Earle Carder. She was united in marriage July 6, 1847, at the Northwestern Hotel, Clarksburg, then conducted by her father, James Carder, with Ebenezer Wilson Patton, of West Milford, son of Col. Alexander Lewis Patton, justice of the Harrison County, Virginia, Court, 1834-1835, and 1846-1847, and grandson of William Patton, Harrison County pioneer, who settled on Duck Creek, Harrison County, then Virginia, 129 years ago.

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Presiding Court Justice

The following is the official record of the election of Ebenezer Wilson Patton as presiding justice of the Harrison County Court:

"At a court held for the County of Harrison at the courthouse on the 10th day of August, 1857, and in the 82nd year of the commonwealth. Present:


"Court Order:

"Jacob M. Eib, Esquire, having at the last term tendered his resignation as presiding justice of this court, and all of the justices of this county, having been summoned to fill said vacancy, and a majority being present, the court proceeded to elect a presiding justice.

"Whereupon, a vote being had, Ebenezer Wilson Patton was duly declared elected presiding justice of this court."

Democratic Leader

Ebenezer Wilson Patton was one of Harrison County's active Democratic leaders for a quarter of a century prior to his sudden death in his law offices in Clarksburg, October 28, 1874. He was a close personal friend, kinsman and political advisor of Attorney Charles S. Lewis, born February 26, 1821, who was elected judge of the Circuit Court of Harrison County in 1872, ably serving in that capacity until his death, January 22, 1878. He was succeeded by Judge A. Brooks Fleming in the same year. Judge Fleming afterward became governor of West Virginia, serving from February 6, 1890, to March 4, 1893, with notable distinction.
Those named below are descended from the same common ancestors as the late LUCINDA EARLE PATTON HIGHLAND, of West Milford, W. Va., and are as follows:

United States Senators
1. Thomas Morris (1776-1844), United States senator.
2. Joseph Haynsworth Earle (1847-1897), United States senator.
3. John Laurens Manning Irby (1854-1900), United States senator.
4. Matthew Mansfield Neely (born November 9, 1874), a former United States senator.

Members of Congress
5. Elias Earle (1762-1823), member of Congress.
6. John Baylis Earle (1766-1863), member of Congress.
7. Samuel Earle (1760-1833), member of Congress.
8. Isaac Smith (1740-1807), member of Congress.
9. Lewis Maxwell (1790-1862), member of Congress.
10. Isaac Newton Morris (1812-1879), member of Congress.
12. William Lowades Yancey (1814-1863), member of Congress, the latter the chairman of the Commission sent to Europe in 1861 to present the Confederate cause to the governments of England and France; elected to the first Confederate senate February 21, 1862; died at his plantation home near Montgomery, Ala., July 28, 1863.

Soldier-Minister
13. Rev. Isaac Morris, born in Berks County, Pa., in 1740, and died in Harrison County, then Virginia, now West Virginia, July 10, 1830, where he and his family had settled prior to February 20, 1778; a Revolutionary soldier (1777-1783); chaplain of his regiment; and a Baptist minister for 60 years; and who married in Pennsylvania, April 11, 1766, Miss Ruth Henton, of Virginia, born, 1760, and died in Harrison County, then Virginia, now West Virginia, in 1839: the parents of twelve (12) children.

Supreme Court Judges
14. Judge Joseph M. Beck, born April 21, 1823, Clermont County, O., and died May 30, 1893. Judge Supreme Court of Iowa 1867 to 1891, 24 years.
15. Judge Thomas Morris, born Berks County, Pa., January 3, 1776, and died in Clermont County, Ohio, December 7, 1844. Judge Ohio Supreme Court 1809.
17. Judge Haymond Maxwell, born Harrison County, West Virginia, October 24, 1879. Judge West Virginia Supreme Court from August 18, 1928, to December 31, 1928. Elected November 6, 1928, for a twelve year term from January 1, 1929. The term from August 18 to December 31, 1928, was by appointment to fill a vacancy.

Circuit Court Judges
20. Birk S. Statzer, born July 13, 1884, and Judge of the counties comprising Harrison and Lewis.

Bankers
23. Charles M. Van Kleeck, Vice President of the Fulton Trust Co., of New York.
25. Attorney James Morris, born December 11, 1790. Prosecuting attorney of Tyler County, then Virginia, 1846-1849.
30. Joseph Smith Harris, born April 29, 1836, died June 2, 1910. President of the Reading Railroad Co., May 1, 1893, to April 3, 1901, and continued as a director until his death.
32. Albert Flandreau Dean, born July 30, 1842. Dr. Elmer Ambrose Sperry, noted inventor of Brooklyn, New York.
Conclusion

This concludes an authentic story of the late Lucinda Earle Patton Highland, one of the earth's eighteen hundred million faithful human beings, who always "plucked a thistle and planted a flower in its place wherever a flower would grow."

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Tributes of Praise

Among the numerous tributes to the character and achievements of the late Lucinda Earle Patton Highland, the following ones will ever prove a constant source of inspiration to her descendants, kinsmen and friends everywhere. Permit me to tender my deepest sympathy to you and through you to the other members of your family's family in the sympathy that you and they have sustained in the death of your noble mother. No one could behold her lovely face and not appreciate somewhat the great sorrow that has come to your children by her passing. Her countenance must have been like a benediction to all who were fortunate enough to have known her. — Robert Morris McKenny, vice-president, the National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, Ill.
I remember when your mother and father were married January 25, 1867, and the older children came to school in 1869, and look of your mother through what anything that has happened in the springs of memory are those that have intervened from my early childhood when I came to West Milford in 1862 down to the present time. — J. Howard Holt, attorney, Monmouth.
I sympathize with you now as I continue to. The funeral exercises were very impressive throughout. The numerous friends of the family were bountifully afforded, all feeling the great loss to the community of your mother.—Dr. Friend E. Clark, professor of chemistry, West Virginia State University, Morgantown.
My heart was saddened yesterday by the news of your dear mother's death from heart disease and malnutrition.—Albert F. Atkinson, ex-Preacher of the famous Dean school of fire insurance sales, Evanston, Ill.
We never feel that we are entirely men and women until our mother leaves us. You will listen for the footsteps and the voice you will never hear in this world again.—Ada Doulbre Newton, Montrose, Alaska.
The irreverent consciousness of having beeniful children is a blessed heritage and that your loss is her wonderful gain. — J. A. Reif, civil engineer.
The irreverent awareness of having beeniful children is a blessed heritage and that your loss is her wonderful gain. — J. A. Reif, civil engineer.
I always admired your mother's face. She had so much character written there.—Patricia P. Ellis,巴菲, N. Y.
Nothing touches the heart like the sight of death when the mother is taken from the home.—Edwin Harrill, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
When I look at her lovely face I see a jewel indeed. She is not dead but only gone from us.—Deryl Morris, Tazwell, Texas.
What an inspiration she must ever have been to her children. — Lucinda Earle Ellington, Seneca, S. C.
You can well be proud of such a mother.—Judge John H. Hatton, president, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, Charleston.
As noble a mother as ever loved a child into being.—Edward Grandison Smith, lawyer, Clarksburg.

Just a Prayer at Twilight

Fervently do we hope there may ever be religiously taught in each of the hundreds of homes of the descendants of the revered pioneers named in this story, a practical observance of the true spirit of Van Dyke's "Inscription for a Friend's House":

A Friend's House

"The lintel low enough to keep out pomp and pride;
The threshold high enough to turn deceit aside;
The doordoor strong enough from robbers to defend;
This door will open at the touch of every friend."

35. A little while ago I stood at the grave of Alexander Lewis
Great-great-great grandfather of Virgil Lee Highland
President of The Empire National Bank
Clarksburg, West Virginia

Great-great grandfather of William Brent Maxwell
President of The Union National Bank
Clarksburg, West Virginia

Great-great grandfather of Lucinda Earle Patton Highland
of West Milford
Harrison County, West Virginia

Great-great-great grandfather of Scotland C. Highland
Author of this genealogical and historical story

A little more than 114 years have made vivid American history since a simple marker was erected at the grave of Alexander Lewis, who was born in Chester County, Province of Pennsylvania, in 1759, and who died at Lost Creek, Harrison County, in the state then called Virginia and now West Virginia, December 27, 1844, aged eighty-four years.

BURIED IN HARRISON COUNTY CEMETERY

The cemetery in which he sleeps is often called "The Old Frame Church Cemetery" and was established by the Seventh Day Baptist Church. It is situated on the county road within a few hundred yards of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway station, at Lost Creek, Harrison County, West Virginia.

Burial is photographed on Friday, August 27, 1926. The inscription reads

"In Memory of Alexander Lewis: Departed this life December 13, 1844, aged 84 years."