HISTORY OF

THE BRIGGS-BRIDGE

FAMILY

Since its Settlement in America (Virginia) in 1752

With Genealogy as found in Early Church Records, Government Documents, Wills and Family Correspondence.

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Picture of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Luther Briggs of Rochester, Washington. Picture taken in 1950.
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To The Memory of My Father

THOMAS LUTHER BRIGGS

His devotion to his family and his interest in the story of his ancestors has made this history possible.
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Artist Tony Franklin's conception of Stoney Hill Plantation opposite page 20. (House plan taken from snapshots furnished by Leonard A. Briggs).

Artist Franklin's conception of the Latham-Briggs Cabin opposite page 29.
I do not know if there have been other attempts to publish a history of the family of Bridge-Briggs. Part of their story has been told in connection with other family stories. If there was a precedent for guidance, I did not locate it. Since there was little foundation to construct upon, all the data has been gathered almost wholly through correspondence.

I hope that our Briggs people will find in this story much that is new to them. At times the effort to continue this history was met with discouragements and then I would perhaps get new lines or new material in the day's mail. At no time was the work anything but interesting to me.

I am sincerely grateful to all those who encouraged and assisted me. Many persons not even connected with the family aided me greatly.

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There are many Briggs members living today, who are from seventy to ninety years of age. If all of these had learned from
their fathers all they could of family lore, and had preserved it, we should be able to trace practically every Briggs living, and have enough data to make a complete genealogical record since the coming of our forefathers to America.

There are yet many sources of information relating to our family that have not been worked out, while the pre-American history has scarcely been touched.

It is my intention to continue to trace the Briggs genealogy and perhaps publish a more completed volume sometime in the future. Space has been provided herein, however, for additions and corrections to what has already been told.

CHAPTER I

OBJECT OF THIS WORK

The study of the Briggs ancestry was begun not with the idea of publishing the results of any research but only as a matter of my own satisfaction. As the research pursued the more fascinating it became and the determination to publish the data was so great that the story could not be set aside.

Correspondence with other members of the family proved that there were many others who would derive the same pleasure I did in reading the information.

Both my father, Thomas Luther Briggs, and I had always been deeply interested in the story of our family and nothing but a sincere desire to know of my people and to help others has been my motive.

For most people the study of their family relationships is undertaken for purely sentimental reasons. Sometimes a curiosity concerning the past and a desire to show descent from nobility or royalty prompts an investigation of the family tree. In some of the countries where the people are highly reverent of their ancestors, the study of the family is important to religion.

How often I had wondered if my ancestors had come over on the Mayflower.... had they helped in any of the great wars ?..... had they taken part in the California Gold Rush ?..... What had they done? Most of my questions have been answered and I have discovered a proud heritage. The Briggs Family were considered among the First Families of Virginia, they did help in the Wars, and they did follow the Gold Rush Trails.

Because of the general indifference to family history, many people consider genealogy a foolish waste of time and care nothing of what their forefathers did. They are interested mainly with the present, but I feel that a knowledge of the history of your family is a knowledge of the history of your country and the deeper I delved into my family's story the more I realized this to be true. Many people are deeply interested and others do not know their grandmother's maiden name. Others are willing and anxious to be of help in this work, but months and years go by before real data is furnished and the pressing needs of our everyday life does not allow much time for genealogy.

Because our ancestors left such scant accounts of their history and because courthouses with precious records were burned or destroyed during the Civil War, we do not have too much information. Incidents which fathers and grandfathers passed down to their children were long forgotten or only faintly recalled. Most people, like myself, wish they had asked questions and had written down information when their grandparents were still alive. Almost ten years effort has gone into this work and if any attempt were made to have a completed record, many more years would be needed to straighten the tangles.

Many people have written that their mothers, fathers, aunts or uncles had gathered material for such a similar publication. Before it could be completed or published, they had passed away and no one knows what happened to the notes they had so painstakingly gathered.

For the reasons listed above I have not attempted to put
forth a finished history. I am, however, putting forth all the material available to me so that those persons so anxious for information regarding their family can have all possible data.

A great deal of the facts, herein, came to me through correspondence....sometimes it was difficult to read and it would be a miracle if mistakes were not made in dates and the names. Different persons of the same family line often gave versions that varied considerably from each other. Space has been allowed for corrections or additions to the printed matter.

William Thomas Briggs (4), the son of Charles Lewis Briggs, is seated. His first cousin, Quinn Richardson of Kentucky, is standing.
CHAPTER II

ORIGIN OF THE NAME BRIGGS

The name of BRIGGS is believed to have been derived from the word "bridge". In the case of our ancestor, Robert Bridges, who lived in Scotland, we know this to be true. When his sons came to America (Virginia), they changed the name to Briggs. Information received from a descendant of David Briggs (1) states the name Bridges was changed to Briggs when David was in school. The most widespread belief being that the first bearers of the name resided at or by a bridge or were tenders of the bridges. Many names in English history were derived from the occupation of the ancestor. Hundreds of years ago spelling was in a very chaotic state and hardly any two persons spelled a family name the same.

English records show various spellings such as Brugge, Brig, Brigg, Briggs, Brygge, Briggs, etc. Early records indicate them to be of Saxon descent and to have been living in England during the time of the Norman conquest. Genealogists are of the belief that the family traces its descent from the Saxon William atte Briggs who lived in County Norfolk, England during the thirteenth century. Many by the name of Briggs migrated to other sections of the British Isles and also came to America. As early as the year 1621, a Clement Briggs came to Plymouth, Massachusetts. I have corresponded with a descendant of Clement Briggs. Other records indicate that many with the name of Briggs came to America in the 17th century and settled mainly in Massachusetts and the New England states. They left few records, but it is believed that most, if not all of them, derived from a common ancestor.

Thomas, George, David, Robert, James, William, Joseph and John are the names most favored by the family for the names of the sons and no doubt were originally "Bible Names".

Members of the Briggs family have distinguished themselves in the history of the United States during its wars. Other members have been educators, scientists, clergymen, lawyers, manufacturers, authors, doctors and ambassadors.

The Briggs family history embraces a period longer than what is assembled herein; however, neither time nor money was available for searching the Bridge family records in Fifeshire, Scotland. Therefore, the pre-American history of our ancestors has not been touched.
CHAPTER III

CREST OR COAT OF ARMS

During the Crusades, a system of symbols was used by which families could indicate their lineage. Knights all over Europe carried shields and spears and wore helmets which hid their faces and they were not easily identified by their leaders. Therefore each knight wore an emblem on his shield to identify himself. At first the knights used lions, tigers or eagles or other animals to indicate bravery and as each knight could choose his own symbol, many chose the same one. This was very confusing and the Kings of the various countries appointed men called Heralds to supervise the Coats of Arms and to see that no two would be alike. When the knights no longer carried shields, the emblem was used on their stationery, their silver, their carriages and their homes. Noble families were very proud of their Coat of Arms.

When members of two noble families married, sometimes the coat of arms belonging to the husband's family would use a portion of the wife's coat of arms. This was done especially if the woman's family were more prominent than the husbands.

The Coat of Arms as we know it today is supposed to represent the picture of a shield hung up on a peg of the castle hall as the knight returned from battle or service. The scrolls represent the cloak of the knight and the cloak was topped with the helmet.

Each knight selected a particular motto which represented to him his bravery, skill or faith in God. If more than one son in the family became a knight, each son had a separate mark to indicate being the first, second, or third son, etc. For instance, the third son might be indicated by a star; the second son by a crescent.

One of the most ancient and commonly used Coat of Arms of the Briggs family is described thus:

Arms: Quarterly 1st and 4th; gules 3 bards gemelles or; 2nd and 3rd; Sable an estoile of 8 points or between 2 flaunches or, a canton sable. (Gules is the French word for red and Sable indicated black).

Crest: A pelican vulning herself upon the stump of a tree erased and couped and charged with a trefoil purpure, wings elevated.

Motto: Virtus est dei (Virtue in God).
CHAPTER IV

MIGRATIONS AND SETTLEMENTS OF THE BRIGGS FAMILY

We know that the sons of Robert Bridges and Mary Landon Bridges began their new life in America by settling first in Virginia. Some of the descendants of these sons still live on or nearby the original homes of these first Briggs men.

During Colonial times our ancestors for the most part lived near this same region where they first landed in the Colonies. As not all lines are accounted for, the migrations and settlements of the Briggs family are not complete ........ and therefore no detailed account can be given. However, information shown under the stories of the brothers indicates the first few generations trekked to five principal regions ........ Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Texas and the outlying counties of Virginia, and, of course, later to California during the Gold Rush period.

In early times persons often left for other settlements and gave their possessions and land away without having deeds recorded and in some cases, where deeds or bills of sale were given, the records have been lost or destroyed. When people did settle elsewhere, the letters written "back home" were few and far between. Sometimes the only mail lines were people passing through or the pony express rider and families often lost complete contact with each other.

This moving was characteristic of most pioneer families. With offers of land in far regions or with war grants in their hands, many families loaded what possessions they could in a covered wagon and moved on to new frontiers. Some families were influenced by the adventurers of scouts like Daniel Boone or Kit Carson and they began to feel crowded and cramped just as we do now when we feel that we "grow out" of our houses or environment. Many of the Briggs families yielded to these impulses and began to push further west.

David Briggs (1) settled at Falmouth, Stafford County, Virginia in 1752, purchasing land adjoining the Mary Washington home. Here, too, at his family home of "Stoney Hill" lived many succeeding generations. One of his sons, Dr. Robert Briggs (2) moved to Ohio in his early life and there records stop. Other sources indicate that only Robert's wife and his children lived in Ohio after his death. If members of this family are still in Ohio, we have had no trace of them. Another of David's sons, Thomas Briggs (2) purchased land and settled in Clarke County, Virginia and some of his descendants still live nearby. David's third son, David Briggs Jr (2) settled first at Fredericksburg, Virginia and then at Richmond, Virginia. We know that David Jr. became prominent politically in the history of the State of Virginia. A fourth son, James McDonald Briggs (2) inherited the family home at "Stoney Hill" and so many of his descendants are still living in Virginia.

William Robert Briggs (2) and Judith Wroe Briggs settled originally in Westmoreland County, Virginia and later went to Bardstown, Kentucky. William had tracts of land in Nelson, Shelby, and Warren Counties in Kentucky when he died. Many of his descendants still live in Kentucky in the vicinity of Bowling Green. Perhaps the
reason for the trek to Kentucky of this family was their service in the Revolutionary War. Many members were given grants of land for their war service...probably in Kentucky. There are records of grants of land in Virginia also. Many of the members of this family in the second generation moved on to Illinois, settling in the Springfield and Elkhart communities...homesteading land and starting businesses. Members of this family still live in Springfield, Elkhart, and Bloomington, Illinois. They are the descendants of Mary Briggs Latham (2) Benjamin Briggs (2) David Briggs (2) Isabella Briggs Davis (2). Descendants of William and Judith also settled in Ralls County, Missouri, in Texas, and in California. We have records of their war service, their prominence politically in Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, and California and of their being among the early settlers of those states.

Thomas Briggs (1) came to Warrick, Virginia and died soon after his arrival here. His widow, Catherine Cuman Briggs, settled near Bardstown, Kentucky with her children. According to family history, Thomas's brother, Andrew, journeyed by horseback to the town of Warrick upon hearing of his brother's death and brought his sister-in-law and her children back to Bardstown with him. Many of the descendants of Catherine and Thomas Briggs still live near Bowling Green, Kentucky and Louisville, Kentucky.

According to older members of the family, Andrew Briggs (1) never married.

It is believed that James Briggs (1) settled in Madison County, Kentucky because Collins History of Kentucky refers to a James Bridges as being in Madison County in the 1790's. It has not been established whether or not this was a son of Robert Bridges of Fifeshire, Scotland.

CHAPTER V

ROBERT BRIDGES AND HIS SONS

Little is known of our ancestor, Robert Bridges of Fifeshire, Scotland. It is known that he married Mary Landon of Marknick of Fifeshire (on the Firth of Forth) Scotland. Mary Landon was the daughter of David Landon and the sister of Thomas Landon. Thomas Landon left only one daughter who left only one son, Miller Weakley.

The sons of Robert Bridges and Mary Landon Bridges came to America and changed the name to Briggs. The sons were:

DAVID BRIGGS (1) born in Fifeshire, Scotland on May 9, 1730; died at Stoney Hill, Falmouth, Stafford County, Virginia in 1813. David married on April 20, 1771 to Jean McDonald, the daughter of Neal McDonald, Episcopal Rector of Brunswick Parish near Fredericksburg, Virginia. Neal McDonald was the son of the Earl of McDonald and the grandson of Ronald McDonald, First Earl of Antrim, Ireland. One historian says Ronald McDonald was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, the First. Another says he was knighted by King James.

David Briggs came to Virginia in the summer of 1752 and he settled at Falmouth. He bought a farm and records indicate that he was also a merchant, an attorney and a man of considerable wealth. David and Jean McDonald had four sons.

THOMAS BRIGGS (1) came to Warrick, Virginia in 1793. He was born in Fifeshire, Scotland and he married Catherine Cuman of Leslie, Scotland before he came to America. Thomas was a manufacturer in Fifeshire. He was engaged in the linen industry. Thomas and Catherine brought their church letter with them when they came to America. When Thomas died shortly after their arrival in Virginia, Catherine journeyed to Kentucky with Thomas's brother, Andrew. Years later, Catherine married Isaac Stephens in Warren County in Kentucky. Catherine died on July 13, 1854 in Warren County. She is buried near Milburn, Kentucky on the Wright farm.

JAMES BRIGGS (1). There is no information regarding this line.

WILLIAM ROBERT BRIGGS (1) was born January 14, 1725 in Scotland. William came with two of his brothers from Leslie, Scotland in 1754, a young red-headed lad. He went first to Westmoreland County, Virginia and then to Culpeper County, Virginia and then to Bardstown, Kentucky where he died February 2, 1801. His will was proven March 9, 1801 in Nelson County, Kentucky. William married Judith Wroe in 1760. He served in the Revolutionary War. William and Judith had twelve children according to Railsback-Adams-Briggs History; however, his will mentions only ten children.
ANDREW BRIGGS (1) came to America in 1791 and lived West of the Alleghanies in a county of Virginia near Bardstown, Kentucky. He helped Catherine Cuman Briggs come to Kentucky and to settle after her husband, Thomas Briggs (1), died. According to the story handed down through the generations, Andrew never married.

Robert B. Latham
Son of James Latham—Proprietor of Kentucky House

Richard Latham

KENTUCKY HOUSE — ELKHART, ILLINOIS
Stopping place for Eighth Circuit Lawyers
Erected 1828-1830
CHAPTER VI

DAVID BRIGGS (1) AND HIS DESCENDANTS

David Briggs (1) son of Robert Bridges and Mary Landon Bridges, was born in Fifeshire, Scotland on May 9, 1730. At the age of 22 years he came to America and settled in Virginia. There on April 20, 1771 he married Jean McDonald, third daughter of Reverend Neal (Daniel) McDonald and Ellen Barret McDonald. David's name was changed from Bridges to Briggs in school. He was educated for the ministry in the established Presbyterian Church but decided to come to America instead.

Arriving in America, David located at Falmouth, Virginia and went into the mercantile business—exports and imports—and made a fortune. His residence in Falmouth, Virginia was called "Stoney Hill" or "Stony Hill" Farm and adjoined the estate of Mary Washington, mother of George Washington. Pictures taken recently show Stoney Hill still standing, although in a very run-down condition and the property still belongs to some of David's descendants.

David was also an attorney. Records show he was the executor of the estate of a Charles Mercer, attorney for Mary Washington. During the Revolutionary War, David Briggs was the custodian of the interned British Merchant Ships and on one occasion turned over to the Federal Government twenty-two ships.

David was a large property owner in the County of Stafford. In 1790 he was recorded in the first Census of the United States. This Census states that he owned five houses.

From the inscriptions on the grave stones at Stoney Hill, Jean died on June 6, 1810 at the age of 60 years and David died on December 3, 1813. David's will is recorded in the Stafford Court House.

Their children were all born in the family home. They were:

Robert Briggs (2) born January 29, 1785; married 1st Ellenor Atwell, daughter of Captain Francis Atwell and his wife, Mary McDonald Atwell. Robert and Ellenor were cousins. Robert married 2nd Helen Buckner on July 24, 1828. Helen was the daughter of Roy Buckner and Nancie Moore Buckner. She eloped at 13 and was widowed at 20. From the notes of a granddaughter, Mrs. Rufus Dawes, Helen Buckner before her marriage to Robert lived in Richmond, Virginia with her cousins, the McCoull sisters. The marriage of Helen and Robert is recorded in the Marriage Bond, Vol. 1, page 40 at Richmond, Virginia. When Robert died, his widow and two children moved to the home of a brother, William Buckner, then living in Washington Court House, Ohio. Helen died July 9, 1871. Robert died in Richmond in November of 1838. Robert's profession was that of a doctor and he began his practice of medicine in Madison Court House, Virginia and later went to Richmond. Records indicate that on December 23, 1835, he presented a petition to the Legislature for incorporation of a Medical College in Richmond.

Thomas Briggs (2) born September 23, 1782; died October 9, 1855. Thomas was a merchant and located at Winchester, Virginia. Thomas was married on November 11, 1809 to Lucinda Short, the daughter of John Short and Judith Ball Short. Lucinda was a direct descendant of George Washington's uncle, Joseph Ball. Lucinda was the grand-
daughter of a Williamson Ball and Priscilla Churchill Ball. The Short family lived at Falmouth, across the Rappahannock River from Fredericksburg. The house was high on a bluff and is still standing. It was called "Carlton". When Thomas and Lucinda were first married they lived on property in Clarke County, Virginia called "Air Hill" and inherited by Lucinda from her father. It had 600 acres, a grist mill and many slaves.

David Briggs Jr (2) born June 6, 1780 was married on June 28, 1808 in Falmouth, Virginia to Mary Frazier (Fraser) Vowles, daughter of Henry Vowles and Mary Frazier, and a granddaughter of George Fraser of Scotland. Mary was born in Stafford County, Virginia on August 27, 1790 and died on August 5, 1852. David was a lawyer and as a young man practiced law in the Madison Court House. He became Mayor of Fredericksburg, Virginia where he lived; a member of the Virginia legislature and Secretary of the Constitutional Convention which framed the Constitution of Virginia in 1829-30. David died on November 5, 1836. Obituary notice was given in the Richmond Enquirer of November 8, 1836. A granddaughter, Julia Somerville, who was born in his home in Richmond, stated he lost his money in a Security Debt. Howe's Historical Collections, page 149, says "He was an eminent attorney, formerly Mayor of Fredericksburg and Counsellor of State." Quin's "History of Fredericksburg" gives the date as Mayor as 1820-21 and further states "In order to correct defects in laying out streets under former acts, a Commission consisting of John W. Green, John Mundell, George Cox, Silas Wood and David Briggs was appointed to survey and locate the streets of the town."

James McDonald Briggs (2) born February 17, 1787 and died April 27, 1845. He was married on December 26, 1810 to Charlotte Ashmore Keith (1782-1866), the daughter of Isham Keith and Charlotte Ashmore of Fauquier County. Charlotte was the niece of the Chief Justice John Marshall and the granddaughter of Reverend James Keith and Mary Isham Randolph Keith. Charlotte Keith Briggs was also a great granddaughter of William Randolph, Uncle of Thomas Jefferson. James McDonald Briggs was a Colonel in the Virginia Militia. He and his son, James Jr., were in Washington when the first train went from Washington to Baltimore. On his Stoney Hill Farm were between forty and fifty slaves.

THIRD GENERATION

Children of Robert Briggs (2) and Helen Buckner:

Jean McDonald Briggs (3) born 1836 and married to Judge Charles Palmer on October 15, 1861. Charles Palmer was from Washington Court House, Ohio.

Children of Robert Briggs (2) and 1st wife, Ellenor Atwell:

Robert Moore Briggs (3) born 1831; married Katherine Robinson. Robert studied law and became a Judge. Robert and Katherine had seven children, several died young; one burned in the Buffalo Theater Fire.
Children of Thomas Briggs (2) and Lucinda Short:

**John Short Briggs (3)** born August 11, 1810; died in 1860. He never married.

**David McDonald Briggs (3)** born July 27, 1812.

**Thomas William Briggs (3)** born February 7, 1814; died in 1848. Thomas married Lucy Castleman of Clarke County, Virginia. Lucy was the daughter of John Castleman. Thomas and Lucy were married on March 31, 1839. Lucy died in 1890.

**Robert Hood Briggs (3)** born December 2, 1815 at Air Hill; died in 1879. Robert married Minnie Harper, a cousin, of Upperville, Virginia. Robert bought "Chapel Green" a farm in Clarke County. Minnie Harper's parents were Frances Slaughter McCoull Harper and Joel Zane Harper of "Rock Cliff" near Upperville, Fauquier County, Virginia. Frances McCoull was the daughter of Neil McCoull and Ann McDonald McCoull. Ann McDonald McCoull was the eldest daughter of the Reverend Daniel McDonald and Ellen Barrett McDonald of Brunswick Parish. Robert and Minnie lived for several years at "Air Hill" when several brothers ran the estate.

**James Churchill Briggs (3)** born at Air Hill, Clarke County, Virginia on October 21, 1818. He died in 1888. James married Margaret Somerville, a cousin, of Culpeper County, Virginia. They were married on December 9, 1868. Margaret was the daughter of Dr. Walter Somerville and Mary Henry Briggs Somerville.

**William Pitt Briggs (3)** born April 19, 1819; died August 4, 1874. William married Lucy Klipstein of Winchester, Virginia. Lucy was the granddaughter of Dr. Philip Klipstein. They lived at "Chapel Springs" in Clarke County.

**Charles Cullen Briggs (3)** born May 11, 1822; died June 22, 1904. Charles married Jane Eliza Douglas of a prominent Fauquier County family. The Douglas estate was called "Rose Hill". Charles Cullen was in the Warrenton Rifles of the Confederate Army.

**Harrison Ball Briggs (3)** born March 9, 1823; died of a dysentary contracted during the Civil War in Camp Pickens, near Catlett, Fauquier County, Virginia in August of 1863. Harrison was with the Warrenton Rifles in the Confederate Army.

**Marian Judith Briggs (3)** born January 3, 1825; died 1854. Marian married Hugh Thomas Douglas, the brother of Jane Eliza Douglas. They have no descendants. Hugh Thomas Douglas was in the Fauquier Guards, Engineering Department. In an old letter he speaks of being detailed as
engineer in building a bridge across Bull Run where the battle of July 18, 1861 was held.

Arthur Stanhope Briggs (3) born April 7, 1827.

Jane Ann Briggs (3) born February 28, 1830; died 1863.

Henry Clay Briggs (3) born January 27, 1832. Henry served in the Warrenton Rifles in the Confederate Army.

Charlotte Helen Briggs (3) born June 5, 1835; died December 26, 1874. Charlotte married John Smith of Fauquier County, Virginia.

Children of David Briggs Jr (2) and Mary Vowles:

Mary Henry Briggs (3) born September 19, 1809 in Stafford County, Virginia. Mary married Dr. Walter Somerville at her father's home on October 9, 1827. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Samuel Wilson. Mary and Walter lived at "Edgewood" in Culpeper County, Virginia where Dr. Somerville practiced medicine until his death in 1890. Mary died August 18, 1859. Both are buried in the family graveyard at "Somerville" in Culpeper County.

Anne Maria Briggs (3) born 1815 at Falmouth; married to Stephen French Jr of Prince William County, Virginia.

Virginia Barrett Briggs (3) born in 1819 in Fredericksburg. Virginia taught at her sister's home, Edgewood, at the Moores, Alexandria and in Richmond. She never married.

Jane McDonald Briggs (3) born in 1813 in Falmouth; married Dr. Edwin Smith in 1836. Edwin Smith was born October 13, 1813 and died August 10, 1842.

Susan Logan Briggs (3) born 1821 in Fredericksburg. She married Robert W. Henry of Halifax County, Virginia. Susan's portrait painted by Sully is now owned by Kitty Hoge Conway of Danville, Virginia.

Mildred Somerville Briggs (3) born 1835 in Richmond, Virginia; married George Franklin Merrill of Richmond. Mildred and her sister, Susan, were considered great beauties.


David Curran Briggs (3) born September 12, 1811 in Falmouth. David studied law. He married Judith Ann (Gregory) Fishburn of Charleston, South Carolina.

Walter Henry Briggs (3) born 1823 in Fredericksburg. He died young.

Henry McDonald Briggs (3) born 1825 in Fredericksburg. He died young.
Langdon Taylor Briggs (3) born 1827 in Fredericksburg. He died young.

Marian Ellen Briggs (3) born 1829 in Fredericksburg. Marian died young.

Children of James McDonald Briggs (2) and Charlotte Keith:

Jane Elizabeth Briggs (3) born February 12, 1812; died in November 1818.

Mary Keith Briggs (3) born March 2, 1816; married to Commodore Robert Campbell Rogers of Stafford County.

William Sheridan Briggs (3) born July 4, 1820; died in 1892. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a Baptist Minister. William married Ophelia Riley who was born in Hartford County, Maryland. (1782-1892).

James McDonald Briggs II (3) born at Stoney Hill, Falmouth, Virginia on January 6, 1822; died August 13, 1900. He is buried in the Cemetery at Briggs Station, four miles east of Berryville in Clarke County, Virginia. James was married on July 24, 1845 to Louisa Marshall Smith of Fauquier County. They resided at Stoney Hill, the original home of his grandparents, as James succeeded his father as owner of the plantation which was located off the highway between Fredericksburg and Warrenton. James was a Captain in the Virginia Militia. He joined the first company organized by General Fitzhugh Lee, nephew of Robert E. Lee, afterward Governor of Virginia. Armies passed to and fro over Stoney Hill plantation during the Civil War. When James came home on furlough during the War, he found the slaves had deserted and Union soldiers were over-running the place. His wife, Louisa, said she needed his protection but he had no one to send in his place. They finally decided to send Charles Briggs. Charles was then only eleven or twelve years of age. He was in the advance guard at the Battle of Fredericksburg. He played the drums.

Louisa Marshall Smith Briggs was the daughter of Louisa and Charles Augustine Smith of Fauquier County. James McDonald Briggs II was at one time Sheriff of the County, Tax-Collector and a large property owner. At one time he was a prosperous planter owning 250 slaves.

Fourth Generation

Children of Jean McDonald Briggs (3) and Charles A. Palmer. Line of descent: Robert Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Robert Briggs Palmer (4)

Margaret Marie Palmer (4) born July 30, 1864; died on February 10, 1937. Margaret married Herbert A. Maynard on October 10, 1887.
Paul Palmer (4)

Helen Virginia Palmer (4) born 1869; died July 28, 1941. She married Rufus C. Dawes of Chicago, Illinois. Rufus was the brother of General Charles C. Dawes, former Vice-President of the United States.

Luther Palmer (4)

Alice Palmer (4) married ___________ Wood.

William N. Palmer (4)

Harrison Palmer (4)

Children of Robert Moore Briggs (3) and Katherine Robinson. Line of descent: Robert Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Charles Briggs (4)

Jean McDonald Briggs (4) married Dr. C. B. Van Horn of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Robert Briggs (4)

William Moore Briggs (4) at one time a student at Hampden Sidney College, Virginia. William died in 1907.

Edward Briggs (4)

Children of Thomas William Briggs (3) and Lucy Castleman. Line of descent: Thomas Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Mary Lucy Briggs (4) born 1842; died 186_.

Lucy Virginia Briggs (4) born 1848; died November 16, 1932. Lucy never married.

Anne Short Briggs (4) born 1846; died January 17, 1903. Anne never married.

Sarah Cornelia Briggs (4) born 1840 in Clarke County, Virginia. Sarah married G. B. Larrick on March 11, 1869 in Winchester, Virginia. Sarah died on November 13, 1904.

Judson Briggs (4) born 1847; died 1864. Judson was single.

Children of Robert Briggs (3) and Minnie Harper. Line of descent: Thomas Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Joel Zane Briggs (4) born April 11, 1872; married Georgeann Weems on December 26, 1900. They settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma where Joel was a druggist. Joel died July 28, 1950.

Children of James Churchill Briggs (3) and Margaret Somerville. Line of descent: Thomas Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).
Anna Somerville Briggs (4) lived in Winchester, Virginia. Anna died in October 1955 in Richmond. She collected a great deal of data on the Briggs family which was given to the State Historical Society in Richmond, Virginia.

Children of William Pitt Briggs (3) and Lucy Klipstein. Line of descent: Thomas Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Frances Briggs (4) born 1859; died September 15, 1915. She married Frank O. Purdy. Frances is buried in "Old Chapel" Cemetery in Clarke County, Virginia.

William Klipstein Briggs (4) born 1856; married Emma Dodge.

Edward Jerman Briggs (4) born May 10, 1857; married to Lucelia Hunton Klipstein, a cousin, on October 14, 1891 in Fauquier County. Lucelia, the daughter of John H. Klipstein and Lucella Hunton Bise Klipstein, died September 17, 1934. Edward died on December 1, 1943. Both are buried in Warrenton Cemetery. Edward was a farmer and lived in Clarke County until 1920 and then moved to New Baltimore.

Robert Lee Briggs (4) born 1868; died March 30, 1915. He was in the mercantile business and a farmer. He was single.

Thomas Douglas Briggs (4) born 1866; died October 11, 1916. Thomas married Jean Tierlinck of Belgium.

Charles Frederick Briggs (4) born 1869; died July 1, 1941. Charles married 1st Alice Brummage. Alice died in 1925. Charles married 2nd Mrs. Electra J. Welch in 1930. Charles was in the paper business.

Ernest P. Briggs (4) born September 8, 1873; died May 13, 1944. Ernest married 1st Daisy Day and 2nd Elinor Day.

Children of Charlotte Helen Briggs (3) and John Smith. Line of descent: Thomas Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Harry Smith (4)

Children of William Sheridan Briggs (3) and Ophelia Riley. Line of descent: James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

John Irving Briggs (4)

Fontaine Rose Briggs (4)

Sarah E. Briggs (4)

Charlotte Keith Briggs (4) married a Captain Carson.

George R. Briggs (4) born December 29, 1840. When George was only two years old the family moved to Virginia. George married Bessie Taylor, the daughter of John S. Taylor of George County. She was born in November 1854 and died
on February 17, 1898. The date of their marriage is given as January 16, 1873. George was a lawyer. During the War between the States, George was in the First Virginia Cavalry and fought from Manassas to Appomattox.

Children of James McDonald Briggs II (3) and Louisa Marshall Smith. Line: James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Charles Augustine Briggs (4) married 1st Virginia Morgan and 2nd Annie Brown of Rappahannock County. Charles was a drummer in the Civil War and was in the advance guard at the Battle of Fredericksburg when only a young boy. Virginia Morgan, his first wife, was the daughter of the General Morgan of Revolutionary War fame. Charles settled in Rappahannock, Virginia and died at Amosville, Virginia near Warrenton.

Isham Keith Briggs (4) 1851-1923. Isham married Lucille Boswell on October 19, 1880 and settled in Clarke County. The flag-station and Postoffice near "Old Chapel" are named for him. He conducted a grain and general mercantile business and also a large farming estate. Isham was Sheriff of Clarke County for six years and County Assessor for fifteen years.

Dorothy Adelia Briggs (4) married William Knudson. No issue.

James McDonald Briggs III (4) married a Hattie Castleman, a cousin of his sister-in-law, Virginia Morgan.

Mary Archer Royal Briggs (4) married William Cosby. William was the son of William Harris Cosby and Sarah Frances Goodwin.

Helen Louisa Briggs (4) was unmarried.


Thompson Smith Briggs (4) married Sarah Fontaine Rose, the daughter of Alex Fontaine Rose of Fauquier County. Sarah died March 15, 1910 and Thompson died January 2, 1910. Thompson is buried at Hampstead adjoining Stoney Hill.

Robert Cullen Briggs (4) born August 4, 1863 at Stoney Hill. He married Bessie Creighton Wright and went to the State of Texas in 1880 and then returned to Virginia to study law. Robert practiced law in Houston, Texas and became a Judge. Robert died on September 28, 1948. His wife, Bessie, was born May 4, 1898 and died May 10, 1944. Bessie Wright's ancestry goes back to Sir John Wright (1509-1551).


David Howison Briggs (4) born November 8, 1870; married Ola Howard.
Children of Mary Keith Briggs (3) and Robert Campbell Rogers. Line:
James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Robert C. Rogers (4) married Templeman.
Milton H. Rogers (4) married Isabel Douglas.
William B. Rogers (4) married Roberta Wright.
Jane Rogers (4)
Marcus Rogers (4) married Nellie Richards.
James McDonald Rogers (4)
Georgia Rogers (4)
John Rogers (4) married Isabel Baker.

Children of Mary Henry Briggs (3) and Walter Somerville. Line:
David Briggs Jr (2) David Briggs (1).

Walter Somerville Jr (4) born September 12, 1829 and died on
February 10, 1862. Walter never married. He studied medicine
at the University of Virginia and was a Surgeon in the Confed-
erate States Army at the Williamsburg Hospital. While there
he contracted typhoid fever and died. Walter invented the
air brake and left the model in the attic of his home at Edgewood. After the Civil War his father sold the model to a
Union Officer who had seen it at Edgewood when the house was
occupied by the Yankees. The officer paid $500.00 for it and
sold it to Westinghouse who improved it and patented it.

Marian B. Somerville (4) born June 19, 1831; died July 6, 1886.
David Briggs Somerville (4) born April 9, 1833; died July 27, 1847.
Margaret Somerville (4) born April 9, 1835 at Edgewood. She
was married December 9, 1868 at her home to her cousin, James
Churchill Briggs, of Air Hill, Clarke County, Virginia.

Julia Somerville (4) born December 24, 1836; married Edward
Gray of Richmond, Virginia on January 21, 1864.

Anna Jane Somerville (4) born August 2, 1838; died December of
1918. Anna never married.

Langdon Henry Somerville (4) born February 8, 1840; died in
May of 1840.

Robert Briggs Somerville (4) born March 27, 1841; died July 3,
1863 on the Battlefield of Gettysburg. He was in Kempser's
Brigade, Confederate States Army.

James Wilson Somerville (4) born December 27, 1842. He enlist-
ed May of 1861 in Co. G. 20th Virginia Infantry, Pegram's Brigade, Garnett's Division, Confederate Army. James married Eliza Cary Thorburn on November 15, 1866 in the Presbyterian Church at Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Susan Briggs Somerville (4) born November 20, 1844; died August 27, 1861.


Langdon Somerville (4) born February 1, 1846, a twin brother of Curran. Langdon never married. He enlisted in Douglass' Pontoon Corps, Confederate States Army in 1863. He contracted pneumonia and died on January 29, 1864 and is buried in the Churchyard in Gordonsville, Virginia.

Children of David Curran Briggs (3) and Judith Ann (Gregory) Fishburn. Line: David Briggs Jr (2) David Briggs (1).

Edmund Briggs (4) married 1st Mary Hagen and 2nd Ada Herman. Edmund was a lawyer.

Virginia Briggs (4) married December 10, 1874 to Curran Briggs Somerville of Culpeper County, Virginia, her cousin.

Susan Briggs (4) married ______ Holcombe.

Ann Briggs (4) never married.

Children of Jane McDonald Briggs (3) and Dr. Edwin Harvie Smith. Line: David Briggs Jr (2) David Briggs (1).

David Briggs Smith (4) was the grandson of John Hill Smith and Mary Ambler Smith. His second marriage was to Mary Marshall in 1866. (See "Prominent Virginia Families" by Louise Pequet DuBellet. Vol. 1).

Children of Anne Marie Briggs (3) and Stephen French Jr. Line: David Briggs Jr (2) David Briggs (1).

Anne Briggs French (4) born March 19, 1844; died March 17, 1914. She was raised by her aunts at Edgewood, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Somerville. One aunt, Virginia Briggs, taught school there. Anne was married on October 14, 1868 to Charles Eugene Hoge in Abington, Virginia. The Hoge family moved to Frankfort, Kentucky in 1882.
FIFTH GENERATION

Children of Joel Zane Briggs (4) and Georgeanna Weems. Line: Robert Hood Briggs (3) Thomas Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).


Children of Edward Briggs (4) and Lucelia Hunton Klipstein. Line: William Pitt Briggs (3) Thomas Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Ida Klipstein Briggs (5) owns the ancestral home of her mother's family near Warrenton, Virginia.

Children of Harry Smith (4) and ___________. Line: Charlotte Helen Briggs (3) Thomas Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Jack Smith (5)

Children of Charlotte Briggs (4) and Captain Carson. Line: William Sheridan Briggs (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Carson (5) a son.

Children of George R. Briggs (4) and Bessie Taylor. Line: William Sheridan Briggs (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Bessie Briggs (5)

Maude Langdon Briggs (5) born August 10, 1878; died November 11, 1955. Maude married Joseph Gaines Acton in 1898. Joseph was a son of Samuel W. Acton and a direct descendant of the famous Lee family of Virginia. Samuel Acton was a physician and surgeon on Lee's staff. Joseph died September 10, 1950.

Lucille Briggs (5)

Hortense Briggs (5)

Seals Briggs (5)

Children of Charles Augustine Briggs (4) and Annie Brown. Line: James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Annie Briggs (5)

Charles had three other children per L. A. Briggs of Fredericksburg:

Mae Briggs (5)

Louise Briggs (5) a noted horsewoman; died young.

Charles Briggs Jr (5)

Children of Isham Keith Briggs (4) and Lucille Boswell. Line: James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).
Isham Keith Briggs Jr (5) born August 18, 1881. Isham became a doctor. He was married on May 24, 1911 to Ella G. Waddy of Richmond, Virginia.

Jack Briggs (5) died at 16 years.

Briggs (5) a girl, died at 2 years.

T. Hamlin Briggs (5) married Virginia Smith.

Edgar Melvin Briggs (5) a civil engineer.

Lawrence Boswell Briggs (5) a mercantile businessman.

Joseph Smith Briggs (5) a farmer.

Selina Briggs (5) died as an infant.

Children of James McDonald Briggs III (4) and Hattie Castleman. Line:

James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Louise Briggs (5) married 1st Joe Poole 2nd Charles Smith.

Mary Briggs (5)

James Briggs (5) married Alice Nelson.

Robert Briggs (5)

Royal Briggs (5)

Dorothy Briggs (5)

Carl Briggs (5)

Children of Mary Archer Royal Briggs (4) and William Cosby. Line:

James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Edith Cosby (5) born August 26, 1881; married John Wintersmith of Louisville, Kentucky.

Cullen Cosby (5) co-owner with his brother of the Cosby Transfer and Storage Company in Richmond, Virginia. Cullen married Katherine Mayo.

W. Randolph Cosby (5) co-owner of the Cosby Transfer & Storage Co. He formerly practiced law. Randolph married Louise Johnson.

Children of Charlotte Rosalie Briggs (4) and 1st husband, William Cole. Line: James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Edward Lewlie Cole (5) married Else Zingraff. Edward, now deceased, was once prominent in politics in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mary Archer Cole (5) married Dr. Harry Wieler in 1925. They conduct the Hotchkiss School for Boys at Lakeville, Connecticut.

Child of Charlotte Rosalie Briggs (4) and 2nd husband, William Kellogg.

Rosalie Ashmore Kellogg (5) married Norman Cavanaugh in 1933.

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Children of Robert Cullen Briggs (4) and Bessie Creighton Wright. Line: James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Marian Briggs (5) married Francis Alan Ford on September 29, 1934. Francis Ford graduated from Annapolis in 1921 and is now retired from the United States Navy.

Cullen Wright Briggs (5) born April 6, 1901. Cullen is a District Judge in Corpus Christi, Texas. Cullen married 1st Margaret Segress and 2nd Ingeborg Bollman of Germany. Ingeborg is the daughter of Hans Bollman, famous tenor of the opera. Cullen served in World War II and also on the War Crime Tribunals in Germany after the War.

Robert Curtis Briggs (5) born September 6, 1899; married to Lillian Ennis in 1934. Robert is a geologist.

Children of Leslie Edward Briggs (4) and Virginia Cole. Line: James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1) line.

Annie Briggs (5) married George Payne in 1925.

Children of Thompson Smith Briggs (4) and Sarah Fontaine Rose. Line: James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).


Morris F. Briggs (5) studied law at the University of Virginia. Morris was a Lieutenant in the Army during World War I. He died in 1918.

Hugh Briggs (5) died at 2 years.

Children of David Howison Briggs (4) and Ola Howard. Line: James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Helen Briggs (5) married Charles Sours.

Margaret Briggs (5) married John Fairy.

Children of Marcus Rogers (4) and Nellie Richards. Line: Mary Keith Briggs (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Mary Rogers (5) married Alvin Limbrick.

Frank Rogers (5)

Abbie Rogers (5)

Tom Rogers (5)
Gillies Rogers (5)
Royal Rogers (5)
Belle Rogers (5)
Maude Rogers (5)
Cassie Rogers (5)

Children of John Rogers (4) and Isabel Baker. Line: Mary Keith Briggs (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Mary Rogers (5) married Percy Baker.

Eva Rogers (5)
Harry Rogers (5)
Isabel Rogers (5)

Children of Margaret Somerville (4) and James Churchill Briggs. Line: Mary Henry Briggs (3) David Briggs Jr (2) David Briggs (1).

Anna Somerville Briggs (5) (also listed under 4th Gen.) born January 30, 1878; died October 20, 1955. Anna furnished much of the genealogy for the David Briggs (1) line.

Children of Julia Somerville (4) and Edward Gray. Line: Mary Henry Briggs (3) David Briggs Jr (2) David Briggs (1).

Robert Somerville Gray (5)
Edward Gray Jr (5)
Walter Somerville Gray (5)
Julian Briggs Gray (5)

Children of James Wilson Somerville (4) and Eliza Cary Thorburn. Line: Mary Henry Briggs (3) David Briggs Jr (2) David Briggs (1).

Helen Thorburn Somerville (5)
Mary Briggs Somerville (5)

Children of Curran Briggs Somerville (4) and Jennie Briggs (4). Line: Mary Henry Briggs (3) David Briggs Jr (2) David Briggs (1).

Langdon Somerville (5) died young.

Children of Edmund Briggs (4) and Mary Hagen. Line: David Curran Briggs (3) David Briggs Jr (2) David Briggs (1).

Guy Briggs (5) born August 27, 1875. When his mother died, Guy was brought up by his aunt, Mrs. Curran Somerville, in
Staunton, Virginia. He graduated in law from the University of Virginia and practiced law in Frankfort, Kentucky. He married Griselda Scott. Guy died June 5, 1944.

Child of Edmund Briggs (4) and 2nd wife, Ada Herman.

Edmund Briggs II (5)

Child of Susan Briggs (4) and ______ Holcombe. Line: David Curran Briggs (5) David Briggs Jr (2) David Briggs (1).

Nannie Holcombe (5) married a Mr. Kyme.

Children of Sarah Cornelia Briggs (4) and G. B. Larrick. Line: Thomas William Briggs (3) Thomas Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Lucy Bell Larrick (5) born August 16, 1870; died in 1940.

Mary Elizabeth Larrick (5) born October 31, 1871; died January 26, 1937.

Nannie Larrick (5) born December 12, 1872; died June 8, 1925.

George Bell Larrick (5) born September 9, 1874; died July 15, 1944.

Albert Edward Larrick (5) born November 2, 1875; died 1947. Albert was a graduate of Washington & Lee University and he became a lawyer. Albert was the only member of the Larrick family to marry. He married Sue E. Bridgeman on February 16, 1910.

Children of Margaret Marie Palmer (4) and Herbert B. Maynard. Line: Jean McDonald Briggs (3) Robert Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Helen Maynard (5) married _______ Broughton.

Robert P. Maynard (5)

Horace Maynard (5)

Hiram H. Maynard (5)

John Phillips Maynard (5)

Children of Helen Virginia Palmer (4) and Rufus C. Dawes. Line: Jean McDonald Briggs (3) Robert Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Charles C. Dawes (5)

William Dawes (5)

Palmer Dawes (5)

Dawes (5) married Robert Sherman.
Dawes (5) married Beverly Jefferson.

Dawes (5) married Louis Walter Mulder.

SIXTH GENERATION

Children of Maude Briggs (5) and Joseph Acton. Line of descent:
George R. Briggs (4) William Sheridan Briggs (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

George S. Acton (6) married Maurine Garrett. George became a dentist.

Keith Acton (6) married Evelyn Meadows. Keith also became a dentist.

Children of Isham Keith Briggs (5) and Ella G. Waddy. Line:
Isham Keith Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Frances Keith Briggs (6) born May 28, 1912; married _____ Hardwick of Richmond, Virginia.

Children of Louise Briggs (5) and Joe Poole. Line: James McDonald Briggs III (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Joe Poole (6) married _______ McDonald.

Martha Poole (6) married Joe Gilpin.

Children of Edward Leslie Cole (5) and Else Zingraff. Line:
Charlotte Rosalie Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Charlotte Keith Cole (6)

Edward Leslie Cole (6) became a doctor.

Children of Mary Archer Cole (5) and Harry J. Wieler. Line:
Charlotte Rosalie Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Nancy Briggs Wieler (6)


Children of Robert Curtis Briggs (5) and Lillian Ennis. Line:
Robert Cullen Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Robert Keith Briggs (6) born January 2, 1941.
Child of Cullen Wright Briggs (5) and Margaret Segress. Line:
Robert Cullen Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James
McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

David Cullen Briggs (6) graduated from West Point and served
overseas.

Children of Cullen Wright Briggs (5) and Ingeborg Bollman.

Curtis Hans Briggs (6)
Jennette Briggs (6)

Children of Marian Briggs (5) and Francis Alan Ford. Line:
Robert Cullen Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James Mc-
Donald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Gwendolyn Reardon Ford (6) born July 2, 1939.
Randolph Wright Ford (6) born July 19, 1935.
Charlotte Marian Ford (6) born September 27, 1941.

Children of Leonard A. Briggs (5) and Neta Giffin. Line: Thomp-
son Smith Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald
Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Keith Giffin Briggs (6)
Janice Briggs (6) married _______ Blessis.
Sarah Fontaine Briggs (6) married Lee Cooke.

Children of Annie Briggs (5) and George Payne. Line: Leslie
Edward Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald
Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

George Payne Jr (6) married Doris Angel.
Philip Payne (6)
Virginia Payne (6) married William Kerr.
Anne Payne (6)

Children of Edith Cosby (5) and John Wintersmith. Line: Mary
Archer Royal Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James Mc-
Donald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

Edith Wintersmith (6) married _______ McFarran.

John Wintersmith (6)

Children of T. Hamlin Briggs (5) and Virginia Smith. Line: Isham
Keith Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald
Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

  Hamlin Briggs Jr (6)

  Virginia Briggs (6)


  Guy Briggs II (6)


  Briggs (6) married Jack Schoolfield of Wytheville, Virginia.

Children of Albert Edward Larrick (5) and Sue E. Bridgeman. Line: Sarah Cornelia Briggs (4) Thomas William Briggs (3) Thomas Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

  Mary Cornelia Larrick (6) born May 5, 1912.

  Nancy Bell Larrick (6) born November 29, 1913; married Frank Kreuzberger in 1946 in New Martinsville, West Virginia.

SEVENTH GENERATION

Children of Rosemary Wieler (6) and Joseph Fudali. Line: Mary Archer Cole (5) Charlotte Rosalie Briggs (4) James McDonald Briggs II (3) James McDonald Briggs (2) David Briggs (1).

  Mary Louise Fudali (7)

  Peter Wieler Fudali (7)
CHAPTER VII

WILLIAM ROBERT BRIGGS (1) AND HIS DESCENDANTS

William Robert Briggs (1), the son of Robert Bridges and Mary Landon, was born January 14, 1725 in Scotland. William came with two of his brothers from Leslie, Scotland in 1754. William had learned the trade of a combmaker in Scotland but engaged in farming in Virginia. He went first to Westmoreland County, Virginia and then to Culpeper County, Virginia and later to Bardstown, Kentucky. William married Judith Wroe in 1760. Judith, the daughter of Original Wroe and Jane Lyne Wroe, was born November 18, 1740 in Westmoreland County and died in April 1815 in Bardstown, Kentucky. William also died in Bardstown, Kentucky on February 2, 1801. His will was proven March 9, 1801 in Nelson County, Kentucky. William served in the Revolutionary War and also was at the Falls of the Ohio with George Rogers Clark in 1780. D.A. R. records show that he served as a private in the Seventh Virginia Regiment and served as the Company Lieutenant in Colonel Cox's Militia during Indian attacks. William was also in a regiment of militia of Jefferson County at Squire Brown's on Busher's Creek from the 1st of January to the 16th of January in 1781.

The children of William Robert Briggs and Judith Wroe Briggs:

David Briggs (2) born October 23, 1760 in Westmoreland County, Virginia; married Margaret Crawley on November 13, 1786. David died September 22, 1835 in Logan County, Kentucky. Margaret was born on January 19, 1769 and she died November 23, 1856. David resided at the Falls of the Ohio River in Jefferson County, Kentucky in July of 1780 and in 1782 he resided at Crab Orchard, Kentucky. He resided in Logan County, Kentucky in 1832. David in the fall of 1783 together with Josiah Wright, Colonel Morehead, and the Stephens boys came from Virginia in flatboats down the Ohio River to Cincinnati, where at that time there were only seven houses. They all had their Revolutionary War Grants. Certificate 13-747 (Act of June 7, 1832) was issued to David Briggs for land. Warrant 26-717 for 160 acres of bounty land was issued under Act of March 3, 1855 to Margaret Briggs on account of David's Revolutionary War Service. Margaret was pensioned on Certificate 3-093 which was issued under the Act of February 2, 1848. Pension was paid at the Kentucky Agency. Margaret Crawley Briggs and daughter, Charlotte, are buried near Bowling Green, Kentucky in the Stephens Family Cemetery on the property of Mrs. W. H. Nicholls. The will of David Briggs was proved in October 1835.

William Thompson Briggs (2) generally called "Thompson" was born in Virginia in 1772. He married Elizabeth "Betsey" Morehead on January 21, 1792 in Nelson County, Kentucky. Thompson died April 12, 1814 in Warren County, Kentucky. His will is dated April 7, 1814. Elizabeth, the daughter of Captain Charles Morehead, was born on November 19, 1773 in Virginia. She died in Kentucky in 1847. Thompson served in the Revolutionary War. He was commissioned an Ensign at Mason by Court in Nelson County, Kentucky. He was wounded in an attack on the Indians.
Mary Briggs (2) born February 3, 1773; married on June 21, 1792 to James Latham. Mary died August 11, 1847. James was born October 25, 1768 and died December 1, 1826. James Latham of Scottish descent was the first tavern keeper at Morganfield, Kentucky. Latham, Ebenezer Briggs and Benjamin Briggs went together to Illinois. It was in 1819 that three men and one woman made a new home on the northwest slope of Elkhart Hill, Illinois. At the foot of Latham's grave is a plaque with the inscription: "First settler in Logan County in the Spring of 1819". The settlement is also commemorated in an inscription beside the Pulaski Street entrance to the courthouse in Lincoln, Illinois which bears these words: "Dedicated to James Latham, Ebenezer Briggs, James Chapman, Richard Latham, the first white settlers in what is now known as Logan County and who erected their cabin on Elkhart Hill in the Spring of 1819". According to history, the men returned after erecting their cabin to Chapman's settlement for farming tools and then they began operations. After cultivating the crop, the Latham and Briggs families built a large double cabin on the edge of the grove. It had a covered porch between the two parts, a fireplace on each end and was described as one of the best cabins erected in pioneer days. When the cabin was finished, James Latham brought his wife, Mary Briggs Latham, and the other members of the family to Elkhart Hill, together with their household goods. They arrived at the new home in September of 1819. Mr. Latham built several cabins near his home which he rented to persons moving to the country. He became probate justice of Sangamon County, which then included the present Logan County, in 1821. He died in 1826 at Fort Clark, now called Peoria, where he had become Indian Agent by the appointment of President John Quincy Adams in 1819. James was buried on the brow of Elkhart Hill, to which his family returned after his death. It is said that he was the first to plant corn in that country. The first sale (farm) in Logan County occurred when James Latham's personal property was sold in the winter of 1826. Free whiskey was given to those present. The first marriage in Logan County took place in Mary Latham's cabin when her son, Richard, was married. The oldest cemetery in Logan County was the graveyard that was laid out 9 rods square with the James Latham grave as the center. Mary Briggs Latham died August 11, 1847 and is also buried there.

Isabella Briggs (2) born 1767; married Aquilla Davis in 1784. Aquilla was a schoolteacher and the second postmaster at Morganfield, Kentucky. Aquilla was from Davis' Cross Roads, Culpeper County, Virginia. In 1802, Isabella and Aquilla moved to Kentucky. In 1822, they came to Illinois and settled near the Elkhart settlement. They died in the vicinity of Rocky Ford and were buried there. Aquilla Davis was a Revolutionary War Soldier. He was a private in Lieutenant Robert Craddock's Company, Colonel Thomas Posey's 4th Virginia Regiment. In 1882 he was granted a pension. At one time he planned a town site at Elkhart Hill but nothing came of it. Aquilla was born in Maryland 1756 and went to Virginia when young according to a Logan Co. book of 1850. The above must be read to fill before to Elkhart Hill, Family around 1819 or 1820 settling near the York Grove. He moved to Williamson in Sangamon Co. in 1825, the town of Elkhart and died on the Fourth of Elkhart Hill.
Jane Emily Briggs (2) called "Jenny" married John Grundy on May 3, 1785 in Jefferson County, Kentucky. John Grundy and his brother-in-law, Benjamin Briggs, were engaged in the merchandise business at Bardstown, Kentucky after the War of 1812. They had branch stores at various places in the surrounding country. At one time the Bardstown store burned destroying all books and private papers. As the accounts ran for six months, the loss was great. It was customary to go east twice a year for goods.

Judith Briggs (2) married Clark Pondexter.

George Briggs (2) married Sally in 1810.

Robert Briggs (2) born October 27, 1777; married 1st Mary Jane Cook (called "Jinny") the mother of all his children. Mary Jane Cook was the daughter of Margaret and John Cook. Robert and Mary Jane were married on December 21, 1801. Mary died in 1821 and Robert and the family moved to Ralls County, Missouri in 1822 between Christmas and New Year's Day. They traveled in a light wagon called a "dearborn". Robert married Mrs. Rebecca (Duncan) Stone on May 18, 1823. Rebecca died on April 14, 1850 and Robert died on February 1, 1851.

Ebenezer Briggs (2) born January 14, 1770 in Culpeper County, Virginia; married Phoebe Gilkey, the daughter of David Gilkey and Elizabeth Tyler Pottenger Gilkey. Phoebe was born December 4, 1777 and died on September 1, 1836. The last record of Phoebe was her name to a deed in 1836. Ebenezer and Phoebe were married on May 6, 1793 in Washington County, Kentucky. Records show that Ebenezer sold and exchanged land with Samuel and Benjamin Briggs. Ebenezer was the first postmaster at Morganfield, Kentucky. He accompanied James Latham to Illinois. One source said he was a dealer in furs and accompanied John Jacob Astor on a trip from Fort Clark (Peoria) to the West Coast. It has also been said that he served in the Black Hawk War. Neither the war service or the service with Astor have been verified. Since his brother, Benjamin, was in the Black Hawk War (see Railsback-Adams-Briggs History) it is possible that Ebenezer served at the same time. Ebenezer moved his family to Illinois where his name appears on two county courthouses (Sangamon and Logan) and much later he moved to Missouri. He was an overseer, coroner (1830) in Ralls County, Missouri and a homesteader in Monroe County (a part of Ralls County in 1835). He went to California after the Gold Rush. He died in California on February 27, 1851 and is buried at Weaver Creek.

Benjamin Briggs (2) born April 8, 1783; married Susan Dabney Slaughter Hubbard on August 21, 1810. Susan was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Hubbard of Nelson County, Kentucky. Susan was born on August 2, 1791 and died September 2, 1843. Benjamin died February 17, 1844. Both are buried on their farm near Tremont, Illinois. Benjamin was in the War of 1812 and the Black Hawk War. After his discharge from the army he had to go home on foot and had to sell his gun to pay his expenses home. In the Black Hawk War, Benjamin was the First Lieutenant in
Captain John G. Adams Company of mounted volunteers belonging to the 5th Regiment, commanded by Colonel James Johnson, in the Brigade of Brigadier General Samuel Whitesides. When Captain Adams was killed in a hand-to-hand fight with Indians on May 14, 1832, Lieutenant Briggs, succeeded as charge of the company. When the company mustered out on May 17th, at the Mouth of the Fox River, Lieutenant Briggs was given the charge of escorting families of the settlement to a place of safety. Benjamin also helped to build boats Perry used and was with Perry in the Battle of Lake Erie on September 16, 1813. When Benjamin came to the Illinois territory, before the 1818 census, he located near Elkhart Grove, Logan County, residing there until 1822 when he moved north to build a cabin on Dillon Creek, Tazewell County, a mile and a half north of the present village of Tremont. Here he and his nephews, Hezekiah Davis and Thomas Briggs, kept a store and traded with the Indians. Benjamin and Susan were noted for their hospitality to early settlers. Benjamin was sheriff of the north half of the state at one time and collected the taxes. He was the first member of the Legislature from Tazewell County, a member of the Commissioner's Court and County Treasurer. Susan took sick while nursing a traveler and died at the age of 52 years and Benjamin died of pneumonia about six months after Susan's death.

Note: There has been some question among the correspondents regarding the number of children of William and Judith. According to the Railsback-Adams-Briggs History there were twelve children; however, the Will of William Briggs only lists ten children. By the Railsback History there were these two additional children:

Elizabeth Wroe Briggs (2) married Ebenezer Mitchell.

Marian Briggs (2) married Samuel McElroy on July 16, 1805 in Warren County, Kentucky.

THIRD GENERATION

Children of David Briggs (2) and Margaret Crawley:

Jennie Briggs (3) born April 25, 1788 and died April 20, 1799.

Judah Briggs (3) born January 23, 1790; married James G. Martin in Warren County, Kentucky. Judah was living in 1833 and received Pension list for father, David Briggs.

Elizabeth Briggs (3) born April 20, 1792. She was called "Betsey" and she married Peter Cowardin. Peter Cowardin built the courthouse at Lincoln, Illinois where Abraham Lincoln practiced law. Elizabeth is buried at the Latham Cemetery at Elkhart, Illinois.

Charlotte Briggs (3) born December 2, 1795; married to Thomas Lawrence Stephens. They lived on the Stephens Revolutionary War Grant outside Bowling Green, Kentucky.
Thomas Briggs (3) born January 15, 1798; married Mary E. Briggs on September 18, 1822. Thomas was buried at the Elkhart Grove Cemetery.

Hezekiah Cowley Briggs (3) born March 10, 1802; married Ferris.

Charles Lewis Briggs (3) born January 22, 1804; married Mathilda Caroline Otey on March 23, 1826. Mathilda Otey (called a Virginia Belle) was born in July 22, 1802 in New Kemp County, Virginia and died April 13, 1896. She lived with her son, William Thomas, after her husband died on March 26, 1863. Charles and Mathilda are buried at the Latham Cemetery at Elkhart, Illinois. There were many stories of hardships when they first came to Illinois. They had no stove but the land they purchased from the government cost them $1.00 per acre.

John Briggs (3) born January 22, 1808; died January 23, 1808.

Marion Briggs (3) born January 12, 1810; died September 1, 1835.

Margaret J. L. Briggs (3) born January 22, 1812; married Reuben B. Whitescarver on September 2, 1830 in Logan Co., Kentucky.

David Briggs Jr (3) born January 22, 1806; died June 9, 1839.

George Briggs (3) born July 14, 1800 in Virginia. He came to Kentucky about 1820. Later George went back to Illinois and picked out a farm but did not locate. He went back to Kentucky and married Nancy Mobley. She would not leave so they made their home in Kentucky. Nancy was born in South Carolina. George's estate was settled in 1872.

Children of William Thompson Briggs (2) and Elizabeth Morehead:

James T. Briggs (3) was a Colonel in the War of 1812. He married 1st Hester Winlock and 2nd Elizabeth White.

John McPherson Briggs (3) born April 9, 1798; married Harriet Morehead on March 5, 1822. Harriet was the sister of Governor Charles Morehead of Kentucky. She was the daughter of Charles Morehead III and Margaret Slaughter Morehead. They resided in Nelson County, Kentucky and John studied medicine at Bowling Green, Kentucky. John served in the Civil War as an officer. He died in April 1882. Harriet was born in 1799 and died in 1881. Harriet and John were first cousins.

Benjamin Briggs (3) married 1st Mattie Lewis and 2nd Mary Wright.
Polly Briggs (3) married Marshall Kelly on June 15, 1822.
Susan Wroe Briggs (3) married Armstead T. Rogers on January 2, 1823.
Nancy Morehead Briggs (3) married Elias Simpson on September 15, 1830.
Seth Jones Briggs (3) married February 26, 1849 to ________.
Elizabeth Briggs (3) married Joseph Ward on February 26, 1849.
Mary Morehead Briggs (3) married on January 7, 1819 to Knight Bowles Curd. Mary was born on February 7, 1794 and died in January 1836.
William Briggs (3) went to Christian County, Kentucky.

Children of Mary Briggs (2) and James Latham:

Elizabeth (Betsey) Latham (3) born November 25, 1793; married James W. Chapman on May 9, 1810. Elizabeth died February 14, 1835.
Lucy Latham (3) born August 18, 1797; married Grant Blackwell.
Fanny Latham (3) died in infancy.

Richard Latham (3) born December 23, 1798; married Emily Hubbard on September 16, 1824. Richard built a horse mill at Elkhart with his father. It was the first mill north of the Sangamon River and was a great convenience to early settlers who previously had to go about a hundred miles to Edwardsville. Richard entered land for himself in Section 18 of Elkhart Township. He built what was known as "Kentucky House"--a two story huge frame structure with a two story porch in front. It was an important stop on the Edwards Trace Road. When traveling the Circuit, Abe Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas and many others stopped there. It also was the stop of early stages from Springfield to Bloomington. Richard sold his property in 1853. The Edwards Trace was the route taken by Governor Edwards in October 1822 as he made an expedition against the Kickapoo and Potawatomi Indians. Richard died in 1868 in Springfield and Emily died in February of 1886.

Mary Latham (3) died May 3, 1841. Mary was married to John Constant.

Philip C. Latham (3) born January 25, 1804.

Nancy Latham (3) born November 14, 1809; died November 13, 1868. Nancy was married to Archibald Constant.

Maria Latham (3)
John Latham (3) born September 9, 1812; married Lucy .
John built Cro Hurst Farm between 1836-1841.

Robert B. Latham (3) born June 21, 1818; married Georganna P. Gillette on November 5, 1846. She was the daughter of John D. Gillett. Her sister, Emma, married Governor Richard J. Oglesby. Robert devoted most of his life to the building up of the town of Lincoln. Robert together with John D. Gillett of Elkhart and Virgil Hickox, a director of St. Alton and Chicago Railroad, decided to found the town of Lincoln, Illinois. The land where the town was founded belonged to Latham. Abraham Lincoln was their lawyer and the town was named after him. When they told Abraham Lincoln that they were going to name the town for him he remarked that nothing named Lincoln had ever amounted to anything. One of the lots sold on August 27, 1853 became the property of Abe Lincoln. He was present at the sale of the lots and according to those present he purchased a large watermelon, cut it, and gave each new owner a piece. He squeezed watermelon juice on the ground to christen the new town of Lincoln. Robert Latham secured the right of way for the railroad extension through Logan County. He was Sheriff of Logan County in 1852, resided in Mt. Pulaski and owned several thousand acres of land. He was elected in 1860 to the Illinois State Legislature. In 1862 he raised the One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Infantry of which he was commissioned Colonel. When his wife died, he married Sevillah Wyatt, daughter of William Wyatt. Robert's three children by his first wife died. Robert is buried at Union Cemetery, Lincoln, Illinois.

Children of Isabella Briggs (2) and Aquilla Davis:

William B. Davis (3)

Thompson Davis (3)

Hezekiah Davis (3) owned a store with his uncle, Benjamin Briggs and his cousin, Thomas Briggs.

Benjamin Davis (3) born in Ky, a Baptist preacher and one of the 1st preachers in Logan Co., Ill. Later moved to Roswood, Kanade.

Marian Davis (3)

Judith Wroe Davis (3) born August 12, 1802 in Union County, Kentucky; married October 28, 1836 to Oramel Clark (1792-1863).

Edward Davis (3) married Ruth Dillon

Alexander Davis (3)

Child of Jane Emily Briggs (2) and John Grundy:

Nancy Grundy (3) married Thomas J. Duncan.
Children of Robert Briggs (2) and Mary Jane Cook:

Mary Jackson Briggs (3) born November 9, 1802; married a Mr. Kelly.

Judith Wroe Briggs (3) born February 14, 1806; married Robert Hager on October 6, 1825 at Ralls County, Missouri.

Margaret Phillips Briggs (3) born March 24, 1808; married Chapel Carstarphen on May 5, 1825 at Ralls County, Missouri. Mr. Carstarphen was Sheriff of Ralls County and in the State Legislature in early days.

Maria Jane Briggs (3) born June 20, 1810; married Thomas Jefferson Wise on October 29, 1828. They were married by Samuel G. Briggs, Minister.

William Thompson Briggs (3) born March 3, 1813; married Nancy Jane Waters on January 17, 1838.

Robert Cook Briggs (3) born July 4, 1815; married Mary Ely on August 9, 1838 and moved to California in 1857.

John Cook Briggs (3) born August 5, 1817; married Davidella Ely on December 26, 1838. Davidella Ely was the daughter of Joshua S. Ely. John married 2nd Elizabeth N. Ely, the daughter of John J. Ely. John married 3rd Mrs. Frances E. McGrew. John married 4th Georgann Ellis, the daughter of Walter and Cynthia Ellis. Mrs. Frances E. McGrew, his third wife, was the widow of George T. McGrew. John’s will was proved on February 3, 1851 and executed on October 22, 1850 in Ralls County, Missouri.

Benjamin Monroe Briggs (3) born November 5, 1819; married Martha Jane Lee.

Children of Ebenezer Briggs (2) and Phoebe Gilkey:

William Gilkey Briggs (3) born February 8, 1794; married Rhoda W. Wright on February 22, 1827. William enlisted at the age of 18 at Bardstown, Kentucky on September 13, 1812 and served as a Corporal in Captain Leve’s Company, Kentucky Militia. William served until December 23, 1812. He died January 1, 1866.

Elizabeth Roe Briggs (3) born August 10, 1795 at Morganfield, Kentucky. Elizabeth married Peyton Mitchel on September 3, 1812. Peyton was born August 26, 1791 and died April 4, 1853. Elizabeth died January 12, 1850.

Jane Briggs (3) born August 18, 1797; married Achilles McGinnis in Ralls County, Missouri on April 28, 1822.

Samuel Gilkey Briggs (3) born July 1, 1799 near Morganfield, Kentucky; married Nancy Wallace, a sister of brother David’s
second wife. Nancy was born January 14, 1806. Samuel and Nancy were married December 15, 1826. Samuel was a minister. He died June 21, 1875 in Jackson, California.

Nancy Briggs (3) born September 26, 1801; married George W. Stubble on November 22, 1821.

David Anderson Briggs (3) born October 3, 1803 near Morganfield, Kentucky; married Mary W. (Polly) Parks, the daughter of Reuben Parks and Lois (Merritt) Parks on August 30, 1825 in Pike County, Missouri. Mary was born October 24, 1809 and died on April 21, 1832. David married Sarah Catherine Wallace after the death of Mary. David died September 16, 1867.

Eliza Lewis Briggs (3) born November 19, 1805; married Dr. James D. Caldwell on January 1, 1825. James was born on November 8, 1804 in Bath, Kentucky, the son of Walter Caldwell and Mary Breckenridge.Caldwell. James died June 7, 1841. Eliza died March 25, 1875 and is buried at New London, Missouri.

Eleanor M. Briggs (3) called "Nellie" was born November 19, 1807; married Zacariah Draper in Ralls County, Missouri on October 13, 1823. Zacariah was the first postmaster in Hannibal, Missouri and a promoter of the St. Jo and Hannibal Railroad. Zacariah had many slaves and owned land in Ralls and Marion Counties in Missouri. Eleanor was buried on September 4, 1871 at Hannibal, Missouri.

Benjamin A. Briggs (3) born January 2, 1810; married Louise Harvey.

Barbara C. Briggs (3) born January 14, 1812; married Samuel K. Caldwell on August 31, 1830.

Mary Ann Briggs (3) born February 19, 1816; married Thomas G. West on June 24, 1836 in Monroe County, Missouri.

Susan E. Briggs (3) born April 14, 1818; married Robert M. West on August 23, 1838 in Monroe County, Missouri. Susan married 2nd Samuel Alexander.

Robert Marshall Briggs (3) born February 15, 1814 at Morganfield, Kentucky; married 1st Ann Elizabeth Jones and 2nd Mary Ellen Scott. Ann Elizabeth Jones was born May 19, 1820 at Lynchburg, Virginia. Mary Ellen Scott was born April 8, 1830, the daughter of James M. and Mary Scott. Robert was a lawyer and publisher. He married Mary Ellen on November 14, 1849. Robert died December 8, 1886 at Bridgeport, California and his second wife, Mary, died June 23, 1891.

Children of Benjamin Briggs(2) and Susan Dabney Slaughter Hubbard:

Thomas Hubbard Briggs (3) born August 19, 1811; married Martha
Acton Downing, the daughter of Henry Hawkin Downing and Harriet Ann Green, on March 3, 1835 and settled in Missouri. Thomas died November 19, 1886. Martha died April 20, 1888 at Scotland County, Missouri.

Robert Wroe Briggs (3) born in 1813; married Charlotte Beck­er on November 12, 1850. Robert succeeded his father, Ben­jamin, to the office of Sheriff of Tazewell County, Illinois.

Judith Wroe Briggs (3) born May 6, 1815 in Bardstown, Ken­tucky. She was married on September 29, 1833 to D. C. Alex­ander. She died in Pekin, Illinois on January 5, 1850. Her husband was the grandson of Captain Walter Alexander who died at Valley Forge. David Clendennon Alexander died February 8, 1865 in San Antonio, Texas. He had a line of steamboats and became a well-to-do man. David was the son of Robert Alexander and J. Clendenin Alexander.

John Strother Briggs (3) born May 31, 1817; married Amanda V. Railsback on November 14, 1839. Amanda was the daughter of Thomas and Louisa Villers Railsback. Amanda was born on December 4, 1822 and died September 10, 1888. John Strother Briggs died on March 12, 1901. John Strother was a stock dealer and a farmer.

William Duncan Briggs (3) born October 4, 1819; married 1st Mary Ann Williams on May 2, 1844 and married 2nd Helen M. Kipp on June 28, 1849 in Tazewell County, Illinois. William was one of the first County Judges and a fine lawyer. He died July 27, 1853.

Sarah Anne Briggs (3) born November 16, 1821; married on November 30, 1843 to David Eaton, a New Engleander who came to Illinois in 1834 from New Hampshire. Sarah Anne died on June 20, 1879.

Emily Jane Briggs (3) born March 6, 1824; married May 10, 1849 to Pierre Menard, the son of Colonel Pierre Menard, the first Lieutenant Governor of Illinois. Emily died on July 31, 1904. Pierre was born in 1797 and died November 29, 1871.

Isabelle Dabney Briggs (3) born May 22, 1827; died May 22, 1899.

Mary Mariah Briggs (3) born October 26, 1829; married to George L. Scott on May 11, 1852. Mary died on January 8, 1860.

George Grundy Briggs (3) born March 6, 1831; died six years later on March 5, 1837. The little Indian boys with whom he played came to his funeral.

Benjamin Thompson Briggs (3) born December 8, 1833; died July 15, 1847 by drowning in the Mackinaw River.

James Latham Briggs (3) born October 26, 1836; married on
FOURTH GENERATION

Children of Charles Lewis Briggs (3) and Mathilda Caroline Otey.
Line of descent: David Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Martha Ann Briggs (4) born February 18, 1827; married Charles G. Goldsmith on August 15, 1844. Martha died June 27, 1860.

James Otey Briggs (4) born September 18, 1828; died July 17, 1850 going to California on the Gold Rush Trail and was buried on the Plains. He and some of his friends were driving by covered wagon. He never married.

Margaret Jane Briggs (4) born July 25, 1831; married George Webb on April 7, 1853. George Webb was born near Richmond, Kentucky on August 16, 1832 and came to Illinois in 1848. Margaret died August 16, 1891.

Charlotte M. Briggs (4) born March 14, 1832; married Jacob R. Allen, a farmer, on February 19, 1852. Charlotte died on November 29, 1913.

Judith Wroe Briggs (4) born October 6, 1833; married Samuel Webb. Judith died on June 8, 1858 at the birth of their first child who also died then.

William Thomas Briggs (4) born October 6, 1835; married Martha Hartis. William was a farmer who settled near Broadwell, Ill. William died May 19, 1927.


David Pleasant Briggs (4) born November 8, 1839; married Mary C. Petro on December 25, 1872. David lived and farmed on the land he inherited from his father near Broadwell, Illinois. David died on December 18, 1918.


Hezekiah C. Briggs (4) born May 8, 1845; married Elizabeth Kerns. Hezekiah served in the Civil War. He died on April 29, 1870 and is buried at Union Cemetery, Lincoln, Illinois.

Mathilda Otey Briggs, the mother of the above children, said she was born on the James River near Old Richmond, Virginia. She had a brother by the name of Thermon Otey. The story is told that Charles Lewis Briggs could have bought where Chicago now stands for a plug of a horse. He originally came to Illinois to settle the Ebenezer Briggs estate. His father told him if he
needed any help to see Strother Briggs on the Mackinaw River near Minisear, Illinois. Another story is told of a wayfarer coming to stay at their home. They did not take him in. The next morning their watches hanging on the wall were gone and the house burned a short time later. It was made of white ash and was a lovely home. They believed the wayfarer was respon­sible.

Children of Charlotte Briggs (3) and Thomas Lawrence Stephens. Line: David Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Isaac Stephens (4) built first house in Deepwater, Missouri.
Margaret Briggs Stephens (4)
Charles Briggs Stephens (4)
David Briggs Stephens (4)
Abraham Bowman Stephens (4)
Thomas Lawrence Stephens Jr (4)
Mary Jane Stephens (4) married ______ Lewis.
John Wesley Stephens (4)
William Stephens (4) killed by a stray bullet during Civil War.

Children of George Briggs (3) and Nancy Mobley. Line: David Briggs(2) William Robert Briggs (1).

David C. Briggs (4) born in 1825; married Sarah Whitescarver in 1843.
Pinky Ellen Briggs (4) born in 1829; married John Henry Hartis in 1846. (Logan County, Kentucky)
Margaret Frances Briggs (4) born 1832; married Willson McGown on May 1, 1851.
Mary Elizabeth Briggs (4) born 1835; married Robert Young Thomas on September 24, 1854. He was of age and consent for her. Mary raised Martha and Catherine Hartis. Mary and Robert were married by Robert Fiske, Minister of Methodist Church of South Logan County, Kentucky.
Jane M. Briggs (4) born in 1837.
William H. Briggs (4) born 1838; married Sarah E. Duval on January 15, 1863 in Logan County, Kentucky at Joseph Duval home.
Georgianna Briggs (4) married Jesse Richardson, an attorney, in 1858. Jesse was born in 1830 and had a twin brother, John. They were the sons of Morgan and Mary Richardson.

Children of Margaret J. L. Briggs (3) and Beuben B. Whitescarver.
Line of descent: David Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Frederick Whitescarver (4) mentioned in grandfather, David C. Briggs, will as wanting Frederick to have $66 more than the others.

Children of Nancy Grundy (3) and Thomas J. Duncan. Line: Jane Emily Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Judith Wroe Duncan (4)

Children of Elizabeth (Betsey) Latham (3) and James W. Chapman. Line: Mary Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Richard L. Chapman (4) died February 27, 1853.

Children of Richard Latham (3) and his first wife, Emily Hubbard. Line: Mary Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

James T. Latham (4) born February 1826; died April 17, 1826. Children of Richard and Mrs. Margaret Stephenson Broadwell, his second wife.

John D. Latham (4) died July 26, 1837.

Benjamin B. Latham (4) died August 10, 1839.

Julia E. Latham (4) died April 29, 1853.

Children of Robert B. Latham (3) and Georganna P. Gillette. Line: Mary Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

John D. Latham (4) born January 12, 1848; died September 21, 1851.

Mary Latham (4) born July 30, 1849; died July 17, 1852.

James Latham (4) born October 25, 1851; died July 19, 1852.

Children of Robert Latham and Savillah Wyatt, his second wife:

William Latham (4)

Roberta Latham (4)

May Latham (4)

Georgianna Latham (4)

Children of Judith Wroe Davis (3) and Oramel Clark: Line: Isabelle Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).


Lizzie Rogers (4) married Charles Briggs.

James Rogers (4) married Mattie Riggs.

Nannie Rogers (4) married John Pritle, a doctor.

Bennie Rogers (4)


Harriett Simpson (4)

William Simpson (4) married Nellie Gross.

Mary Simpson (4) married Samuel T. Scott.

Thompson Simpson (4) married Bettie McCutchin.


James T. Briggs (4)

Henry Briggs (4)

Harriett Briggs (4) died young.

Joseph Briggs (4)

Bettie Briggs (4) married Seth Jones.


John Briggs (4) married Alice Nichols. John was a doctor.

Children of Mary (Polly) Briggs (3) and Knight Bowles Curd. Line: William Thompson Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

John Richard Curd (4) born August 4, 1821; died on December 8, 1889. John was a doctor. He married 1st Sarilda J. Simpson and 2nd Fannie E. Lewis.

Elizabeth Thompson Curd (4) born February 12, 1826; died March 25, 1897. Elizabeth married William Thompson Finch. William was born on June 20, 1802 and died on January 25, 1861.

Nannie Daniel Curd (4) born February 16, 1828; died February 16, 1870. Nannie was married on January 2, 1851 to Presley Meguiar. No issue.

Mary Briggs Curd (4) born 1828; died 1840.

James Knight Curd (4) born February 17, 1830; died on October
29, 1893. James was a doctor. He married Mary Catherine Courts. Mary was born February 17, 1838 and died December 7, 1894.

Children of Benjamin Briggs (3) and Mattie Lewis, his first wife:

Jennie Briggs (4) married Dr. James Albert Briggs, her first cousin.

Children of Benjamin and his second wife, Mary Wright:

Bettie Briggs (4)
John Briggs (4)

Benjamin William Briggs (4) married Lizzie ________.

Children of John McPherson Briggs (3) and Harriett Morehead. Line:

Charles Morehead Briggs (4) married Elizabeth Rodgers, daughter of S. A. Rodgers. Elizabeth was born January 19, 1827 and died October 7, 1846. Charles married second, Mrs. Josie Gristie. Charles was in a law partnership with his uncle, Governor Charles Morehead of Kentucky. Charles was also one of the Commissioners to fix the Kentucky-Tennessee Line. (according to Collins History of Kentucky, page 482).

James Albert Briggs (4) married 1st Jennie Stublin and 2nd Jennie Briggs (4) his first cousin (see above). James was a doctor.

William Thompson Briggs (4) born at Bowling Green, Kentucky on December 4, 1828; married May 25, 1850 to Annie E. Stublin, the daughter of Samuel Stublin and Esther Garrison Stublin. William was a doctor.

Children of Maria Jane Briggs (3) and Thomas J. Wise. Line of descent: Robert Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Mary Jane Wise (4) married George Campbell Hays Jr.

Children of John Cook Briggs (3) and his first wife, Davidella Ely. Line: Robert Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Mary J. Briggs (4) married Andrew R. Rice.
Joshua Ely Briggs (4) born September 24, 1841; married on January 4, 1866 to Sarah M. Flowerree, the daughter of French Flowerree and Elizabeth Neal Flowerree. Joshua died March 25, 1939.

Margaret Briggs (4) married James Daniel.
Benjamin C. Briggs (4) married R. Elizabeth Leake. Benjamin was born January 13, 1848 and died November 18, 1938.

Louisa H. Briggs (4) born September 20, 1854; married William A. Mason of Nevada, Missouri. Louisa died October 30, 1937.
Susan F. Briggs (4) born February 5, 1852; married Irvin Treadway. Susan died February 28, 1939.

Della Briggs (4) married 1st B. T. Alford and 2nd Walter Benrkes.

Edwin West Briggs (4) married Calcena C. Keithley.

Children of John Cook Briggs and Elizabeth Ely, his second wife:

John K. Briggs (4) married Mellie E. Waters.


Children of Samuel Gilkey Briggs (3) and Nancy Wallace. Line of descent: Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Ebenezer M. Briggs (4) born November 3, 1827.

David Wallace Briggs (4) born December 7, 1828.

John James Briggs (4) born May 12, 1830.

Mary Catherine Briggs (4) born March 15, 1833.

Robert M. Briggs (4) born January 1836.

William Henry Harrison Briggs (4) twin, born May 14, 1841.

Ann Eliza Briggs (4) twin, born May 14, 1841.

Jane Elizabeth Briggs (4) born February 4, 1864.

Children of William Gilkey Briggs (3) and Rhoda W. Wright. Line of descent: Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Wilson Briggs (4) born February 22, 1828; died June 19, 1832.

William Rutter Briggs (4) born February 8, 1830; died April 1889. William went to California and did some mining.

Artemesia M. Briggs (4) born October 20, 1832; married William J. March on March 11, 1853. Artie died June 21, 1910.

Jo Agnes Briggs (4) born November 11, 1834; died December 27, 1838.

John Benjamin Briggs (4) born April 8, 1837 near Hannibal, Missouri and went to California in 1852. John married Mary C. Hewitt. John was a boyhood friend of Mark Twain. After working in the goldfields, he returned to Missouri to farm.

Louise Briggs (4) born March 10, _____; married Hiram M. Brooks on September 11, 1861. Louise died April 26, 1870.

James Oscar Briggs (4) born November 1, 1848; died June 22, 1850.

Wright Briggs (4) born April 18, 1842; died October 20, 1882 in
Arkansas. Confederate soldier in the Civil War.

Emma Alice Briggs (4) born November 5, 1849; died September 21, 1857.

Delaney Francis Briggs (4) born December 4, 1844; married Kate Woodson on February 12, 1873. Kate was born March 20, 1855. Delaney died December 20, 1918.

Children of Elizabeth Briggs (3) and Peyton Mitchel. Line of descent: Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Ebenezer Briggs Mitchel (4) born August 17, 1813; married Rachel Ramey Vance on May 26, 1836. Ebenezer died on May 25, 1890.


James McGrady Mitchel (4) born September 30, 1821; married Bethena Gatlin on December 26, 1844. James died on March 8, 1858.

William McAllister Mitchel (4) born August 28, 1817; married Elizabeth Pearce on February 12, 1852. William died in 1879 in November.

Louisa Ann Mitchel (4) born June 8, 1824; married Peter Hay Vance on October 5, 1845. Louisa died March 10, 1892.

Robert Samuel Mitchel (4) born April 14, 1826; married Fannie Stoddard. Robert was a doctor.

Mary Jane Mitchel (4) born November 6, 1830; married Sylvester Parker on April 17, 1857. Mary Jane died on June 4, 1857.

Phoebe Ellen Mitchel (4) born June 16, 1834; married John Brown. Phoebe died January 15, 1876.

Children of David Anderson Briggs (3) and Mary W. Parks. Line of descent: Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Reuben Parks Briggs (4) born February 25, 1827 in Pike County, Missouri. Reuben married on September 15, 1853 to Mary Ann Thorp, daughter of Jackson Thorp and Harriette Bastin Thorp. Reuben died August 4, 1901. Mary, his wife, was born November 13, 1834 and died January 11, 1916.

David Gilkey Briggs (4) born December 15, 1828; married Savannah Woods.

Lois Ella Briggs (4) born July 7, 1831; died young.

Children of David A. Briggs and second wife, Sarah Catherine Wallace.

Benjamin F. Briggs (4) born December 14, 1835; died when 18 years.

Louisa Jane Briggs (4) born April 23, 1838. Louisa changed her name to Lou Olian Briggs. She married 1st Thad Boon and 2nd
J. W. Wiley on October 1, 1866. She married Thad on June 23, 1860.

Mary Ann Briggs (4) born February 24, 1840; died at 15 years.

Pamela Emma Briggs (4) born March 29, 1824; died June 2, 1898. Pamela married T. H. Hale on June 23, 1860 in a double wedding with Lou Olian.

Finley Wallace Briggs (4) born August 5, 1844; died at 10 years.

Isabelle E. Briggs (4) born October 14, 1846; died at 8 years.

Margaret E. Briggs (4) "Jennie" born March 30, 1849; died November 26, 1918. Margaret married R. W. Quinn on March 28, 1866. Margaret married 2nd W. A. Sullivan on September 9, 1880.


Laura D. Briggs (4) born June 29, 1855; died February 20, 1866.

Willie Davis Briggs (4) born June 9, 1860; died September 13, 1860.

Children of Eliza Lewis Briggs (3) and Dr. James D. Caldwell. Line of descent: Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Walter Caldwell (4) born October 1, 1825; married Hattie Buford. Walter was a doctor. He died* May 5, 1896.

James Doak Caldwell II (4) born February 10, 1827; married 1st Carolyn Helms and 2nd Catherine Buford on May 7, 1857. Catherine Buford was the daughter of Alexander and Mary Slaughter Buford.

Martha Ann Caldwell (4) born August 28, 1829; married Charles E. Carter.


Maria M. Caldwell (4) born May 29, 1834; married _____ Hagan.

Harrison Caldwell (4) born May 9, 1838; died June 3, 1865 in a covered wagon train to Montana. He is buried near Kaney, Kansas.


Henry Caldwell (4) born March 27, 1836; died March 7, 1852.

Children of Eleanor M. Briggs (3) and Zacariah Draper. Line of descent: Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).
Henry Draper (4) born July 9, 1825; married Elizabeth Holtz-claw on March 2, 1858. Henry died in 1910.

Maria Draper (4) married George Jones.

Charles Draper (4)

Sarah Draper (4) married _____ Von Every.

Children of Robert Marshall Briggs (3) and Ann Elizabeth Jones.

Nash Corwith Briggs (4) born in Hannibal, Missouri on February 1, 1838; married Annie E. Barton. Annie was born on August 11, 1846 in Monroeville, Huron County, Ohio. Nash went to California with his parents. He was a lawyer, District Attorney in Alpine County and San Benito County. Nash died on September 14, 1913 at Hollister, California.

Children of Robert Marshall Briggs and his second wife, Mary E. Scott.

Alice Briggs (4) born September 26, 1850; died June 24, 1852.

Florence Briggs (4) born in California on April 1, 1853; died August 7, 1874 in Oakland.

Frederick Scott Briggs (4) born in Jackson, California on November 24, 1855; died April 25, 1912. Frederick married Dora Johnson in 1890.

Charles Gilkey Briggs (4) born in Jackson, California on July 19, 1858; died March 7, 1879.

Mary Lincoln Briggs (4) born in Jackson, California on March 4, 1861; married Dr. G. H. Kriechbaum. Mary died February 4, 1901.

Roberta Martha Briggs (4) born in Jackson, California on November 8, 1867; married John Quirola. Roberta died February 1936.


Marion Francis McGinnis (4)


Christopher Columbus McGinnis (4) born July 17, 1830. He was called "Buck". He married Ann Louisa Blanchard.

Stephen Glascock McGinnis (4) born 1831 or 1832. Died in California as an infant.

Children of Thomas Hubbard Briggs (3) and Martha Acton Downing.
Thomas H. Briggs (4) married Betty Rood.


William Duncan Briggs (4) born May 3, 1845; married Henrietta E. Childress on December 28, 1873. Henrietta was born November 9, 1850, the daughter of William Pryor Childress and Melissa Jane Justice Childress. William died December 20, 1937.

Mehitabel Briggs (4) married Charles Eads.

Henry Hawkin Briggs (4) born December 26, 1849; married 1st Mary Ellen Finnell on December 20, 1872 and married 2nd Addie Finnell. Mary was the daughter of Jamison Finnell and Ellen Houchens Finnell. Mary was born October 14, 1854. Henry died April 25, 1926.

Harriet E. Briggs (4) born December 27, 1851; married David Fogle on January 7, 1877. Harriet died on October 8, 1898. David was the son of Samuel Newell Fogle and Matilda Smith Fogle. David was born November 17, 1845.

Martha W. Briggs (4) married Robert Fogle on February 10, 1878. Robert was a brother of David Fogle mentioned above. Martha died February 4, 1910.

Robert Wroe Briggs (4) born February 2, 1854; married Sarah Elizabeth Bailey on July 18, 1907. Robert died December 28, 1933. Sarah was the daughter of Augustus C. Bailey and Elizabeth Virginia Knott. Sarah was born March 3, 1869.

Sarah Briggs (4)


Clara M. Briggs (4) married _______ James.

Ellen E. Briggs (4) married _______ Cafen.

Minerva R. Briggs (4) married _______ Nelson.

Susan H. Briggs (4)

Robert B. Briggs (4)

Laura H. Briggs (4) married _______ Young.

Children of Judith Wroe Briggs (3) and David Clendennon Alexander. Line: Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Eleanor Alexander (4) born September 23, 1837; married Thomas Haile Stribling, a Federal Court Judge. He was the son of Benjamin Haile Stribling, the first probate judge of Lavaca County, Texas. Eleanor died June 27, 1913. Eleanor was one of the foremost business women of San Antonio. She was a multi-millionaire according to a St. Louis paper of July, 1913.
Eleanor was the first woman in the Union to be a bank director or officer.

Robert A. Alexander (4) born 1846; married Jennie ______.

David Alexander (4) born 1850; married Emily ______.

Children of John Strother Briggs (3) and Amanda V. Railsback. Line:
Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Eleanor Wroe Briggs (4) born November 13, 1840; married Andrew Turner on April 14, 1869. Eleanor died in 1919.

Susan Louisa Briggs (4) born September 21, 1842; married Isaac V. Gray on May 1, 1870. Both Susan and Eleanor resided at Pasadena, California.

Ben Thomas Briggs (4) born September 15, 1845; married Agnes Porter on April 14, 1869. Ben died September 28, 1920. He had a very large estate at Minier, Illinois.

Mary Emily Briggs (4) born December 4, 1847; died December 6, 1873.

Sarah Isabelle Briggs (4) born May 27, 1850; died April 22, 1929. Her home was at Tremont, Illinois.

Alice Othelia Briggs (4) born November 18, 1852; married J.C. Parmele on March 9, 1876. They resided at Rogers, Arkansas. Alice died in 1939.

Duncan Robert Briggs (4) born September 10, 1855; married Mary E. Bush on March 17, 1885. They resided in Little Mackinaw Township. Duncan died April 6, 1927.

Lillie Edice Briggs (4) born April 14, 1858; married W. R. Perry on April 1, 1879. They resided at Stanford, Illinois. Lillie died October 6, 1931.

Ida Villers Briggs (4) born July 15, 1860; married Samuel Smith on March 9, 1880. Ida died October 3, 1887.


Children of William Duncan Briggs (3) and Helen M. Kipp. Line of descent: Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).


Children of Sarah Anne Briggs (3) and David Eaton. Line of descent: Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Benjamin Eaton (4) died August 16, 1850 at the age of 4 years, 7 months, 14 days.

William D. Eaton (4) died December 4, 1861-age 16 years.
David Eaton Jr (4) born December 12, 1850; married Harriet E. Goodyear.

Children of Emily Jane Briggs (3) and Pierre Menard. Line of descent: Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Bennie Menard (4) 1858-1865.
Edmund Menard (4) 1853-1853.
Julia Menard (4) 1858-1866.
Amadee H. Menard (4) 1850-1920. Called "Nick".

Children of Pierre Menard (see above) and first wife, Caroline. The children would be step-children of Emily Jane Briggs (3).

Francis X. Menard (born July 18, 1835; died August 31, 1856).
Peter H. Menard (1837-1885).
Joseph B. Menard (born October 5, 1838; died May 2, 1853).
Louis C. Menard (1841-1868).
Maria T. A. Menard (born November 15, 1843; died September 15, 1844).
Carolina A. Menard (born January 8, 1846; died January 8, 1847).

Children of Mary Mariah Briggs (3) and George L. Scott. Line of descent: Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Charles Briggs Scott (4) born July 22, 1856; died September 5, 1856.
William Briggs Scott (4) born August 27, 1857; died December 23, 1857.
Sue Briggs Scott (4) born October 20, 1858; died March 8, 1860.

Children of James Latham Briggs (3) and Mary Roney. Line of descent: Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Wise Briggs (4) married Harry Allen.
Eugenia Briggs (4) married Frank Buckley.
Anna Briggs (4) married ________ Allenworth.
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William Goldsmith (5) born June 26, 1845; died March 24, 1846.
Richard Goldsmith (5) married Fannie Beck.
Thomas Goldsmith (5)
Albert Goldsmith (5) married Lucy Gardner.
Julia Goldsmith (5) married Annias Bentley.
Samuel Goldsmith (5) born January 1849; died October 17, 1849.
Sarah Matilda Goldsmith (5) born December 28, 1846; died 1848.

Children of Margaret Jane Briggs (4) and George Webb. Line: Charles Lewis Briggs (3) David Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Charlotte Webb (5)
Fanny Webb (5) married _____ Nall.
Julia Webb (5) married Steve Gallagher.
Lottie M. Webb (5) born February 1868.
Charles Webb (5) was a doctor.


Ed Allen (5)
Henry Allen (5)
Grant Allen (5)
Charles Allen (5)
William Allen (5)


Laurena Briggs (5) died when an infant.

Thomas Luther Briggs (5) born October 21, 1876 at Lincoln, Illinois and married Pearl Beatrice Coykendall on June 28, 1915 at Devils Lake, North Dakota. Pearl Coykendall is the daughter of Frederick Coykendall and Delvina Fagnant Coykendall. Thomas was an early settler in Ramsey County, North Dakota. He farmed near Hampden, North Dakota in Overland Township with his three brothers, Charles, John and Ellis. Thomas died on January 9, 1955 at Rochester, Washington where he had lived since 1943.

Charles Lewis Briggs (5) born February 9, 1878; married Mabel Klarr.

Hallie Dell Briggs (5) born January 7, 1886; married Hubert Buckles. Hubert was born on September 19, 1883.

John Bunion Briggs (5) born November 24, 1880; married Edith Hunter. They farmed near Devils Lake, North Dakota until John's death.

Georgia May Briggs (5) born September 1, 1883; married John Luther Hinman, the son of William and Katherine Hinman, on May 21, 1907. John Hinman was born August 30, 1882. They reside at Springfield, Illinois.


Children of David Pleasant Briggs (4) and Mary Petro. Line: Charles Lewis Briggs (3) David Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Arabelle Briggs (5) born September 25, 1873; married Sam Lowman on December 9, 1890.

Jacob Allen Briggs (5) born February 7, 1876; married Mary Briggs in December of 1902. Mary was born on January 24, 1879.


Grace Etta Briggs (5) born January 10, 1886; married Frank Handlin on December 27, 1906.

Emma Jane Briggs (5) born January 6, 1878; married Mike Petro on August 4, 1904.

Lewis M. Briggs (5) born October 3, 1891; married Icy Oglevie. Icy was born September 10, 1892.

Emery E. Briggs (5) born January 6, 1878; died September 16, 1916.

Pearl A. Briggs (5) born August 18, 1881.

Buddy Briggs (5) born September 5, 1875.


Charles Wesley Briggs (5) a lawyer; graduate of Weslyn College
at Champaign, Illinois. He died at the age of 30 and was buried at Union Cemetery, Lincoln, Illinois.

Children of David C. Briggs (4) and Sarah Whitescarver. Line:
George Briggs (3) David Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Lucy F. Briggs (5) born 1844.

George W. Briggs (5) born May 4, 1848; married on November 7, 1869 to Sarah Welborn, the daughter of Henry Welborn and Elvira Tigart Welborn.

Benjamin George Briggs (5) born in 1849; married Frances Guffy on December 29, 1870.

Alonzo Briggs (5) born in 1852; married a ______ Brown. He was called "David Alonzo" in later life.

Boliver B. Briggs (5) born in 1856.

Minnie L. Briggs (5) born 1859; married Millard M. Greenfield on July 20, 1873.

Children of Pinky Ellen Briggs (4) and John Henry Hartis. Line:
George Briggs (3) David Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Margaret Lenora Hartis (5) born 1847 at Henrysville, Logan County, Kentucky. Margaret married Simon Koons. She died September 23, 1916. At the time of the 1870 census she was 23 years of age and living at the Samuel Washington Manley home with her half-sister, Elvira Hodge Manley.

Martha Hartis (5) born 1849; married William Thomas Briggs (4).

Ellen Katherine Hartis (5) born 1852; never married. She lived with her sister, Martha Briggs.

David Hartis (5) born 1855.

John Hartis (5) born in 1858.

Children of Mary Elizabeth Briggs (4) and Robert Young Thomas. Line:
George Briggs (3) David Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Robert Young Thomas Jr (5) Congressman from Kentucky.

Kate Thomas (5) married Nathaniel Rochester.

Lola Thomas (5) married Ollie James, former U. S. Senator of Kentucky. They were close friends of President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

Children of Georgianna Briggs (4) and Jesse Richardson. Line:
George Briggs (3) David Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Jim Richardson (5)
Tom Richardson (5)
Oliver Richardson (5)
J. Quinn Richardson (5)
Hannah Richardson (5)

Children of James Albert Briggs (4) and 1st wife, Jennie Stublin.

John S. Briggs (5) mentioned in grandfather's will.

Children of James Albert Briggs (4) and 2nd wife, Jennie Briggs (4).

William A. Briggs (5) married 1st Ida May Harrison of Alton, Illinois. They were cousins. William was a doctor. William married 2nd ______ Hill. William married 3rd ________.

Robin Morehead Briggs (5) married Hallie Potter.

James A. Briggs (5) never married; died as a young man.


Charles Stublin Briggs (5) born March 29, 1851; married on April 26, 1876 to Carrie Carter, the daughter of Binnie Toombs Carter of Louisville, Kentucky. Charles was a doctor.

Waldo Briggs (5) born July 2, 1854; a doctor. He settled in St. Louis, Missouri in 1877. Waldo was a Professor in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis.

Virginia Lee Briggs (5) called "Dovie" in grandfather's will.

Samuel Stublin Briggs (5) a doctor.

Daniel Briggs (5)

Ann Briggs (5)


Lizzie Briggs (5)

Hallie Briggs (5)

Children of Charles Morehead Briggs (4) and Mrs. Josie Gristie:

Josie Briggs (5)

Charley Briggs (5)
Children of Benjamin William Briggs (4) and Lizzie. Line:

Ben Briggs (5)
Walter Briggs (5)
Jennie Keren Briggs (5) married William Bingham.
Florence Briggs (5)
Mary Briggs (5)


William Simpson (5)
Edward Simpson (5)
George Simpson (5) a doctor.


Lena Simpson (5)
Mary Simpson (5)


Lizzie Briggs (5) married Henry McElmore.


Mattie Riggs Rogers (5)


John Pritle Jr (5)
Lizzie Pritle (5)
Lenore Pritle (5)


Mary Jones (5) married John Turpin.
William H. Jones (5) married Dixie Robinson.

  Zula Briggs (5) married Charles Nichols.
  Lizzie Briggs (5) married Uke Stewart.
  Grace Briggs (5)
  Edna Briggs (5)
  Trixie Briggs (5) married Quince Moss.
  Marion Briggs (5)


  James Curd (5) married Dora Huffman.
  William Curd (5) died young.
  Mary Curd (5)
  Henry Curd (5) born 1854; married Minnie McDavid.
  Albert Curd (5) born February 11, 1859; died January 25, 1928. Albert was single.
  Sarilda Curd (5) single.
  Charles Curd (5) married Bettie Andrews.

Children of John Richard Curd (4) and 2nd wife, Fannie E. Lewis.

  Edward Curd (5) single.
  Seth Curd (5) died young.
  Ross Curd (5)


  Mary Nannie Finch (5) born November 20, 1851; died November 3, 1927. Mary married Daniel Richard Longnecker. Daniel was born February 6, 1832. He died February 22, 1914. Their marriage was May 18, 1868 at Rockfield, Kentucky.
  Richard Knight Finch (5) born June 20, 1854; died February 6, 1856.

  Delia Elizabeth Finch (5) born July 19, 1859; died March 29, 1939. Delia was married on February 9, 1887 to Thomas Stapleton Perkins. Thomas was born November 2, 1857 and died on January 25, 1911. Both are buried near Rockfield, Kentucky.
Children of James Knight Curd (4) and Mary Catherine Courts. Line:
Mary (Polly) Briggs (3) William Thompson Briggs (2) William Robert
Briggs (1).

Mary Elizabeth Curd (5) born October 19, 1857; died 1859.

Emily Frances Curd (5) born July 29, 1859; died April 21, 1895.
Emily married David Clark on May 2, 1882.

Nannie James Curd (5) born March 10, 1865; died 1952. Nannie
married 1st William E. McDavid 2nd Henry Jenkins 3rd John L.
Green. No issue.

Calvin Winn Curd (5) born March 23, 1867; died January 7, 1936.
Calvin married Margaret Winn.

Lillie D. Curd (5) born July 4, 1870; died same day.

Dollie Curd (5) born March 23, 1873; married James D. Taylor on
March 26, 1891.

Genevieve Curd (5) born November 20, 1878; married Seymore
Horace Brown on November 20, 1901.

Children of Emeline Clark (4) and Newton Martin Curtis. Line:
Judith Wroe Davis (3) Isabelle Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Florence Rising Curtis (5)

Children of David Gilkey Briggs (4) and Savannah Woods. Line: David
A. Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Robert Briggs (5)

Nellie Briggs (5) married A. W. Fitting.

Children of Pamelia Briggs (4) and T. H. Hale. Line: David A.

Thomas H. Hale Jr (5)

Lawrence Hale (5)

Katherine Hale (5) married _____ Cowell.

Children of Margaret "Jennie" Briggs (4) and R. W. Quinn. Line:
David A. Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Robert Quinn (5)

Richard Quinn (5)

Wallace Quinn (5)

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Children of Margaret "Jennie" Briggs (4) and second husband, W. A. Sullivan.

Carrie Sullivan (5)

Olian Sullivan (5)


Susan B. Briggs (5) born February 27, 1876; homesteaded in Montana.

Emma Louise Briggs (5) born June 20, 1878; married William Witt on September 5, 1915. William was a banker and rancher.


William Carey Briggs (5) born September 21, 1883; a farmer and County Commissioner.

Infant (5) born July 1887; died.

Anna Nash Briggs (5) born August 2, 1888; married 1st Jess Gingry and 2nd Arthur Gingry.

Thomas Ferril Briggs (5) born December 27, 1892; married Helen B. Parker in St. Louis, Missouri.


 Texie Louise Brooks (5) born March 17, 1870; married 1st William Charles Davis on September 20, 1893 in Hannibal, Missouri and 2nd Bion L. Waldron on August 15, 1955.


William Harrison Briggs (5) born November 12, 1873 in New London, Missouri; married Bertie Lee Jamison on December 22, 1897. William was a farmer, He was also County Judge for two terms.

Donnie Hewitt Briggs (5) born August 21, 1875; married on January 13, 1901 to Volney Burnett of New London, Missouri.

Webster Wright Briggs (5) born March 16, 1878; married Mary Alice Hammond. Webster was a railroad engineer.

Mary Gertrude Briggs (5) born September 10, 1880; married Baylis J. James on April 29, 1899 in New London, Missouri.
Infant (5) died.

Archie Elkana Briggs (5) born January 6, 1887; married Julia Smith on April 18, 1911. Archie was killed on July 19, 1920 by lightning.


Nash Corwith Briggs Jr (5) born April 21, 1868 at Jackson, California.

Armond Eugene Briggs (5) born October 23, 1875 at Hollister, California.


Marian Hobson (5) born August 1853; married 1st James Spears and 2nd James Reid.


Thomas Andrew Caldwell (5) born March 19, 1853; married Ella Hutchison. Thomas died February 3, 1931 at Red Lodge, Montana.

Children of James Doak Caldwell II (4) and second wife, Catherine Buford.

James Alexander Caldwell (5) born February 11, 1858 at Shelby County, Missouri. James married Emma Feignspan on January 28, 1900.

Maria Melvina Caldwell (5) born July 30, 1862; married J. H. Ruberson on March 5, 1885. Maria died September 6, 1913.

Lysander Howard Caldwell (5) born February 8, 1864; married Mabel Davis on February 13, 1900. Lysander died February 8, 1954.

Floweree Lee Caldwell (5) born October 19, 1866; died November 28, 1887.

Mary Buford Caldwell (5) born March 14, 1869 at Helena, Montana; married William B. Ellis on March 16, 1892. Mary died December 30, 1934.


Henry Harrison Caldwell (5) born April 9, 1876; died October 20, 1940 in Glendale, California.
Children of Malinda J. Caldwell (4) and Joseph Brown. Line: Eliza

William Penn Brown (5) born January 12, 1861; died February
19, 1937.

Thomas James Brown (5) born September 10, 1864; died July 6,
1865.

George A. T. Brown (5) born August 31, 1866; died September 1,
1928.

Eliza Lewis Caldwell Brown (5) born December 31, 1871; married
C. F. Baker on November 1, 1899.

James Hansford Brown (5) born September 15, 1874; married Pearl
L. Rippon June 6, 1897.

Ruth Christian Brown (5) born March 18, 1877; married Clarence
E. Barr on November 15, 1905.

Children of Martha Ann Caldwell (4) and Charles E. Carter. Line:
Eliza Lewis Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Charles Carter (5) a doctor.

Children of Henry Draper (4) and Elizabeth Holtzclaw. Line: Eleanor
M. Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Zacariah Draper (5) born April 24, 1859; died October 7, 1860.

Elizabeth L. Draper (5) born August 9, 1864; married William
Bartlett on October 23, 1883.

Frances Elinor Draper (5) born April 24, 1867; married William
Springeile on July 12, 1889. Frances died September 24, 1947.

Charles Arthur Draper (5) born July 20, 1869; died April 4,
1902.

Children of Reuben Parks Briggs (4) and Mary Ann Thorp. Line: David
A. Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Reuben Parks Briggs Jr (5) born November 15, 1866; married

Thomas Hale Briggs (5) born September 5, 1861; married Susie
A. Pyle.

William Jesse Briggs (5) born March 6, 1863; married Clara
Figge.

Katherine May Briggs (5) born May 10, 1869; married Thomas
Jefferson Phelps.

Wade Hampton Briggs (5) born April 8, 1877; married Alba Evans.
Harriette Baston Briggs (5) born June 24, 1859 in Howard County, Missouri; married June 27, 1882 to Charles G. Miller.

David Jackson Briggs (5) born November 1, 1854; died December 24, 1913. David married Sallie Howard. Sallie was born February 20, 1859 and died September 21, 1949.


Louise Eleanor Briggs (5) born October 18, 1857; married Theodore Evans. Louise died at the age of 98.


James Peyton Mitchel (5) born August 30, 1837; died August 5, 1851.

John Ormsby Mitchel (5) born September 30, 1839; died August 2, 1841.

Elizabeth Jane Mitchel (5) born July 16, 1842; married Mathew Logan Christian on November 21, 1865. Elizabeth died November 22, 1923.

Mary Louisa Mitchel (5) born July 1, 1845; died April 3, 1853.

Emeline Margaret Mitchel (5) born August 28, 1849; married Edward Llewellyn Price on November 10, 1868. Emeline died November 22, 1901. Edward was born April 16, 1844 and died January 26, 1902.

Virginia Belle Mitchel (5) born April 30, 1853; died August 11, 1854.


Clara Mitchel (5) married Claude Clock.

Children of James Grady Mitchel (4) and Bethena Gatlin. Line: Elizabeth Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Joseph Mitchel (5)

William Mitchel (5)

Maude Kriechbaum (5)  
Russell Kriechbaum (5)  

Hazel Quirola (5) born May 25, 1891.  
Robert R. Quirola (5) born November 14, 1901.  

Elizabeth Briggs (5) born September 17, 1867 at Center, Ralls County, Missouri; married James F. Floweree on October 14, 1890. Elizabeth died September 21, 1945.  
Della Briggs (5) born September 27, 1871 at Center, Missouri; married George Graham on March 23, 1892. Della died March 24, 1911.  
Stella Briggs (5) born September 9, 1877 at Center, Missouri.  
Children of Mary Jane Wise (4) and George Campbell Hays Jr. Line: Maria Jane Briggs (3) Robert Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).  

Sarah Campbell Hays (5) married Dr. T. J. Downing.  

Thomas H. Briggs (5) born August 9, 1879 in Saline County, Missouri; married Elma March on November 2, 1902.  

Robert Briggs (5)  
Frank Briggs (5)  
Earl Briggs (5)  
William H. Briggs (5) born May 20, 1878 in Schuyler County, Mo.  

Ida Zugg (5) died June 14, 1901.  
Ernest Zugg (5)  
Children of William Duncan Briggs (4) and Henrietta E. Childress. Line: Thomas Hubbard Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).  

Bessie Laura Briggs (5) born October 21, 1874 in Scotland County, Missouri; married Lewis Cass Moore.
Artie Acton Briggs (5) born April 10, 1877; married Wallace Calvin Perry. Artie was a schoolteacher. She died November 19, 1952. Wallace Perry was in the hardware business.

Mary Melissa Briggs (5) born May 23, 1886; died April 14, 1904.

Anna May Briggs (5) born July 31, 1882; married George Kirkpatrick. George Archer Kirkpatrick was a farmer and also engaged in the real estate business.

Benjamin Hubbard Briggs (5) born November 25, 1884; married Beulah Lee Cox.

Sadie Frances Briggs (5) born January 31, 1887; died August 21, 1887.

William Pryor Briggs (5) born November 10, 1892; married Mildred McKnight.

Children of Henry Hawkin Briggs (4) and Mary Ellen Finnell. Line: Thomas Hubbard Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Susan Tyler Briggs (5) born March 1, 1874; married William Baxter.

James Henry Briggs (5) born February 23, 1876.

Benjamin Wilson Briggs (5)

Matteson Taylor Briggs (5)

Thomas Briggs (5)

Robert Wallace Briggs (5) born December 22, 1887.

Orpha Briggs (5)

Children of Henry Hawkin Briggs (4) and his second wife, Addie Baker Finnell (sister of Mary Ellen Finnell).

William Duncan Briggs (5) born November 2, 1892; married Edna Wheeland.

Anna May Briggs (5) born March 29, 1894.


Jennie Hildred Briggs (5) born January 22, 1899; married Ira Hackett.

Frederick Shawel Briggs (5) born October 26, 1905.

Children of Harriet E. Briggs (4) and David Fogle. Line: Thomas Hubbard Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).
Mathilda A. Fogle (5) married John Westoff.

Robert Fogle (5) a doctor.


Maude Fogle (5) married Homer Pinnell.

Claude Fogle (5) married _____ Drake.

Ida Fogle (5) married Lee Richardson.

Grover Fogle (5)

Lulu Fogle (5) married Delford F. McAllister.


Roberta Briggs (5) born August 13, 1909 in Lancaster, Missouri; married Paul Wesley Bookout on April 23, 1932. Paul was the son of James William Bookout and Maude O'Brien Bookout.

Children of Eleanor Alexander (4) and Thomas Haile Stribling. Line: Judith Wroe Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Lola Ruth Stribling (5) married Oliver Newell.

Elizabeth Breckenridge Stribling (5) married Stephen Price Maury.

Benjamin Alexander Stribling (5) married Celeste Morrow.

Children of Eleanor Wroe Briggs (4) and Andrew Turner. Line: John Strother Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Clyde Briggs Turner (5) born November 24, 1873; married Susie Moiles.

Ray Sylvester Turner (5) born September 16, 1878; married Bertha Paullin.

Children of Susan Louisa Briggs (4) and Isaac V. Gray. Line: John Strother Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Alvin J. Gray (5) born March 10, 1871; died March 22, 1874.

Sarah May Gray (5) born February 28, 1875; died on January 24, 1910. Sarah was married to Walter Judy.

Children of Ben Thomas Briggs (4) and Agnes Porter. Line: John Strother Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Nina Maude Briggs (5) born January 24, 1872; died October 15, 1930.
Claude Porter Briggs (5) born November 2, 1874; married Kathryn Kendall. Claude died September 2, 1927.

Eleta Arvella Briggs (5) born September 15, 1877; married Charles G. Manuel.

Irma Fern Briggs (5) born September 4, 1879; married George A. Horton.

Alma Faye Briggs (5) born August 8, 1883; married Harry A. Arnold.

Children of Alice Othelia Briggs (4) and J. C. Parmele. Line: John Strother Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Harold Cassius Parmele (5) born August 1, 1883; married Leila McMurray. Harold died June 5, 1948.


Strother A. Briggs (5) born September 1889; married Fern Cantrall.

Harley Briggs (5) born September 20, 1890; died April 27, 1892.

Ben H. Briggs (5) born November 10, 1894; married Kathryn Mereton.


Ida Oleta Perry (5) born September 5, 1880; died February 28, 1895.

Robert J. Perry (5) born November 19, 1890; died January 3, 1906.


John W. Smith (5) born January 25, 1881; married Edna Heckman.


Alice Cora Eaton (5) born June 28, 1896; died October 28, 1918.


Edward Allen (5)

Louise Allen (5)
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Herbert Goldsmith (6) married Cecile ________.
Ruth Goldsmith (6)
Roland Goldsmith (6)
Lawrence Goldsmith (6)
Ruby Goldsmith (6) married ______ Akers.
Mildred Goldsmith (6)


Peter Goldsmith (6)
Albert Goldsmith (6)
Dolly Goldsmith (6)


Mabel Goldsmith (6)


Martha Ann Bentley (6) married Ezra Allison.
Denman Bentley (6) married Elizabeth Maude Russell.
Alice Myrtle Bentley (6) married Jerry Piatt.
Robert Lewis Bentley (6) married Nell Lucas.
Carrie Harrison Bentley (6) died at age 16.
Margaret Ellen Bentley (6) married Alfred Judd.
David McKinley Bentley (6) married Hilda Johnson.


Blanche Rankin (6)

Hallie Carol Briggs (6) born March 14, 1916 at Devils Lake, North Dakota; married Earl J. Stewart. They were married December 27, 1938 at Larimore, North Dakota.


Harold Briggs (6)


Paul Thomas Buckles (6) born September 18, 1905; married Ruth Goddard. Ruth was born October 9, 1909.

John Marion Buckles (6) born June 16, 1917; married Bertha Ennis. Bertha was born October 13, 1918.

Betty Briggs Buckles (6) born November 3, 1938; married Ray Patrick. Ray was born December 13, 1933.


Lorraine Olive Briggs (6) born October 1, 1918; married Rice. Lorraine, the daughter of William Ellis Briggs (5) was adopted by John Briggs (5) her uncle.


Virginia Briggs Hinman (6) born April 3, 1909.

William Glen Hinman (6) born March 6, 1911; married May Wells.

Hallie Louise Hinman (6) born September 2, 1914; married Karl Phillips.

Gertrude Isabel Hinman (6) born September 23, 1917.

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Alma May Hinman (6) born August 28, 1918; married Billy Yoeman.

John Seal Hinman (6) born December 22, 1924; married Virginia Bunch.

Georgiana Hinman (6) born March 22, 1926; married Hoyt Maulden.


Georgia Ruth Briggs (6) born July 18, 1915; married George Barnes.

Lorraine Briggs (6) born October 1, 1918; married Rice.

(See children of John Bunion Briggs (5).)


Fred Briggs Lowman (6) born February 2, 1893; married Edith Campbell.

George Herbert Lowman (6) born August 3, 1894; married Bertha Myer.

Homer Davis Lowman (6) born July 4, 1896.

Gladys Ione Lowman (6) born July 15, 1898; married Charles Bree.

Leland Percy Lowman (6) born September 7, 1900.

Virgil David Lowman (6) born August 27, 1902.


Allen W. Briggs (6) born December 3, 1903; married Lilly Oleson.

Maude A. Briggs (6) born April 1, 1905; married Arnold Petterson.


Delmas V. Handlin (6) born June 26, 1906; died January 1, 1954.

Myrle E. Handlin (6) born October 29, 1909; married Elvire Kilmartin in 1930.

Lowillis B. Handlin (6) born September 21, 1918; married Virginia Nickols in 1937.


Darley V. Petro (6) born March 4, 1905; married Jennie Montgomery.

Virgil M. Petro (6) born February 8, 1907; married Ila Tieman. Virgil died December 4, 1944.


Redford Turpin (6) died young.

Will Turpin (6) single.

Penn Turpin (6) married; no issue.


Wm. H. Jones (6) married; no issue.

Elsie Jones (6) married _____ Cooksey; no issue.


Bettie Bingham (6) married Ed Harrington.

Marilyn Bingham (6)

William Bingham (6)


William Harrison Briggs (6) married Dorothy Dodge.

Joe Briggs (6) deceased.

Children of William A. Briggs (5) and 2nd wife, ______ Hill.
(6) a son, killed in World War II.

Children of Robin Morehead Briggs (5) and Hallie Potter. Line:

Virginia Briggs (6) married William Schwartzi.

Robin Morehead Briggs (6) married Jane Hawkins, his cousin.


Elsie Briggs (6) married Frank Gettys.

Binnie Briggs (6) married Robert Lusk.

William T. Briggs (6) a doctor; married Artemesia Barrow, daughter of Dr. David Barrow of Lexington, Kentucky.


Fred Curd (6)


Mary Rilda Curd (6)

Ruby Curd (6)


William Thompson Longnecker (6) born October 29, 1870; married in 1896 to Mammie Reed. Mammie was born October 5, 1879.

Benton Finch Longnecker (6) born March 19, 1871; died young.

Joseph Knight Longnecker (6) born October 5, 1873; married Mary Garress. Mary was born April 19, 1876. They were married on July 26, 1899.

Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Longnecker (6) born March 12, 1875; died 1958. Bessie married Lewis M. Smith on September 29, 1906. Lewis was born August 22, 1874.

Presley Willard Longnecker (6) born November 21, 1878; married June 23, 1909 to Augusta Schroeder. Augusta was born September 2, 1886.

Charles Henry Longnecker (6) born June 13, 1881; married Sept-
ember 9, 1909 to Alma Mary Spiddle. Alma was born in 1886.

Nannie Delia Longnecker (6) born September 3, 1885; married 1st Samuel Garress 2nd Sanetton Garress 3rd William Crooke.


Asahel Finch Perkins (6) born February 28, 1889 near Rockfield, Kentucky; died September 1, 1941. Unmarried.

James Perkins (6) lived one day.

Nannie Virginia Perkins (6) born December 13, 1892; taught school 40 years—34 years at Portsmouth, Virginia. Nannie was born near Rockfield, Kentucky.

Presley Meguiar Perkins (6) born April 28, 1895; married Sarah Elizabeth Thomas on August 27, 1927. Sarah was born October 4, 1900 and died September 20, 1933. Sarah Elizabeth Thomas was a descendant of the Morehead Family (see Chapter XII). Presley married 2nd Ruth Moore. Presley was born near Rockfield, Kentucky.

Mary Antheline Perkins (6) born April 14, 1898 near Rockfield, Kentucky. Mary is a teacher.


Angeline Clark (6) born November 5, 1885; married Dr. Charles N. Russell in October 1905.


William Knight Taylor (6) born April 14, 1892; married Mercer Studer on November 1, 1922.

Win Courts Taylor (6) born January 4, 1894; married Emma Wyatt.

John Quincy Taylor (6) married Ruth Hayden.

Mary Genevieve Taylor (6) born March 14, 1897; married 1st Brook Payne 2nd Garland Sledge.

James Francis Taylor (6) born February 26, 1899.


Winn Davis Brown (6)


Vernon Briggs (6) born 1915; married Irene Young in 1940.

David Pleasant Briggs (1839-1918) and wife, Mary Petro Briggs

Martha Ann Briggs (1827-1880) and husband, Charles Goldsmith

Hezekiah Briggs (1845-1870) and wife, Elizabeth Kerns

Addie C. Briggs (6)
Sarah F. Briggs (6)
Alma D. Briggs (6)
Eller E. Briggs (6)
Annie L. Briggs (6)


Virgil Briggs (6)


(See list of children under Fifth Generation of this same Chapter).


Harold M. Briggs (6)
Harley Briggs (6)
Lesco Briggs (6)
Leo Briggs (6)
Vada Briggs (6)
Lula Briggs (6)


Loretta Briggs (6)


Bessie Josephine Moore (6) born February 10, 1914 in Memphis, Missouri; married Donald M. Sampson on August 31, 1940.


Robert Wallace Perry (6) born August 23, 1911; married Margaret Whittom on June 11, 1938.

Géraldine Perry (6) married John William Briggs on December 17, 1932. Géraldine was born June 5, 1915 at Downing, Missouri.

Ruth Perry (6) born August 24, 1917; died October 31, 1933.

Children of Anna May Briggs (5) and George Archer Kirkpatrick. Line:
William Duncan Briggs (4) Thomas Hubbard Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2)
William Robert Briggs (1).

Paul Briggs Kirkpatrick (6) born September 25, 1906; married Gladys Rowland on June 17, 1933.

Helen Frances Kirkpatrick (6) born December 1, 1907; married William Claude Myers.

Georganna Kirkpatrick (6) born November 5, 1910; married Albert Garth.

Marian Jane Kirkpatrick (6) born January 21, 1913; married James Mason.

Children of Benjamin Hubbard Briggs (5) and Beulah Lee Cox. Line:
William Duncan Briggs (4) Thomas Hubbard Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2)
William Robert Briggs (1).

Benjie Briggs (6) born May 1, 1919; married Dr. Randolph Knox.

Children of William Pryor Briggs (5) and Mildred McKnight. Line:
William Duncan Briggs (4) Thomas Hubbard Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2)
William Robert Briggs (1).

Lavonne Briggs (6)

Children of William Duncan Briggs (5) and Edna Wheeland. Line: Henry Hawkin Briggs (4) Thomas Hubbard Briggs (3) Benjamin Briggs (2)
William Robert Briggs (1).

Phyliss Feree Briggs (6)

Jane Juanita Briggs (6)

Jean Juanita Briggs (6)

Joyce Allan Briggs (6)

Beverly Lee Briggs (6)


George Stribling Newell (6) married 1st. May Jarvis and 2nd Perle Penfield.
Lola Ruth Newell (6) married 1st Dudley Edenborough and 2nd George M. Maverick.


Eleanor Maury (6) married 1st Dr. Lutes and 2nd Larkin Price.

Lucy Maury (6)

Judith Maury (6) married Fred Tice.

Fontaine Maury (6) married 1st Robert Thranes and 2nd Watson.

Lewis Augustine Maury (6) married Mary Hill.

Lola Elizabeth Maury (6) married 1st Dr. Glover Johns and 2nd Gramby.


Beatrice Stribling (6) married Colonel Dupre' Dance.

Eleanor Stribling (6) married Reverend Samuel Cafers.


Eleanor Turner (6) born September 29, 1905; died September 30, 1905.

Eugene Turner (6) born January 5, 1909.

Evelyn Turner (6) born July 26, 1912.


Walter Dean Judy (6) born February 23, 1895.

Dorothy May Judy (6) born February 2, 1897.


Jane Briggs (6) born January 17, 1914; married Clayton Schlesselman on March 29, 1941.

Barbara Briggs (6) born December 14, 1915; married Morris Wright on July 16, 1938.
Kendall Porter Briggs (6) born May 3, 1918; married Elizabeth Steinmetz on June 4, 1943.


Benelywn Briggs Manuel (6) born May 9, 1909; married Maxine Phillips on September 18, 1935.


Agnes Horton (6) born February 26, 1909; married C. D. McCollister.

George A. Horton Jr (6) born January 30, 1914; married Elsie

Oleta Horton (6) married Martha Millard.

Ben David Horton (6) born September 21, 1917; married Virginia Pierce.


Richard Gale Arnold (6) born May 5, 1916; married Betty Hine on October 30, 1936.

Robert Briggs Arnold (6) born July 24, 1921; married Marian Gehle on October 22, 1943.


Helen Louise Parmele (6) born March 30, 1911; died March 4, 1924.

James Claiborne Parmele (6) born June 13, 1913; married Eleanor Warren.

Charlotte Parmele (6) born October 25, 1918; married Gunter A. Brock.

John Jay Parmele (6) born May 13, 1921; married Mary Bilbray.


Guida Briggs (6) born January 9, 1914; married Byron Nafziger.

Claude Smith (6)

Harold Smith (6)

Children of Sarah Campbell Hays (5) and Dr. T. J. Downing. Line: Mary Jane Wise (4) Mary Jane Briggs (3) Robert Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Nell Downing (6) married Voris Rariden Norton.


Ruth Floweree (6) born November 8, 1893; died July 2, 1943.

Gladys Floweree (6) born July 3, 1897; married Joseph Henriksen.


Mary Elizabeth Briggs (6) born September 10, 1890.

David Reuben Briggs (6) born October 24, 1899; married Genevieve Griffith.

Thomas Howard Briggs (6) born February 20, 1892; married Kate Cannon.


Alma Lee Humphrey (6) born March 23, 1895; married Ray P. Gardner on June 11, 1922.

Martin Clifford Humphrey (6) born August 15, 1896; died November 18, 1942. Martin married Julia Higgons on September 10, 1921.

George Caldwell Humphrey (6) born January 10, 1902; married Stella Marietta Osgood on June 30, 1926.

Grady William Humphrey (6) born May 16, 1904; married Genevieve Lukin on February 4, 1927.

Benjamin Carson Humphrey (6) born September 7, 1908; married Marjorie Buchanan.


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Louise Virginia Keeley (6) born November 11, 1884.

Fred Hobson Keeley (6) born August 6, 1886.

Allan Bryan Keeley (6) born July 5, 1888.

Children of Elizabeth L. Draper (5) and William Bartlett. Line:
Henry Draper (4) Eleanor M. Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2) William
Robert Briggs (1).

Elizabeth Elinor Bartlett (6) born April 27, 1885; married

Children of Fannie Belle Briggs (5) and Joel Kirtley Twyman. Line:
Reuben Parks Briggs (4) David A. Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2)
William Robert Briggs (1).

Mary Twyman (6) born February 24, 1880; married on April 27,
1904 to Paul A. Klayder.

Reuben Briggs Twyman (6) born April 10, 1882; married May 1,
1904 to Edna Crews.

William Glover Twyman (6) born July 22, 1884; on August 31,
1911 married Georgia May Sloan.

Lois O. Twyman (6) born December 28, 1887; married Wayne Carroll
Maupin on November 20, 1912.

Children of Louise Eleanor Briggs (5) and Theodore Evans. Line:
Reuben Parks Briggs (4) David A. Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2)
William Robert Briggs (1).

Ernest Roper Evans (6) born August 20, 1887.

Annie May Evans (6)

Rolla Evans (6)

Children of Harriette B. Briggs (5) and Charles Miller. Line:
Reuben Parks Briggs (4) David A. Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2)
William Robert Briggs (1).

Edwin Burch Miller (6)

Emma Briggs Miller (6) married W. J. Figge.

Children of Thomas Hale Briggs (5) and Susie Pyle. Line: Reuben
Parks Briggs (4) David A. Briggs (3) Ebenezer Briggs (2) William
Robert Briggs (1).

Eugene Stephen Briggs (6) President of Phillips University at
Enid, Oklahoma.

Frank Parks Briggs (6) Former United States Senator of Missouri,
newspaper publisher, farmer, twice Mayor of Macon, Missouri,
Executive Officer of Masonic Lodge, and served for 14 years in
the Missouri State Senate.
Additional data on children of Thomas Hale Briggs (5) and Susie Almyra Pyle.

Mary Margaret Briggs was born February 5, 1900. She married Menefee C. Bullock on February 11, 1928.

Eugene Stephen Briggs was born in Howard County, Missouri on February 1, 1890. He married Mary Gentry on August 19, 1914. He attended school at the University of Missouri and Columbia University among others and has been President of Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma since February 1, 1938.

Frank Parks Briggs was born in Armstrong, Missouri on February 25, 1894. He married Catherine Allen Shull. Frank has been the owner-editor of the Macon, Mo., Chronicle Herald since 1924. He was Mayor of Macon, Mo., (1930-33), served in the Missouri State Senate (1933-45), appointed United States Senator from Missouri on January 18, 1945 to fill the unexpired term of Harry S. Truman when Truman became Vice-President.
Mary Margaret Briggs (5) married M. C. Bullock.


Charles Christian Briggs (6)
William Jesse Briggs Jr. (6) a minister.


Mary Helen Briggs (6) born November 19, 1915; married John Ninnis.


Rhoda Brooks Davis (6) born April 25, 1902 in Hannibal, Missouri; married 1st Frank Charles Schirmer in September 1924; married 2nd James Russell McCauley.


Mary Helen Briggs (6) born February 20, 1899; married Carl Schmidt.

Harry Kenneth Briggs (6) born September 26, 1900.

Florence Cordelia Briggs (6) born March 10, 1908.


John Joe Burnett (6) born August 29, 1902; married Elizabeth McCrimmon.

Fred Hawes Burnett (6) born March 3, 1903; married Olivia Waters.

Donald Briggs Burnett (6) born January 3, 1907; married Reona Cumbie on March 14, 1936.

Volney Burnett (6) born July 28, 1908; married Marian _____.

Children of Webster Wright Briggs (5) and Mary Alice Hammond. Line: 77

Mary Hewitt Briggs (6) born March 20, 1909.


William Briggs Witt (6) born October 21, 1918; married July 9, 1948 to Norma Mae Trotter.

Mary Cleaver Witt (6) born February 10, 1921; married Joseph A. McElwain on March 5, 1945. Joseph is a lawyer.


Lyman Betts Mitchel (6) born October 25, 1881; married Nellie Garrett on September 8, 1904. Lyman died on December 19, 1932.


Edward Briggs Mitchel (6) born September 7, 1889; married Marguerite Vail on January 30, 1912.

Frances Mitchel (6) born July 28, 1898; married Emmet Voorhees Gunn on June 16, 1928.


Annie May Christian (6) born November 28, 1866; died April 14, 1941.

Eben Mitchel Christian (6) born March 9, 1872; married Anna Dubecck on February 8, 1921. Eben died September 19, 1935.


Infant daughter, born August 6, 1870; died August 18, 1870.

Helen Louise Price (6) born January 1, 1872.


Frances Margaret Price (6) born January 24, 1892; died January 26, 1892.

Hannah Elaine Baker (6) married Dewey A. Clark on August 16, 1924.


Dorothy Pearl Brown (6) born October 11, 1901.


Eugene Thomas Barr (6) born July 30, 1907.

SEVENTH GENERATION

Children of William Thompson Longnecker (6) and Mammie Reed. Line: Mary Nannie Finch (5) Elizabeth Curd (4) Mary (Polly) Briggs (3) William Thompson Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1). All children were born in Angleton, Texas.

Henry Longnecker (7) born December 27, 1900; died young. He was always called Henry but given name was Daniel Henry.

William Longnecker (7) born July 25, 1903; married Claudy Shepherd. Claudy was born December 28, 1904. They were married on September 19, 1924.

Lillian Longnecker (7) born August 6, 1905; married Jack Stanley.

Mary Nannie Longnecker (7) born November 8, 1907; married William Robert Young. When he died, Mary married his twin brother.

Maxie Longnecker (7) born February 23, 1914; married Pauline

Richard Longnecker (7) born June 11, 1916. Richard was a navigator in the Air Force during World War II. He was killed on August 8, 1942.


Emily Elizabeth Longnecker (7) born April 19, 1903; married Walter Lillard Saunders. Walter was born October 29, 1902.

Helen Longnecker (7) born September 15, 1905; married Leo Stanley Nelson January 21, 1929. Leo born December 9, 1904.

Mary Margaret Smith (7) born October 26, 1907; unmarried.

She was born at Sour Lake, Texas.

Beatrice Smith (7) born May 8, 1909; married Horrace Cummings.

They were married August 31, 1934. Horrace born Nov. 26, 1906.

Daniel Smith (7) married ________; no issue. He was born June 24, 1911 at Angleton, Texas.

Children of Presley Willard Longnecker (6) and Augusta Schroeder. Line:


Presley Willard Longnecker Jr (7) born July 12, 1912. He married Agnes Anderson. 


Children of Charles Henry Longnecker (6) and Alma May Spiddle. Line:


James Longnecker (7) was born October 8, 1917 at Beaumont, Texas.

Children of Nannie Delia Longnecker (6) and Samuel Garress. Line:


Frank Garress (7)

Nannie Delia Garress (7) married Glen Hood.

Children of Presley Meguiar Perkins (6) and Sarah Elizabeth Thomas. Line:


Thomas Meguiar Perkins (7) born April 8, 1929; graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology in Aeronautical Engineering. Thomas served in the Korean War.

Children of Angeline Clark (6) and Charles N. Russell. Line:


Margaret Russell (7) born November 1, 1906.

Mary Catherine Russell (7) born March 9, 1911; married Orvan Miller on September 12, 1929.

Children of Denman Bentley (6) and Elizabeth Maude Russell. Line:


Catherine Bentley (7) married Wheeler Sloman.

Russell Lowell Bentley (7) married Hazel Nelson.

Children of Hallie Carol Briggs (6) and Earl J. Stewart. Line:


Twylla Louise Stewart (7) born September 7, 1941 at Joplin, Montana.


Greta Ann Rice (7) born September 20, 1946.

Gregory Allen Rice (7) born September 14, 1952.


John Karl Phillipi (7) born April 10, 1946 in Jacksonville, Fla.


Reta Ann Yoemans (7) born November 29, 1946 in Jacksonville, Fla.

Billy Yoemans (7) born January 16, 1948 in Jacksonville, Florida.


Stephanie Maulden (7) born December 22, 1946 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Hoyt Maulden Jr (7) born February 7, 1949 in Jacksonville, Fla.


Patricia Ann Buckles (7) born February 21, 1929; married Robert Staybaugh. Robert was born February 2, 1928.

Mary Elaine Buckles (7) born June 3, 1935; married Charles Roberts. Charles was born December 21, 1928.

Sandra Dell Buckles (7) born June 12, 1941.

Donna Marion Buckles (7) born March 20, 1943.


Charles Hubert Patrick (7) born October 15, 1939.

Ray Patrick Jr (7) born July 2, 1953.


Danny E. Patrick (7) born October 20, 1957.


Dennis Meister (7) born September 20, 1950.

Stacy Meister (7) born September 13, 1953.


Ronald Dean Barnes (7) born July 21, 1937.


Myra Ann Petro (7) married Kenneth L. Snyder.


Donna Joan Petro (7) married William Haislip.


Doris L. Handlin (7) born October 11, 1932.

James F. Handlin (7) born March 20, 1934.

Myrlene A. Handlin (7) born October 10, 1936.

Robert D. Handlin (7) born August 4, 1939.

Children of Lowillis B. Handlin (6) and Virginia Nickols. Line:

Bruce H. Handlin (7) born December 16, 1938.

Ronald A. Handlin (7) born June 13, 1943.

Gayle Anne Handlin (7) born July 26, 1944.


Lorene Margaret Lowman (7) born August 1, 1917.

Wallace Edward Lowman (7) born 1919.


Dean Emory Lowman (7) born March 30, 1929; married Carol Elkins.

Blanche Emily Lowman (7) born December 26, 1923; married Donald Baldwin.

Gladys Elaine Lowman (7) born March 1925; married Tracy Dobbs.

Wayne Herbert Lowman (7) born April 4, 1927; married Jerry Elkins.

Dale Darwin Lowman (7) born March 29, 1931.

Robert Nolan Lowman (7) born May 12, 1927.


Donna Jo Sampson (7) born November 23, 1942.

William Donald Sampson (7) born March 17, 1947.


Kenneth Lee Perry (7) born October 23, 1951.


Gayleen Frances Briggs (7) born October 7, 1933; married Richard Schuster on April 10, 1952.

Judith Sayra Briggs (7) born May 12, 1937.

Paul Roger Kirkpatrick (7) born November 11, 1940.

Susan Jane Kirkpatrick (7) born April 27, 1944.

Marjorie Meredith Kirkpatrick (7) born September 24, 1949.


George Frederick Garth (7) born October 9, 1935; married Joan Watson on January 29, 1958.

Gretchen Garth (7) born October 29, 1937.


Melinda Kirk Mason (7) born April 10, 1944.


Pamela Ann Knox (7) born March 31, 1942.

Benjie Jane Knox (7) born February 9, 1945.

Patricia Lee Knox (7) born June 29, 1946.


Lillis Mason Newell (7)

Oliver Jarvis Newell (7)

Ruth Newell (7)

Marjorie Jarvis Newell (7)

George Stribling Newell (7)

Linda Jean Briggs (7) born 1938; married Keith Rosem in 1960. Step-daughter of Marion Briggs (6) and daughter of Ethel Dial.


Sandra Kay Briggs (7) born 1943.

Sons of William Thomas Briggs (4) and Martha Hartis. Left to right: Charles Lewis, John Bunion, Thomas Luther, William Ellis.

Left: Twin Children of David Pleasant Briggs and Mary Petro. --Emma and Emery Briggs.

Doris Nola Gardner (7) born April 8, 1924.

Evonne Louise Gardner (7) born July 25, 1925; married Horace Archer Mills on December 9, 1944.

Mary Carollene Gardner (7) born December 31, 1927; married Bruce Collier on September 9, 1949.

Ann Justine Gardner (7) born May 1, 1934; married Joe Glen Owen on August 20, 1954.


Thomas G. Ninnis (7) born January 26, 1942.


Louann Schirmer (7) born April 25, 1926 in Denver, Colorado; married Harry Richard Powers in Glendale, California on December 15, 1946.


Infant died on August 7, 1926.

Mary Roberta Schmidt (7) born September 13, 1927; married Harold Edward on February 1, 1953.

Carl Theodore Schmidt (7) born July 8, 1929.

Ella Florence Schmidt (7) born May 13, 1930; married Harold Waddill on August 17, 1956.

William Augustus Schmidt (7) born September 30, 1933.


Dorena Elizabeth Burnett (7)


Barbara Burnett (7) born April 17, 1935.

Thomas Harold Burnett (7) born September 7, 1939.

Donald Burnett Jr (7)

Lisa Burnett (7)


William Carl Witt (7) born May 1, 1951.

Susan Marie Witt (7) born August 20, 1954.


Walter Page Mitchel (7) born May 9, 1920; married Abigail Spivey on November 27, 1943.


Mary Louise Mitchel (7) born July 26, 1915; married Harold S. Dye on December 30, 1933. Louise died June 26, 1936.


Frederick Mitchel Bourland (7) born August 6, 1914; married Jane Peters on June 8, 1940.

Elizabeth Roe Bourland (7) born May 24, 1916; married Christopher Lawrence Daley Jr on October 11, 1941.

Ida Frances Bourland (7) born June 8, 1923; married Henry Hardy Sugden on June 12, 1948.


Eleanor Frances Mitchel (7) born June 3, 1917; married Alfred Haven Roberts on August 15, 1942.


Helen Elizabeth Gunn (7) born April 22, 1931.

Mary Catherine Gunn (7) born January 19, 1933.

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Lawrence Mitchel Christian (7) born March 22, 1922; married Helen Joanne Power on February 1, 1940.

Mary Frances Christian (7) born September 18, 1931; married Robert Luther Kresge on December 22, 1951.


David Griffith Briggs (7) born April 4, 1932; married Beverly Bauer.


Stephen Gentry Briggs (7) was born June 5, 1917. Deceased.

Eleanor Sue Briggs (7) was born January 24, 1920. Eleanor married Thomas Oliver Montgomery on June 3rd, 1944. Thomas was born March 28, 1920.

William Briggs (7) was born December 13, 1922. He married Lorraine Hood Briggs on June 6th, 1944. Lorraine was born August 22, 1923.


Thomas Frank Briggs (7) was born September 29, 1918. He married Kathleen Arthur on January 13, 1939.

Eugene Allen Briggs (7) was born June 28, 1921. He was married on November 25, 1943 to Marjorie Beall.

Darlene Ruth Briggs (7) was born August 2, 1923. Darlene married Joe Bartak on October 2, 1947.

Betty Barbara Briggs (7) was born September 10, 1928.

Dorothy Catherine Briggs (7) was born September 7, 1926. Dorothy married Michael Ramon on August 29, 1950.


Helen Marie Bullock (7) was born December 14, 1929. Helen married Arthur Smith on July 3, 1948.

Peggy Sue Bullock (7) was born November 30, 1937. Peggy married Marshall Rathbun on June 5, 1960.

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Children of Herb Goldsmith (6) and Cecile
Richard Goldsmith (5) Martha Ann Briggs (4) Charles Lewis Briggs (3)
David Briggs (2) William Robert Briggs (1).

Gladys Goldsmith (7) married Helmuth Gierhl.
Idabelle Goldsmith (7) married Don Mohr.

Maridyth Ann Montgomery (8) was born January 20, 1954.

Stephen Lee Montgomery (8) was born February 24, 1956.


Eugene Stephen Briggs II (8) was born December 22, 1947.

Cynthia Ann Briggs (8) was born November 9, 1950.

Julia Louise Briggs (8) was born January 20, 1956.

Spencer Gentry Briggs (8) was born January 6, 1958.


Linda Sue Smith (8) was born March 26, 1955.


John Thomas Briggs (8) was born January 9, 1940.

Patricia Kay Briggs (8) was born October 12, 1942.

Robert Arthur Briggs (8) was born July 31, 1949.


David John Briggs (8) was born May 15, 1955.


Catherine Joanne Bartak (8) born October 23, 1949.


Dorothy Colette Ramon (8) born December 26, 1951.

Michel Robert Ramon (8) was born December 17, 1952.

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Henry Hardy Sugden III (8) was born May 10, 1949.
Sally Roe Sugden (8) was born July 8, 1950.
Anne Carol Sugden (8) was born June 11, 1955.


Mitchel Bennington Roberts (8) was born February 26, 1947.
Virginia Field Roberts (8) was born June 3, 1949.


Laurel Joanne Christian (8) born February 2, 1941.


Marcia Christel Kresge (8) was born December 1, 1953.
Stephen Henry Kresge (8) was born June 12, 1955.


Robert Mitchel Dye (8) was born November 28, 1934.


Peter Mitchel Bourland (8) was born March 13, 1941.
Rebekah Todd Bourland (8) was born January 13, 1944.
Rachel Elizabeth Bourland (8) was born June 3, 1947.
Andrew Morgan Bourland (8) was born August 23, 1951.

Charles Roberts Jr (8) was born June 17, 1959.


Walter Lillard Saunders Jr (8) was born September 1926.

Beverly Joe Saunders (8) was born September 24, 1928.

Mary Elizabeth Saunders (8) was born October 7, 1935.


Horace Morgan Cummings Jr (8) was born January 10, 1940.

Richard Cummings (8)


Susan Betts Daley (8) was born November 28, 1943.

Christopher Bourland Daley (8) was born November 9, 1949.

Scott Price Daley (8) was born August 14, 1952.

Katherine Redmon Daley (8) was born October 21, 1954.


David Griffith Briggs Jr (8)


Robert Staybaugh (8) was born June 26, 1952.

James Staybaugh (8) was born September 12, 1954.

Presley Willard Longnecker III (8) was born January 31, 1940 at Alvin, Texas.


Glen Hood Jr (8) was born at Galveston, Texas.

Edith Lavern Hood (8) was born at Galveston, Texas.


James Henry Longnecker (8) was born August 2, 1925 at Houston, Texas.

Bettie Joe Longnecker (8) was born May 25, 1928 at Houston, Texas.

Marian Jane Longnecker (8) was born November 15, 1931 at Houston, Texas.


Dorothy Young (8)


Gloria Longnecker (8)
THOMAS BRIGGS (1) AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Thomas Briggs (1) son of Robert Bridges of Fifeshire, Scotland, came to America in 1793. He married Catherine Cuman of Leslie, Scotland before he came to America. Thomas Briggs was a manufacturer of linen.

When Thomas died shortly after their arrival in Warrick, Virginia, Catherine Cuman Briggs and her children journeyed to Kentucky with her brother-in-law, Andrew Briggs.

Catherine was born near Glasgow, Scotland and she and Thomas had come to Virginia with their church letter in their hands from the Presbyterian Church of Leslie, Scotland. This stated that they were good Christian people.

Several years after Thomas died, Catherine married Isaac Stephens in Warren County, Kentucky. Catherine died July 13, 1834 and is buried near Milburn, Kentucky on the Wright farm. Catherine Cuman had been orphaned at an early age and had been reared by her uncle, James Reid. Isaac Stephens died in 1831.

The children of Catherine and Thomas Briggs:

Ann Briggs (2) born January 20, 1788 in Leslie, Scotland and died July 13, 1834 in Warren County, Kentucky. Ann married Josiah McGehee Wright on September 26, 1805. (Briggs Marriage List of Warren County, Kentucky). Josiah was born November 27, 1780 in Cumberland County, Virginia. When Ann died, Joseph (Josiah) M. Wright and his fourteen children accompanied by Catherine Cuman Briggs moved to the Purchase near Mayfield, Kentucky in 1834 or 35 or 36. Catherine gave Thomas Briggs Wright, her grandson, the family Bible in 1836. Joseph died September 9, 1840 in Graves County, Kentucky.

Andrew Briggs (2) born February 18, 1792; died October 9, 1857. He is buried at the Camp Ground Cemetery near Bardstown, Kentucky. Andrew married 1st Nancy Robinson on November 4, 1814 and married 2nd Sarah Ferguson on August 6, 1837. Andrew bought land and lived in Nelson County, Kentucky. There was about 1200 acres of land.

Marian Briggs (2) married Peter Sibert on August 31, 1801.

Bennee (Beatrice) Ellen Briggs (2) married Reverend George Knight Hester on January 3, 1820. George was the son of John Mathias Hester.

Tosy Briggs (2) married a Mr. Roberts of the Western part of Kentucky.

Nellie Briggs (2) married a Mr. Mathew. Nellie, Bennee, and Tosy lived in Indiana after their marriages.

THIRD GENERATION

Children of Ann Briggs (2) and Josiah McGehee Wright:
Thomas Briggs Wright I (3) was born June 30, 1806 in Warren County, Kentucky and died on October 29, 1888 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Thomas married Andromache Loving in Warren County, Kentucky on November 16, 1836. Andromache was born January 1, 1820 in Warren County and died November 25, 1850 at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Thomas graduated from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky in 1834. Thomas was a doctor.

Marian Wright (3) born March 11, 1808; died November 2, 1856. Marian married Gardner Seay.

Robert Thackston Wright (3) was born December 28, 1809 in Christian County, Kentucky and died March 14, 1890. Robert married on October 19, 1837 to Eleanor Brame of Christian County. Eleanor Brame was born on November 7, 1814 and died on December 11, 1881. Robert was a minister.

William James Wright (3) born March 11, 1812; died July 13, 1886. William married 1st Catherine Sibert (Seibert) 2nd Mrs. Evelyn Jones 3rd Mrs. Elizabeth Reddick.

Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) born February 3, 1814; died January 3, 1908. Catherine (Katherine) married 1st William Cummings and 2nd Greenbery M. New.

Sarah Ann Wright (3) born December 18, 1815; died October 21, 1886. Sarah never married.

Benie Ellen Wright (3) was born October 30, 1817 and died on January 30, 1910. Benie married Robert Gardner, a minister, and lived in Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

Martha Frances Wright (3) was born October 5, 1819 and died October 5, 1819.

Josiah McGeorge Wright Jr (3) was born March 11, 1821 and died January 29, 1905. Josiah married 1st Eliza Catherine Ray on September 21, 1843. Eliza was born February 10, 1826 and died April 14, 1864 in Graves County, Kentucky. Eliza is buried at Wright's Chapel Cemetery. Josiah married 2nd Mrs. "Click" Carmen Wall.

Alzira Wright (3) born March 24, 1823; died January of 1874. Alzira married Albert Brown.

Andrew Fayette Wright (3) was born March 2, 1825 and died June 1, 1901. Andrew married Mary Rogers.

Susannah Hester Wright (3) was born February 4, 1827 and died on September 12, 1896. Susannah married LaFayette Cole.

Samuel Benson Wright (3) was born October 4, 1828 and died on June 24, 1913. Samuel married Sallie Jane Richardson on June 18, 1866. Sally was born May 12, 1837 and died August 20, 1877.
Leander Fletcher Wright (3) born September 15, 1830; died November 1, 1842.


The names and records of the above births and deaths were copied from the Wright Bible given to Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright at the time of his marriage in 1836. It was given to him by his grandmother, Catherine Cuman Briggs. The Bible now belongs to Ella B. Smith.

Children of Marian Briggs (2) and Peter Sibert.

Lucretia Sibert (3) married Abram Stephens.

Louisa Sibert (3) married Joe James.

Benie Ellen Sibert (3) married Eli Haynes.

Julia Ann Sibert (3) married Jno. Robertson.

Catherine Sibert (3) married her cousin, William James Wright the son of Ann Briggs (2) and Josiah McGehee Wright.

Chestine Sibert (3)

Thomas Briggs Sibert (3)

Children of Andrew Briggs (2) and Nancy Robinson.

Robinson Briggs (3)

Mary Ann Briggs (3) married Joshua Humphrey.

Sarah Briggs (3) married William Humphrey, a farmer, of Nelson County, Kentucky. They were married December 21, 1848. William was born in 1821 and died in 1909.

Catherine Briggs (3) married Felix Stone of Oldham County, Ky.

Thomas Hanley Briggs (3) born September 16, 1823; died 1902.

Thomas married Betty McMakin, the daughter of Peyton McMakin, a native Kentuckian born in Oldham County in 1800. Peyton owned slaves and was a very extensive farmer. Betty was born in Nelson County, Kentucky in 1831 and died in 1907.

William T. Briggs (3) went to Texas. He was a doctor.

Elizabeth Briggs (3) married John W. Wilkinson, a farmer, in Nelson County, Kentucky.

Children of Andrew Briggs (2) and 2nd wife, Sarah Ferguson:

Susan M. Briggs (3) was born in 1837 and married Willett.

Joseph F. Briggs (3) was born in 1839; a twin to sister, Nancy.
Picture of the seven Wright Brothers. The sons of Ann Briggs and Josiah McGehee Wright. From left to right, bottom row- Thomas Briggs Wright. Other sons were: Robert Thackston Wright, William James Wright, Josiah McGehee Wright, Andrew Fayette Wright, Samuel Benson Wright, Richard Bascom Wright. Picture is furnished by the granddaughter of Thomas Briggs Wright, Ella B. Smith.
Above: Elizabeth Wright Thomas
Right: Ella Wright Smith

Great-granddaughters of Catherine Cuman Briggs and Thomas Briggs I.

Granddaughters of Ann Briggs Wright and Josiah McGehee Wright.

Daughters of Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright and Andromache Loving Wright.
Nancy E. Briggs (3) born in 1839; married Wilson.

Robert A. Briggs (3) born in 1843; married Emma Wycoff.

Emily W. Briggs (3) born 1841; married Fred Wilson, the brother to sister Nancy’s husband.

FOURTH GENERATION

Children of Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright (3) and Andromache Loving. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Ella Bowden Wright (4) born February 4, 1848 at Bowling Green, Kentucky and died on June 13, 1916 at Bowling Green. Ella married on February 2, 1875 to Colonel Thomas Jefferson Smith who was born May 21, 1843 at Smith’s Grove, Kentucky. Colonel Smith served in the Spanish-American War. He died on March 21, 1904 at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Astley-Cooper Wright (4) was born on October 9, 1837 and died on October 30, 1910 at Bowling Green, Kentucky. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and practiced medicine in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He was married 1st Mary D. Loving on October 30, 1860. Mary was born September 4, 1840 and died in 1865 or 1866. Astley married 2nd Virginia Garnett Barclay on May 28, 1874. Virginia was born in 1850 and died in 1892. Astley married 3rd Margaret Reed of Nashville, Tennessee. Margaret was the daughter of a Confederate War Colonel. Margaret was born December 3, 1860 and died September 12, 1946.

Elizabeth Wright (4) was born August 5, 1842 and died on February 27, 1931. Elizabeth married Dr. Richard C. Thomas, the son of Elvira Slaughter Morehead Thomas. (See Chapter XII for additional data on the Morehead Family) Richard Thomas was born March 22, 1837 and died December 28, 1879. Elizabeth and Richard were married on January 17, 1866.

Daniel Webster Wright (4) was born April 16, 1839 and died on January 2, 1922. Daniel was married on September 30, 1916 to Mrs. Josephine Hines Stephens (Mrs. Jno. Wesley Stephens). Daniel was a lawyer.

Children of Marian Wright (3) and Gardner Seay. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Ann Victoria Seay (4) married Erwin.

Felix Grundy Seay (4)

Children of Robert Thackston Wright (3) and Eleanor Brame. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Charles Thomas Wright (4)
DANIEL WEBSTER WRIGHT

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John William Crittenden Wright (4)

Robert Fleming Wright (4)

James Andrew Wright (4) was born June 22, 1853 and died December 13, 1942. James married Janie Kate Wilson on January 4, 1882. Janie was born June 28, 1862 and died December 16, 1945.

Lily Anne Wright (4)

Fredonia Wright (4) married her first cousin, Joseph Thomas Wright (4). Fredonia died on March 4, 1923. Joseph was born in 1842 and died on January 1, 1930.

Mary Elizabeth Wright (4)

Children of William James Wright (3) and his 1st wife, Catherine Sibert. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Ann Hester Wright (4) married John Cummins.

Marian Briggs Wright (4) married Jno. Alex. Stubblefield. Marian died April of 1923.

Joseph Thomas Wright (4) was born in 1842 and died on January 1, 1930. Joseph married his first cousin, Fredonia Wright (4).

Robert Gardner Wright (4) was born November 10, 1803 and died in 1903. Robert married in 1870 to Josie Beadles, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Beadles. Josie was born December 9, 1850 and died on May 12, 1951.

Sarah Ellen Wright (4) married William Jones.

William Andrew Wright (4) died in infancy.

Leander Sibert Wright (4) married Jennie Ladd.

Henry Bascom Wright (4) married Julia Hobbs.

Samuel Benson Wright (4) died in infancy.

Mary Alzira Wright (4) died in infancy.

Martha Catherine Wright (4) married Dr. Winston.

Children of William James Wright (3) and his 2nd wife, Mrs. Evelyn Jones.

Benie Evelyn Wright (4) married Leonidas Low.

Children of William James Wright (3) and 3rd wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Reddick.

Ida Wright (4) married Dr. Ike Wesson.
Children of Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) and 1st husband William Cummings. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Marian Cummings (4) married James Russell.

Ann D. Cummings (4) married William Russell.

James Asbury Cummings (4) was born October 25, 1840 and died on February 6, 1903. James married Frances Rachel Pyle. She was born January 28, 1840 and died on July 12, 1924.

Children of Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) and 2nd husband, Greenbery M. New. (Grundy New).


Benev Briggs New (4) born June 3, 1853; died May 11, 1854. Benev and Ella were twins.

James Benson New (4) was born April 1, 1855 and died March 19, 1917. James married Mrs. Willie Anderson.

Children of Benie Ellen Wright (3) and Robert Gardner. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Robert George Gardner (4) single.

Wesley Anna Gardner (4) single.

Thomas Wright Gardner (4) married Molly Weatherby. Thomas was a physician.

Ollie Gardner (4) married Robert Bowmer, a lawyer.

Charles Daniel Gardner (4), a physician, married Clara Belle Hayden.

William Gardner (4) married Mary Brown.

Children of Josiah McGehee Wright Jr (3) and 1st wife, Eliza Catherine Ray. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Laura Belle Wright (4) born September 6, 1844; died January 22, 1933. Laura married Sanders Lessenby Nance on October 29, 1865.

Georgia Ann Wright (4) was born September 3, 1846 and died October 9, 1908. Georgia married Asa Crandall Backus.

William Henry Wright (4) was born October 12, 1848 and died on June 10, 1931 at Dallas, Texas. William was a minister. He was married October 8, 1871 to Francina Alice Barkley. She was born September 18, 1850 in Harrison County, Kentucky and died July 19, 1835 in Dallas, Texas.

Charles Andrew Wright (4) was born September 12, 1850 and died October 13, 1951.
Nancy Eleanor Wright (4) was born June 2, 1852 and died January 17, 1856.

Beney Briggs Wright (4) was born November 27, 1853 and died March 25, 1856.

Maryetta Wright (4) was born August 3, 1855 and died October 19, 1855.

Samuel Benson Wright (4) was born June 17, 1857 and died the same day.

Eliza Catherine Wright (4) was born August 28, 1862 and died March 7, 1928.

Children of Josiah McGehee Wright Jr (3) and 2nd wife, Mrs. "Click" Carmen Wall.

Minnie Wright (4)
Rupert Wright (4) married. No issue.
McGehee Wright (4)

Children of Alzira Wright (3) and Albert Brown. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Annie Brown (4) married James O'Neal.

Children of Andrew Fayette Wright (3) and Mary Rogers. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Charles Wright (4)
William Wright (4)
Harry Wright (4)
Marion Wright (4)
Annie Wright (4)

Children of Susannah Hester Wright (3) and LaFayette Cole. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

James Cole (4)
Elizabeth Cole (4) married Elcano Herndon.
Bascom Cole (4)
Lily Cole (4) married Bruce Stamps.

Children of Samuel Benson Wright (3) and Sallie Jane Richardson. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Richard Maxwell Wright (4) born June 15, 1867; died July 18, 1867.
Annie Kate Wright (4) was born July 9, 1868 and died on September 2, 1911. Annie was married on November 6, 1884 to David A. Saffold. David was born February 4, 1860 and died on October 29, 1922.

Harry Josiah Wright (4) was born November 22, 1872 and died on July 3, 1959. Harry married Malona Damaris Farthing on April 22, 1896. Malona was born June 20, 1873.

Marvin J. Wright (4) was born May 3, 1874 and died September 27, 1930.

Edwin Benson Wright (4) was born September 1869 and died on April 24, 1888.

Children of Richard Bascom Wright (3) and Mary Ann Gregory. Line: Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Jasper Wright (4)

John Wright (4)

Sidney Wright (4)

Ben Wright (4)

Ed Wright (4) was a minister in Texas.

Lily Wright (4) married _____ Dorrity.

Martha Wright (4)

May Wright (4)

Ollie Wright (4)

Children of Thomas Hanley Briggs (3) and Elizabeth McMakin. Line: Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Peyton Briggs (4) was born December 24, 1851 and died June 17, 1921. Peyton married Mattie Mary Moore and lived in Washington County, Kentucky. Mattie Moore was born March 12, 1855 and died July 21, 1921.

John Robinson Briggs (4) was born February 29, 1856 and died April 24, 1911. John was married on September 20, 1883 to Caroline Tarlton Muir and lived in Nelson County, Kentucky. Caroline Muir was born May 20, 1860 and died March 18, 1933.

Andrew Briggs (4) was born September 20, 1854 and died April 8, 1934. Andrew married Elizabeth Locke Muir on September 19, 1878 and lived in Nelson County, Kentucky. Elizabeth was born March 21, 1858 and died April 12, 1931.

Alex McMakin Briggs (4) was born May 25, 1866 and died April 18, 1911. Alex married Rena King and lived in Nelson County, Kentucky. They were married on May 4, 1892. Rena was born
November 13, 1873 and married 2nd William Frederick Winter. Rena died August 17, 1958.

Kathryn Briggs (4) born 1858; died 1864.
Children of William T. Briggs (3) and __________________ Line:
Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

William Briggs (4)
Emery Briggs (4)
___ Briggs (4) a son.
Nannie Briggs (4) married a Mr. Walker.
Mollie Briggs (4)
Minnie Briggs (4)
Kate Briggs (4) married Lee Hawkins, a lawyer.

All children lived in Waxahatchy, Texas.

Children of Catherine Briggs (3) and Felix Stone. Line: Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

William Stone (4)
Briggs Stone (4)
Fletcher Stone (4)
Sue Stone (4)

Children of Mary Ann Briggs (3) and Joshua Humphrey. Line: Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Katherine Humphrey (4) married William Neal.
Nancy Humphrey (4) married William Campbell.
Samuel A. Humphrey (4) married Elizabeth Hollaway.

Children of Sarah Matilda Briggs (3) and William Madison Humphrey. Line: Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Henry Addison Humphrey (4) born 1850; died 1914. He married Elizabeth Dugan, the daughter of Noris Dugan, in 1871.
George Milton Humphrey (4) born 1851; died 1852.
Mary Alice Humphrey (4) born 1854; died 1941. She married Francis M. Tucker in 1874.
Lydia Catherine Humphrey (4) born 1859; died 1935. She married James Tucker in 1874.
Robert Andrew Humphrey (4) born 1856; died 1887. He married Justina Anna Beam in 1880.
Simon Lee Humphrey (4) born 1866; died 1944. Simon married Elizabeth Green, the daughter of Jim Green, in 1911.
Nannie Briggs Humphrey (4) born 1863; died 1864.
John Crittenden Humphrey (4) married Elanor Summers Beam. John was born in 1861 and died 1949. They married in 1883.
Maggie Humphrey (4) married Dr. John Norris Shehan. Maggie was born in 1868 and died in 1892. They married in 1887.
Emma Humphrey (4), a twin sister to Maggie, married Lovelace (Love) Bodine. Emma was born in 1868 and died in 1918. They were married in 1888.

Children of Elizabeth Briggs (3) and John W. Wilkinson. Line:
Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).
Thomas Wilkinson (4)
Andrew Wilkinson (4) married Anna Bridwell.
Wiley Wilkinson (4) never married.
Westley Wilkinson (4)
Kate Wilkinson (4) married Dr. Tom Nickols.
Myrtle Wilkinson (4) married Henry Nicholls.

FIFTH GENERATION

Children of Ella Bowden Wright (4) and Colonel Thomas J. Smith.
Line: Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).
All children were born in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Roland Wright Smith (5) was born December 23, 1875 and died February 12, 1942. Roland married on December 29, 1915 to Mary Wells Jones of Glasgow, Kentucky. Mary was born December 29, 1882.

Anne Elizabeth Smith (5) was born January 5, 1877 and died January 6, 1958. Anne married Alexander Duvall on June 7, 1905. No issue.

Henry D. Smith (5) was born March 30, 1878 and died November 4, 1922. Henry was single.

Mackie Eliza Smith (5) was born January 1, 1880. She married William Samuel Bennett of Woodburn, Kentucky on December 7, 1904. No issue. Mackie was a teacher for 35 years.

Webster Wright Smith (5) was born November 10, 1881 and died on October 30, 1950. Webster married Mrs. Maude Wescher on October 20, 1920. No issue.

Ella Bowden Smith (5) was born March 14, 1883. She taught school in New Orleans, La., Washington, D. C., and Atlanta, Ga.

Colonel Thomas Jefferson Smith II (5) was born August 18, 1885 and died May 13, 1954. Thomas married Esther Mary Christian on March 2, 1918. He was a West Point Graduate and served in World War I. No issue.

Cooper Ray Smith (5) was born June 24, 1887 and died February 4,
1951. Cooper married Ruth Walker on July 17, 1926. He was a Lt. Colonel and served in World Wars I and II and the Mexican War.

Mary Lee Smith (5) was born August 22, 1889. Mary was married on August 22, 1929 to Florence Kuhn Gray. No issue.

Children of Astley Cooper Wright (4) and 1st wife, Mary Loving. Line: Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Thomas Briggs Wright II (5) was born February 11, 1862 and died September 18, 1902. Thomas was married on December 3, 1888 to Harriet Adeline Wilford. "Hattie" was born May 3, 1867 and died on March 24, 1942. Thomas was a physician. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Shelbourne Wright (5) was born March 1, 1864 and died April 29, 1865.

Children of Astely Cooper Wright (4) and 2nd wife, Virginia Garnett Barclay.

Hugh Barclay Wright (5) was born March 1875 and died May 30, 1930. Hugh was married to Hallie Hines of St. Louis, Missouri. No issue. Hugh was a Spanish-American War Veteran. He was a member of the Roosevelt Rough Riders and one of three Americans who planted a flag (American) on top of Altares Mountain. Hugh married 2nd Margaret Monroe of Bowling Green, Missouri in 1910. No issue.

Annie Wright (5) was born in 1879 and died April 11, 1894.

Lou Ann Wright (5) was born in 1883 and died September 11, 1884.

Child of Astley Cooper Wright (4) and 3rd wife, Margaret Reed. Line as above.

Wiley Reed Wright (5) was born April 6, 1897. He attended Ogden College, the University of Illinois and the Army Industrial College. Wiley married 1st Maude Tooke on November 14, 1918. No issue. He married 2nd Gertrude Ellen Datson on February 17, 1931. Gertrude was born August 30, 1903, a graduate of North Texas State College. Wiley served in the Mexican Border Service 1916-1917; World War I Aviation 1917-1919; World War II Aviation 1940-1946.

Children of Elizabeth Wright (4) and Dr. Richard C. Thomas. Line: Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Frank Morehead Thomas (5) was born July 3, 1863 and died May 9, 1921. Frank married Stella Frances Phillips on January 18, 1900. Stella was born October 11, 1868 and died October 20, 1924. Frank was a minister.

Thomas Wright Thomas (5) was born October 10, 1866 and died on February 6, 1930 in Bowling Green, Ky. Thomas was a lawyer.

Richard Curd Pope Thomas (5) was born March 22, 1872 and died
November 11, 1939 at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Richard was married to Margaret Hogle of Nashville, Tennessee in September of 1930.

Children of James Andrew Wright (4) and Janie Kate Wilson. Line: Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Henry Eleanor Wright (5) was born November 26, 1882 and died in 1949. Henry was married on December 25, 1907 to Walter Taylor Beadles (1880-1949).

Maggie Aubrey Wright (5) was born on July 13, 1885. Maggie married Roy Paris of Oakland, Miss. on October 29, 1908. Roy was born September 11, 1883.

Betty Lula Wright (5) was born October 27, 1847 and died in 1888.

Dannie Wilson Wright (5) was born March 19, 1889 and died on May 17, 1937.

Sallie Fredonia Wright (5) was born February 12, 1893. Sallie married Herschell Hall Lewis in November of 1912. Herschell was born May 20, 1893.

Robert Thackston Wright (5) was born March 9, 1889. Robert married Opal Jane Tennant on May 20, 1919. Opal was born July 28, 1901.

Katherine (Katie Jim) Wright (5) was born August 1, 1895. She married Lyell Kenneth Sager of Webster Groves, Missouri.

Clarence Andrew Wright (5) was born November 15, 1892. He married Jane Kennedy. Jane was born November 23, 1898.

Hattie Perry Wright (5) was born November 15, 1900. Hattie married Richard Holly Boaz on September 30, 1924. Richard was born June 24, 1897.

Children of Harry Josiah Wright (4) and Malona Damaris Farthing. Line: Samuel Benson Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Harry Rhey Wright (5) was born June 22, 1897 and died in 1897.

Helen G. Wright (5) was born February 4, 1899 and died November 14, 1923.

Eloise Wright (5) was born March 1, 1905. Eloise married Dr. William Howe Fuller on March 20, 1929. William was born October 7, 1907.

Harry Josiah Wright Jr (5) was born August 5, 1909. Harry married 1st Elise Wilkerson and 2nd Virginia White.

Children of Marian Cummings (4) and James Russell. Line: Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Samuel Russell (5) is an actor.
Children of Ann D. Cummings (4) and William Russell. Line: Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

DeWitt Russell (5) married ____________.
Katherine Russell (5) married Harve Lawrence of Thayer, Kansas.
Maude Russell (5) married L. L. Lincoln.
Sue Marie Russell (5) married ____________.

Children of James Asbury Cummings (4) and Frances Rachel Pyle. Line: Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Samuel Cummings (5) was born February 22, 1865 and died September 22, 1887.
Ann Elizabeth Cummings (5) was born May 30, 1869 and married Fred W. Erdman.
Ella Kate Cummings (5) was born April 28, 1872. Ella married Edward Evans on December 3, 1897. Edward was born March 21, 1864 and died December 3, 1932.
Sallie May Cummings (5) was born April 9, 1875 near Arlington, Kentucky. Sallie married David A. Hatch on November 23, 1893. David was born March 28, 1870 at Union City, Tennessee.

Children of Robert Gardner Wright (4) and Jogie Beadles. Line: William James Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Marvin Wright (5) was born August 8, 1885 and died September 10, 1917. Marvin married Benie Kaer. Benie was born August 1, 1884 and died July 1, 1912.

Ruth Wright (5) was born August 20, 1890. Ruth married James David Covington in July of 1909. James was born July 6, 1872 and died February 12, 1952.

Children of Dr. Thomas Wright Gardner (4) and Molly Weatherby. Line: Benie Ellen Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Ellie Gardner (5) married Dr. Robison and lived in Madisonville, Kentucky.

Children of Ollie Gardner (4) and Robert Bowmer. Line: Benie Ellen Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Vic Bowmer (5)
Tom Bowmer (5)
Mary Bowmer (5)

Children of Dr. Charles Daniel Gardner (4) and Clara Belle Hayden. Line: Benie Ellen Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).
W. R. Gardner (5), a doctor, married Mae Walker.

Virginia Gardner (5) married Damon A. Holmes. No issue.

Irene Gardner (5) married Benjamin C. Kelley of Evansville, Indiana.

Charles Gardner Jr (5) married Pauline Ashmen.

Children of William Gardner and Mary Brown. Line: Benie Ellen Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Anna Gardner (5) was a teacher.

Catherine Gardner (5)

Mary Ellen Gardner (5)

William Gardner (5)

Children of Annie Kate Wright (4) and David A. Saffold. Line: Samuel Benson Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Wright Saffold (5) was born June 23, 1891 and died on December 26, 1949. Wright married 1st Isobel Elliott. Isobel was born in 1897. Wright married 2nd Pauline Blair.

Children of Andrew Briggs (4) and Elizabeth Muir. Line: Thomas H. Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

William Elmo Briggs (5) born July 18, 1880; died January 9, 1889.

Railey Briggs (5) was born August 23, 1887 and died April 22, 1931.

Andrew Briggs Jr. (5) was born February 4, 1895 and died January 29, 1934. Andrew married Anna Wood Dodson on April 16, 1929. Anna was born August 14, 1903.

Marguerite Duncan Briggs (5) was born July 17, 1890. She was married to Rowland Coxs Snyder. Rowland was born December 1, 1888.

Children of Nannie Briggs (4) and Mr. Walker. Line: William Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Mercer Walker (5)

Children of Andrew Wilkinson (4) and Anna Bridwell. Line: Elizabeth Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Edward Wilkinson (5)

Children of Myrtle Wilkinson (4) and Henry Nicholls. Line: Elizabeth Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).
William Nicholls (5)
Wesley Nicholls (5) married Mabel Shehan.
Elizabeth Nicholls (5)
Children of Kate Wilkinson (4) and Dr. Tom Nickols. Line: Elizabeth Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).
Steve Nickols (5)
Tom Nickols (5)
Elizabeth Nickols (5)
Andrew Nickols (5)

Children of Kate Wilkinson (4) and Dr. Tom Nickols. Line: Elizabeth Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Wesley Nicholls (5) married Mabel Shehan.
Elizabeth Nicholls (5)
Children of Kate Wilkinson (4) and Dr. Tom Nickols. Line: Elizabeth Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).
Steve Nickols (5)
Tom Nickols (5)
Elizabeth Nickols (5)
Andrew Nickols (5)

Mary Katie Briggs (5) born July 11, 1876; died July 19, 1940. Mary married John R. Shehan. John was born in 1876 and died in 1936.

Walter B. Briggs (5) was born Mary 15, 1879 and died January 5, 1946. Walter married Annie Rhodes. Annie was born November 11, 1890.

Thomas Milton Briggs (5) was born November 3, 1883.
Peyton Briggs Jr (5) was born June 8, 1888 and died February 28, 1945. He was buried at Bardstown, Kentucky. Peyton was married to Mina Farris in 1910.

Children of John Robinson Briggs (4) and Caroline Tarlton Muir. Line: Thomas H. Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Meville Muir Briggs (5) was born May 2, 1885 and died July 29, 1959. He never married.

Obie Wycoff Briggs (5) was born August 14, 1886. Obie married Mark Collis Whitesides on September 27, 1916. Mark was born March 6, 1886.

Children of Alex McMakin Briggs (4) and Rena King. Line: Thomas H. Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Tommie Ruth Briggs (5) was born August 18, 1895. Tommie married Thomas Montgomery Mitchell on July 25, 1914. Thomas was born on January 25, 1894.

Children of Robert Andrew Humphrey (4) and Justina Anna Beam. Line: Sarah Matilda Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Hubert L. Humphrey (5)
Children of Sam Humphrey (4) and Betty Holloway. Line: Mary Ann Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Mary Rowland Humphrey (5)
Homer Humphrey (5)
Kate Humphrey (5)

Jimmy Humphrey (5)

Children of Kate Humphrey (4) and Billy Neal. Line: Mary Ann Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Laura Neal (5)
Maggie Neal (5)
Nan Neal (5)
Mayme Neal (5)
Joshua Neal (5)

Children of William Henry Wright (4) and Francina Alice Barkley. Line: Josiah McGehee Wright Jr (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Leslie Alban Wright (5) was born July 18, 1872 and died on May 20, 1946. Leslie married May Nelson on September 21, 1899.

Ray Barkley Wright (5) was born April 24, 1874. He was married on September 5, 1900 to Jessie Lane Neal. Jessie was born May 1878 in Illinois. Ray was a doctor.

James Edwin Wright (5) was born March 11, 1876 and died September 20, 1877.

Linnie Alice Wright (5) was born November 24, 1877. Linnie married Arthur Eames Barrett on September 19, 1897. Arthur was born in 1875 and died in 1908.

Lonnie Jo Wright (5) was born October 10, 1884 and died February 3, 1898.

Royena Mason Wright (5) was born January 20, 1889. Royena married Louis Graham Phares on September 2, 1907. Louis was born February 16, 1880.

SIXTH GENERATION

Children of Roland Wright Smith (5) and Mary Wells Jones. Line: Ella Bowden Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Roland Wright Smith II (6) was born January 21, 1917. Roland graduated from Northwestern University in Chicago. He is a physicist. Roland married Edna Louise Sutphin on November 4, 1949.

Herbert Jones Smith (6) was born October 29, 1918. Herbert attended Western Kentucky State College and graduated from Bowling Green Business University. He graduated from "Mid-
shipmen's School" in 1942 at Northwestern University. He was married to Norine Elizabeth Sharp of Owensboro, Kentucky on November 14, 1942. Herbert served in World War II as a Lieutenant Senior Grade.

Children of Cooper Ray Smith (5) and Ruth Walker. Line: Ella Bowden Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Cooper Ray Smith II (6) was born May 27, 1928 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Cooper graduated from Western Kentucky State College. He married Bette Elizabeth Leathers of Lexington, Kentucky on December 30, 1950. Bette was born October 6, 1931.

Alice Walker Smith (6) was born July 30, 1930. She attended Western Kentucky State College at Bowling Green, Kentucky and Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri. She married Joseph O. Reneau on December 27, 1951.

Children of Thomas Briggs Wright II (5) and Harriet Wilford. Line: Astley Cooper Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Burnett Wilford Wright (6) was born May 22, 1890 at Bowling Green, Kentucky. In September of 1919 he married Esther Walton. Esther was born January 19, 1894. Burnett is a physician.

Mary Loving Wright (6) was born October 25, 1892 at Bowling Green, Kentucky. She married Solon Palmer on March 7, 1916. Solon was born November 6, 1899 at East Orange, New Jersey.

Astley Cooper Wright II (6) was born 1894 and died in 1899.

Daniel Webster Wright II (6) was born in 1897 and died in 1898.

Thomas Briggs Wright III (6) was born March 15, 1899 and died May 30, 1936.

Children of Frank Morehead Thomas (5) and Stella Frances Phillips. Line: Elizabeth Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Sarah Elizabeth Thomas (6) was born October 4, 1900 and died September 20, 1933. Sarah was married to Presley Meguiar Perkins on August 27, 1927. Presley was born April 28, 1895. (See Chapter XII for Morehead Family).

Thomas Richard Thomas (6) was born April 10, 1903. Thomas married Elizabeth Holman. No issue.

Francis Morehead Thomas (6) was born October 28, 1904 and died July of 1905.

Frank Morehead Thomas (6) born April 28, 1910; died November 1935.

Children of Ann Elizabeth Cummings (5) and Fred Erdman. Line: James
Asbary Cummings (4) Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Zola Erdman (6)  
Freda Erdman (6)  
Ola Erdman (6)  

Children of Ella Kate Cummings (5) and Edward Evans. Line: James Asbary Cummings (4) Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Cristie Evans (6) was born October 12, 1892.  
Camelia Evans (6) was born January 3, 1895. Camelia married Fred Kratzmeir.  
Charles Evans (6) was born June 17, 1897 and died August 10, 1947.  
Catherine Evans (6) was born March 6, 1900. Catherine married Albert Kahn.  
Cleo Evans (6) was born May 15, 1904. She married Frank D. Wyatt.  
Henry Clay Evans (6) was born February 27, 1906. Henry married Audrey Pecot.

Children of Sallie May Cummings (5) and David A. Hatch. Line: James Asbary Cummings (4) Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Samuel Benson Hatch (6) born 1894; died October 15, 1941.  
Frances May Hatch (6) was born September 30, 1897 and died April 22, 1909. Frances married Huey Furlong on August 1, 19___.  
Bennie Alonzo Hatch (6) was born April 20, 1900. Bennie was married to Lucille Rudd on August 3, 1924.  
Fred Erdman Hatch (6) was born August 24, 1902. He married Irene Legg on November 20, 1927.  
Ann Elizabeth Hatch (6) was born April 21, 1905. Ann married Stanley Lawson.  
David Linwood Hatch (6) was born January 4, 1908. David married Dorothy Owen.  
Mildred Bess Hatch (6) was born October 7, 1910 in Mayfield, Ky.  
Edward Alfonzo Hatch (6) was born March 9, 1912. He married Ruth Billingsley on December 21, 1941.
Children of Wright Saffold (5) and 1st wife, Isobel Elliott. Line:
Annie Katie Wright (4) Samuel Benson Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2)
Thomas Briggs (1).

Annie D. Saffold (6)

Children of Wright Saffold (5) and 2nd wife, Pauline Blair:
Sara Ann Saffold (6) was born September 22, 1944.
Tige Saffold (6) was born March 29, 1946.
Dona Saffold (6) was born February 25, 1948.

Children of Ellie Gardner (5) and Dr. Robison. Line: Thomas Wright
Gardner (4) Benie Ellen Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Isabel Robison (6)
Eloise Robison (6)

Children of Dr. W. R. Gardner (5) and Mae Walker. Line: Dr. Charles
Daniel Gardner (4) Benie Ellen Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas
Briggs (1).

Robert Allen Gardner (6)

Children of Charles Gardner Jr (5) and Pauline Ashmen. Line: Dr.
Charles Daniel Gardner (4) Benie Ellen Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2)
Thomas Briggs (1).

Billy Gardner (6)

Children of Leslie Alban Wright (5) and May Nelson. Line: William
Henry Wright (4) Josiah McGehee Wright Jr (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas
Briggs (1).

Leslie Alban Wright Jr (6) born September 1, 1900; married __________. No issue.

William Henry Wright II (6) was born March of 1904. William
married Marie Balch Estes in November 1936.

Children of Ray Barkley Wright (5) and Jessie Lane Neal. Line:
William Henry Wright (4) Josiah McGehee Wright Jr (3) Ann Briggs (2)
Thomas Briggs (1).

Ray Benjamin Wright (6) was born in September of 1901. Ray
married Agnes Louise Geisendorrf on August 2, 1934.

Dorothy Neal Wright (6) was born November 19, 1910 and married
George Schwabe. No issue.

Neal Wright (6) was born October 20, 1911 and died June 16, 1916.
Children of Linnie Alice Wright (5) and Arthur Eames Barrett. Line:
William Henry Wright (4) Josiah McGehee Wright Jr (3) Ann Briggs (2)
Thomas Briggs (1).

Arthur Eames Wright Barrett (6) was born June 14, 1898. He
married Willwina Crenshaw on October 7, 1923. Willwina was
born April 13, 1904.

Irvine Ray Barrett (6) was born August 11, 1899. Irvine was
married June 19, 1920 to John D. Flannagan. John was born
June 6, 1899.

Children of Rovena Mason Wright (5) and Louis Graham Phares. Line:
William Henry Wright (4) Josiah McGehee Wright Jr (3) Ann Briggs (2)
Thomas Briggs (1).

Alice Frances Phares (6) was born October 15, 1908. Alice
married Henry Gilbert Richardson on September 2, 1928. Henry
was born August 18, 1899.

Leslie Graham Phares (6) was born September 3, 1911. He was
married to Clara Lee Mahan on June 2, 1945.

Earl Wright Phares (6) was born February 9, 1915. He married
Alta Emilie Waring on October 15, 1939. Alta was born Feb-
ruary 17, 1914.

Children of Marvin Wright (5) and Benie Kaer. Line: Robert Gardner
Wright (4) William James Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Marvin Hood Wright (6) was born July 2, 1912. He married Edna
Allen. Edna was born September 7, 1927.

Dorothy Wright (6) was born September 18, 1909. Dorothy married
Herbert Boyett on August 27, 1932. Herbert was born January 30,
1905.

Virginia Wright (6) was born February 22, 1914. She married
William J. Waggoner on June 17, 1938. William was born January
19, 1915.

Children of Wiley Reed Wright (5) and Gertrude Ellen Datson. Line:
Astley Cooper Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2)
Thomas Briggs (1).

Wiley Reed Wright II (6) was born January 31, 1932. He is a
graduate of Washington and Lee University. He married Sally
Harrison Clarke on August 29, 1954. Sally was born March 29,
1933. Sally attended Hollins College.

Gertrude Margaret Wright (6) was born November 22, 1935. She
attended the University of Idaho. Gertrude married Keith Mason
Compton on August 30, 1957. Keith was born September 21, 1932.
Keith is a graduate of the University of Colorado.

Children of Henry Eleanor Wright (5) and Walter Taylor Beadles. Line:
James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

James Thackston Beadles (6) was born August 18, 1910; died May 1920.

Margaret Katherine Beadles (6) was born November 11, 1912.

Billy Duncan Beadles (6) died at 13 months.

Children of Maggie Aubrey Wright (5) and Roy Paris. Line: James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

William Wright Paris (6) was born July 28, 1914. William married Ruth Murphy on February 9, 1944. Ruth was born on February 19, 1922.

Priscilla Ann Paris (6) was born December 13, 1948. Adopted.

James Andrew Paris (6) was born August 28, 1916. James married Helma Patton on October 24, 1946. Helma was born October 28, 1919.

Roy Hudson Paris (6) was born December 10, 1919. He married Pat Oerline on September 1, 1941. Pat was born November 16, 1924.

Children of Sallie Fredonia Wright (5) and Herschell Hall Lewis. Line: James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Katherine Elizabeth Lewis (6) was born April 28, 1915. She married George Duncan Millican Jr of Bowling Green, Kentucky on October 4, 1932. George, a World War II Veteran, is a lawyer.

Jane Lewis (6) was born September 9, 1919. She was married on March 15, 1940 to Tommie Lindsay Woodward. Jane married 2nd Ed Berry.

Children of Robert Thackston Wright (5) and Opal Jane Tennant. Line: James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Robert Thackston Wright Jr (6) was born January 11, 1922. He married Rose Marie Kapalin on March 28, 1948.

Child of Katherine (Katie Jim) Wright (5) and Lyvell Kenneth Sager. Line: James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Dorothy Ann Sager (6) was born December 8, 1921 in Springfield, Illinois.

Child of Clarence Andrew Wright (5) and Jane Kennedy. Line: James
Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2)
Thomas Briggs (1).

Clarence Lee Wright (6) was born October 18, 1921.

Children of Hattie Perry Wright (5) and Richard Holly Boaz. Line:
James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2)
Thomas Briggs (1).

Betty Jane Boaz (6)

Jack Coan Boaz (6) was born November 21, 1926.

Children of Andrew Briggs Jr (5) and Anna Wood Dodson. Line:
Andrew Briggs (4) Thomas Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

John Andrew Briggs (6) was born September 24, 1930.

Children of Mary Katie Briggs (5) and John R. Shehan. Line: Peyton
Briggs (4) Thomas H. Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Oscar Briggs Shehan (6) was born August 24, 1894. He died May
31, 1958 and is buried at Bardstown, Kentucky. Oscar married
1st Mary Ellen Lorard and 2nd Lucille Flaherty.

Children of Walter B. Briggs (5) and Annie Rhodes. Line: Peyton
Briggs (4) Thomas H. Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

James Robert Briggs (6) was born July 22, 1915. He married
Mary Aline Gilkey on September 14, 1948. Mary Gilkey was born
April 18, 1924.

William Thomas Briggs (6) was born March 9, 1913 and married
Mildred Hazel Ferrell on November 21, 1959.

Children of Peyton Briggs Jr (5) and Mina Farris. Line: Peyton
Briggs (4) Thomas H. Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Mary Catherine Briggs (6) was born December 10, 1913. Mary
married 1st Russell Victor Deuser on January 25, 1936 and
married 2nd Robert Lee Rafferty on August 14, 1957.

Martha Lucille Briggs (6) was born April 1, 1917 and married
Gayle C. Adams.

Children of Marguerite Duncan Briggs (5) and Rowland Coxs Snyder.
Line: Andrew Briggs (4) Thomas H. Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2)
Thomas Briggs (1).

Anna Muir Snyder (6) was born March 5, 1912 and married John
Edward Milton. John was born August 13, 1903.

Andrew Briggs Snyder (6) was born May 20, 1919. He married
Lura Ellen Waldridge on December 26, 1936. Lura was born
February 2,1919.
Children of Obie Wycoff Briggs (5) and Mark Collis Whitesides. Line: John Robinson Briggs (4) Thomas H. Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Margaret Elizabeth Whitesides (6) was born August 26, 1919. She married Henry Lovelace Applegate on February 5, 1946. Henry was born May 15, 1918.

Marion Thomas Whitesides (6) was born June 26, 1923. He was married on December 23, 1948 to Evelyn Louise Drake. Evelyn was born July 9, 1923. Marion married 2nd to Ann Eskridge Devers on November 24, 1957.

Children of Tommie Ruth Briggs (5) and Thomas Montgomery Mitchell. Line: Alex McMakin Briggs (4) Thomas Hanley Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Thomas Briggs Mitchell (6) was born December 13, 1919. He married Joy Ann Hays on May 10, 1947. Joy was born June 13, 1924.

June Mitchell (6) was born June 3, 1924. June married Richard Harvey Schultze on January 8, 1949. Richard was born January 13, 1918.

SEVENTH GENERATION

Children of Roland Wright Smith II (6) and Edna Louise Sutphin. Line: Roland Wright Smith (5) Ella Bowden Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Mary Louise Smith (7) was born March 4, 1952.

Roland Wright Smith III (7) was born March 26, 1953.

Jeffery Alan Smith (7) was born September 20, 1956.


Children of Herbert Jones Smith (6) and Norine Elizabeth Sharp. Line: Roland Wright Smith (5) Ella Bowden Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Herbert Jones Smith II (7) was born May 19, 1944.

Jennifer Lee Smith (7) was born August 10, 1945.

Thomas Jefferson Smith III (7) was born March 30, 1947.

Nancy Norine Smith (7) was born November 18, 1950.

Sarah Verna Smith (7) was born October 27, 1952.

Frederick Sharp Smith (7) was born August 25, 1954.
Elizabeth Anne Smith (7) was born February 27, 1957.

Children of Cooper Ray Smith II (6) and Bette Elizabeth Leathers. Line: Cooper Ray Smith (5) Ella Bowden Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

   Karen Leigh Smith (7) was born July 4, 1952 in Lexington, Ky.

   Shelly Lynn Smith (7) was born February 19, 1955 in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Cooper Ray Smith III (7) was born October 21, 1958.

Children of Alice Walker Smith (6) and Joseph Reneau. Line: Cooper Ray Smith (5) Ella Bowden Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

   Alison Reneau (7) was born September 23, 1953.

   Caroll Reneau (7) was born September 23, 1953.

   Nan Hazelip Reneau (7) was born November 29, 1955.

   Jo Reneau (7) was born March 18, 1958.

Children of Mary Loving Wright (6) and Solon Palmer. Line: Thomas Briggs Wright II (5) Astley Cooper Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

   Solon Palmer II (7) was born March 19, 1918 at New York, New York. He graduated from Princeton University and Cornell Medical School. Solon married Margaret Jane Batt on February 23, 1945. Margaret was born January 19, 1923. Solon practices in Scripps Foundation and Clinic, La Jolla, California.

   Mary Harriet Palmer (7) was born January 15, 1922. Mary married Dr. David Richard Pickens on May 12, 1945. David was born April 16, 1920 at Nashville, Tennessee.

Children of Burnett W. Wright (6) and Esther Walton. Line: Thomas Briggs Wright II (5) Astley Cooper Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

   Burnett W. Wright II (7) was born January 6, 1922.

   Mary Walton Wright (7) was born January 7, 1924. Mary married Meredith W. Caldwell.

   Susan C. Wright (7) was born September 9, 1934.

Children of Wiley Reed Wright II (6) and Sally Harrison Clarke. Line: Wiley Reed Wright (5) Astley Cooper Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

   Wiley Reed Wright III (7) was born November 25, 1955.

   Margaret Elizabeth Wright (7) was born August 1, 1958.
Child of Gertrude Margaret Wright (6) and Keith Mason Compton.  
Line: Wiley Reed Wright (5) Astley Cooper Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Michael Keith Compton (7) was born September 8, 1958.

Child of Sarah Elizabeth Thomas (6) and Presley Meguiar Perkins.  
Line: Frank Morehead Thomas (5) Elizabeth Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Thomas Meguiar Perkins (7) was born April 8, 1929.

Children of William Henry Wright II (6) and Marie Balch Estes.  

Cleta Marie Wright (7) was born in 1938.

William Henry Wright III (7) was born in 1940.

Children of Ray Benjamin Wright (6) and Agnes Louise Geisendorff.  

Sondra Wright (7)

Children of Arthur Eames Wright Barrett (6) and Willwina Crenshaw.  

Arthur Eames Wright Barrett Jr (7) was born September 6, 1934.

Children of Irvine Ray Barrett (6) and John D. Flannagan. Line:  

John Hart Flannagan (7) was born June 8, 1922. John married Virginia Chalfant in June 1949. John was a Staff Sergeant WW II.  
William Wright Flannagan (7) was born December 8, 1923. He married Jeanette Oakden on July 14, 1947. William was in the Infantry in World War II. He was wounded on Bataan and he received the Purple Heart and Medal for Bravery exceeding the Call of Duty.

Children of Alice Frances Phares (6) and Henry Gilbert Richardson. Line:  

Phares Graham Richardson (7) was born April 22, 1946.

Children of Leslie Graham Phares (6) and Clara Lee Mahan. Line:  

Cornelia Sue Phares (7) was born February 19, 1948.

Children of Earl Wright Phares (6) and Alta Emilie Waring. Line:

Dorsey Graham Phares (7) born March 15, 1946; died March 20, 1946.
Coretta Rovena Phares (7) was born September 5, 1947.
Graham Leland Phares (7) was born November 9, 1948.
Roy Waring Phares (7) was born in September 1940.

Children of Marvin Hood Wright (6) and Edna Allen. Line: Marvin Wright (5) Robert Gardner Wright (4) William James Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Sharon Elizabeth Wright (7) was born August 8, 1948.
Christian Louise Wright (7) was born April 25, 1950.

Children of Dorothy Wright (6) and Herbert Boyett. Line: Marvin Wright (5) Robert Gardner Wright (4) William James Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Shirley Virginia Boyett (7) was born July 3, 1933.
Richard Glenn Boyett (7) was born October 3, 1939.
James Herbert Boyett (7) was born April 24, 1942.

Children of Virginia Wright (6) and William J. Waggoner. Line: Marvin Wright (5) Robert Gardner Wright (4) William James Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Lynn Juanita Waggoner (7) was born July 22, 1940.
Robert Wright Waggoner (7) was born January 20, 1943.

Children of Frances May Hatch (6) and Huey Furlong. Line: Sallie May Cummings (5) James Asbery Cummings (4) Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Harold Benson Hatch Furlong (7) was born March 21, 1927.

Children of David Linwood Hatch (6) and Dorothy Ownen. Line: Sallie May Cummings (5) James Asbery Cummings (4) Katherine Elizabeth Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

David Linwood Hatch Jr (7) was born December 11, 1920.
Carolyn Sue Hatch (7) was born April 6, 1932.
Dorothy Ann Hatch (7) was born February 4, 1940.

Children of Roy Hudson Paris (6) and Pat Oerline. Line: Maggie Aubrey Wright (5) James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Roi Dava Paris (7)
Children of Katherine Elizabeth Lewis (6) and George Duncan Millican Jr. Line: Sallie Fredonia Wright (5) James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Marilyn Millican (7) was born March 27, 1935 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Marilyn was married August 10, 1957 in Bowling Green to Sam Childress Potter. Sam was born June 17, 1929. He is a dentist.

Sallie Ann Millican (7) was born September 2, 1938 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Sallie married Geo. Houston Proctor on June 26, 1959. George was born December 6, 1937.

Carroll Millican (7) was born February 12, 1947 in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Children of Jane Lewis (6) and Tommie Lindsay Woodward. Line: Sallie Fredonia Wright (5) James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Tommie Lindsay Woodward Jr (7) was born August 13, 1942.

Child of Jane Lewis (6) and 2nd husband, Ed Berry.

Katherine Berry (7) was born December 21, 1956.


Sue Ann Briggs (7) was born July 6, 1949.

Mary Elizabeth Briggs (7) was born December 7, 1950.

James Thomas Briggs (7) was born January 19, 1953.

Walter David Briggs (7) was born December 12, 1954.

Robert Kenneth Briggs (7) was born May 18, 1956.

Michael Ray Briggs (7) was born November 23, 1958.

Joseph Steven Briggs (7) was born October 13, 1959; died same day.


Michael Gayle Adams (7) was born December 2, 1951.

Children of Andrew Briggs Snyder (6) and Lura Waldridge. Line: Marguerite Duncan Briggs (5) Andrew Briggs (4) Thomas H. Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Andrew Briggs Snyder (7) was born July 13, 1939.

Lillian Ann Snyder (7) was born January 2, 1942.
Children of Margaret Elizabeth Whitesides (6) and Henry Lovelace Applegate. Line: Obie Wycoff Briggs (5) John Robinson Briggs (4) Thomas H. Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

William Brown Applegate (7) was born July 28, 1946.

Margaret Ann Applegate (7) was born November 15, 1947.

Carolyn Marie Applegate (7) was born April 18, 1958.


Thomas Drake Whitesides (7) was born November 23, 1949.


Robin Thomas Mitchell (7) was born March 29, 1949 in Paris, France.

Children of June Mitchell (6) and Richard Harvey Schultze. Line: Tommie Ruth Briggs (5) Alex McMakin Briggs (4) Thomas Hanley Briggs (3) Andrew Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Richard Alex Schultze (7) was born December 15, 1949.

Virginia Frances Schultze (7) was born March 27, 1952.

EIGHTH GENERATION


Nancy Jeanette Flannagan (8) was born April 28, 1948.

Children of Mary Walton Wright (7) and Meredith W. Caldwell. Line: Burnett W. Wright (6) Thomas Briggs Wright II (5) Astley Cooper Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Edie Caldwell (8)

Walton Caldwell (8)

Roger Caldwell (8)

Children of Solon Palmer II (7) and Margaret Jane Batt. Line: Mary Loving Wright (6) Thomas Briggs Wright II (5) Astley Cooper Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Margaret Markland Palmer (8) was born April 9, 1947.

Barbara Sanford Palmer (8) was born November 2, 1950.
Solon Palmer III (8) was born March 4, 1952.

Children of Mary Harriet Palmer (7) and Dr. Richard Pickens. Line: Mary Loving Wright (6) Thomas Briggs Wright II (5) Astley Cooper Wright (4) Thomas Briggs Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

David Richard Pickens III (8) was born June 6, 1947.

Mary Wilford Pickens (8) was born February 24, 1949.

John Palmer Pickens (8) was born September 13, 1954.

Robert Manning Pickens (8) was born January 8, 1957.

Children of Marilyn Millican (7) and Sam Childress Potter. Line: Katherine Elizabeth Lewis (6) Sallie Fredonia Wright (5) James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Sam Childress Potter Jr (8) was born February 23, 1959 in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Children of Sallie Ann Millican (7) and George Houston Proctor. Line: Katherine Elizabeth Lewis (6) Sallie Fredonia Wright (5) James Andrew Wright (4) Robert Thackston Wright (3) Ann Briggs (2) Thomas Briggs (1).

Rebecca Lewis Proctor (8) was born March 27, 1960.
CHAPTER IX

JAMES BRIGGS (1)

No information has been received regarding this line; however, we know that James Briggs (1) was one of the sons of Robert Bridges and Mary Landon Bridges who came to America with his brothers. Some family records call him "Jamie".

Collins History of Kentucky, Volume I, page 513, states — "The first turnips were sowed in the fall of 1775 by James Bridges on a quarter acre cleared by him, five miles above the Mouth of Muddy Creek in Madison County, Kentucky." (Whether or not this is our line, has not been verified.)
The only information we have regarding Andrew Briggs (1) is that he came to America in 1791. He was living at that time west of the Alleghanies in a county of Virginia near Bardstown, Kentucky (Bards-station) at that time. When his brother, Thomas Briggs(1) came to America in 1793 and died soon after his arrival in Virginia, Andrew journeyed to Warrick, Virginia and took Thomas's widow, Catherine Cuman Briggs, and her children to his home near Bardstown. According to the stories handed down through the generations, Andrew never married.
CHAPTER XI

OLD LETTERS

Leslie August 27th 1793

These are to certifie, that Thomas Bridge the bearer, and his wife Catherine Cuman, were both in full communion with this associate Congregation for some years past: And behaved themselves Christianly, with sobriety & honesty. Are now about to remove from us with their children free from public scandal or ground for Church Censure known to us. So that we know nothing to hinder their admission into any Christian Congregation, where God shal determine the place of their residence.

John Mortoun Minister
Patrick Jollie, Sess: Clk

The following two letters are copies of original letters in the possession of Mrs. Jack Hinman of Springfield, Illinois. They were written during the Civil War to her father, William Thomas Briggs.

Point Lookout, Md.
February 28th, 1864

Dear Cousin—I embrace this present opportunity to inform you that I am a prisoner at this place. I was captured the 29th of last June, I was captured almost without money or clothing. Cousin Thomas, would it be asking two much of you to send me five or ten dollars in greenback money -- if you will send me a few dollars it will be thankfully received. If you send me the money send it by Express for it is the safest way to send it, Cousin Thomas. I have forgotten your postoffice, please write to me and give me your postoffice. I have not herd anything from you since before the war. Your sister Elizabeth and your brother James are both dead, your brother James died in the army. Direct your letter to Company C. 7 Division, Point Lookout, Maryland, in care of Commanding Officer. I must close -- nothing more—but remain your cousin.

Erasmus Williams
Co. C 7 Division
Pt. Lookout

Nashville, Tenn
July 5, 1864

Dear Brother -- I take this present time to address you with these few lines in answer to the letter you wrote me some time ago. I
getting along fine now I am well and harty but we are very busy now waiting on the wounded and sick there was six hundred wounded come in here last week and the hospitals was all full and we had to put up tents to put them in and it is very hot on them. Well, David, I suppose you had a big time on Salt Creek yesterday. I reccon Beaver is running the platform this summer again. They had a big thing in here yesterday but I didn't get time to get out among them. They had a big Picnic out at Fort Neaggley about two miles from town they had a big time out there. They was shooting here all day. They have a big gun here that a man can almost walk strate in it. It is the biggest gun they have at this post. They shot here off one hundred times the 4th. It shook the whole city and the earth around it about a dozen of boys here at the hospital had our 4th last night -- we had a gay little time at a shindig there was 14 gals there and 12 boys of us and we danced all night and some of the boys got tight and they didn't get back to the hospital till the next morning and someone reported them and they put them in the gardh- house. They wont keep them in longer than today. Well, Dave, I rec- con you and Tom had a pretty bizzy time this summer a tending to your crops. I reccon help is pretty hard to get there now — especialy in harvest. I would like to know how you are getting along and how things is arranged on the place now i haven't heard how that new renter is geting along and how you all like him by this time. Well Dave I haven't much news of importance from the front lately but they are still fighting every day and the rebells are falling back into fort- ications there was 4 boys from my regiment came back here last week wounded and they said they was killing our men faster than we was their for they have breastworks behind them to fall back in but Gen Shermame is driving them through Geo pretty fast. It is the general opinion of the people down here that if "Grant" takes Richmond pretty soon and gets his "army" to driving that this fall and winters cam- paign will end the thing with them. There isn't but 8 men officers and all in Co. F now that abble for duty — there is 4 wounded and the rest of them is sick. When McBride and Cowardin and Nils Davies is in Charranooga sick & Bill Weaver is in Louisvill. Henry Shastum is here someplace but I cant find him. The old "73" is very small now there isnt more than 100 and 20 men in it now if she fights much more it will play out intirely.

Well Dave I have wrote you all of the news of any importance so I will close. Write as soon as you can and tell how you are all getting along and tell me how mother is getting along and who is stay- ing with her now. I like to see her mighty well give her my love and best respects and respects to you all. So no more at present.

Yours respectfully

Hezekiah Briggs

Write to No. 2 hospital.

Spencer County, Ky.
March the 26th, 1862

Dear Cousin,

It has been a long time since I saw you or heard from you, but I have two sons near you and one of them to die. I concluded I would write to you and perhaps you could give me some information about my other son and my brother-law—John B. Hughes, and some of the particulars of Fletcher's death. I have two brothers and two half brothers. T. H. Briggs lives near where my father died. Win
I lives in Ellis County Texas; he is a doctor. I have three living sisters and one dead. Three half-sisters, two married. I have eleven children living—one dead. Write to me soon-direct to Smiley-ton in Spencer County, Ky, and give me all the information you can.

(letter to Dr. T. B. Wright)

John R. Briggs

The following is a copy of a letter written to Thomas Briggs Wright by Benee Hester:

Indiana—May the 25th—1842—Scott County

Dear Thomas B,

Tho I have suffered sometime to elapse in silence since I received your letter, do not imagine that I was not interested with it. It was truly pleasing intelligence to me to hear of one for whom I have so long prayed, and for whose welfare I have been so anxiously concerned, and one too who, I have sometimes feared, was halting between two opinions, not fully determined to serve God or Mammon; to hear I say, that you have taken a decided stand on the Lord's side is to me no small matter of rejoicing. I feel like taking fresh courage, and saying the Lord shall be my portion and the portion of my family forever. And now my dear friend as you have chosen the Lord for your portion let nothing hinder you from rendering yourself an acceptable sacrifice to God which is your reasonable service, commence take up every cross no matter how heavy they are, your long neglect of duty will make your path the rougher, and your crosses heavier but be not discouraged only persever and your way will become smoother and your burden lighter; for the path of the just shall shine brighter and brighter and the yoke of the Saviour will become easier and the burden lighter the longer we wear them; therefore if you have not commenced every known duty neglect them no longer, especially that inestimable one—family prayer. O! Thomas, I cannot tell you how much importance attach to that one duty, it appears to me without it there is no family religion; and with a due and constant attendance on it, enforced by precept and example aided and guided by Almighty Grace there could scarcely be a family without it. I think I for one, I may be permitted to stand an advocate for the benefits derived from the practical use of family religion upwards of twenty four years have rolled away since we commenced housekeeping, the first night your uncle set up the family altar, before which without interruption we regularly bowed together night and morning for about six months, when he was called from home, for two weeks to fill the appointment of our preacher who was somewhat unwell, and I was left alone for the first time. I reflected what should I do, to neglect family duty and let the fire go out upon our altar because I was a woman seemed to me to be a poor excuse to living before our righteous judge, I therefore got my Bible, tho there was but one little girl beside myself in the house, and read it and went to prayer thus I began and continued to bear my cross at all times in his absence and never do I recollect shirking from it but once, and that was in consequence of presence of older members of the church who, I knew, were neglecting of that duty and I, at that time had not courage enough to perform before them but I resolved after that not to let friend or foe drive me from my duty and what has been the issue?

Why the Lord has given me all my children as fast as they come to years of maturity to help me, the oldest before he was fifteen—
in his father's absence, would perform the duties of the altar no matter who was present, the second and third tho more diletent in my presence never suffer the family altar to be neglected when left at home alone. These things I relate in order to encourage you to persevere in the good way if you would have your children travel the right road you must walk before them and lead them for you cannot drive them.

I suppose you have heard that Asbury is traveling he travels on this side of the river not far from your Aunt Tosy, he was at home two weeks ago and preached for us. It is generally thought if he lives and continues faithful he will make a very useful man, his eyes are still afflict and I am afraid will not soon be otherwise it seems to be a nervous affliction. He was to see your aunt and family - they were well. Your cousin John was to be married in a few days. Andrew B. was not at home they say he was in Texas going to school. Asbury left us a week ago last Monday not to return again until fall. We are almost alone only two of our own children with us. (a part of 5 lines of letter torn out here)

Wm McKendrel are at Greencastle something like miles from us, I do not expect this fall Addison expect to before he quits school Scholarship we intend to keep one of the younger boys with him as long as goes.

Your Aunt Nelly and family were well when I heard from them last, which was when Asbury came home, I understand by your letter that your sister Benee Ellen and her companion were on your circuit; give them my respects, tell Benee Ellen she must try to be faithful and patient soldier in the good cause. I know she will find many to trouble and perplex her, and if she is not more fortunate than her Aunt has been she will often feel that it will require all the energies of soul and body to bear up under the accumulated trials and difficulties which are to be met with in life, yet let not these things discourage her, tell her she must fight if she would win the prize, the crown is at the end of the race, and she must run the whole course if she would obtain it.

Give my love to your wife and little ones. Tell old sister Briggs that we often think of her and would be glad to hear from her or any of her family. Your Uncle Hester is as interesting as ever in his different spheres of action, he labors hard all week on the farm, travels from ten to fifteen miles on the Sabath after preaching twice a day besides attending funeral occasionally during the week.

I must draw to a close I want you to write more frequently you need not always wait for me I have more to hinder me than you have I expect beside my eye sight is not so good as it has been which renders writing a greater task.

Farewell,

Bennee Hester

Paris, Ind
May 30th
Romans the first Chapt. 6 verse.
Copy of part of a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Curd Finch to her sister, Mrs. Presley Meguiar. The original is owned by her granddaughter, Nannie V. Perkins.

Rockfield, Kentucky
Jan. 30, 1869

Dear Sister:

...... Now for Bro. Meguiar’s requested information for Bro. Redford—1st. Mother’s Grandfather’s name was Charles Morehead and he married Miss Mary Turner. Her mother (Kerenhappuch Norman Turner) lived to be 116—she was a firm friend of Gen. George Washingtons—and one of the patriot women of the rough struggle for Independence from the Britsh. On one occasion she swam the James River horseback with dispatches to Washington.—Ferries being guarded—she succeeded while the others were captured. She had 9 or 10 grandchildren in the army. She had a ball given her on her 100 birthday and opened the ball and dances well. She as well as the above named, belonged to the Church of England.

Our Morehead (Charles) died about 1783. Left 8 children, five sons and 3 daughters, the two oldest were with Washington. One was wounded at Burgoyne’s defeat. Two of her sons came to Ky. before she and one died before she came. She also lost a widowed daughter before, and she brought the two little sons with her. She brought 4 children and those two little grandchildren with her. They came in a wagon as far as Pittsburg—and from there they came on a flat boat. Was attacked by the Indians but escaped unhurt to Louisville. They came in 1786 and settled in Nelson County. Grandmother, Elizabeth Morehead Briggs, was then fourteen years old. She married in 1792. When Grandfather, William Thompson Briggs died he owned about 1500 acres of land and had quite a number of servants. (Note—Lived near Bowling Green, Ky. on Russellville road.) He had given several tracts of land away—five or six hundred acres. He gave Widow Briggs (widow of Thomas Briggs) Mrs. Wright's mother 200 acres. Mother (Mary Morehead Briggs Curd) boarded with her in 1805 and went to school to Mr. Wright. Aunt B. (also called aunt Briggs) was a very pious woman, Professed religion at 8 years of age, Joined the Presbyterian church in Scotland—and also in Virginia, but when she came to Warren Co., there was no church she could unit with.

There was a family by the name of Millar who were Methodist living near. They were pious and had preaching at his house and a small society formed at his house and Aunt B. and her eldest daughter joined the class—She was a very intelegent lady and from her mother received her first religious impressions which was before she attend ed dancing class. While boarding with her and visiting them she heard Sellers—Cartwright—Oglesby—Huxley—Harper—Burk—Brown preach in passing and at quarterly meeting held in a grove near Millers. Sellers was the first circuit preacher she ever heard to know as such. When Methodist preachers were at Mr. Miller’s, Aunt Briggs and her family attended family prayers, as it was close by. At that time Mother says she was determined to be religious—but was opposed by all her friends except Aunt B’ family and they were afraid to say anything to her for fear of displeasing Grandma. It was about this time she was sent to dancing school. She says it was one of the severest trials she ever experienced. She was too young to decide which was the greater sin—to disobey her mother or to go to dancing school—she says the first day she attended she cried and prayed all night. (the remainder of the letter is torn off).
Dear Grandmother(Matilda Otey Briggs)  
Feb. 7-1886  

It has been a long while since I have written to you, I would have written sooner but have been so busy that I have not had much time to write. The weather has been very cold here, but is moderating some now. The sleighing is very good, but I have not had a sleigh ride this winter. I am going to College now, and have to study a great deal so that I have not many spare moments. I am getting along pretty well in my studies. How is your health this winter, are you well and strong. Where are you staying now. Do you ever hear from Uncle Jake's folks where are living and what are they all doing. And I wish you would tell Clarence to write to me. How is the weather in Lincoln, is it very cold and do you feel the cold much. We are having a big Revival here. Two evangelists by the name of Potter and Miller are doing a great work. And many are being converted. I think I shall come to Lincoln this summer and if I do I will come to see you sure. It has been a long while since I have seen you I am so sorry I could not get to see you the last time I was to Lincoln. Well it is getting late and as mother wants to write some I will have to close for this time. You must write soon Your loving Grandson Wesley Briggs

Lincoln Logan Co Ills  
Mar 11-1916  

To Mrs. May Otey  
I seen in the Courier Journal the count of your husbans death  
The name being Otey got me interested that was my mothers name before marriage we had an uncle John Otey he lived in Williamson Co Ills I feel at a loss how to write to you what I want to know is wheather you are some of that relation my mother had a brother Thomas went off in that part of the country in a eairly day. My mothers name was Matilda Briggs maiden name was Otey my name is David Briggs the 8th child out of 9 children if this dockament becomes intersting which I hope will I will write a more of a letter this paper was from Paducah Ky Jan 31 As I shall close hoping these few lines will find you all well  
As your, respectfly  
David P Briggs

Children of David P. Briggs: Jake Briggs and wife, Mary, to the left. Grace Briggs Handlin and husband, Frank Handlin, shown above.
CHAPTER XII
ADDITIONAL DATA ON EARLY ANCESTORS AND ALLIED FAMILIES

The material in this chapter is given to show aligning families. The information was furnished by descendants as shown on the following pages and was too valuable to be discarded as not being specifically of the Bridge-Briggs family. The data should be informative historically and should show something of interest in the matter of "pioneer lore".

References for data on Brooks, Browne, and Wroe families: William & Mary Quarterly Series 2 Vol 15 page 195; Tyler's Quarterly Vol 21 page 231; Virginia Historical Magazine October 1922; Greer's Early Virginia Immigrants; William & Mary Quarterly Vol 18 page 441; Wills of Westmoreland County by Fathervill.

Brooks Family

Henry Brooks ( -1662) married Jane Wickliffe, widow of David Wickliffe. Jane married David, probably in England, and bore him six children. David Wickliffe (her son) served in the Maryland Assembly from St. George's Hundred in 1630. He appeared in Maryland in 1635-36 as a member of the Evelyn Expedition. Henry Brooks was a shipwright of Westmoreland County, Virginia. He filed application for a land grant in Westmoreland County, Virginia claiming credit for bringing wife, Jane, whom he married before 1650, two Brooks, three Wickliffes. He gave each of the Wickliffes 150 acres of land. He was a vestryman of Mattix Parish July 3, 1661. His will is of June 21, 1662 and proven February 3, 1663. Jane Wickliffe Brooks married for a third time to James Campbell. Henry Brooks was in Northumberland County, Virginia in 1651.

Jane Brooks, daughter of Henry and Jane Brooks, married Richard Higden. After Richard Higden died November 4, 1663, she married Captain Original Browne.

Judith Browne, daughter of Jane Brooks Higden Browne and Captain Original Browne, married William Wroe.

William Browne, (1685-1759) the son of Jane Brooks Higden Browne and Original Browne, signed the Oath on November 25, 1755 (on file in Montross, Westmoreland Co., Va.) that he is of the Colony of Virginia, a planter and 70 years old. That many times in his youth he was informed by ancient inhabitants of his neighborhood (Mattix Neck -Westmoreland County, Va.) that David Wickliffe and Jane Brooks (his half sister) came from Maryland 100 years ago being infants of tender years. David Wickliffe was supposed to be the first Protestant white child born in Maryland.

Browne Family

Richard Browne, born 1618 and died December 18, 1670, took the Oath of Fidelity in 1647 in St. Mary's, Maryland. He was a landed proprietor in Westmoreland County, Virginia in 1653. Richard had two sons: Captain Original Browne and Robert Browne.

Captain Original Browne (1648-1698) was the son of Richard Browne.
He married Jane Brooks Higden. He came to Westmoreland County in 1653. His will, written February 5, 1697 or 1698, was probated on April 27, 1698, mentions daughter, Judith Wroe and his wife, Jane.

Judith Browne, daughter of Captain Original Browne and Jane Higden Browne, married William Wroe. 1696/7. Judith died ante 1725.

Jane Browne, daughter, married Nathaniel Pope.

Mary Browne married Francis Triplett. Mary was born 1682.

William Browne (1680-1714) married Hester Hall.

Wroe Family

William Wroe (born 8 Feb. and died 3 Sept. 1730) married Judith Browne. He married 2nd Hannah Mason, the daughter of John Mason. William Wroe came from Lancashire, England. He was a man of considerable means. He died in Westmoreland County, Virginia. His will, written Feb. 8, 1725 and probated September 30, 1730; mentions "my negroes and other estate to my wife, Hannah; sons Original, William, Richard and daughters Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth, Sarah and Judith". He may have been called "John" as will of John Mason, written Jan. 16, 1725 and proven February 1725, gave to Original Wroe, son of John Wroe, one half personal estate.

William Wroe Jr. married Elizabeth Pope, widow of John Pope who died intestate in 1735, the son of Nathaniel Pope and Jane Browne. They had one daughter, Anjaletta, who married Joseph Fox.

Original Wroe, born August 29, 1697 in Westmoreland County, Virginia, was the son of William Wroe and Judith Browne. He married Jane Lyne before 1736. Jane (July 25, 1710–October 21, 1769) was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Lyne. Thomas Lyne died intestate in 1717 in Lancaster County, Virginia. He signed his own name and the inventory mentions a number of books. Original Wroe married first "Eleener" in September 27, 1719. He married Jane Lyne second. He left a large estate. He died in Westmoreland County, Virginia. The children of Original Wroe and his first wife, Eleener:

Jane Wroe, born December 19, 1723.
John Wroe, born April 21, 1721.
Eleener Wroe, born December 8, 1726; died October 8, 1728.
William Wroe, born September 15, 1729; died 1781. He married Grace Chancellor, the daughter of Thomas Chancellor (Chandler) and Katherine Cooper of Westmoreland, Virginia.
Reginald Wroe, born August 19, 1732.

The children of Original Wroe and Jane Lyne:

Ellen Wroe, born March 12, 1736; died Oct. 21, 1737.
Richard Wroe, born April 3, 1738; died September 18, 1813. He married Rebecca Chancellor (Chandler).
Judith Wroe, born November 18, 1740 in Westmoreland County, Virginia; married William Briggs in 1760. She died April 1815.
Elizabeth Wroe, born August 4, 1743; married Mr. Scott according to her father's will.
Thomas Wroe, born January 10, 1745 or 46; married Katherine Chancellor.

Susanna Wroe, born May 1, 1748; married John Edwards, the first United States Senator from Kentucky. They lived at Bourbon, Kentucky. John Edwards served from 1792-1795. He was the son of Haden Edwards and Penelope Sanford of Prince William and Stafford Counties, Va. John Edwards was one of the Kentucky members of the Virginia Convention which ratified the present constitution of the United States.

Benjamin Wroe, born January 2, 1750; married Sarah Chancellor.

Lucetta Wroe, born July 4, 1753; married John Weedon.

Third Generation of the Wroe Family:

Children of Judith Wroe and William Briggs. (See Chapter VII beginning with page 28.)

Children of Susanna Wroe and John Edwards:

Wroe Edwards

Major John Edwards - born in Virginia in 1773; on July 6, 1794 married Mary Garrard, daughter of Governor James Garrad.

Haden Edwards

George Edwards

Nancy Edwards married William Hutchinson.

Elizabeth Edwards married James Hutchinson on May 8, 1784.

Susanna Edwards

Jane Edwards

Amos Edwards

Benjamin Edwards

Mary Edwards

Gustavus Erixon Edwards


William Edwards—came to Virginia in 1635 and died in 1697.

William Edwards Jr—in 1678 married Ann Harrison, daughter of Col. Benjamin Harrison. Col. Benjamin Harrison was the grandfather of Benjamin Harrison, Signer of the Declaration of Independence. The latter was the father of General William Harrison and great grandfather of President Benjamin Harrison.


Hayden (Haden) Edwards, son of William Edwards III and Mary Haden married Penelope Sanford and moved to Bourbon County, Kentucky. He died in 1803 in Bourbon County. Penelope Edwards will is recorded in Book 1 (1809) Logan County, Kentucky.
Col. John Edwards, son of Haden and Penelope Sanford Edwards, was born in Virginia in 1748. John married Susannah Wroe of distinguished Virginia Ancestry. John was the first United States Senator from Kentucky in 1792-1795. He was a Lt. Colonel in the Militia. Under date of May Court, 1783, Lincoln County, is recorded the following: "Be it ordered that the following persons be recommended to his Excellency the Governor of Virginia to be appointed officers of the Militia of this county, to wit: John Logan, Esq. Colonel of 1st Battalion, John Edwards, Esq., Lt. Colonel and George Adams Major." In March 1800, Col. John Edwards made a deed of Trust to his wife and children.

Major John Edwards, son of John and Susannah Wroe Edwards, was born in Virginia in 1773. On July 6, 1794 he married Mary Garrard, daughter of Governor James Garrard. When Mary died in 1821, John married Elizabeth Keller. Children of Major John Edwards and Mary Garrard:

Elizabeth Garrard Edwards, born 1797, married Edward Waller.
Arabella Edwards, born 1799, married Dr. George H. Perrin.
Mary D. Edwards, born 1800, married Alexander Noah.
James Edwards, born 1802.
Ariadne Edwards, born 1804; died 1826.
Achilles Edwards, married George Markham Withers.
John Henry Edwards, born May 19, 1808, married Nathaniel Davis on February 27, 1827. Nathaniel, the son of James Davis of Virginia, was born April 2, 1791 and died in 1864.
Margaret Edwards, born May 19, 1808, married Mary L. Kellar.

"Westwood", the home of John Edwards Sr., was located on Coopers Run near Brentsville, Bourbon County, Ky., four miles west of Paris.


John Edwards Sr. Deed Book E, page 373.—Indenture made this twenty ninth day of March year 1800 between John Edwards, Esquire, of the county of Bourbon, State of Kentucky of the first part, Amos Edwards, John Edwards Jr. and James Hutchinson of county and State aforesaid of second part, Susannah Edwards, wife of said John Edwards, Esquire, of the third part, and Susannah Reeder, widow, Polly Edwards, Nancy Edwards, Gustavus Erixon Edwards and Benjamin Edwards, children of the said John Edwards, Esquire and wife Susannah of the fourth part, witness that in consideration of the sum of five shillings lawful money of the State of Kentucky paid by said Amos Edwards, John Edwards Jr. and James Hutchinson, and consideration of love and affection which the said John Edwards hath for the said Susannah and others named and for the support and separate main maintenance of said Susannah and said children and for settling and assuring the lands, tenements, and negroes herein named unto uses declared, he the said John Edwards, Esquire, grants and confirms unto the said Amos Edwards, John Edwards Jr. and James Hutchinson all the tract called "Westwood" lying in Bourbon, along with negroes, said Susannah during her life to receive rents and profits and product of the labour of said negroes for her support and the support and education of her children, and after her
death then to Susannah Reeder, Polly Edwards, Nancy Edwards, Gustavus Erixon Edwards and Benjamin Edwards, property to remain for purpose aforesaid upon the trusts aforesaid.


Ref: The National Encyclopedia of American Biography. (also taken from the Kentuckian-Citizen, Paris, Kentucky.)

"John Edwards in 1780 removed to that portion of Virginia which was shortly afterwards formed into the State of Kentucky. He represented Fayette County in the Kentucky Legislature in 1781, 1782, 1783, 1785, in the last year being one of the commissioners who selected Frankfort as the seat of government. He was a delegate at the Conventions of 1785, 1787 and 1788, and assisted in settling the boundary of the State and in forming its Constitution, and in 1792 he was elected to the Convention which ratified the Federal Constitution. He was the first United States Senator from Kentucky in 1792 to 1795. In the latter year he was again elected to the State Legislature and continued to serve in that body from 1796 to 1800 when he retired to private life."

Hartis Family

Sarah Rone Hartis was born in 1799 or 1800 in North Carolina. Her parents came from Virginia. The Rone family came directly from Holland and were full-blooded Dutch. There was an early Dutch settlement in Mecklenberg County, North Carolina. The early Rone families of Warren and Butler Counties in Kentucky descended from Adam Rone, born 1762 in Holland and in 1803 settled in Warren or Logan Counties, Kentucky. Sarah married 1st Hartis and 2nd Samuel K. Hodge, farmer, about 1832. Sarah burned to death in the farm home in 1863 in Logan County, Kentucky. There were 72 acres and it was spoken of as the Hartis, Hodge, Manley farm. Sarah's children by her first husband:

Elizabeth Hartis, born 1814 and died April 1, 1861, married James J. Williams who was born in 1818.

David Wilson Hartis, born July 14, 1817 in North Carolina and died June 6, 1873, was married to Violet Edwards in Logan County, Kentucky on March 2, 1840. Violet died in Taylor County, Texas on January 1, 1907, a very old lady. David is buried in the Old Dick Green Cemetery outside of Rochester, Kentucky beside his son, Edmund.
John Henry Hartis, farmer, born in 1823 in Mecklenberg County, North Carolina, married Pinky Ellen Briggs in Logan County, Ky., in July 1846. The Manley Bible lists John's death as April 17, 1861 but an old account book of Dr. George Richardson had an account for Henry Hartis from 1852-1873 and then closed as if he had died or moved.

Mary Hartis, born 1828 in North Carolina, never married. She was called "Polly".

Perry C. Hartis, born 1830 in North Carolina, was called "Uncle Gailie".

These are Sarah's children by Samuel K. Hodge:

Alexander Hodge was born 1833 in North Carolina.
Elvira Hodge, born 1835 in North Carolina, married S. W. Manley in Logan County, Kentucky on February 26, 1852.
Margaret Hodge, born August 23, 1838 in North Carolina, married Joseph W. Herrigton, a preacher, on December 5, 1857.

Third Generation of Hartis family:

Children of Elizabeth Hartis and James J. Williams:
Sarah C. Williams—born 1838 in North Carolina.
Mary Williams—born 1840 in Kentucky.
Lucy Williams—born 1843 in Kentucky.
Amanda J. Williams—born 1844 in Kentucky.
Samuel J. Williams—born 1845 in Kentucky.
Thomas J. Williams—born 1846 in Kentucky.
Susan Williams—born 1849 in Kentucky.

Children of David Wilson Hartis and Violet Edwards:
Children were listed in 1850 Census, all born Ky.
Sarah Jane Hartis, age 8.
Julia Ann Hartis, age 6.
John F. Hartis, age 4.
Edmund A. Hartis, age 1.

With the David Wilson Hartis family was P. C. Hartis, age 20 called "Gailie" born in North Carolina. Above were the children of 1850, but the youngest child is Perry C. Hartis named for "Uncle Gailie" and he was living in 1952 in Rochester, Kentucky at the age of 82 years. He gives the children as:
Sarah Jane Hartis, born 1842.
Julia Ann Hartis, born 1844.
John F. Hartis, born 1846.
Edmund A. Hartis, born 1849.
Louis Hartis.
Martin L. Hartis
Wilson Henry Hartis
Frances M. Hartis, born Rochester, Butler Co., Ky., on 20 December 1862, married October 2, 1881 at Roadhouse, Greene County, Illinois, to Lewis Cass Brewster, direct descendant of William Brewster, elder and passenger on the Mayflower in 1620. Lewis was the son of Dr. Lewis Augustus Brewster and Mary Wheeling Brewster. The lineage of Lewis Cass Brew-
Alice Hartis
Perry C. Hartis, born May 29, 1869, married Kester Elizabeth Cabbs.

Children of John Henry Hartis and Pinky Ellen Briggs (4):
By 1850 census Logan County, Ky.
Margaret Lenora Hartis, age 3.
Martha Hartis, age 1.

The 1860 census listed Pinky Ellen as deceased and children as:
Margaret Lenora Hartis, born 1847.
Martha Hartis, married William Thomas Briggs.
Ellen Mary Katherine Hartis, age 8.
David Hartis, age 5.
John Hartis, age 2.

Children of Elvira Hodge and Samuel Washington Manley:
Richard Manley
Ollie Manley

Fourth generation of the Hartis family:
Children of Frances M. Hartis and Lewis Cass Brewster:
Lafayette Augustus Brewster, born September 1822 in White Hall, Greene County, Illinois.
Violet Frances Brewster- born March 4, 1885 in Boone, Iowa.
Lois Mary Brewster- born March 3, 1895 in Boone, Iowa.

Children of Margaret Lenora Hartis and Simon Koons:
Hattie Koons- died 1900, single.
Edith Koons- died in infancy.
Ida Koons- died October 11, 1944.
Anna Catherine Koons married Rollo Hinman.

Children of Martha Hartis and William Thomas Briggs:
See Chapter VII—page 50 for list of names.

Mitchel Family

Peyton Mitchel, husband of Elizabeth Briggs (3), was a brother of Ormsby McKnight Mitchel, astronomer and Civil War General. Ormsby was founder and director of Mt. Adams Observatory in Cincinnati and also the Dudley Observatory in Albany, New York.
Gilkey Family


David Gilkey, brother of John, married Elizabeth Tyler Pottenger.

Phoebe Gilkey, daughter of David and Elizabeth Pottenger Gilkey, married Ebenezer Briggs, son of William and Judith Wroe Briggs.

Randolph–Keith–Ashmore

William Randolph, born in 1645 in Warwickshire, England, came to Virginia in 1679 and settled on Turkey Island. William was the son of Richard Randolph of Morton Hall, England. He succeeded his Uncle Henry Randolph who preceded him to America as Clerk of the Colony of Virginia of Henrico County. He married Mary Isham in 1680. Mary was the daughter of Henry Isham and Katherine Banks of "Bermuda Hundred" on the James River opposite Turkey Island. William served as Justice, Burgess, Attorney General, Speaker of Burgesses (1700–1705) and the Kings Councillor. William died April 11, 1711 at Turkey Island, Henrico County, Virginia. The Randolphs trace their descent to Randolph, Duke of Westmoreland, who died in 1524. William was also President of the Council, Captain of Henrico Forces in 1680. He was also the founder of William and Mary College in 1690. (Ref: The Marshall Family by Paxton & Bishop Meade.)

Thomas Randolph, born in 1685 at Tuckahoe Plantation, was the son of William Randolph and Mary Isham Randolph. He served as Justice and Member of the House of Burgesses. Thomas married 1st Judith Churchill and 2nd Judith Fleming.

Mary Isham Randolph, born in 1718, the daughter of Judith Fleming and Thomas Randolph. She was married March 2, 1733 to Reverend James Keith who was born in Scotland in 1696. James Keith came to Virginia in 1715 and died March 2, 1758. James Keith was educated at Mareschal College at Aberdeen, Scotland. James was the son of Robert Keith and the grandson of George Keith, Earl Mareschal who founded Mareschal College. The office of Earl Mareschal was never out of the family of Keiths in Scotland who served their country in that distinguished capacity for seven hundred years. In the 14th century, William Keith, married Margaret Frazier, grandchild of Alexander and Mary Bruce, sister of Robert Bruce. Reverend James Keith had jurisdiction over Hamilton Parish, Virginia. (See Reference above.)

Donald or Daniel McDonald, whose ancestors went from Scotland in the 14th Century and settled in County Antrim, Ireland, was rector of several churches in the Brunswick Parish, Virginia. Browning, in his "Royal Americans" says that Donald McDonald was a lineal descendant of Robert II, King of Scotland (1370-1390). Robert II had a daughter, Princess Margaret Stuart, who was the second wife of Angus Mox McDonald, Lord of the Isles. Mrs. Rufus Dawes, a descendant, had a record from an old family Bible (which belonged to John Howison and was destroyed in 1863 when the house was ransacked during the Civil War) saying "Rev. Daniel McDonald was a grandson of Ranald McDonald, First Earl of Antrim". In a letter written by R.R. Howison, to his cousin, Mrs. Cornelia Barbour Somerville, dated March 24, 1888, is in part as follows: "He was a clergyman of the Church of England, and officiated at an old Church in the Northern Neck of Virginia. He was, according to a well sustained train of traditionary evidence, descended from the first Earl of Antrim, Ireland". Mrs. Dawes also writes "Jean McDonald Briggs (her line) and Mary McDonald Atwell, his daughters, were said to have made this statement to their children as coming from their father himself." Also she wrote "—the fact that the first Earl at one time espoused the cause of the Catholic Party, and that he was on trial more than once on a charge of disloyalty to the Crown may have caused enmity in different branches of the family". Rev. E. L. Goodwin, writing in Sept. 1913, said, "he received the King's Bounty to pay his expenses to America in 1731". From "Old Churches, Etc." by Bishop Meade, Brunswick Parish, page 187—"A short notice will suffice for Brunswick Parish. This was also in existence in 1720. In 1754-1758 the Rev. Daniel McDonald was its minister. In the year 1786 we find the parish or a portion of it, included in Stafford County ——I have already mentioned that there was a church a few miles from Fredericksburg, within the Parish of Brunswick. It was called Muddy Creek Church. At a later period Lamb's Creek Church was the Church of Brunswick Parish. The stepping stone at the door bears the date 1782, but the church may have been built before then". Family records fail to show who was the father of Daniel McDonald. History (The McDonalds of Antrim) says that Capt. Daniel McDonald, son of Alexander, the third Earl of Antrim, fled the country with James II, and went to France. Lands were confiscated in 1688. Capt. Daniel McDonald was a half-brother of Earl Randal born 1680. The marriage of Daniel McDonald and Ellen Barret (July 28, 1740) is recorded in Overwharton Parish Register, 1720-1760. Rev. Daniel died in 1762. His will is recorded in King George Court House. The will directed he should be buried in Muddy Creek Church Yard. Dr. Bryden, writing as to his burial place said: "Muddy Creek Church continued its existence until 1770, when the present Lamb's Creek Church was erected to take its place. There is no reason to think that this provision of his will was not carried out." From a letter dated September 1, 1937: "Inasmuch as both the Muddy Creek Church and the Church in Falmouth have been destroyed, Lamb's Creek Church is now the only Colonial Church Building in the Brunswick Parish. While, therefore, Lamb's Creek Church was built after Mr. McDonald's death, it would be emminently appropriate to have some kind of memorial to Mr. McDonald in that church, showing that he
was the first rector in Brunswick Parish. Will dated September 9, 1762. The church still has the old pulpit Bible which was used during the whole of Mr McDonald's ministry, and the old prayer book, which was printed in 1739 and used until the death of Mr. McDonald." The will of Reverend Daniel McDonald is to be found in the King George Will Book No. 1, date 1762. It begins: "I, Daniel McDonald, of Brunswick Parish in King George County, an unworthy member of the Church of England"---it mentions daughters, Ann McDonald, Mary McDonald, Jenny Helena McDonald, and wife, Ellen McDonald. His wife is named executrix. The witnesses to the will were William Rowley, William Barrett, Peter Jett. Children of Daniel McDonald and Ellen Barrett:

**Ann McDonald**, oldest daughter, married Neil McCoull in 1764. Neil McCoull of Glasgow, Scotland came to Virginia in 1763 and became a merchant in Fredericksburg. He died April 29, 1791, age 51 years. Ann died October 23, 1823, age 79 years. Both are buried in Briggs burying ground at Stoney Hill, Stafford County, Virginia.

**Jean (Jane) McDonald**, married David Briggs (I). See Chapter VI.

**Helen McDonald** married Capt. Francis Atwell of Fauquier County on October 25, 1768. D.A.R. papers state "Francis Atwell died in 1781 at his home in Fauquier County, Virginia from the effects of a Campaign of terrible exposure and suffering".

**Theodosius McDonald** was killed by Indians.

Daniel McDonald married Susannah Pilcher.

The following was copied from records in the Clerk's Office, Warren ton, Virginia:

"Know all men by these presents that we, Francis Atwell and John Blackwell, are held and firmly bound unto our Soverign Lord King George, the Third, in the sum of fifty pounds to which payment well and truly to be made to our said Lord and King, his heirs and successors, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and ministers, jointly and severally firmly by these presents, Sealed with our seals and dated this 25th day of October 1768. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between Francis Atwell and Mary McDonald. Now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said intended marriage that then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force, power and virture. Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Francis Atwell
John Blackwell

Children of Ann McDonald and Neil McCoull:

Several children died young.

**John McCoull**, born March 10, 1770, married Mary Slaughter of Culpeper County on October 20, 1791. They lived in Richmond, Virginia and had twelve children.

Children of John McCoull and Mary Slaughter:

**Mildred McCoull**
John McCoull
James McCoull
Ellen McCoull
Frederick McCoull
Maria McCoull married James Mason.


Jane McCoull
Nell McCoull
Mary McCoull
Eliza McCoull
Ann McCoull

Children of Frances Slaughter McCoull and Joel Zane Harper:

Minnie Harper, born at Rock Cliff, married her cousin, Robert Hood Briggs, of Air Hill, Clarke County, Virginia. Robert Hood Briggs (3) was the son of Thomas Briggs (2) and the grandson of David and Jean McDonald Briggs. They had a son, Joel Zane Briggs.

Sallie Harper never married.

John W. Harper married Miss Brown.


Note: All material on the McDonald Family was taken from the records of Anna Somerville Briggs.

Mac Gehee-Wright Families

Ref: De Jarnette and Allied Families by Earl & May (Miller) Frost.

Descent from Richard de Clare, a Surety for the Magna Charta-McGehee, DeJarnette-Wright.

1. Richard De Clare, Earl of Herford, a surety for the Magna Charta.
2. Richard De Clare (same as above).
5. Robert Bruce, King of Scotland.
6. Marjory Bruce married Walter Stewart, Lord High Stewart of Scotland.
7. Robert II, King of Scotland.


15. Donald Gorun MacDonnell, Lord of the Isles and of State, d. 1587.


17. Sir Donald MacDonnell, Lord of State, First Baronet, d. 1643.


19. Marian MacDonald married Patrick MacGregor, Chieftan of the Ilk, who led his clansmen under Montrose in 1645 and was outlawed with his son, his estates confiscated and he and his sons were commanded to assume other surnames, then John MacGregor, his heir became "John Murray" and his second son, James, became:

20. Thomas Mack Gehee. It was before 1701 that he and other outlawed Scotsmen petitioned for land in Virginia. He removed his family and was granted land in St. John's Parish, King William County, Virginia. Thomas was born presumably in 1645; died in Virginia after July 27th, 1724. He married Ann Bastrop in 1676.


22. Elizabeth McGehee married Thomas Wright.


Hester Family

Francis Asbury Hester was the son of Reverend George K. Hester, whose father was John Mathias Hester, who came to America from Hanover, Germany in 1772. The family was so poor at that time that the father was not able to pay passage across the ocean, which was sixty pounds, and the entire household was sold into servitude for a term of years to pay the debt. The family remained in bondage for a year at hard labor and in addition to
this the members were afterwards compelled to pay this debt. Mathias Hester with his family migrated to Kentucky in a flatboat, and after descending the falls landed at what was one day Shippingport, just below the present site of Louisville. On the way down the river the Hesters had many narrow escapes from the Indians and at one place called Benny Hughes Station they were fired upon by a band of redskins, a rifle ball striking George Hester above the left eye, fracturing his skull. He was tomahawked and then scalped, but recovered from all his wounds and located in Louisville. There he married Miss Susan Huckleberry and moved to a point just outside of Charlestown, Indiana. It was of this union that Francis Asbury Hester was born, and he, with three other brothers, Mathias, William and Andrew Hester became ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The son of Francis Hester married Bennie Ellen Briggs (2). His name was George K. Hester and he was also a minister. The Hesters were considered one of the most remarkable families of Indiana. (Item was furnished by Ella B. Smith and taken from a newsclipping at the time of Francis Asbury Hester's death in 1906).

Morehead Family


John Morehead Sr born before 1700 and died in 1768. His will was written on June 22, 1768 and he was living in the County of Fauquier, Virginia at the time. According to his will, his children were:

- Hannah Johnson
- Charles Morehead II
- Joseph Morehead
- John Morehead
- Alexander Morehead
- William Morehead
- Mary Lawrence
- Elizabeth Brixtraw
- Samuel Morehead
- Presley Morehead

Charles Morehead II married Mary Turner, daughter of James and Kerenhappuch (Norman) Turner of Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Issue mentioned in his will.

Turner Morehead, born January 7, 1757, married 1st Ann Ransdell on June 7, 1779. Ann was born August 17, 1756. Turner married 2nd Mary Ann Hewitt Hooe. Mary was born in Stafford County, Virginia on May 23, 1779. Turner was made Captain of Militia for Fauquier County, Virginia on March 24, 1778. He served during the Revolution. He died in Barren County, Kentucky and left a large family. His daughter, Elizabeth, who was born August 9, 18__, married Aylett H. Buckner of Hart Co., Ky. She was the mother of General S. B. Buckner.
Mary Morehead, born July 15, 1759, married Wharton Ransdell, Fauquier Co., Va., January 16, 1782.

Charles Morehead III, born February 3, 1762, married Margaret or Peggy Slaughter on October 30, 1786.

Kerenhappuch Morehead, born September 10, 1764, married Daniel Donaldson, Fauquier Co., Va., October 30, 1786. She died March 27, 1835 and left a large family in Southern Kentucky.

Charles Morehead III, born in Culpeper County, Virginia on February 3, 1762, married Margaret (Peggy) Slaughter on October 30, 1786. Peggy was the daughter of Cadwallader Slaughter of Jefferson County, Kentucky. Charles Morehead III was a Revolutionary War Soldier in service in the winter of 1780 and served until the War terminated. He was a Sergeant in Capt. Michael Rudolphs Company, Colonel Henry Lee's Legion. He was allowed a pension in 1828 from Logan County, Kentucky. At that time he was referred to as Major Charles Morehead. He removed to Jefferson County, Kentucky—that part is now Nelson County, Kentucky—about 1780. He was a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives from Nelson County in 1798 & 1808 and the Kentucky Senate from Logan County from 1822-24. Children of Charles and Peggy:

Mary Morehead was married on November 12, 1812 to William Murrell. They had a daughter, Mary Murrell.

Elizabeth Morehead was married September 26, 1812 to Richard Curd. No issue.

Matilda Morehead, born July 31, 1793, married Heratio Gates Wintersmith on April 11, 1820. Matilda died February 23, 1826. Heratio was born March 12, 1785 and died January 21, 1835.
They had children: Margaret Frances Wintersmith, Richard Curd Wintersmith, Elvira Wintersmith, and Elizabeth Curd Wintersmith.

Frances Morehead was married to David Caldwell on October 8, 1816. No issue.

Harriett Morehead, born 1799, married Dr. John McPherson Briggs on March 5, 1822. Marriage bond in Logan Co., Kentucky. Dr. John McPherson Briggs (3) was the son of Elizabeth Morehead who married William Thompson Briggs (2). Issue: Charles Morehead Briggs, Dr. William Thompson Briggs, Dr. James A. Briggs.

Charles Slaughter Morehead, born July 7, 1802, married Amanda (Governor of Kentucky) Leavy on July 10, 1823. Amanda was born in 1804 and died in 1829. He died on December 23, 1866. Issue: Charles Slaughter Morehead Jr., William Morehead, Margaret Morehead (died at 13) and Lawrence Morehead (died at 20). Charles married 2nd Margaret Leavy on September 6, 1831. Issue: Amanda Morehead, John Morehead, Franklin Morehead.

Margaret Morehead, born January 16, 1804, married William Warder on December 26, 1821. Margaret died 1861. Issue: Dr. Joseph Warder, Charles Morehead Warder, Dr. Henry Warder, Fanny Warder.

Elvira Slaughter Morehead, born June 1, 1806, married 1st Joseph F. Piper on January 16, 1824. Issue: Elvira Piper (according to grandfather's will). Elvira married 2nd Dr. Samuel Combs; married 3rd Judge Hezekiah Kimble Thomas on April 12, 1835. Judge Thomas was born on February 13, 1806 and died August 13, 1888. Issue:

Richard Curd Thomas, born March 22, 1837, married Ann Elizabeth Wright on January 17, 1866. Ann was born August 5, 1842 and died on February 27, 1931. Richard died December 28, 1879.

Frank Morehead Thomas, born July 3, 1863, married Stella Francis Phillips on January 18, 1900. Stella was born October 11, 1868 and died October 20, 1924. Frank died on May 9, 1921. Issue:

Thomas Richard Thomas, born April 10, 1903; married Elizabeth Holman of Glasgow, Kentucky. No issue.

Francis Morehead Thomas, born October 28, 1904; died July 1905.
Frank Morehead Thomas, born April 28, 1910; died November 1935.

Sarah Elizabeth Thomas, born October 4, 1900, married Presley Meguiar Perkins on August 27, 1927. Sarah died on September 20, 1933. Presley was born April 28, 1895.

Sarah was graduated from Western Kentucky State College in Bowling Green, Kentucky and taught Latin in the same school. Presley graduated from Ogden College, Bowling Green, Kentucky. He received his M.A. degree from Vanderbilt in Nashville and did work toward a Ph.D. at Yale and Harvard. (See Sarah Elizabeth Thomas also under Chapter VII). Issue:

Thomas Meguiar Perkins was born April 8, 1929.

Reference for the following: Collins History of Kentucky, Vol II.

Charles S. Morehead, son of Charles and Peggy Slaughter Morehead, was born in Nelson County, Kentucky on July 7, 1802. He was graduated at Transylvania University and removed to Christian County where he commenced to practice law. He was elected to the Legislature in 1827. At the end of his second term, he practiced law in Frankfort, Kentucky. He was appointed Attorney General of the State and held the office for five years. In 1838-39-40-41-42-44 he was returned to the Legislature from Franklin County. He was Speaker of the House for three terms. He was a representative in Congress from 1847-51 and was chosen Governor in 1855 for a term of four years. In 1859 he went to Louisville, Kentucky and formed a law partnership with his nephew, Charles M. Briggs, Esq. Charles Morehead was a delegate from Kentucky to the "Peace Conference" at Washington in February of 1861 and a delegate to the "Border State Convention" at Frankfort in May 1861. He was prominent among the Conservatives of his state in laboring to avert the Civil War. He possessed a great fortune at the beginning of the War, largely in land and slaves, all of which was lost. Governor Morehead was arrested on the 19th of September 1861 at his residence near Louisville at midnight, by orders of the Federal Government, without cause, without warrant, without legal authority and held as a prisoner of state because his sympathy for the Southern people in their struggle for liberty. He was released from prison on January 1862. He died December 23, 1868 at his plantation near Greenville, Washington County, Mississippi.

Charles Morehead II of Fauquier Co., Va. was the father of Charles III and grandfather of both Governor Charles Slaughter Morehead and Governor James Turner Morehead and great grandfather of Governor Simon Bolivar Buckner.
CHAPTER XIII

BRIGGS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND LATER WARS

There were a considerable number of Briggs in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War and the Spanish-American War. Many more of their descendants were participants in World War I and II and the Korean Conflict. The records to follow are incomplete and are offered only for anyone desiring to check further into the service records....also others may wish to check the authenticity of this data.

A complete record of the Briggs members participating in such wars can never be written as many service records cannot now be traced. Meager accounts were kept during the early wars—especially of those who served in the lower ranks. Many who were prominent in the history of their country through war service and in other efforts are given but a bare mention of name. Especially is this true in Virginia where the families such as the Lees, the Washingtons, the Monroes, the Jeffersons, the Randolphs, the Henrys and the Marshalls played such a prominent part in the early history of our country. All other deeds seem insignificant by comparison to such illustrious families.

In the early days with no television, no radio and no telephone, movements of the armies and heroic deeds of individuals were only relayed by foot, canoe, ox-cart and pony express. Many soldiers returned home without discharge papers or sometimes general discharges were given to whole companies. Many of the officers of these early wars were brave but unlettered men and the keeping of company lists was inconsequential and if kept at all were imperfect. The early Indian skirmishes were noted as readily by the number of notches on your musket and no doubt the minutemen were equally as proud to identify the number of redcoats disposed of.

Many soldiers did not apply for pensions and therefore would not be on the Pension List. The Pension Acts were passed by Congress and were so slow in forming that many soldiers were dead before their families were rewarded by a young and financially poor government. However, the following names and brief data are being given without attempting to verify the facts and without attempting to list the names of Briggs' members participating in later Wars—except for the listing of a few World War I veterans.

William Robert Briggs (1) served as a private in Captain Hills Company, Seventh Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Alex McClanahan. He defended the frontier from Indian attacks in Captain Polk's Company of militia under Colonel Cox's Battalion commanded by Colonel Floyd. He served as Company Lieutenant. William was also at the Falls of the Ohio with George Rogers Clark in 1780.

David Briggs (2), son of William Robert Briggs (1), first entered the service in July of 1780 and was a Private, Ranger and Spy with the Virginia Troops in the Revolutionary War. He served about three years under Captains John Swan and John Snoddy. David was in the Battle of Mad River in 1780.

Thompson Briggs (2), son of William Robert Briggs (1) was issued a Military Certificate in 1781. He was commissioned an Ensign at Mason by Court at Nelson County, Kentucky. On May 6, 1791, Thompson was wounded in an attack on the Indians. (Biographical Encly. of Ky,p.59).


Aquilla Davis, husband of Isabella Briggs (2), was a Revolutionary War soldier. He was a private in Lt. Robert Craddock's Company, Colonel Thomas Posey's 4th Virginia Regiment.

James McDonald Briggs (2), son of David Briggs (1), was a Colonel in the Virginia Militia.

Charles Cullen Briggs (3) was a member of the Warrenton Rifles, Confederate States Army.

Hugh Thomas Douglas, husband of Marian Judith Briggs (3), was a member of the Fauquier Guards.

Harrison Ball Briggs (3) was a member of the Warrenton Rifles, Confederate States Army.

Thomas Lawrence Stephens, husband of Charlotte Briggs (3) was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

John McPherson Briggs (3) was a Civil War Officer.

James T. Briggs (3) was a Colonel in the War of 1812.

James McDonald Briggs II (3) was a Captain in the Virginia Militia. He joined the First Company under General Fitzhugh Lee.


William Gilkey Briggs (3) was a Corporal in Captain Leve's Co., Kentucky Militia from September to December in 1812.

Henry Clay Briggs (3) was a member of the Warrenton Rifles, Confederate States Army.

Charles Augustine Briggs (4) was a drummer during the Civil War and was in the Advance Guard in the Battle of Fredericksburg.

George R. Briggs (4) was in the 1st Virginia Cavalry in the War between the States and fought from Manassas to Appomattox.

Hezekiah Briggs (4) fought in the Civil War.

Erasmus Williams (4) fought in the Civil War.

Thomas Jefferson Smith, husband of Ella Bowden Wright (4), was a Colonel in the Spanish-American War.

Walter Somerville Jr (4) was a Surgeon in the Confederate States Army.
Robert Briggs Somerville (4) served in Kempser's Brigade, Confederate States Army.

James Wilson Somerville (4) served in Co. G. 20th Virginia Infantry, Pegram's Brigade, Garnett's Division, Confederate States Army.

Curran Briggs Somerville (4) served in Douglass' Pontoon Corps, Confederate States Army.

Langdon Somerville (4) served in Douglass' Pontoon Corps, Confederate States Army.

George W. Briggs (5) enlisted June 9, 1865 in Co. G. 17th Kentucky Cavalry under Colonel Sam Johnson.

Thomas Jefferson Smith II (5) was a West Point Graduate and served in World War I as a Colonel.

Cooper Ray Smith (5) served in World Wars I and II and the Mexican War. He was a Lieutenant Colonel.

Hugh Barclay Wright (5) served in the Spanish-American War as a member of Roosevelt's Rough Riders. He was one of three Americans to plant the American Flag on top of Altarres Mountain.

Wiley Reed Wright (5) served in the Mexican Border Service (1916-1917); World War I Aviation (1917-1919); World War II Aviation (1940-1946).

Morris F. Briggs (5) served as an Army Lieutenant in World War I.

Charles Lewis Briggs Jr
1837-1862
CHAPTER XIV

WILLS

Copies of some of our ancestor's wills have been included here for purposes of interest and also as a verification of the names of children and heirs as shown on the documents.

The misspellings shown on the documents are given as they are shown on the original papers.

WILL OF HENRY BROOK-1662

In the name of God Amen the 21st of June in the year of our Lord God 1662. I Henry Brooke Shipweight dwelling in the Parish of Appomattic in the County of Westmoreland being of whole mind and in good and perfect remembrance and praise be to Almighty God make and ordain this my present testament concerning herein my last Will in manner and form following that is to say First I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker and redeemer my body to be buried decently and in good order. Item I will that in all such debts and duties that I owe right as of conscience to any person or persons be well & truly contented and paid without any delay or contradiction and after my debts paid and my funeral expenses performed. Item I will that my well beloved Wife Joane Brooke be my full and whole Executor. Item I will that Joane my wife have this seat of land whereon I now live bounding upon David Anderson and so running to a place called the Arrow head during her life and after her decease to be my daughter Dorothory Brokeres forever. Item I will that my Grand child Lidia Abbington have fifty acres of land forever joyning to the said land on which Laurence Abbington father of the said Lidia now dwelleth on. Item I will that Henry Saxton my Godson have the fifty acres of land forever on which Nicholas Saxton father of said Henry now liveth. Item I will that the heir of David Whittiff have forever fifty acres of land joining the said land whereon the aforesaid Whittiff is now seated the said Whittiff to enjoy the said fifty acres until it please God he hath one. Item I will that my daughter Jane Higden have fifty acres of land beside the hundred already acknowledged in Court Joyning to the same. Item I will that the Arrow head be Richard Coles during his life not any ways to be let leased or sold but after his decease to return to my daughter Dorothy. Item I will that all my Goods Cattle Moveable and immovable both within doors and without be Jone my wifes during her life excepting the stock of hogs which belongs to Richard Cole after her decease to return in Kind to my daughter Dorothy. Item I will that if my daughter Dorothy die before she comes to be married that what doth or shall belong unto her be equally divided between my daughters Liddia Abington and Jane Higden and of the execution of the same I make and ordain the said Laurence Abington and Richard Cole Overseers and I utterly revoke and annul all and every other former testaments, Wills, Legacies, bequests, Exors. and Overseers by me in any wise before this time made, named wills and bequeaths.

Henry Brooke (Seal)

Teste: Richard Cole
John Brooke
February the 3rd. 1662. This will was proved and recorded.
A COPY TESTE: Lucille S. Hutt, Deputy Clerk, Westmoreland Cty
In the Name of God Amen this 5th day of February in the year of our Lord God 1697/8 I Original Browne of Washington Parish in the County of Westmoreland being sick of Body, but of Perfect mind and Memory thank be given to God Therefor, calling to mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all Men to die doe make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, first & Principally I give my Soul into the hands of God who gave it me and for my body I Comment it to the Earth to be buried in Christian & decent manner as to my Executrex hereafter named shall be thought meet and Convenient, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and devise, bequeath and dispose the same in manner & form following.

First I give and bequath unto my daughter Jane Pope one Chest of Drawers: Item I give unto my daughter Judith Roe ten Shillings of good & Lawfull Money of England. Item I give unto my Daughter Mary Browne, at the full age of 16, or the day of Marriage One Negro Girl commonly called Jenny to her and the Lawfull heirs of her body, but if my Daughter Mary should die before the expressed time or with out an heir Lawfully begotten of her body as aforesaid, that then the said Negro Girl with all her increase shall return to next heir at Law, Item I give unto my Daughter Mary Browne One Feather bed and furniture after the manner of the aforesaid Legacy, Item I give unto my Daughter Mary Browne two cows and Calves after the manner of the aforesaid Legacy, Item I give unto my son William Brown One riding horse two Saddles, bridle halter, one case of Pistols and a pair of Holsters and one Bayonett, Item I give unto my son William Browne, one mair of three years old with her increase, Item I give unto my Son William Brown all my Guns in General. Item I will that after my Legacies are paid that my said son William Brown have the equal half of all my Cattle that shall remain, both of Male and Female with their increase, Item I will that my said Son Wm. Browne have likewise half my Stock of Hoggs and half my bedding Brass Pewter and Iron Pots; Item I will that my said Son William Browne have One of my best beds Tables with half my table linen half my Chairs & two of my best Chests, Item I will that my said Son William Brown have my Bible and all the rest of my books, Item I give unto my Son Wm. Brown two Negroes named Coffey and Diana, to be delivered to him at the full age of Twenty & One with all their increase from this time to that and then that, and there increase afterwards, to him and his heirs, but if my said Son should die before he comes to the age of One & Twenty or after should die without an heir of his body, that then the said Negroes with their aforesaid increase, and every particular legacy, which I have unto my aforesaid Son William Browne to return to the next heir at Law; Item I give unto my well beloved Wife Jane all the residue of my Estate both of Cattle horses Hoggs Corn Tobacco, household Goods, and all manner of my Estate whatsoever excepting what I here next give; Item I give unto Laurence Abbington all my waring Cloaths in general, Item it is my will and Pleasure that my Executrix shall first Pay my debts and then my legacies, Item it is my will and Pleasure that my well beloved wife Jane be full and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, But if my said Wife should in any case Imbezell make away or strive to defraud my said Children of
any part or Parcell of any of the mentioned legacies which I have given them, then it is my desire that my esteemed friends, Capt. Lawrence Washington and Mr. Caleb Butler home I empower & instruct as overseers over my Children and their estates into their custody, and I desire my said two overseers carefully to look after my said Children and their estates, during the time of their minority untill they come to the specified time which I have left them of age, Item It is my will and Pleasure that if Mark Cullum should have opportunity of getting the Place of Ship Master that then my said Son William Brown be bound to him during the time that I have left him to be of age provided he followeth the Seas as Master; but if the said Mark Cullum should not Attaine the Office aforesaid, that then my said Son William Brown the last four Years of expiring of his age be bound apprentice to a Carpenter Millwright or Jayner. Item I doe hereby utterly disallow, re­voke and Annul all and every other former Testaments will Legacies, Executors or extrixes, by me in any wise before this time named willed & bequeathed Ratifying & Confirming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale above on the other side of this above whole upper sheet of Paper mentioned.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the said Original Browne as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us — Lawrence Abbington, Edward Lembey, John Higdon, Westmoreland S. Ct. At a Court held for the said County the 27th day of April 1698.

This Will was proved by the Oaths of Lawrence Abbington and John Higdon and a Probate granted to Jane Brown Extrx. Therein named and the Will ordered to be Recorded.

Teste

James Westcomb C W C

A Copy Teste: Lucille S. Hutt, Deputy Clerk Westmoreland County Circuit Court. Deeds & Wills No. 2, Page 142a, Westmoreland County Records.

WILLIAM WROE'S WILL

In the Name of God Amen. I William Wroe of Washington Parish in Westmoreland County being sick and weak but of perfect sence mind and memory thanks be to God do make appoint and ordain this my last Will and testament in a manner and form following. First and principally I give and bequeave my soul unto the hands of Almighty God not doubting but trusting through the meritts and passion of Jesus Christ my only Savior and Redeemer to receive forgiveness of all my manyfold sins and sickenedness and my body to the earth hoping at the last day to receive a joyful and glorious resurrection. And as for what timporall estate it hath pleased God far beyond my desarts to bestow upon me, I give bequeave and devise as followeth. Item, I give and bequeave to my loving wife my negrow woman Bess dureing her naturall life and after my wifes death I give ye said negro Bess to my son, Originall Wroe.

Item, I give and bequeave unto my loving son William Wroe my mulatto girl Sare. Item, I give and bequeave unto my loving son Richard Wroe my mulatto girl Jane and my mulatto boy Ben. Item, I give and bequeave unto my said son Richard Wroe all my coopers tools. Item, I give and bequeave unto my daughter Mary a cow and calf to be paid her by my Execr. the next October insuing. Item, I give and bequeave unto my daughter, Elizabeth Wroe a feather bed and furniture to be paid hur on the day of marridge. Item, I give and bequeave unto
In the Name of God Amen. I Original Wroe of Westmoreland County and Washington Planter being in good and in perfect senes & memory thanks be to Almighty God, but calling to mind the Transotory Estate of man and all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to call him I therefore make with my own hand and ordain this to be my last Will & testament in manner & form as followeth. First and principally I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God not doubting but trusting through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior to receive forgiveness of all my sins, and as for my body to be buried according to the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and in a decent and Christian like manner and as for my Worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to

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Bless me with I give and bequeath as followeth. Imprimis, I give to my two sons William Wroe & Richd. Wroe the Plantation & Land I now live on which I bought of John & William Browne and also a parcell of Land I purchased of St. John Shropshire adjoining to Joseph Smith's Land and Lawd. Dowton Land and Mr. William Bernard's Land, I bequeath the above said Tract of Land and appurtenances to my two above named sons William & Richard Wroe and the heirs of their bodies Lawfully begotten forever, but if either of them should die without such heirs their part to fall to my son Benjamin Wroe and his Lawfull heirs after the following Manner now my Will is, that if they or any of them should offer to sell any part or parcell of the above mentioned premises to any but the next heir John Wroe excepted it is my Will that he shall be the last of my six Sons that shall inherit any part of the said Lands or premises and it is my Will that if any of my Sons or lawfull heirs should offer to sell any part or parcell of the above said Lands to but whom I have ordained to inherit the said Land it shall fall to the King & his Successors and if the King or Successors should offer to sell any part or parcell of the same shall fall to the next of kin to me in like manner. Imprimis, I give to my son John Wroe one Shilling & no more. Item, I give to my two Sons Wm. Wroe & Richard Wroe one hundred acres of Land in Culpepper County in the little fork of Rappahannock their first choice out of the tract in quanity & Quality and I give to Richard my Sett of Coopers Tools and the rest of my working tools to William My Shoe Makers Tools to my Son Benjamin Wroe I also give to my Sons Richard & William all my Books of every kind all this I give to them their heirs or assigns forever - Imprimis, I give to my above Named two Sons William & Richard Wroe my Grist Mill and appurtenances to them & their heirs forever, and my Still and Beaf in like manner. Imprimis, I give to my son William Wroe and his heirs forever One Negro man known by the name of Sam one Negro Girl known by the name of Sarah and one Negro Girl known by the name of Dinah to him his heirs or assigns forever. And as I expect I have a suit commenced against the Security of Capt. John Newton deceast for a false return made by his deputys if I should die before it is ended I desire my son William Wroe May pursue it & receive the profits, but if he should die before it is tried that my other Executors shall pursue it and receive the Damage. Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my Son Richard Wroe one Negro Man known by the name of Harry One Negro named Davie One Negro boy named Aaron and One Cow & Calf, And one mare came of a mare called Star foaled in 1771. Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Wroe One Hundred Acres of Land belonging to me in the little fork in Culpepper County and One Negro Girl known by the name of Moll or Mary and One Feather Bed and such furniture as belongs to my Beads and one Cow & calf and Negroe Girl known by the name of Judy to him his heirs or assigns forever. Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my Son Benjamin Wroe One Hundred Acres of Land of the said Tract above mentioned in the County of Culpepper his third choice, and one Negroe Girl known by the name of Winney to him his heirs or assigns forever. But if Benjamin should die without such, What I have given to him shall fall to my Sons Wm. & Richard & their heirs forever, And one Feather Bed and such Furniture as belongs to my Beads, and my Gunn and a Young horse came of a mare called Fly to him his heirs or assigns forever.

Imprimis, I give to my Son Reginal Wroe the reversion of my Four Hundred Acres of Land to him his heirs or assigns forever. I also Lend to his two Sons Taylor & John Wroe and their lawfull heirs One Negroe Girl known by the name of Rose, but if they should die without
such then the Negroe & increase to return to my Exors. hereafter named. Imprimis, I lend to my Daughter Judith Briggs one Negro Woman known by the name of Grace during her natural life, but if she can a low complaint that Briggs should use her ill it shall be in the power of my Exors. to take her from him and keep her in their poss. till David Briggs shall come to age, but if the said David should die before that time that she shall return to my Executors. Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eliz. Scott one Cow and Calf I also lend her & her lawful heirs one Negro Woman known by the name of Great Sue but if she should die without such heirs then the Negro & increase to fall to my Son Benjamin, or them in case of death I have made his heir. Imprimis, I lend to my daughter Susanna Edwards one Negro Woman known by the name of Jemima I lend her the said Negro to her & her lawful heirs, but if she should die without such then the said Negro & increase to return to my Executors. Imprimis, I lend to my daughter Lucetta Wroe one Negro girl named Little Sue to her and her lawful heirs but if she should die without such then the said Negro & increase to fall to my Executors. I also give her one feather bed a mat & furniture such as others, one Cow and Calf, and one Young Mare came of a mare called Star to her and her heirs forever.

I appoint four of my Sons to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament, namely, William Wroe, Richard Wroe, Thomas Wroe & Benjamin Wroe to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking anulling all other Wills by me made. Witness whereunto I have set my hand and fixt my seal this Twenty eighth of December One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy One.

Signed in presents of his
John Weedon Jnr Thomas X Settle
Richard Downton mark
James Baker Nicho. X Downton mark
David Downton mark
William Settle
Woffendal Kendal Cooper Chancellor

Item. I give to my Four Sons Wm. Wroe, Richard Wroe Thomas Wroe and Benjamin Wroe after my just Debts and Legacies are paid all my personal Estate to them & their heirs forever. As Witness my hand & seal this 21st of April 1772

Teste
John Weedon Junr. David Downton
James Baker

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 31st day of May 1774. This Will was proved according to Law (in March last) by the Oaths of James Baker & Woffendal Kendal two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded John Wroe the heir at Law being summoned according to Law appeared and consented to the same, and on the motion of William Wroe and Richard Wroe two of the Executors therein named who made oath thereto & together with Thomas Chilton & John Weaver their Securities entered into and acknowledged Bond with condition as the Law directs Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste
James Davenport C.W.C.

WILL OF WILLIAM DUNCAN BRIGGS

I, William D. Briggs of Tazewell County and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

First, it is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid.

Second, I give and desire and bequeath to my beloved wife, Helen M. Briggs in lieu of her dower the house and lots on which we now reside in Broadway. Addition to Pekin in Tazewell County and State of Illinois and all the household and kitchen furniture which I may own at the time of my decease, to have and to hold, forever.

Thirdly, I give, desire, and bequeath unto my executors all my real estate and all my interest in and to any lands, whether by deed, bond, contract, tax title, tax certificates or sheriff certificate or otherwise in the State of Illinois not devised to said wife and all my personal property not devised to my wife and all notes and accounts, demand, etc. -

Fourthly, I appoint my brothers, Robert W. and John S. Briggs, executors, of this my last will and testament.

Witnessed this 26th day of January A.D. 1853.

Signed by William D. Briggs

Pekin, Ill., Records.

William Duncan Briggs married Helen M. Kipp (second wife) on June 28, 1849 in Tazewell County, Illinois.

WILL OF WILLIAM GILKEY BRIGGS

Know all men by these present that I, William G. Briggs, being weak in body, though sound in mind, make this my last will and testament. After all my just debts are paid and my body committed to its mother earth.

I will and bequeath to my six children, herein named, my property as follows---to my oldest daughter Artemesia March, I will $100.00 to be paid at my death or as soon thereafter as practical.

I will to my second daughter, Lou Brooks, $100.00 to be paid at my death or as soon as thought practical; and to said Lou 1 calf and cow, 1 feather bed and bedding.

I will to William Briggs $10.00, he having received his part in horse and money.

To my son John Briggs, 1 cow and calf, 1 feather bed and bedding, he having received horse worth $100.00.

To my son Wright Briggs, I will and bequeath 1 cow and calf and $100.00 in money.

To my son Fortunatos Delaney Briggs (changed to read Delaney Francis) I will and bequeath 1 cow and calf, 1 feather bed and bedding, he having received a horse worth $100.00 and I will and bequeath all my personal property and the property mentioned to my beloved wife, Rhoda Briggs, during her natural life and at her death to be divided among my six children as I have herein mentioned.

In witness whereof I have herewith signed my name and affixed my seal in the presence of the witnesses in whose names are signed this instrument of writing in each others presence and the presenting of the testator this October 9, 1865.

/s/ William G. Briggs

Witness:

Wm. La Beaum, James H. P. Keith, Michael Keith
JOHN MASON'S WILL


Land, stock and pewter to cousin John Higden when 20 years of age.
To Richard Wroe — my tools;
To William, son of William Brown, 3 years of schooling
To Mary Brown, 20 shillings
To Walter Brown, a heifer
To Original Wroe, son of John Wroe, \( \frac{1}{2} \) my personal estate.


WILL OF WILLIAM BRIGGS

I, William Briggs, of the County of Nelson and State of Kentucky, being in a low state of health, but of sound mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die and that no dispute may arise, after my death, concerning my Estate both real and personal, I dispose of it in the following manner to wit:

I give and bequeath to my son David, ( born prior to 1772) a tract of land which I bought of Francis Berry containing three hundred acres lying on the North side of Kentucky River and two cows and calves, also four horses and three saddles of sixty pounds value and likewise a negro woman named Winnie and her daughter, with their increase forever, all the articles above mentioned are already in the possession of the above mentioned David Briggs. I also give to my son David, a negro woman named Grace and Three negro men, to wit: Will, Ben and Dick after the decease of my wife, to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Thompson, a Bond on Benjamin Robards for three hundred acres of land lying in Shelby County, likewise two horses, a saddle, two cows and calves, one feather bed and furniture ( now in his possession ) to him and his heirs forever.

I have given to my daughter Jane, in her lifetime, two hundred acres of land on the Rolling Fork which I bought of Thomas Arbuckle. One mare and saddle, cow and calf worth twenty one pounds, also one feather bed and furniture, which above mentioned I give to her heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Isabell, a negro girl named Charlotte and her increase which negro girl she has now in her possession. Also, a mare of ten pounds value and a saddle worth five pounds, to her and her heirs forever and also I give my said daughter ( after the decease of her mother) fifty pounds to be paid in horses and cattle.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Ebenezer, a tract of land I purchased from Adam Shepherd near John Grundy on the waters of Rolling Fork. Also, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, three horses and steers to the amount of seventy five pounds value, all of which he has now in his possession. Also a negro boy named Daniel, now in his possession to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary, one negro girl named Rose, also, a feather bed and furniture, a mare and saddle worth twenty pounds, two cows and calves which she now has in her possession. I also give my said daughter Mary, fifty pounds worth of horses and cattle after the decease of her mother, to her and her
heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Robert, one negro boy named Sam, one horse and saddle worth twenty pounds, a feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf, and the half of a tract of land containing eight hundred acres lying in Warren County, on the Waters of Gaspers River, which I bought of Armstead Morehead and he of Maj'r Bibb, to him and his heirs forever, all in his possession at this present writing.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son George, one negro girl named Sarah, a feather bed and furniture, one horse and saddle worth twenty-five pounds, one cow and calf, and the half of a tract of land containing eight hundred acres in Warren County, and that part of the aforesaid tract on which David Briggs now lives, to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin, one hundred and twenty five acres of land (more or less) on which I now live, on the south side of Davis's Run and bounded by the meanders of the said Run, after my wife's decease and I desire that if my daughter Marian is not provided for that she may be supported by the plantation and negroes thereto belonging, until she is provided by marriage or otherwise. I also give to my son, Benjamin, one negro boy named Jacob, one horse and saddle worth twenty pounds, one cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever. I also desire that the negro man named Daniel and his wife Charity shall live on the plantation as they have done during my life, until my daughter Marian shall be provided for.

ITEM: I lend unto my beloved wife, a negro man named Daniel and his wife, Charity and their two youngest children, viz: Betty and Eliza, during her natural life, then afterwards to remain on the plantation till Marian is of age, then to choose who they will of my four youngest children for their master, and the value of the said negroes at the appraisement price of my Executors, to be equally divided among my four youngest children.

The remainder of my personal estate and the plantation I now live on, I also lend to my wife during her natural life and at her decease the whole to be equally divided among my four younger children, viz: Robert, George, Benjamin, and Marian and that provided, if either of my children last mentioned should die without issue, then I desire that their portion should be equally divided amongst the survivors of the four last mentioned, provided also, that should either of the last mentioned children have a child or children and die before my wife, then the portion of such deceased shall on a division of the estate left to my wife, descend to the child or children of such dec'd.

And I do hereby continue and appoint my beloved wife, Judith, my executrix, and Benjamin Edwards, John Robertson, Esq., Thomas Hubbard, and Thomas Duncan, my Executors or any three of them to this my will and properly executed and carried into full effect and do hereby revoke and annul any will or wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred.

WILL BRIGGS (Seal)

Signed and Sealed in presence of James Brook, John Shields, William Wilson, David Gray

At a County Court held for Nelson County, on Monday, the ninth day of March 1801. This last will and testament of William Briggs, deceased, was provided by the Oaths of James Brooks, John Shield, William Wilson and David Gray, subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to by Thomas Hubbard one of the Exors. & Judith Briggs, the
Extrx. therein named and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of
the said Thomas Hubbard and Judith Briggs, certificate is granted
them for obtaining probate thereof in due form they having given bond
with Armstead Hubbard and James Brooks, their securities, in the pen-
alty of three thousand pounds conditioned as the Law directs.

Teste: Ben Grayson, C.C.

State of Ky
County of Nelson
I, W. J. Roby, Clerk County Court, in and for the County and
State aforesaid, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and
correct copy of the last will of Will Briggs, deceased, as appears
of records in my office, Will Book A, page 440. Witness my hand
10th day of Oct. 1933.

W. J. Roby, C.

WILL—THOMPSON BRIGGS

In the Name of God Amen: I, Thompson Briggs of Warren County, and
State of Kentucky, being in sound mind and memory but weak with body
infirmities and knowing the uncertainty of this life, do make this
my last will and testament in manner and form following:

ITEM: I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Briggs, my dearest and
only wife for her use and at her disposal during her natural life,
the two hundred acre farm on which I now live together with all my
negroes, household furniture, plantation utensils, and stock of
every kind, except such of it as shall be otherwise disposed of in
the body of this my last will.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son James T. Briggs, a two
hundred survey of land lying in the Barrons between my house tract
and Major John Lovings adjoining each tract and entered in my own
name, also a good horse, bridle, saddle, feather bed and one third
part agreeable to quality and quantity of a two hundred acre survey
of timber lying in the knobs on both sides of the old road leading
from the place where the Widower Turner now lives Cole Ferris Coxes.

ITEM: I give to my son John M. Briggs a two hundred acre sur-
vey lying in the Barron between my house tract and Skiles Mill enter-
ed in the name of Gladdin Gorin, also a good horse, bridle, saddle,
feather bed and one third part of a tract of land lying in timber
entered in the name of Thompson Briggs, and described before in
James Briggs legacy.

ITEM: I give to my son William Briggs, a two hundred acre sur-
vey of land adjoining my house tract on the northwest and extending
to John Thompson survey on which he lives, but should any dispute
arise and end with the loss of this tract of land, then William is
to have a four hundred acre survey which I hold in Christian County,
but should it not be lost then the land lying in Christian County
shall be otherwise disposed of. I also give William a good horse,
bridle, saddle, featherbed and one third part of a tract of land
lying in the timber and before described in James and John Briggs
legacies. Also eighty Acres of land adjoining James T. Briggs sur-
vey.

ITEM: I give to my son Benjamin Briggs at the death of his
mother the tract of land on which we now live, also fifty acres of
land for timber which I purchased of Willis Boice and is held by his
mother, also a good horse, saddle and bridle and featherbed. As to
the remaining part of my family, to wit: My daughters whom I wish to place equal with other for their benefit I wish the following disposition of part of my remaining property for their benefit to with:

ITEM: I give to my eldest daughter Polly Briggs one negro girl about ten years of age to be purchased as soon as a negro woman named Joyce can be sold at a twelve months credit and the money or part of it appropriated to the use of said purchase. I also give her my young sorrel horse, bridle and saddle and feather bed of good quality.

ITEM: I give to my daughter Susan Briggs one negro girl about seven years old to be purchased with the money arising from the sale of aforesaid negro Joyce after the purchase aforesaid in behalf of Polly Briggs. Also I give her a horse, bridle and saddle of equal value with the rest, also a featherbed.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter, Nancy, a negro girl to be purchased from the sale of my land in Christian County, should my son William not have it. But if he should and at or before the death of her mother, a negro girl of equal value with those of her sisters be not found with the estate such one shall be purchased. I also give her a good horse, bridle and saddle.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Briggs a negro girl of equal value with that of her sister Nancy, to be purchased or procured in the same manner as that of hers. Also a good horse, bridle and saddle and feather bed.

I hereby appoint my dear wife Elizabeth Briggs my only executrix ratifying this my last will and testament and renouncing all others, giving her full power to dispose of any stock or perishable property among any of her children at any time confirming this my last wish on her part and at her death all the property found not disposed of belonging to the estate, I wish to be equally divided among my eight children, the negroes not to be parted with out of the family. And there my executors vix. Robert Briggs and James Briggs, my son, soon as he shall be of age shall have full power to act with my executrix and see that this my last will and testament be executed.

Signed this sixteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and fourteen in the presence of

C. W. Ransdall
Richard D. Neale
H. A. Covington

Warren County SCT, July County Court 1814

This last will and testament of Thompson Briggs deceased, was exhibited in Court and proven by the oath of Richard D. Neale and Charles M. Ransdall two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. Jon. P. Hobson, C.W.C.C.

Recorded in Will Book B, page 7

Copy Attest: George G. Potter, Clerk
By Lois Martin, D. C.

WILL—JOHN MOREHEAD, SR

In the NAME OF GOD AMEN, the twenty second day of June One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight, I, John Morehead, Sen'r, of the County of Fauquier, being sick and weak, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality
of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Allmighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly estate where it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, viz:—

Imprimis - I give to my daughter Hannah Johnson five shillings and this I give her over and above what I have already done for her by gift or otherwise and do hereby declare that it is my full desire that she shall not have any claim or title to any part of my estate whatsoever.—

ITEM: I give to my son Charles Morehead five shillings and this I give over and above what I have already done for him by gift or otherwise and I do hereby declare that it is my full desire that he shall not have any claim or title to my estate whatsoever.—

ITEM: I give to my son Joseph Morehead five shillings and this I give over and above what I have already done for him by gift or otherwise and I do hereby declare that it is my full desire that he shall not have any claim or title to my estate whatsoever.—

ITEM: I give unto my son John Morehead five shillings and this I give over and above what I have already done for him by gift or otherwise and I do hereby declare that it is my full desire that he shall not have any claim or title to my estate whatsoever.—

ITEM: I give to my son Alexander Morehead one Negro Woman named Sarah, also one Negro child called Betty, to him and his heirs forever lawfully begotten and in case he die without such heir it is my will and desire that it be equally divided between his surviving brothers and sisters.

ITEM: I give to my son William Morehead fifteen pounds and this I give over and above what I have already done for him by gift or otherwise and I do hereby declare that it is my full desire that he shall not have any claim or title to my estate, excepting the land hereafter mentioned.

ITEM: I give to my daughter, Mary Lawrence, five shillings and this I give over and above what I have already done for her by gift or otherwise and I do hereby declare that it is my full desire that she shall not have any claim or title to my estate whatsoever.

ITEM: I give to my daughter Elizabeth Brixtraw five shillings and this I give over and above what I have already done for her by gift or otherwise, and I do hereby declare that it is my full desire that she shall not have any claim or title to my estate whatsoever.

ITEM: I give to my son Samuel Morehead a certain tract or parcel of land containing by estimation Ninety acres adjoining Rodham Tillis, Joseph Blackwell and Brooks and likewise another tract or parcel of land containing by estimation fifty acres adjoining the land my son Joseph sold to Edward West.

ITEM: I leave the land I now live on after my wife's decease to be equally divided between my three sons, Alexander, William, and Presley Morehead, and in case any of my children die without heir lawfully begotten that then it be equally divided between my surviving children.

ITEM: Lastly I appoint my three sons, Charles, Alexander and William Morehead Executors to this my last will and testament and I
do hereby revoke and disannull all and every other former Wills confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal day and year first above written.

John Morehead (Seal)

Signed, sealed and Acknowledged in presence of John Jett, William Prim, Joseph Stocklan

At a Court held for Fauquier County the 24th day of October 1768 this Will was proved by the oaths of John Jett and William Prim witnesses thereto ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Charles, Alexander and William Morehead who made oath and executed and acknowledged Bond as the law directs, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste: H. Brooks, C.C.

A Copy Teste: L. E. Bartenstein, Clerk,

Wills Book I, page 136.

WILL--CHARLES MOREHEAD II (1783)

In the name of God, Amen, I, Charles Morehead of the Parish of Leeds and County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia, being sick and weak of body, but of perfect sense and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last Will and Testament. FIRST: I bequeath my soul to God that gave it, hoping through the meritorious death and passion of my blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, to receive free pardon and remission of all my sins and as for my body, I commit it to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as for what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I give and bequeath as followeth, viz:

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Ransdell, a negro woman named Jenny, as also one cow and two ewes with lambs.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Charles Morehead a tract of land containing about 127 acres, which said land was purchased from Joseph Hudnall, as also one negro named Will, as also one grey horse, two cows, two ewes with lambs. One feather bed and furniture, an iron pot and frying pan, a dish, and half dozen Pewter plates.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Kerenhappuch Morehead, eighty pounds Virginia Currency, as also one horse and saddle, two cows, two ewes and lambs, an iron pot and frying pan, a dish and half dozen Pewter Plates.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my sons Armistead, James and Presley Morehead, a tract of land containing about 300 acres, wherein I now live, to be equally divided amongst them.

ITEM: Likewise I give and bequeath to my son Armistead Morehead, a negro man named Jem, also my still and worm, a horse, bridle and saddle, two cows, two ewes and lambs, one iron pot, one frying pan, a dish and half a dozen Pewter plates.

ITEM: Likewise I give and bequeath unto my son James Morehead, one negro boy named Peter, my silver watch, a horse, bridle and saddle two cows, two ewes and lambs, a feather bed and furniture, a dish and half dozen Pewter plates, an iron pot and frying pan.

ITEM: Likewise I give and bequeath unto my son, Presley Morehead, one negro man named Monday, with half the increase of my negro woman Dinah, after his mother's decease, as also a horse, saddle and
bridle, two cows, two ewes and lambs, a feather bed and furniture, 
a dish and half a dozen Pewter plates, an iron pot, a frying pan. 
and my fiddle.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Morehead, 
one negro woman named Dinah with half of her increase, after her 
Mother's death, as also a horse, saddle, and bridle, two cows, two 
ewes and lambs, a featherbed and furniture, a dish and half dozen 
plates, an iron pot and frying pan.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Mary More-
head, during her natural life, my negro man named Monday, as also 
one negro named Dinah and all my personal estate, she first paying 
the legacies hitherto mentioned as they become of age or marry.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that if either of my children 
should die before they come to the age of twenty-one years or dies 
without heirs, that this estate that I have herefore left them 
shall be equally divided among the survivors of my children before 
mentioned.

ITEM: I do give and bequeath to Ann Butler for Extraordinary 
service done, Five pounds, Virginia Currency.

ITEM & lastly I do constitute and appoint my well beloved 
wife, Mary Morehead, Charles Chilton and my sons Turner and Charles 
Morehead, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all 
or any other wills made by me.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 
19th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven 
hundred and eighty three.

CHARLES MOREHEAD (Seal)

Sealed and delivered in presence of us, with the erasements.

George Carter, William Morehead, Rich Fisher, John Cooke

At a Court held for Fauquier County, the 27th day of October 
1783. This will was proved by the oaths of George Carter, William 
Morehead and Richard Fisher, witnesses thereto and ordered to be 
recorded. And on the motion of Mary Morehead, Turner Morehead, and 
Charles Chilton, the Executors therein named who made oath and ex-
cuted and acknowledged bond as the law directs, Certificate is 
granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste: H. Brooke, C.C.

Will Book 2, page 6
A copy teste: T. E. Bartenstein, Clerk, Circuit Court of Fauquier 
County, Virginia.

WILL OF MAJOR CHARLES MOREHEAD III
FATHER OF GOVERNOR CHARLES MOREHEAD OF KY
(Published in Filson Club Quarterly)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I, Charles Morehead, of the County of 
Logan and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind do make this my 
last Will and Testament, that is to say I give my Soul to God who 
gave it, hoping at the Resurrection to be raised again through the 
merits and atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. As to body I desire 
to be interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after named 
and I do hereby revoke and annul all former Wills heretofore made. 
As to my worldly goods which it hath pleased God to give me. I dis-
pose of them as follows: to wit:-

ITEM FIRST: It is my will that all my just debts be paid in 
manner hereafter to be named.

ITEM SECOND: My will and desire is that my Son, Charles, should 
lay off one hundred and fifty acres on the South end of my connexion
of land and sell the same in conjunction with fifty one acres and a
half purchased by me of Rankin, being part of the Fairbushed tract,
for the best price he can get and apply the proceeds to the pay-
ment of whatever sum I may owe for said fifty one and one half acres.
But the said Charles is to be at liberty to purchase the same himself,
provided he will give more than anyone else or he may at his discre-
tion not sell said land before mentioned, provided he takes upon him-
self the payment of what may be due for said fifty one and one half
acres. In case the same land is sold for more than will bring the
debt aforementioned, the surplus is to belong to said Charles, and
in case it does not bring as much as will pay said debt, then my
Executor is directed to pay up any deficiency from the rest of my
estate in his hands as the said Charles is hereby fully impowered
to convey said land, the legal title to be invested in him for that
purpose. All the balance of my land I give and bequeath to my son
Charles to him and his heirs forever.

I also give to my said son, Charles, my riding horse which I
purchased of James T. Morehead. A sorrel.

ITEM THIRD: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elvira Piper,
my negro man Edenborough, his wife Fannie and her children, Daniel,
Spencer and Sarah, with their future increase, also my young sorrel
mare, to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM FOUR: I give my granddaughter, Elvira Piper, my negro boy
Crittenden, but it is my will and desire that should my granddaugh-
ter Elvira Piper die before she arrives to the age of twenty-one
years and leaves no heirs, then in that case it is my will that the
said negro boy shall return and become a part of my estate.

ITEM FIVE: To my granddaughter, Mary Murel, I give and bequeath
my negro boy Pardon and my negro girl Lucky and her future increase,
also one bed and the necessary clothing thereunto belonging, but it
is my will and desire that should my said granddaughter Mary Murel
die before she arrives to the age of twenty-one years and leaves no
heir, then and in that case it is my will and desire that the prop-
erty now left to my said granddaughter shall return and become part
of my estate. I also give my said granddaughter fifty dollars
which her father owes me.

ITEM SIXTH: I give and bequeath to my grand children Margaret
Wintersmith, Richard Wintersmith and Elvira Wintersmith, one hundred
and fifty dollars at the death of my wife over and above what may be
their equal portion as hereinafter mentioned.

ITEM SEVENTH: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Margaret
Warder, my negro boy John, which boy she now has in possession on
loan; also my negro boy Tilford, to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM EIGHT: To my daughter, Harriett Briggs, I give and be-
queath my negro woman Dian, my negro boy Henry, which negroes she
has now in her possession, and my negro girl Lemima, with their
future increase, to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM NINE: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elvira Curd,
Two hundred dollars to be paid by my Executor out of the proceeds
of my estate in annual installments.

ITEM TENTH: I give to my beloved wife, Margaret, during her
natural life, the use of my negro men Harry, Cypus and Jim, my negro
boy Robbin, my negro women Eve, Sicily, and Leaner, and my girl
Minena. Also the farm which I have devised to my son Charles pro-
vided she shall choose to live on it, with all such of my house-
hold and kitchen furniture, carriage horses, cattle, sheep and hogs,
wagon & gear, and farming utensils of every description which she
may want and at her death, it is my will and desire that all property
of whatever kind whatsoever found except such as is already given off, may be equally divided between my children, except my son Charles and the legal representatives of such as may be dead or have heretofore died. But it is my will and desire that the portion which may be coming to my daughter, Elvira may be vested in my son Charles, as her Trustee, who is to hold the same for her use and benefit during her life and at her death to belong to her children and representatives.

ITEM ELEVENTH: It is my desire and wish that all the property I may own, not hereby disposed and also such of the household furniture, cattle, etc. which my wife may not want, may be sold by my Executor at his discretion. It is further my will and desire that my daughter Margaret, shall have my negro girl America and I desire that my negro woman Sicily devised to my wife and her youngest child may be sold by my Executor, if necessary, he giving William Warder the preference of purchasing and in case it is not necessary for her to be sold and my wife is willing and desires her and her youngest child should be valued to my daughter Margaret and be deducted out of her portion which could be coming to her at the death of my wife. In case it is not necessary for her to be sold and my wife is unwilling to part with her, I desire that the negro girl America before mentioned, remain also with my wife until her death and then go to my daughter Margaret, as before directed.

ITEM TWELVE: It is my will and desire that all the money that may be in my house at my death together with all debts due me, bond, note or open accounts, may be applied and appropriated by my Executor to be named, to the payment of my just debts and whatever there may be remaining it is my will and desire may be equally divided between my children and their legal representatives or the legal representatives of those that are Dec'd., except my son Charles.

Lastly I hereby appoint my son Charles Morehead Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 2nd day of Oct 1828.

CHARLES MOREHEAD

In the presence of
Gab Lewis  William Northern

Note on the fourth page part of the fifteenth line, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and part of the twentieth line erased before signing. Attest: Gab Lewis  William Northern

Logan County. At the County Court begun and held for Logan County at the Court house in Russellville on the 2nd day of March 1829, the foregoing last will and testament together with the note of memorandum thereto attached of Chas. Morehead, Dec'd. was exhibited in open Court and proven by the oaths of Gab Lewis and William Northern subscribing witnesses thereto approved and confirmed by the Court and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly. Given under my hand the date above.

Spencer Curd.

A copy. Recorded in Will Book D at page 175 Logan County Clerk's office.

Note: Charles Morehead III married Peggy Slaughter (born February 3, 1762–died Logan Co., Ky). He served 2 terms in Legislature.
WILL OF PIERRE MENARD

I, Pierre Menard of Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois, being feeble in health, but of sound mind and memory, do make, ordain and declare, this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills that may have been by me heretofore made.

First; It is my will and desire that my funeral expenses, my just debts be paid as soon as practicable.

Second; I will and bequeath to my wife, Emily J. Menard, absolutely and in lieu, of dower and my estate the brick house and lot of 10 acres on which I now reside and all the furniture therein and also three houses and three lots with an additional lot adjoining each of three lots above mentioned, all in the town of Tremont, of afore said.

Third; I will and bequeath to my said wife, in trust for my son Amedee H. and my daughter Susan S. Menard until the younger one should have become of lawful age, my farm in Elm Grove Township in Tazewell County.

Four; I will and bequeath to my son Peter H. Menard, for and during his natural life, the south half of a tract of land in Randolph County, designated and commonly known as Indian Tract, which he can use his lifetime and after his death the same shall descend to his lawful issue, but if he should die without issue, the same shall revert to nearest of kin, and I also give and bequeath to my son, Peter, the sum of $500.00 exclusive of the amount advanced to him heretofore, and addition to the four horses which I gave him this day to be by him disposed of for his sole benefit which said sum of $500.00 shall be paid to him as soon as practicable after my debts shall have been paid.

Fifth; All my interests in lands in State of Texas shall be divided equally among my three children, Peter, Amedee and Susan, share and share alike.

Sixth; I direct and authorize my executrix to pay my sister, Alzire M. Kennerly, the sum of $500.00 in installments as soon as possible after my debts shall have been paid.

Seventh; In addition to half the farm in Elm Grove Township above mentioned, I give and bequeath to my son, Amedee, one gold watch formerly belonging to my late brother, M. S. Menard, also my wagon and wagon harness, and also two of my horses exclusive of the pair of horses which he now works and which he bought and as my son, Amedee, owns the hogs and one cow and yearling, I will and give him corn and other provender sufficient to feed for twelve months, all the above mentioned animals and also in like manner, one cow and heifer belong to my wife.

Eighth; In addition to half the farm in Elm Grove Township above mentioned, I give and bequeath one small watch and one horse to be selected by her, it is my will and desire in case of death without issue of either of my children, Amedee H. or Susan S., that the survivor inherit from the other the property derived from my estate and in the event of death of both of them without issue, it is my will and desire that the property real and personal derived from my estate and in their possession at the time of their death as aforesaid, shall descend and be given and divided as follows:

Ninth; To wit: 1/3 part to the children of my late brother, S. C. Menard, 1/3 part to the children of my sister, Berenice F. Chouteau, and 1/3 part to the children of my sister, Alzire M. Kennerly.

Ten; The residence of my estate, real, personal, and mixed
after the payment of my debts, expenses of administration, legacys
and other charges, shall be divided equally among my wife and three
children.
I hereby constitute and appoint my wife, Emily J. Menard,
Executris of this, my last will and testament hereby releasing her
from all obligations of giving security for the administrator of my
estate.
Will made Nov. 29, 1871 and witnessed by S. R. Saltonstall, E.
Menard. Will proven Dec. 9, 1871. From the records at Pekin, Ill.

WILL OF ROBERT BRIGGS

In the name of God, Amen. I, Robert Briggs of the County of
Ralls & State of Missouri being weak in body but of disposing mind
and mindful of my mortality, do make and constitute this as my last
will and testament revoking all others.

First, I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be
paid.

Second, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary J. Kelly, a
negro girl named Caroline which is now in her possession.

Third, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Judith R. Hager, a
negro girl named Harriett which is now in her possession.

Fourth, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret P. Car-
starphen, a negro girl named Sarah that died in her possession.

Fifth, I give and bequeath unto my son, William T. Briggs, a
negro boy, named Washington, which is now in his possession.

Sixth, I give and bequeath unto my son, Robert C. Briggs, a
negro boy named Joe, which is now in his possession.

Seventh, I give and bequeath unto my son John C. Briggs, a
negro boy named Henry now in his possession.

Eighth, I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin M. Briggs, a
negro named George now in his possession.

Ninth, I give and bequeath unto my two grandchildren William
and Mary Jane Wise heirs at all of my daughter, Mariah Wise, de-
cesed, to be in full of her portion of my estate. The sum of two
hundred dollars each to be paid them respectively, when they arrive
at the age of twenty one years; or get married, which ever shall
first happen, but as I am now standing security for said William on
three several notes, which are signed by him & myself and due to
Oney Carstarphen, Chapel Carstarphen and Robert Briggs, Jun. amount-
ing together to the sum of two hundred dollars, now should he not
discharge said notes, I desire said note to be discharged with the
aforesaid sum of two hundred dollars bequeathed to him.

Ninth, I desire that my servant woman, Mary shall be at liberty
to go free after my death and if she will live with any of my child-
ren they shall take care of her, so that she shall never become a
public charge.

Tenth, I give and bequeath unto my seven children, namely, Mary
J. Kelly, Judith R. Hager, Margaret P. Carstarphen, William T.
Briggs, Robert C. Briggs, John C. Briggs and Benjamin M. Briggs all
the remainder of my estate both real and personal to be equally
divided among them and that all the slaves shall be kept in the
family and to be divided as nearly equal as possible. N.B. before
the last mentioned distribution is made. I desire that Rebecca
Brown, granddaughter of my late wife, Rebecca Briggs shall have the
bed and bedding that was brought into my said family by my said wife
Rebecca and I do hereby empower my Executors to dispose of my real
estate in any way they may think will be most to the interest of my heirs and divide the proceeds accordingly.

Lastly, I do hereby appoint and constitute my son William T. Briggs and Chapel Carstarphen to be my Executors to carry my last Will & Testament unto Execution. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 22nd day of Oct. A. D. 1850.

John T. Johnson
Gowen C. Brashears
State of Missouri
County of Ralls
In the Ralls Co. Court March 6, A.D. 1851. among the proceedings the following were had.

Be it remembered that on the 6th day of March 1851 in open Session of the County Court personally appeared John T. Johnson, who being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he was personally well acquainted with Robert Briggs whose last will & testament is now presented for probate dated the 22nd day of October A.D. 1850 and that he is the person who executed the instrument etc.

6 March 1851
Signed: William O. Young, Clerk

In Ralls Co. Court Proceedings April 7, 1851
Gowen C. Brashears also testified—filed for record Feb 3, 1851.

ANDREW BRIGGS WILL

Know all men by these presents that I Andrew Briggs being of sound mind, do make this my last will & Testament viz. I will and bequeath that each one of my children who have not received the value of twenty five hundred & twenty five dollars, Shall be made up to that amt. as follows No. 1. John R. Briggs has rec'd twenty Six hundred and twenty five Dollars the above amt. No. 2. Catherine Stone has rec'd as per account twenty four hundred & ten dollars & I will that she receive two hundred & fifteen Dollars to make her equal with No. 1. No. 3 Mary A. Humphrey has rec'd as per account twenty seven hundred & thirty eight Dollars being over the amt. of No. 1 & 2. No. 4. Thomas H. Briggs has received as per account twenty six hundred & twenty five dollars the above amt. No. 5. William T. Briggs has received as per account twenty four hundred Dollars and he shall be paid by Executors the sum of two hundred & twenty five Dollars to make up the above Sum. No. 6. Sarah Humphrey has received as her account twenty six hundred and twenty five dollars the above amt. No. 7. Elizabeth Wilkinson has received as per account the Sum of twenty six hundred & twenty five Dollars the above amt. No. 8. 9. 10. 11. & 12. Susan M. Briggs, Nancy E. Briggs, Joseph F. Briggs, Robt. A. Briggs & Beny Emily W. Briggs. I will & bequeath Shall have the following property. the tract of Land on which I now reside being five hundred and twenty seven acres more or less also a tract of land which I own adjoining Thos. H. Briggs consisting of thirty eight acres. Also four negro Boys, Charles, Willis, Ludwell, & Davy Wilson two negro women Jane & Ann Also Sanford Negro man also Ann’s two children Fsora Ann & Aster, five horses Ball, Paul Tom Dimond & Shubald. Also a blazed face filly also all my Cattle & Sheep, Farming utensils, household & Kitchen Furniture Such as I may be possessed of five sows & thirty hogs and one year’s provisions to have and to hold in common until one marries or becomes of age in which event he or she at the option of the parties concerned can have one fifth of the property.
set apart to the last five children, Set off to him or herself to have and to hold and as each one marries or becomes of age, Shall at his or her option, have his or her part set off to him or her. I will that No. 7, Elizabeth shall have a black boy Albert to have & to hold. I also will that No. 1 John R. Briggs shall have eight hundred Dollars paid to him by my Executors. Also no. 2. Catherine Stone shall have eight hundred Dollars paid to her by my Executors. Also Mary A. Humphrey's children shall have negro man Jacob to have & to hold. Also No. 4. Thos. H. Briggs Shall have the sum of eight hundred Dollars paid to him by my executors. also Wm. T. Briggs shall have eight hundred dollars paid to him by my executors. Also Sarah Humphrey Shall have eight hundred Dollars paid to her by my executors also no. 7 Elizabeth Wilkinson shall have three hundred dollars paid to her by my executors. After the above is completely executed I will & bequath that the balance of my estate if any shall be divided among all my children except Mary A. Humphrey's kin who have rec'd more than the rest. I also desire that John R. Briggs shall qualify and execute this will, as also to act as Guardian for my five younger children. This the 4th day of Oct. 1857.

Signed in Presence of
Andrew Briggs
James C. Bascom
Winnie Ann Robertson
Joshua Gore

At a County Court held for Nelson County at the Courthouse in Bardstown on Monday the 12th day of October 1857. This Paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Andrew Briggs deceased is this day produced in court and proved by the oaths of Winny Ann Robertson & Joshua Gore subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Attest. J. Darwin Elliot. Clk.

WILL - JOHN M. BRIGGS - 1881

WARRENS COUNTY, KY

I, John M. Briggs, being of sound mind but of advanced age and desiring to direct the future disposition of my estate, make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others.

First: After my death I wish my Executor to pay all my just debts against my estate that I may leave unpaid including my funeral expenses which I wish to be economical.

Second: I give to my son James A. Briggs my medical library, surgical instruments, and office furniture, and I give him my buggy mare and buggy and harness for the use of himself and family and nothing shall be charged to him for anything I have heretofore given him or done for him or furnished him.

Third: I give to my grand-son John S. Briggs, my mare, Kitty.

Fourth: I give to my grand-son Wm. A. Briggs, my gold watch.

Fifth: I wish my son James A. Briggs, to collect all moneys and things due to him and myself as partners; one-half of which to be retained by him as his own, and the other half to constitute part of my individual estate.

Sixth: I hereby nominate and appoint my said son, James A. Briggs, as my executor to carry out the provisions of this will, and request that no sort of security shall be required of him.
Seventh: I wish my executor to collect all moneys due or to become due, or coming to me, or to my estate from every source including one note I hold on my said son James A. Briggs for six hundred dollars.

The house and lot in Bowling Green, which I bought of J. B. Stubbins may be sold by my said executor either publicly or privately and at a price according to his best judgement and discretion and all moneys belonging to me or to my estate including that to be derived from the sale of said house and lot after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I desire my said executor to divide into equal parts and to pay it equally, to my seven grandchildren: Charles S. Briggs, Dovie Briggs, Waldo Briggs, and Sammie Briggs, the children of my son Wm. T. Briggs, and to John S. Briggs and W. S. Briggs, the children of my son James A. Briggs, and to the young child of said son James A. Briggs, but recently born; to those of them not of age their portion may be paid to their guardian. I have heretofore given to my Children, Charles M. Briggs, Wm. T. Briggs and Jas. A. Briggs money and property and no account shall even be made of it. I do not mean that I have given to them equally, but I have given to them as I was able and as I thought right. I love them all equally and what difference I have made between them is because of the difference in their health, condition and circumstances. And it is upon this account that I make no provision for my son Wm. T. Briggs, who is now occupying high position and in good circumstances, and I make no provisions for my grandchildren Josephine and Charles M. Briggs, the children of my deceased son, Chas. M. Briggs, because they are well off without it; and I make none of my great grandchildren, the children of my granddaughter Lizzie McLamore deceased because they are well off without it by means from their mother and grandfather.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of November 1881, in the presence of the witnesses whose signatures appear hereto.

Test:

Will A. Cooke
George B. Payne

State of Kentucky, Warren County. I, Ben F. Gardner, Clerk of Warren County Court, do certify that the foregoing will of John M. Briggs, deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of Will A. Cooke and one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of Geo. B. Payne the other subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of May, 1882.

Ben F. Gardner, C.W.C.C.

Recorded in Will Book 4, page 344, 
Copy Attest: George G. Potter, Clerk by Lois Martin, D.C.
WILL OF DAVID BRIGGS

In the name of God Amen I David Briggs of Logan County, Kentucky, being weak and sick in body but of good mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

First I give and bequeath my Soul to Almighty God, that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and as touching my worldly estate, I give and bequeath to my son William Briggs one Horse and Saddle more than the other children and also my daughter Margaret's Son Frederick Whitescarver to have Sixty Six dollars more than the rest and then the estate to be equally divided among all my children and I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Margaret Briggs and my son George Briggs and David Briggs my executors.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name in presence of my family as this 21st day of September, 1835.

DAVID BRIGGS

Test: Isaac Browning
        Thos. B. Stephens
        Thos. D. Sutton

STATE OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF LOGAN

I, BAILEY GUNN, Clerk of Logan County, Keeper and Custodian of the Seal and Records thereof, do certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of a Will as the same appears of record in my office in Will Book "F" Page 88.

Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of June, 1960.

BAILEY GUNN, CLERK L.C.C.
By Cora Ann Parker D.C.
IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I DANIEL
McDONALD, OF BRUNSWICK PARISH IN KING GEORGE COUNTY
AN UNSWORTHY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BEING
THRO' THE ABUNDANT MERCY AND GOODNESS OF GOD, SHOWING
IN POOR YET OF A SOUND AND PERFECT UNDERSTANDING AND
MEMORY, DO CONSTITUTE THIS MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT,
AND DESIRE IT MAY BE RECEIVED AS SUCH. IMPRIMIS I
MOST HUMBLY DEQUEATH MY SOUL TO GOD MY MOTHER,
BESSEECHING HIS MOST GRACIOUS ACCEPTANCE OF IT, THRO'
THE ALL SUFFICIENT MERITS AND MEDIATION OF MY MOST
COMPASSIONATE REDEEMER JESUS CHRIST, AND MY BODY
I RECOMMEND TO THE EARTH TO BE BURIED IN A CHRISTIAN-
LIKE AND DECENT MANNER IN MUDDA CREEK CHURCH
YARD AT THE DISCRETION OF MY EXECUTOR, HEREAFTER,
NAM'ID IN FULL ASSURANCE OF ITS RESURRECTION AT THE
LAST DAY. AND AS TO MY WORLDLY ESTATE AND GOODS I GIVE
AND DEQUEATH THEM IN MANNER FOLLOWING.
HER I give and Bequeath unto my loving Daughter

Mary Mc Donald a young negro Wench named or goos
y the name of young Sagg the Daughter of a negro Wench

tall a old Sagg her and her future Increase to her and her heirs forever

HER I give and Bequeath unto my loving Daughter

Helena Mc Donald a young negro Wench named or goos

t the name of young Sagg the Daughter of a negro Wench

tall a old Sagg her and her future Increase to her and her heirs forever

HER I give and Bequeath unto my loving Son Daniel

Mc Donald all my Land lying in the County of Lancaster to

him and his Heirs forever HER I my Will and desire is

A the Remainder part of my Estate after the Deque...
is that the Remainder part of my Estate to be put ordi-

ced into three Equal Divisions and the one third part

which I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Ellen

McDonald to give or dispose of to any of my aforesaid

Children as she shall think proper and not to be dispo-

sed of otherwise at her Death In my Will and desire

that the other two thirds part of my Estate be Equal
divided among my aforesaid Children Vizt Ann, Mary Jenny

Daniel and Helena to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my loving Wife

Ellen McDonald my sole Executive of this my last W

and Testament and do hereby utterly disallow Re

and Disannul all and every other former Testaments.

Wills and Executions Resolved and Executors by me in

anywise before this time named Will'd and Request

Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be

my last Will and Testament J.W. Witness'd whereof

I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this month

1678
The last Will and Testament of Daniel M'Donald, as presented into Court and proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto, was admitted to Record and on the Motion of John Champneys, Gent, Certificate was granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof with the Will annexed in the form.

[Signature]

William Barret

[Signature]

(Peter J. Deit)

[Signature]

A Court held for King George County the 14th day of November 1807
WILL OF THOMAS LYNE

In the name of God Amen The 23d of October 1716 I Thomas Lyne of ye parish of St. Marys White Chapple in ye County of Lancaster being weak in body but of good & perfect memory God be praised for itt do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following (Viz) To wit Iismended my Soul into ye hand of God my maker Hoping through the mercilly of his Son Jesus Christ my Savior to be made partaker of life everlasting. Next I command my body to ye earth to be decently buried by my executor hereafter named and as ouching that my worldly goods wth which it hath pleased allmighty God to bless me I give & bequeath as follows Viz

I will that all my just debts be paid by my exec. Item I give & bequeath to my loving son Thomas Lyne (& in case of his death to his heirs lawfully begotten by human wedlock) all ye lands whereof I am at present or may hereafter possess of Item I give & bequeath (in case of the death of my son Thomas Lyne & his heirs lawfully begotten) all my lands as before mentioned to my loving daughter Susanna Lyne and to ye Children lawfully begotten in her body. Item I give & bequeath to all my Children (Excepting my son Thomas Lyne) one thousand pounds of tobbaco each to be paid to them by my Son Thomas Lyne out of ye lands given to him. Item I give & bequeath all my books to be equally divided between my Loving wife Elizabeth Lyne & my children she to have the first choice. Item I give & bequeath to my Loving wife Elizabeth Lyne (during her widdow hood) the rest of my estate to gether wth all manner of debts justly owing to me to be disposed of as she shall think best for ye bring up of my children in ye fear of God & their well being in this World making & declaring her & Mr. Henry Towles Execter of this my last will & testament. Item I will ( in case my loving wife Should marry again after my decease) that all my estate (Excepting my lands given before to my Son Thomas Lyne & his heirs) be equally divided among all my children My loving wife only to have the thirds of my estate. Item I do hereby revoake all my former wills gifts bequeaths whatsoever by me made Declaring this to be my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal the day & year above written.

Witnessee by

Thomas Lyne  SEAL
Wm Lawrence
Jno Barlowe
Jno Reeves
Noah X Rogers

Att a Court held for Lancaster County the 8th day of May Anno Dom 1717 This was presented in Court as the last will & testament of Thomas Lyne by Elizabeth Lyne one of his Extrs who made Oath thereto and being proved by ye oaths of Wm Lawrence and John and Noah Rogers three of ye witt'n's on the motion of the sd Elizabeth Lyne & her performing what is usual in such cases Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due forme.
Henning's Virginia Statutes at Large: Volume 8, p. 497, July, 1771, David Briggs, merchant at Falmouth, near Richmond, County of Henrico and King George, Public Warehouse to be erected on land of John Dixon to house 1000 head of tobacco and present site to be sold to David Briggs.


Faded records of Fauquier County, Virginia: Book 5, p. 41. "November 6, 1770; Honorable Thomas, Lord Fairfax, Baron Cameron in "St.Redwn" called Scotland, farm lots unto William Briggs, land in Fauquier County, in Manor of Leeds, in line of Thomas Withers--200 acres, with all orchards, meadows, etc. during the natural lives of said William, Judy, his wife, and David, his son--said Briggs paying 40 shillings upon Nativity of our Blessed Lord and Saviour." Book 17, p.404- February 27,1809: "Peter Grant, Fauquier, Virginia sells David Briggs of town of Palfouth, King George, Virginia for 268 pounds, land of Fauquier, 100 acres, also slaves." /s/ Peter Grant. David Briggs.


Virginia Colonial Abstracts. Vol. 23, Westmoreland County 1653-1657: Page 52: Richard Browne acknowledges receipt from Mr. John Hilles of a heifer and a sow "for the use of my son Robert Browne". They being at the first given by Wm Freake to the Child. Wit: David Phillips Signed-Richard Browne

Tho. Blagg

Rec: 10/Jam/1655/56

Page 52: Robert Browne, son of Richard Browne of Westmoreland County, registers mark for hogs and cattle.

10/Jan/1655/56

Browne Family (Tyler's Quarterly. Vol. 12, page 64):


Feb. 20, 1653 - entered in Order Book:
Richard Browne, aged 35 or thereabouts, deposed, Dec. 18, 1670.

Richard Browne to his son Originall Browne, one-half of the lands wherein he is now possessed.

June 10, 1655:
Robert Browne, son of Richard Browne, registers his mark of cattle.

October 20, 1656:
Nuncupative will of George James left all his property to Richard Browne and his wife and children.

March 22, 1654:
Governor Bennett to Richard Browne, 650 Acres of land in Westmoreland County for the transportation of thirteen persons into the colony.

June 21, 1658:
Richard Browne, aged 40 or thereabouts, May 1, 1659.

Westmoreland County Land Grants:
Book 3, page 276, Richard Browne, year 1654, 200A
page 279, Nathaniel Pope, year 1654, 1000A
page 325, Richard Browne, year 1654, 650A

Book 4, page 51, Nathaniel Pope, year 1656, 1550A
page 430, Richard Browne, year 1662, 300A

Book 5, page 171, Henry Brooks, year 1662, 1020A

Order Book 1662-1664, page 35

Tyler's Quarterly, Vol. 12, page 43:

-1691-
Deposition of Originall Browne, aged 34 or thereafter, his son, William was still under age in 1698, at the time of his (William) father's death.

June 28, 1657
Richard Cole, to Jane Brooks, daughter of Henry Brooks, deed of gift of one heifer.

October 28, 1663

February 3, 1662
Will of Henry Brooks, wife Jane, daughter Dorothy, grandchild Lidia Abingdon, daughter Lidia Abingdon, daughter Jane Higdon.

May 16, 1677
Originall Browne, due 300 acres of land for the transportation of these persons: Joseph Roberts, Robert Melton, William Brown, William Morgan, Elizabeth Constant, and Elizabeth Harris.

October 8, 1679
Certificates, horses, etc to John Price, for a horse 4 months; to Originall Browne, for 2 steers, 5 years old, 850 lbs. tobacco.
(Originall Browne idem. 5 months; to Nehemiah Starke. idem. 6 mo.)

April 27, 1698
Will of George Tunbridge. "To Mary, daughter of Originall Browne, and Jane, his wife." said Mary, then under age.

Tyler's Quarterly, Vol. 12, page 60:

John Price, the immigrant of 1611 to Jamestown.
Robert Price (died 1686) married Jane ______(died 1687)
William Price (born 1606)
John Price (1672-1726) who married Jane Smith (died 1722) dau. of
John and Elizabeth Smith of Middlesex Co., Va.
William Price (1723-1756) married Jane Brown in 1750. She died 1782.
Catherine Price (1753-1805) married in 1778 to Benjamin Strother (1750-1807).
Richard Browne, immigrant to Westmoreland Co., Va., born in 1618.
Originall Browne (1648-1698) married Jane Brooks.
William Browne (1680-1714) who married Hester Hall.
David Browne (d. 1730) married Elizabeth Webb.
William Browne (d. 1759) married Mary Middleton.
Jane Browne (1730-1782) married in 1750 to Wm. Price (1723-1756).

Virginia County Records Publication—Wills, page 8:
Nathaniel Pope of Appomattox—May 16, 1659—April 20, 1660.
Son Thomas, when 21, son Nathaniel, my wife Lucy, my son-in-law,


From Files of William Allason, merchant:
(William Wroe was a man of considerable means.)
William Allason, merchant of Falmouth, now in Stafford County, Va.,
records in his memorandum book in Dec., 1758, he ordered for Mr. Wm. Wroe, a gold ring with three white stones in it. One large and other two small, at opposite sides, also two pair woman's silver buckles with E. W. and one half dozen teaspoons and one plain gold ring with E. W. (These items marked E. W. were for his wife, Elizabeth Wroe.)

Other data on William Wroe:
On October 25, 1756, William Wroe, leased 100 acres of land on Attopin Creek in Westmoreland County from Joshua Davis. He also had a creek in the same County. His will was dated May 12, 1768 and left eleven slaves and to his dau., Anjalettah, wife of Joseph Fox, he left his tract of land on Rosier's Creek and all the residue of his estate after his wife's decease. His son-in-law, Joseph Fox, was named executor.

Abst. of John B. Briggs: son of Wm., son of Ebenezer Briggs "As far back as the 16th century 2 bros. William & Robert Briggs, shipped as stowaways on board of a brig in the harbour of Edinburg, Scotland and came to this country. They landed as far south as the Carolinas, and here separated, the younger brother, William came to Va. where he settled. One of his great grandchildren was the father of William Briggs who came to Mo. at an early day & settled at Hannibal, Mo., on what is now known as the Houch Farm in that vicinity. He was married to Rhoda Wright of Pike County in 1825". (material taken from the files of Emma Figge and furnished by her daughter, Mary Frances Hill.)

Maryland Historical Mag. Vol. 26, p. 229, Baltimore County Land records of 1760:
Deed July 20, 1669. Thomas Cornwalys, Esq. & wife, Penelope of Stanham Norfolk County, England for 10,000 pounds of tobacco conveys land to George Wilson, planter of Va. in the county of Baltimore, etc.

Fredericksburg, Va. Herald of Friday, July 1st, 1808: "Married on Tuesday the 28th instant at Falmouth, by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, David Briggs, Jun., Esq., attorney-at-law, to the amiable and beautiful Miss Mary Frazier Vowles, daughter of the late Mr. Henry Vowles."
Fredericksburg, Va. Herald of Saturday, December 4, 1813: "Died at his residence in Stafford County on Thursday the 2nd inst., Mr. David Briggs, Sen., in the 84th year of his age."

Information furnished Mrs. W. H. Nicholls by Veterans Admin. in 1939:

David Briggs was born October 23, 1760 in Westmoreland County, Va; while residing at the Falls of the Ohio (Louisville, Ky) he enlisted in the year 1780 and served three months as a private in Captain John Swan's Company in General George Rogers Clark's Expedition against the Indians, during which he was in the battle of Piqua. While a resident of Crab Orchard, Kentucky, he enlisted in September 1782, served as a private in Captain John Snoddy's company, marched from Bryant's Station against the Indians and assisted in destroying their towns; he served subsequently on various alarms as spy and ranger in the vicinity of Licking River and Dick River, a part of the time under Lieutenant Benjamin Logan. His service amounted to at least seven months.

About two or three years after the close of the Revolutionary War, David Briggs returned to Westmoreland County, Virginia, and resided for seven or eight years, after which he resided in Kentucky.

The soldier married November 13, 1786 in Fauquier County, Virginia, Margaret Crawly (Crawley) who was born January 19, 1769;
Margaret Briggs, the soldier's widow was allowed pension on her application executed June 6, 1842, at which time she resided in Logan County and was living there in 1855. She applied March 26, 1855 for the bounty land which was due under the Act of March 3, 1855 on account of her husband's service in the Revolutionary War. Warrant #26717 for 160 acres of bounty land was issued under that Act.

In 1842, the soldier's son, George Briggs, resided at Logan County, Kentucky.

The following data regarding the family of David Briggs and his wife, Margaret, are shown:

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In 1855, when the soldier's widow, Margaret Briggs, made application for bounty land, Charlotte Stephens and Thomas L. Stephens were with her. (all dates shown above are given by the V.A.)

"Early Marriages in Va. County Records" by Crozier, p. 31:

May 24, 1762. William Briggs b. 1741 m. May 24, 1762, Lancaster Co., Va., to Mary Cooke, daughter of Reuben Cooke.

Abstracts from David Briggs Will:

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Inscriptions on stones at "Stoney Hill":

Stafford County, Virginia

Sacred
To the Memories of Jane & David Briggs

Jane Briggs
who departed this life
on the 6th day of June 1810
Aged 83 years and 7 months.

David Briggs
who departed this life
on the 3rd day of Dec. 1813

Passenger remember that you too must die and immediately appear before God. Are you ready?

J.B. 1810
D.B. 1813

DEED OF GIFT - Known as Briggs Land (Air Hill):
Frederick Co. Deed Book # 32 - Page 528 (At this time Clarke County was a part of Frederick County—divided later).

Short to Briggs - 1794

WHEREAS John Short, deceased, by his Will and Testament bearing date 2nd. of February 1794, devise his whole estate real and personal to his widow, Judith Short, for and during her life or widowhood, upon the happening of either which events his said estate was to go according to the provisions of his will to his respective children, to-wit: To Lucinda Ball Short one of the divises of the afore mentioned John Short hath inter-married with a certain Thomas Briggs, and feeling strong inclination to promote the conveniences and interest of the said Thomas & Lucinda and enable them to derive the earliest from the intention or provisions of the said John Short, deceased—This indenture——in consideration of the love and regard entertained for said daughter and her husband do surrender tract of land —— to the said Thomas & Lucinda and their heirs forever my interest in land ——

Signed Wm. Alexander
W. Bell
Wm. A. Knox

July 1, 1810

Frederick Co. Records - Winchester, Va. Deed Bk 46-Page 306:
This day Thomas Briggs personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the county aforesaid, and took the several oaths, prescribed by law as Lieut. in the 122 Regulars, 16th. Brigade, and third division of Militia of this Commonwealth in persuance of a Commission under the hand of Thomas M. Randolph, Gover—
nor of this Commonwealth, dated 17, Aug. 1822 - Given under our hand 17 Aug. 1822 - John Bell. At a Court held 8th, day of Nov. 1822.

By the Court
J. A. Keith

From the records of Anna S. Briggs: CHAPEL SPRINGS, CLARKE CO., VA.

In the late 1700 and early 1800 was a part of the land owned by Phillip Burwell, member of an old, well known Virginia family (one of whom gave the land for the "Old Chapel" the first Episcopal Church built West of the Blue Ridge Mountains). Phillip Burwell built "Chapel Hill" about 1790 on another portion of his land. Chapel Springs was bought by James C. Briggs after Mr. Burwell's death and later transferred by him to his brother, William P. Briggs. An addition was built to the house after the Civil War. During the War it was visited frequently by soldiers of both the Northern and Southern Armies. One afternoon during Sheridan's famous March up the Valley of Virginia, two of the stone cabins in which the slaves formerly lived, were burned by soldiers under his command. At the same time a large barn about 200 yards back from the house at "Chapel Green" (where Phillip Burwell lived before he built "Chapel Hill") and several wheat and hay stacks were burned. Chapel at this time was owned by Robert Hood Briggs. Chapel Springs was sold in 1918 to settle the estate and has since been extensively remodeled. It is situated on the East side of the Norfolk and Western Railroad and State Rte. North Side of Chapel Run. The land adjoined "Air Hill" land on the East.

From the records of Anna Somerville Briggs:

"In New York Public Library (Genealogy Room) there is a bound type-written copy of Mrs. Lila Briggs Sampson's "Briggs Family" giving all the northern branches, which however, did not connect with the Virginia family from Scotland, but in the back is a handwritten letter from her saying, "Robert Bridges, of Fifeshire, Scotland, married Mary Landon, of Marknick, in Fifeshire. Four of his sons came to Virginia changed their names to Briggs, and have a hundred descendants."

Mrs. Sampson of Sampson's Harbor, Maryland, in the 1920's wrote me many letters. She is now deceased. She had searched all records to get her line complete. She verified our records, and gave, in addition, the names of other brothers, who, she found, came to Virginia, though our Bibles give no record of them. Besides David Briggs, of Stafford County, who came to Virginia in 1752, she lists (1) Thomas, who married in Fifeshire, came in 1754. (2) William to Culpeper Co., Va. in 1765. (3) James.
(2) William married Judith Wroe, daughter of Original Wroe, of Westmoreland Co. Then they came to Culpeper Co. and later to Bardstown, Ky. where he died in 1810. Many prominent descendants live in Kentucky, Tennessee, and farther west, she wrote me.


"David Briggs, born May 9, 1730, in Fifeshire, Scotland was the son of Robert and Mary Landon Briggs. He came to Virginia in the summer of 1752. The name should have been Bridges, altered at school, no matter. My mother's name was Mary Landon, sister of Thomas Landon, whose father was David, lived in Marx in Fife. My Uncle Thomas Landon, left one daughter, who left one son, of the name of Millard, weakly; if he dies without children, I must heir
the lands that formerly belonged to my uncle and his grandson."
(Copied from an old Bible. I have a letter saying that Bible was lost during the Civil War.) —Signed, Anna Somerville Briggs. (This data I copied some years ago from a letter to me from Mrs. Dorothy Briggs Knudson, of New York, whose father, James Briggs II, inherited the old home place of David Briggs in Stafford County. She wrote me she copied it from an old Bible. (This may have been the old Howison Bible destroyed during the Civil War.) A.S.B.

The following was copied by Anna S. Briggs in Valentine Museum, 1941: From personal, unpublished notes of Mr. Edw. Valentine. "Petition of Dr. Robert Briggs, praying for incorporation of Medical College that they are desirous to establish a Medical School in Richmond. They pray that act may be passed... etc."

From "Medicine in Virginia in the 19th Century" by Dr. W. Blanton: Chap. II. The Rise of the Medical Colleges.
"On Oct. 9, 1835 the Richmond Medical School was advertised to begin lectures at the end of October. The faculty was to be composed of Thomas Johnson, teaching Anatomy, Physiology, and Surgery; James Beale, practice of Physic and the Institutes of Medicine; Robert Briggs, Materia Medica, Therapeutics, and Hygiene" - others are mentioned.

In another chapter is said "He (Dr. Johnston) associated himself with Drs. Beale, Briggs, and Haxall in the short lived Richmond College.

From the Chapter on Asiatic Cholera: "Nevertheless, preparations were made for an outbreak, and two hospitals for slaves working in the factories were fitted out by the tobacco manufacturers and were placed under the care of Drs. Haxall, Burton and Briggs, assisted by a score of regular nurses. The disease made its appearance in the Tidewater section of Virginia toward the end of July 1832. It struck the city early in September extending to all parts of the city and reached alarming proportions by the end of the month, when there were as many as 70 or 80 cases and 40 to 50 deaths a day".

Dr. Walter Somerville's War Record--Sent to Anna S. Briggs in reply to letter to War Dept.

The Adjutant's Office--War Dept. Washington, D.C.
"The records show that Walter Somerville, name also found as W. served as a contract Surgeon in the Confederate States Army. His name appears on a register, Chimbororazo Hospital, N5, Richmond, Virginia, which shows: assigned to duty October 12, 1864, date of contract Oct. 12, 1864. He was paroled at Richmond, Va., April 20, 1865 and given permission to go to his home in Prince Edward Co., Va. Signed, J. A. Oleo

The Adjutant General
Maj. General
May 29, 1943.

Briggs Marriage List in Warren County:

Betsey Briggs—Peter Cowardine, Book A, page 36.
Charlotty Briggs—Thomas Lawrence Stephens, Book A, page 236.
Mary Briggs—Knight Curd, Book A, page 38, daughter of Thompson Briggs.

Nelson County Marriages:

James F. Briggs—Col. in War of 1812—married Elizabeth White.
John McPherson Briggs, born April 9, 1798, married Harriet Morehead.
Susan Wroe Briggs married Armstead T. Rogers, Jan. 2, 1823.

Copied from The Kentucky Land Grant by Willard Rouse Jillson:

P. 24—Virginia Grants:

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Briggs, Jacob 100  P-248  2/13/1823  Floyd  Lickory R.
Briggs, Jacob  50  B-2-399  8/14/1826  Floyd  Brush R.
Briggs, Benj. R.  8  E-2-404  3/10/1834  Warren
Briggs, David  8  N42-86  9/13/1837  Logan  Wolf Lick
Briggs, Benj R.  130  P-2-109  3/10/1837  Warren  Gasper R.

Page 17-Jefferson Entries & Deeds:
Briggs, Samuel  1000  1  53  5-16-1780  Hanging Fork
Briggs, Samuel  1400  1  9  2-9-1780  Hanging Fork
Briggs, Joe  1000  1  132  5-31-1781  Muddy River

Page 178 Jefferson Entries & Deeds:
Briggs, Wm  500  A  283  7-14-1783  Salt R.
Briggs, Wm  400  A  341  2-25-1784  Salt R. surveyed.
Briggs, Wm  400  A  375  7-29-1784  Salt R. surveyed.
Briggs, Wm  500  A  2  8-18-1784  Salt R. surveyed.
Briggs, Samuel  1000  A  101  5-26-1780  Hanging Fork
Briggs, Samuel  400  (9-13 or A-13)  2-9-1780  Hanging Fork

The following names were copied from the old Geography brought to America by Catherine Cuman Briggs and Thomas Briggs in 1793: (1779) A Geographical History of the World—belonging to James Reid—Merchant in Dunfernline

Catherine Hampton
Andrew Briggs
Topsy Briggs
John Gorin
Anna Briggs
Nelley Briggs
Andrew Briggs
Bene Briggs
April 11, 1803
Rachel Hampton

Jacoberry Briggs was born December 2, 1789 in Scotland, Fife County. James Reid's (Salmon's Geography bought from William Melevum (1776) the 20th day of May—Dunfernline.

Jacoberry Briggs
Caty Hampton
Sally Stephens
Will Melevum 1767
Jacoberry Briggs is Thomas Martin's wife
Ellesmer Briggs

Logan County, Kentucky -1850 Census:
Family 760 - George Briggs, 49, born Kentucky
  Nancy Briggs, 49, born South Carolina
  Frances Briggs, 18
  Elizabeth Briggs, 15
  Jane M. Briggs, 13
  William Briggs, 12
  George A. Briggs, 10
  (children born in Kentucky)
Family 799 - David Briggs, 25, born Ky
Sarah Briggs, 26, born Ky
Lucy F. Briggs, 3
George W. Briggs, 3
Benjamin Briggs, 1

Logan County, Illinois - Deed Book:
Deed Book 45, page 31
#33 W. T. Briggs and his wife, the late Martha E. Hartis and
Lenora Hartis of Logan County, Illinois appoint Jesse Richardson
of Logan County their true and lawful attorney.

/s/ W. T. Briggs
Martha E. Briggs
(they sign by seal)
Lenora Hartis

Ed Motley
Logan Co., Ill ) SS. On March 1, 1871, W. T. Briggs, wife, Martha
E. Briggs and Lenora Hartis appeared giving Power of Attorney to
Jesse Richardson. /s/ James T. Hoblit, Cler, C.C.

Deed Book 45, page 32:
#34 - Briggs et al ....Deed to H. I. Pitt. signed by W. T. Briggs,
Lenora Hartis and Martha E. Briggs, by Jesse Richardson as their
attorney in fact. Land sold for $500 cash, being an unequal un-
divided 7 of a tract of land as per Book 33, page 292.

Deed Book 45, page 385 (1872):
By action of R. Y. Thomas and others heirs of George Briggs de-
ceased (plantiff at November Term, 1871, to divide and allot lands
in said plantiff's petition) to Mary E. Thomas, wife of R. Y.
Thomas.

Briggs of Logan Co. Ky. Early marriages found:
Book # 1 ...March 6, 1822, John M. Briggs married Harriet Morehead,
Both of age. Certificate # 15.
Book # 28....May 25, 1829....Reuben B. Whitescarver (of age)
marrid Margaret J. L. Briggs (by certificate).
Book # 24...May 1, 1851 (Book # 2 of Marriages) Willson McCown (of
age) married Margaret P. Briggs (by certificate).
# 62...(Bk # 2) Sept. 24, 1854, Robert Young Thomas married Mary E.
Briggs. He was of age and consent for her.
# 83...(Bk # 3) Jesse Richardson (of age) married Miss Georgeann
Briggs.
Jan. 15, 1863..W. H. Briggs (of age) married S. E. Duval (of age)
at Joseph N. Duval home.
May 1, 1867, Capt. J. B. Briggs, married Annie Long.
December 29, 1870. B. G. Briggs married Frances Guffy.
September 10, 1872. D. C. Briggs married Ann S. Penick at the home
of T. M. Penick.
July 20, 1873, Millard M. Greenfield married Nannie L. Briggs
(over in Muhlenberg County, adjoining Logan County)
G. W. Briggs married S. J. Welborn, November 7, 1869.

History of Tazewell Co., Ill. page 387:
William Duncan Briggs - he was one of the finest county judges and
a fine business lawyer, a man well liked. He died in 1854 or 1843.
Wm. D. Briggs applied for license to permit him to practice law in
Petition to sell Real Estate of Robert Wroe Briggs, filed at Circuit Clerk Office, Pekin, Ill. in the June term of Tazewell County Circuit Court, 1863.

Guardianship of Charlotte Briggs:
In the matter of guardianship of Charlotte Briggs for the minor heirs of Robert W. Briggs, deceased. Petition of Charlotte Briggs for letters of guardianship filed Dec. 27, 1861. Petition states that Clara M. Briggs, Ellen E. Briggs, Minerva R. Briggs, and Laura H. Briggs, T. Briggs, all minors (giving the age of each) that they are residents of Tazewell Co., Ill., and they have no father living or legal guardian and are entitled to property from the estate of their father, R. W. Briggs, deceased, of about the value of $5000.00 and that petition is mother of said minors. /s/James L. Briggs, Admin. July 16, 1861.

Estate Document, Tazewell County, Pekin, Ill., Records:
Robert Wroe Briggs died May 9, 1861. Administrator was James S. Briggs. Wife was Charlotte Briggs. Amount of bonds and names of securities, $12,000.00. Inventory $12,000.00 on January 6, 1862. Appraisement $2,053.84 on August 20, 1863. Appraisement of award to widow $587.77 on February 11, 1862. Signed: John S. Briggs and Peter Menard.

Early Settlers of Sangamon Co., Ill, by Power (1876): P.246.- Aquilla Davis was born 1756 in St. Mary's Co., Md. & taken to Fauquier Co., Va. when a youth. He was a soldier in the Revolution and married in the latter county to Isabella Briggs. They had six children in Va., namely: Edward, William B., Thompson, Alexander, Hezekiah, Marion. They emigrated to Ky. where they had two children. In 1820 they moved to Illinois, settled first where Elkhart now is, which was then Sangamon County. Aquilla Davis laid out the town of Elkhart. In 1822 or 23 they moved to Fancy Creek, 10 miles from Springfield. After several years Aquilla Davis & family returned to Elkhart.

Blog, Encl. of Ky. 1878 J. M. Armstrong & co:

Records from Bardstown, Kentucky:
1817 -page 440, Book 12 - Deed. Thomas Hubbard to Benjamin Briggs.
1862 -page 457, Book 32. Andrew Briggs, heirs by Commissioners to Nannie Briggs.
1803 -page 6, Book 8. Charles Morehead from William Duvall.

Deed Bk B. P. 71 - New London, Ralls Co., Mo:
March 15, 1831.
We, Ebenezer Briggs & Phebe, my wife, William Briggs & Rhoda, his wife, Zachariah G. Draper & Eleanor, his wife of the State of Mo., the two first of Ralls County and the four last of Marion Co., sell to Charles Trabue -E ½ SW ¼ Sec 31 T55 Range W---Signed: E. Briggs, Phebe Briggs, Zachary G. Draper, Eleanor M. Draper, William Briggs, Rhoda W. Briggs.
May 3, 1831 - Ebenezer Briggs and Phebe Briggs came before Court and acknowledged the above.

Marriage Records of New London, Ralls Co., Mo:
Marriage Record Book A -page 34 #121. State of Mo., Co. of Ralls.
I hereby certify that I solemnized the rights of matrimony between Thomas Wise and Mariah Briggs on the 29th day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. Samuel G. Briggs, Minister of Gospel. Recorded the 5th of Jan 1829-Charles Glascock, Recorder.

Ralls Co., Mo. Deed Book A. page 362:
Levi Keathly to Ebenezer Briggs, William Briggs & Zachariah Draper 28th Feb. 1825 for $250.00 E ½ SW ¼ Sec. 31 T55 R.4 103 8½ -100 acres land granted and made patent to Levi Keithly Sept. 24, 1821 by the President of the United States. Land includes a salt lick by names of Keithly's Lick. Filed for rec. June 17, 1825.

Deed Bk B. Page 70, June 11, 1831:
Ebenezer Briggs and other to Charles C. Trabue -E ½ SW ¼ Sec31R.4 & situated in the County of Pike and Ralls near the line....$1000 signed 15 March 1831 -Ebenezer, Phoebe et al.
P.71 -Phoebe Briggs relinquishes her dower 6-11-1831. Both she and Ebenezer went before the Clerk when she relinquished (same land as above).

Marion Co., History P. 943 (Mo.):
To incorporate the Hannibal & St. Joe R.R. an act passed by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri in Feb.1847, listed Zachariah G. Draper of Hannibal as one of a body corporate and all such persons as may be concerned hereafter become stockholders. P.945-Feb.1851, the Missouri legislature granted credit of the state to the road. Among large subscribers was Z.G. Draper of Hannibal. The Board of Directors was re-organized in the years 1851-2-3 and Zachariah G. Draper was on the board.
P.959- Zachariah Draper was one of Hannibal's oldest and most prominent citizens. He was Postmaster, Representative, and one of the First Directors of the Hannibal & St. Joe. R.R. and prominent in all civic improvements. He died in 1856.
P. 942. First step taken to build Hannibal & St. Joe R.R. was in a meeting held in the spring of 1846 in the office of John M. Clemens (the father of Mark Twain) on the N.W. corner of Bird & Hill Streets in Hannibal. Hon. Zachariah G. Draper was President.
Monroe County, Mo. Deed Book D:
pp.301-2 Oct. 20, 1838. David A. Briggs and Sarah C., his wife
to Walter Robinson all of County of Monroe, State of Missouri.

pp.362. May 15, 1839. Ebenezer Briggs, late of the County of
Monroe and now of the County of Marion and State of Missouri, first
part, and Mary Ann West, his daughter, and wife of Thomas G. West
of the County of Monroe, State of Mo. .... negro boy "Bill" 11 yrs.

pp.457. August 30, 1839. Ebenezer Briggs, late of the County of
Monroe, State of Missouri, and now of the County of Marion, State
of Missouri, first part; and Susan E. West, his daughter and wife
of Robert West, of the County of Monroe, State of Missouri..
1 negro boy "Nelson" about 9 years.

dated 23 April 1842 between Ebenezer Briggs of the County of Adair
and State of Missouri and Morton Raney of Monroe County — land of
Ebenezer Briggs, Patent #4487 N.E.1/4 SW1/4 Sec.30 Twp 55 Range 9,
38½ acres.

Records of County Officers in Tazewell County, Ill:
Benjamin Briggs was:
Commissioner (1827-1830) page 1 (1831-1835) page 5
Treasurer (1836-1837) page 5 (1837-1843)
Sheriff (1840-1844)
Coroner (1831)

David C. Alexander was Grand Juror on April, 1843 held in Tremont,
Illinois (page 178).

Robert W. Briggs was:
Sheriff (1844-1848) page 225
Supervisor (1850)
Overseer of Poor in 1858 —page 98
Deputy Sheriff (1842-1843) page 185

John Strother Briggs was:
Assessor of Little Mackinaw Twp (1861) page 123
Supervisor of Little Mackinaw Twp (1864) page 144
Supervisor of Little Mackinaw Twp (1865) page 154

Record of Commissioners (1838-1848) Pekin, Ill:
Records at the Courthouse. Page 16, ordered by the Court that
Benjamin Briggs, Treasurer, be allowed one hundred and 25 dollars
(125.00) for assessing and making returns on Taxable property for
1838. Page 161, December Term of Court. Dec. 5, 1842. As it
appears to the court that Wm. D. Briggs is about to apply to the
Supreme Court for a license to permit him to practice law in this
state. Ordered that the judges of the court from their personal
knowledge of Wm. D. Briggs do cheerfully recommend him as a young
gentleman of good moral character. Ordered that Court adjourn to
meet tomorrow at nine o'clock. Signed, Gurrett Higgins, W. S.
Rankin, Abel Kingman.
Village of Tremont, Illinois

According to history, the first white men to make a home within its borders of what is now Tazewell County, were the explorer, LaSalle and his party in 1660. They were compelled, on account of winter setting in, to provide themselves with shelter and protection until spring. This they did by building a rude cabin, which was named the Creve-Coeur-on-the-"Narrows" above Peoria, Illinois. Many years later a party of French traders established a trading post where Wesley City is now located. This post was maintained a great many years and continued to be an important trading point for a number of years after settlers came to the vicinity of Tremont. At this time the only inhabitants were Indians, tribes of the "Five Nations". Many of these moved to the Mississippi River to fish and hunt but many returned during winter seasons as late as 1838. While here many went to school with children of settlers. On the Menard farm, we can still see remains of their camp fires. In 1825, Benjamin Briggs came to Plum Grove. In 1823, Thomas Briggs and Hezekiah Davis came from Sangamon County and established themselves as Indian Traders, two miles northwest of Tremont, near Pleasant Grove. With them they brought a barrel of whiskey, calico and blankets and traded for furs and skins.

The first white child born in Elm Grove Twp. was Isabelle Briggs in 1823.

On November 24, 1866, a large number of ladies of Pekin, Ill., met to organize what was for many years known as the "Ladies Library Association". Mrs. Robert Briggs was a member.

Portrait and Biographical Record of Marion, Ralls and Pike Co., Mo; Chicago, O. OWEN and Co., 1895. pp.726-728.

JOHN COOK BRIGGS, whose death the community was called on to mourn September 19, 1895, had been a resident of Ralls Co., for 73 years. When the family came to the county the only water mill in this section was situated about one mile north of New London and was owned by Richard Matson. It was also the only water mill for miles around, and here people came from Monroe, Audrain, Pike, Marion and Ralls Counties to have their grain ground. The mill was an ungeared one, the burrs being on one end of the shaft and the water wheel on the other. Farmers were often required to remain one week waiting for their turn. When they were fortunate enough to have wheat to grind it was carried in a sack to a house on the hill and bolted by a hand bolt. White bread flour was a delicacy and the bread was not indulged in oftener than once a week.

The subject of this sketch was born in Warren Co., Ky., one mile from Bowling Green, August 5, 1817. His grandfather, Wm. Briggs, was a native of Scotland, who emigrated to America, about 1765, locating in Culpeper County near Culpeper Court House, Va. He had learned the trade of a combmaker in Scotland, but on coming to Virginia engaged in farming. Soon after his arrival in Virginia, he married Miss Judith Wroe (Roe) of Irish descent, but born in Va. He remained in Virginia a number of years, then moved to Warren Co., Ky., then called the Green River Country, where he spent the remainder of his life. Of his family of six children, William T. lived and died in Warren Co., Kentucky. David subsequently moved to Tennessee, Ebenezer married in Kentucky and moved to Illinois, and
from there to Ralls Co., Mo., in 1819; George located in Tennessee
where his descendants still live, Robert was the father of our sub-
ject; Benjamin moved to Sangamon Co., Ill. in 1822, where his des-
cendants still live; there were three daughters in the family, one
of whom married a Latham, and one a Craddock. The husband of the
third is not known.

Robert Briggs, the father of our subject, was born in Culpeper
Co., Va., November 27, 1777. His early life was spent on a farm in
that county, and he was about grown when he moved with the family
to Kentucky. He was married in Warren Co., Ky., to Jane Cook, a
native of that State. After his marriage, he remained in that
county until 1822, when he came to Ralls Co., Mo., arriving between
Christmas and New Years. The family came in a light wagon called a
dearborn. He first located three miles west of New London, on what
is now known as the Fleming farm, where he remained four or five
years, then moved to the place now (1895) known as the Cowen place,
four miles from New London, which he bought before coming to Missouri.
His circumstances were greatly reduced by the old system of Conti-
ental Money, and it was to give his children a chance to acquire
some land that he came to Missouri. His first wife died in Kentucky
in 1820, and he subsequently married Rebecca Stone, widow of Elijah
Stone, of Milton Co., Kentucky. Her maiden name was Duncan. By the
last marriage there were no children. When a young man, Robert
Briggs met with an accident which rendered him a cripple for life.
He was a quiet, unassuming man, and later in life was a member of
the Baptist Church, but was always a consistent believer in the
Christian religion. He died on the home place in 1853. Of his
family, eight children lived to maturity and one died in infancy.
They were: Mary J. who married Marshall Kelley of Kentucky and
subsequently moved to Missouri, locating near Palmyra; Judith R.
who married Robert Hager of Ralls Co; Margaret P. who married Chapel
Carstarphen, who was Sheriff of Ralls Co., and who represented that
county in the State Legislature in an early day; Maria J. who was
married to Thomas J. Wise of Palmyra; William T. who located in
Ralls Co., moved to California in 1857, and has since died; John C.
the subject of our sketch; Benjamin M. who now lives in Hannibal.

John C. Briggs when five years of age, came from Kentucky to
Ralls Co. with his parents. He grew to manhood on his father's farm
and received an education in the log schoolhouses of that day; he
described the schoolhouse as being built of round logs with a fire-
place running across one side of the building, split logs for seats,
and a small aperture sawed out for a window, which in winter was
covered with a greased paper to make it transparent. The larger
boys employed their noon-hour in cutting and carrying wood. It
was under such circumstances that he acquired his education.

On Christmas Day, 1838, Mr. Briggs was united in marriage with
Davideller Ely, daughter of Joshua and Mary (Stone) Ely. Her mother
was a widow when she married Mr. Ely, her first husband being Daniel
Halls, for whom the county was named. Joshua Ely was a native of
Kentucky and was among the first settlers of Ralls County, moving
here in 1818. After his marriage, Mr. Briggs, entered and bought
land in the southeast part of Center Township, on which he erected
a log cabin in the fall of 1839 which continued to be his home until
1893. His first purchase was two hundred and seventeen acres, and
when the war broke out he owned thirteen hundred acres. He engaged
in general farming and stock-raising, also shipping stock in company
with Col. Splawn. For fifteen years he shipped mules to Vicksburg
and Natchez. His loss occasioned by the war was about $15,000. At his death he owned 600 acres of land. In September, 1892, he gave up the cares of the farm to his son, E. W., and moved to Centre, where he resided up to the time he was called to a better land.

Mr. Briggs had been married four times. On the death of his first wife, he married Elizabeth Ely, the daughter of John J. Ely. She died and he subsequently married Mrs. Fanny McGrew, widow of George T. McGrew. His fourth marriage was with Miss Georgianna Ellis, daughter of Walter and Cynthia Ellis. By his first marriage were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy; Mary J., became the wife of Andrew R. Rice, of Ralls Co., and moved to California where she died leaving two sons; Joshua E. married Sarah M. Flowerree and resides in Ralls Co.; Margaret, wife of James Daniel, was married in California and returned to Ralls Co., where she died leaving four children; Benjamin C. married Miss Richard E. Leake and resides in Center Township; Louisa H. is the wife of William A. Mason, of Nevada, Mo.; Susan F. is the wife of Irvin Treadway of Apdrain Co., Mo. By the second marriage there are four children, as follows: Delia, wife of E. T. Alford, of Fresno City, Cal; Edwin W. married Calcena C. Keithley of Ralls Co.; John K. married Nellie E. Waters also of Ralls Co.; Ada I. wife of James H. McPike, is now living in Towner County, N. Dak.

During the three-quarters of a century in which Mr. Briggs was a resident of Ralls Co. he witnessed and participated in many of the great changes that have been made. It has already been stated that there was but one mill for miles around when the Briggs family settled in this county. For years he went to the mill on horseback and sometimes went as often as half a dozen times for one sack of flour or meal.

Mr. Briggs was a man who never indulged in card playing, nor did he chew or smoke tobacco. He was a devoted member of the Christian Church and affiliated with the Democratic Party. He was one of Ralls County’s most honored and respected citizens and through his honorable and charitable ways won the esteem of all who knew him.

PIONEER FOOTPRINTS

Charles L. Briggs, one of the first settlers in the county, was born in 1804 in Logan County, Kentucky. He was married to Matilda C. Otey who was born in 1802 in Virginia, near Richmond. With his wife and a three weeks old baby, he started to what is now Illinois in October, 1833. He came in a two-horse wagon, crossing the small streams in a ferry boat. With them came a family by the name of Poe, which made eleven in all. He stayed here, raised a small crop, then went back to Kentucky and lived there for some time. He returned again with a family of five children. He camped at the Sangamon River near the Old Carpenter Mill, and it was at this place that he distinctly saw the falling of the stars.

Mr. Briggs had two brothers, one of them staying here and entered land in 1825 and 1829, and the other went back to Kentucky and resided there. He also had an uncle, Ebenezer Briggs, who with James W. Latham, who married a Briggs, were the first two white people to settle in Logan County. Mr. Briggs had a brother, Thomas Briggs, who
died and he was buried at Elkhart Grove during the winter of the big snow. Another brother by the name of George came here and picked out a farm but did not locate, but went back to Kentucky and married a woman who owned slaves. She would not leave so they made their home in Kentucky. An uncle of Mr. Briggs by the name of Peter Cowardin built for him a log cabin where he raised his family of ten children. The only surviving member of this family left is William Thomas Briggs, who was born October 6, 1835 about one-half mile from where he now lives and has known no other home. He remembers well his father raising wheat and hauling it to Pekin and only getting 29 cents a bushel and taking it out in supplies for the family; also selling corn for 9 cents a bushel and hauling it to Springfield.

Mr. Briggs has had the pleasure of voting three times for Abraham Lincoln, and hearing him many times. He also attended his funeral. One of his uncles by marriage built the Old Court House where Lincoln practiced law. He also remembers well the first man buried at Union Cemetery and his name was Briggs. He also recalls attending a circus at Mt. Pulaski when a boy of fifteen years, and at that time there were only two cabins between his home and there. This was his first show and he never shall forget it. Mr. Briggs will be 86 years old the 6th of October and is in good health. He is also the oldest settler living in the county.

Notes from the Free Lance Newspaper of Hollister, California:
Edition of September 15, 1913.

N. C. Briggs passes to Great Beyond. 1st District Attorney of San Benito County. Born at Hannibal, Missouri in 1838; he emigrated to Amador County, California in 1852. His father was a lawyer and Nash was admitted to the bar at 21 years. In 1864 he was elected 1st District Attorney of Alpine County. He was attorney for the San Justo Homestead Ass'n by which the town of Hollister was founded. In 1874 San Benito County was organized from part of Monterey County with Hollister as the County Seat. While 1st District Attorney, Nash C. Briggs prosecuted the notorious bandit, Tiburcio Vasquez, for the Paicines Murders. The trial took place at San Jose where Vasquez was subsequently hanged.

San Benito Advance(Calif) Sept. 17, 1913:
To write a brief resume of the active life of N.C. Briggs would be to write the history of town and county. He was the undisputed leader and exponent of law in all the courts of the county.

San Francisco Mercury-9/16/1913:
Hollister, Sept. 15—N. C. Briggs, a pioneer atty of the state and a resident of this county since 1869, died at his residence at 10 o'clock p.m. The decedent is survived by a widow and two sons. N. C. Briggs Jr. of Hollister and Armond Briggs of Berkeley. Up to the time of his death he was president of the Hollister Water Company, vice-president of the Bank of Hollister and interested in other local corporations.

Railsback-Adams-Briggs History:
Benjamin Briggs was a soldier in the War of 1812-'14 and was with Commodore Perry in the Battle of Lake Erie, September 16, 1813. He helped to build the boats that were used in Perry's victory. McMasters and the other historians tell about the men from Kentucky
assisting in this work. He then went upon one of these boats, not as a sailor, but as a soldier, what is now called a "mannie," and fought this battle. After his discharge from the army he had to go home afoot and had to sell his gun to pay his expenses home.

Marriage Bond—Copied from the original in Fauquier County Clerk's Office, Warrenton, Virginia.

Know all men by these presents, that we, James Briggs and Daniel Withers are held and firmly bound unto John Tyler, Governor of Virginia, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to what payment well and truly to be made we bind jointly and severally, ourselves, our heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated the 19th day of December 1810.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound James Briggs and Charlotte A. Keith. Now is there no lawful cause to obstruct the said intended marriage, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force, power and virtue.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of James Briggs (Seal), Daniel Withers (Seal).

Biography of Reverend William Henry Wright—From the Mayfield Messenger (Kentucky) of Saturday, June 13, 1931.

The following biography was written of the Rev. W. H. Wright, former Graves countian, who died in Dallas, Texas, Wednesday, June 10th.

Rev. William Henry Wright came to Dallas in 1889. He was born October 12, 1848, near Wright's Chapel, Graves County, Ky. and was a son of the late Josiah McGehee Wright, Jr., and Eliza (Catherine) Ray Wright. On his father's side, he was descended from the Wrights, McGehees and the DeJarnettes of Virginia, the Wrights of English ancestry, the McGehee emigrant ancestor, Maj. James MacGregor, changing his name to Thomas MackGehee upon coming to America and the DeJarnettes were French Huguenot Refugees—all in Virginia before 1700.

His paternal grandmother was Ann Briggs, daughter of Thomas Briggs and Catherine (Camun) Briggs, who came to Kentucky from Scotland in 1792. His mother was of the well known Ray family who emigrated from Anne Arundel County, Md. to Kentucky probably as early as 1775, and among whom was the famous General James Ray of Indian warfare fame, who when a boy, outdistanced the fastest Indian runners. The Ray who wrote Ray's Practical Arithmetic was of this family. The late Governor Procter Knott's mother was a sister of Dr. Wright's grandfather, Dennis Ray, and Dr. Wright's uncle, William Henry Ray fought in the Mexican War. The Ray family has furnished many famous preachers to the Baptist Church. Rev. David B. Ray, late eminent Baptist divine and editor of the American Battle Flag at St. Louis and the late Rev. Cyrus N. Ray, also a Baptist minister, were brothers of Dr. Wright's mother. Dr. Thomas L. Ray, of Ft. Worth, is a first cousin of Dr. Wright.

His mother's mother was Nancy Hays, daughter of William Hays, Jr. and Ellender Burcham, the former third in descent from emigrant ancestor, William Hays of the old border clan, "The Hays" of Scot-
At thirteen years of age Henry Wright enlisted in the Confederate Army, Col. Falkner's regiment, Forrest's Command at Feliciana, Kentucky for which regiment his uncle, Dr. James Ray, was surgeon. After drilling about a week or ten days, his father learned of his whereabouts and took him home, he receiving an honorable discharge in due form.

Dr. Wright was educated at Milburn College, Milburn, Ky. In 1871, he came with a party of relatives and friends to Texas. In the party were his aunt, Mrs. Allie Brown, her son-in-law, James O'Neal, his wife, Annie, and their family. Mrs. W. G. Huffman and David O'Neal, two of their children, live in Dallas.

Dr. D. T. Finley and Ed Weldon were also in the party. Henry Wright and Tom Hobbs rode horseback and scouted ahead of the party for food and camping sites. His horse died on the way and he "landed in Birdville with chills and fifty cents." His first occupation was making brick but the next year he began teaching school and for many years taught in Tarrant and Kaufman counties.

On October 8, 1871, in Birdville, he married Miss Francine Alice Barkley, daughter of the late Dr. Benjamin F. and Malinda Alice Barkley, natives of Lewis and Harrison Counties, Kentucky, who had come to Texas in 1855. He entered the ministry of the Christian Church in 1876 and engaged in general evangelistic work for many years. More than seventy congregations which are in existence today were established through the efforts of Henry Wright. Among them is the church at Arlington.

About 1882, he went to Arlington, secured a vacant building, swept it out and with lantern and candles held his first meetings. There were no members of this denomination in Arlington at that time, but he was liberally received and welcomed and assisted by the Rankin and Putman families who lived in the country near Arlington. When the new Christian Church was built in Arlington, a stained glass window was placed on the right of the pulpit to commemorate his work in the community.

He was called to the pastorate of the First Christian Church in Dallas in 1889 at which time the late Capt. W. H. Lemmon, Hon. O.P. Bowser, Judge J.E. Coombes, father of Judge W. N. Coombes, were members of the Board of Elders of the church. He brought his family here from Jacksboro, where they had lived for several years. He afterwards held pastorates at Plano and Terrell. For some years he published the "Christian Visitor", succeeding Rev. J. W. Holsapple in that work. He was author of the book "Restoration", and other religious tracts and pamphlets.

Children: Two sons, Leslie A. Wright of Bedford, and Dr. Ray Barkley Wright of Laredo; two daughters, Mrs. Linnie Wright Barrett, Dallas, and Mrs. Louis Graham (Rovena) Phares, Austin; grandchildren: Leslie A. Wright Jr. and Dorothy Wright; Arthur Eames Wright Barrett and Mrs. John D. (Irvine) Ray Barrett Flanagan; Mrs. Henry G. (Alice Phares) Richardson, Leslie G. Phares, and Earl W. Phares; and two great grandchildren, John Hart Flanagan, and William Wright Flanagan. Also a brother, Samuel B. Wright, Kansas City, a sister, Mrs. Belle Backus, Nashville, Tenn., a half brother, Rupert Wright, publisher of the "Daily Press", Paragould, Ark., a half sister, Mrs. J. W. Minton, Mayfield, Ky; a number of nieces and nephews and numerous first cousins, among whom are Hon. Will A. Wright of San Angelo and Mrs. C. T. Medcock, Dallas, Rev. E. W. Wright, and James, Robert W. Bascom, and Harry Wright, Mayfield. The late Joe Tom Wright, Paducah, Ky. and Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Thomas.
George W. Briggs, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, was born May 4, 1848 in Logan County, Kentucky and is the second of the children born to David C. Briggs and Sarah M. (Whitescarver) Briggs, natives of Warren and Logan Counties, respectively and of English origin. David C. Briggs was a son of George Briggs, a native of Virginia and a farmer; came to Kentucky about 1820. George W. Briggs was reared on a farm and received a common school education. He lived with his parents until he enlisted June 9, 1865 in Co. G., 17th Ky Cavalry, under Colonel Sam Johnston; he participated in a few skirmishes and was discharged October 4, 1865; he returned home and engaged in farming in Muhlenberg County. His parents moved to Wayne County, Illinois when the war broke out; later went to Mt. Vernon, Indiana, and were gone three years. George W. Briggs, located in Muhlenberg County in 1867, where he has since resided; was deputy sheriff of the County from 1879 to 1883; has since been engaged in the tobacco trade, and meets with good success. He was for a short time engaged in the mercantile business with Jones and Penrod; at present (1885) the firm name is James and Briggs. Mr. Briggs was married November 7, 1869 to Sarah J. Welborn of Muhlenberg County, a daughter of Henry and Elvira A. (Tigart) Welborn, natives of Muhlenberg County and of English descent and who were some of the first settlers of the county. Her grandfather, James Tigart, came from New Hampshire. To Mr. and Mrs. Briggs were born five children: Addie C., Sarah F., Alma D., Eller B., and Annie L. Mrs. Briggs died April 27, 1884, a member of the Baptist Church.


GREAT SALE OF LOTS IN THE TOWN OF LINCOLN

On Saturday the 27th day of August, 1853, there will be a public sale of lots in the town of Lincoln. Lincoln is situated in the centre of Logan County, and is the half-way station on the C. and M. R. R., between Springfield and Bloomington, being thirty miles distant from each. It is surrounded by the most beautiful and healthy country in the state of Illinois, and is certain to be a very important business place.

The County seat will unquestionably be removed to this place at the next November election, as at that time an election is to be held for the removal of the county seat by virtue of an act of the last legislature.

The sale will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. Terms liberal, which will be made known on the ground. Meanwhile R. B. Latham, of Mt. Pulaski, will attend to selling lots at private sale.

/s/ R. B. Latham
J. D. Gillett)
Proprietors
V. Hickox

Aug. 16, 1853.—d&wd.
Dates on Tombstones in Cemeteries in Illinois as correctly written on June 1, 1953 by Geraldine Perry Briggs and Georganna K. Gerth:

Cemetery. Tennessee Point (new name is Walnut Grove) approx. 2 miles east of Tremont, Illinois.

Benjamin Briggs, born April 8, 1783—died February 17, 1844.
Susan Hubbard, his wife, born August 2, 1791—died Sept. 2, 1843.

Children
George G., born March 6, 1831—died March 5, 1837.
Benjamin T., born Dec. 8, 1833—died July 15, 1847.
Judith Wroe, born May 6, 1815—died Jan. 5, 1850.

David Eaton, born at Goffstown, N. H. born Sept. 26, 1804—died March 9, 1882 (age 72 years, 5 months, 13 days).
Sarah A., his wife, born November 16, 1821—died June 20, 1879.

Children buried in same lot
Benjamin E. Eaton—died August 16, 1850, aged 4 years, 7 months, 14 days.
William D. Eaton—died December 4, 1861, aged 16 yrs, 10 mo. 25 days.
David Eaton Jr., born December 12, 1850
Harriett E. Goodyear, his wife, born March 5, 185__

Children
Alice Cora, born June 28, 1896—died October 28, 1918.

William D. Briggs (1819—1853)

children
Matilda, died November 26, 1853, aged 1 yr, 2 mo., 28 days.

Mary M. Briggs, wife of George L. Scott, dau. of B. & S. Briggs
born 1829, died Jan 8, 1860, age 30 years.

Children
Charles Briggs, born July 22, 1856, died Sept. 5, 1856.
Sue Briggs, born Oct. 20, 1858, died March 8, 1860.

Mount Hope Cemetery, Tremont, Illinois:

Isabelle Dabney Briggs, 1827—1899, single.
Emily B. Menard (1824—1904) On same tombstone was inscribed;
In Memory of Sue Menard Railsback, dau. of Peter & Emily J. Briggs Menard and wife of
John C. Railsback, a son of James E. & Susan Howell Railsback.

Greenwood Cemetery, near Mackinaw, Illinois:

John S. Briggs, born May 31, 1817, died March 12, 1901.

Children
Sarah Belle Briggs, born May 27, 1850, died April 22, 1929.
Jennie L. Briggs Duncan R. Briggs (1855—1927)
Mary Bush Briggs (1860—1945) Harley R. Briggs (1890—1892)
Josiah McGehee Wright (Born Nov. 27, 1780; died Sep 9, 1840) married Sep. 26, 1805
Ann Briggs (Born January 20, 1780; died July 13, 1836)

Ann Briggs was daughter of Thomas Briggs (Bridges) and Catherine Cumming (Comyn of "Black" Comyn Clan). She was born in Leslie, Scotland January 20, 1780.

From an authentic book "The Clans and Tartans of Scotland" is copied record of Comyn or Cumin. Foreward of this book is by His Grace, the Duke of Montrose, Kt., C.B., C.V.O., Brodick Castle, Isle of Arran.

**COMYN or CUMIN**

The clan territory of the Cumins was Badenock, and the chiefs were known as Lords of Badenoch. It is recorded that they came from England following the Norman Conquest, but it is to be remembered that there was a Cumin, Abbot of Iona, in the 7th century, and it is strange that an alien family should become so powerful as the Cumins were in Badenoch in so short a time.

William de Comyn received a grant of land in Roxburgh, and in 1133 he was appointed Chancellor of Scotland by David I. His nephew Richard had great authority in Scotland, and William, son of Richard, was Justiciary of Scotland, and in 1210 became Earl of Buchan by marriage with Marjory, Countess of Buchan, only child of Fergus, 1st Earl. William's son by a previous marriage became Earl of Menteith and acquired the Lordship of Badenoch by grant from Alexander II. His nephew John, known as the "Red Comyn," was the father of the "Black Comyn" who was one of the six guardians of Scotland during the minority of the Maiden of Norway, and later became a competitor for the Crown of Scotland. The "Black Comyn" married Marjory, sister of John Baliol, and their son John was known, like his grandfather, as the "Red Comyn." Like so many nobles at that time his vacillating policy depended on self-interest. He fought alternately for and against Scotland, until he was stabbed by Bruce, and finally killed by Bruce's followers, Lindsay and Kirkpatrick, at Dumfries in 1306. This was the occasion when Kirkpatrick is alleged to have said "I'll mak siccar." The Comyns were finally defeated at Inverury in 1308, and John, the only son of the "Red Comyn," died in 1325, without issue, thus terminating the direct line of the principal branch of the family.
Additional data on members of the Wright Family as furnished by Ella B. Smith:

Special to The Courier-Journal: HARRY J. WRIGHT, 86, former president of Mayfield Woolen Mills, died Friday morning at Fuller Morgan Hospital after a long illness. He was one of the first graduates of Old West Kentucky College here, and later attended Vanderbilt University. July 1959.

Caption beneath an Associated Press Photo: Judge Thomas (Richard C.P. Thomas) of Bowling Green, Kentucky was sworn in Thursday as a Federal Judge for the Panama Canal Zone. (Photo shows Judge Thomas being congratulated by Attorney General Cummings.)

Roland Wright Smith II: Graduated Western Kentucky State College at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Degree: B.S. Physics 1939. Granted a scholarship (for outstanding record) to Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois. Degree: M.S. Physics 1942. He was chosen as one of four men to do research under his teacher, Dr. Robert Cashman, on instruments of war (5 years). R.C.A. Princeton, New Jersey -Physicist 1947-Member of Technical Staff. Author of many publications in R.C.A. Review and Physical Review.


Louisville The Times. Monday Evening, March 21, 1904: COLONEL THOMAS J. SMITH, one of the most prominent men of the State, died at his home here this morning at 61 years of age. Col. Smith was commanding officer of the Third Regiment, Kentucky State Guard. He was president of the Citizens' National Bank, Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks, proprietor of one of the largest book and stationery stores in Kentucky. He was Mayor of Bowling Green for one term. For 16 years he was Colonel of the Third Regiment and took that Regiment to Cuba during the Spanish-American War, and during his absence held important posts at Cardenas and Matanzas.

Dallas Morning News. Dallas, Texas. September 28, 1928: W. A. Wright, one of the grand old lawyers of West Texas, reached his three score and ten Wednesday and celebrated this his 70th birthday by working on the most important litigation of his 45 years practice. Mr. Wright was president of the Texas Bar Association in 1922; a member of the Texas Legislature from 1893 to 1900. Mr. Wright's first case was held in an old adobe courthouse—and he was special prosecutor. "I expect to practice law for twenty more years" said Judge Wright.


Dr. Wright was born June 30, 1806 and died October 29, 1888 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He was born in Warren County on what was formerly known as the "Old Ogden"—now the "Wm. E. Hobson farm" and was in the 83rd year of age at the time of his death. He graduated in medicine at the Transylvania College at Lexington, Kentucky and in 1834 married Miss Andromache Loving, sister of Judge Voltaire Loving. He practiced medicine from the time he graduated until 1876. He was Bowling Green's first Mayor; one of the members of the Board of Trustees of the City; Chairman of the Board. These positions he held with great credit to himself and with honor to the city. He was President of the Water Works Commission and let out all the contracts for the water works and sold all the bonds. He was likewise President of the Warren Deposit Bank from its organization up to the time of his death. He left two sons, State Senator Daniel Webster Wright, and Dr. Astley Cooper Wright; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Thomas, and Mrs. Ella Wright Smith.

Dr. Wright taught school when he was a young man and among his many pupils were his two brothers. He also surveyed land in this section. When he married his wife inherited slaves. Dr. Wright bought two large farms which comprised hundreds of acres where the colored people lived happily and contented.

There are 5 generations of Wright doctors. Dr. Thomas B. Wright I; his son, Dr. Astley Cooper Wright; his grandson, Dr. Thomas B. Wright II; his great grandson, Dr. Burnett Wilford Wright and Dr. Burnett W. Wright's nephew, Dr. Solon Palmer. Dr. Thomas B. Wright I had a brother, Dr. Andrew Wright, a surgeon in the Confederate Army, who moved to Texas and reared a family of prominent citizens.

Daniel Webster Wright

Born April 16, 1839. Died January 3, 1922 Bowling Green, Kentucky. Daniel was a son of Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright I and Andromache Loving Wright. Daniel graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, New York in 1859 and from Albany Law School, New York with highest honor. In the latter school he was a classmate of the late President McKinley. Mr. Wright was a law partner of Hon. Clarence U. McElroy for 47 years under the firm name of Wright and McElroy. Daniel Wright represented Warren County in the Kentucky Legislature in 1873 and 1901. He was the State Senator from the Eleventh District from 1886 to 1890. For more than 40 years Mr. Wright was Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Ogden College and had during all that time been hand and spirit in that great educational institution. Since the death of Hector Loving, his first cousin, he was Regent of the school and put a great deal of hard work and money into it.

Samuel Benson Wright

Born October 4, 1828. Died June 24, 1913. It was the close of a long, faithful, successful life. He was born near Bowling Green, Ky., October 4th, 1828. He came from rather a remarkable pioneer family. His grandparents, Thomas and Katherine Cumming Briggs,
came from Scotland in 1793 and the quaint church letter given them by the Presbyterian Church of Leslie, Scotland is still preserved. He married Miss Sallie J. Richardson of Trigg County, Kentucky. They lived at Mayfield, Kentucky.
It seemed that a work on genealogy would be more interesting if it gave something in the way of family life beside the purely genealogical facts. Accounts of early history become more fascinating when the pioneers happen to be your own people. And when one reads of early family lore as it has been told and retold down through the generations, the persons mentioned become more than statistics in a book. ...they become characters in history.

As you noted by the generations listed, there are many who can trace their lineage back to Robert Bridges of Fifeshire, Scotland yet there are many more who cannot trace their line of descent back through this early ancestor. Therefore, the following letters and portions of letters are presented with the hope that those who cannot trace their ancestry may find some connecting link in the "family lore" given by the writers. These letters were very valuable in showing family relationships and of great interest to me for the stories of the lives and adventurers of our family pioneers and also for the reminiscences of the authors. Without these letters and other correspondence, this book would not have been possible. Almost all the data listed came through correspondence. Sometimes the writing was dim and difficult to read and there may be errors in dates and names.

July 3, 1955
Dear Mrs. Mansfield:
I have heard of some Briggs who settled in the mid-west but understood that they were descendants of my ancestor, David. I do not know how many brothers he had. I have always understood the name, Briggs, was derived from Bridges. A genealogical sketch I clipped from a newspaper says the name is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "brigg" meaning bridge. Among the founders of the name in the U.S. is a William Briggs who was in Boston in 1642 but that doesn't connect with your William about 100 years later. He appears to have come from England. The ones who came from Scotland in 1752 and later were not mentioned in the sketch. My great-grandfather, Thomas Briggs, married a direct descendant of George Washington's uncle, Joseph Ball. Thomas was one of David's four sons.

I do not know how much property my great great grandfather, David, owned, but never heard of any great wealth. In 1771 he married Jean McDonald, daughter of a Colonial Episcopal Minister, who was a grandson of Ronald McDonald, First Earl of Antrim, Ireland.

I cannot recall any interesting legends of the family at this time. I have a dish and a chest of drawers that belonged to my great grandmother.

Very sincerely yours,
Ida K. Briggs

January 19, 1957
Dear Mrs. Mansfield:
Charlotte Ashmore Keith is a great granddaughter of William
Randolph, uncle of Thomas Jefferson and at whose home Jefferson lived in childhood....I have all of that line in detail and have seen her name in several books on Jefferson...showing his family tree. About Stony Hill...it is in the last stages of ruin. My father said all the children deeded it to "Aunt Molly". There are various pieces of furniture which grandchildren fortunately took and cared for. Cousin Edith had the lounge which she saved from the old house...said to be worth $1000 years ago. My cousin, Mary, has the old secretary which David Briggs is supposed to have brought over from Scotland. It is plain and massive and looks very elegant in Mary's lovely home.

I don't know what crops other than what was general at that time. They had about 75 slaves and my grandmother brought her own personal maid with her as a bride. When she was "courting", she was not allowed to walk in the garden with Jim Briggs unless this maid was walking along behind her! The only slave my grandfather ever sold was this maid's son—he was such a rascal that grandfather couldn't do a thing with him. But "Aunt Maudy" put up such a howl he was sorry he did it and said he would never sell another.

Father told us many stories about the various troops marching through their place. I've forgotten the name of the General who quartered there...a northern one. Of course there is the story of grandmother hiding her silver in an old trunk upon the upstairs porch with old rags over it and once in a cornfield, etc.

I do not know of any picture of Stony Hill. I know it adjoined the property of George Washington's mother or so I have been told. I do wish you the greatest luck and write me again if I can help you further and you wish other details.

Your cousin, several times removed
Marian Keith Briggs Ford

Part of a letter from Leonard A. Briggs:

I will take a picture of Stony Hill for you but can tell you it is now a complete wreck but a pretty sight for a house....it is situated on a small hill, had locust trees and 3 holly trees in the yard, with falls in front of house, had a summer kitchen adjoining the meat house, ice house and servants quarters, I suppose, though I can't remember many servants, but do remember grandpa and his oxen.

My mother was a Rose and they were related to the Fontaines who have quite a history and my daughter, Fontaine, is going to try to run some of the history down. The Fontaine place is still very beautifully kept up. Had a gold locket picture of some old Fontaine—date 1570—gave it to my daughter.

December 5, 1956

Dear Mrs. Mansfield—

I am very much interested in your letter and hope I may hear more from you. I am just out of the hospital today and very shaky; am 69 years old and the only living member of my father's family. I think possibly this David Briggs you talk of might be my great grandfather and could be buried at Stony Hill in a very badly abandoned grave yard. I never heard of William or Thomas though my father Thompson could have been named after him. Old Stony Hill is 10 miles west of Falmouth and is owned by my first cousin, Cullen Cosby. The old house is falling down. Uncle Charles Briggs,
the oldest, served a short time in the Civil War, as I recall.

Leonard A. Briggs

July 7, 1959

Dear Cousin:

I have written to a cousin in Paducah who owned the geography brought over to America. She answered my letter and doesn't remember the book. She is 87 years old. I have seen the geography many times.

Some of the relatives who lived in Mayfield, Kentucky years ago had an old trunk and some silver that was brought to America by Thomas Briggs and Catherine, his wife. I had an old hammer that came along with the other belongings. Some years ago I gave it to Dr. Burnett W. Wright, a direct descendant of Thomas Briggs and Catherine.

For years I have corresponded with Harry Wright of Mayfield. His father was Uncle Ben Wright, a brother of my grandfather, Dr. Thomas B. Wright.

Ossie Wright of Mayfield made a trip to Leslie, Scotland years ago. I don't know where he is or anything about the trip.

Ann Briggs, wife of Josiah M. Wright, is buried on the old Josiah Wright land which now belongs to the Hobsons. All trace of her grave is lost.

Ella B. Smith

July 15, 1956

Dear Dolorus,

I recall my father saying that his family after moving to Illinois from Virginia in a covered wagon, that they built a log cabin about a half mile south and one mile west of our present Briggs home and they also built a log house where they had school and he remembers taking a jug of buttermilk for lunch. Often he would dodge behind a tree as he would see Lincoln approaching in his stagecoach on his way to Lincoln, Illinois from his home at Petersburg to hold court. Father said that Lincoln was so tall his plug hat stood out above everything. The road led across a corner of father's land. At the last account, the big ruts were still visible.

I am enclosing a picture of Robert Briggs Latham—he was a first cousin of fathers and one of the founders of Lincoln, Illinois. Latham park was named for him. He often entertained Lincoln and Douglas and they spent the night at his home many times. He had a lovely early American home, but since his family are all gone, it was torn down for a more modern one. I am also sending you a tintype of my father. The man beside him is Quinn Richardson, a first cousin of my mother and a second cousin of my father. Perhaps your father told you that my father and mother were second cousins.

I don't think the history would be complete without the mention of dear old Aunt Kate, who came to Illinois with my mother and another sister, Lenora, the mother of Lottie Koons Brown. Aunt Kate lived her entire life with my parents and was a great help and comfort to them and I shall never forget her kind deeds toward the Briggs children. She is buried at Lincoln, Illinois.
Dear Mrs. Mansfield—

It is certainly fine that you are undertaking a Briggs genealogy. I know that my Aunt Dorothy Briggs planned to do so and collected family data which was lost at her death years ago. I know that you are interested in the early line. I have heard several stories about my great grandmother, Charlotte Ashmore Keith, which I remember. She lived with her son, James McDonald Briggs II....her room was downstairs off the broad hall which ran through the center of the house at Stony Hill. My father was her pet and she called him "Bob-o-links" when he was a little boy. Once he took his brother's hat (Uncle Leslie) off of the big old hall tree in the hall and holding it on his head would not return it to Leslie who was howling for it when their father arrived. He took a horse whip which was standing in the umbrella rack of the hall tree and was about to give father a lick on the legs when grandmother Charlotte stepped out of her room and said "James, don't you dare to touch that child. Bob-o-links come in to me." So I named one of my daughters, Charlotte, because great grandmother saved my Dad a switching and I really adored my father.....he was a gentleman of the old school. As for the Civil War stories, he was born in '63 but he frequently mentioned the livestock all taken away, their mahogany table like the one at Mt. Vernon, split into kindling wood, the silver grandmother saved by hiding in an old trunk and covering with rags, etc. Of course, since I was born and lived in Texas, I did not hear much of it.

Well, I wish you luck and let me know how it is going--

Marian Briggs Ford

Dear Mrs. Mansfield—

Father was born at Ivy, Virginia (Albemarle County). His home was used by Sherman as his headquarters while in that part of the state. As a youngster I heard some interesting talks around our table.

I obtained a copy of the Constitution from the State Library. This together with a publication is being sent under separate cover.

Kind regard,
W. Randolph Cosby

September 14, 1952

Dear Mrs. Mansfield:

Your letter of August 13th was handed me by a member of the family of the former postmaster at Briggs, Va. I am sorry to say the Post Office at Briggs is no more--having been closed some years ago and mail for that locality is now delivered by rural carrier from Boyce, Va., a small town about three miles distant.
on the same N&W railroad.

As I understand the Post Office at Briggs came into existence probably during the 1870's or 80's when my cousin, Isham Keith Briggs, formerly of Stafford Co., Va.—12 miles from Fredericksburg—came to Clarke County and later established a general merchandise store, feed and fertilizer business and flag station on the N&W railroad. Cousin Isham's father was James Briggs of Stafford county whose father evidently also was James, born 1787, the 4th son of David Briggs who came to Falmouth, Va. in 1752 from Fifeshire, Scotland.

I am a descendant of David Briggs through his second son, Thomas, born 1782. He married Lucinda Short and they bought a farm in Clarke County about one mile from the said Briggs post-office. They had 13 children. My grandfather's, William Pitt Briggs, farm adjoined the railroad just across from the postoffice.

Sometime around 1910 Cousin Isham sold his business and took up farming again. He died in 1925 or 26 and left five sons none of whom live in Clarke County. At this time there are not any Briggs living in Clarke County and all property owned by them has been sold.

I cannot find any record of your ancestor among my papers but will send your letter on to Miss Anna S. Briggs, a first cousin of my father, now living in Richmond, Va., who is quite interested in genealogy.

I lived in Clarke County until I was grown and Briggs was our postoffice. I now live in Warrenton, Va., but drive to Clarke when I have an opportunity. It is 35 miles from here. Hoping this information will help you and to hear from you further, I am

Very truly yours,

Ida K. Briggs

2-10-60

Dear Mrs. Mansfield;

Aunt Emma received your nice letter some time ago and I've come to her house to write some of the information for her. She has written it down as she would remember it.

Thomas Briggs married Catherine Cummins (this is the way she has Cummins spelled) and they had one boy, Andrew, and two girls. Thomas also had three brothers—James, William Robert and Andrew, my grandfather. I think Andrew's two sisters were Beatrice—nickname "Beanny" and Tossie. I think one of the uncles took the two girls to Indiana. In later years Beanny married Judge Hester from Indiana and Tossie married a man from Western Kentucky, I do not remember his name. I have Aunt Beanny's picture in my possessions. I'll be glad to show you if I ever have the opportunity and here I will add, my name is Emma Hester Briggs. My father never called me anything but that.

Andrew, my grandfather, married Mrs. Robinson from Western Kentucky. They had five children...Robinson Briggs, Mary Ann Humphery, William Briggs, Sarah Humphery, Thomas Briggs and Betty Wilkinson. Andrew's first wife died. (Catherine Stone was in his first family). Andrew then married, Sarah Ferguson. In this union they had five children, Sue Willett, Nann Wilson, Joe Briggs, Emma Wilson and Robert Briggs. Our grandfather was born on the way over here or as soon as they arrived in Virginia.

Emma Hester Briggs and Mrs. Day

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Taken from letters written by Ella B. Smith:

"My great, great Grandfather, Thomas Briggs and wife, Catherine Cuman Briggs, were married in Leslie, Scotland; came to America in 1793 bringing their six children—Andrew, Ann, Marion, Benie, Josy, Nellie. Thomas died a few months later. My great grandmother, Ann, married Josiah Wright.... issue 15 children. My grandfather, Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright, married Andromache Loving; my mother, Ella Bowden Wright, married Colonel Thomas J. Smith."

"Reverend Frank Morehead Thomas from his typed page THE HEART OF AMERICA..... "if the Bible had been destroyed, Catherine Cuman could have repeated it from memory."

Reverend Thomas also said, "Catherine Cuman, an orphan, was reared by an uncle, James Reid."

"My aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Thomas, great granddaughter of Catherine Cuman Briggs said that Catherine's ancestors belonged to the Cuman's Clan and she gave me a sample of the Cuman's plaid. I have lost it."

January 16, 1960

Dear Mrs. Mansfield:

I know only that my grandmother was Sarah Briggs.

I was told once by an elderly woman that her grandfather Briggs came over from Scotland in a sailboat and brought his letter from the Presbyterian Church there, and she had the letter. And later she told me that I was of the same family. The woman was Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas (deceased now) whose son, Dr. Frank Thomas, was a Methodist Minister. They lived in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O. G. Bryn

January 13, 1952

Dear Mrs. Mansfield:

I am only too glad to tell you all I know about the Briggs. First, my Revolutionary Ancestor, Isaac Stephens, took for his 2nd wife, the mother of Ann Briggs, born near Glasgow, Scotland, January 20, 1788; died July 13, 1834 in Graves County, Kentucky; married September 26, 1805 in Warren County, Kentucky. This is Ann Briggs of whom I speak. Ann Briggs married Josiah Wright, the brother of Isaac Stephens first wife, Mary Wright. She died August 13, 1802. He married the Briggs widow. Date January 17th, 1831, the day his will was written. 10th item, "I give my Silver Spoons to my wife, to her heirs and assigns forever."

Etta Stephens Stokes
Mrs. Stokes had a letter from Ora Stephens Davenport who wrote the Isaac Stephens Family History. The letter said: "In the fall of 1783, several of the Stephens boys, sons of Lawrence Stephens, with their grants in their hands, and in the company of David Briggs, Josiah Wright and Col. Morehead came from Virginia in flat boats down the Ohio River to Cincinnati where at that time there were only seven houses."

August 18, 1956

Dear Mrs. Mansfield:

This genealogy is certainly a fascinating thing—once it starts. It's been a long time since I worked on it, but enjoyed getting together this data for you. I copied some of the Wroe-Browne-Lyne line to show you how I keep my records in readable form.

My grandmother, Eleanor Alexander Stribling, told me about her parents meeting—

David Clendenin Alexander was going west and was riding his horse through Bardstown, Kentucky when he saw a beautiful girl sweeping the walk from the house towards the road. David was so impressed that he stopped and vowed that if she swept to the road and didn't seem embarrassed he would stay and try to marry her. So Judith Wroe Briggs did sweep to the road and then turned without looking up. David Alexander went to the Inn and three months later they were married. I looked for the marriage record in Bardstown and did not find it. Later I discovered it in Tazewell County, Illinois. Perhaps they were in Bardstown when they met, but went to her parents in Illinois to be married. David C. Alexander and Judith Wroe Briggs had three children, Eleanor, Robert and David. Judith died in 1850 and David was so unhappy he sold out in Illinois—including a line of steamboats—and moved with his little family to Texas. David left a very large estate. His descendants still are enjoying the estate he left. David came to Texas in 1852. His daughter, Eleanor, after the death of her husband, Judge Stribling, became a well known business woman and was one of the first women bank directors in the U.S. During the Civil War, Eleanor Alexander Stribling was making a U.S. flag when the door bell rang. She hastily hid the flag and went to answer the door. Just as she opened it, she looked down and there was the flag which had caught on her skirt. Fortunately it was another Union sympathizer who was calling.

When feeling in Texas was getting very strong, Judge Stribling went to Mexico to try to get into the Union Army. While he was gone, his wife had a dream that he had been hurt by Mexican bandits. When he returned home and she told him of her dream, it was found to be true.

The Alexanders didn't believe in slavery, but D. C. Alexander needed help and the only way he could get it was by buying some slaves. So he bought Uncle Dick and Aunt Charlotte but always paid them wages. After they were free, they continued to work for Eleanor Alexander Stribling. Her father died just before the end of the war.

Ruth Maverick

June 6, 1959

Dear Mrs. Mansfield—

As you will notice from the enclosed copy of a church letter, my ancestor, Thomas Bridge—now spelled Briggs—and Catherine Cuman

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left Leslie, Scotland, August 27, 1793 for Virginia and Kentucky. It is a long story and if you are interested I will be glad to send the information I have.

Ann Briggs, daughter of Thos. Briggs was my great grandmother. She and her children lived near Bowling Green, Kentucky. She married Josiah Wright. Early in the 1830's she died and was buried here. Josiah Wright and his many children moved to Mayfield, Kentucky and their numerous descendants still live in that section of Kentucky.

You may keep the enclosed copy of the church letter.

Ella B. Smith
April 20, 1952

Dear Mr. Briggs-

I have a number of records of Kentucky Briggs families, almost all from the Kentucky Historical Society. Samuel and Benjamin Briggs of Lincoln County and Mercer County (father and son?) were at Harrodsburg and in other engagements in Kentucky during the Revolution. Both were given large tracts of land. Samuel married Mary Logan according to his will — Sarah according to Todd history. He died 1792, Logan Co., wife was a sister of General Benjamin Logan, and the daughter of David Logan. Will named wife, Mary, daughters Hannah Logan, Jane Todd, Margaret Drake, Elizabeth and Rachel, sons Benjamin and Joseph.


Yours truly,

E. H. Wagener
September 1, 1959

Part of a letter:

Robert Briggs was a native of Scotland. He emigrated to America prior to the Revolution and landed in Carolina. He lived in Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky. He married Judith Roe of Irish descent but born in Virginia. They probably were married in Carolina as some of their children were born there. He and his children were of the pioneer type and some of his descendants will be found in most every state of the union. He was a Private and a Sergeant, McRee's Co., 10th Regt. N.C. 9 May 1781 to May 9, 1782.

Grandpa (Reuben Parks Briggs) himself went to California during the Gold Rush; he didn't find any gold but was shipwrecked and had to eat monkey meat. My brother owns the little trunk he had on this trip.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Briggs
Dear Kinswoman:

The fundamental facts connected with Elizabeth Briggs, born August 10, 1795, she married Peyton Mitchel, September 3, 1812. He was a brother of General Ormsby McKnight Mitchel, the astronomer, who was killed in the Civil War.

The Peyton Mitchel family emigrated from Kentucky to Illinois in 1818...the year Illinois was admitted to the Union. They settled in Danvers Township, McLean County, about 15 miles west of Bloomington. The settlement was known as Stout's Grove. I now own the land on which my great grandfather, Peyton Mitchel, built his double cabin and other buildings (of logs) and planted an orchard, etc.

The children of Peyton and Elizabeth Briggs Mitchel (listed on a separate page) were taken from the Mitchel family Bible.

May good fortune attend you in your search for information about the Briggs family.

Sincerely yours,
Helen L. Price.

October 1955

Dear Dolorus-
I'm glad you will take over the History of the Briggs, as Tom was always interested in those things.

My grandmother Briggs' maiden name was Matilda Otey and she always said she was born on the James River near Richmond, Virginia. She and grandfather Briggs drove in a covered wagon from Virginia to Illinois, camping on the banks of the Sangamon River near Springfield and it was here she saw the falling of the stars in 1833. She also said her mother saw Washington many times, he having passed their home on a fine steed. I don't recall her story about hearing the bells from some old fort although it is no doubt true if your father told you. It was my grandfather, Charles Lewis Briggs, that could have bought where Chicago now stands for a plug of a horse. It was George Briggs, a brother of Charles Lewis Briggs, who owned slaves in Kentucky, I believe father said—it might have been Virginia. I have a Briggs history my brother John gave me and in it the genealogy of Abe Lincoln's wife. She says that a daughter of Samuel Briggs married Colonel Todd and their daughter Mary married Abe Lincoln. My father said once that this Samuel Briggs was an uncle of his father.

I did have an umbrella of my grandmothers that is over 150 years old. You may have it if you wish as none of my family are too interested in those things.

I will look further for any manuscripts I might have.

With love,
Aunt Georgia Hinman

March 21, 1954

Dear Mrs. Mansfield:

Last fall I was in Mecklenberg County, N. C. where our ancestress, Sarah Hartis, came from. My Grandmother Manley stated on baptismal record at Mormon Temple that her mother, this Sarah, was a Rone before married...well, there were Rone families there and all Dutch and a great Dutch settlement in Mecklenberg...and the first census of U.S. has a John Hartis there. There is an
early marriage about 1811 or 1812 of Sarah Adams to John Hartis. I feel Sarah may have married an Adams first...then married John Hartis. I only come in on the Samuel K. Hodge she married after Hartis as I descended through the Hodge and you from the Hartis husband. I have some early Rone history, direct from Holland, but she is not named as a child. (Since proven she was a Rone.)

Sincerely,
Edward Manley

Interesting facts from letters written to Mr. Thomas L. Briggs by Edward M. Manley:

"Sarah Hartis undoubtedly was a Rone before her marriage to Mr. Hartis. The Rone family came directly from Holland to America and from tradition and older Manley children living, Sarah Rone Hartis, was full blooded Dutch. Widowed, Sarah Hartis, married Samuel K. Hodge, somewhere in North Carolina. It seems that the Hartis and Hodge families went to Logan County, Kentucky about 1839 as the last child of Sarah and Samuel Hodge was born 1838 in North Carolina and the first Hartis marriage of David W. Hartis is 1840, Logan County, Kentucky. David W. Hartis, the older brother of your grandfather, Henry, moved to Muhlenberg Co., Ky., very early and remained a very short while and then settled in Butler Co., Ky. The counties are right close. David's wife, Violet Edwards Hartis, died in Taylor Co., Texas, January 1, 1901, a very aged lady. Every one in Butler County, Ky., called her "Aunt Violet". She died at 90 year of age.

Perrygram Hartis, called "Uncle Gailie" was the youngest son of Sarah Hartis before she married Samuel K. Hodge. I have records where he went to Carroll Co., Missouri and settled. It was reported that he was single but I have records where he and wife signed papers when the estate of her father, Jacob Grow, was being settled in Rochester, Kentucky in 1873 and they were in Carroll Co., Missouri. The traditional story in Butler County today is, that Perrygram ran off with the wife of Preacher Moses Zebulon Portner...they mounted a gray horse and started out for Missouri. She propped her baby daughter in bed and left. Mr. Portner found the child when he came in from the field that evening.

The story of Great Grandmother Sarah Hartis-Hodge varies a bit, but two very aged people talked to me this trip, and though that was 88 years ago, they told vivid stories of the fire. It was hog killing time and Sarah had cotton drying by the fireplace and she had gone down by the creek to assist in dressing the hogs. Evidently a spark lighted the cotton. By the time she reached the log home, a large two-story and two chimney dwelling, the flames spread rapidly. They tried to keep her from entering. She opened the door, dashed in and the suction of the flames came toward her and she rushed upstairs for the money...she would not jump from the second story as she was quite stout. A man tried putting a short ladder on a table outside. The table overturned, then on the second attempt, a ladder roundbroke and by then the last they saw of Sarah was her two hands on the window sill as she fell backwards into the flames. She is buried in Old Center Church Graveyard, Logan County, near what is now called Coopertown.

Henrysville was the town your mother was born in. At that time, it was the only Post Office and Stage Stop in northern Logan County, Ky. This fall, 1951, I found the old farm where Sarah Hartis died. The two old sandstone chimneys were as they had fallen 88 years before in 1863. Small pieces of broken chinaware and pottery...
were scattered about after all these years. I found the remains of
the old Henryville Pottery that made all the pottery for the community.
I also located the old record book of Dr. Richardson who was the Doc-
tor in those days and records in it when he attended Henry Hartis, etc.
Early Logan County records were destroyed some way and I could find
no trace when Henry Hartis took up the many acres he had. The 72
acres the Hodge family lived on had been part of the Henry Hartis
acreage."

November 8, 1956

Dear Dolorus-

Lottie Koons Brown was a first cousin of your fathers. Their
mothers were sisters. She has no living sister or brothers. Had
Lottie been living she could have given you a great deal of infor-
mation. Lottie was a bright lady and lots of fun. Your grand-
mother Briggs had two sisters. Aunt Nora Koons and Katherine Hartis.
We youngsters always called them Aunt Mat, Aunt Nora and Aunt Kate.
Aunt Nora married Simon Koons and Aunt Kate never married. She
always made her home with your Grandmother Briggs. We kids used
to be there often and Aunt Kate would play the accordion for us.
Your Uncle John Briggs and I were buddies...we were together a lot.
We knew where most of the bumble bee and bird nests were. The
children of the Briggs family and the Bentley family were together
a lot. I could tell you a lot which space here will not permit.
We do hope you can attend our reunion sometime in the near
future.

Your cousins, Den & Maude

February 12, 1954

Dear Cousin Tom-

Your letter to Duncan Briggs, Minier, Illinois has been for-
warded to me. Just why they said there was no Minier, I can't
understand as there has been a post office there for over 75 years.
Duncan Briggs has been dead since 1928. I am the older of his
two sons and have lived here in Bloomington for 28 years. My young-
er brother died this summer. I was born on September 10, 1887.
Jennie L. Briggs is the only one of grandfather, John Strother
Briggs, family that is still living. She was one of the two daugh-
ters who lived with him when you attended the sale and bought the
cattle and horse.

According to our family history 3 brothers came from Scotland
in 1754. One of these was William Briggs, a red headed lad of 19,
who later married Judith Wroe, daughter of Organel Wroe of Virginia.
They first came to Tennessee, then to Kentucky, settling in Bards-
town where he died at 75 in 1810, his wife five years later.
One of their sons, William, settled in southern Illinois with
no further records. A daughter Isabella married Aquilla Davis in
Virginia, and by way of Kentucky, came to Illinois in 1822 and
settled near Elkhart. Elizabeth married Ebenezer Mitchell and
their son Ebenezer lived near Danvers, Illinois.

The youngest son Benjamin Briggs was a soldier during the War
of 1812 and helped build the boats that Perry used. After the War
he and his brother-in-law engaged in merchandise business in Bards-
town. He came to Illinois in time to be counted in the census of
1812 and located near Elkhart Grove near the present town of Elk-
hart in Logan County. In 1822 he came to Dillon Creek which is
about 1 and ½ miles northwest of Tremont, Illinois. Benjamin and
Susan had 12 children, one of which was my grandfather, John
Strother Briggs. He and Amanda Railsback Briggs had 10 children, one of which was my father. My father and mother had 3 children, Harley, who died as a baby, Benjamin, and myself. Ben lived in Belvidere, Ill. and died this summer on a fishing trip to Canada. I have one daughter who has two daughters and lives in Eureka, Illinois.

I have taken most of this from our printed history in the Railsback-Adams-Briggs History. I think I can get you this book if you would like one.

Strother A. Briggs

January 17, 1957

Dear Dolorus- (part of a letter used).

My grandfather and grandmother came to Logan County from Bowling Green, Kentucky. I think both were born there. Grandpa came first and built a log cabin on some land which he homesteaded and Grandma (Otey) Briggs came later on riding horseback all the way with two of the older children riding along with her. They had to ferry across the rivers. Later on Grandpa bought several acres of delinquent land which netted him around 700 acres. Uncle James and Aunt Charlotte were the ones Grandma brought with her, the rest of the family were born in the log cabin, of which consisted of Uncle Tom, my father, Uncle Charles, John, Hezekiah, and Aunts Margaret, Martha, and Judy making ten children in all. James, the oldest son, went west with some friends on a gold hunt in California. He got homesick on the Colorado Plains. On the way to the west coast he died and was buried on the plains. Grandpa built a brick-kiln a quarter of a mile west of where my father lived. He farmed and ran the kiln from which he sold bricks. He later built a large frame house across the road from Uncle Tom's house—the house burnt down and he had to build another one. In those days the country was wild with many wild beasts roaming around. The only roads were the Indian Trails over which they traveled to Postville which is Lincoln now. Abraham Lincoln traveled on these same trails when he went to plead law in the Old Court House. He lived in Springfield. Henry Ford bought the old courthouse and moved it to where he lived.

Let us hear from you again,
Sincerely, Mary and Jake Briggs

June 14, 1955

Dear Dolorus- 

This Samuel Briggs is a great uncle of my father, I believe, and is of another branch...a letter I had traces the ancestry of Lincoln's wife back to this Samuel Briggs. I am sending you a copy of "Footprints"—an article about 35 years old which my father had published in the Lincoln paper.

Love, Aunt Georgia

12-15-53

Dear Mr. Briggs-

I have the old David Briggs Bible which lists the marriage of David to Margaret Crawley and the names of their 13 children, the death of Margaret and David, and the deaths of some of their children. David was born October 23, 1767, Revolutionary Soldier, married to Margaret Crawley on November 13, 1786. Isabel Briggs married Aquilla Davis. This record has been worked out but don't know how. Jane Briggs married May 5, 1785 to John Grundy. Thompson Briggs married Elizabeth Morehead on January 21, 1792 in Nelson County, Kentucky.
David and Margaret were married in Fauquier County, Va., and David's father William, was renting land there in 1777, but they came to Kentucky soon after 1781. William Briggs married Judith Wroe before 1760. William was at the Falls of the Ohio with George Rogers Clark in 1780. William was born in Scotland on January 14, 1725 and died in Nelson County, Kentucky on February 2, 1801. He came from Scotland to Culpeper Co., Va. in 1754.

About 1810 to 1820 was when the great move of Kentucky families was to Illinois. The Briggs family left Warren County in 1819 and went to Logan. Margaret Crawley Briggs came back from Logan to live with Charlotte Briggs Stephens and they lived where I am living now. They are buried a little way from my house.

Ebenezer was a brother of Mary Briggs Latham and kept a store at Elkhart, Illinois. I think George went to Missouri. Latham, Ebenezer Briggs and Benjamin Briggs went together to Illinois. Ebenezer was the first postmaster at Morganfield, Kentucky in 1813. Aquilla Davis married Isabella Briggs in Jefferson County, Ky. He was the first schoolteacher and the second postmaster at Morganfield, Kentucky. James Latham was the first tavern keeper.

The Briggs family was a wonderful family as was the Wroe family.

Mrs. W. H. Nicholls

August 7, 1951

Dear Tom:

I was looking over some old Briggs records in Logan County and found this one: (Logan County, Kentucky)

William McCann married Martha L. Briggs, Logan County, on May 1, 1857.

In Los Angeles one of our dear friends in the early seventies is Mattie (Willet) Miller born Russellville, Kentucky and her mother was Susan Marian Briggs and married a Willet in Logan County. We do not know the connection yet.

An Ex-Mayor of Russellville is still there and his name is George L. Briggs, and I am going to write to him.

I have written 15 counties in North Carolina—but two answered today and stated when courthouses burned years ago, all records burned so I will have a time finding where the Hodge and Hartis came from in North Carolina. (Later proved Mecklenberg Co., N. C.)

No one has yet found a grave marked Hartis down there around old Henrysville where they lived. Many graves had stones and many just had brown stones, natural rocks and no names so guess we will never find great grandmother Sarah Hartis-Hodge's grave.

Since you tell me Gailie (Perry C. Hartis) went to Chariton County, Mo., I think of all the times I have been there about 30 years ago and could have found old records.

Ed Manley

Letters from Susan Briggs:

"In Mary Klayden's several letters she mentions Eb as having a number of slaves and of David having lived near Mark Twain Cave near Hannibal, Mo., only 10 miles from New London. Mary said Eb was supposed to be quite a large man and quite a wrestler.

No one has been able to find when Phoebe died or is buried or Ebenezer. He started to California after the Gold Rush and tradition says he died enroute and could be as he was past 70 years. Last known of Phoebe is when she signed a deed in 1835 or 1836 in Paris, Kentucky. Eb Briggs was appointed Coroner of Ralls County by Governor
Miller on January 18, 1830. In Ralls County proceeding of January 7, 1822, he was appointed Commissioner of Road Dist # 1, Spencer Twp., Ralls Co.; May 3, 1823, Eb Briggs appointed one of the Judges of Election in Spencer Twp. with New London voting place. On May 13, 1823, Eb Briggs resigns as road overseer—alleging that he is over 45 years. Court accepts his resignation.

The Virginians in Revolution by Gwathmey on p. 307 states that "David Gilkey was a Lieutenant in Col. Thomas Gladdis Command, Monongalia Militia, in 1776 against Indians west of the Ohio."

The Calendar of Virginia State Papers, Vol. 4, page 640 gives a list of the Militia appointed by Court of Nelson County, Ky., on June 18, 1789. Among the Captains appointed was David Gilkey.

The following information was taken from letters written in 1945 to Susan Briggs by Mrs. Emma Figge:

"The Dumbarton Oaks near Washington, where the recent Peace Conference was held, was the original grant by Lord Baltimore to our ancestor, Ninian Beall, through the Gilkey line I am of the 10th generation. He was a marvelous American patriot of whom we may well be proud. Georgetown, D. C. was named for his son, George. We descend from his daughter, Mary, who married John Pottenger, emigrant. In this line we also connect with the Duvall and Tyler lines."

The following are excerpts from Susan Briggs letters:

"Eb surely was a roamer—guess that accounts for him never acquiring or saving much money. He died at his son's, the Rev. Samuel Briggs, home in Jackson, California and some of the kinfolk wrote Mary that there was a notice in the paper (written by a relative who was a publisher) at the time of his death. Robert Briggs, Nash's father, was the only publisher in the family that I know of. I found Reverend Samuel's grave—also Roberts in a cemetery in Jackson, but no trace of Ebenezers. Some think that Eb married again after coming to California. If he did it might have been to Anna Snoddy Wallace, Samuel's mother-in-law. Both she and Eb lived with Samuel and two of Anna's daughters married two of Eb's sons."

The following is from part of a letter written by Marian Briggs Ford:

"The first of the Briggs family was David Briggs, born May 9, 1730 in Fifeshire, Scotland. He was the son of Robert and Mary Landon Bridges, pious parents. His mother was the sister of Thomas Landon and the daughter of David Landon and lived in Markinot in Fife. David's uncle, Thomas Landon, left only one daughter, who left only one son, Miller Weakley.

David's name was changed from Bridges to Briggs in school. He was educated for the ministry in the established Presbyterian Church but decided to come to America instead. He located at Falmouth, Virginia in the summer of 1752 and went into the mercantile business, exports and imports, and made a fortune. His residence in Falmouth, Virginia adjoined the estate of Mary Washington, mother of George Washington, and he was executor of the estate of Charles Mercer, attorney for Mary Washington. On April 20, 1771, he was married to Jean McDonald, daughter of Neal McDonald, a rector in the Episcopal Church and a son of the Earl of McDonald. During the Revolutionary War, David Briggs was the custodian of the interned British merchant ships and on one occasion turned into the Federal Government 22 ships. In 1790, David Briggs was recorded in the first Census of the U.S. He was buried at Stony Hill in 1810."
NOTES FROM NORTH DAKOTA

I am situated in the northern part of Ramsey County. Devils Lake is the county seat, has 2500 inhabitants and is located on the Great Northern railroad, ninety miles west of Grand Forks. The crops are fine. Wheat has been cut and oats will be in condition to cut in a week or two. Flax has bloomed and is ripening. The hay harvest is over. I have sixty acres of flax, forty acres of oats and thirty tons of hay gathered. Flax sells at $1.40 a bushel, oats 45 cents, wheat 58 cents, potatoes 75 cents, ham 18 cents per pound, eggs 15 cents per dozen, flour $2.30 per hundred. The town has seven churches, a public school, a hospital, a school for deaf and dumb, and three elevators. The weather is fine—warm during the day time and cool enough at night to sleep under a blanket the year around. The air is pure and the people are healthy. Come out and I will show you Illinoisans how to live.

T. L. Briggs

The following was furnished in a letter from Hallie Briggs Buckles:

"Grandfather Charles Briggs built a two story house right east of the home place. They were seven years building it and it burned to the ground before being finished. It was the nicest country home in the county."

Furnished by Ella B. Smith:

This story is mostly true. It was copied from some of the typed pages that my mother's nephew, Reverend Frank Morehead Thomas, had written, as he planned to write and publish a book "The Heart of America". It began with the arrival of Thomas Bridge and Catherine Cumin (Cuman, Cummings) to America in 1793. Many pages of the different chapters were lost at the time it was given to me. The copy I am sending you contains the facts that I know to be true, as I have heard the story so many times.

"Thomas Bridge (Briggs) a young manufacturer of Fifeshire, Scotland married Catherine Cuman who was left an orphan at an early age, and was reared in the home of an uncle, James Reid, a lawyer in Edinburgh. Briggs carried his bride to the small but prosperous town of Leslie, near Glasgow. Here their 6 children were born—Andrew, Ann, Marian, Benie, Tosy and Nellie. A brother, Andrew Briggs, had gone to America in 1791. He was living west of the Alleghenies in a county of Virginia, near Bardstown, Kentucky (Bards-station at that time). He wrote glowing descriptions of the beauty and richness of the virgin country, which he said the Indians had named Kan-tuck-ee.

In the year 1793, Thomas Briggs sold his linen industry and with his family bid goodbye to Scotland. Two months later after a long and wearing voyage, the ship dropped anchor at Warrick on the James. Immediately upon their arrival Thomas Briggs was stricken with fever and before word could reach his brother in far away
Andrew Briggs in that distant region had heard in some way of his brother's arrival and sickness. Without delay he mounted his horse and started over the long Cumberland Trail. Upon arrival at Warrick he purchased a wagon and horses and with Catherine Cuman Briggs and her six children started on the long trail.

The family lived for a time in a fort in Lincoln County for fear of the Indians and later moved into the wilderness to secure a home for the family.

In the great Meadow, then known as the "Big Barren" on the highest part of the woodland stood a double log-house with an immense chimney at each end. To this home in the wilderness Josiah McGhee Wright (born Cumberland Co., Va., November 27, 1780) brought his bride, Ann Briggs (born January 20, 1788). They were married September 26, 1805 in Warren County, Ky. This wilderness home was a 400 acre grant of land given to Josiah Wright.

Catherine Cuman Briggs who lived in this wilderness home on the Russelville Road with her daughter, often told her grandson, Thomas Briggs Wright (born June 30, 1806) how she had left Scotland with her husband and bairns to make her home in a new land.

The itinerant preacher was always a welcome guest in the Wright wilderness home. He said he moved in the Cumberland Circuit and he made an appointment to preach in the little community four times a year. At daybreak, the next morning after the first visit, the preacher baptized Thomas Briggs Wright. He then received Catherine Cuman Briggs, Josiah Wright and his wife, Ann, into the Methodist Church.

Thomas Briggs Wright's chief delight was going to the mill about three miles east of the Wright home. The mill was built near Lost River and twice a month, Thomas mounted on a surefooted mare and a-stride a sack of corn would make the trip to the mill. One day Thomas saw men dressed in buckskin and with long rifles on their shoulders marched down the road to the sound of fife and drum. The miller said they were going to fight the British.

One day when Thomas was about fourteen years old, he and his father made a special trip to Bowling Green—a typical pioneer community. About thirty houses including four stores, clustered around a large square in the midst of which was a neat brick courthouse forty feet square and two stories high. Nearby was the county jail, built of hewn logs and surrounded by an outer wall of logs, the space between being filled with large stones, making an effective though primitive place of confinement. The square was grown up with bushes and at its western corner there was a pond. There was a store over whose door hung the sign, "John Keel, Merchant". Josiah Wright and Thomas entered this store, and Thomas was present with his first rifle—a gift from his father.

What interested Thomas most on this trip to Bowling Green was a group of slaves to be sold sometime that day. At this point of his tour of inspection he saw his father standing in front of Vance's Tavern and beckoning to him. This house at the north corner of the square was the only public dining place at that time in Bowling Green. The First Methodist society in this little community was organized in the barroom of the tavern and when the owner's wife went forward to be prayed for he was so angry that he went out and rang the hotel bell during the entire service.

On the return trip home, Thomas with his rifle on the pommel of the saddle was thinking of his treasure and making large plans for the future. His father was worried as to the future of his son. He realized that Thomas must be educated or grow up in comparative
ignorance, a burden to himself and the community. The father was thinking of Major John Loving's kind offer to teach Thomas—English, Latin, etc. It was an opportunity for Thomas to get a splendid education. Major Loving was a noble man and a true gentleman. He had subscribed liberally toward the building of a new church and had given several acres of land to the town for a burying ground. Major John Loving and his wife, Elizabeth Spencer Loving, and family came from Virginia and settled on the Russellville Road. When Thomas reported to the Major for study, the Major ordered the textbooks from Louisville.

Thomas became an earnest student, eliciting the Major's praise and becoming a favorite with the family. One day when he was deep in Latin, there came a childish cry from a cradle in the hall. "Thomas," said the Major smiling, "Rock that cradle and when the young lady in it is grown, you may have her for your wife." (The baby in the cradle was Andromache Loving who 15 years later married Thomas Briggs Wright). After studying with the Major for two years, Thomas attended the new school in Bowling Green. Completing the course, he taught there for three years, having two of his brothers among his scholars. The last year he had spent in Simpson County, teaching a private school. At this time he planned to read medicine during the summer and enter Transylvania University in the fall. He had added to his income during the summer by surveying new lands. Thomas began his reading of medicine under Dr. Briggs, a kinsman of his mother and a successful young physician. His office was on the south side of the square. Thomas was well acquainted with the people and it was not long before he felt at home. He soon drifted into a few congenial and helpful friendships. One was a promising young lawyer by the name of Grider (Grader). He had recently formed a partnership with Voltaire Loving (Andromache's brother). Whenever Thomas and his friends discussed politics, it was usually the topic of conversation, which touched off the side-walk legislature and set "Frozen Row" (very cold sheet on the square) afire. Thomas Briggs Wright, Voltaire Loving and Henry Grider were "Nationals" or Whigs while Hezekiah Kemble was a lone but strenuous Democrat.

Then it was time for Thomas to leave for Lexington, Kentucky to enter the University. He bade his family a tearful farewell, and rode away.

One morning in the late twenties (1820's) there was a stir in the crowd of students gathered about the entrance to the Medical Hall at Transylvania University. A bulletin had been posted announcing an operation by Professor Benjamin Dudley who was one of the Pioneer Surgeons of America. Thomas Briggs Wright and Luke Blackburn, a splendid young Kentuckian like himself, filed into the operating room. The operation was called Trephining or lifting the skull. A small dose of laudanum was given to the child as neither chloroform or ether had come into use as anaesthetics.

During his years at the University, Thomas had heard Henry Clay address the people of the Ashland District.

At last came graduation day (1834) the goal of every collegian. When the final examination arrived, Thomas was fully prepared. He had not only taken full notes of the lectures but had written them out in a clear strong hand (which is still legible after the lapse of years). On the evening before the final commencement exercises, Dr. Yandell, Professor of Medicine, gave a reception to the graduating class. Thomas's graduation thesis is still preserved at the University. The Subject: The Influence of the Mind in Producing Health and Disease.
The years passed and Dr. Wright had been practicing his profession in Bowling Green and adjoining counties. Success had attended his ministrations. His upright character and his devotion to duty made him many friends. As soon as it was rumored that neither storm or rain or sleet could stop the coming of Dr. Wright, his list of patients rapidly increased.

He was satisfied with his success, hard won as it was. He had reached a point in his attitude toward Andromache Loving where he must decide whether he would try to win her or suffer her to pass from him forever. Would it be right to ask her to leave Loving Hall with its retinue of servants to share his as yet meager income, to occupy a humble home in the dry and dusty town of Bowling Green? Andromache Loving would inherit slaves and if she became his wife, he could not escape connection with an institution for which he had an instinctive horror. He would go to the village of Chicago springing up on the shore of Lake Michigan and there in that frontier outpost forget his sorrow. But no, he could not do that. His brothers and sisters needed his personal help in getting an education. It would be cowardly to run off and leave his father to care for such a large family. And was not his mother his best friend on earth? Come what might he would stay in Bowling Green and do his duty. He saw himself claiming Andromache as his bride, then his sterner judgment broke in and warned him that he was drifting under the spell of love, but what earthly power has ever availed against such forces. In a few months it was announced that Dr. Wright and Andromache Loving were to be married November 16, 1836. For two weeks before the wedding the huge fireplace in the kitchen was taxed to its utmost capacity and the appetizing odor of superb cooking stole everywhere. As the day of November 16th drew near all the shelves in the pantry were groaning beneath the weight of cakes, pastries, salads and sauces. A dozen sweetbaked hams and ten immense cakes sent an appetizing odor throughout the precincts of the kitchen. At last the long looked for evening came. Thomas accompanied by seven young gentlemen friends rode out of Bowling Green. At the big gate at Loving Hall there was a cheery fire and a pickaninny to open the gate. Eight o'clock rang out from the tall clock in the hall. (Grandfather's clock now in the Western Kentucky State College Historical Museum...also other furniture that belonged to the family.)

Down the stately staircase, Andromache Loving, blushing and beautiful, tripped lightly holding the arm of her distinguished looking brother, Voltaire. The Reverend Abram Long, a pioneer Methodist preacher, stepped in front of them and pronounced the beautiful ceremony that made them man and wife.

Years brought gladness and sorrow into the life of Dr. Wright. His dearly beloved mother died and his father, Josiah M. Wright, carrying into execution his long cherished desire, moved to the Purchase (near Mayfield, Ky) taking the rest of the family with him.

The happy home of Dr. Wright and his wife, Andromache was blessed with many children during the years from 1836 to 1850. They were Astley Cooper, Daniel Webster, John Josiah, who died of typhoid at the age of 20, Anne Elizabeth, Julia Amanda, who died on February 11, 1847, Ella Bowden, Mary, who died March 20, 1850, and an unnamed infant boy, who died November 29, 1850.

At one time, Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright, had as his partner, his first cousin, Dr. James McPherson Briggs (married Harriet Morehead). The Wright home which had been recently enlarged was built upon a deep basement and this lower story, half below and half above the ground, contained the dining room, kitchen, cellar and two sleeping
rooms, the upper story contained two porches, parlor and four bedrooms, all the bedrooms opening on a long wide porch.

Loving, cherishing and clinging to the sacred associations of life with Andromache, the sorrow of her early death (November 25, 1850) fell heavily on Thomas. His sister, Sarah Ann Wright, came to live with Thomas and his four children. She was then living with her father, Josiah Wright, in the "Purchase" and she and her companion made the long weary trip to Bowling Green on horseback over the lonely wilderness trail. The nights were spent with friends who lived in pioneer cabins and often their slumber was disturbed by the screams of the wildcats and the cries of panthers.

Aunt Sarah, as she was lovingly called by her nieces and nephews, made her home with her brother and his family more than thirty-six years until the time of her death in 1886. She possessed a wealth of tact, experience and affection and it was all expended for the advancement and best interest of the Wright children. In grateful remembrance her loved ones placed a marker at her grave in Fairview Cemetery which bears the following inscription "An Aunt who Took the Place of a Mother." There is also a beautiful memorial window inscribed with her name on it in the State Street Methodist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

During the early years of their boyhood, Cooper and Webster Wright attended the home schools until they were eighteen, then they left home to enroll in College. Cooper graduated from the Jefferson College of Medicine, Philadelphia, Penn., and Webster went to Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. from which he graduated in 1859 with highest honors then finished his law education at the Albany School of Law in New York in 1866 where he received his diploma.

The girls, Anne Elizabeth and Ella Bowden, attended a private school in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. It was established in 1833 by Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Jones of Massachusetts.

After graduating from Jefferson Medical School, Cooper returned to his old home town to practice medicine and married his beautiful cousin, Miss Mary Loving, daughter of Shelbourne Loving, on October 30, 1860. Of this union there were two boys—Thomas Briggs Wright II born February 11, 1862 and Shelbourne born March 1, 1864 and died April 29, 1865. Thomas was born just before the fall of Ft. Donaldson, Tennessee in the spring of 1862.

Dr. Wright and his wife, Mary Loving Wright, were happily married and lived for a time at Vance's Tavern. She was an attractive lovely person and she sang the old fashioned songs of her day and played the harp beautifully. She often visited her plantation home near Paris, Tennessee and it was there that she passed away after a lingering illness leaving a grief stricken husband and a little boy about five years of age. Thomas, a bright handsome boy made his home with his Grandfather Wright and Aunt Sarah Ann until his father married again in 1874 to Virginia Garnett Barclay of Russellville, Ky.

Daniel Webster Wright after graduating from Albany Law School in New York returned to Bowling Green to practice his profession for more than half a century. When he was 77 years old he married Mrs. Josephine Austin Stephens on September 13, 1916. He passed away at the age of 85. He and his brother, Dr. Astley Cooper Wright, were both men of great learning and rare culture and were known throughout the State of Kentucky.

Anne Elizabeth Wright (named for her two grandmothers—Anne Briggs Wright and Elizabeth Spencer Loving) married Dr. Richard Curd Thomas, a prominent physician. He passed away early in young
manhood leaving his wife with three small boys — Thomas Wright Thomas, Frank Morehead Thomas and Richard Curd Pope Thomas.

Ella Bowden married Thomas Jefferson Smith, a prominent business man of Bowling Green. He was President of Citizens National Bank and a Colonel of the Third Kentucky Regiment during the Spanish-American War. To this union were born nine children: Roland Wright, Anne Elizabeth, Henry D., Mackie Eliza, Webster Wright, Ella Bowden, Thomas Jefferson Jr., Cooper Ray and Mary Lee.

Portions of letters from Susan B. Briggs:

"John Benjamin Briggs worked in a tobacco factory as a boy after attending Hannibal College. As a boyhood friend of Mark Twain, they spent much time on the river and went into the hills and the cave."

"I need a few more dates to connect us with Ninian Beall b. 1625 d. 1717. From Scotland he was given a grant of land by Lord Baltimore in 1702. Washington, D. C. is a part of that land. Emma Figge figured Ninian Beall was my 10th removed grandfather and we came down through the Gilkeys, Willetts, Duvalls & Pottengers."

Phoebe Gilkey, daughter of David Gilkey and Elizabeth Tyler Pottenger, married Ebenezer Briggs (2)
Elizabeth Tyler Pottenger was the daughter of Elizabeth Willett and Robert Pottenger.
Robert Pottenger was the son of Elizabeth Duvall Tyler and Samuel Pottenger.
Samuel Pottenger was the son of Mary Beall and John Pottenger. Mary Beall was the daughter of Ninian Beall.

Portions of letters from Marian Ford:

"James Keith, father of Isham Keith, married Mary Isham Randolph and through this family we are related to the Randolphs and the Jeффersons. In Beveridge's "Life of John Marshall" he says that Chief Justice Marshall and Thomas Jefferson were second cousins. Therefore since they were related through the Keiths, Charlotte Ashmore Keith was a second cousin of Thomas Jefferson. The Earls of Keith go back to the Battle of Brannockburn. The Earl of Keith was the Earl Marshall of Scotland and commanded the cavalry which defeated the English by getting the light of the sun in their faces."
Miss Nannie V. Perkins writes:  

Mrs. William Thompson Finch  
(Bettie Curd)  
by  
Nannie V. Perkins  

July 5, 1960

I cannot begin to do justice to the noble character of my grandmother. It is only that I want her descendants, who care for such things, to know something of the heritage they possess, and of the blood that courses through their veins, that I even attempt to set down some of the many interesting events in her life that I have gotten from Mother and from old papers, letters, and from those who knew her. She died when I was a small child. Almost my only recollection of her is attending her funeral with Mother and Cousin Joe Longnecker and seeing her in her casket. Some of the older ones, I feel, could do this much better than I, but as it has not been done, and as my Mother was so very anxious that some knowledge of her be passed on to those who come after, I will strive to do my best.

Even now, when I meet some one who happened to be acquainted with her, I am told of how she was loved in the communities in which she lived; how she strove to keep up the churches; the good she did for others; her charming personality and gracious manner; what a perfect lady she was at all times; how straight she sat in her chair, never crossing her legs, or lounging in the presence of company or older people. It was only in later years when her back became weak that she was seen to slump over. She would sit without touching the back of her chair and knit or sew.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Curd Finch was born near Bowling Green, Kentucky. She was one of four children. Two boys and two girls composed the family that lived to be grown. She was a devout Christian, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Her family owned slaves, and was considered one of the best and most well-to-do families in Warren County, though they were by no means wealthy. Her grandfather brought the first window glass to Warren County, and the first loom for weaving rag carpets. Those he had gotten in New York and brought home on one of his trips there in a wagon with several negro slaves.

She attended the Girl's Seminary, afterwards known as Logan Female College, and now one of the city schools, in Russellville, Kentucky. (Her mother went to school there and her daughter Delia, my mother, graduated there.) She became one of the well educated young ladies of her day. She was trained in music, could sing well, and played the piano and several string instruments.

When she was married to William Thompson Finch, she sent to New York by a cousin for her wedding dress and other things. Part of the wedding dress is still in existence. It is a beautiful shade of blue embroidered in white. Silk such as that could not be gotten now at any price.

To this union was born three children:
1. Mary Nannie, married Daniel Longnecker.
2. Richard, died at the age of four.
3. Delia Elizabeth, married Thomas Stapleton Perkins.

My grandfather owned a department store in St. Louis, Missouri. They met on a Mississippi River steam boat. He on his way to New Orleans to buy merchandise and she going from Paducah to Burnsides.
It was love at first sight, but they were not married until a year or so later. Their romance would read like a novel if I were able to put it down, but that I cannot do correctly, and they really did live happily ever afterwards, until his death.

Grandfather had been married twice before and had two sons, Will and Benton, who having had one stepmother were very opposed to their father's marriage, and made up their minds that they would not like her or have anything to do with her. This was not for long, however, and later when they were grown men they both declared that they loved her as much as they did their own mother, who had died when they were small.

I do not know the date, but only a few years before my grandfather's death, his health failed and the doctors advised that he get out of the store and go into some kind of business that would not be so confining.

When the business was sold to his partner they kept bolts of dress materials, table and household linens, and other things to be used in future years. Enough to last their lifetime and have some for their children.

They purchased a saw mill and dairy farm in Ballard County, Kentucky. There was a large two story house that was well furnished. They had no slaves but hired men to do the work and had an overseer for the farm and a foreman for the mill.

It was while they lived there that my mother was born, and my grandfather died suddenly during the winter of 1861 and was buried in the Blanville cemetery.

Grandfather knew very little about running either a saw mill or a dairy so left much of the management up to the others. Consequently, things were put over on him that were the cause of much trouble and a constant source of anxiety.

Grandmother soon left everything in charge of the overseer and took the two children with her to her mother's near Bowling Green. Soon afterwards the war broke out and several months later a northern troop went through western Kentucky and camped on her place.

With much difficulty, grandmother made her way back to see about the things and try to keep them together and get the place on a paying basis. When she finally reached home, she was sick at heart with what confronted her. It was a distressing picture. Everything was a wreck; practically all she had was gone. The soldiers had taken what they wanted, clothes, linens and all. The cattle had been driven away or killed; meat had been salted down in mahogany bureau drawers; some of the furniture split up for kindling wood; carpets had been cut into saddle blankets. The overseer had become frightened and gone off. She did not see him again, but later saw negro women in Jonesboro, Illinois wearing her silk dresses that had been given them by soldiers. She could do nothing alone; she must return to her people.

She started back to Warren County. On her way she stopped in Paducah, Kentucky with a cousin by the name of Terrell. She had my mother with her, having left Aunt Nannie with her mother when she went to the western part of the state.

At this time the two armies, one from the south and the other from the north, met at Paducah and there was fighting. Many women and children gathered at the Terrell home as it was a well built brick house on a hill just out of town. In a room in which Mother, Grandmother and others were gathered, a minute ball came through a window, crossed the room and fell in the grate.
Fighting was suspended in order to evacuate the women and children from the town. An order was given to move out at once. Everyone was preparing to leave the house when a sick woman, who had been carried in by her husband and put on a bed, screamed, "My God, is everyone going to leave me?"

"No," replied Grandmother, "I will stay with you."

She turned to a friend and said, "Take Delia to my sister, Mrs. Presley Meguiar, wherever you find her, and tell her to get Nannie and keep both of the children, if I do not get back home."

That night with the sound of cannons on every hand, and the lady who was soon to become a mother, she remained in the big house. The battle of Paducah was being fought with all women and children supposed to be out of town. Part of the house in which they sat in total darkness was blown away. Men were all about, right in the yard.

It was during this battle that Daniel Longnecker, a young doctor in the Southern army, was shot in the hand. He sat on the Terrell porch and bound up the wound as best he could, and went back to his place in the firing line. Years later he married Nannie Finch.

It was not until the battle was over and the woman's husband, who had gone back to his home for clothes and had been cut off by the army, was able to return, that Grandmother left the house. Traveling in those days was exceedingly difficult. It was by boat, horse back, or in a buggy, with now and then a stage coach or perhaps part of the way by train, whose engine was fired with logs cut and stacked along the way, and the coaches heated with a wood stove in each end.

Passes had to be secured in order to get through the lines of soldiers, and there was much explaining to be done, as to why the trip was being made, etc. At one time, Grandmother was held a prisoner for several days as it was thought she was carrying some information about the southern army. It took some time for her to reach Warren County, Kentucky, where she expected to find both of her children. Aunt Nannie was safe with her grandmother, but my mother was not there.

Mother had been put in charge of Grandmother's sister, Nannie, as requested, and they were some place in the South in a buggy drawn by an old gray horse, following as near as they dared a Kentucky regiment in which Nannie Curd Meguiar's husband was fighting. Just the two traveled in this manner over Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. We have the small trunk in which they carried most of their things in the back of the buggy.

It was four months before Mrs. E. T. Finch located her youngest daughter, Delia, and several more before she was able to see her again.

There was no such thing as the Red Cross then, but Grandmother traveled about helping any and all soldiers who were sick or in need. She made two trips to Washington and secured the release for three southern boys who had been captured by the northern army and were to have been shot for guerrillas, taking with her papers to prove their innocence. She did not know the boys, but hearing they were in need, went to them and found them to be splendid young men.

On one of these trips she took my mother, who said what she remembered about Washington was standing beside Mr. Abraham Lincoln, a kind faced gentleman, who placed his hand on her head;
the gold fish in the pool near the White House; and a little
celebration she and her mother had in their hotel room in honor
of her fourth birthday.

Soon after this, Grandmother must have gone to Chicago as I
have a picture of my mother taken in Chicago, and on the back in
Grandmother's handwriting is my mother's name and "age four".
It may have been then that she went there because of the illness
of her step-son, Will. I have heard Mother say that he was very
ill and she and Grandmother went to see him as he sent for her,
but just when this took place, I do not know.

I have had a beautiful miniature made from the picture and put
into a pin that has been in the Finch family. I enjoy wearing it
very much and value it as one of my treasures...

Grandmother took Mother with her more than she did Aunt
Nannie because Auntie was never real strong, although she lived to
be in her seventies and had six children, saw all of her grand-
children and several great-grand-children.

When measles broke out among the soldiers who were in camp in
and near Bowling Green, Grandmother was conducting a private school
there, which she immediately turned into a hospital; gave up teach-
ing and nursed both southern and northern soldiers.

Among her papers were found letters from some of the men or
some member of their families, written after the war was over, to
thank her for what she had done.

She secured wool and got women to knit and make garments for
the army, and bought pocket testaments for many of the soldiers.
I have been told that she was a very fast knitter, and that she
had been known to knit a sock in a day.

She knew generals on both sides and when trying to get passes
through the lines, was often asked what her politics were. Her
reply was, "To do all the good that I can and just as little harm."-

Kentucky being a border state caused families to be divided.
Most of her people were with the South, and while her heart was
there, she felt that human beings were suffering on both sides and
she went where she felt she could be of the greatest service to
mankind.

I cannot begin to tell of many of the things she did and the
places she went in this work. I have not even heard of all of
them, and so many facts are too vague in my mind to try to put
them down. I wish my Mother had gotten it done, and she always
thought she would, but we never get all the things done in this
world that we want to do.

The war over, Grandmother returned with both girls to western
Kentucky. Sometime during the latter part of the war another regi-
ment of Northern soldiers had gone through that part of the state
and again camped on her place. They had cut trees and sawed them
into lumber and wood and then burned the house, the mill and all
the buildings.

General Grant personally promised to see that she was paid for
the damage done as Kentucky had not seceded, but somehow it was
never paid for.

I do not know if this was in Ballard County or just where it
happened, but for two weeks the three of them lived in two rooms
with straw on the floor and a blanket thrown over it for a bed,
and had for food corn bread and molasses. Conditions were so bad
right after the war that people would stop on the streets to pick
up a pin, needle, or hair pin. All they had was Confederate
money and it was worthless.
Mother prayed earnestly every night that the Lord would send her some candy, and when she awoke one morning to find that a neighbor had been over the night before and left a few pieces that had been given to him, she said, "I knew God would send me some candy". And to her dying day she prayed with the same faith in the Lord being able to answer her prayers; and the Lord did answer most of them. Not often in the manner she had expected it to be done, but in the way He saw fit.

Later Grandmother went to Rockfield, Kentucky and built a house (it still stands) with one room large enough for a school room. She boarded several girls and had others in the neighborhood during the day for classes and music lessons. She taught this school for a number of years.

It was while at Rockfield that Dr. Daniel Longnecker came to the small town to practice medicine and married Aunt Nannie Finch. He was a widower and quite her senior, but had no living children. He was there for several years, then moved to different places for Auntie's health. When he retired, he went to Southern Texas, where several of his oldest boys had already located, and where Auntie became stronger than she had ever been.

While at Rockfield, Grandmother organized the first missionary society there and distributed much religious literature in that section. She also organized the first W. C. T. U. in Warren County.

Later, when living in Providence, Kentucky where my mother was married, she gave the lot on which the Methodist Church was built. She spent several summers traveling through the country with horse and buggy, selling religious books. All she made she gave towards building the church. It still stands, though it has been pushed back and is used for the Sunday School room of the new brick church. Her picture is hung there and in the front of the building is a large memorial window, put there by the Providence Methodist, in her memory.

Wherever she went she organized Sunday Schools and missionary societies, if there were none. Many a "Circuit Rider", as well as Methodist Preachers and those of other denominations from the towns, found her home open at all times to them and their families. Her politics were always, "to do all the good she could with just as little harm".

After all these years there are people in Providence who remember Grandmother, Mother and all the Longneckers, and express the desire to see any of the ones who are living.

Mrs. William Thompson Curd Finch is buried at Bowling Green, Kentucky in Fairview Cemetery.
Dear Cousin,

My mother said when she was a child she was told that the following rhyme was written about her Uncle Grundy—and that it was true—

Solomen Grundy born on Monday
Christened on Tuesday
Married on Wednesday
Took ill on Thursday
Worse on Friday
Died on Saturday
Buried on Sunday
This is the end of Solomen Grundy.

Dr. Andrew Wright was my grandfather's brother. He was a surgeon in the Confederate Army. Moved to Texas and his family were prominent in the business world. I have a long news clipping about his son, William A. Wright, San Angelo, Texas, a very prominent lawyer. I'll send you the clipping with the other material.

With every good wish,

Ella B. Smith
The following paragraphs are taken from letters written by Tommie Mitchell:

"The home of one of Uncle Bob's granddaughters was the house used in the picture "Raintree County". The movie was made in Danville, Kentucky.

I have shown your first note to some of the cousins of my father's generation. Two are living in Bardstown in their eighties and four in Shelbyville. Their father was my great uncle, Bob Briggs.

My father and I were born in the house which came down to my grandfather from this Andrew--the other heirs and their families also lived on parts of the farm.

Andrew Briggs was born February 18, 1792 and died October 9, 1857. He is buried in Camp Ground Cemetery.

My mother's genealogy book of the King Family would interest you. My great great grandfather (King) settled in Nelson in 1782. He came to Nelson from Stafford County, Virginia.

My grandfather (father's side) said once as I was sitting on his lap--"I wish you were named Tossie for my auntie in Scotland?"

August 18, 1955

Dear Mrs. Mansfield:

In 1928, a J. B. Eaton of Fargo, North Dakota wrote Ben Alexander Stribling asking for San Antonio, Texas data. He mentioned the Briggs Cemetery some 2 miles north west of Tremont, Illinois which is part of the farm owned by Grandfather Benjamin Briggs. The cemetery is private for descendants of Benjamin and Susan Briggs. It is neglected since Nick Menard died. Aunt Emily Menard's remains and Aunt Belle's have been taken up and put in Tremont Cemetery.

I remember my grandmother's cousin Nick Menard. He was rather like a "high grade" Frenchman and his name was spelled Amidee Hypolite Menard. I think that is the spelling--he wrote it down for me when I was very young.

Thomas Haile Stribling, the husband of Eleanor Alexander, was the son of Benjamin Haile Stribling and Ruth Bradley Greenwood. Benjamin Haile Stribling was the first probate judge of Lavaca Co., Texas. He was born in 1794 in South Carolina and died in 1852 in Lavaca County. Benjamin was the son of Thomas Stribling and Elizabeth Haile, the daughter of Captain John Haile and Ruth Mitchell Haile of South Carolina. Benjamin was the grandson of Thomas Stribling Sr. who came to Virginia in 1710 and received a grant of 1050 acres on Bull Run in 1725. He moved to Berryville, Virginia.

You may keep all the papers I sent you.

Sincerely,

Ruth N. Maverick
(Wife of former owner of mill recalls many vivid remembrances of pioneer days when mill was in prime of existence.)

A traveler halted his weary horse at the crossing of the road at Rocky Ford and looked across the stream at the heap of wreckage where once stood the famous old landmark, Rankin's Mill. Only a confused mass of timbers and debris marked the spot where in the thirties the busiest industry of Logan county grew and flourished. The tide had receded leaving a slime smeared waterline high on the weather-beaten timbers. All was quiet, save for the lapping of the muddy waters amongst the decayed rafters. As he stood eying the scene in a reminiscent mood, a section of loose siding gave way and fell with a splash into the water. The bit of refuse rose to the surface and floated slowly down stream. Piece by piece the ancient structure was vanishing, and the traveler, like countless others, went his way.

But deep down intermingled in the mass of twisted timbers lies a world of history. The old mill is rich with the lore of the early days. Poets have dwelt on the memories of bygone days that cluster about this monument to early industry. Historians have delved into the past in an effort to keep alive this time which binds several generations.

In the north part of the city of Lincoln, there lives a woman, Mrs. L. D. Morris, whose early life was closely associated with the early day life of the old grist mill. Her earliest recollections of Rocky Ford, before she became the wife of Ezra Myers, one of the early proprietors, dates back to when she was a girl, when the mill was first built. Her name then was Mary E. White, the daughter of William White, of what is now Broadwell. Rocky Ford was then a village of three houses. An old rock house, the remains of which many be seen today, was used first as a grocery store and saloon. She remembers vividly the old stone mason, fresh from Ireland who built the house, slowly piece by piece, from a neighboring quarry. This quarry was the only one in the county and a lime kiln near there furnished a lucrative occupation to Barry Shaw, the original quarryman. The first tenant in the stone house was a man named Bigelow, who dispensed his drams of whiskey to the countryside. Later the Rocky Ford ferryman, Johnny Meyers, lived there with his wife. Across the road were two log cabins, which have long since fallen into decay.

While yet a girl of sixteen, Mary White married Ezra Myers, a brother of Johnathan and Leo Myers. As recalled by Mrs. Morris, Johnathan and Leo originally purchased the mill from either Uncle Peter Sentz or a man named Crisman. Her husband and John Champion of Pekin, a skilled mechanic, worked at installing the burrs. Mr. Myers stood continually in the water and contracted rheumatism which shortened his life. A few years after Ezra bought out the half interest held by Johnathan. Some slight difference arose between the two brothers at this time and Mrs. Morris recalls the old law-suit in which Abraham Lincoln, then a struggling lawyer, was the attorney for her husband. It was not stated whether Lincoln won the case or not, but the occasion made the second time that Lincoln had figured in the history of Rocky Ford. It has
been unquestionably shown from Lincoln's signature to some old surveyor's records that he had prior to that time, platted the town of Albany opposite the site of the old mill. Some ten years later the once surveyor-lawyer of Rocky Ford sent out a call for volunteers from the presidential chair and Leo Myers was the first to respond. He also was the first that fell in battle, and his name tops the list of Logan county's honor roll.

The Rankin Mill was never built and finished by any one person. Peter Sentz laid the foundation. Ezra Meyers and Champion placed the burrs. Edmund Rankin later completed the work. The Myers brothers did not complete it, but traded the mill and the ten acre site to Rankin for two farms. Leo then lived on the Bradshaw farm, and Ezra and his wife moved to the Steve Beck place.

Mrs. Morris recalls to mind the days when the mill was worked to its capacity. Often dozens of teams with loads of grist were forced to wait overnight. The Orendorff mill north of Postville was the only other up to date mill in the county.

Her girlhood days take her back to many humorous experiences connected with Johnny Murry, the first ferryman. Murry's wife once essayed to pilot a horseman across the swollen stream. The torrent was raging and the man agreed to release the bridle if the boat became unmanageable. In midstream the boat swirled against a snag and almost upset. She screamed to him to release the horse which was dead weight. He refused. In desperation she raised the heavy oar and would have crushed his skull. He obeyed, the horse was lost, and they barely escaped with their lives.

At another time she safely piloted eight members of a funeral procession across a half mile flood. Great rivalry existed among the ferrymen and Johnny Murry once solicited the trade of a noted Irish wit. Johnny had hammered his rates and one day accosted the man, "Well, I've come down to the other man's rates. Won't you do business with me?" he asked. "Faith no," retorted the other, "I'll stick with the man who brought you down." And he did.

And so the ruins of the mill are replete with legends. At sight of the twisted timbers, the casual traveler is reminded of days of which perhaps, he has only heard recounted about the fireside. The remains of the landmark will soon be gone, but its history will live long in the descendants of the settlers of Logan County.
Dr. Wright's negroes loved their master and were contented with the freedom granted them by his kindness. None of them ever ran away, however, Byron, a young darkie about eighteen years old just walked away one day. Three days later the stage coach rolled into Bowling Green with Byron perched on top. The news of his return spread rapidly as some of the darkies had recognized him as the coach passed the Wright home.

When he walked the short distance from the Morehead House to his home, he looked dirty and was rather the worse for his short expedition into the unknown world. The Wright family was on the porch and many darkies were in the front yard when he made his appearance. Some of his colored friends were inclined to twit him and he could hear such remarks—"O yaas, Mistah Lawd Byron, yee's bin trabbling, haint yer? An der paterole dun brung yer back." Still he bore himself with the insouciance of a nobleman until confronted by Dr. Wright, his eyes dropped to the ground, his whole aspect became crest fallen and woe begone. "Byron," said the Doctor, "What made you leave home? Have we ever been unkind to you?" "Naw Sir" replied Byron. "What made you leave, then?" "I was standing by de doah of Mistah Webster's room, an' I heard im readin about Mistah Lawd Byron uh trabblin troo the wurl, uh seenin fine things an' jes sed, I wusn't gwine ter stay. I wuz jes takin er leetle trip lak Mistah Lawd Byron. I axed de genman what writ yer ter sen' me home. I tole him as how I belong ter yuh". "All right, Byron, you go talk to your mother, (Minerva) she has been very worried about you leaving."

By the next morning stage coach, Dr. Wright received the following letter from Glasgow, a town 32 miles northeast of Bowling Green.

Dr. Thomas Wright
Bowling Green, Ky

Dear Sir:

This afternoon I was approached by a negro boy about 18 years of age, who said, "Will you please send me home?" I asked, "Who are you and where do you live?" Drawing himself up rather proudly he answered, "I is Lawd Byron and I belong to Dr. Wright at Bowling Green." I will hold him until I hear from you. I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

James Murrell

It was not long after "Lawd Byron's" return home, that Cornelia, Miss Lizzie's maid, was married to Alfred King in the Wright parlor. At this time it so happened that there was no Methodist preacher in Bowling Green, so the rector of the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Mr. Ringgold was asked to officiate.

The night for the marriage soon rolled around. The parlor was decorated with trailing vines and flowers from the old fashioned garden. The darkies were in a high state of excitement. Aunt Minerva, Cornelia's mother, superintended the wedding supper which Dr. Wright had ordered spread in honor of the occasion. The hour for the wedding came at last. Dr. Wright and his family entered the beautiful old parlor and took seats on the southern side of the room. The darkies ranged themselves on the other side of the room.

Mr. Ringgold, clad in the robes of his office, took his place in the center of the room. Promptly at the moment through the hall
door came Cornelia, dressed in white muslin, leaning on the arm of Alfred King in his gray uniform. The words of the ritual rang out, promises were given, then there was the pronouncement "man and wife until death do you part." And let it be recorded here to the memory of these two that they kept their plighted faith through storm and sunshine until the end. Alfred King fought in the Southern army. After the Emancipation of the slaves, Cornelia lived in Louisville where she became a well-known seamstress.

It was about the year 1849 that Solomon Kersey from North Carolina came to Bowling Green to work as a cabinet maker. His owner had passed away and gave him his freedom. He had fallen in love with Frances (Minerva's daughter) and they married in the parlor of the Morehead House, and all her white as well as colored friends attended the wedding. The ceremony was performed by a Methodist minister, Rev. Joseph Scobee, October 20, 1851.

Still Solomon was not satisfied. Himself an intelligent free man he could not bear the thought of his wife remaining in slavery even under the best of masters. After a year of marriage and bidding Frances a tearful goodbye he had gone to the newly discovered gold fields of California hoping to secure enough treasure to purchase her freedom. After three years, he had now returned coming down from Louisville on the stagecoach which usually arrived in Bowling Green about dusk. He had returned to Kentucky after daring a hundred dangers and hardships that he might buy his wife's freedom.

The next morning Solomon came up to Dr. Wright's room to ask for the purchase of Frances' freedom. Dr. Wright said, "I regret that I am not financially able to give her to you. I wish I could but I was compelled to pay for her twice. "That's all right, Dr. I have the money to pay for her."

"Well, since you have been gone, I have been offered $1400 for her. We are sorry to lose her, but pay me $500 and she is yours." Solomon replied, "I can never forget your kindness, Doctor, though I was prepared to pay more. I saved up about $2000 and this will enable me to buy a little house and educate Frances. Dr. Wright rose from his chair and went across the room to a tall mahogany secretary, half book-case and half desk. (It is now in Western Ky. Museum) Behind the little glass door could be seen a motley collection of books, two or three treatises of medicine, Wesley's Sermons, Benson's Commentaries, Young Right Thoughts, the poems of Cooper, Burns, Byron and American edition of Tennyson's "Maud" and Macaulay's History of England, and a copy of the Constitution. There were not many books but they had been thoroughly mastered. Opening a drawer and taking out papers he wrote with a quill pen this document:

"Know all men, that I, Thomas B. Wright, M.D., for an in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars cash in hand paid, of this day hereby bargain, convey and sell to Solomon Kersey, a free negro man, one slave woman, named Frances Kersey, aged twenty-two years, the same having been united in lawful wedlock October 20, 1851. Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of April 1854.

Thomas B. Wright, M.D.

Meanwhile Solomon loosening his buckskin belt was counting out the money. Having counted five hundred dollars in gold he passed it over to the Doctor, who handed him a piece of paper more precious to a noble negro than all the gold of California. Frances did
attend the Seminary in Louisville, returned to Bowling Green and became the first caterer and cake decorator in the town. She served banquets and dinner at the Morehead House and prepared wedding suppers and dinners in private homes. She furnished decorations for the dining tables with roses and trailing vines and from her green house made funeral designs. She opened a restaurant on College Street where the Watkins Furniture Store was located. Her restaurant was on the second floor.

In later years Frances was manager of the dining room of the old Warren County Fair Grounds in Bowling Green. Her home in this city still stands at the corner of Broadway and Smallhouse Road. This is where she lived with her mother, Aunt Minerva and her husband, Solomon Kersey. Aunt Minerva, a very remarkable colored woman. This property is still owned today-1961- by the descendants of Frances, Minerva and Byron of "Laud Byron Fame". Byron after leaving Bowling Green made his home in St. Louis, Missouri. He became an educated negro—for that day and time and became a successful business man. Byron returned to Bowling Green frequently to see his mother as long as she lived. He didn't forget to visit the children of his former master. I always liked to listen to the stories he told of long ago days and how kindly his master treated him.
Furnished by Ella B. Smith:

FALL OF FT. DONELSON (THE TIMES JOURNAL) Tues., Feb. 1923

Feb. 13, 1862, Was Fateful Day In Fair City of Bowling Green, Ky. Interesting Incidents of the Fall of Ft. Donelson and Evacuation of Territory—Told by Mrs. Lizzie W. Thomas in Local Paper years ago—1894. By request the Times Journal published the news article again in Feb. 1923.

Sixty-one years ago today, Feb. 13, 1862, the evacuation of Bowling Green was begun by the Confederate forces and a short time after this city was entirely in the hands of the Federal forces. Bowling Green was on the line of march between Louisville and Nashville, and was considered one of the most important points in the State of Kentucky. Among those who were living here at the time of the evacuation was Mrs. Lizzie Thomas, one of Bowling Green's most estimable women and mother of Thomas W. Thomas and Richard C.P. Thomas, leading lawyers of the Warren County Bar.

Twenty-nine years ago in the issue of the Journal at that time, Mrs. Thomas wrote a story of the evacuation which was a classic. The story was read and reread, not only in this section of the state, but all over the country and Mrs. Thomas was flooded with notes and messages of congratulations for her fine effort. Mrs. Thomas is now 80 years of age and recalls vividly some of the incidents in connection with the evacuation. Her story which was printed 29 years ago is reproduced today so that the younger generation of Bowling Green residents may read about the older ones and preserve for posterity.

Editor Times—

Recently I have been reading the Iliad, and those terrible battles before the Walls of Troy have vividly recalled the fearful engagements of our late war, the harrowing scenes that were enacted before the Walls of Richmond fell. In the battle of the river "Seamander" we are told "Repeated wounds the reddening river dyed
And the warm purple circled the tide."

So when we think of Stone River it is not of the beautiful flow of its waters, but of the flow of that crimson tide that purpled its shore on January 2, 1863 when over twenty-thousand men were slain. In discussing the Iliad with some friends I remarked, "It is strange that some poet does not write a similar epic of our war." One of the party replied, "It could not be done, for you remember when Mars fell he covered seven acres of ground." I said, "What if he did? Why, when our great Stonewall fell the whole southland felt the shock of the mighty fall."

Probably at some remote period a bard will arise who will voice in song the heroic deeds, the thrilling and matchless oratory of our heroic times, for we too were prolific in great deeds and had our eloquent Nestors. In the fall of 1861 in our little city in the old courthouse in the center of the square were heard many eloquent and thrilling speeches. One speaker, a man from the northern part of the state, was especially stirring and stirred. In one of his efforts he said, "When I bade my friends farewell, I told them I would meet them victorious or meet them up yonder."

At the beginning of the war, in the Senate of the United States was a Southerner who had been re-elected for his second term. Realizing that the clans were gathering in his State, he determined to join them. He arose in the Senate and in an eloquent and feeling speech bade his friends farewell and resigned, then closed with the ringing words of Fitz-James: "Twice I have sought Clan-alpines glen
In peace, but when I come aged..."
I come with banner, brand and bow,  
As leader seeks his mortal foe". 

The same heroic bravery, the same patriotic duty that moved him, thrilled thousands of others. Every palace on the hills, every cottage in the valley sent out its representatives. And only the deathless song of an immortal general can embody the noble self-sacrifice, the long, patient endurance of bronzed warriors and beardless boys on the tented field, in long marches of fronting war's death dealing guns of that disastrous struggle.

During the siege of Troy, the maids and matrons were accustomed to offer sacrifices to their Gods and not only prayed, but spun at the wheel and at the loom for cloth for garments to clothe fathers and sons battling at the front. Now there are today in our fair land many a lone Hector slain. (print blurred). The Iliad has its mighty warriors and brave chieftans, but none ever braver, grander, truer, than many who purpled our historic fields with their blood. No nobles blood ever stained a battle ground than that which poured from the severed artery when Albert Sydney Johnston reeled and fell on Shiloh's bloody field.

Johnston's name recalls especially the winter of 61' and '62 when he was in command of the forces stationed here, with his headquarters at the old Blackburn house on Adams street. The first of the winter was extremely mild and lovely. The roses in the garden had not lost their leaves, and even budded for bloom in January. It really seemed as if the Southerners had brought their soft winds & sunny skies with them, so balmy it was. And old people reasoned, philosophized, and said, "God is good and he is sending this beautiful weather to protect and save the soldiers from the cold and exposure incident to camp life".

It was a winter long to be remembered, beautiful days of sunshine, military parades glistening with new armor, and bars. Every morning from the hills and field came sounds of the reveille at break of day, and later on the echoes of buglers blowing in distant cavalry encampments. The streets of the city often resounded with the tramp of Warrior horses and it was a brilliant and martine spectacle when the Generals and their staff went dashing by arrayed in new suits of gray with the trappings burnished bright. Many times my sister, Ella, and I have watched Generals Johnston, Buckner, Breckenridge, Hardee, and Helm pass and repass. It was truly a winter of military pomp and magnificence and the distinguished men gathered here then could have lent honor and dignity to any place, scene or time. One of the most imposing displays of the winter took place out on the gently sloping hillside of Mt. Air (Cemetery Rd). It was a sham battle fought on the afternoon of a radiant day and all of Johnston's forces, infantry, cavalry and artillery were engaged. It was a living moving spectacle of well executed military tactics. One blunder was made that caused for a moment considerable consternation and excitement. Through a mistaken order Gen. Helm's cavalry of 1200 men rushed up a slight elevation crowded with citizens that had gone out to view the scene, but fortunately no one was hurt, although one young lady made a narrow escape. The horse she was riding took flight and ran immediately in front of the regiment for some little distance. Gen. Helm who was leading the charge, showed his thoughtful consideration by leaving the encampment that night and coming to the city to make inquiries about the safety of the rider.

The officers and soldiers were not always engaged in military duties, for frequently there might be seen bright calvacader of ladies and gentlemen out riding with their body servants following in the rear. Entertainments were given at private houses, followed by receptions at the encampments where the guests were royally entertained. I have lying before me now an invitation on note paper once delicately tinted but now yellowed
The officers of Wirt Adams' Cavalry will be glad to see Miss [name] at a collation at their camp at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon to meet Mrs. Wirt Adams. "Camp Hardee Feb. 1, 1863."

Camp Hardee was situated down on the Barren River near the boat landing and the day of the elegant collation was like a spring day, fair, bright and pleasant. But, Alas! This reception proved to be the last given by the officers, for there came a change, a sudden change in many respects.

The beautiful weather that had reigned supreme for so long now changed and cold, drizzling, penetrating rains fell, rains that seemed to chill the blood of the strongest and render camp life almost unendurable. Many of the soldiers who had been raised in the lap of luxury and were accustomed only to the soft south wind succumbed to pneumonia and other diseases following exposure. The hospitals were crowded and Death laid his cold hand on many a fair young brow and stilled the beating of many a brave heart. The saddest sight of all the winter was the sable hearse with its load of clay hurrying through our streets, sometimes without a single attendant. The sad sequel you can read at Fairview Cemetery.

"Out yonder where the dark mounds rise, gently sloping away to the river, A Stately shaft in silence stands, While the pine trees mourn and quiver. A beautiful monument of grayish white catching the beams of the rising sun, Guarded by stars through the dreamy night As they wheel into line one by one."

Yes, they died here, and sleep there, unknown and unnamed. It is to be hoped the Confederate Veteran's Association of Warren County will never let a spring with its roses come without scattering o'er those graves the fairest of spring offerings.

What had hitherto seemed to be but a great military display was now to be followed by stern war with all its accompanying horrors. News came that General Grant with a large force was moving on Ft. Donelson, on the Cumberland River. Gen. Buckner was ordered there with his command. A few days later it was evident that Johnston would have to evacuate Bowling Green and make Nashville his headquarters in order not to be cut off from his supplies should Ft. Donelson fall. War now appeared fearfully real and the future loomed up gloomy and threatening. The Confederates began to make hurried preparations to evacuate, to leave the forts on College Hill and Reservoir and other prominent heights which they had spent so much time and money in fortifying.

"The vines have choked the moat Where once the sentinal trod, And the flags of knowledge float Above the sacred soil."

Bowling Green was now the scene of excitement and rumors of various kinds were afloat. Many who had dreaded more fluctuations of war. My father, Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright I, who had sent my sister, Ella, and myself away for several weeks when the Confederates first took possession of the city, (They were sent to Paris, Tenn. the plantation home of Shelbourne Loving, Dr. Wright's brother-in-law), again deemed it prudent for us to leave. On Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1862, he put us with a servant woman under the care of his brother, Dr. Andrew Wright, a surgeon in the Confederate Army, and started us for Nashville. It is always sadder to leave home and old friends and especially so under such circumstances. I shall never forget how I felt when the cars (train) pulled out from the depot. I wondered if I should ever see Bowling Green again, and under what conditions. It had been rumored that Confederates would burn it and if they did not the Federals would, so it was a sad going, going I knew not where. The cars (train) were
crowded with officers and their cheering remarks kept the trip from being unbearable, for they talked as if they thought they would soon be back and the war would not last long.

One little incident occurred on the train which was laughable at the time and amusing now that I think of it. There was a young lady on the car who seemed indifferent about the war and all its forebodings of disaster for her love of fine feathers which was the ruling passion. Sitting near her was an officer whose hat was adorned with two long, elegant plumes. After admiring them for some time, the young lady said in an audible whisper, "Oh, I wish I had those plumes." The officer gallantly replied, "You shall have them when we reach Nashville." A few moments later he went to the rear platform of the car and a truant wind came along and away went hat, plumes and beautiful cockade. He came back looking chagrined and told the young lady her plumes were gone and he rode the rest of the way hatless.

There were no soldiers cemeteries bordering the railroad then—they appeared later. When we reached the city we went at once to the Maxwell House and applied for rooms. The clerk informed us that probably later he could accommodate us, but every room was then occupied.

Friends from Bowling Green who were stopping in the house, on hearing of our arrival and inability to secure rooms, offered to share their rooms with us for the first evening so we were provided for.

The next morning while at breakfast, I was pleasantly surprised to see elegant and beautiful Mrs. R, daughter of Judge Underwood, enter the room. As soon as she was aware of these friends from her old home she asked permission to have breakfast with us. I shall ever remember how earnest and eloquently she defended and pleaded the cause of State Soverignty. She was a very queen in personal appearance and manners. My uncle, Dr. Andrew Wright, deemed it advisable to take his family farther south and advised us to accompany them, but not having heard from home we thought best to remain in Nashville.

As it was impossible to share a room at the Maxwell House, we secured one elsewhere. The city was all astir with excitement; people were coming in and others were going out, and soldiers arriving from Bowling Green, bring many and various reports. Sometimes we would hear that the town had been burned, and then it had been shelled and great damage done. What trying time of suspense and uncertainty those days proved. The subject heard and discussed everywhere was the engagement of Ft. Donelson. All day Saturday could be heard the distant boom of cannonading down the river. Grave and serious faces were encountered on all sides, the streets were thronged with citizens and soldiers were tramping and couriers were flying in all directions. The fate of the army seemed to be hanging on the fate of Ft. Donelson. Was it possible for Gen. Buckner to hold out against such odds was the question often propounded.

Sunday morning came—a day of clouds, flecked with sunshine—and we prepared for church, feeling that was the best place to which we could go under the circumstances. So we started out of the yard gate then we encountered a lady terribly excited and she exclaimed "My God, the Yankees are coming. Ft. Donelson has fallen!" The streets were full of people who had started to church, but were then rushing back to their homes. Couriers were flying in every direction and we gave up the idea of church going. It was evident now that Nashville would be evacuated as soon as possible. What a Sabbath of excitement and woeful suspense... that day proved to be, especially so, as we had positive information that Bowling Green had been evacuated on the fourteenth and afterwards shelled by the Federals who had possession of Baker's Hill (31 Louisville Road). We were in a dilemma as we did not know whether to accompany the family of Mr. John Sharp to Atlanta, or some other point South. The whole country was so unsettled it was a grave matter to decide.
To think of going on was unpleasant, and to return to Bowling Green was hazardous, for the cars (train) had all been captured by the Rebels and none were running.

There were two young ladies from Glasgow, Ky., stopping at the same house with us, and they were anxious to return home, so we thoroughly discussed the subject weighing all obstacles and hindrances, and finally on Monday decided to brave all risks and start for Bowling Green. That afternoon influential friends went to headquarters and swore to our loyalty, and passes were granted us to pass through Confederate lines. The difficulty now was to secure a vehicle, for they were in great demand in the city, and many were unwilling to risk their horses for such a trip for fear of confiscation. We finally secured a carriage paying $30.00 for the trip. We found an escort in the venerable Dr. Tom Moore, who also lived in Kentucky and had secured a horse and buggy. On Tuesday, the 18th, just a week from the time we left Bowling Green, we got in our carriage to return. How much can be crowded in the space of one week of time, especially if it be war time. The city was in an uproar of excitement; the soldiers with heavy hearts were making hurried preparations for their departure, and many refugees and citizens were leaving for more quiet retreats. Just as we started I heard a lady say to the driver of another carriage, "I'll give you $50.00 to take me ten miles in the country". We were uneasy for we feared a few more dollars might decide unfavorably for our trip. As we passed through the city the Stars and Bars were still floating in the breeze. We reached the beautiful suspension bridge and probably we would be the last to cross over. Never can I forget how those soldiers in gray looked as I glanced back at them standing on the bridge.

Then began our long, lonely ride—ride of suspense and expectation. For miles and miles we went without encountering a single human being, not even a cow, horse or any living creature; it really seemed as if all the inhabitants had fled and taken their stock with them. At last the monotony was broken and our timidity increased, for we saw a solitary horseman approaching. We eagerly watched his coming, for we were expecting every mile to meet the vanguard for the Federal Army. We soon observed that the rider was in citizens dress and we breathed more freely. He proved to be a citizen of Nashville who had formerly lived in Bowling Green and was returning home from there. Of course, we asked more questions in five minutes then he could answer in an hour. He told us all the news and gave us more comforting reports of the situation and condition of affairs at home. We continued our ride for miles without any interruption, but just before sunset, as we were winding around a graceful curve in the pike, we observed a large residence situated upon a slight elevation, a broad avenue bordered with trees leading down to the road. Coming down this walk was an old man leaning heavily upon a cane. He had evidently seen us approaching and waved his staff as a signal for us to stop. The driver checked his horses and we waited patiently for the approach of the tottering old man. He came to the carriage window and leaning eagerly forward said: "Are you from Nashville?" We told him we left there at noon. He then asked "What is the news from Ft. Donelson?" We told him Gen. Buckner had been captured with all his command and many had been killed and wounded. The old man's lips quivered, tears gathered in his eyes and in a sobbing voice he said, "I have three noble sons there". He spoke not another word to us but then bowed his head upon his breast and we left him standing there in silence. The picture was one of the
saddest I ever saw, gray hairs bowed down with grief. At nightfall we reached the farm house of old man Buntin and asked permission to lodge there that night. Mr. Buntin said, "I'll give you shelter but I won't vouch for a comfortable night." He was a very humorous man and joked with us a great deal about the Yankees getting us. He told us he did not know whether he would give us any breakfast, as he might have to feed an army before day. We retired early and the big old farm was so quiet and peaceful that we slept soundly and sweetly although the Fed—would be there that night. The first question we asked next morning was, "Have the Yankees come?" And we were glad when told they had not arrived, for we were anxious for a good warm breakfast before we started, for the cooks of those days were famous and never can be excelled. We took our departure with kind wishes for a safe journey. The day was gloomy and rain was threatening, but the horses had been so well-groomed and fed that they could outtrace the rain. The ride was lonely and uneventful as on the previous day, we met no one, saw no one, heard no one, everything was still and quiet except the rattling sound of the horses hoofs striking the pike and rumbling of the carriage wheels.

We thought surely we would encounter soldiers at Franklin but when we reached that point there were none in sight. We hurried through the town as the threatening clouds of the early morning had begun to empty upon us a cold drizzling rain increased. As we were nearing Woodburn one of the ladies glanced out of the window, but she drew back as gale and excited as if a lion had stood in the way and exclaimed; "Oh, there are the Blue Coats." And sure enough there they were with their big blue coats on, standing around a log fire. The rain was pouring in torrents when we were halted. The soldiers gathered around the carriage and peered at us curiously, but the question is not yet settled whether they outstared us or we outstared them. They did not say, "Good morning," neither did we. They did not ask any questions, for Dr. Moore, who was in front, had no doubt, given all necessary information. We were allowed to proceed, but not alone, for immediately behind us rode two cavalry men, and we felt as if we were prisoners. We were not allowed to forget their presence, for every now and then their horses' heads would bump up against the carriage window and we would instinctively shiver. We reached home safe at noon, after all our prognostications of evil, and rejoiced to see so much of Bowling Green still standing. We concluded our trials ended, but unfortunately they were not. In about an hour the doorbell rang and a caller was announced, as no card was sent in, I wondered who it was. I went into the parlor and as I entered, a delicate, refined looking young man arose and introduced himself. I asked him to be seated, and after a few passing remarks he drew out a notebook and pencil and said, "I came to interview you; I am a correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer". Oh, Horrors! I did not know which I dreaded most a Yankee or a newspaper reporter, and then to have both in one was paralyzing in effect. He saw I was terribly embarrassed and pleasantly asked, "Were you not afraid to come back here where all these Yankees are?" He very politely asked numerous other questions, but worded them so that I did not have to tell all I knew and more than I cared to tell. (This young newspaper reporter was Whitelaw Reid—who many years afterward was appointed Ambassador to England).

Soon after the correspondent left, orders came for the young ladies to report to Gen. Mitchell. As the afternoon was very rainy & disagreeable & we were very tired, we did not go, but expected to go early the next morning. Other orders came telling us if we did not report a squad of soldiers would escort us to headquarters. We secured a carriage and drove to the Pillsbury House. I had studied Mitchell's Astronomy at School and had always associated the author with stars and heavenly realms, but I am certain I did not then place him at so high an altitude.
We were ushered immediately into a room occupied by the General and his staff. Our faces must have portrayed our nervous condition and embarrassment, for the others looked very much amused and we were greatly distressed when our escort was told his presence could be dispensed with. The General questioned us with precision that no one but a military officer could use. How many questions he asked. One of the young ladies responded "O, General, I would not go for Gen. Jackson, Breckenridge, Hardee and others with all their forces are there, and they have so many gunboats with which they can protect the city." The General treated us very courteously but we were greatly relieved when he dismissed us. This ended my first winter's experience of the War; that war which lasted so long and was marked by so many bloody engagements; that war in which state was arrayed against state, brother against brother, and father against son.

"Tis a vision of ghastly faces all pallid, worn with pain,
When the splendor of manhood graces, Give place to a gory stain;
In a wild and weird procession They sweep by my startled eyes,
And stern with their fates fruition, Seem melting in blood-red skies.

Vain dreams 'mid the far off mountains, And the murmur of mournful fountain,
On the breath of the lonely meadows, They rest in the star-lit shadows." L.W.T.

Miss Ella B. Smith writes:

"The enclosed story of the Fall of Ft. Donelson written by my aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Thomas, did not relate all the story-hardships and sufferings imposed by the Yankees upon this section of Warren County, Ky. Aunt Lizzie was a "loyal southerner" reared in all the beauty and loveliness of that time.

When Andromache Loving married Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright she had inherited slaves from her father, Maj. John Loving who came from Virginia to Kentucky about 1808. During the years the darkies had greatly increased in number. To solve this problem Dr. Wright purchased hundreds of acres of fine farmland for the colored people to live on so that they might be kept busy and happy. Two large farms were separated by the old Nashville Pike which led to Nashville. Today this property has become a fine residential and business section of a prosperous city. The old farms are separated by three much traveled highways—Nashville Rd, Highway 31W and Normal Blvd. During the years before the War between the States, the colored workers lived on the farms in neat, well-kept houses. They were treated kindly and were loyal to the Wright family. Uncle Edmond was overseer of the farm and he and his wife, Aunt Sylvia, accepted their responsibilities with much credit to themselves and the other darkies. On the old farm was a large pond well stocked with fish. The darkies were very religious and liked to pray and sing and when new converts were added to their group, they were immediately taken to the pond and immersed. Uncle Tom came from Virginia with Maj. Loving and his wife, Elizabeth Spencer Loving, and several small children. Tom, then a boy about 16 years old, drove the family carriage hitched to two fine horses. This was the first carriage in Warren County. In later years Uncle Tom married and had twin daughters—Scottie and Nancy. After the slaves were emancipated, Aunt Scottie and Aunt Nancy (both as black as ebony and each weighing about 200 pounds) continued to live on the farm and were well-paid mostly for living a life of leisure. Uncle Tom who was given to Andromache at the time of her marriage didn't work on the farm but had comfortable living quarters on the Wright property and was yard man. When Andromache passed away in 1850, Dr.
Wright sent for his sister, Sarah Ann, who lived in Mayfield, Ky., to make the long journey to Bowling Green to rear his children. Aunt Sarah with several companions made the long journey on horseback. They spent the nights with friends in pioneer homes that were miles apart. The nights were long and there were many fearful hours when they heard the screams of wildcats and the cry of panthers.

The old-fashioned stage coaches always stopped at the tavern—The Morehead House. It had been leased in 1847 to Charles D. Morehead and his wife, Eliza Loving Morehead (Andromache’s sister). The Morehead family Bible records a tragic end to most of the Morehead family. Chas. D. Morehead had married Eliza Loving in 1829. They had three children. After managing the Morehead House a few years, they took a trip in August 1853 to New Orleans taking the two younger children. They were caught in a yellow fever epidemic and all four died within six days. Their oldest daughter, Sarah, had married Joseph Younglove.

The Wright children were reared in luxury. With seven or eight house servants, my grandfather’s sister, Aunt Sarah, kept things running smoothly. Aunt Celie presided over the kitchen with other assistants. She came from Jamestown, Va. (Jamestown—she called it) and had both negro and Cherokee blood in her veins. She lived to be 105 years old. Both my mother and Aunt Lizzie had two maids. Betty Buckner and Hester Hammond belonged to my mother and Cornelia belonged to Aunt Lizzie. They carried books back and forth to school and catered to their every wish. Uncle Cooper and Uncle Webb had body guards or body servants. When either rode the body guards always followed on a horse.

Now I’ll continue the story that begins at the time my mother and Aunt Lizzie returned to Bowling Green after the Fall of Ft. Donelson. In a few days they peered through the closed shutters of the Wright’s living room as an army of 50,000 Yankee soldiers marched by their home. This army on its way south was made up of many fine young men, also ruffians, hoodlums and paid Hessians who couldn’t speak a word of English. Many soldiers worn and weary from the long march decided to rest for a few days on my grandfather’s home property which covered about three acres. The soldiers occupied the front yard and all of the back area of the property. It was impossible for the family to leave the house at any time. Uncle Cooper and Uncle Webb managed to escape to the country and hid in haystacks. My grandfather finally forced his way through the howling insults of the enemy and made his way to Federal Headquarters and made a complaint. The commanding officer ordered the soldiers to move elsewhere. Most of the property on my grandfather’s farms was destroyed—houses, fences were burned and all horses and cattle were either slaughtered or driven away. Through all of this the slaves remained faithful. After the Northern Army seized the forts surrounding Bowling Green, a few bombs were thrown on the outskirts of town—none were injured. All of the churches served as hospitals and many Northern and Southern soldiers died here from exposure—pneumonia, measles, chickenpox and other diseases. In 1863 when Lincoln freed the slaves, my grandfather explained the Emancipation to the slaves, gave them money and told them they were free to go where they pleased. They were not happy to leave. Uncle Tom said, "I don’t want to be free. I want to stay with you always". Dr. Wright replied, "Tom, my home is your home as long as you live and when you are too old to work, I will provide for you." Many years after my grandfather passed away some of the old family slaves still lived and worked on the farm. My mother’s maids came to see her very often. Aunt Betty came several times a week and was free to take any food from the pantry. My mother said, "Betty has permission to take anything she needs." When my mother passed away she was among the first to rush to our home and the last to leave. I can see her now with tears streaming down her face. Some of the descendants of these kindly people still live in or near Bowling Green."
In Memory of Frances Kersey, Who was an Extraordinary Woman of Her Race:

Harriet Beecher Stowe not only won fame for herself but immortalized the name of "Uncle Tom" by a faithful delineation of the noble characteristics of a humble man slave, but no writer's pen has ever given to the world a true character sketch of any one woman of that race who figured in the domestic service of the "Old South".

This unwritten history is replete with incidents full of pathos, drawn full of soul stirring tragedies, and would furnish many a picture of a life which was but one long act of unselfish devotion, true dignity and sincere Christianity.

The curtain has fallen on those old happy years, and soon all will be oblivion. Will not some one lift the veil and reveal the true picture with all its varied lights and shades? Only from a southern standpoint could such a picture be evolved.

A few weeks ago there died in this city, at her own home, emowered in beautiful vines and adorned with rare plants and flowers of her own planting, a very remarkable woman, Mary Frances Kersey. She was reared and trained for household employments, therefore her advantages for mental training were limited, yet her manners and conversation were unusually free from grave errors or mistakes, and were rather marked by that correctness and refinement that belong only to the educated and cultured. She was an intelligent woman, largely gifted with fine practical judgement, understood and appreciated the delicate shadings of human nature and wisely entertained correct views of true living.

Possessing a natural taste for the beautiful she cultivated and trained this gift until it could truthfully be said her taste was exquisite.

Long before cooking schools with their wonderful aids had become fashionable she had made cooking and serving fine arts. She could prepare the most delicious delicacies for Christmas party or wedding feast and then artistically decorate the tempting board with trailing vines and rare roses. She could also gracefully, yet humbly, congratulate the bride and whisper some gentle word of advice that would linger long after the bridal feast was over and the sterner duties of life had begun. Recalling her tasteful administrations at so many marriage feasts brings to mind the first marriage ceremony I ever witnessed:

"Pictured in memory's mellowing glass how sweet
Our infant days, our infant joys to greet;
How sweet while all the evil shuns the gaze,
To view the unclouded skies of former years."

The scene is far removed from the present time, with its many changes. It is a glimpse into the buried past. The parlor of the Morehead House was comfortably filled with the invited guests, and boarders of the mistress of the house, to witness the marriage of a favorite maid. A young Methodist minister, Rev. Joseph Scobee, was there to perform the ceremony. When the couple to be married entered the room I was kindly lifted from the floor by a courtly old gentleman who placed me on a high chair so that I could see "Bangy"- Frances Kersey (as we then called her) married. After the ceremony Frances and her colored friends gathered together in
the large dining room where a lavish supper was spread for their enjoyment. The scene became and remained a soft shadowed picture of my childhood. A year or so later Frances had to bid a long and last farewell to the lady who had so carefully reared and trained her (Eliza Loving Morehead) and to whose memory she was devoted until her death. She then became a member of our own household, and very soon after was called upon to begin her kind administrations of care and love, for one bleak November morning she was sent to awake me and carry me to the bedside of my dying young mother (1850*). There is some discrepancy in the date of Frances becoming a maid in the Wright Household—The Moreheads sold their slaves before my grandmother died in 1850—it was either 1848 or 1849 that my grandfather bought the family of darkies. The Moreheads died of yellow fever in New Orleans 1853. From that day to the last evening of her life she was my friend, true and steadfastly faithful. May a kind father reward her for all kindnesses during my childhood and maturer years. I never knew a woman more equally poised. Naturally of a joyous temperament she looked on the bright side of life, and encouraged others to do so. Possessing a sensitive and tender nature she often suffered keenly but bore it heroically. Her heroism was fully tested by several trying ordeals.

Her husband being a freedman was anxious for his wife to enjoy the same privileges. He determined to go to California to secure the requisite funds for her purchase. That was a long sad time for her, but she bore it nobly and uncomplainingly, faithful, steel faithful in all her duties to home and those she served. Childhood is often awed by the moving drama of human life.

"There are those that think that childhood does not share With age, the cup, the bitter cup of care; Alas! they know not this unhappy truth That every age and rank are born to ruth."

After her husband's return from his successful trip, Frances went to school and there acquired much information considering she had no previous training. I made my first visit to the city (Louisville) while she was there attending school. As soon as I secured a runner to find Frances, for I was more anxious to see her than to see the sights of the city, It seemed as if the runner had scarcely time to find her when she came rushing into my rooms with tears streaming down her face and without one word of greeting, she exclaimed: "O! Miss Lizzie, I am a Christian. The Lord, for Christ's sake, had pardoned my sins!" She had learned the grandest, truest and most helpful of all lessons.

"And through the storm and dangers' that all It lead her to the port of Peace."

That impressive picture and those words have never faded from my memory. She lived true to her christian faith, exemplifying it in many ways, giving them every advance to the care of an aged mother. To many homes she has sent flowers to grace some festal scene, or bear a message of condolence to some bereaved household? Generous to a fault, many a poor soul will miss her kind thoughtfulness.

Had her sphere been broader and her advantages commensurate with her ability what might she not have accomplished for herself and her race.

A Friend

(This article copied from an old worn newspaper in a scrapbook. It was written by my aunt.)
Joe Lillard—"A Wright Darkie"

Joe was bodyguard for D. W. Wright. After the Emancipation he was janitor at Ogden College for many years. His mother, Aunt Celie, cooked for the Wright family. She had both negro and Cherokee blood in her veins. She came from Jamestown, Virginia (she pronounced it "Jeemstown"). Aunt Celie lived with Joe, and after a long useful life she passed away at the age of one hundred and five.

Joe was the owner of an antique shop and did a thriving business. He was quite a musician—played by ear. After he became too feeble to work, he made his home in Chicago with Celie, his niece. She wrote several times a year to my sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Duvall, to tell us about Joe who longed for his "Old Kentucky Home".

After several years of blindness he passed away at the age of ninety-eight. His niece telegraphed us that his remains would be shipped to Bowling Green, and services held at Kuykendall's Funeral Home. We sent flowers and visited the funeral home to bid farewell to a long-ago faithful darkie. His remains were interred in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

During the invasion of Bowling Green by the Federals Joe carried a belt around his waist. It was filled with gold dollars that belonged to Dr. Wright. Aunt Celie, his mother, had gold in the potato bin, and Uncle Tom dug a hole in the cellar and buried several thousand dollars in gold.
Uncle Tom's mother was a native born African brought to the United States and sold in Virginia to John Loving (1710-1769). She was a very tall, black woman of gigantic size, and worked in the fields which accounts for Uncle Tom's rugged nature. When John Loving passed away his son, Capt. William Loving, inherited slaves—among them Uncle Tom's mother. It was in 1788 that he was born, then in a few years his master passed away 1792, and Uncle Tom was given to Maj. John Loving who came to Warren Co., Kentucky in 1805 or 1806—Tom then a young man about 18 years of age came to Kentucky with Maj. John Loving and four Loving children—Voltaire, Alexander, Lucy and Sarah Ann—and Maj. Loving's wife, Elizabeth Spencer Loving. Tom drove the carriage drawn by two fine horses—it was the first carriage in Warren County. (In later years there were 13 children) Maj. Loving bought or was given a grant of land of 1000 acres on the Russellville Rd. several miles from Bowling Green. Tradition says that Maj. Loving owned 100 slaves. When he passed away 1827 his children inherited slaves. Andromache born 1820 and at the time of her marriage 1836 to Dr. Thos. Briggs Wright I inherited slaves among them was this remarkable colored man. Uncle Tom was never sold—he lived with the Lovings 48 years and with the Wright family 54 years.

Uncle Tom "the Loving-Wright" darkie had twin daughters, Nancy and Scottie, both as black as ebony and each weighed 200 pounds more or less. After the Emancipation and for many years after D. W. Wright inherited the farm from his father, Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright I, Nancy and Scottie continued to live on the farm and were well paid mostly for living a life of leisure. Dandridge, son of Nancy, a yellow darkie, huge of frame, had the coloring of an Indian. He, too, worked on the farm until he and Nancy and Scottie passed away. Nancy had another son, Elvis Loving, a white darkie with Jewish features. He became a well-known chiropodist in Bowling Green for many years. Aunt Scottie was the mother of Joe Loving—a very black darkie, who married Ann, our faithful and loyal cook for many, many years. She and Joe lived in a comfortable room on our property. Betty Buckner, my mother's maid, was the daughter of Uncle Edmond and Aunt Sylvia. He was overseer of my grandfather's farm. Aunt Betty had a daughter, Mary, whose father was Byron of "Laud Byron Fame". When Mary was 16 years old she was hired by the Dows, a wealthy family of Rockland County, New York. She lived with this family until she passed away, a feeble old woman. She was the personal maid for one or two of "the young ladies" as she called them. Mary accompanied them on many of their trips. During these years she often came to see her mother, Aunt Betty, and always sent her money and other necessary things. When Mary became too feeble to work, the Dows still provided a room for her in their home, supported and have her one-hundred dollars a month. When Mary passed away we were notified of her death. Her remains were shipped to Bowling Green accompanied by a young lady of the Dow family who stayed in our home several days. Mary's funeral services were held in the parlor of the Frances Kersey home and her remains were interred in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.
Two years after the death of Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright I (1888) Uncle Tom lingered about the white house and its beautiful yard. Though bowing under the weight of more than a hundred years, the riot of nature seemed to touch his old limbs with renewed life and he still kept the garden walks free from grass and the growing vines and plants well tended.

When Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Thomas, delicately suggested to him that he was getting too old to work so hard, he turned his noble head toward her, smiled and said, "Why, Miss Lizzie, I gardened before you wuz bawn, I wurked de butter-beans when yow mammy (Andromache Loving) wuz a baby. The Doctuh always let me work dem." He looked at her mournfully for a moment, a quiver passed over his gigantic frame, he shook his head sadly and said, "Well, Miss Lizzie I guess you are rite. I'se gettin' to be an ole man." After this he spent most of his days sitting in a comfortable chair near his well kept living quarters or in the cool shade of the vine covered well-house to which the neighborhood came to get its drinking water.

It was here he sat uttering his century old wisdom. Few kings have ever had such loyalty and love as was shown to old Uncle Tom by the children of his former master. No one was allowed to interfere with him, and the least disrespect was severely punished. He lorded it over the other servants and over Dr. Wright's many grandchildren as he ever held a threatening gentle hand. "I'se gwine ter larrup youh," he was wont to exclaim, "I used to whip you Uncle Cooper and you Uncle Webb, and I'se gwine ter whip youh. Boys what done get er whippin ain't fitten fer nothing. Yer need a little hickry ter make yer walk strait." But the promised blow never fell. Instead the boys followed him with watchful eyes knowing that the great frame incasing his majestic spirit, would soon feel the dissolving touch of death.

During his last illness he said, "I'se been here a powerful long time." Then he started up suddenly as if he heard voices calling him, stretching out his arms he said, "Cumin", and fell into the outstretched arms of Richard (17 yrs old). (Later Judge R.C. P. Thomas of Bowling Green) great, great, great grandson of his mother's first master. Richard supported him tenderly while his steadfast soul returned to God.

Lovingly they laid him to sleep realizing to the full that he was the last link between a peaceful world of great ideals and much beauty and a new restless world of heavy burdens and duty. The sod of Kentucky covers the dust of no one who was more faithful to his every trust than Old Uncle Tom was. And the grass in the Meadow Land seems to whisper hope for the race from which he was an obscure but noble part.

(Copied by Ella B. Smith and taken from the typed notes of "The Heart of America").
It was a late year in the Eighteenth century. The great war, which so disturbed the English race, had ended and the tide of emigration was beginning to flow again toward the New World. In Greenock, the old seaport of Glasgow, Scotland, a September morning was touching the roofs and towers with tender beauty. Out in the estuary, where the waters of the Clyde and the Atlantic embrace each other, the sunlight, lacquered the trembling depths with shimmering silver. Closer in shore the swirling wavelets lapped the dark piling with a quick, steady and not unsoothing sound.

But the unfolding beauty of the scene seems lost on a fair Scotch woman of thirty summers, who with her husband and six children is waiting to embark on yon tall-mastered vessel. The face of Catherine Cuman strongly and symmetrically molded; her indescribable air of refinement reveal her descent from one of the famous clans whose dour strength the centuries have been unable to break. Left an orphan at an early age she was nurtured in the home of an uncle, James Reid, a lawyer of Edinburg. The atmosphere of "Auld Reekie", surcharged then as now with culture and religion, was favorable to the development of this daughter of the hills. She grew up a winsome lassie, wise and gentle. Her hand had been much sought by young professional men of that brilliant city, but with a woman’s fancy she turned them away and married Thomas Bridge (Briggs) a young manufacturer of Fifeshire.

To the small but prosperous town of Leslie he carried his bonnie bride. Here that old spirit of adventure, which ever warred in the Cuman blood began to stir in the heart of the husband and he turned his thoughts toward America. The echoes of the Revolution were dying away, and letters from his brother, Andrew, who had migrated to the United States—1791—to Bards Station, Ky., now Bardstown, had related to him the fertility and vastness of this new land.

In the year 1793 Thomas Bridge (Briggs) sold his linen industry and with his family bid good-bye to Scotland. For a woman of Catherine Cuman's culture and environment to take up the role of pioneer woman was indeed a trying prospect. She stood on the deck of the sailing ship and watched with her husband their native land, dear old Scotia, fade from view. Out into a wide and stormy sea, from the settled, the customary, the convential, the expected, the peaceful, the satisfying, toward a land just emerging from the death throes of freedom, into a part of it unexplored, unsettled, extraordinary, perilous and unknown.

Two months later after a long and wearying voyage, the ship with torn and stained pinions dropped anchor at Warrick on the James. Three weeks later Catherine Cuman sits in a room in her home, her face pressed close against the window panes, down which streams her scalding tears. She is alone with her children—Andrew, Ann, Marion, Benie, Tosy and Nellie, her husband had been stricken with fever, and before word could reach his brother, Andrew, in far away Kentucky, he was buried.

Andrew Briggs in that distant region—Bards-station had heard in someway of his brother's arrival and death, and without delay he mounted his faithful horse and started over the long Cumberland Trail. When he arrived at Warrick, without delay he
purchased a wagon and horses and, with Catherine Cuman and her six children started over the long Cumberland Trail. Through swollen streams, past lurking savages, facing the cold rains that dropped steadily from the mountains, he journeyed swiftly in that unparalleled love of the scot for his kin. The family lived for a time in a Fort in Lincoln County for fear of the Indians.

In the great Meadow, then part of the "Big Barren", on the highest part of this woodland stood a double log-house (later a story or half story was added) with an immense chimney at each end, and from the small windows a ruddy glare greeted the cold and tired traveler. In the large family room the floor made of broad flat pieces of roughly dressed timber was scoured unto shining and the long rays of the firelight danced across it. In the large open fire-place huge logs smouldered, their grey back covered with lichen. Beneath it was a bed of glowing ashes over which the draught played like the swell of a crimson sea. Across the passage to the room opposite, the same size as the family room, there was a huge crane with hissing kettle. The table was made of oak boards and supported by four hewn logs. The table was usually covered with snowy linen brought from Scotland by Catherine Cuman. The tableware consisted of a trencher made from buck-eye wood, pewter plates and bowls, steel knives and forks, a few silver spoons, a twisted glass vinegar bottle and some pieces of china. This was the Wilderness Home of Josiah McGehee Wright—b. Cumberland County, Va., Nov. 27, 1780, and his wife, Ann Briggs, born near Leslie, Scotland, January 20, 1788—married Sept. 26, 1805—Warren Co., Kentucky. Catherine Buman Briggs, who lived in this wilderness home (a grant of land—400 acres) at present the home of Julia, Margaret and Ed Hobson and their sister, Mrs. Mary Hobson Beard) with her daughter, often told her grandson, Dr. Thomas Briggs Wright I (b. June 30, 1806) how she had left Scotland with her husband and bairns and moved into the wilderness to secure a home for herself and little ones near the growing settlement of Bowling Green, Kentucky.
Voltaire Loving

One morning when the Doctor (Wright) reached his office he found his brother-in-law, Voltaire Loving, awaiting him. He was now the Honorable Voltaire Loving since he had served his county in the legislature and was regarded as one of the most eloquent advocates in Southern Kentucky. His name as a criminal lawyer had spread far and near. He was growing stouter as he approached forty-five. Always immaculately dressed, with a noble face and dignified bearing, he was a figure whom both men and women delighted to look upon, especially when flushed with emotions as he addressed a jury on behalf of a man charged with murder. The day of great advocates seems to have well-nigh passed, yet while it existed it called for a high and lofty type of manhood. Such was Voltaire Loving after the lapse of half a century the fame of his rare gifts still lingers in the distance.

After the usual family greeting Voltaire said, "I have been waiting for you about a very important matter." When he told the Doctor that his sister's (Eliza Morehead) slaves were to be disposed of, that it was the first time in the history of the Loving family a member of it had been forced to sell a negro. If Charles D. Morehead had not been such an impractical business man, it would never have happened. "Now I would be glad if you could arrange to take four or five of them".

Dr. Wright realized that he was facing a grave situation. He had decided that he would not buy any more negroes, and his conversation with Judge had strengthened his determination. Yet, now he was confronted with the most sacred thing in Southern life—the history and pride of a family. Could he refuse to help when the Loving name was involved. "I have made up my mind," he answered, "not to purchase any more negroes. I have as many as I can well take care of. In fact I must buy a farm to keep them on or I will be forced to dispose of some I already have. Then there is the grave danger of a conflict between the two sections and slavery sooner or later will pass away. You know I am opposed to slavery as an institution though I recognize it as a necessary evil in the south at present.

"But how much better it would be for you to own these darkies than allow them to be sold South to work on the plantations and increase the pressure of slavery there". The Doctor replied, "I will think over the matter and let you know tomorrow. "All right, but if you don't decide that you can take some let me know early in the morning."

Already the question had divided itself in the Doctor's mind. On one side the pleading of the negroes, the possibility of their being sold South, his wife's desire, and above all the dignity of a noble name. Doctor Wright was uncommonly gifted with a large brain and clear judgement. He saw how unwise and foolish it would be to purchase more slaves. Yet there are in the human heart more emotions and sentiments which frequently defy reason and throttle its full strength.

A vision of the old Major (Loving) rose before him. He remembered well the first time he ever saw him. He was out yonder on the other side of the square—a spare, graceful aristocratic gentleman in Colonial dress—a blue cut-away coat, bugg vest, tan breeches, silk stockings with silver knee buckles. He was the one steady flame of culture in the Wilderness. What a new world he had opened to him—a plain country boy. And had he not found in Loving Hall the best of earthly gifts—the love of a pure and sweet woman? Would any man of high feeling put his poor human intellect against these mighty forces which had done so much for him. No woman whatever, he would lay his life on the alter of the past and courageously face the future.
When the Doctor went home to dinner that day he informed his wife of his intentions to buy the negroes. A look of joy and gratitude flashed over her face. He said to her, "It is nothing more than my duty to buy them. Yes, it is my duty to you and your father." When he stopped by Voltaire's office early the next morning, the Judge asked if he had made his decision. "Yes, I am going to buy these darkies largely to please you and my wife. I'll admit that my better judgement is against it, as I am hardly able to keep those I already have. Then there is the danger of a great upheaval in which slavery will perish", "I have decided to buy Minerva and her family—Frances, Cornelia, Byron, Leonard and Houston. Minerva is one of the best cooks in Kentucky and the three boys will soon be old enough to work on the farm. Frances and Cornelia are trained house darkies and will serve Andromache as maids and general assistants with household duties." 
"I understand and appreciate your striving to help and protect Andromache. I'll make out the papers and close the matter up this afternoon. Here is Minerva's record. It is remarkable for a slave. She was born in lawful wedlock and so was her mother who belonged to my great grandfather. Her husband, Albert, you well remember I believe you attended him when he died." The original sale of Frances was five hundred dollars but on account of Dr. Morehead's death and his failure to join in the original sale, Dr. Wright had to pay an additional three hundred dollars for Frances.
ARTICLE VI.

A Treasurer shall be appointed annually by joint vote of both Houses.

ARTICLE VII.

The Executive Department of the Government shall remain as at present organized, and the Governor and Privy Councillors shall continue in office, until a Governor elected, under this Constitution, shall come into office; and all other persons in office when this Constitution shall be adopted, except as is herein otherwise expressly directed, shall continue in office, till successors shall be appointed, or the law shall otherwise provide; and all the Courts of Justice now existing shall continue with their present jurisdiction, until and except so far as, the Judicial system may or shall be hereafter otherwise organized by the Legislature.

Done in Convention in the city of Richmond, on the fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and in the fifty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,

President of the Convention.

D. BRIGGS,

Secretary of the Convention.

SCHEDULE.

Ordered, that the roll containing the draft of the amended Constitution adopted by this Convention, and by it submitted to the people of this Commonwealth, for their ratification or rejection, be enclosed by the Secretary in a case proper for its preservation, and deposited among the archives of the Council of State.

Ordered, that the Secretary do cause the Journal of the proceedings of this Convention, to be fairly entered in a well bound book, and after the same shall have been signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary, that he deposit the same, together with all the original documents in the possession of the Convention, and connected with its proceedings among the archives of the Council of State; and further, that he cause ten printed copies of the said Journal to be well bound, and deposited in the Public Library.

Ordered, that the President of the Convention, do certify a true copy of the amended Constitution to the General Assembly now in session; and that the General Assembly be and they are hereby requested to make any additional provisions by law, which may be necessary and proper for submitting the same to the voters thereby qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly at the next April elections, and for organizing the Government under the amended Constitution, in case it shall be approved and ratified by such voters.
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