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A genealogy of the Burger Family
From the arrival of the immigrant in Pennsylvania,
To the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia,
To the Eastanalle Valley of East Tennessee,
And beyond

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When John George and Susanna Burger settled in McMinn County, Tennessee, about the year 1815, they were some of the first families in that area. They purchased land in the Eastanalle Valley, about five miles east of Englewood, and built their home there in the bend of a stream, which became known as the Burger Branch. It rises in the hills to the northeast and flows into Chestuee Creek. Burger Cemetery was established on a hill overlooking Burger Branch. It was on this land that John George and Susanna raised their nine children - six sons and three daughters. Most of these children went out into the frontiers of America and branches of this family are now to be found in many areas of the United States. It is, therefore, only fitting that the title of this book be THE BURGER BRANCH.
DEDICATION

All the generations of the past have become close to us through the many years of research on this Burger Family, not just names of ancestors listed in old records, and we have shared some of their joys and sorrows.

For those of the present, it has been a great pleasure for us to find so many new relatives, unknown to us and to each other, until this search began.

Because we all share a common heritage, it is our hope that this work will bring us closer together, and leave for our children and grandchildren a tie that binds them to each other, to their past history, and with a continuity to the future.

It is to all those of the present and future, as well as the past, that this work is dedicated.

Clarence Melvin Burger
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IN MEMORIAM

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INTRODUCTION

The Burger name in America surely had its origins in Germany, and a history of this family would not be complete without some statements of the conditions in Germany under which the first great German immigrations to America took place, and in turn the circumstances in America at the time these immigrants and their descendants moved on into the frontiers of America.

The movement from Germany to America had several causes, the most predominant one being religious persecution in Germany by the Church and State. That situation, along with the social conditions and political oppression, and the many years of wars in Europe, brought these immigrants to leave their homes and search for a better life in America. William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, had much earlier laid the groundwork by his assurance of completion religious and civic freedom, his visits to Germany, and the many tracts he had prepared and distributed in Germany. Therefore, when circumstances became very difficult in Germany, many thousands sought a better life in the New World. A more detailed account of the hardships being endured in Germany may be found in THE GERMANS IN COLONIAL TIMES by Lucy F. Bittinger, published in 1901 by J. P. Lippincott Company; republished in 1985 by Heritage Books, Inc., Bowie, Maryland.

A great number of these immigrants arrived at Philadelphia, and from these landings at Philadelphia, settlements in Pennsylvania rapidly extended over large regions, and soon the wilderness of Pennsylvania was cleared and settled. As new frontiers in America opened up, offering to these new settlers new land, many of them and their descendants moved west into these new frontiers.

The German immigrants brought with them to America their religion, their customs, their language. The term "Pennsylvania Dutch" has sometimes through the years been used to describe them; however, they were not Dutch at all, but were Germans, and "Pennsylvania Dutch" originally meant their language.

By 1753 there was a well-known highway up and down the Valley of Virginia, called "The Great Road" which followed the course of the old Indian Road, and in a general way the latter-day Valley Pike. Coming out of Pennsylvania, these pioneers traveled this "Great Road" into the Valley of Virginia. Many of the older generations settled down in the Shenandoah Valley; their children eventually moved on to new lands as they were opened up for settlement.

Coming up the Valley of Virginia, some pioneers turned westward at Staunton; where the City of Roanoke now stands, others went southward into North Carolina. At the site of
Bristol, many continued straight down in the great Valley of East Tennessee, extending from Southwestern Virginia to Northwestern Georgia, and the area of East Tennessee rapidly became settled. This was the great immigration trail, and some of these pioneers settled down, cleared the land, built homes and churches, and raised families. As their children grew up, they in turn moved on to new frontiers seeking new land.

There are many Burger names in the immigration records, as well as those in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and East Tennessee. All of these records have been researched and studied in great detail over a period of years. This Burger family has many connections to others whose proven ancestry charts them from their first landing at Philadelphia, to the large German settlements in Pennsylvania, down "The Great Road" into the Valley of Virginia, and in turn their descendants on to the valleys of East Tennessee. It has long been an established fact among researchers that families did not move into any new frontiers alone, they always moved as a group.

After long deliberation of all these many records, and consideration of the known facts, a preponderance of circumstantial evidence indicates that the beginning of this Burger Family in America was the arrival of Franz Burger at Philadelphia in 1754. Written proof may never be found, recordkeeping being what it was in the 1700's; however all this evidence cannot be ignored.

A great amount of information has been collected on this and other Burger Families, but because some information was still missing, publication has been postponed for a number of years in an effort to complete as much research as possible. However, the determination has now been made to record what is now available, and perhaps other identifications may be made from this record.

Our Burger ancestors come from middle class America. One will find them to be strong of character, honest and hard-working. Many of the earlier generations were farmers, and very good ones. They were pioneers, moved into unknown areas, and made homes of the wilderness. We can all be very proud of their accomplishments, and the heritage they left.

It is a wonderful thing to know that one's family was in this country in its formative years, and that the family name is to be found in the records of our country's very earliest history.
CHAPTER I
THE IMMIGRATION
FRANCIS BURGER

Francis Burger was born about the year 1710; he was shown as age 44 in the records of 1754. His birthplace was in the Palatinate Kingdom of Germany, the territory surrounding the Rhine River. No records of his parents have yet been located.

Francis arrived in America at Philadelphia on 30 September 1754 on the Ship Brothers from Rotterdam, William Muir Captain, with a stop first at Cowes.

These Colonial German immigrants came to America from the Rhine Valley, and traveled down the Rhine River to ports in Holland, such as Rotterdam. There they awaited passage to America. This journey alone took from four to six weeks, the reason being that there were many custom houses along the Rhine and the travelers were delayed at all of them. Fees were collected at each, and much of their funds were spent on this first part of their journey.

America was still an English Colony before the Revolutionary War, and all ships were required to make a stop in England for permission to bring passengers to America. Cowes is a seaport on the Isle of Wight, England, and many of the ships bound for America made a stop at Cowes. Here there was another delay of sometimes several weeks, awaiting custom clearances and favorable winds. Of course, there were immigrants from Germany arriving in America after the Revolutionary War, but since the ancestor of this family arrived in America prior to that time, the interest here is in the Colonial Period, which was brought to a close in 1783 by the end of the Revolutionary War.

The last part of the journey to America was a very difficult and long one; with the best winds it lasted seven weeks; in most cases much longer. All of these immigrants suffered many hardships with many of them not lasting the entire journey, particularly women and children.

Philadelphia became the central point of arrival from Germany, and thousands of Germans arrived at this port during the 1700's. After large groups of these German immigrants started arriving in Pennsylvania, laws were passed there that required the captains of the ships to make lists of the people they imported and the places from which the passengers had come. It was also required that the male passengers sign an Oath of Allegiance and a Declaration of Fidelity and Abjuration. This action caused to be recorded the names of many thousands of German immigrants, their port of embarkation, their date of arrival, and the name of the ship that had transported them. In some cases the captains also recorded their ages.
It is very fortunate for researchers that these lists were prepared, and that most of them have been preserved and published. The names of these immigrants, indicating the extent of the German immigration during the 1700's, may be found in several publications. The most definitive of these is *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, in two volumes, by Ralph Beaver Strassburger, LLD, first published by the Pennsylvania German Society in 1934. It was edited and updated with a new introduction by William John Hinke, PhD, DD, and republished by the Genealogical Publishing Company in 1966. This work separates and defines three different lists prepared at the time of arrival in Philadelphia.

The first list, which Hinke designated List A for clarification, contains the captain's list of passengers, and was headed thus: "A List of Men's Names & Ages, Imported in the Ship Brothers, Capt Wm Muir, from Rotterdam, 30 Septr 1754." It lists 101 names, and contains: Franz Burger, age 44, and Michael Burger, age 18. The two names are listed together and spelled as shown here. Franz was the German spelling; English: Francis.

List B is the signers of the Oath of Allegiance and was headed: "List of Foreigners, imported in the Ship Brothers, Capt Muir, from Rotterdam. Qual. 30th Septr 1754." There were 99 names on this, but only Michael was listed: Michael XX Burger. The Oath of Allegiance was the Oath of Loyalty to the English King, and contains the names of all the male adults who were well on the day of signing and able to go to the Courthouse. If any were sick or unable to attend, they were not required to sign later. It is evident from this list that Francis was not well enough to travel to the Courthouse for this requirement, but was not too ill to be permitted to land, as shown below.

List C covers the signers of the "Declaration of Fidelity and Abjuration," and was headed: "At the State House at Philadelphia, Monday, the 30th September 1754. Present: The Worshipful Charles Willing, Esquire, Mayor. The foreigners whose Names are underwritten, imported in the Ship Brothers, Captn William Muir, from Rotterdam, and last from Cowes, did this day take the usual Qualifications. 7 Roman Catholicks. 23 Mennonites. 250 Souls. 201 Freights. 101 Qualified. From the Palatinate and Mentz." At the end of the listing of 101 names, the following statement appears: "We have carefully examined the State of Health of the Mariners and Passengers on board the Ships Brothers and Edinburg, Capt Muir & Russell and found no objection to their being admitted to land in the City immediately. To His Honor the Governor. Tho. Graeme Th. Bond. 30th Septr 1754."

Both Francis and Michael were on this last list and their names were shown as follows: Frantz XX Burghart, Michael XX Burghart. It is obvious that these two names are for Francis
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Burger and his son Michael Burger, as a comparison of the three different lists shows there were no listings for Burghart on the first two lists and no listings for Burger on the third. This last list was prepared by Englishmen, and if any passengers were unable to sign their names for any reason, English clerks signed for them and here the spellings were so many times Anglicized according to the way they were heard by the writers. This instant is only the beginning of the name Burger being Anglicized and the different spellings of this name began on the day they arrived in America. This was not an uncommon occurrence with the German immigrants, and a study of the publications indicate many of their names were changed. This fact made research of this family very difficult and for many years led the researchers to ignore some of the records that later proved valuable.

It is not known at this time if any other members of this family immigrated to America with Francis, since only the male passengers were listed by Captain Muir, and of these, only those of age sixteen years and upwards. Very few of the captains of the hundreds of the ships arriving at Philadelphia in the 1700’s gave complete lists of all the men, women and children. In many of the cases, if the captains did list the women and children, only the numbers were given, not names. If any children did immigrate with Francis, they were under sixteen years old.

The name of Francis’ first wife is not known. It is believed, however, that he was a widower when he arrived in America.

He married again in 1757. The records of the German Evangelical Lutheran St. Michaelis Congregation in Philadelphia, contain the following entry: "Frantz Burghardt, widower, married Margretha Franckin on 4 August 1757, witnesses: Michael Knohl and John George Brecht." These church records were published in PENNSYLVANIA CHURCH RECORDS, from The Pennsylvania German Society, by Genealogical Publishing Company in 1983 with an introduction by Don Yoder.

This marriage record is the last information that has been located on Francis, and therefore it is not known when and where he died.

The only child that is known is his son, Michael:

MICHAEL BURGER - born in 1736 in Germany. Information on his descendants is shown in subsequent chapters.
CHAPTER II

MICHAEL BURGER

Michael was born in the year 1736 in the Baden area of Germany. He came to America with his father, Francis Burger, arriving at Philadelphia 30 September 1754 on the Ship Brothers, when he was 18 years old. The complete record of his immigration is shown in Chapter I.

Michael married first about the year 1758, perhaps a year earlier, probably in Pennsylvania. The year is based on him reaching the age of 21 and also on the birth of his first child, Henry, in 1760. Young men of German ancestry rarely, if ever, married before the age of 21, the premise being that they must be old enough and financially able to keep a family. His marriage record has not been located and therefore the name of his wife is not known.

No information other than the immigration record has been found in Pennsylvania; however, records of Shenandoah County, Virginia, indicate that Michael joined the great German migration that came out of Pennsylvania, into the Valley of Virginia. He settled in the area a few miles from Mt. Jackson, on Stony Creek and Mill Creek. Later land records prove this location.

This area of Virginia had, by the middle 1700's, become settled by Germans and Irish, most of them traveling The Great Road into the Shenandoah Valley from Pennsylvania. Michael's neighbors were Simon Derrick and his family, the Stapleton Family, Kelchner, Lindamood, Coil, Moyers, and others. After a few years, many of the families in the area had intermarried and many of their descendants migrated to Southwest Virginia, and eventually on to East Tennessee. In the early years they never married strangers, nor did they marry out of their ethnic origin or their church.

The year Michael moved to Virginia is not known; however, in the interim another son was born to Michael and his wife, Michael, Jr., born about the year 1764.

Michael's first wife and the mother of the two oldest sons died sometime after Michael, Jr., was born. Michael married second Mary Kelchner Lindamood, the exact date not known, but early in the year 1772.

Shenandoah County was formed in 1772. In the early 1800's the ministers there were requested to send in their baptism and marriage records; however, many of them had died or moved away, so many records were never recorded in the court records. Those that were sent in have been published and these have been studied. In the absence of a marriage record, other documents recorded in the court records, as shown below, prove this marriage.
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Mary was born about 1742 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Michael Kelchner, who arrived from the Palatine in Germany 18 September 1733 on the Ship Pennsylvania Merchant. He was married in Pennsylvania in 1734 to Elizabeth Stapleton, the daughter of Robert and Anna Maria Stapleton. Simon Derrick married Catherine Stapleton, sister of Elizabeth. By the early 1750’s Michael and Elizabeth and their family moved to Virginia, settling on their own land on Mill Creek. He died there in 1756 and his will mentions, among others, his daughter Mary.

Mary married first George Lindamood and they had two sons, George Henry, born in 1761, and John, born in 1763, before George died in 1770, when his will was presented to the court for probate. Mary’s brother, Henry Kelchner, was executor of his will, and on 23 May 1772, he asked the court for guardianship for Mary’s two sons. Bondsman in this court action was Jonas Rinehart, who had married a Lindamood. However, on 23 June 1772, Mary, now the wife of Michael Burger, applied to the court to vacate Henry’s guardianship, which was granted, since agreement was reached between the parties. These two court actions were in all probability Henry’s carrying out the stipulation that was in George Lindamood’s will. Therefore, Michael Burger, widower, married Mary Lindamood, widow. Their son was born in 1773, baptised as Johann Georg; English spelling John George.

The two sons of Michael and his first wife, Henry Burger and Michael Burger, Jr., and the two sons of Mary, George Henry Lindamood and John Lindamood, and the son of Michael and Mary, John George, were all brought up together, and those close ties remained. Michael, Sr. named George Henry Lindamood as the executor of his will, indicating close family relationship and trust. Henry Burger and John Lindamood and their families immigrated together to Wythe County Virginia. Michael Burger, George Lindamood, and Henry Kelchner owned adjoining land in Shenandoah County.

On 1 January 1775, Michael Burger purchased of Mark Ilor 400 acres of land "on the drains of Stony Creek and the drains of Mill Creek, surveyed for Ilor on 18 April 1755; tract adjoining Andrew Lindamude, Peter French, and land of George Lindamood, deceased." This land record lists him as Michael Burkhead, and this is just another instance of Englishmen recording a German name the way it sounded to them and then Anglicizing it. The Burger name was written in various records in Virginia as Burger, Berger, Borger in the translations of church records, Burkhard and Burkhead in the land records. This fact has made it most difficult and time-consuming to research this family. However, after careful study of all the Virginia records, there is no doubt that these recorded here pertain to Michael Burger.

Michael purchased an additional 279 acres "on drains of Stony and of Mill Creek, adjoining his own land purchased of Mike
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Ilor." Michael owned a total of 679 acres. He deeded this last tract of 279 acres to his oldest son, Henry, on 21 February 1781, when Henry was 21 years old, and possibly at the time of Henry's marriage. Henry and Elizabeth sold this 279 acres on 31 July 1788 to Michael Decker. Henry signed this deed in German; Elizabeth by her mark. On the same day that Henry sold his land, George Henry Lindamood sold the 200 acres he had inherited from his father to the same man. John Lindamood sold his 200 acres on 4 August 1788 to his brother George Henry. Henry Burger and John Lindamood were getting ready to move to Wythe County, Virginia, with their families. Henry bought land there before actually moving. Mary's brother, Henry Kelchner, married Barbara Lindamood and they moved to Wythe County, along with their daughter Eve, wife of John Shaffer.

Michael was on the property tax list of Shenandoah County. In 1783 he was on Alexander Hite's list; the same in 1785, and that year Michael and Henry were enumerated together. In 1787 he had three whites, three horses, three cattle.

Michael's home was not far from Old Pine Church, and Michael and his family worshipped at Old Pine. Not all the records have survived; however, Klaus Wust of Edinburg, Virginia, has translated and published those baptismal, confirmation and communion records that could be located. They are stored at the Virginia State Archives in Richmond. Wust states, "Its origins go back to the 1750's when the first German settlers on Stony Creek and Mill Creek built their first Chapel in the Pines." Old Pine was a Union Church of Lutherans and Reformed.

Pastors were not always in residence at Old Pine Church, so baptisms, confirmations and communion were held whenever they were available. Michael and Mary were sponsors at the baptism of the son of Phillip and Elizabeth Aker on 5 May 1786. Sponsors were most times related to the parents; in any case were very close friends.

The oldest son of Michael, Henry, and his wife Elizabeth, had two sons baptised at Old Pine - Johannes on 25 December 1785, and Henrich on 30 May 1791. The sponsors were John Snavely and Mary Fox and Henry Kelchner and Barbara. The son of Michael, Jr., and Elizabeth, Johannes, was born on 5 March 1794, baptised at Old Pine on 19 January 1795.

The confirmation record of Old Pine Church of 5 January 1794 lists Michael, Jr., and his wife Elizabeth, and Johann Georg. This entry proves that the youngest son of Michael and Mary was baptised as Johann Georg (John George).

On 27 December 1792, Michael and Mary deeded 200 acres of land to Michael, Jr., part of the original 400 acres he purchased in 1775, "tract of land lying and being on the drains of Stony
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Creek and part of the drains of Mill creek in Shenandoah County, it being part of a tract of 400 acres." Michael, Jr. had married Elizabeth Coil in 1787 and now his father deeded him his share of the land. Henry had received his patrimony in 1781.

Michael died in Shenandoah County between 25 May 1794, the day he wrote his will, and the day it was presented to the court for probate on 6 July 1794. He was 58 years old. His will is copied here as it was written into the records, with only some punctuation added for easier reading.

"In the name of God, Amen, I, Michael Borger of the County of Shenandoah State of Virginia, being very weak and infirm in my body but of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the same but calling to mind the mortality of mankind that it is appointed for all men to die, I do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner of form following (to wit) firstly I recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like burial, and such worldly estate wherewith it pleased God to help me with this life I give devise and demise as followeth. I give and bequeath unto my dear beloved wife Anna Mary her bed, her chest, and her close and the third part of the land and of my moveable estate during her lifetime and after her deceasing it shall fall back to my youngest son George Borger. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my youngest son George Borger my plantation whereon I live now, houses and other buildings for him his heirs executors assigns forever. And if my son George Borger and my wife Anna Mary should or could not agree to live together in the dwelling house him to build her an apart house for to dwell therein, that is to say a good warm house with a good roof with two floors and a chimney therein. The iron stove which is in my room his to put in her room. The house he is to build twenty, sixteen feet inside and he is to build it where she wanted on my plantation and he is to find her sufficient oak wood for fire that is to say he is to cutted, to haul it, and to cutted by the house that she can use it in the chimney and in the stove, and my moveable estate is to be lawful appraised and sold on a public venue and my wife is to get the third and the other part is to be paid for my lawful debts and if it should not be sufficient my other two sons Henry, Michael Borger are to pay a equally part that the debts will be paid and not only fall upon my youngest son George Borger. And if the moveable estate should be sufficient to pay my lawful debts and should it be more than, the part is to be divided equally unto my three sons Henry, Michael and George Borger and I do hereby ordain constitute and appoint my friend George Henry Lindamood Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, Ratifying and allowing this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Michael Borger have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th Day of May in the year of our Lord 1794. Signed sealed and delivered by the said
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This will is filed in Shenandoah County, will book D, pages 341 and 342. It was copied into the county records as Michael Borger. It was presented to the court for probate by George Henry Lindamood on 6 July 1794, and bond was set on 18 July 1794, signed by George Henry Lindamood, Thomas Davis, and Charles Smith. It is to be noted here that George Henry Lindamood was the step-son of Michael, the son of Mary by her first marriage.

Careful study has been made of Michael’s will, and it will bear some explanation, since on first reading it is somewhat puzzling. Michael was very interested in taking care of his youngest son, George, who was almost 21 years old. The two older sons had received their patrimony several years earlier, and he did not want to place an undue burden on George. Although he willed his last 200 acres of land to George, Michael was also very interested in George taking care of Mary, to the extent that if Mary could not live in George’s household, George was to build her a separate dwelling on the land, providing wood and other essentials for her. We know that George was not married at this time, so it is possible that Michael was concerned that after George married, Mary was to be taken care of for the rest of her life.

Both Michael, Jr., and John George sold their land on the same day. Later records indicate that Michael, Jr., was going to Tennessee with his family, and John George was going with them. Mary stayed in Shenandoah County with her oldest son, George Henry Lindamood.

On 13 April 1795, Michael, Jr., and Elizabeth, his wife, deeded "200 acres of land that his father had deeded to him in 1792" to Jacob Fry (son of John) in consideration of 195 Pounds. On the same day, "Mary, widow of Michael Burkhard, deceased, and George a son and devisee of said Michael Burkhard" sold the remaining 200 acres to Henry Fry, Jr., in consideration of 220 Pounds. John George was unmarried in 1795; no wife signed this deed. It is to be noted that Mary gave up her dower rights in this deed, indicating further that John George was her son. Henry, Michael, Jr., and John George Burger all left Shenandoah County, as did John Lindamood, their step-brother.

It is not known when Mary died; however, she was on the communion list for Lutheran Zion Pine Church in 1795, and again in 1798. She evidently spent her last years with her oldest son, George Henry Lindamood.
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It is known that Michael was the father of three sons - he named them all in his will - and other records have been located in Shenandoah County and also in Southwestern Virginia and East Tennessee pertaining to all three of them. This work is mainly concerned with his youngest son, John George, and his descendants. However, during this research some information was gathered on the other two sons, Henry and Michael, Jr. Although no attempt has been made to trace their descendants to the present generations, it is only fitting that a brief outline of what has been learned of them in their early years be shown here, for possible interest of others.

Children of Michael Burger:

1. Henry Burger - the oldest son, was born about the year 1760. He married Elizabeth ________ about 1781. Since no record has been located of this marriage, her last name is not known. As stated earlier, Henry moved to Wythe County, Virginia; he bought land there before actually moving. Wythe was formed from Montgomery County, and the first records of Henry were those in Montgomery County. Henry did not move; the county line did. Henry was on the jury in Wythe County in 1796; was on the 1800 tax list there taken on 15 April. Surely Henry and Elizabeth had more children, but they have not been researched, and the only two that are known were in the records of Old Pine Church:


   b. Henrich Burger - born 30 June 1790, baptised 30 May 1791, sponsors were Henry Kelchner and Barbara.

2. Michael Burger, Jr. - born about the year 1764, he married Elizabeth Coil in Shenandoah County on 11 August 1787, Anderson Moffit, Minister, with John Coil Bondsman. Elizabeth was the daughter of John and Betty Coil (Keil, German) whose ancestry traces to Pennsylvania and the immigrant in 1742. Her father named her as the wife of Michael Burger in his will in Shenandoah County. After Michael and Elizabeth sold their land in Shenandoah County in 1795, they moved to Washington County, Virginia. Evidently he was there only a short time; he purchased 100 acres of land on the Middle Fork of the Holston in Greene County, Tennessee, on 3 June 1797 from John Shaver. He was in various court records in Greene County and two of his children married there. On 28 January 1817 Michael sold his land in Greene County and moved to Orange County, Indiana, with his entire family, including his two married daughters and their husbands. He died in Orange County on 10 July 1818. The information on the descendants of Michael, Jr., and his wife Elizabeth was furnished by Betty Lee Stalder of Tulsa, Oklahoma,
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a descendant. Children, not necessarily in order of birth:

a. JOHANNES BURGER - born 5 March 1794 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, he was baptised 19 January 1795 in Old Pine Church.

b. JAMES BURGER.

c. ELIZABETH BURGER - born ca 1793, she married Thomas Dittmore in Greene County on 9 March 1812.

d. MARY BURGER - born ca 1796, she married Samuel Yeakley in Greene County on 25 June 1816.

e. HANNAH BURGER.

f. DANIEL BURGER.

3. JOHN GEORGE BURGER - Information pertaining to John George and his descendants is shown in the following chapters.
CHAPTER III

JOHN GEORGE BURGER

John George was born near Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia, in 1773, the son of Michael Burger and Mary Kelchner Lindamood. He was confirmed in Old Pine Church, a German Union Church of Lutherans and Reformed, as Johann Georg; John George in English.

In 1795 John George and his mother, Mary, sold the 200 acres of land that had been willed to him by his father, and John George and his brother, Michael, and his family, all migrated to East Tennessee, settling in Greene County there for a number of years.

He married Susanna Symons in Greene County, Tennessee, on 29 January 1799. Their marriage bond lists John Wilson and Leonard Symons as securitors.

It is very likely that the Leonard Symons who signed the marriage bond was Susanna’s father; he was in records of Greene County, Tennessee, beginning in 1793, at which time he and Phillip Simons entered 100 acres of land on the Little Chuckey on 12 January of that year. Again, on 4 February 1795, Leonard entered 150 acres of land on the Little Chuckey. Until 1796, all of Eastern Tennessee was a part of North Carolina, and these two land entries are North Carolina Land Grants.

On 21 April 1800, Leonard Simons purchased from Phillip Simons 50 acres of land, and on the same day purchased another 10 1/2 acres from John Wilson, one of the securitors for the marriage bond.

It is to be noted from the above land transactions, that the name Symons has been written in the early records as Simons by various clerks of the court, and the land records above show this spelling. However, in this book, the Symons spelling will be used hereafter, since it was the way the name was spelled in the original marriage bond, and the way Leonard’s signature was shown there.

On 29 January 1809, both Leonard Symons and John Burger signed a petition of citizens of Greene and Cocke Counties to the General Assembly of Tennessee, to prolong the time allowed for land owners to have their land surveyed. Jacob Burger and George Burger also signed this same petition.

John Burger served as juror in Greene County on 26 January 1809; and again on 25 February of that same year. Leonard Symons also served as juror numerous times from 1803 to 1808.
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John was on the early tax rolls in Greene County. In 1809, 1811, and 1812, he was listed with one white pole; no land shown. A white pole is a white male of voting age. He was in Captain Kelly’s District in 1811 along with Michael, his brother; in 1812 Captain Daniel Coffman’s District.

From the above records, it is known that John Burger was in Greene County from at least 1799 until 1812, possibly longer. The fifth child of John George and Susanna, Lydia, born in 1813, stated in all census records that she was born in Greene County.

McMinn County, Tennessee, was formed in 1819 from Indian Lands, officially clearing the way for white settlers. However, it is possible that, as in many areas of the frontier at that time, white settlers came into the area earlier, and made their homes among the Indians.

Sometime after 1812, and before 1820, John and Susanna moved to McMinn County; on 13 December 1820 John purchased land there. The record of this land transaction is as follows:

"Knoxville, Tennessee, November 24, 1820: It is hereby certified that Hugh D. Hale did on the 24th day of November 1820 purchase the lot of North West quarter of Section numbered nine, in township numbered four Range numbered one East in the Hiawassee District, which lot or quarter section is estimated at one hundred and sixty acres of land which has been sold to the said Hugh D. Hale at the rate of two dollars and 26 cents per acre, amounting in the whole to three hundred and sixty one dollars and 60 cents, of which there has been paid agreeable to law to the Treasurer of East Tennessee ninety dollars and 40 cents, being the one fourth part of the purchase money for said lot or quarter section. Now, the remaining balance being two hundred and seventy one dollars and twenty cents, shall be paid to the Treasurer of East Tennessee at Knoxville at or before the end of ten years from this date, with interest commencing on one third at the end of four years and one third at the end of six years; which interest is to be paid annually; the amount paid becomes forfeited if the said balance is then not paid; but if it should be duly paid, the said Hugh D. Hale or his assignee or legal representative shall be entitled to a grant for the lot or quarter section above described.

Signed: Alex D. Bradford, Register of East Tennessee;
N. Nelson, Treasurer of East Tennessee

Recorded in my office November 19th, 1820.

Signed: Alex D. Bradford.

I transfer the within certificate to John Burger without any responsibility on my part.


Test: Joseph Davis; W. Smith."
On 29 January 1827, Susanna, along with her oldest son George, her sons-in-law Solomon Dixon and James Derrick, sold John’s land. In the same Grant Book, immediately following the entry for the purchase by John Burger, the entry reads as follows:

"29 January 1827. We do assign the certificate to George Wair for value received of him. Witness our hands and seals the date above.

It is known that John George had died before 1826; on 6 March of that year, Susanna was named administrator of his estate.

From the land transactions listed above, it is obvious that only the three oldest children were of age in 1827; that Susanna signed for the younger ones.

In the first tax lists located for McMinn County, beginning in 1829, George Burger and Solomon Dixon were listed; John Burger was not.

Susanna was in the 1830 Census, listed as head of household, with five males and one female besides herself at home. George had married by then, as had Sarah married Solomon Dixon, and Susan had married James Derrick. Both George Burger and Solomon Dixon were listed in that census record.

All the above facts prove that John George died shortly before March 1826. There has been no marked grave found for him.

Susanna purchased land in McMinn County on 1 February 1831; and on 15 April 1833, transferred the same land to her son Adam. This transaction reads as follows:

"I do assign over all my rights, titles, interest, and claim to Susanna Burger for value received this 1 Day of February 1831. Signed: Jeremiah Pack
I do assign the within land to Adam Burger for value received of him as witness my hand and seal this 15 Day of April 1833

It is obvious that all the land transactions in the early Grant Books for McMinn County have been copied from the originals at some later date, with all transactions for any land listed right after the other in the same place.

No further record has been located for Susanna Burger; however, on 22 May 1834, George Burger sold to Michael Derrick various items which are obviously from an estate, covering household items and farm stock and implements. It is believed
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that these are all items from Susanna’s estate; that she died shortly before May 1834. The entry reads:

"George Burger - To Bill of Sale, Michael Derrick: Know all men by these presents that I George Burger of the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars paid in hand the property whereof is hereby acknowledged by me the said George Burger for Michael Derrick I have granted bargained and sold unto the said Michael Derrick his executors and administrators and assigns all the property, implements, and tools mentioned assessed and contained in the schedule hereunto annexed that is to say one bureau at $12.00, one clock at $12.00, one loom at $5.00, one set of blacksmith tools at $20.00, one sorrel mare and colt $25.00, one sorrel mare $60.00, fifteen head of sheep at $14.00, one flex wheel $1.00, one big wheel $1.00, one reel $1.00, one cow $4.00, one heifer $2.00, one bull yearling $1.00, two beds and cover and bedstead $12.00, two plows and gearing $4.00, one cupboard and equipages $5.00, three tables $3.00, two irons and kettle one skillet $3.00, four water pails $1.00, all and singular where known remaining on my premises now remaining (VIZ) on the said George Burger land the County and state aforesaid and in my possession to have and to hold all and singular property and implements and property on the premises I do bargain and sell the property mentioned so to the said Michael Derrick his executors administrators and assignees forever and I said George Burger for myself my heirs executors and administrators all and singular the said furniture and stuff whereas I will warrant and forever defend by these presents, in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this 22nd day of May 1834.
Signed: George Burger
Attest: Jacob Derrick, Cornelius Derrick."

Susanna died between 15 April 1833, the date she sold land to her son, Adam, and 22 May 1834, the date of the sale of her estate. This is substantiated by the fact that she was not in the 1840 census records for McMinn County, and no further records have been located pertaining to her.

Since there are fourteen unmarked graves in the Burger Cemetery located on the George Burger land, surely Susanna was buried there in one of them; also that this cemetery was started at Susanna’s death. It is also possible that she could have been buried at the Ridge Road Cemetery, also established on the George Burger land, which has numerous graves with markers that are not readable.

The Tennessee State Library and Archives at Nashville contain records of McMinn County Cemetery Records, and include records of Ridge Road Cemetery. This listing was prepared by the Historical Records Survey, under sponsorship of the WPA, and copied on 13 March 1939. This listing reads:
"The Ridge Road Cemetery is located about 5 miles East of Englewood just beyond Liberty Hill. It is owned by James Jenkins, R.F.D. No. 1, Englewood, Tennessee. The Ridge Road Baptist Church was established at the same time and on the farm of George Burger. The church has been discontinued for over 60 years. There are approximately 50 graves, none of which have inscriptions. All the information about this cemetery, including the cemetery name and dates and names and dates of some persons buried at this place, was given by George Burger, aged 87 years, of Athens, Tennessee, who is a descendant of George and Maglin Burger.

BURGER, ALFRED
Infant son of George and Maglin Burger
Died about 1830

MARY,
Daughter of George and Maglin Burger
Aged about 5 years
Died about 1840

(Note: The Burger Family Cemetery is nearby this cemetery.)"

The same records listed above contain records of the "Burger Family Tombstone Inscriptions," prepared 24 April 1940, by the same group. The information given is quoted:

"George Burger and wife Susan, was possibly one of the first families to settle in McMinn County, in the upper Sequatchie Valley. They were the parents of six boys, George, Adam, Henry, Abe, Hugh and James and three girls. No record is available on their names, but one daughter married a Mr. Jerry Pack and moved to North Carolina. Another married a Mr. Smith and moved to Illinois. The other remained single. Of the boys, Adam and Abe went to North Carolina and Henry and Hugh to Illinois. The other two, George and James, stayed here. In 1834, George, the senior, left his Estanalle Valley Farm with a load of farm products and started south. He never returned. It was thought that he was killed and robbed. This cemetery is the family cemetery of his son, George, who married Maglin Derrick. The location is five miles southeast of Englewood. Follow the Mecca Road to Burger Branch, turning left, on the George Burger farm. There are fourteen unmarked graves."

Of the children listed in the cemetery records, information has been found on the three daughters, and their families have been documented. The daughter that moved to Illinois was named Sarah; she married Solomon Dixon. One of the daughters, Susan, married James Derrick. Lydia married Timothy Pack (not Jerry; his father was named Jeremiah) and moved to North Carolina.

Of the six sons, records have been located on Adam and Abe (Abraham) in North Carolina and their families are well documented. Henry and Hugh did move to Illinois, along with their sister Sarah and her husband Solomon Dixon. These families have been documented and descendants are living in that area.
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today. George did stay in McMinn County, as did James, and both families are documented.

The George Burger who furnished the information for the Ridge Road Cemetery obviously also furnished the information for the Burger Family Cemetery. It is amazing that so many of the facts in these old records have been proven true, with so few errors, and one wonders at the wonderful memory of this George Burger who at age 87 knew his family history so well.

Early on in this research, problems were encountered in attempting to trace this Burger Family back from the known records in McMinn County, Tennessee. Since the cemetery records state "George Burger and his wife Susan" there was confusion when the land transactions and other official records were located and he was listed as John Burger. However, it was believed all along that George Burger, who at age 87, knew so many details of his family, also knew the name of his grandfather and grandmother and their children.

It was the practice of the German Lutherans to baptize their children with two names, but to use the middle one, differing from the American custom. The records of Old Pine Church prove that he was baptised as John George; however, he was named as George in his father's will, and evidently George was used by the family. When records were written by Englishmen they tended to use the first name only, most times ignoring the middle name. This would account for the marriage record, tax records, land transactions and estate record being listed as John Burger, but the family using the German practice of the middle name.

Other factors bear out this reasoning: John George's brother, Michael, Jr., sold his land in Shenandoah County on the same day as John George, they migrated to Greene County at the same time. All these connections are not coincidences and John George who was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, migrated to East Tennessee with his brother's family, moved eventually on in a few years to McMinn County, Tennessee.

Children of John George Burger and Susanna Symons:

1. GEORGE BURGER - born ca 1799.
2. SARAH BURGER - born ca 1802.
3. SUSAN BURGER - born ca 1803.
4. ADAM BURGER - born ca 1805.
5. HENRY BURGER - born ca 1808.
6. LYDIA BURGER - born ca 1813.
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7. HUGH BURGER - born ca 1817.
8. ABRAHAM BURGER - born ca 1818.
9. JAMES BURGER - born ca 1821.

The information that has been gathered on these children and their descendants is covered in the following chapters, in the order listed above.
ST. MARY'S PINE LUTHERN CHURCH

Located about three miles from Forestville, Virginia. The marker states it was organized in 1760. This congregation was part of Old Pine Church, a Union Church of Lutherans and Reformed, until 1786 when the Reformed built a separate church. This new building pictured here was erected in 1873, 450 yards from the original log building which housed Old Pine.
CHAPTER IV

GEORGE BURGER

George Burger was born in 1799 in Greene County, Tennessee, the son of John George Burger and Susanna Symons; their oldest child.

It is stated on George’s headstone that he was born in 1798; however, this marker was placed many years after his death and in fact years after Mary Magdalene died, by their grandchildren, so there could be an error in this marker. All records show that Mary Magdalene was several years older than George, and for this reason the census records leave much to be desired. The census enumerators wrote what was given to them verbally by the family and studies of those records show that in almost all instances when the wife was older, both ages were given to more nearly match.

In both the 1830 and 1840 census records, it was stated that George was born between 1800 and 1810. In the later census records both the ages of George and Mary Magdalene were moved to nearly match. In 1850 his age was shown as 52, hers as 57; 1860 he was 62, she was 65; but in 1870, after George had died, she gave her age as 78. It is believed that this is the only census record that gives her correct age. If this is true, it would mean she was born in 1792, seven years before George, and it would match the date on her headstone.

The fact that the parents of George married in January of 1799, added to the other documentation available, points to December 1799 as his time of birth.

The date of the marriage of George Burger and Mary Magdalene Derrick is not known; the record has never been located, but since their first child was born in 1827, they married about 1826, possibly a year earlier. Mary Magdalene had been married previously, to James Derrick, and there were three children born of that marriage. However, since this book is concerned mainly with the Burger Family and their descendants, no information is given here on these three Derrick children.

Mary Magdalene was shown in most of the records as Maglin, and this name is the one on her headstone, so it will be used here and afterwards in this book. As stated above, she was born in 1792, was the daughter of Michael Derrick and Elizabeth Moyer, who married in Botetourt County, Virginia, on 16 June 1798. Elizabeth was the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Moyer of Locust Bottom, near Glen Wilton, Botetourt County, Virginia.

Many individuals throughout the country have researched this Derrick Family, and this research is continuing. No attempt will
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be made here to cover all the information that has been gathered through the years by these individuals; however it is only fitting that some background be given on Maglin’s family, and a very brief outline of Maglin’s lineage is provided here.

This Derrick Family has been traced back from East Tennessee into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, in turn to Pennsylvania, and to the immigrant Simon Derrick.

Maglin’s father, Michael Derrick, wrote his will on 4 August 1839 in McMinn County, Tennessee. It was proved in October of that same year. In his will he specifically mentioned his daughter, Magdalene Burger, and her three children of her former marriage. Michael was born in 1765 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. His wife, Elizabeth Moyer, was born on 26 August 1763, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Moyer of Locust Bottom, near Glen Wilton, Botetourt County, Virginia. Michael died on 16 September 1839; Elizabeth on 22 January 1850. Both are buried at Watts Cemetery in McMinn County, Tennessee.

Michael was the son of John Derrick and Mary Dunkelberger. John was born about 1742 in Berks County; Mary about 1742 also in Berks County, the daughter of Clements Dunkleberger and Anna Marie Hauer. When Clements wrote his will in Berks County, he named "my daughter, Mary, wife of John Derrick, son of Simon Derrick." John died in 1790 in Botetourt County, Virginia, near Glen Wilton. Mary died between 1790 and 1796, also near Glen Wilton.

John Derrick was the oldest son of Simon Derrick. Simon arrived in Philadelphia on 27 October 1738, on the ship St. Andrews, Captain John Stedman, from Rotterdam, with a stop at Cowes in England before sailing to America. He settled for a time in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and married there Catherine Stapleton, the daughter of Robert and Anna Maria Stapleton. Simon evidently joined one of the many caravans traveling "The Great Road" into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. He died there in 1785, and named in his will, among others, "my oldest son John."

Most of the information on this Derrick Family has been furnished by Mr. Eugene V. Peterson of Vacaville, California, who has amassed a tremendous amount of information on this family. Appreciation is expressed for Mr. Peterson’s efforts, and for sharing his information.

George and Maglin Burger lived on the land that George owned in McMinn County. The Burger Family Cemetery was established on this land, as was the Ridge Road Cemetery, and the Ridge Road Baptist Church. Burger Branch flows through this area. It lies in a beautiful valley, surrounded by mountains, and in a later deed by one of his children a "lagoon" was mentioned.
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George was on the 1829 tax list for McMinn County; was in Captain Little’s Company, with 90 acres of land and one white pole. In 1830 he was listed with 90 acres of land. In 1831 George owned 150 acres of land, and in 1832 he had 200 acres. All of these tax lists show him with one white pole, and last three in Captain Derrick’s Company.

George died in 1867, long before Maglin. She lived to the great age of 93 and died in 1885. The cemetery records that are mentioned earlier in this book and that are on file in Nashville are wrong about Maglin’s death. These records show her headstone lists her death as 1895, but that cemetery has been visited several times and her marker plainly reads 1885.

Both George and Maglin are buried in the Burger Cemetery. Their markers read: GRANDFATHER GEORGE BURGER, 1798 - 1876; GRANDMOTHER MAGLIN BURGER, 1792 - 1885, "Gone But Not Forgotten." Next to them is their daughter: AUNT CRISIDA BURGER, 1842 - 1878, "To Die Is to Gain."

George and Maglin were the parents of six children, only four reaching adulthood, and only three of them marrying and having children.

1. JOHN M. BURGER - born 19 September 1827.
2. MICHAEL DERRICK BURGER - born 30 July 1829.
3. ALFRED BURGER - born 1830; died 1830; buried Ridge Road Cemetery, in McMinn County, Tennessee.
4. MARY BURGER - born in 1835; died 1840; buried Ridge Road Cemetery.
5. GEORGE E. BURGER - born 7 July 1836.
6. CRISIDA BURGER - born 1842; died 1878; never married; buried Burger Family Cemetery.

The families of three of these children are listed on the following pages; John M. in Section 2, Michael Derrick in Section 2 and George E. in Section 3.
LOCUST BOTTOM CHURCH AND CEMETARY

Located about three miles north and west of Glen Wilton, Virginia, at the headwaters of the James River. On 11 April 1786, Jacob Moyer and his wife Sarah deeded one acre of land "to the Dutch, Calvinists, and Lutherans for a church and burying ground." The cornerstone reads: "Built about 1786 by the Presbyterians and Lutherans. Rebuilt about 1922 by the Locust Bottom Cemetery Association." Jacob Moyer and his wife Sarah were grandparents of Mary Magdalene Derrick, who married George Burger.
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SECTION 1

JOHN M. BURGER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

John was born 19 September 1827 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the oldest child of George and Maglin Burger. Of course, he was named after his paternal grandfather, the usual custom at that time.

He married Manda (Amanda M.) Caves on 1 August 1846 in McMinn County, by M. A. Cass, Justice of the Peace.

For some time it was difficult to determine the parents of John, but a land transaction located in McMinn County leaves no doubt that he was son of George and Maglin. This record reads as follows: McMinn County Deed Book R, page 193: "This in the year of our Lord, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-three, October the 31st, 1873 - Know all men by these presents, that I, John M. Burger and Manda Burger, their heirs, assigns, all of the State and County above mentioned, the said land lying in Sixth Civil District our undivided interest of said land of George Burger, deceased, which I, John M. Burger, sold to Michael D. Burger, and George E. Burger. And also fifty acres joining said land, that I John M. Burger owned the said fifty acres, lying on the Pike, the boundary as follows: Beginning at the original line, running East and West on Small White Oak thence running North to the lagoon, the lagoon round to give a seat for house and yard, to the forks of the branch, thence down the branch on South West side, so as to give the raising of water for dam unto the mouth of hollow, corner there on white oak, also thence straight up the hollow in center of said hollow to the said East and West line, thence East with the line to the beginning, below Thomas Everton's - for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, my paid in hand, whereof I John Burger and Manda Burger, to the receipt acknowledge, all hereditaments and appurtenances of said land, bind ourselves, our heirs from all or any lawful claims to said George E. Burger, his heirs or assigns forever, whereunto, we sign our names and seal our seal.

Witness J. W. Firestone Names: John M. Burger
Lon Blizzard Manda Burger."

This deed was presented to the Clerk of the County Court on 1 November 1873; was registered in Deed Book R on 26 January 1875.

This transaction is selling John's undivided interest in 200 acres of land that his father, George, owned, to his two brothers, Michael Derrick Burger and George E. Burger, as well as fifty acres that John owned outright. This land was evidently along Burger Branch, but one wonders about the "lagoon" mentioned as well as the "dam" on the land in 1873, not there now. Also, these two lots were adjoining, accounting for the fact that in the census records, John's home was enumerated next to his father's.
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At the July session, 1868, the County Court of McMinn County ordered that a certificate be issued to the Trustee of McMinn County to pay John Burger $430.00 for work on the jail, and to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. This entered in Minute Book for 1864-1868.

John was elected Constable in 1873, and some of his relatives were on his bond. The McMinn County Minute Book 1, page 479, has the following entry.

"September Term 1873 - Know all men by these presents that we John Burger, A. M. Burger, G. E. Burger, J. H. Smith, W. B. McKeldon, are bound into the State of Tennessee the sum of Four Thousand Dollars to which payment will and truly be made, we bind ourselves and each and every of our heirs and representatives severally and jointly. Sealed with our seals and dated this 2nd Day of September 1873. The conditions of the above obligation is such that whereas the said John M. Burger has been duly and constitutionally elected Constable for District No. 7 in the County of McMinn for the ensuing two years. Now if the said John M. Burger shall faithfully discharge the duties of his office and pay over and account for all moneys by him collected by virtue of his office to person or persons authorized to receive the same and in all other respects discharge the duties of said office according to Law then this Bound to be void otherwise remain in full force.

SIGNED: J. M. BURGER     G. E. BURGER     A. M. BURGER
       A. H. SMITH     W. B. MCKELDON

ATTEST: Leon Blizzard, Clerk.
Approved September 2nd 1873, L. B. McElevee, Chairman."

John took the oath of office, which is entered in the same book, immediately following the above entry.

In the 1850 census record for McMinn County, John was enumerated next to his parents. John was listed as age 23, Amanda as 23, and they had two children, William age 3, and George 3 months, shown born 14 October 1850.

In 1860, still in McMinn County, John was age 32, Amanda M. age 33, with five children. In 1870 they had seven children at home. In 1880 they only had four children at home. In all census records John listed Tennessee as his place of birth, and in 1880, he stated that both his father and mother were born in Tennessee.

John died in 1892 and is buried at Price Chapel Cemetery. His marker reads: JOHN M. BURGER, 19 September 1827 – 11 July 1892. It is not known when Amanda died or where she is buried, but surely beside John.
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Much information is missing on the family of John M. Burger and his wife Amanda Caves. Only those documents listed previously and the census records, plus some bits of cemetery records, have been found on this family.

Of their children, only the information in the census records has been found, except for Erminta and John Henry. Cemetery records have been located for Erminta and both cemetery record and other documentation for John Henry. He is the only child listed with information other than their names and dates.

Surely this couple has descendants still living in McMinn County, and with the information listed here some more information will become available.

Their children:

1. WILLIAM WESLEY BURGER - born ca 1847.

2. GEORGE H. BURGER - born ca 1850.

3. ERMINTA E. BURGER - born 12 January 1853; died 6 October 1871; buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery at Athens.

4. JOHN HENRY BURGER - born 18 September 1856; died 23 August 1913. (The following pages list information about John Henry and his family.)

5. AMANDA JANE BURGER - born ca 1859.

6. MARTHA BURGER - born ca 1864.

7. ALEXANDER BURGER - born ca 1868.

8. GUSSIE BURGER - born ca 1872.
John Henry was born 18 September 1856 in McMinn County, Tennessee, and as stated above, he was the son of John M. Burger and Amanda Caves.

He married Betty J. Jermison on 1 December 1875 in McMinn County, by J. T. McNabb, JP. It is believed that Betty died at the time or shortly after their only child, James, was born, in 1876.

John Henry married second Martha Jane Firestone, on 18 February 1878 also in McMinn County, with J. T. McNabb, JP, performing the ceremony. Martha Jane was born 2 August 1856.

John Henry and Martha Jane were in the 1880 census records of McMinn County, with James age 3 and George age 1. Evidently this James was the son of John Henry and Betty J. Jermison; he was not the son of Martha Jane Firestone.

John Henry and Martha Jane were in Polk County by 1900; were there in the census records for that year, enumerated in the First District. At the time they had seven children at home; James was not listed with them.

In the 1910 census, they were living in Bradley County. Four single children were still at home, and their daughter, Susie and her husband George Nicholas, were living with them. In that census, John Henry stated that he had been married twice, Martha Jane once.

John Henry died in 1913, Martha Jane in 1929. Both are buried at New Friendship Cemetery, near Cleveland in Bradley County. Their markers read: JOHN HENRY BURGER, September 19, 1856 - August 23, 1913; MARTHA JANE BURGER, August 2, 1856 - January 19, 1929. One son, Anthony Gardner is buried next to them.

In the book, "Chatata Valley Families and Their Neighbors" by Elizabeth Cate Manly, printed by Carroll Printing Company, no date shown, John Henry and his family are listed, although no mention is made at all about John Henry’s first marriage. However, all the children of John Henry and Martha Jane are listed except George W. Burger. However, this same book does also list the family of James Cornelius Loftis, and states, "He was a half-brother of the Burgers." There are no references in this book, and no information was given as to where the information was obtained.

No records have been located on James, the son of John Henry and Betty J. Jermison, other than the census records, and until
further documentation is located, it is difficult to believe this James Cornelius Loftis could be the correct James Burger since too many questions remain unanswered as to why he would take the name of Loftis. There was a James Burger in the early census records, living with the family of Jermison, and it is believed this is the correct one.

The list of the children of John Henry, and their children, is taken from the census records, verbal information from some of his descendants, and other records. This list of children and grandchildren is by no means complete, but does include some information from the above book that coincides with other records available. James Cornelius Loftis is not listed here.

John Henry's children:

1. **JAMES BURGER** - born in 1876.
2. **GEORGE W. BURGER** - born 1 December 1878.
3. **MILDRED E. BURGER** - born May 1880.
4. **WILLIAM DAVID BURGER** - born 8 January 1881, he married Katie Carroll. Katie was born 3 December 1884; died 11 October 1953. William David died 1 January 1966. Both are buried at Center Point Cemetery.
   - Children:
     a. **ESTELL M. BURGER** - born 1905.
     d. **WILLIAM DAVID BURGER, JR.** - born 1911.
     e. **ROBERT BURGER** - born 1914.
     f. **PEARL BURGER**
     g. **MAE BURGER**
5. **JOSEPH BURGER** - born December 1889.
6. **SUSIE BURGER** - born July 1892, married George Nicholas.
8. **ELLA V. BURGER** - born December 1897.
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SECTION 2

MICHAEL DERRICK BURGER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Michael Derrick Burger was born 30 July 1829 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the second child of George and Maglin Derrick; grandson of John George Burger and Susanna Symons. Of course, his middle name was taken from his mother's maiden name, and he was named for his grandfather.

Michael was born and spent his childhood in McMinn County on the family farm at Burger Branch, a bit south and east of Englewood.

He married Charlotte (Lottie) Ann Clark on 19 November 1853 by J. Sacks, Minister of the Gospel. Charlotte Ann was born 30 July 1827.

Michael enrolled as a volunteer in the Union Forces during the Civil War, on 28 September 1863 at Knoxville, in Company E, 9th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry. It is to be noted that the Cavalry furnished their own horses during the Civil War. His enlistment records state that he was 35 years old, six feet one inch tall, with black hair, and was a blacksmith during his time of service.

On 21 June 1880, at the age of 51, he applied for pension based on his war record, and wounds received during that war. His file contains the following statement by a witness: "In October of 1864, while the Rebels were across the river on the Virginia side of the River, the Rebels crossed the river at another point and made a flank movement and attack on us. The Rebels had at first driven our men back, but they had rallied and driven the Rebels. M. D. Burger of Company E, 9th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry, during that engagement was shot through the left arm near the elbow joint, and was taken back to the rear. While we were camped at Rogersville during April 1865 M. D. Burger was taken violently sick, and was taken to a private house and treated during his sickness. About June we went into camp in Loudon County, Tennessee, and Burger was sent on the cars, not able to ride horseback. After this he was not able for duty and was very feeble at the time of muster out in September 1865."

Michael was awarded pension based on his war records. In his pension application, he listed his living children as George, John, Martha and Saloma.

Although Michael was born in McMinn County, married there, and lived most of his life in McMinn County, he was in Catoosa County, Georgia, for a while. He was living in Catoosa County when he applied for his Civil War pension. This family was located in the 1880 census records for Catoosa County, and that record lists the following children at home: Martha, George,
John, Henry, and Joseph.

Michael and Charlotte were back in McMinn County, however, by 1884. On 9 September of that year, Charlotte died there. She is buried at Burger Family Cemetery. Her marker reads: C. A. BURGER - Wife of M. D. Burger, 30 July 1827 - 9 September 1884.

Michael married again on 15 September 1885. He married Elizabeth Gadd in McMinn County, the widow of Andrew Gadd.

Michael died on 11 March 1905 and is buried next to his first wife at Burger Cemetery. His marker reads: M. D. BURGER - 30 July 1829 - 11 March 1905.

Elizabeth was in the 1910 census records for McMinn; was listed as age 72, a widow, mother of no children.

Elizabeth filed for widow’s pension based on Michael’s Civil War service; was awarded pension upon her application, which was paid to 4 February 1917. Her place of burial has not been found. She and Michael had no children.

Children of Michael Derrick Burger and Charlotte Ann Clark:

1. MARTHA E. BURGER - born October 1854.
2. SARAH SALOMA BURGER - born ca 1856.
3. GEORGE HENRY BURGER - born November 1860.
4. JOHN H. BURGER - born in 1862.
5. HENRY A. BURGER - born 19 September 1866.
6. JOSEPH DANIEL BURGER - born 1 March 1868; died 24 August 1884; buried next to his parents at Burger Cemetery.

The information available on the first five of these children and their descendants is shown in the following pages, in the order listed above.
MICHAEL DERRICK BURGER

30 July 1829 - 11 March 1905
Michael D. Burger
Co. E, 9 Reg't Tennessee Cav.

Appears on
Company Descriptive Book
of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.
Age 35 years; height 6 feet 1 inches.
Complexion dark
Eyes black; hair black
Where born Knox Tenn
Occupation Blacksmith

ENLISTMENT.
When Sep 28, 1862.
Where Knoxville.
By whom Capt. Thompson, term 3 yrs.
Remarks: Blacksmith from enlistment
Discharge furnished

Michael Derrick Burger, Civil War Record
Martha was born in October 1854, the oldest child of Michael Derrick Burger and Charlotte Ann Clark.

She married James Swanson in McMinn County, Tennessee, on 17 November 1889 by Elder W. A. Daugherty, with C. W. Wyatt as witness.

Very little information is known about Martha and her family, and the information that is furnished here has been compiled from several sources. From verbal information from some family members it was known that she had married James Swanson and her marriage record was then located.

The 1900 census records for McMinn County listed James born in January 1851; Martha in October 1856, her age as 44. This is obviously an error for Martha’s age and birth date. They had three children at home.

The 1910 census shows Martha’s age as 56, and that more closely matches her age as given when she was still at home with her parents.

From comparing all the records, the date of birth as October 1854 is believed the correct one.

Martha’s children, from census records only, by no means correct:

1. **MARY E. SWANSON** - born June 1892.
2. **FLORA B. SWANSON** - born 1893.
Sarah was born about 1856. This is another daughter of Michael's that information was very difficult to obtain. All that is known of Sarah is included here, and possibly more will be located in the future.

Her year of birth is taken from census records only. She was listed as Sarah S. in all census records with her parents; however, in his Civil War Pension records, Michael listed her name as Saloma. It is obvious that from all these records that Sarah S. and Saloma are the same person, and she was surely called Saloma at home.

Some members of the family stated that they knew she married a Mr. Wade. This is further verified in the fact that in the 1900 census, Charles Wade, born April 1876 in Georgia, was living with and listed as nephew of George H. Burger, Sarah's brother. Also, Henry Wade is buried at Burger Cemetery indicating further family connection.

Her children, from the above records and verbal information only, and not necessarily in the correct order of birth:

1. FUZZ WADE.
2. BERNARDE WADE.
3. CHARLIE WADE - born April 1876.
4. JIM WADE.
5. HENRY WADE - born 23 March 1885; died 18 March 1889; buried Burger Cemetery.
George Henry was born in November 1860 in McMinn County, the third child and oldest son of Michael Derrick Burger and Charlotte Ann Clark. He was the grandson of George Burger and Mary Magdalene Derrick, and great grandson of John George Burger and Susanna Symons.

He married Mary E. ________, her last name not known, shortly after the enumeration of the 1880 census. Their marriage record has not yet been found, but since George Henry’s parents were living in Georgia at the time, and census records show that Mary was born in Georgia in 1855, it is likely that they married there.

George Henry and Mary were back in McMinn County in the early 1880’s - their first child was born there in 1883, and they were in the 1900 census for McMinn County. They spent the rest of their lives in McMinn County.

By the time of the 1910 census, they had two children still at home - two daughters Alta Mae and Gussie I.

Not enough documentation or information has been located on this family; however, it is known they have descendants still living in McMinn County and it is regrettable that some more information on this family could not be included here.

George Henry and Mary were the parents of eight children, six living to adulthood, and the information shown below is taken from census records and some cemetery records only, is not complete.

1. Sarah Katie Burger - born in January 1883, she married first Melvin Cook in McMinn County on 23 April 1901. Melvin died and is buried at Burger Cemetery. Sarah Katie married second John A. Burger in McMinn County on 14 July 1907, with J. P. Peters, Justice of the Peace; J. M. Wade as witness. John was the son of James M. Burger and Susan Morris. Sarah Katie and John were living with John’s parents in the 1910 census records; she listed as age 26; John as age 22.

2. Henry Frank Burger - born 23 February 1885, he married Annie Smith in McMinn County on 18 September 1908, with E. P. Johnson, Justice of the Peace, witness J. M. Burger. Very little is known about this family and practically no documentation has been located other than some cemetery records. Henry Frank and Annie are both buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Athens, Tennessee. His is a Masonic Monument and reads: H. A. BURGER, 23 February 1885 - 13 September 1925. Hers reads: ANNIE SMITH BURGER, 4 May 1893 - 29 June 1981. Buried next to them is their daughter, and
GEORGE BURGER

this is the only child that is definitely known:

WANDA BURGER - 1924 - 1931.

3. MINNIE PEARL BURGER - born in December 1886, she married Charlie Mercer in McMinn County on 20 July 1909, with E. P. Madison, Justice of the Peace; W. J. Akin witness. No further information is known on this family, except that they were in the 1910 census records for McMinn County, with Charlie listed as age 25, Minnie Pearl as age 23, shown as married for one year. They also have an infant buried at Burger Cemetery, no name, with the date of 1912.

4. CHARLES D. BURGER - born 5 February 1889, he married Mae Newman on 8 March 1908 in McMinn County, with C. R. Daugherty, Minister of the Gospel, and Wes Shepard witness. The only other information that is known about this family is the census record of 1910, which listed Dee Burger as age 21, May as age 19; with one son at that time, Millard H., as nine months old. Charles died in 1931 and is buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery next to his father and his brother Henry Frank. His is a Masonic Monument: C. D. BURGER, 5 February 1889 - 16 August 1931. Mae is also buried there: MAE NEWMAN BURGER, 14 April 1931 - 31 December 1972. Undoubtedly this couple had more children, but the only one that is known:

MILLARD H. BURGER - born 1 July 1909, died 12 July 1972, buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery with Masonic Monument. His wife also has a marker: DOROTHY RAY BURGER, 8 February 1911 (still living). It was son of Millard and Dorothy, Larry Burger, that sent the picture in this book of Michael Derrick Burger, and grateful appreciation is expressed to Larry for this most generous sharing of this picture.

5. ALTA MAE BURGER - born 12 February 1893, she married J. A. Eaves on 23 July 1910 in McMinn County. Alta Mae died in 1934 and is buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery: ALTA MAE BURGER, Wife of J. A. EAVES, 12 February 1893 - 11 September 1934. One child is buried next to her, and this is the only child known at this time:

MILDRED EAVES - born 3 April 1917, died 14 July 1943, buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery, with marker that reads, "Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eaves."

6. GUSSIE IDA BURGER - born 21 March 1895, she married Fate Pierce in McMinn County on 24 December 1910; permission was granted on the marriage license by G. H. Burger and Mary Burger; Charles Mercer was witness. Both are buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery: PIERCE MONUMENT: IDA BURGER, Wife of LaFayette Pierce, 21 March 1895 - 24 December 1970; FAYETTE PIERCE, 13 July 1884 - 18 April 1958.
7. **GEORGE M. BURGER** - born 26 May 1891; died 12 December 1892 buried Burger Family Cemetery.

John H. Burger was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, in 1862, the fourth child of Michael Derrick Burger and Charlotte Ann Clark.

John was born on the family farm in McMinn County, located on Burger Branch, a few miles East of Englewood. He grew up there on the family farm.

He married Eliza Cole on 26 November 1885 in McMinn County, by Elder W. A. Daugherty, with C. C. Crittendon as witness on the marriage bond.

Eliza was born 5 March 1863 in McMinn County; was the daughter of Thomas R. and Rebecca Cole.

John was a sawyer by trade, listed as such on all the census records, and verified by his children.

This family was in the 1900 census, enumerated on 5 June 1900. That record listed the first six children, the month and year of birth as follows: Iva N., born September 1886; Mamie L., born December 1898; Henry G., born May 1889; Horace M., born August 1892; Ben T., born January 1894; James M., born February 1896; all born in Tennessee. The two youngest children, Thurber and Leota, were born after the enumeration of the 1900 census.

The census enumerator listed families as they were given to him verbally by the head of the household. This sometimes resulted in names being written incorrectly and even ages being wrong in some instances. In a few rare cases, some families were listed twice in the same census year. The latter is evident in the 1910 census for this family, as shown in the next paragraph.

John and Eliza were the parents of eight children, before they separated, and several years later divorced. John was listed in the 1910 census of McMinn County, was shown as age 47, and with him were two of the children, Ben shown as age 16 and Lora (Leota) as age 4. Eliza was living in Monroe County in 1910; listed as Eliza Burger on the census record, age 39, with Grady 19, Mayme 9, Thurber 7, and Leota 4. Of course Mamie was really 11 years old in 1910 as evidenced by the 1900 census. She could not have been 9 years old in 1910 and listed in the 1900 census. Also, Leota was listed as living with John in McMinn and Eliza in Monroe, but the dates of enumeration for these two counties were different, and Leota was with John, then later on in the same year with Eliza.

Many family members remember Eliza Burger as a very gracious lady; that she had great care and love for her family. Eliza not only raised her own children, but after their daughter, Iva, died.
in 1918, and just a few years later Iva’s husband also died, Eliza brought up all those children, especially Imogene, who was but an infant at the time of her mother’s death. Those of us of later generations have felt a great loss for not having known Eliza, and it is only fitting that these statements should be included in any record of this Burger family.

John married Margaret Erwin on 27 April 1913 in Monroe County. They had no children.

John died at Riverside Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee, on 1 December 1925, and was buried at Burger Cemetery near Englewood, Tennessee. This cemetery was established in the early 1800’s on John Burger’s land, and John’s father and mother, and his grandfather and grandmother were buried there. John’s marker reads: JOHN H. BURGER, 1862 - 1925.

Eliza died in 1935 and is buried at Cane Creek Cemetery, near Tellico Plains in Monroe County. Her marker: ELIZA BURGER, 5 March 1863 - 15 May 1935, "Gone But Not Forgotten."

Children of John H. Burger and Eliza Cole:

1. IVA N. BURGER - born 18 September 1886.
2. HENRY GRADE BURGER - born in May 1889.
3. HORACE BURGER - born August 1892.
5. JAMES MICHAEL BURGER - born 29 February 1896.
6. MAMIE L. BURGER - born 1 December 1898.
7. WILLIAM THURBER BURGER - born 3 June 1904.
8. LEOTA BURGER - born 18 September 1908.

The information about these eight children and their descendants is listed on the following pages, in the order listed above.
ELIZA COLE BURGER

With her three youngest children, Leota, Mamie and Thurber
GEORGE BURGER
MICHAEL DERRICK BURGER
JOHN H. BURGER

IVA N. BURGER

Iva was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, on 18 September 1886. She married first Hugh Shaw and they had one child before Hugh died. Hugh is buried at the Burger Cemetery: HUGH SHAW, 5 CO - US COAST GUARD (no dates).

Iva married second Walter H. McNabb. The family states that when Horace, Iva’s brother, went away to France in World War I, Iva stated that she did not want to hear that Horace was killed over there away from family; that she had rather die herself first. Iva died just before the family received the news that Horace was killed in France.

Iva died on 24 October 1918, when her youngest was but a little over a year old. Her mother, Eliza Burger, raised Iva’s children with the help of Walter, until he too died in 1925. After that the children lived with Eliza until they were grown.

Both Iva and Walter are buried at Cane Creek Cemetery, near Tellico Plains, next to Eliza. Their markers read: WALTER H. McNABB, 8 January 1890 - 16 July 1925; IVA N., Wife of W. H. McNabb, 18 December 1886, 24 October 1918.

Children of Iva N. Burger and Walter H. McNabb:

2. PERNIE GLENN McNABB - born 24 December 1912; died at 49 years old.
3. BLANCHE McNABB - born 12 November 1914.
5. IMOGENE McNABB - born 16 August 1917, she married Fred Ray Shaw. Fred was born 28 December 1907, the son of Floyde Shaw and Callie Carpenter. Imogene and Fred have three children, one daughter, and then the twins:
   a. MARY FRANCES SHAW - born 27 January 1929, married Harold Gudger, Jr.
   b. MADELINE SHAW - born 17 August 1940, married first Larry Merrell, married second Roy Barnett. TWIN.
   c. MAXINE SHAW - born 17 August 1940, married Wendell Walker. TWIN.
GEORGE BURGER
MICHAEL DERRICK BURGER
JOHN H. BURGER

HENRY GRADE BURGER

Henry was born in May 1889, married first Lillie Henry on 8 August 1913 in Monroe County. Grade and Lillie were the parents of two children, Luther and Reba, before they were divorced in Monroe County in 1922. He married second Emma Schulutter, and they were parents of one child.

Henry Grade is buried at Cane Creek Cemetery, next to his mother, with no stone marker with dates.

Children:
1. LUTHER BURGER.
2. REBA BURGER.
3. HENRY BURGER.

HORACE BURGER

Horace was born in August 1892. The birth date for Horace was taken from the 1900 census records, in which his father stated Horace was born in August 1892, and was seven years old at the time, which would be the correct number of years, since the census was taken in July of 1900, and Horace would have been eight years old the following August. This is also substantiated by the fact that the next child after Horace was born in 1895.

Horace never married. He went to France with the U. S. Army during World War I, belonged to M. 117th Infantry. He was killed in France in 1918, and brought home for burial. It is to be noted that his marker does not agree with the year of his birth as shown above, but after all the records have been studied, it is believed the date of August 1892 is the correct one and that a mistake was made in later years on his marker.
GEORGE BURGER
MICHAEL DERRICK BURGER
JOHN H. BURGER

BEN T. BURGER

Ben was born 14 January 1894 in McMinn County, the fourth child of John H. Burger and Eliza Cole.

He married Grace Cunningham in Monroe County on 5 November 1910 by J. W. Edington. Grace was born 25 October 1892, the daughter of William A. Cunningham.

Ben and Grace lived for quite a number of years near Vonore, Tennessee, and all their children, except the youngest, were born there. In the early 1930's they moved to Duff, Tennessee, and spent the remainder of their years there.

Their three sons, Blain, Beecher, and Blake, were all in World War II, all three in the European Theater at the same time, most of the time spent on the front lines. All three eventually came home.

One of their daughters, Beatrice, died at age 21 in childbirth, and Grace raised Beatrice's two children, as well as her own. One of those two children, the son, had polio, and although he died young at age 17, he was bedfast for many years, and Grace took care of him. She never complained, and did her best for her children and grandchildren, and all of them remember her with love and fond memories. She was an exceptional woman, and it is only fitting that she be remembered here with special care.

Ben died in 1967 at age 72; Grace in 1976 at age 84. Both are buried at Campbell County Memorial Gardens in Lafollett, Tennessee. Children:

1. BEATRICE BURGER - born 23 October 1912 at Vonore, Tennessee, she married Ed Neloms, and they had three children; the first died soon after birth. Beatrice died on 11 December 1933, shortly after their third child was born. The two surviving children, Benny Ray and Billa Jean, were taken to their grandparents home and raised by them and their names were changed to Burger.
   a. ADA BURL NELOMS - died at birth.
   b. BENNY RAY BURGER - born 7 February 1923, died at age 17.
   c. BILLA JEAN BURGER - born 10 December 1933, she married Charlie Lawson on 28 January 1950. Children:

      1) JAMES EDWARD LAWSON - born 15 November 1950, he is in the U. S. Navy, married first Karen Glass; one child:
GEORGE BURGER

JESS EDWARD LAWSON - born 30 September 1971.

2) BRENDA SUE LAWSON - born 12 November 1951, she married Dave Harmon. They have one child: DANA ELLEN HARMON - born 14 February 1983.

3) CONNIE LYNN LAWSON - born 12 September 1952; died 14 January 1953.

4) SANDRA GAIL LAWSON - born 23 October 1953, married first Ron Hughes, married second Christopher Moore. Children:


   LEAH HUGHES - born 26 August 1982 - TWIN.

   IVY HUGHES - born 26 August 1982 - TWIN.

5) RANDY BLAKE LAWSON - born 21 October 1956, married Belv Read. He is in the U. S. Navy; they have two children:

   NATASHA LOUISE LAWSON - born 6 March 1980.


2. BLAIN CLIFFORD BURGER - born 20 October 1914 in Vonore, Tennessee, he married Elsie May Adams in Bell County, Kentucky, on 9 February 1941. Elsie was born 18 June 1920 in Jillico, Campbell County, Tennessee, the daughter of Lynch Adams and Pernie Barlow Adams.

Blain was in the Army during World War II, Company, B, 1st Engineers. He served in North Africa, then was in England for the invasion in France. He fought in Belgium, Germany, and Yugoslavia, and was on 365 days continuous actual combat duty.

Blain and Elsie lived the early years of their marriage in Campbell County, and their first seven children were born there. They moved to Wayne County, Michigan, where their youngest child was born. When Ben retired, he and Elsie moved back to the mountains, which he loved, out from Vonore. He died in August 1988. Children:

   a. SHIRLEY GRACE BURGER - born 13 May 1942.

   b. CAROLYN SUE BURGER - born 11 September 1946, married Earl Hubbard.

   c. JERRY WAYNE BURGER - born 16 May 1948. TWIN.

   d. ALMA JANE BURGER - born 16 May 1948. TWIN.
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e. IVA LOUISE BURGER - born 6 March 1950, married Ben McMillan.


g. TAMMY MARIE BURGER - born 30 August 1958, married Richard Abel.


3. BEECHER ROBERT BURGER - born on 12 June 1916 in Vonore, Tennessee, he was the third child of Ben Burger and Grace Cunningham.

He married Sarah Ellen Orick on 14 March 1941. They moved to Ohio, where all their children were born.

Beecher served in the Army Infantry during World War II. He was first in Bermuda, and then in the European Theater, most of the time on the front lines.

Beecher died on 9 April 1972. Sarah is still living in Norwalk, Ohio. They were the parents of six children, as follows:

a. ROBERT LEE BURGER - born 24 May 1941; married Rosalee Monday on 15 September 1963. They have two children:

   1) TAMARA KAY BURGER - born 28 April 1964. Children:


   2) MICHAEL ROSS BURGER - born 16 March 1968.

b. CECIL EDWARD BURGER - born 27 August 1945, married Ruth Marie Bishop on 28 August 1965. Children:

   1) MELISSA KAY BURGER - born 2 January 1968.

   2) MARK EDWARD BURGER - born 10 September 1972.


   4) ISAAC JOSEPH BURGER - born 3 October 1978.

c. NANCY MARIE BURGER - born 29 January 1948, married Ronald David Cross on 21 May 1966. Children:
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1) JONATHAN DAVID CROSS - born 21 February 1967.
2) JUDITH ANN CROSS - born 27 June 1969.
3) JASON DAVID CROSS - born 19 April 1975.

d. THOMAS HARRY BURGER - born 6 April 1950, married Barbara Elaine Benson on 15 June 1975. Their Children:
   1) IAN JABRIATH BURGER - born 17 March 1975.


f. HOYLE EUGENE BURGER - born 7 September 1960.

4. BLAKE BURGER - born 5 May 1919, at Vonore, Tennessee, Blake was the fourth child of Ben Burger and Grace Cunningham.

   He moved with his parents when he was young to Duff, Tennessee. He married Edna Milton.

   Blake was in World War II, the 5th Armored Infantry Division, and stationed in England; saw action in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg, much of the time on the front lines. During all this action, he was not wounded.

   Blake died 18 April 1988. He and Edna had one child:

   a. BETTY SUE BURGER - born 6 June 1942 at Duff, Tennessee, she married Hershell Marlow. Betty and Hershell live at Duff, have two children and three grandchildren:

      1) CONNIE MARLOW - born 13 August 1961; married Kenny Campbell. Children:

         BLAKE CAMPBELL - born 21 December 1983.

      2) STEVE MARLOW - born 14 November 1962, married Robin Cox. One child:


5. BESSIE GENEVE BURGER - born 19 October 1922 at Vonore, Tennessee, she married Joe W. Riggs on 27 February 1942.
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Joe died 28 November 1982; Geneva is still living at Dayton, Ohio. They were the parents of three children:

a. EDWARD WILL RIGGS - born 29 June 1942; died 7 November 1945.


1) ANTHONY RIGGS - born 22 August 1966.


1) MICHELLE RANAE FINNEY - born 19 December 1965.
2) ANITA JOY FINNEY - born 26 January 1969.
3) NICOLE ANN HASTINGS - born 11 January 1975.
4) DAWN HASTINGS - born 26 October 1976. TWIN
5) ZACHARIA HASTINGS - born 26 October 1976. TWIN

6. PEARL BURGER - born 6 June 1925, the sixth child of Ben Burger and Grace Cunningham. She married Andy Milton, and they have two children:

a. ANDREA MILTON - born 9 April 1945, she married Mr. Jones. They live at Lafollette, Tennessee, and have two children:

1) BRAD JONES - born 16 March 1970.

b. MICHAEL ALLEN MILTON - born 20 May 1959, married Tressa Ray. They have one child:

1) MARSON MILTON - born 29 June 1980.

7. MILDRED MARCELLA BURGER - born 29 June 1936, the seventh child of Ben Burger and Grace Cunningham. She married Harold Edwin New on 17 March 1956. They live at Sidney, Ohio; have three children:
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a. PAMELA KAY NEW - born 15 February 1957, she married Jerry Wilkin on 12 March 1982. One child:

1) CHARLES WILKIN - born 6 November 1982.

b. RODNEY DALE NEW - born 1 March 1959, married Diana Barga. They have two children:

1) SOMMER MARIE NEW - born 12 June 1981.
2) RODNEY MICHAEL NEW - born 1 June 1984.

James Michael was born 29 February 1896 (Leap Year!) in McMinn County, Tennessee, the fifth child of John H. Burger and Eliza Cole. James Michael was the father of one of the writers of this book, and was a direct descendant of John George Burger and his wife Susanna Symons, early pioneers of McMinn County, and Michael Burger and Mary Kelchner Lindamood of Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was called "Mike" by his friends and relatives and is referred to as "Michael" from this point on.

Michael left home at an early age to seek work, times being difficult in East Tennessee, as elsewhere, at that time. He worked for a number of years when he was a young man as a sawyer at Tellico Plains in Monroe County, Tennessee. He also worked with a church group, traveling around East Tennessee and Western North Carolina.

In later years, he was connected with the construction business, moving around on those jobs also. He helped build Fontana Dam in East Tennessee, then moved to Indiana where he helped construct many buildings before moving back to East Tennessee, where he settled in Maryville, and worked with the builders of the Knoxville Airport. He spent the remainder of his years in Maryville.

Michael married first Verna Johnston on 8 October 1914 at Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina. They were married by N. E. Dean, Minister of the Gospel. Verna was born on 31 December 1894 in Roane County, Tennessee, the daughter of Henry Wilson Johnston and Martha Frances Johnson (Johnston married Johnson), and granddaughter of Peter Johnston and Mary Jane Harvey, all of Roane County.

Michael and Verna lived for a time at Murphy, then moved to Tellico Plains, Tennessee. They were divorced and she moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where she spent the rest of her life. She died there on 3 March 1979 and is buried at Memory Gardens in Madison County, Alabama.

Michael married second Grace Leota Queen on 28 October 1922 in Madisonville, Tennessee, by C. A. Kennedy, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses were Josie Queen, Grace's stepmother, and Bell Griffith, Grace's sister. Grace was born on 1 January 1904 in East Tennessee, the daughter of Hardy Queen.

The information on the marriage date of Michael and Grace, and the birth dates of their children, was taken from their family Bible, now in possession of one of their children.
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Michael died 18 September 1973 at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville. He was 77 years old. He was buried on 21 September 1973 at Louisville Cemetery near Maryville. His marker: JAMES MIKE BURGER, February 29, 1896 - September 18, 1973.

Grace died in November 1984 and is buried at Louisville Cemetery next to Michael.

Michael’s children:

1. CLARENCE MELVIN BURGER - born 13 August 1915, at Bryson City, North Carolina, the son of James Michael Burger and Verna Johnston. Melvin has always been his name of choice, used by all relatives and friends. He grew up in Huntsville, Alabama, and attended West Texas State College in Canyon, Texas, and American University in Washington, D.C. He served in the Army during World War II, in the Signal Corps, and although he saw no action, he was stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and was on orders for overseas when the war ended. His first marriage was to Vivian Loneta O’Dell, in Canyon, Texas, the daughter of Charles Worthington O’Dell and Jesse Estelle Goodrum. Melvin and Vivian were the parents of two daughters; then were divorced. He married second Eva Smith. Eva was born 12 January 1922 in Jackson County, Alabama, the daughter of Joseph Henry Smith and Claudia Culver. Eva attended the North Alabama Business School in Huntsville, Alabama. Melvin and Eva lived in Washington D.C. for a number of years, and their two children were born there. Melvin worked for the Federal Government; Eva for Chrysler Corporation. They then moved to Huntsville, where both worked for the Federal Government for the Army at Redstone Arsenal. They both retired. After his retirement, Melvin devoted much of his time to the American Heart Association; Mended Hearts, a support group for heart surgery patients; Interfaith Mission Services and First Christian Church. Eva has spent a great deal of time in genealogical research, and both enjoyed traveling in their interest of genealogy. She has held several offices in the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society and served the Society as President. She is Regent of her Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Melvin died 12 May 1990, is buried at Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville. Melvin’s children:

a. WANDA MARIE BURGER - born 13 September 1938 at Amarillo, Texas, the daughter of Clarence Melvin Burger and Vivian Loneta O’Dell, she married George Charles Comert in Washington, D.C., on 14 March 1964 at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral. George was born 19 November 1930 in Washington, D.C. the son of Charles George Comert and Katherine Manolas, first generation Americans from Naxos, Greece. George served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict; is now a restauranteur. Wanda works for the Department of the Navy. Wanda and George have four daughters, all born in Washington, D.C., all reside in the Maryland suburbs of Washington. Wanda prepared the final copy for printing of this book.

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1) KATHERINE COMERT - born 16 December 1964, she married first Nicholas Karl Cheri; married second Dennis Yauger. Children:
   a) NICHOLAS KARL CHERI, JR. - born 8 June 1981.
   b) GEORGE CHARLES CHERI - born 18 November 1982.

2) VIVIAN MARIE COMERT - born 3 April 1968, Vivian attended Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, where she graduated cum laud in 1990. Her major subjects were Mathematics and Computer Science. She was on the Dean's List for all four years, selected by her college to be a member of the Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities, and has held various offices in the Delta Zeta Sorority. Vivian married Raymond Hunsley on 1 September 1990. Vivian is a computer programmer with Bechtel Engineering. Raymond is in the restaurant business with Vivian's father.

3) SOPHIA ESTELLE COMERT - born 23 September 1969, she is a legal secretary, married Steve Allen of Damascus, Maryland on 20 July 1991. One child:
   a) AMANDA NICOLE COMERT - born 19 August 1988.

4) LYNN MICHELLE COMERT - born 13 September 1971, she attends Montgomery College, with plans to pursue a career working with the hearing impaired. She married Daniel Beach of Poolesville, Maryland on 8 June 1991.

   b. LINDA FAY BURGER - born 21 October 1939 in Canyon, Texas, daughter of Clarence Melvin Burger and Vivian Loneta O'Dell, she married William T. Read. Their children:
      1) WILLIAM READ - born 5 March 1959, married Carol Kurzban on 29 June 1991.

C. KENNETH EUGENE BURGER - born 13 February 1950 in Washington, D.C., the son of Clarence Melvin Burger and Eva Smith. He received his early education in the Huntsville City Schools. Kenneth decided early on that he wished to become a minister, and he worked very hard toward that goal. He received a scholarship from the Christian Churches to the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, where he was on the Dean’s list. He served as Youth Minister for one summer at Eutaw Christian Church in Eutaw, Alabama. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Education degree at the University in 1971, and then entered Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky, where he received his Master’s Degree in Theology on 6 June 1975. Kenneth returned to his home church for his Ordination at First Christian
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Church in Huntsville, Alabama, on 18 August 1974. After serving several churches in Kentucky and Illinois, Kenneth is now Pastor of Bedford Christian Church in Bedford, Virginia. One of his main interests has been youth ministry, and he has been involved in directing camps for youths for a number of years. He married Suzanne Thompson at First Christian Church in Huntsville, Alabama, on 14 August 1971. Suzanne was born in Humbolt Tennessee on 28 April 1949, the daughter of Neal Thompson and Naomi Allen. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education degree at the University of Alabama in 1971, and now teaches in the Virginia Schools. Kenneth and Suzanne are the parents of two children:

1) MELINDA ANN BURGER - born 20 October 1973 in Lexington, Kentucky, she is active in the Youth Group at her church and plays several instruments with the Liberty High School Band in Bedford, and at her church. She is involved in several athletic programs at school as well.

2) STEPHANIE LEIGH BURGER - born 10 November 1975 in Springfield, Illinois, Stephanie is active in her Youth Group at her church. She also plays with the Liberty High School Band, having been chosen from the lower grades as special student for this purpose.

d. LAURENCE HENRY BURGER - born 10 October 1957 in Washington, D.C., the son of Clarence Melvin Burger and Eva Smith, he received his early education in the Huntsville City Schools. He was awarded the Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry Award for 1976, and received a National Merit Scholar Letter of Commendation. He received his Bachelors Degree in Chemical Engineering at Auburn University in June 1980. While at Auburn, he was on the Dean’s List; a member of Omega Chi Epsilon, honorary Chemical Engineering Society, was Secretary of the Chapter at Auburn; member of Tau Beta Pi, Engineering Honorary Society; and Sigma Pi Fraternity. After college, he accepted a position with EXXON in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for four years. He now works for the Strategic Defense Command in Huntsville, Alabama, as an Engineer. Laurence married Cynthia Ann Taylor on 6 September 1980 at First Christian Church in Huntsville, with his brother, Kenneth performing the ceremony. Cynthia was born in Huntsville, Alabama, on 1 December 1958, the daughter of James E. Taylor and Katherine Bulman. She attended Auburn University, where she majored in Family and Child Development; was on the Dean’s List; a member of Omicron Nu, Home Economics Honorary Society; Beta Tau Alpha Sorority; and a Sigma Pi “Little Sister.” Laurence and Cynthia are active in First Christian Church, where he has served as Deacon; both have taught Sunday School and have served on several Church committees this past year. Laurence was on temporary duty for the Office Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon located in Washington, D.C. They have returned to Huntsville. They are the parents of three children - twins born in Baton Rouge on Valentine’s Day, and another son born in Virginia:
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1) MICHAEL JUSTIN BURGER - born 14 February 1983 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he was named for his paternal great grandfather. TWIN.

2) BENJAMIN STEPHEN BURGER - born 14 February 1983 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he was named for his maternal great grandfather. TWIN.

3) JOHN LAURENCE BURGER - born 20 February 1990 in Fairfax, Virginia, he takes his name from his father and Dr. John Jackson, Minister Emeritus of the Christian Churches and long-time family friend.

2. ELMARIE BURGER - born 28 September 1923 in Tennessee, the daughter of James Michael Burger and Grace Leota Queen, she married Hollis Frank. They live at Fort Collins, Colorado.

3. JEAN LODEMA BURGER - born 18 June 1925 in Tennessee, the daughter of James Michael Burger and Grace Leota Queen, she married first Mort Potter in Maryville, Tennessee. Mort was killed in service in 1944. They had one child. Jean married second John E. Farlow in Chicago, Illinois, on 16 April 1965. They now live at Bensenville, Illinois.

a. PHYLLIS POTTER - born 27 January 1943 in Maryville, she married William Patty.

4. JOBINA BURGER - born 10 November 1927, the child of James Michael Burger and Grace Leota Queen; died 5 November 1929.

5. WILLIAM REED BURGER - born 10 January 1930 in Tennessee, the son of James Michael Burger and Grace Leota Queen, he lives at Indianapolis, Indiana.

6. REVA CLEMON BURGER - born 10 April 1932, the daughter of James Michael Burger and Grace Leota Queen, she married Robert Shuler; they live at Waynesville, North Carolina.

7. BARBARA JOE BURGER - born 28 June 1934, the daughter of James Michael Burger and Grace Leota Queen, she married first James Kenneth Rogers. James was born 1 March 1935 at Sweetwater, Tennessee, the son of William Rogers and Lillie Garner. They were the parents of two children. James died in Atlanta, Georgia on 6 May 1969; is buried at Marietta, Georgia. Barbara married second Douglas Joe Lamb on 3 April 1976. Douglas had one child when they were married. Children:

a. DEBORAH JO ROGERS - born 19 February 1951 in Cobb County, Georgia, she married Robert Allen Smith.

b. PATRICIA LEA ROGERS - born 7 May 1959 in Cobb County, Georgia, she married first John Thomas Law; married second Randall Wayne Redding on 26 March 1986 at Nassau, Bahamas.
8. JAMES MICHAEL BURGER, JR. - born 14 May 1936.

9. ROBERT HAROLD BURGER - born 24 January 1943, the son of James Michael Burger and Grace Leota Queen, he married Dixie Sue Boring in Bryson City, North Carolina. Dixie was born 1 June 1943 in Tallassee, Tennessee, the child of Howard Pryor Boring and Lemo Boring. Robert and Dixie now live in Zanesville, Indiana, where he has been in the construction industry for a number of years and where Dixie has a beauty shop in downtown Zanesville. Bob has wanted to fly all his life, and has finally taken flying lessons and bought his own plane. They have one child, a daughter:

   a. CINDY LEAH BURGER - born 30 September 1960 in Maryville, Tennessee, she married James Digiacomo on 16 April 1979. Two children:

   1) JAMES OWEN DIGIACOMO, JR. - born 4 January 1981 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

   2) ANASTASIA ANTOINETTE DIGIACOMO - born 30 January 1982 at Indianapolis, Indiana.
MAMIE L. BURGER

Mamie was born 1 December 1898 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the sixth child of John H. Burger and Eliza Cole.

Mamie married William Carl Burrell. Carl was born 8 April 1890 in Towns County, Georgia, the son of John S. Burrell and Alice Denton.

Carl was a veteran of World War I, having entered on 23 May 1918 at Murphy, North Carolina, in the 9th Company, 3rd Battalion, 155 DNTC, 167th Infantry. He served in Europe.

Mamie and Carl were the parents of eight children, before Carl died on 13 March 1965. He is buried at Cleveland, Tennessee. Mamie is still living in Cleveland.

Children:

1. ANNA MAE BURRELL - born 30 December 1921 at Tellico Plains, Monroe County, Tennessee, she married Robert Sliger. They live at Cleveland; have two children:
   a. GERRY SLIGER - she married Larry Roberts; they live at Dalton, Georgia and have two children:
      1) CHRISTINE VAN ROBERTS.
      2) COREY ROBERTS.
   b. ROBERT SLIGER - lives at Tullahoma, Tennessee; has three children:
      1) JEANETTE SLIGER - lives at Harvey, Louisiana; is married to Scott Berthelot.
      2) PAMELA SLIGER.
      3) DALE SLIGER.

2. CHARLES MELVIN BURRELL - born on 19 March 1923 at Tellico Plains, he is named after one of the writers of this book. He is the oldest son of Mamie L. Burger and William Carl Burrell.

   Charles Melvin was in World War II, the 752nd Field Artillery, Service Battery. He saw action in the European Theater; is a Disabled American Veteran.

   Charles Melvin married first Fannie Mae Pinson on 2 November
1945 at Dalton, Georgia. Fannie was born 7 August 1927, the daughter of William M. Pinson and Carrie Bracket.

Charles Melvin is retired from the Federal Government, having worked for the Army at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, for many years. He now lives at Cleveland, Tennessee.

Charles Melvin and Fannie Mae had four children before they were divorced. He married second Ramona Green Long. They have no children:

Charles Melvin’s children:


b. **BEVERLY ANN BURRELL** - born 28 February 1950 in Bradley County, she married Ronald G. Sanders. Ronald is retired from the Marine Corps; they have one child.
   1) **TIMOTHY SANDERS** - born 18 December 1968.

c. **NANCY KAY BURRELL** - born in Madison County, Alabama; died at birth.

d. **DEBORAH ANNETTE BURRELL**.

3. **J. L. BURRELL** - born 6 March 1925 at Tellico Plains, Tennessee, he married Jane Howard on 24 December 1947 at Rossville, Georgia. Jane was born on 1 October 1927, the daughter of Floyd and Mable Howard.

J. L. was in the Army during World War II, served in the Field Artillery and saw action in the European Theater.

J. L. died on 24 April 1927; Jane is still living in Cleveland.

Children:

a. **JANET GAIL BURRELL** - born 5 December 1950 at Cleveland.

b. **JAMES DALE BURRELL** - born 12 August 1952 at Cleveland.

4. **NORMAN COIL BURRELL** - born 7 September 1927 at Tellico Plains, he married Mary Ruth Hutton. They live at Athens, Tennessee, where Coil owns and operates, with their son Douglas, the C & D Printing Company.

Coil and Mary Ruth have two children:
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a. SHIRLEY BURRELL - she married Douglas Lunsford, and they live at Ringgold, Georgia. Children:
   1) ALLISON MICHELL LUNSFORD.
   2) BRIAN DOUGLAS LUNSFORD.
   3) ERIN ELIZABETH LUNSFORD.

b. DOUGLAS BURRELL - he married Susie _____, and they have two children:
   1) SALLY SUZETTE BURRELL.
   2) JONATHAN DOUGLAS BURRELL.

5. LORAY BURRELL - born 20 August 1929 at Tellico Plains, she married Max Edwin Coffee in 1949 at Dalton Georgia. Max was born 19 April 1931 at Wetmore, Polk County, Tennessee, the son of Clifford Monroe Coffee and Nettie Lou Woody.

Max and Loray live at Cleveland, Tennessee, where both their children were born.

a. VICKIE DIANNE COFFEE - born 31 August 1952 at Cleveland, she married Billy Joe Williams. Billy Joe was born 17 May 1950 at Cleveland, the son of B.H. Williams and Cleo Gabbard. They live at Alpharetta, Georgia, and have one child.
   1) BRETT JOSEPH WILLIAMS - born 16 October 1983 at Atlanta, Georgia.

b. EDWIN RAY COFFEE - born 29 January 1955 at Cleveland, he married Mary Jan Owens. She was born 3 May 1954 at Talladega, Alabama, the daughter of Alvin J. L. Owens. They live at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and have two children:
   1) ADAM THAD COFFEE - born 17 March 1982 at Columbus, Georgia.
   2) JOANNA LORAN COFFEE - born 27 January 1984 at Chattanooga.

6. INEZ BURRELL - born 12 December 1930 at Tellico Plains, she married Clyde Crook, Jr. They live at Benton, Tennessee; have two children:

a. WANDA CROOK - married Don Lee. They live at Marietta, Georgia, and have two children:
   1) CHRISTIE MICHELLE LEE.
   2) KELLY MARIE LEE.
b. JUDY CROOK - married Johnny Varnell. They live at Norcross, Georgia; have three children:

1) SHELLY VARNELL.
2) COREY VARNELL.
3) MATTHEW VARNELL.

7. BOYCE BURRELL - born 18 January 1934; died 14 September 1965; never married.

8. GERALD OSBEN BURRELL - born 8 March 1935, he married Carol Joy Brock at First Baptist Church in Cleveland on 25 November 1954, Thanksgiving Day. Carol was born 12 August 1936 in Cleveland, the daughter of Thomas Carroll Brock and Margie Hughes.

Gerald was employed at Modern Way Printing in Cleveland until January of 1986 at which time he became disabled. Through very hard work on Gerald’s part, he is now able to walk with a cane and care for himself while Carol works at Olin Corporation in Charleston, Tennessee, nine miles from their home.

Gerald and Carol are members of First Baptist Church in Cleveland where Carol has been a member since she was nine years old. Gerald was ordained a deacon on 26 September 1966. He also served the church by teaching Sunday School and training classes and singing in the Chancel Choir.

In the winter of 1973, a sign language class was offered at their church. Carol had become interested in learning to communicate with the deaf before that time, and she was grateful for the opportunity to learn, and enrolled in the thirteen-week basic sign-language class. Through the efforts of Carol and the teacher, interpreting of all services and a Sunday School class was begun for the deaf at First Baptist Church, Cleveland, on Easter Sunday of 1974. This was the only ministry to the deaf in the area. Ministry to the deaf has extended from church to interpreting in public school classrooms, interpreting in legal situations, visiting doctors with them, acquiring housing for the deaf, aiding in employment, explaining all types of situations, etc. Carol has found this to be a very rewarding work and she is to be commended for this tremendous undertaking and ministry.

Gerald and Carol have three children, all born in Cleveland, Tennessee.

a. GERALD THOMAS BURRELL - born on 16 December 1957, he received his early education in the public schools of Cleveland, participating in basketball and golf during his high school days.
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During his senior year he was president of the Key Club and received the highest superlative honor by being voted "Mr. Bradley." He was awarded a two-year scholarship in golf to Cleveland State Community College where he earned an associate degree in Architecture in 1978. He received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in June 1984. He married Suzanne Johnson on 16 August 1981. Suzanne was born 16 August 1960, the daughter of Claude Nolan Johnson and Edna Mae Long. Both are members of First Baptist Church where they teach the young married couple's Sunday School, sing in the Chancel Choir, and often sing as a duet in several activities in and outside the church.

b. DERRICK EMERSON BURRELL - born 12 August 1960, he also received his early education in the public schools of Cleveland, where he participated in football and baseball. He was elected Captain of both those teams. During his senior year he was President of the Key Club, delegate to Boys' State, and the "Best All-Around" senior superlative. Derrick received a partial scholarship in football to Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee, where he attended through his sophomore year, then transferred to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry in December 1984. He married Elizabeth Dawn Runion on 4 May 1985. They live in Cleveland where Derrick works for Alco Chemical in Chattanooga, and they are members of the Wesley United Methodist Church. They have two children:

1) LAURA ELIZABETH BURRELL - born 8 September 1985.


c. ANGELE JOY BURRELL - born 28 September 1962, she received her early education in Cleveland. During her senior year she served on the Principal’s Advisory Group, was chosen to serve as a Page to the State Government, and was voted as one of the Key Club Calendar Girls. She married James David Goodner on 22 May 1981. After the birth of her children, she entered Cleveland State Community College where she received an Associate Degree in Business. Angela is employed as office manager with American Analytical Laboratory in Cleveland. David is employed with Olin Corporation at Charleston, Tennessee. They reside in Cleveland where they are members of First Baptist Church, and where they have served as Sunday School teachers. They have two children:

1) DAVID BLAKE GOODNER - born 2 June 1982.

2) JOY NICOLE GOODNER - born 18 February 1985.
Thurber was born 3 June 1904 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the seventh child of John H. Burger and Eliza Cole.

He married Delie M. Hampton on 19 May 1927. Delie was born 13 May 1919, the daughter of William and Nancy Hampton.

Thurber was pastor of Baptist Churches connected with the Southern Baptist Convention for many years. He served as pastor of churches in Monroe and McMinn Counties, and was pastor of South Liberty Baptist Church in McMinn County during the last years of his life, and lived near the church.

He died in 1976 and is buried at South Liberty Cemetery, near the church. His marker reads: BURGER MONUMENT: HUSBAND, REV W.T. BURGER, 3 June 1904 - 1 January 1976; WIFE, DELIE M., 13 May 1909. "In My Father’s House are Many Mansions."

Delie still lives near South Liberty, just East of Athens, Tennessee. The family Bible that belonged to Thurber for so many years is still in her possession, and this Bible contains Thurber’s handwritten statement that his father was John H. Burger and his mother was Eliza Burger.

Thurber and Delie were the parents of four children:

1. GENIEVE BURGER - born 10 August 1928; died the same day.

2. MELZENA BURGER - born 12 July 1930, she married Verlon Young on 16 April 1946. Children:
   b. PATRICIA YOUNG - born 26 September 1948.
   c. RAY ANTHONY YOUNG - born 10 November 1957.

3. HELEN BURGER - born 8 August 1934, she married Gene Moore Curtis. Their children:
   b. DAVID EUGENE CURTIS - born 31 March 1957.

4. SHELBY JANE BURGER - born 17 September 1939, married Wayne Williams.
Leota was born 18 September 1905 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the youngest child of John H. Burger and Eliza Cole.

She married Fred Eugene Britton, Sr., and they lived for a number of years at Tellico Plains in Monroe County, where three of their children were born. Leota and Fred moved to Candler, North Carolina, near Asheville, and spent the rest of their years there.

Fred died at Candler on 1 June 1976; Leota still lives at Candler. They were the parents of four children:

1. **ELLEN B. BRITTON** - born 23 August 1925, married Sesto Martin.

2. **RUTH BRITTON** - born 4 June 1927 at Tellico Plains, Ruth married Thomas Alexander Lipe. Thomas was born 14 May 1927 at Biltmore, North Carolina, the son of Robert Bruce Lipe and Dena Arrington.

Thomas died 19 February 1976 at Asheville; he is buried at Plott Cemetery at Waynesville, North Carolina. Ruth lives at Candler, North Carolina. Children:

   a. **MARGARET GAIL LIPE** - born 10 July 1947 at Asheville, she married Carroll Trantham. They live at Enka, North Carolina, have four children:


      2) **ANDREA DAWN TRANTHAM** - born 22 February 1969 at Asheville.

      3) **DONNA GAIL TRANTHAM** - born 20 November 1973 at Wilmington, North Carolina.

      4) **JILL ANN TRANTHAM** - born 3 August 1980 at Asheville.


   c. **GARY THOMAS LIPE** - born 2 May 1958 at Asheville, he married Donna Greene. They live at Candler, have two children:

      1) **CHARLES THOMAS LIPE** - born 4 February 1980 at Asheville.
2) **KRIStI MARIE LIPE** - born 9 September 1983 at Asheville.

3. **NEETA MAE BRITTON** - born 11 July 1930 at Tellico Plains, the third child of Leota Burger and Fred Britton. Neeta married Billy Clyde Adkins. Clyde was born at Ramseytown, North Carolina, the son of Burgin Adkins and Ercie Phillips. Neeta and Clyde live at Asheville, North Carolina. They have three children:


4. **FRED EUGENE BRITTON** - born 23 January 1939 in Buncombe County, North Carolina, he married Veta Reese in Greeneville, South Carolina. Veta was born 30 June 1938 in Haywood County, North Carolina, the daughter of Claude Reese and Letha Trull. They live at Candler, North Carolina; have two children.

   a. **RICHARD EUGENE BRITTON** - born 7 January 1961 in Buncombe County.

   b. **LAURA LEIGHANN BRITTON** - born 9 January 1975 in Buncombe County.
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MICHAEL DERRICK BURGER

HENRY A. BURGER

Henry was born 19 September 1866 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the fifth child of Michael Derrick Burger and Charlotte Ann Clark; grandson of George Burger and Mary Magdalene Derrick.

He married Sallie E. Morris in McMinn County, on 3 August 1888, by Elder W. A. Daugherty.

Henry died 24 September 1892. He was shot at his blacksmith shop by William H. Cochran. Documents on file at Athens, the county seat of McMinn County are quoted as follows:

"State of Tennessee, McMinn County, Nonaburg, the 2nd day of October 1892. An inquisition holden M. D. Burger's, in the 6th Civil District in the County and State aforesaid, on the 2nd of October 1892, before J. H. Crockett a Justice of the Peace for said County, acting as Coroner upon the body of H. A. Burger lying dead; by the jurors whose names are hereto suscribed, who upon their oaths do say - "The said Henry A. Burger came to his death by a pistol shot that he received at the hands of William H. Cochran on the 24th day of September 1892."

The local newspaper carried an article on this shooting and Cochran sued the paper for libel. The court case regarding this case is condensed here as follows:

"W. H. COCHRAN VS TIMES PRINTING COMPANY, et al. Filed 7 December 1892. Circuit Court suit. Times printed report of W. H. Caughron, son of Colonel Robert Caughron and brother of jailor Peeler Caughron. Report states that on September 26th at Nonaburg on the Nashville, Tellico, and Charleston Railway, Caughron a merchant, had been drinking all forenoon and abusing old man Burger, and Caughron went into blacksmith shop of Henry Burger and shot Henry. No hope for his recovery. Report was headed 'A Brutal Murder.' Caughron sued for libel." (Chancery Court Records by Reba Bayless Boyer.)

George H. Burger, Henry's brother, was appointed administrator of Henry's estate on 3 October 1892, since Henry died without leaving a will.

"State of Tennessee, McMinn County. To G. H. Burger, a citizen of McMinn County. Whereas, it appears to the Court now in session that Henry Burger has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of administration be issued to you: These are therefore, to authorize and empower you, the said G. H. Burger, to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of the said intestate, and
return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, or within ninety days from the date hereof, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate, which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who have a right thereto by law. Herein fail not. Witness: J. H. C. Foster, Clerk of said Court, at Office, this 3rd day of October 1892."

From all of the above records, Henry was working in his blacksmith shop at Nonaburg when William H. Cochran, who had been drinking off and on all day, just up and shot Henry.

Sallie died on 19 October 1899. J. H. Derrick, Henry’s uncle, was appointed administrator of her estate, and guardian of their only surviving child, Litten H. Burger. On 22 August 1902, J. H. Derrick made settlement of this estate.

The 1900 census for McMinn County lists Litten Burger, aged ten years, and nephew, living in the household of J. H. Derrick.

Henry and Sallie are buried at Burger Cemetery. The markers read: H. A. BURGER, 19 September 1866 - 2 October 1892; SALLIE E. BURGER, Wife of H. A. Burger, 6 March 1862 - 19 October 1899.

Henry and Sallie were the parents of two children:

1. LITTEN H. BURGER - born in January 1890. No further records located.

2. ETTA BURGER - born 20 April 1891; died 7 May 1891. She is buried at Burger Cemetery, next to her mother and father.
GEORGE E. BURGER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

George E. Burger was born 7 July 1836 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the second child of George and Maglin Derrick; grandson of John George Burger and Susanna Symons and Michael Derrick and Elizabeth Moyer.

George married Hannah Everton in McMinn County on 11 July 1857, by J. Jack, Minister of the Gospel. George and Hannah had one child, Thomas Alexander, born 29 March 1858, before Hannah died in 1858, most likely at the time Thomas Alexander was born. It is not known where Hannah is buried.

George married second Mary Hamilton in McMinn County on 2 March 1859. Mary was born in September 1838.

George served in the Civil War. His military records from the National Archives indicated he enrolled in the Union Forces on 27 February 1863, in Company F, 4th Tennessee Cavalry. He stated he was 5 feet, 10 inches tall, had fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair, and a farmer. It is to be noted here that volunteers in the Cavalry during the Civil War furnished their own horses, for which they were paid a small amount per month. George was injured in the right arm while on duty near Nashville in the spring 1864; frost bitten in both feet in West Tennessee in the winter of 1864. He stated in his application for pension that his injury to his right arm was caused by a scuffle with a comrade while they were on orders watching horses in an open field. In the scuffle he was thrown to the ground and his right arm injured. He held the rank of Corporal from 31 December 1863 to 31 December 1864. He was discharged honorably at Nashville on 12 July 1865, and he was granted pension on his application.

Mary died in 1901; George in 1907. Both are buried at Liberty Hill Christian Church Cemetery, located eight miles from Athens, Tennessee; five miles East of Englewood on the road to Tellico Plains via Mecca. They have one stone as marker: FATHER AND MOTHER: GEORGE BURGER, 7 July 1836 – 28 April 1907; MARY E. BURGER, 18 September 1836 – 2 December 1901, "In Heaven We Hope To Meet Them."

George was the father of nine children. The oldest was his and Hannah’s son, the other eight his and Mary’s. George listed the last eight children in his Civil War Pension papers, giving the year of their birth. However, there was correspondence from Thomas Alexander Burger in George’s official pension files, in which Thomas Alexander stated he was the son of George E. Burger. This is further substantiated by the fact that the 1860 census listed George E., age 22, Mary age 22, and Thomas age 2.
The following information on George's children is taken from documents on file at the National Archives, some family Bible records, and census records:

1. **THOMAS ALEXANDER BURGER** - born 29 March 1858.
2. **JAMES M. BURGER** - born 30 May 1860.
4. **CHARLOTTE MELISSA BURGER** - born 1866.
5. **HARRIETT J. BURGER** - born 1868.
6. **EASTLEY MARINDA BURGER** - born 16 April 1870.
7. **MARTHA M. BURGER** - born April 1872.
8. **SARAH S. BURGER** - born 1874.

The information that is available on these children is listed on the following pages, in the order listed above.
In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner of Pensions.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.
Answer. Yes. Mary E. Burger. Mary E. Hamilton.

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?
Answer. 1859. Robert Cochran.

Third. What record of marriage exists?
Answer.

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Date of reply, April 18, 1898.

George E. Burger, Civil War Pension Record
THOMAS ALEXANDER BURGER

Thomas Alexander was born 29 March 1858, the son of George E. Burger and Hannah Everton.

He married Nancy Wade on 9 March 1867 in McMinn County, Tennessee.

In George E. Burger’s official file for his service during the Civil War, there is a letter written by Thomas Alexander, stating he was born 29 March 1858; that he was the son of George E. Burger. This letter was dated 10 December 1939, addressed to the Veteran’s Administration in Washington, and referred to newspaper article stating there was money due to the children of Civil War Veterans.

Information of the children of Thomas Alexander and Nancy is taken from the census records only and a few marriage records; is by no means complete:

1. **JANE BURGER** - born ca 1879.

2. **SALLIE A. BURGER** - born in May 1880, she married J. J. Presswood on 15 December 1907 in McMinn County, with W. A. Daugherty, Justice of the Peace; J. A. Jamison as witness. Their only child that is known, information from the 1910 census records:

3. **MARY C. BURGER** - born in July 1881, she married D. M. Daugherty in McMinn County on 28 August 1902, with William E. Daugherty, Minister of the Gospel. Children, from the 1910 census only; not complete:
   b. **ALLEN S. DAUGHERTY** - born in 1908.

James M. Burger was born 30 May 1860 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the oldest child of George E. Burger and Mary E. Hamilton.

He married Susan (Geminia Susan) Morris 9 January 1879 in McMinn County, Elder John Davis, Minister of the Gospel. Geminia Susan was born on 23 February 1860.

James and Susan were listed in the 1880 census records of McMinn County; James as age 20; Susan also as age 20.

In the 1900 census James was shown as born in May 1860. Susan was listed as Geminia, born in February 1860. They had four children at that time: William E., John A. M., Mattie J., and Ada.

In the 1910 census records, Susan was listed as the mother of eight children; seven living. There were five children at home. John had married and he and his wife Katie were living with James and Susan.

The family Bible of James and Susan was copied by Pat Burger of Wilburton, Oklahoma, on 10 October 1988. This Bible is now in the possession of Tony Roberts, Burger Branch, Nonaburg, Tennessee, and was given to him by his grandmother, Ardine Burger Erwin. This Bible lists the birth dates of both James and Susan, the birth dates of all their children, as well as some of the Morris children, some marriage dates, and some death dates. Since the death dates of James and Susan were listed, and some of the other entries are dated as late as 1972, it is possible that some of these later entries were made by Ardine Burger Erwin.

Grateful appreciation is expressed to both Tony Roberts and Pat Burger for the privilege of using the information from this Bible in this Book.

James died 6 August 1929; Susan 4 January 1932. Both these dates were taken from their family Bible.

James and Susan were the parents of nine children. The following is a list of these children, their births, their marriages where known, and, their death dates where known. No information is available at this time on any of their other descendants, and any help would be greatly appreciated.

1. MARY ARMINTY (MINTIE) BURGER - born 24 June 1880, she married J. A. Wyatt 7 September 1895 in McMinn County, Elder W. A. Daugherty, J. W. Ferguson bondsman (McMinn County records). This couple was listed in the 1900 census records for McMinn County,
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James A. Wyatt born November 1873, Mintie June 1880. They had two children at that time, the only ones known:

a. **ARNETT D. WYATT** - born March 1887.

b. **GUSSIE W. WYATT** - born September 1898.

2. **WILLIAM E. BURGER** - born 24 March 1884, he married Anious Eleage on 6 October 1904 in McMinn County, W. A. Daugherty, Minister of the Gospel, Bill Culberson Witness (McMinn County records).

3. **JOHN A. BURGER** - born 1 February 1886, he married Katie Cook 14 July 1907 in McMinn County, J. P. Peters, Justice of the Peace, J. M. Wade as witness (McMinn County records). Katie was born in January 1883, the daughter of George Henry Burger; both John and Katie were fourth generation in descent from John Burger and Susana Symons. Katie Burger married first Melvin Cook on 23 April 1901 in McMinn County, C. C. Cagle, Justice of the Peace, J. M. Wade witness. Melvin died and is buried at Burger Cemetery. Katie married John A. Burger second.

4. **MATTIE BURGER** - born 1 November 1890, she married Nelson Clayton on 3 May 1908 in McMinn County, C. W. Gwathney Justice of the Peace, Charles Shell witness (McMinn County records). Mattie died 1 July 1916 (Bible record).


6. **LEMUEL AMBRO BURGER** - born 31 January 1896; died 20 July 1989 (Bible record). Lemuel is buried at Burger Cemetery in McMinn County, with these dates on his tombstone.

7. **HERBERT A. BURGER** - born 8 July 1900, he married Willie Mae Culberson 17 March 1920; died 3 February 1960 (Bible record).

8. **ARDINE BURGER** - born 8 October 1902, she married Bart Erwin 9 January 1918 (Bible record)

9. **HERSHAL BURGER** - born 10 January 1906 (Bible record).

**NOTE:** The birth dates of six Morris children are listed in the family Bible of James and Susan, the earliest one in 1860; the latest 1872. These surely are the sisters and one brother of Susan. Also, there are two Morris graves in the Burger Cemetery, located at Burger Branch in McMinn County. Since the son of James and Susan, Lemuel, was buried in the same cemetery, it is possible that these two graves are the parents of Susan Morris Burger, but no proof has been located. However, these are listed
here, and possibly someone can determine if those are the grandparents of the children listed above. W. J. MORRIS, June 22 1832, March 10, 1907; JANE B. MORRIS, August 3, 1832, May 31 1925.
Mary Louisa was born in November 1861, the oldest daughter and third child of George E. Burger and Mary E. Hamilton.

She married William A. Daugherty on 4 March 1884 in McMinn County.

This family was listed in the 1900 census records for McMinn County, with William A. shown born in November 1851; Mary Louisa in November 1861. They had nine children at home and the records state they had been married for fifteen years; that she was the mother of nine children, all of them living. That census gave the month and the year of the birth of these children.

They were also listed in the 1910 census records; this time with seven children at home. Another son, Charlie, had been born after the 1900 census.

William A. Daugherty died in 1932 and is buried at Liberty Hill Cemetery. His marker reads: WILLIAM A. DAUGHTERTY, 10 June 1932, aged 73 years, 6 months, 15 days. This would have made his birth date somewhere around 25 December 1858. It is not known when Mary Louisa died; no marker was found for her at Liberty Hill, but surely she was buried there. Their children:

1. EDWARD S. DAUGHERTY - born in November 1885.
2. EASLEY OSCAR DAUGHERTY - born in February 1886.
3. GRADY OTIS DAUGHERTY - born in November 1887.
4. JAMES M. DAUGHERTY - born in December 1890.
5. WILLIAM DAUGHERTY - born in September 1892.
7. MINNIE L. DAUGHERTY - born in December 1895.
8. GEORGE W. DAUGHERTY - born in December 1899.

The birth dates for the children are listed as they appear in the 1900 census records, but there are obviously errors in those records. Edward could not have been born in November 1885 and then Easley in February 1886. Perhaps the enumerator made mistakes when the dates were given to him, and there is one year off on the birth date of Easley and Grady. If Easley was born in February 1886 and Grady in November 1888, the records would then be correct.
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CHARLOTTE MELISSA BURGER

Melissa was born 17 April 1866, the fourth child of George E. Burger and Mary E. Hamilton.

Her name was listed as Charlotte M. in her father’s Civil War Records; as Melissa on census records and her marriage record; Lizzie on her tombstone.

She married William Burton Cole on 28 January 1883 in McMinn County, with W. B. Daugherty, Minister of the Gospel. William Burton was born in October 1864, the son of Thomas R. and Rebecca Cole.

William Burton died in 1926; it is not known when Melissa died. Both are buried at Liberty Hill Cemetery, although her marker does not show a death date: W. B. COLE, 11 October 1862 - 23 November 1926. LIZZIE COLE, 17 April 1866.

Their children, from census records only:

1. CARRIE D. COLE - born in May 1884.
2. MARY R. COLE - born in November 1887.
3. LOUISA J. COLE - born in November 1889.
4. NELLIE A. COLE - born in July 1892.
5. WILLIAM R. COLE - born in July 1895.
7. ELBERT H. COLE - born in October 1899.
Harriett was born in January 1868, the fifth child of George E. Burger and Mary E. Hamilton.

She married W. H. Ditmore on 26 December 1886 in McMinn County, by John Daugherty, Justice of the Peace. W. H. was born in June 1866.

This family was in the 1900 census records, he listed in those records as William Henry. In 1900, they show that they were married for eighteen years, that she was the mother of seven children; six living. That record also listed the months and years of the birth of the six living oldest children.

They were also in the 1910 census for McMinn County, with seven children at home; three born after 1900.

Their children, from census records and one cemetery record:

1. **EASLEY S. DITMORE** - born in May 1888.
2. **ALEXANDER M. DITMORE** - born in December 1890.
3. **ASHLEY E. DITMORE** - born in May 1892.
7. **GEORGE ROBERT DITMORE** - born in March 1900.
Eastley Maranda was born 16 April 1870, the sixth child of George E. Burger and Mary E. Hamilton. He was nicknamed "Randy" and he used this name almost exclusively. It was also the name used in all the old records found.

He married Harriett E. Cole on 16 February 1891, by G. W. Elliott, Justice of the Peace. Harriett was born 20 February 1868, the daughter of Thomas N. and Rebecca Cole, and sister of William Burton Cole, who married Charlotte Melissa Burger, Randy's sister, and was also sister of Eliza Cole, who married John J. Burger.

It was very fortunate that the family Bible of Randy and Harriett was located, at that time in the possession of their daughter, Minnie Burger Kirksey of Englewood, Tennessee.

This family is listed differently from others in this book, since it is important that this Bible record be listed as written. All the information listed below is as taken from the Bible, and any information not shown in the Bible is listed in parenthesis:

"Harriett was born February 20, 1868.
Randy was born April 16, 1870.

E. M. and H. E. Burger was wedd February 16, 1891.

Chester Burger was born April 27, 1889.
Ruel Burger was born January 14, 1892.
Emily Burger was born August 21, 1893.
Minnie Burger was born October 10, 1896.
Euel Burger was born July 4, 1898.
Amos Burger was born May 6, 1901.
Ethel Burger was born April 4, 1902
Pearl Burger was born September 18, 1908

Emily Burger and Jim Sutton was married December 19, 1901
J. C. Burger and Ida was wedd March 24, 1915
Minnie Burger and Charles Kirksey was married July 9, 1919
Ethel Burger and Earnest Roper was married September 8, 1917
Euel Burger and Nannie Bell was married May 23, 1919
Pearl Burger and Barney Christy was married March 6, 1926

Lucille Sutton was born May 4, 1915
Charles Chester McRandy Burger was born January 9, 1916.
(Chester’s son)
C. B. Roper was born February 5, 1920
Winston Kirksey was born April 15, 1920
Dwight Burger was born June 6, 1920. (Eual’s son)
Junior Kirksey was born December 9, 1922
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Ruel Burger died September 13, 1892
Amos Burger died December 23, 1901
Emily Sutton died July 9, 1916. (Buried at Liberty Hill Cemetery)
Randy Burger died June 14, 1939. (Buried Sunrise Cemetery at Englewood)
Harriett Burger died December 14, 1946. (Buried Sunrise Cemetery)"
GEORGE BURGER
GEORGE E. BURGER
MARTHA M. BURGER

Martha was born 14 April 1872, the seventh child of George E. Burger and Mary E. Hamilton.

Martha died 10 May 1939 and is buried at Liberty Hill Cemetery, Englewood, Tennessee.

Martha’s children is taken from the 1900 and 1910 census records, and from some information of her children; is not complete as to correct dates of birth:

1. MACK BURGER - born in November 1889, he married Charity Cornett on 4 July 1912, by W. A. Daugherty, Minister of the Gospel, Witness G. S. Burger. She was born on 8 March 1887, died 22 May 1919, and is buried at Liberty Hill. It is not known when Mack died.

2. JWENONIA BURGER - born in January 1894.

3. SARAH BURGER - born in December 1897.

4. JOSEPHINE BURGER - born in February 1900.

5. DELLA BURGER - born in 1905.

6. EARL BURGER - born in 1907, he married Mary Johnson on 7 June 1923 by S. H. Thompson, Justice of the Peace. All the names of Earl’s children are not known, however, they have a child buried at Liberty Hill:

   a. LAMUEL E. BURGER - born in 1924; died in 1928; buried at Liberty Hill.
Sarah was born in July 1874, the eighth child of George E. Burger and Mary E. Hamilton. She married John A. Loftus in McMinn County on 9 May 1896, by Elder W. A. Daugherty, with W. B. Cole as bondsman.

John is buried at Liberty Hill Cemetery with no dates on his tombstone. It is not known when Sarah died or where she is buried.

The list of children is taken from the 1900 and the 1910 census records only; it is not complete.

1. BETTY V. LOFTUS - born in November 1898.
2. THOMAS LOFTUS - born in 1902.
3. NELLIE LOFTUS - born in 1906.
4. WILLIAM LOFTUS - born in 1908.

Susan was born in 1878, the ninth and youngest child of George E. Burger and Mary E. Hamilton.

She married Spencer Martin on 30 May 1898 by G. W. Elliott, Justice of the Peace, with T. W. White bondsman.

No further information has been located on Susan.
CHAPTER V

SARAH BURGER

Sarah Burger was born in 1802 in Tennessee, the second child and oldest daughter of John George Burger and Susanna Symons.

She married Solomon Dixon about 1821-1822, when she was between nineteen and twenty years old. Although their marriage record has not been found, this date is figured from the birth date of their second child, Henry Jefferson Dixon, who was born in Tennessee in 1823. Solomon was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Brewer Dixon.

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Sarah and Solomon were in the 1830 census of McMinn County; not in the 1840 census. Solomon was in the first tax list located for McMinn County, taken in 1829. In that record, he was in Captain Hill's Company with one white pole. He was also in the 1830 and 1831 tax list; in 1831 with 80 acres of land. He was not listed in the 1832 tax list. From all this information, it is obvious that Sarah and Solomon moved to Illinois either late 1831 or early 1832.

Sarah and Solomon settled in Greene County, near where the town of Rockbridge now stands. Solomon bought land there when it was offered by the U. S. General Land Office. He first purchased 40 acres at $1.25 per acre on 14 June 1850; then 35.81 acres at $1.25 per acre on 9 January 1851. The first purchase was in Section 27, Township 10N, Range 10W, in Greene County. The second was in Section 31, Township 20N, Range 03W, in Logan County.

The information that is furnished here pertaining to Sarah Burger and her husband, Solomon Dixon, and their children, has been gathered from several sources, and is by no means complete. Descendants of the Burger Family that are still living in Illinois have furnished quite a bit of information on their children; the Illinois State Historical Library in Springfield has been researched, as well as the county records in Greene County. Several cemeteries in that area have also been visited. The two books listed above, THE HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY, and THE GREEN COUNTY DIRECTORY, both list quite a bit of information.
about this Dixon family. The first was published in 1886, the second in 1879, while some of their children were still living, and they furnished information for these publications.

THE HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, states that Sarah and Solomon had eight children before Sarah died in Illinois in 1844, and that after Sarah's death Solomon moved to Kansas, where he died in 1870. Sarah's tombstone has not been found in Illinois by the writers.

The descendants of Sarah and Solomon have stated that they were the parents of eight children, and although the names of only seven are known, Henry Jefferson Dixon stated he was the second child; therefore, the name of their first born is not known.

Although there are probably errors in the information furnished below on their children, what is known is listed here, and the information available on those children and their descendants is shown in the following pages, in the order listed.

1. **UNKNOWN CHILD** - probably died young.
2. **HENRY JEFFERSON DIXON** - born 1 October 1823.
3. **MINERVA DIXON** - born in 1824.
5. **JOHN M. DIXON** - born in 1829.
6. **MARY DIXON** - born about 1832. No further records.
7. **HIRAM DIXON** - born 9 June 1835.
8. **SUSAN JANE DIXON** - born in 1840.
HENRY JEFFERSON DIXON AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Henry Jefferson Dixon was born 1 October 1823 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the second child of Sarah Burger and Solomon Dixon.

When he was about eight years old, Henry moved to Illinois with his parents, where they settled in Greene County.

Henry married Margaret Allen in Greene County on 11 September 1848, by James Rives, Minister of the Gospel. Margaret was the daughter of Benjamin and Susan Taylor Allen, early settlers of Rockbridge Township in Greene County.

In the GREENE COUNTY DIRECTORY, published in 1879, Henry stated that he began blacksmithing at the age of 16 and worked at his trade, along with farming, until 1866, at which time he sold his business. He also stated that he was born in East Tennessee on 1 October 1823, and grew up amid pioneer associations, that he received his preliminary education in a log school house. After his marriage he turned his attention to wagon making and farming; purchased his first farm property in 1849 of 20 acres. Since that time he added to his possessions and owned 100 acres of valuable land.

Henry died in Greene County in 1907; is buried at Taylor Cemetery.

Children:

1. SARAH JANE DIXON- born 6 June 1849, she married Isaac Hardin; died on 23 April 1885.

2. JOHN H. DIXON - born in 1854; died 23 February 1858 at 4 years of age.

3. CLARK DIXON - born 1 February 1861, married Lillie Blair; died in 1900.

4. ALBERT DIXON- born 7 February 1864; died 2 February 1882.

5. BENJAMIN F. DIXON - born 26 December 1870, married first Sarah Wilson; married second Cora Seago.
Minerva was born in Tennessee, the third child of Sarah Burger and Solomon Dixon.

She married first Alexander Keele in Greene County, Illinois. Alexander was the son of Richard J. and Nancy L. McCullough Keele.

Minerva and Alexander were part of the Mormon exodus from Nauvoo, Illinois, to Salt Lake, Utah.

They were the parents of five children, before Alexander was killed by Indians in 1853.

Minerva married second Jeremiah Bingham, the son of Jeremiah and Mary Ives Bingham. Minerva was one of five wives of Jeremiah. They were the parents of six children.

Minerva died in Utah in 1912.

Minerva’s children:
1. N. W. KEELE - born in 1842, he married Amelia Zundell.
2. FRANCIS A. KEELE - born in 1843; died in 1873.
3. HENRY J. KEELE - born in 1846, he married Amelia Bielby; died in 1890.
4. WILLIAM D. KEELE - born in 1850, he married Eliza Boulton; died in 1931.
5. ALEXANDER KEELE, JR. - born in 1853, married Ida Alice Bielby; died in 1918.
7. SARAH M. BINGHAM - born in 1860, married Henry C. Knight.
8. MINERVA BINGHAM - born in 1863, married John Orwin Oyler.
9. CHARLES BINGHAM - born in 1865, married Virginia L. Manwill.
10. MARY L. BINGHAM - born in 1868; died as an infant.
11. ALONZO BINGHAM - born in 1869; died as an infant.
FRANCIS M. DIXON AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Francis was born in 1828 in East Tennessee, very probably McMinn County, the son of Sarah Burger and Solomon Dixon.

When he was about two years old, his parents moved from McMinn County to Greene County, Illinois, where he grew up.

Francis married Elizabeth Witt in Greene County on 9 April 1854. She was born in Illinois in 1839.

Evidently Francis and his family immigrated to Kansas with his father after the death of his mother. Francis died in Kansas and Elizabeth died there in 1895.

Information furnished by the family of this Dixon Family states that Francis and Elizabeth had three more children than is listed below; that they were buried at Valley City, Kansas; however their names are not known at this time.

Known children:
2. WILLIAM DIXON — born in 1858.
4. JOHN S. DIXON — born in 1869, married Emma Littler.
5. FRANCIS O. DIXON— born in 1872, married Eua Laues.
8. HERMAN DIXON — married Alice Vandergriff.
John was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, the son of Sarah Burger and Solomon Dixon.

He moved with his family to Greene County, Illinois, when he was but an infant, and grew up in Greene County.

John married Eliza Huff in Greene County, on 18 February 1849, with Eli Whitt, Minister of the Gospel. Eliza was born in 1831, the daughter of John and Nancy Hancock Huff.

John died in Greene County in 1865, Eliza in 1901.

Children:

1. W. JEFFERSON DIXON - married Belle Ballard.

2. ALMA DIXON - born in 1852, he married Anna Terpenning in 1873. Anna was the daughter of Jesse Terpenning. Children:
   a. CHARLOTTE DIXON
   b. ELIZA M. DIXON
   c. EDWARD DIXON

3. JAMES HARDIN DIXON - married Minerva M. Ashlock. Minerva was born on 18 December 1854, the daughter of James M. and Nancy Gough Ashlock; grand daughter of James and Edah Ashlock.

4. CALEB DIXON - married Julie Angeline Ashlock. Julia was born on 8 November 1861, and sister of Minerva who married his brother James.
HIRAM DIXON AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Hiram was born 9 June 1835 in Greene County, Illinois, the son of Sarah Burger and Solomon Dixon.

He married Nancy Stevens in Greene County on 7 September 1854, with James H. Vanolsdale, Justice of the Peace. Nancy was the daughter of Isiah Stevens, grand daughter of John Stevens, one of the early settlers of Greene County.

In THE HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY, published in 1886, Hiram stated that he was then the owner of 440 acres of land, 200 of which he himself cleared. At that time he was a member of the Board of Supervisors, and also on the Town Board of Rockbridge.

Both Hiram and Nancy are buried at Witt Cemetery, near Rockbridge, in Greene County. There is one large stone for both of them that reads: HIRAM DIXON, born June 9, 1835, died April 10, 1903; NANCY HIS WIFE, born April 4, 1840, died July 6, 1899.

Children of Hiram and Nancy:

1. HENRY J. DIXON - born 22 August 1855, he married Alice Whitlock, the daughter of Jerry M. and Sarah A. Portwood Whitlock; grand daughter of Colonel John C. Whitlock, and great grand daughter of General George Whitlock. Both Hiram and Alice are buried at Witt Cemetery in Greene County, with one large stone that reads: HENRY DIXON, August 22, 1855 - May 14, 1935; ALICE DIXON, February 8, 1861 - February 14, 1912.

2. SARAH V. DIXON - married Thomas Cannedy, the son of William H. and Mahala Allen Cannedy.

3. LUELLA DIXON - married James Archer.

4. ADARINE B. DIXON - born in 1865, she is buried at Witt Cemetery beside her parents with a large stone that reads: ADARINE B., Daughter of H. M. Dixon, died April 7, 1868, age 3 years, 22 days.

5. ADOLPHUS DIXON

6. LECOQ DIXON - born in 1868; died in 1886.

7. FLOY E. DIXON

Susan was born in 1840 in Greene County, Illinois, the youngest child of Sarah Burger and Solomon Dixon.

She married Wiley J. Moore. Wiley was born in 1835, the son of Langston and Sarah Melton Moore, who were among the first settlers in Rockbridge Township in Greene County.

Sarah died in Greene County in 1911; Wiley in 1912.

Known children:

1. **WESLEY MOORE**

2. **ELSIE MOORE** - she married Fred Saunders.

3. **CLYDE MOORE** - she married Elbert Maddy.
CHAPTER VI

SUSAN BURGER

From all the old documents and other information that have been carefully studied on the family of John George Burger and Susanna Symons, it became certain that they were the parents of three daughters, as well as the six sons. The names of two of the daughters are known, Sarah and Lydia, but the name of the third daughter is from circumstantial evidence, but there is reason to believe she was named for her mother.

The records on the Burger Cemetery in the files at the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville state that there were three daughters, but the names of only two were given.

All the statistics given here on her birth, marriage date, her children, and her death date, have been determined by piecing together those documents that have been located and the various census records.

Susan was born about 1803 and married James Derrick about 1823, when she was about twenty years old. Their first child was born in 1824.

On 29 January 1827, when her father's land was sold, James Derrick signed the deed in McMinn County, Tennessee, on behalf of Susan, proving that he was her husband.

James Derrick was not on the first McMinn County tax list, which was taken in 1829. The next record of this family after the deed of 1827 is the 1830 census record of Greene County, Illinois. That census listed one male age 20-30 (James), one male age 5-10 (son John), and two females under five years of age (two daughters, one Susan and the other's name unknown.)

The above records show that James and Susan moved from McMinn County, Tennessee, to Greene County, Illinois, sometime after 1827 and before 1830; that Susan died before the 1830 census was taken, very probably when the youngest child was born in 1830.

It was logical that James and Susan move to Illinois. Her sister and her brother-in-law, Sarah and Solomon Dixon, moved to Illinois about this same time, and two of her brothers, Henry and Hugh, moved to the same area a few years later.

In 1832 James married again to Rebecca Herd, a widow from McMinn County, Tennessee. They moved from Illinois to Polk County, Missouri, about 1835, and were in the 1840 census records there, all except one daughter of Susan and James, who evidently did not survive long after the 1830 census.
By the time of the 1850 census, James and his family were listed in Greene County, Missouri. He settled there near Elkland. His and Susan’s son John was married at that time and he and family were listed living with them.

James died in 1866 in Greene County, Missouri. A final distribution of his estate was made on 18 January 1872, by James Herd, his step-son and the administrator of his estate. The heirs included John Derrick of California and Susan Owens of Illinois.

The children of Susan Burger and James Derrick:

1. **JOHN DERRICK** - born in 1824.
2. **DAUGHTER** - born about 1826; died before 1830.
3. **SUSAN DERRICK** - born in 1830.

The information that is available on John and Susan is listed on the following pages. Further information on this family would be most welcome.

Much of the information on Susan Burger and her husband James Derrick and their children was furnished by Mr. Eugene Peterson of Vacaville, California.
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SECTION 1

JOHN DERRICK AND HIS DESCENDANTS

John was born in 1824 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the oldest child of Susan Burger and James Derrick.

He moved with his parents from McMinn County to Greene County, Illinois sometime between 1827 and 1830; was with his father in the 1830 census records of Greene County.

Between the 1830 census and the 1840 census, this family moved to Greene County, Missouri; they were in the 1840 census records there.

About 1844 John married Rebecca ______ in Greene County, Missouri. He was in the 1850 census records there, with his wife and three children, living in the household with his father.

Sometime after the 1850 census was taken, John moved from Missouri to Placer County, California. He was in the 1870 census records there, listed as age 45, with six children at home. Evidently Rebecca had died by then.

When his father’s estate was settled in Missouri in 1872, John was shown as living in California.

The date of his death is unknown.

His children, from census records only; year of birth estimated from those records:

1. GEORGE W. DERRICK - born in Missouri in 1846.
2. JOSEPH H. DERRICK - born in Missouri in 1848.
3. NANCY DERRICK - born in Missouri in 1850.
4. JAMES DERRICK - born in Missouri in 1852.
5. SARAH E. DERRICK - born in Missouri in 1854.
6. WILLIAM DERRICK - born in Missouri in 1855.
7. MARTHA P. DERRICK - born in California in 1862.
Susan was born in 1830 in Greene County, Illinois, the youngest child of Susan Burger and James Derrick.

She moved from Illinois to Missouri with her family, and married Andrew Owens. They were in the 1860 census records of Greene County, Missouri, she shown as age 30, born in Illinois; Andrew as age 34 also born in Illinois. They had five children at home at that time.

Sometime after the above census was taken, they moved back to Illinois. In settlement of her father’s estate in 1872 in Missouri, Susan Owens was listed as living in Illinois.

Her children are taken from the 1860 census records only; is by no means complete, and the years of birth are estimated:

1. **James Owens** - born in Missouri in 1848.
2. **Mary Owens** - born in Missouri in 1850.
3. **Sarah Owens** - born in Missouri in 1852.
4. **Martha Owens** - born in Missouri in 1854.
5. **Catherine Owens** - born in Missouri in 1856.
Adam was born in 1805 in East Tennessee, the son of John George Burger and Susanna Symons. In all census records, Adam stated he was born in Tennessee. The year of birth for Adam has been reached by studying all the census records and the years of birth for his brothers and sisters, and it is believed the year 1805 is correct.

Adam was on the early Tax Lists for McMinn County, beginning in 1832, paying tax on 160 acres and one white pole. He was in Captain Derrick’s Company, as was his older brother, George Burger. It is believed that Adam was paying tax on the 160 acres of land deeded to him by his mother in 1833. Perhaps he agreed to pay the tax with the understanding he was going to purchase the land the next year from his mother. The following documents from McMinn County set forth this transaction:

"McMinn County, Tennessee, Grant Book B, Page 190: N. 767. Jeremiah Pack this day enters as Occupant Enteree the South West corner of Section 7th of Township 4th Range 2nd East of the Meridian in the County of McMinn, Hiawassee District, beginning on the South West Corner of said quarter. 2nd Decr 1826. 160 acres. Signed: Jera Pack.

"I do assign the within certife copy to Susanna Burger, January 19th 1831. I assign over all my rights title interest and claim to Susanna Burger for value received the 1 Day of February 1832. Signed: Jeremiah Pack.

"I do assign the within land to Adam Burger for value received of him as witness my hand and seal this 15 day of April 1833. Signed: Susanna Burger. Attest: Jeremiah Pack.

"For value received I do hereby assign to A. Haynes and Co all my rights title claim and interest to the within named land. Witness my hand and seal on this 6th Jany 1836. Signed: Adam Burger."

As seen from the above, Adam sold this land in 1836. This old Grant Book has obviously been copied many years ago; all entries for this parcel of land are on one page.

Adam married Mary Hawkins on 24 September 1837 at Athens in McMinn County, Tennessee. Mary was born in 1805 in Tennessee, the daughter of Joseph Hawkins.

Adam and Mary were not in the 1840 census records for McMinn County; they were in Monroe County at that time. By the time of the 1850 census, Adam and Mary were in Polk County, Tennessee, where they remained for the rest of their lives. They were also in Polk County in the 1850 census records; in 1860 they were in
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Benton District; in 1870 with Post Office at Hiawassee; and in 1880 at Ducktown.

The Burger Cemetery records on file at the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville state that of the children of John and Susanna Burger, Adam and Abe went to North Carolina. This statement is true; Polk County joins the State of North Carolina, Cherokee County, and although Adam’s place of residence was in Polk County, Tennessee, he owned land in Cherokee County, North Carolina.

In 1854 Adam entered 100 acres of land in Cherokee County, under the Pre-emption Act of 1851. This Pre-emption Act stated that individuals living on or cultivating the land could purchase this land before others for a nominal fee. This transaction is evidenced by the following:

"State of North Carolina, NO. 2026. Know ye that we for and in consideration of the sum of $5.00, paid to the Agent of the State by Adam Burgar, have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto Adam Burgar a preemption containing one hundred acres of land, lying and being in the County of Cherokee, on certificate No. 220, in district No. 4, it being part of the land lately acquired by treaty from the Cherokee Indians and sold in obedience to an act of the General Assembly of this State, Chapter 25, Section 7, bearing date of 28th day of Janr, 1851. On the waters of Potato Creek, including his improvement. Beginning on a spanish oak on the North Carolina and Tennessee line and runs east one hundred and seventy nine poles to a black oak; then north eighty nine and a half poles to a post oak; then west one hundred and seventy nine poles passing the north east corner of tract No. 216 at nineteen poles to a dead black oak in the State line, the south west corner of tract No. 216; then south with the state line eighty nine and half poles to the -------- by the plat hereunto annexed doth appear together with all woods, waters, mines, minerals, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said land belonging or appertaining to hold to the said Adam Burgar, his heirs and assigns forever yielding and paying to us such sums of money, yearly or otherwise as our General Assembly from time to time may direct, provided always that the said grantee shall cause this grant to be registered in the Registrer’s office of our said county of Cherokee within twelve months from the date hereof otherwise the same shall be void. In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent and our great seal to be hereunto affixed; Witness, Warren Winslow, Speaker of the Senate exofficio; our Governor, Captain General and Commander in Chief at Raleigh the 20th day of December, in the 79th year of our Independence and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

By Command, Warren Winslow.

Wm. Hill, Secretary of state.
The foregoing deed came to hand and was registered in book "G", page 354. Janr. the 25th 1855. B. S. Brittain."

The date of death is not known for either Adam or Mary. However, from the census records it is known that Mary died between 1870 and 1880; she was in the 1870 census; not in the 1880 records. In all the census records the only child of Adam and Mary, Joseph, and his family, were living with them. Joseph died in 1878 and the 1880 census lists Adam, his daughter-in-law Nancy, and six of Adam's grandchildren.

After Mary and their son, Joseph, died, Nancy and her children lived with Adam until his death. Before he died, Adam deeded the above 100 acres of land to Nancy:

"Cherokee County, North Carolina. 3 February 1882, Adam Burger deeded to Nancy Burger, both of Polk County, Tennessee, for $20.00 land in Cherokee County, North Carolina, known as the A. Burger hundred entry, number 2026."

Adam was 75 years old in the 1880 census. He died sometime after 1882, the year he deeded land to Nancy; that is the last record that could be found pertaining to Adam.

During his life, he was a well-to-do land owner and farmer, and some of his descendants are still living on his original land.

Adam and Mary were the parents of only one child:

1. JOSEPH BURGER - born 4 January 1839.

The following pages contain information of Joseph and his descendants.
| Enrollment: | June 25 |
| Where: | Athens |
| Period: | 12 months |
| Traveling: | To place of rendezvous: miles. |
| | From place of discharge home: miles. |
| Subsistence and forage furnished by themselves: |
| Subsistence: | No. days. |
| Forage: | No. days. |
| Due U.S. for arms, equipments, etc., $100 |
| Remarks: | |

**From Second Auditor's Roll:**

The only roll on file for this organization.
Certificate, signed by Inspector and Mustering Officer, states that this company was mustered and minutely inspected July 9, 1866.

**Book mark:**

General Notation, R&P 452313

Adam Burger, Cherokee War Record
JOSEPH BURGER

Joseph was born 4 January 1839 in Monroe County, Tennessee, the only child of Adam Burger and Mary Hawkins. He was the grandson of John Burger and Susanna Symons.

He married Nancy Walker on 10 September 1854. Nancy was born 21 November 1834, the daughter of Buckner Walker and Salethia Freeland.

Joseph and Nancy lived with his parents on their farm; they were enumerated with them in every census record beginning in 1860.

Joseph was in the Civil War; served in the Confederate States of America. One of his descendants, Grayson Newman, had a Civil War marker placed at his grave at Bethlehem Cemetery near Isabella, Tennessee.

Joseph died on 29 October 1878 in Polk County. On 3 April 1882, Nancy was appointed administrator of his estate, in Polk County.

On 2 September 1882, Nancy applied for homestead as shown by the following document:

"Cherokee County, North Carolina, 2 September 1882, Nancy Burger, Widow of Joseph Burger, deceased, requests homestead for herself and children Liddam, Mandy, Susan, and Joseph W."

These four children listed were their youngest; all the older ones were of age by 1882.

As stated earlier in this book, Adam deeded land to Nancy after Mary and Joseph died. This deed was for a token of $20.00 for 100 acres, and was the 100 acres that Adam had entered in 1854. Nancy and her children continued to live with Adam after Adam lost his wife and Nancy her husband. They took care of Adam until his death, and in return he deeded her his land.

In 1910, at the time of the census, Nancy was living with her youngest son, Joseph Whitfield Burger, listed as age 75. She died 14 February 1916, and would have been 82 years old the following November. Surely she is buried beside Joseph at the Bethlehem Cemetery.

Information on the birth dates of Joseph and Nancy, their marriage date, and the birth dates of all their children has been taken from their family Bible, and furnished by one of their descendants, Grayson Newman of Ducktown, Tennessee. Also much
other information on this family and their descendants, as well as Adam and Mary, was furnished by Grayson Newman, and grateful appreciation is expressed.

Children of Joseph and Nancy.

1. **MARY SALETHIA BURGER** - born 22 October 1856, she married John Elsberry Harris. John was born in 1852; died in 1925. Mary died 18 July 1930.

2. **SARAH JANE BURGER** - born 21 February 1858, she married John Coleman.

3. **ANANIAS BURGER** - born 24 November 1859; died in 1872.


5. **LOUISE EMALINE BURGER** - born 23 October 1863, she married Gemes Prince.


7. **AMANDA BURGER** - born 16 September 1870, she married William Thomas Worley; died 21 March 1954. William was born in 1865; died in 1954.

8. **SUSAN BURGER** - born 20 April 1872, she married Bill Mitchell; died on 28 March 1955.


The family Bible record and some marriage records and death dates comprise all the information available on some of these children; however, later records and some descendants were located for Sarah Jane, Alfred, Lydia Ann, and Joseph Whitfield.

The information available on these four children of Joseph and Nancy is shown on the following pages.
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JOSEPH BURGER
SARAH JANE BURGER

Sarah Jane was born 21 November 1858, the daughter of Joseph Burger and Nancy Walker.

She married Johnson S. Coleman. Information on this family is from the 1910 census records only. At that time they were living in Polk County, Tennessee, with four children at home. However, the census stated that she was the mother of nine children; eight living.

Children, from the 1910 census records only; not complete:
1. MILLARD COLEMAN - born ca 1894.
2. WILBER COLEMAN - born ca 1896.
3. LAWRENCE COLEMAN - born ca 1898 - TWIN.
4. FLORENCE COLEMAN - born ca 1898 - TWIN.
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ALFRED F. BURGER

Alfred was born 18 March 1861 in Polk County, Tennessee, the son of Joseph Burger and Nancy Walker. His birthdate is taken from the family Bible.

Alfred married Candice L. Coleman. Candice was born on 1 May 1859.

This family was located in the 1900 and the 1910 census records for Polk County; both records show them living in the Eighth District. In 1910 they were next door to Joseph Whitfield Burger, Alfred's brother. Alfred was listed as a farmer in 1900, as a teamster in 1910.

Candice died in 1926. Alfred died on 26 July 1931. He is buried at the Bethlehem Cemetery near Isabella, in Polk County, Tennessee.

The birth dates, marriage dates and death dates of the children of Alfred and Candice were furnished by Guy Burger, son of Robert Lee Burger, Sr., and grandson of Alfred and Candice, and grateful acknowledgement is made to him.

Children:

1. JOSEPH E. BURGER - born 9 July 1883, he married Myrtle Martin on 14 March 1906 in Polk County, with Ben Burger as bondsman. This family was in the 1910 census and at that time Joseph was listed as clerk in drug store. That census also listed two children, as shown below, but of course this list of their children is incomplete:
   a. FRED BURGER - born in 1907.
   b. ELMAR BURGER - born in 1909.

2. ARMENDA BURGER - born 15 November 1885; died 7 May 1902. No further records.

3. BENJAMIN BURGER - born 24 February 1887, he married Vesta Hayseed on 29 December 1906 in Polk County, with T. H. Burger as bondsman. Vesta was born in 1888; died in 1958. Benjamin died in 1953. In the 1910 census, Benjamin was shown as deliveryman for company store. The only child known was taken from this census:
   WILLARD BURGER - born in 1909.
4. **ARMANDA BURGER**—born 6 December 1888, she married Erastus A. Barnes on 20 October 1923 in Polk County by Elder W. S. Kirsey. No further records.

5. **THOMAS H. BURGER**—born 23 September 1890, he married America Henson on 3 December 1919 in Polk County, by A. R. Arp with W. A. Burger as bondsman. Thomas died 24 December 1960. The only known child:

   **THOMAS GERALD BURGER**—from Death Notices located in the library at Murphy, North Carolina: "Thomas Gerald Burger, 11 May 1927, son of America Henson and Thomas Burger."

6. **LUCIUS E. BURGER**—born 1 September 1893, he married Mary Hill on 25 December 1922 in Polk County by Elder W. S. Kirsey, with R. L. Burger as bondsman. Both are buried at Liberty Cemetery, Cherokee County, North Carolina: **LUCIUS E. BURGER**, September 1, 1893 – December 30, 1959; **TENNESSEE, PRIVATE 156 DEPOT BRIGADE, WWI**; **MARY PEARL BURGER**, August 30, 1907. Death date not shown on her stone. No records of their children.


8. **ROBERT LEE BURGER**—born 9 January 1898, he married Ethel Glee Hill on 30 May 1920 in Polk County, by G. W. Passmore. Glee was born 24 October 1901 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the daughter of William Foley Hill and Augustus Burnett both born in North Carolina. Robert died 4 October 1970 at Isabella, Tennessee. Glee was still living in 1987 when these records were copied. Information on the birth dates of the children of Robert and Glee was taken from their family Bible now in the possession of their son, Parks Kenneth Burger, and appreciation is expressed to him for allowing this Bible to be copied.

    a. **GUY BURGER**—born 24 February 1921, he married Marie Spencer on 28 November 1947 at Highland Baptist Church in Knoxville, with Marie’s brother, The Reverend J. Edward Spencer. Marie is the daughter of Horace David Spencer and Etha Iona Warwick. Information on this family was furnished by Guy. He is a graduate of University of Tennessee with a degree in Business Administration; served in the U. S. Air Force from July 1942 to December 1945. He is also a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, with a Masters Degree in Religious Education. He has served as Minister of Education at numerous Baptist Churches in Lexington; taught schools in Tennessee and in Kentucky. At this time they are both serving as a team as Sunday school Directors. Children:
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1) MARTHA GLEE BURGER - born 7 June 1950, she married Dewey Bailes, and they have two children. Martha married second Jim Derbyshire.

a) TRACY MARIE BAILES.

b) MELODY LEA BAILES.

2) KENNETH GUY BURGER - born 27 May 1952, he married Debbie Vickie Payne; they have one child:

KIMBERLEE KENNETHA BURGER

3) CHARLES WAYNE BURGER - born 6 June 1959, he received his medical degree from Bowmay Gray Medical School in Winston Salem, North Carolina. His residency was at Vanderbilt in Nashville. In 1988 he finished his residency, and has a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, specializing in pulmonary diseases.

b. ROBERT LEE BURGER, JR. - born 15 March 1922.

c. WINSTON C. BURGER - born 21 August 1923.

d. CORZELLE BURGER - born 7 October 1925.

e. HAZEL BURGER - born 17 October 1927.

f. MARJORIE BURGER - born 22 July 1929.

g. RUTH BURGER - born 26 July 1931.

h. PARKS KENNETH BURGER - born 3 May 1934.

i. CAROLINE BURGER - born 3 May 1943.

j. GWENDOLYN BURGER - born 6 February 1945.
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LYDIA ANN BURGER

Lydia Ann was born 9 January 1868 in Polk County, Tennessee, the daughter of Joseph Burger and Nancy Walker, grand daughter of Adam Burger and Mary Hawkins. She was great grand daughter of John Burger and Susanna Symons.

She married William Jerry Pack. William was born 30 November 1855, the son of Stokley Whitley Pack and Elizabeth Jane Coleman; grandson of Jeremiah Pack and Mary Gregory.

A note of interest here is that Lydia Burger, born in 1813, and sister of Adam Burger and daughter of John Burger, and for whom Lydia Ann was named, married Timothy Pack, the son of Jeremiah, and Stokley’s brother.

There were problems straightening out the records for these two families, since both lived in or near Cherokee County, North Carolina. This was accomplished with the help of Grayson Newman of Ducktown, Tennessee, a descendant of Lydia Ann and William. Grayson is the family genealogist and the tremendous amount of information he has furnished on this family and others from the same area has been a great help and is deeply appreciated.

In the latter 1800’s Lydia Ann and William Jerry lived at Shoal Creek in Cherokee County, near many other members of this family.


Children of this couple:

1. AMERICA ELEANOR PACK - born 18 June 1887; died 3 September 1957. She never married, is buried at Liberty Cemetery next to her mother and father.

2. ALBERT PACK - born 25 January 1889, he served as a PFC in the Army during World War I. He married Lucille Torrence on 4 July 1923 in Polk County, Tennessee, by Elder W. S. Simonds. He is buried at Liberty Cemetery: ALBERT (BERT) PACK, January 25, 1889 - June 20, 1947, WWI PFC US ARMY.

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5. EMMA ORAHLEE PACK - born 1 October 1896, the fifth child of Lydia Ann Burger and William Jerry Pack. She married Oscar Napoleon Newman. Oscar was born 4 October 1887, the son of John Martin Newman and Elizabeth Caldonia Johnson. Oscar died 25 April 1955; Emma Orahlee on 7 January 1981. Both Orahlee and Oscar are buried at Hopewell, North Carolina. They were the parents of nine children. Their four surviving sons, Ramah Grayson, John Verlon, William Herman, and Poley Edsel, all served at the same time in the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II, and all came home safely. Children:

   a. ROBERT LEE NEWMAN - born 23 April 1917; died at age 6.

   b. RAMAH GRAYSON NEWMAN - born 23 July 1919, he served two years aboard the US Battleship WYOMING in pre-war days, 1939 - 1940, as a Marine on Midshipman Training Cruises to France, England and Denmark, training Midshipmen from the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. During World War II he served in the 4th Marine Division as Division Personnel Sergeant Major. Grayson retired after the war from a war-incurred disability. He married first Delores A. Panter on 7 July 1948; married second Kathryn Westmoreland on 8 June 1950. Grayson is the family genealogist. He has no children.

   c. JOHN VERLON NEWMAN - born 27 December 1921, he married Barbara Ann Pickens on 2 December 1951. Barbara is the daughter of Robert Pickens and Clara Halliburton. John is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Ducktown Bank, and former member and later Chairman of the Polk County, Tennessee Quarterly Court. John and Barbara own and operate the Piggly Wiggly Food Stores in Ducktown, Tennessee, and Murphy, North Carolina. Children:

      1) FRANK BARRY NEWMAN.

      2) ROBERT NEWMAN - married Rachel McGill. Children:


         b) ROBERT MARK NEWMAN - born 29 April 1978.

      3) CHERYL ANN NEWMAN - married Travis Eugene Luttrell.

   d. MARY LOIS NEWMAN - born 30 December 1923, she married William Howard Kaylor. Howard was born in 1919, is a former representative and member of the Georgia Legislature from Fannin County. They are the parents of four children:
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1) CAROLYN KAYLOR - married James Howard Crawford.

Children:
   a) LENNIE CRAWFORD - married Bob Crisp.
   b) JASON CRAWFORD.

2) PATRICIA ANN KAYLOR - married first Frank Dale. After Frank's death, she married second Joseph Adcock. Her children:
   a) SCOTTY DALE.
   b) FRANK W. DALE.

3) JANIS KAYLOR - married Frank Swanson. Children:
   a) KELLY SWANSON.
   b) KASEY SWANSON.

4) HOWARD KAYLOR, JR.

e. WILLIAM HERMAN NEWMAN - born 27 December 1926, he married Wanda Presswood, the daughter of Charley Presswood and Maude Lee Arp. William is a graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Law at Knoxville; was Mayor of Ducktown from 1958 to 1980. At present he is self-employed in Florida. Wanda and William have one child:

1) EDSEL NEWMAN

f. MILDRED LORRAINE NEWMAN - born 2 January 1919, she married first James Stewart of Fannin County, Georgia. They were the parents of two children. Mildred married second Duncan Davis; they were the parents of two children. Mildred's children:

1) RONNIE STEWART.

2) ALICE STEWART - married William Taylor, Jr.

3) ALICIA DAVIS.

4) VICKIE DAVIS.

g. POLEY EDSEL NEWMAN - born 27 August 1933; died 4 August 1957. TWIN.

h. LLOYD EDWARD NEWMAN - born and died 27 August 1933. TWIN.
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i. LYDIA ANN NEWMAN - born 7 September 1931, she married Bobby Howard Kilpatrick. Bobby was born 16 July 1927, the son of William Fred Kilpatrick and Lillie Talitha Crawford. His ancestor was Hugh Kilpatrick, the Revolutionary War Soldier and his wife Martha McClure. They have two children:

1) MARIAN JEANNINE KILPATRICK - born 14 February 1953, she married Eddie Annanias Payne. Two children:
   a) ZACHARY RYAN PAYNE.
   b) NICHOLAS AARON PAYNE.

2) DEBRA ANN KILPATRICK - born 8 January 1957, she married Stephen Thomas; one child:  

   JESSICA BROOKE THOMAS.

6. MARY PACK - born 21 July 1898.

7. CLAUDIA PACK - born 28 May 1904, she married Fred Wyatt. They have one child:

   FRED JEROME WYATT - born in 1924, he married Robbie Martin. Children:

   1) STEVEN JEROME WYATT.
   2) DAVID MARTIN WYATT.

8. MYRTLE PACK - born 5 March 1900, she married Albert Jefferson Rogers. She died 15 March 1980. Albert was born 6 July 1897; died 30 September 1934. One Child:

   ALBERT JEFFERSON ROGERS, JR. - married Helen Bean. They have twins, a son and daughter, and another daughter and son:

   1) RUSSELL ROGERS - TWIN.
   2) REATHER ROGERS - TWIN.
   3) RANDY ROGERS - married Barbara Ann Galloway.
   4) JANET ROGERS.
OSCAR NAPOLEON AND ORAHLEE PACK NEWMAN
With their children, John Verlon, Poley Edsel, William Herman,
Lydia Ann, Remah Grayson, Mary Lois, and Mildred Lorraine
Picture courtesy Grayson Newman, Ducktown, Tennessee
Joseph Whitfield was born 13 October 1874, in Polk County, Tennessee, the son of Joseph Burger and Nancy Walker, grandson of Adam Burger and Mary Hawkins.

His birth date was taken from the family Bible, now in the hands of one of the descendants. He was the youngest child of Joseph and Nancy.

He married Emma Ellen Bell, although the date has not been determined. Emma was born in 1874.

The children of this family have been taken from the 1900 and the 1910 census records only; may not be complete. In the 1900 census, they were living in the Eighth District of Polk County, next door to Joseph’s brother, Alfred.

In the 1910 census, Joseph’s mother, Nancy, was listed as living with them, shown as age 75.

Children:

1. J. CLIFFORD BURGER - born October 1893, married Edith Sasebee on 22 October 1925 in Polk County.
2. MAY BURGER - born in August 1895.
3. ADDIE BURGER - born in December 1897.
4. MYRTLE BURGER - born in March 1900.
5. MAUD E. BURGER - born in 1905.
CHAPTER VIII

HENRY BURGER

Henry was born in 1808 in East Tennessee, the sixth child of John George Burger and Susanna Symons. He grew up in McMinn County, Tennessee.

Henry married Rachel __________. Although record of this marriage has not been found and therefore her last name has not been determined, it is known that she was born 6 September 1818 in Tennessee; this information taken from the census records and her tombstone.

It is estimated that Henry and Rachel married the latter part of 1830. To justify this statement, several facts can be proven. First, Henry was not listed in the 1830 census of McMinn County as head of household. He was instead one of the males listed in the household of his mother, Susanna Burger, his father having died prior to 1830. In the earliest available tax lists for McMinn County, which records begin in 1829, Henry was not listed until 1832, at which time he was shown as one white pole; no land. Also, the first child of Henry and Rachel was born in December 1831.

Henry and Rachel were in the census records of McMinn County, the first time in 1840 and again in 1850 and 1860. In the 1850 census records with them were their children John, Charity, Nancy, Eli, Matilda, James and Joshua. By the time of the 1860 census John and Charity were evidently married, and the children listed at home were Nancy, Eli, Matilda, James, Joshua and Mary, who was born after 1850.

Sometime in the 1860's, Henry and Rachel and some of their children moved to Illinois and settled in Rockbridge Township in Greene County. Descendants of this Burger family in Illinois state that the story handed down in their family is that Henry and Rachel moved away from East Tennessee in 1863 because of the conflict created by the Civil War. It is known that many in the Northeast Section of Tennessee were opposed to slavery and states separating from the Union, and a good number of the men volunteered for service in the Union Army as well as for the Confederacy. The Civil War was during the years 1861 - 1865, and it has been stated that it was because of these conditions, and their desire to escape them, that this family moved. Henry's sister, Sarah and her husband Solomon Dixon, had moved to Illinois some years earlier, and although Sarah had died, Solomon and their children were there. Henry's brother Hugh Burger also moved to Illinois, although the time frame of his move is not known. Another sister of Henry's had died and her husband and her two children moved to Illinois the latter part of 1829.
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Grateful appreciation is due to the descendants of Henry and Rachel, who are now living in Illinois, for the information furnished by them on this family, as well as that on Henry’s sister, Sarah Burger Dixon, and brother, Hugh Burger. The records on these three children of John Burger and Susanna Symons were lost to the writers of this book until a chance remark by one of Henry’s descendants of Springfield, Illinois, to the writer’s son who was living near Springfield, led to records there in Illinois. The records listed here are still far from complete, and any new information from any of their descendants would be welcome.

Records are missing for some of the children of Henry and Rachel, which numbered ten. When the family moved to Illinois the older children evidently had already married and had homes of their own. The oldest child, John, has been found; he settled in Monroe County, Tennessee. No records other than the birth dates are available for Charity, Elizabeth, and Nancy. The only record for Matilda is that she married John Elliott. The children moving to Illinois with their parent were Eli, James Polk, and Mary. Joshua, although only seventeen at the time, was serving in the Union Army; at the close of the war he joined the family in Illinois. The birth dates of the children as shown below were furnished by a descendant. Information that is known at this time for John, Eli, James Polk, and Joshua, is shown on the following pages.

1. **JOHN BURGER** - born 5 December 1831.
2. **CHARITY BURGER** - born 4 March 1834.
4. **NANCY BURGER** - born 8 March 1838.
5. **ELI BURGER** - born 4 May 1840.
7. **JAMES POLK BURGER** - born 3 October 1844.
9. **MARY BURGER** - born 15 December 1850, died 26 July 1871, never married; buried next to her mother and father at Witt Cemetery.
10. **CORNELIA BURGER** - born 23 December 1854; died in infancy.
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SECTION 1

JOHN BURGER

John was born 5 December 1831 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the son of Henry and Rachel Burger. This birth date was taken from information furnished by one of the descendants of Henry and Rachel, from John's Civil War record, and from his tombstone. That tombstone lists him as a minister.

John married first Mary A. This marriage record has not been found in any of the marriage records for several East Tennessee counties; however, it is known that they married in the early 1850's. John was listed in the 1850 census with his parents; in the 1860 census records for Monroe County shown as age 28, Mary as age 34, with two children, Mary age 5 and John L. age 2 months. Since their oldest child was born about 1855, they married about 1853 - 1854.

John enlisted in the Civil War at Athens on 23 November 1861, as a private in Company A, 59th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States of America. He was taken prisoner at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on 4 July 1863, and paroled 9 July 1863 at Vicksburg. He applied for pension on 22 February 1909. It is of interest here that his youngest brother, Joshua, served in this war for the Union Forces.

John served as School Director of the Eighth Civil District, Mt. Vernon, Monroe County, for the years 1870 - 1878 and again in 1896.

The 1870 census for Monroe County lists John and Mary with children Mary, John, and another child, Annie, shown as age 2.

The 1880 census lists John as age 48, Mary as age 55, and a daughter, Rachel, as age 25. This record is very confusing -- is this Rachel the same one as Mary listed in earlier census records?

John's wife, Mary, evidently died sometime after the 1880 census was taken, and John married again - about 1889. The 1900 census lists John and his wife, Emeline; shows him born in December 1831, she in April 1840. The 1910 census shows him married twice, she once, married for ten years.

John died in 1911 and is buried at Elazer Methodist Church Cemetery in Monroe County: REV JOHN BURGER, December 5, 1831 - April 1, 1911. It is not known when Emeline died or where either she or Mary are buried.

Records on John's children are very sketchy and the names are taken from the census records only. No further records are
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available on them except for the census records and some cemetery records for John L., and that information is shown below:

1. MARY (RACHEL?) BURGER - born ca 1855.


These tombstone inscriptions were taken from THE PELLISSIPPIAN, Volume 8, Number 1, Page 15. They were definitely copied wrong: John L. was born 27 May 1860; Tabitha 18 July 1861. The following record of their children has been taken from census records and some cemetery records only; is not complete:

a. MATILDA BURGER - born September 1884.

b. JOSEPH BURGER - born July 1886.

c. FARLEY C. BURGER - born in November 1888, he married Rossie Erwin on 23 April 1911 in Monroe County. Both are buried at Haven Hill Cemetery in Monroe County: FARLEY C. BURGER, 1888 - 1971; ROSSIE E. BURGER, 1887 - (date blank) "Together Forever."

d. OLIVIA BURGER - born January 1893.

e. ROBERT LEE BURGER - born November 1894.

f. JOHN A. BURGER - born April 1897, he married Elsie Gay, 23 December 1917 in Monroe County.

g. CARL HOMER BURGER - born April 1899.

h. MURAY BURGER - born in 1901.

3. ANNIE BURGER - born ca 1868.
Eli was born 4 May 1840 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the son of Henry and Rachel Burger.

He married Lettie Daugherty on 8 October 1865 in McMinn County, with Elihu Kelly, Justice of the Peace. Lettie was the daughter of Charles and Celia Daugherty. She was listed with the family in the census records.

Sometime after their wedding, Eli and Lettie moved with Eli’s parents to Illinois, settling near Rockbridge Township in Greene County.

Eli and Lettie spent a number of years in Illinois, before moving to Kansas. They never returned to either East Tennessee or Illinois.

Eli and Lettie have three children buried at Witt Cemetery, Rockridge Township, all three having died in infancy. Research on Eli and Lettie in Kansas has not been accomplished, and of their children, the names of only these three are known. Perhaps more information on this family may be obtained later.

1. TEXANNA BURGER - buried at Witt Cemetery. Marker reads: TEXANNA, daughter of Eli and Lettie Burger; died December 23, 1876, aged 2 years, 2 months, 2 days.


3. DELLA MAE BURGER - buried at Witt Cemetery: DELLA MAE, daughter of Eli and Lettie Burger, born March 7, 1881, died December 6, 1882.

From the above cemetery records, it is known that Eli and Lettie were still in Illinois through the year 1882.
JAMES POLK BURGER

James Polk Burger was born 3 October 1844 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the seventh child of Henry and Rachel Burger. He moved with his family from East Tennessee to Illinois in the 1860's, where they settled near Rockbridge Township in Greene County.

On 30 November 1876, he married Martha Jane Whitlock in Greene County. Martha Jane was born 3 July 1857, the daughter of Jerry M. Whitlock and Sara Jane Portwood; grand daughter of John Whitlock, and great grand daughter of George Whitlock. They were married at the home of the bride’s parents about four miles southwest of Rockbridge.

James and Martha spent most of their married life on or near the farm of Martha’s parents, and it was here that their family was born and raised.

They were the parents of six children. James died in 1916; Martha on 3 February 1937. Both are buried at Witt Cemetery near Rockbridge, near James’ parents. One daughter, Nancy, is buried near them. Their markers read: BURGER MONUMENT: JAMES P. BURGER 1844 - 1916; MARTHA J. BURGER, HIS WIFE, 1857 - 1937.

Children:

1. HARRY BURGER - born 22 March 1878, he married Ethel Statts on 20 July 1904. Evidently Harry was away at school in Bushnell, Illinois in 1901. Descendants have a letter from him to his sister, which is quoted here:

"Bushnell, Ill, April 27th, 1901. Miss Neva Burger, Rockbridge, Ill. Dear Sister - I will now endeavor to answer your letter, I am well and prospering. To-morrow there is going to be a S.S. convention held here I am going to attend to-morrow night. The B.Y.P.U. gave a social Thursday eve refreshments were served, everybody had a splendid time. Enclosed you will find two small pictures, give one to Jessie Bauer, and the other one to Anner Whitlock, and you can have the large one I will send. A Mr. Stevenson that was proprietor of a livery stable commited suicide by shooting himself, dullness of business was thought to have been the cause. I am taking Type-Writing and getting along fine with it. I am thinking something about taking a course of music lessons on the organ, as soon as time will permit. Tell Charley that I want one of those pictures and if he don’t write soon the dickens will be to pay when I come down. Tom is talking about coming out, and if he does I won’t go to Kans. until about Xmas. but if he does not come I may not be home during vacation period but will go out to see him, as I can get..."
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very cheap rates at that period. Tell Thos. F. Tucker, that they are going to have a very fine review term this summer here and that he had better come up and take a course and the Prof. will give him almost anything he desires to take and is very accommodating. Enclosed you will find a Money Order which I was to send. Tell Uncle Henry that I will settle with him for that paper when I come down. I was down to-day to see about those large pictures and the Photographer said he would have them done this week. Our school is talking about going down to Spoon River soon a picnicing and a big time is expected. We have had a few fires of late but no serious damage was done. Saloons are going to start up the second Tues. in May, they got license by 93 majority this year the first they have had for two years. With best wishes, I remain, Your brother, Harry Burger."

Harry had relatives in Kansas; his aunt’s family had moved there many years earlier and his Uncle Eli and his family had also moved to Kansas. Harry died 23 June 1957. Children:

a. ESTELLE BURGER.
b. MABLE BURGER.
c. HERSCHEL BURGER.
d. MARY BURGER.
e. HARRY BURGER, JR.

2. NANCY BURGER - born 27 August 1881; died the same year. She is buried at Witt Cemetery: NANCY, Daughter of J. AND M. C. BURGER, born August 27 1881, died November 4, 1881.

3. FREEMAN BURGER - born 5 September 1882, he married Docia Simmons. No further records are available.


   WYMAN MCCARTY.

5. KITTY BURGER - born 17 July 1887, she married John Wylder. Kitty died on 18 May 1936. It was Kitty’s son, Harold Wylder, that was so helpful in furnishing information about this family, as well as other children of Henry and Rachel that moved to Illinois. Children:

   a. KEITH WYLDER.
   b. HAROLD WYLDER.
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c. KENNETH WYLDER.
d. ETHEL MAE WYLDER.
e. DONALD WYLDER.

6. ALICE BURGER - born 14 July 1894, she married Minor Goodsell, the son of Horace and Melessa Goodsell. Children:

a. BETTY GOODSELL - born 30 March 1925, she married William Mannahan. Children:
   SUSAN J. MANNAHAN.
   MATILDA A. MANNAHAN.
   NANCY L. MANNAHAN.

b. NANCY GOODSELL - born 26 January 1933, she married John Norris. Children:
   JOHN M. NORRIS.
   STEPHEN E. NORRIS.

Joshua was born 23 December 1846 in McMinn County, the eighth child of Henry and Rachel Burger.

When he was but seventeen years old, Joshua volunteered to serve in the Civil War. He enlisted in Company E, 7th Regiment, Tennessee Mounted Infantry, Union Army. His oldest brother, John, was serving with the Confederate Army.

Joshua moved to Illinois with his parents; they had moved while he was away in service and at the end of the war he joined them in Illinois. There he married Caroline Cannedy, the daughter of William H. Cannedy and Mahala Allen. Caroline was born 3 December 1852.

Joshua died in Greene County on 21 February 1923; Caroline on 18 June 1931. They were the parents of eight children.

1. **John M. Burger** - born in 1870, died in 1895, did not marry.
3. **Elmer Burger** - born in 1875, died in 1956, married Kate Tempany.
5. **Arty B. Burger** - born in 1881, died 1883.
6. **An Infant Son**, born and died in 1884.
7. **Pearl C. Burger** - born in 1886, died in 1956, married Nellie Shehea.
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Lydia was born in 1813 in Greene County, Tennessee, the daughter of John Burger and Susanna Symons. In all later census records, Lydia was listed as born in Greene County.

Lydia married Timothy Pack on 6 May 1838 in McMinn County, by James C. Castlock, Justice of the Peace. Timothy was born in 1819, the son of Jeremiah Pack and Mary Gregory.

There is some confusion yet among some individuals on the birth date of Lydia, but the records prove she was a number of years older than Timothy. His tombstone states he was born in 1819; there are no dates on her marker.

It is known that ages in census records can vary by several years, especially when the wife is older than the husband. In these cases it almost always proves out that the later census records were more correct.

The 1850 census lists Timothy as age 31; Lydia as 31; and this would mean they were both born in 1819. However, the 1860 census lists Timothy as age 41; Lydia as age 45; four years difference in their ages. The 1880 census records list Timothy as age 58; Lydia as 67; nine years difference. But the 1900 census shows Timothy as born in January 1824, and a widower.

From studying the birth dates of Lydia’s brother and sister, and the above listed census records, it is believed Lydia was born in 1813 and Timothy in 1819, with six years difference in their ages. His age as shown on his tombstone is correct and many of the census records obviously wrong. She would have been 25 when they married and Timothy 19. Their last child was born in 1855, making Lydia age 49 at that time. The 1900 census date of Timothy’s birth - 1825 - is obviously incorrect. He would have been only age 14 when they married in 1838.

Lydia and Timothy lived several years in McMinn County, Tennessee. Their first two children were born there. They were then in Cherokee County, North Carolina where the three next children were born. They were in the 1850 census records for Monroe County, Tennessee. Between 1852 and 1854 they moved back again to Cherokee County, where they remained the rest of their lives.

The date of Lydia’s death is not known; however, it was evidently before the 1900 census was taken. That record lists Timothy living in the Shoals Creek Township, age 76, a widower, and does not list Lydia. Living with him at the time was Melisha West, their daughter, and three of her children.
Timothy died in 1906. Both are buried at Liberty Cemetery, Cherokee County, North Carolina. Their markers read: LYDIA BURGER, Wife of Timothy Pack (no dates); TIMOTHY PACK, 1819 - 1906 - His Sons John, Jerry, James Served in Union Army.

Much of the information on Lydia Burger and Timothy Pack and their families was furnished by Viola Jones of Louisville, Tennessee, and this information is very much appreciated. However, much research remains to be done on some of their children. The following list is correct to best knowledge at this time. The following pages show further information, if known, on these children and their families.

1. **JAMES H. PACK** - born 15 August 1838.
2. **LOUISE EMALENE PACK** - born in March 1840.
3. **MATILDA PACK** - born in 1842, in Cherokee County, North Carolina, she married Joseph Martin Stansbury; they moved to Texas. No further information.
5. **JEREMIAH PACK** - born in 1846, in Cherokee County, North Carolina, he was killed in the Civil War, is buried at Nashville, Tennessee, in Government cemetery.
7. **LAFAYETTE PACK** - born in November 1850.
8. **MARY PACK** - born in 1850, in Monroe County, Tennessee, she married Joe Witt. No further information.
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JAMES H. PACK

James was born 15 August 1838 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the oldest of ten children of Lydia Burger and Timothy Pack, grandson of John Burger and Susanna Symons and Jeremiah Pack and Mary Gregory.

He married Mira Evelyn Coleman on 29 November 1868 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, with A. J. Kilpatrick, Justice of the Peace. Mira Evelyn was the daughter of Calvin and Elizabeth Coleman.

James died on 16 November 1913, is buried at Zion Hill Cemetery, Cherokee County.

Complete information for their children has not been located. The 1900 census records for Cherokee County, Shoals Creek Township, lists six children, although Mira Evelyn is shown as having eleven children, eleven living.

1. EUCLID L. PACK - born in November 1874, he married Minnie Lyons.
2. MARCUS L. PACK - born in July 1877, he married Laura Kimsey.
4. BENNETT PACK - born in April 1881; died 2 June 1922.
5. ARTHUR PACK - born in November 1883, married Maude Culpepper.
7. VESTA PACK - born in February 1889, married Ronald Postelle.
8. ANDERSON PACK - married Mary Cook.
10. ELLA PACK - married Tom Kimsey.
Louise Emaline was born in March 1840, the daughter of Lydia Burger and Timothy Pack.

She married John C. Burnett. John was born in North Carolina, 18 March 1838, the son of Enoch and Elizabeth Burnett.

The date of her death is not known; however, both she and John are buried at Liberty Cemetery, Cherokee County, North Carolina. Their markers read: JOHN C. BURNETT, SGT, CO 3, 7 REGN, TENN MTD INF, March 18, 1838 - May 2, 1915; LOUISE EMALINE PACK BURNETT (no dates).

This list of their children is taken from the 1880 and the 1900 census records only; is not complete.

1. AUGUSTA BURNETT - born ca 1862.
2. MARY BURNETT - born ca 1864.
3. VICTORIA BURNETT - born ca 1872.
4. LEONIDAS BURNETT - born in March 1874.
5. ROMULUS BURNETT - born in December 1877.
6. JAMES BURNETT - born ca 1878.
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SECTION 3

JOHN PACK

John was born 27 January 1844 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the son of Lydia Burger and Timothy Pack.

He married Lavada Shearer; the date not known at this time. John and Lavada lived in Cherokee County.

John died in 1922, Lavada in 1929. Both are buried at Liberty Cemetery in Cherokee County. Their markers read: JOHN PACK, CO E, 7 Regiment, Tenn Mtd Inf, January 27, 1844 - August 19, 1922. LAVADA, Wife of John Pack, February 27, 1840 - December 1, 1929.

The information shown below on their children was furnished by Viola Jones:

1. HARVEY PACK - born 8 December 1873.
2. CEASAR PACK.
3. PHILMORE PACK - born in 1870, he married Mary Tipton. Children:
   a. JERRY PACK - died at age 16.
   b. WALLIE PACK - died when three days old.
   c. ETHEL PACK - born 7 November 1895, she married Mark Tankersley.
   d. DESSIE PACK - died at age 11.
   e. WADE W. PACK - born in 1901, married Bertha Holden.
   f. JANIE PACK - died at age 16.
   g. HOLLAND PACK - born in 1903.
   h. HARVEY LORANZY PACK - born 10 May 1908, married Floyd Craig.
4. LORANZY PACK.
5. LYDIA PACK.
Margaret Ann was born in February 1848 in Monroe County, Tennessee, the daughter of Lydia Burger and Timothy Pack.

She married Robert Jones in October 1864. Robert was born in 1846 in Indiana, the son of John H. Jones and Frances Gourd.

Robert died 27 July 1896 in Fannin County, Georgia. Margaret died on 30 December 1925, also in Fannin County.

The list of the children and their descendants of this couple was furnished by Viola Jones:

1. JAMES T. JONES - born 22 June 1865 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, married Mary Sosebee.

2. EDAR ARTELLA JONES - born in 1867 in Cherokee County, married William Rolen Early.

3. JOHN TIMOTHY JONES - born 12 February 1872 in Fannin County, Georgia. (See separate sheet for his descendants.)

4. PATEN (E. P.) JONES - born in 1873 in Fannin County, Georgia, he married Elizabeth Goings on 20 February 1896 in Fannin County.

5. MICHAEL R. JONES - born in 1878 in Fannin County, married Rosey Walter 10 October 1897 in Fannin County.

6. MARGARET T. JONES - born in 1880 in Fannin County, married Lon Dixon.

7. FRANCIS JONES - born in 1883 in Fannin County, married Willie Morrison.

8. FLORENCE JONES - born in 1886 in Fannin County, married Emmit Place.

9. JAKE JONES - born in 1889 in Fannin County, married Mary Walker.

10. RACHEL JONES - born in 1892 in Fannin County; died in 1898.
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JOHN TIMOTHY JONES - born 12 February 1872 in Fannin County, Georgia, the third child of Margaret Ann Pack and Robert Jones. He married Linda Minerva Patterson 22 September 1901. Linda was born ca 1873, the daughter of Louis C. Patterson and Sarah Malinda Sosebee. John died 24 April 1943 in Fannin County; Linda on 23 September 1945. Children:

1. THOMAS ROOSEVELT JONES - born 21 January 1902, he married Bessie Fowler on 3 September 1922 in Fannin County.

2. GEORGE FAIRBANKS JONES - born 5 June 1904 in Fannin County, he married Effie Estell Early on 29 November 1924. Effie was born 15 April 1909, the daughter of John Morgan Early and Amy Virginia Beavers. Children:
   a. ANNIE EZELL JONES - born 17 May 1926, married Fred William Davenport on 29 November 1946. They live at Brevard County, Florida.
   b. CLIFFORD MARVIN JONES - born 28 October 1927, he married Louise Wandaleen Weeks on 9 July 1954. They live at Dalton, Georgia.
   c. GEORGE AARON JONES - born 25 December 1928 in Fannin County, Georgia, he married Viola Jean Holden on 14 March 1952. Viola was born 14 March 1935 in Fannin County, the daughter of Gordon Noah Holden and Lula Ellen McDaniel. George and Viola live at Louisville in Blount County, Tennessee. Viola is the family genealogist. They have two children, a son and a daughter.

ELTON LYLE JONES - born 5 November 1953 at Nashville, Tennessee, he is a Captain in the U.S. Army. He married Paulette Marie Blalock on 11 March 1977 at Killeen in Coryell County, Texas. Elton and Paulette live at Columbus, Georgia; have two children:


   ASHLEY MARIE JONES - born 8 October 1981 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

KAREN YVONNE JONES - born 14 August 1957 at Nashville, Tennessee, she married Arthur Robert Wedemeyer on 8 April 1978. They now live at Orlando, Florida; have two children:

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AMY REBECCA WEDEMEYER - born 5 March 1984 at Humble, Harris County, Texas.

d. JAMES EMON JONES - born 12 August 1930 in Fannin County, he married Dorothy Jean Williams 30 June 1951. They live at Ackworth, Georgia.

e. RAY AUDEN JONES - born 25 December 1931 in Fannin County, he married Vesta Hallums on 1 June 1951. They live at Greensboro, Georgia.

f. JOHNNY WINFRED JONES - born 18 February 1933 in Fannin County, married Mary Josephine Matthews on 22 March 1967. They live at Epworth, Georgia.

g. HAZEL KATHLENE JONES - born 4 December 1934 in Fannin County, married Alvin Foster on 24 March 1951. They live at Epworth, Georgia.

h. NANCY LORENE JONES - born 4 May 1936 in Fannin County, married Charlie Postell on 11 February 1956. They live at Epworth, Georgia.

i. SHELBY JEAN JONES - born 4 June 1938 in Fannin County, she married William Evert Patterson on 11 November 1957. They live at Epworth, Georgia.

j. JIMMY REUBEN JONES - born 4 February 1941 in Fannin County, married Jane Loretta Carroll, 19 September 1964. They live at Blue Ridge, Georgia.

k. BETTYE LOU JONES - born 5 February 1944 in Fannin County, she married Bobby Chastain 24 May 1963. They live at Kennesaw, Georgia. TWIN.

l. BILLY JONES - born 5 February 1944 in Fannin County, died same day he was born. TWIN.

3. MARK HANNAH JONES - born 29 August 1905 in Fannin County, married Lela Foster 23 September 1923. He died 11 December 1947 at Canton, Georgia.

4. LOUIS HOLLAN JONES - born 22 August 1907 in Fannin County, married Essie Foster 13 November 1927. They live in Fannin County.

5. JOHN WESLEY JONES - born 9 October 1909 in Fannin County, married Cora Davenport, lives in Epworth, Georgia.

6. STELLA MARGARET JONES - born 1 December 1911 in Fannin
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County, she married Floyd Davenport 13 May 1928, lives in Epworth, Georgia.

7. ALBERT PATEN JONES - born 14 January 1914 in Fannin County, he married Magleen Crumley 22 December 1935, lives at Blue Ridge, Georgia.
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SECTION 5

LAFAYETTE PACK

Lafayette Pack was born 10 September 1850 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the seventh child of Lydia Burger and Timothy Pack.

He married Nancy Burnett on 30 December 1869 in Cherokee County. Nancy was the daughter of Enoch Burnett; was sister of John Burnett who married Lafayette’s sister, Louise Emaline Pack.

Lafayette died in November 1928 in Pope County, Arkansas; is buried there in Zion Hill Cemetery.

Information on children of this couple is taken from the 1900 census records for Cherokee County, Shoals Creek Township, and from Viola Jones:

1. **Adaline Leona Pack** - born 8 November 1870, married Tom Davis.
7. **Bernard Pack** - born 20 February 1885, married Emily Church.
8. **Luther Pack** - born 25 September 1888, married Mary Blaney.
Melisha Ann Pack was born in 1855 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the ninth child of Lydia Burger and Timothy Pack.

She married John Wesley West, although the date is not known at this time. However, their first child was born in 1874, so probably they married a year or so before that. John Wesley was born 4 June 1856, the son of John Wiley West and brother of Isaac Marshall West, who married Mary Pack.

Most of the information on Melisha and John Wesley and their descendants was furnished by Viola Jones of Louisville, Tennessee. However, in the 1900 census records of Cherokee County, North Carolina, Shoal Creek Township, Timothy Pack is listed as head of household and living with him at that time was Melisha and her three youngest children, Arthur born in March 1880, Charles born in March 1883, and Clara B. born in July 1885. That record shows Melisha as the mother of six children, five living.


Children of Melisha Ann and John Wesley, all information taken from that furnished by Viola Jones, but some verified by the 1900 census:

1. MARY EMALINE WEST - born 24 May 1874, she married Elias Patton Kilpatrick. Elias Patton Kilpatrick was born 11 August 1866; died 6 March 1927. Mary Emaline died 2 May 1970. They were the parents of eight children:
   b. CORA KILPATRICK - born 2 July 1893, married Alonzo Raper on 7 February 1909. Alonzo was born 29 March 1881, died 11 April 1965.
   c. MARY LOU KILPATRICK - born 28 April 1895, married Martin Thomas Raper. Martin was born 25 May 1889.
   d. WILLIAM FRED KILPATRICK - born 27 March 1897, married Lillie Talitha Crawford on 8 March 1919. Lillie was born 12 May 1901.
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e. HOMER KILPATRICK - born 26 March 1899, married Marie Adams. He died 19 April 1942.

f. EDITH KILPATRICK - born 15 June 1901, married George Reid. George was born 18 April 1897; died 7 July 1960.

g. ARTHUR ALONZO KILPATRICK - born 19 September 1905, married Mae McHan on 11 November 1928. Mae was born 20 March 1907.

h. GRACE KILPATRICK - born 2 May 1913, married Roy McHan.

2. FLORENCE MAY WEST - born 20 September 1877, she married Neil Postell. Florence died 1 November 1926. They were the parents of eight children, the names unknown.

3. ARTHUR WEST - born 13 March 1880, married Verda Jones. They were the parents of four children.


5. CLARA BELLE WEST - born 31 July 1885, married Aaron Bryant. They were the parents of four children.
CHAPTER X

HUGH BURGER

Hugh Burger was born in 1817 in East Tennessee, the seventh child of John Burger and Susanna Symons.

Hugh’s father died when he was about eight or nine years old. Sometime in the early 1830’s Hugh moved from East Tennessee to Illinois, settling there in Rockbridge Township in Greene County. He very probably made this move at the time his sister and her husband, Sarah and Solomon Dixon, and another sister and her husband, Susan and James Derrick, moved to Illinois. Four of the nine children of John and Susanna Burger moved to Illinois. Henry and his family moved there in the 1860’s.

Hugh was in the 1850 census of Greene County, living in the household of his nephew, Henry Jefferson Derrick, and his wife Margaret. Hugh was listed as age 33, born in Tennessee.

He married Mary Smith on 16 July 1852 in Greene County, with James Rives, Minister of the Gospel performing the ceremony. Mary was the daughter of Joseph and Marcilla Smith.

The date of death is not known for either Hugh or Mary. Much research remains to be done on this family. This list of their children has been furnished by members of the family still living in Illinois; is not by any means complete. Any more information would be welcome, especially their dates of birth.

1. WILLIAM H. BURGER - married Hulda Stewart; children:
   a. BESSIE BURGER.
   b. MARY BURGER.
   c. WILLIAM BURGER.
   d. EFFIE BURGER - married Cleveland Winters.

2. ALICE BURGER - born in Illinois, she married first Frank Watson. Frank was the son of Robert and Ann Whitlock Watson. Alice and Frank were the parents of four children. Frank died in 1901. Alice married second Frank Blair; married third Louis Bowers. Her children:
   a. MARY WATSON.
   b. EARL WATSON.
   c. LUTHER WATSON.
   d. LELIA WATSON - died in infancy.
3. CHARLES F. BURGER - born in Illinois, he married Anna Wright, the daughter of Hiram and Lucinda Ruyle Wright. One child:

LLOYD BURGER.

4. EDNA BURGER - born in Illinois, she married Arthur Armstrong. One son:

ARTHUR ARMSTRONG, JR.

5. OSCAR BURGER - born in Illinois, he married Elizabeth Damm, daughter of Deiter and Elizabeth Meister Damm. Children:

a. HAROLD BURGER.

b. DEITER BURGER.

c. GEORGE BURGER.

6. EDWARD BURGER - born in Illinois; no further information.
CHAPTER XI

ABRAHAM BURGER

Abraham Burger was born in January 1819 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the eighth child of John Burger and Susanna Symons. His parents were some of the earliest settlers of the McMinn County area, in the area of Estanalle Valley.

Abraham’s father died in 1826, and in the 1830 census records, he was in the records with his mother Susanna. By the time of the 1840 census his mother had also died, and he was surely one of the males of this age listed as living with his oldest brother, George.

Abraham volunteered for the Cherokee War when he was 18 years old, enlisting at Athens, Tennessee, on 8 July 1837 in Captain Cunningham’s Company, Lindsay’s Regiment, Tennessee Mounted Volunteers. It is to be noted here that the Mounted Volunteers furnished their own horses. He was mustered in the service at Calhoun, Tennessee, for twelve months, and was shown on the Company’s Muster Roll from 8 July 1837 to 22 June 1838, at which time he was mustered out. On 6 June 1857, Abraham applied for bounty land based on his military service. In that record he stated, "Furnished own horse, marched to Newtown, Georgia, and was stationed at Newtown about three months; was then ordered back into Tennessee and stationed at Rattlesnake Springs to guard the Cherokee Indians, who threatened hostility."

Abraham married Rosanna McNabb on 4 November 1840 in Monroe County, Tennessee. Rosanna was born in March 1818 in Carter County, Tennessee.

Abraham and Rosanna lived several years in Polk County, Tennessee; their first three children were born there. By 1849 they were in Cherokee County, North Carolina, in the Shoal Creek Township, where the rest of their children were born, and where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Abraham entered 100 acres of land in Cherokee County, under the Pre-emption Act. This Act allowed settlers living on and cultivating the land to buy it for a nominal fee when it was first offered for sale by the Government. This transaction was entered into the records at Cherokee County, as follows:

"State of North Carolina, No. 2193. Know ye that we for and in consideration of the sum of $15.00, paid to the Agent of the State by Abraham Burger, have given and granted and by these present do give and grant unto Abraham Burger, a preemption containing one hundred acres of land, lying in the County of Cherokee on certificate No. 292, in district No. 8, it being part of the land lately acquired by treaty from the Cherokee Indians and sold in obedience to an act of the General Assembly of this
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State, Chapter 25, Section 7, bearing date 28th day of January, 1851, on the waters of Turtle Town Creek. Beginning on a post oak, William M. Stiles' north west corner, on Samuel Runnel's line, and runs north with said line one hundred and twenty nine poles to a post inside a field, then east one hundred and twenty four poles to a black gum on the bank of a branch; then south one hundred and twenty nine poles to a chestnut near the top of a ridge; then west one hundred and twenty four poles to the beginning. Entered the 13th day of May, 1851. As by the plat hereunto annexed doth appear together with all woods, waters, mines, minerals, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said land belonging or appertaining to hold to the said Abraham Burger, his heirs and assigns forever yielding and paying to us such sums of money, yearly or otherwise as our General Assembly from time to time may direct, provided always that the said grantee shall cause this grant to be registered in the Register's office of our said County of Cherokee within twelve months from the date hereof otherwise the same shall be void. In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent and our great seal to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Thomas Bragg, Esq., our Governor, Captain General and Commander in Chief at Raleigh the 20th day of June in the 79th year of our Independence and in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. By command, William Hill, Secretary of State."

Abraham and Rosanna were listed in the census records for Cherokee County, North Carolina, beginning in 1850; also in 1860, 1870 and 1880. By the time of the 1900 census, both of them were very old, and Abraham was listed as age 82, born in January 1818, living in the home of his son George Burger. Rosanna was listed as age 80, born in March 1820, living with her daughter and son-in-law, Sanford and Tilda Leadford. In that census Rosanna was listed as the mother of twelve children, with ten still living.

The years of birth for both Abraham and Rosanna have been determined by studying various records - his military records, census records, the years of birth for Abraham's brothers and sisters, Rosanna's tombstone, etc. It is believed they were both born in 1819; they were listed the same age in all census records until the 1900 when evidently someone else spoke to the census-taker for them.

The date of Abraham's death is not known. Rosanna died 27 April 1901. Both are buried at Liberty Cemetery, Cherokee County, but unfortunately Abraham's marker doesn't have any dates. Their markers read: ABRAHAM BURGER, Lindsay's Tennessee Mounted Infantry, Cherokee War. ROSANNA BURGER, Died April 27, 1901, aged 82 years.
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All of the names of the children of Abraham and Rosanna have been determined, but information on all but one of the daughters other than the estimated years of their births has not been found. The children are listed below. For those where further documentation has been located, they are also shown in separate sections in this chapter.

1. SUSAN JANE BURGER - born in 1841 in Polk County, Tennessee. No further information.

2. MARY ANN BURGER - born in 1842 in Polk County. No further information.

3. JAMES E. BURGER - born 14 March 1844 in Polk County.

4. GEORGE FRANCIS BURGER - born 18 April 1847 in Cherokee County, North Carolina.

5. LORENZO DOW BURGER - born 4 January 1850 in Cherokee County.

6. ANDREW JACKSON BURGER - born in December 1851 in Cherokee County.

7. LEANDER C. BURGER - born in March 1853 in Cherokee County.


9. WILLIAM N. BURGER - born in July 1858 in Cherokee County.

10. SARAH BURGER - born in 1860 in Cherokee County. No further information.

11. MATILDA A. BURGER - born 27 November 1862 in Cherokee County.

12. HARRIETT BURGER - born in 1867 in Cherokee County. No further information.

NOTE: There is a headstone in Liberty Cemetery, next to Rosanna, that reads as follows: H. E. BURGER, died September 2, 1881. It is believed that this is not a son of Abraham and Rosanna, since twelve children are listed above, and in the 1900 census records, Rosanna stated she was the mother of twelve children; ten living at that time. However, it is also believed that this H. E. Burger is a close relative.
Abraham Burger

(Capt. Cunningham's Co., Lindsay's Reg't Tennessee Mounted Vols.

Appears on Company Muster Roll for August 7, 1837.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When July 5, 1837.

Where Tennessee.

Period 6 years.

Present or absent Present.

Stoppage, $100 for
Due Gov't, $100 for

Valuation of horse, $100
Valuation of horse equipments, $100

Remarks: 

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* Muster-in roll does not show enrollment.

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JAMES E. BURGER

James E. Burger was born 14 March 1844 in Polk County, Tennessee, the third child and oldest son of Abraham Burger and Rosanna McNabb; grandson of John Burger and Susanna Symons.

James was brought up in Cherokee County, North Carolina, where his parents were living in 1848.

He married Laveda Eaton in Cherokee County on 20 September 1866; John Shearer was bondsman.

The 1870 census records are very dim and difficult to read; therefore James and Laveda could not be found at that time. They were in Cherokee County, the Shool Creek Township, in the 1880 census. James was listed as a farmer, 36 years old. Laveda was shown as age 35, born in Georgia. That record listed five children - Melissa, Joseph, Rosanna, Martha, and Amanda.

By the time of the 1900 census they were living in Polk County, Seventh District. Rosanna, Joseph, and Amanda were still with them; evidently Melissa and Martha were married by then.

Family history is that James and Laveda lived near Ducktown, Tennessee, and this could very well be true since Ducktown is in Polk County, joins Cherokee County.

Not long after the 1900 census was taken, James moved his family to Arkansas and settled there near Zion Hill. Amanda had died in 1895, Martha in 1898. The children that moved with James and Laveda to Arkansas were Rosanna, Joseph, and Melissa. Although Melissa was married, she and her family moved at the time her parents did.

James died 24 April 1919; Laveda in 1921. Both are buried at Bells Chapel Cemetery at Atkins, Arkansas.

The names of the children of James and Laveda were taken from the census record and verified by Evelyn Stroud of Conway, Arkansas, a descendant, who also furnished additional information on this family and the picture of James' tombstone.

1. MELISSA BURGER - born in 1867 in North Carolina, she married Joel Bradford Coleman before she moved to Arkansas when her parents moved. Her first eight children were born in Tennessee. She died in the 1950's at Conway, Arkansas. Her children; birth dates unknown:

   a. VIVA COLEMAN - born in Tennessee.
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b. EVA COLEMAN - born in Tennessee.
c. CORA COLEMAN - born in Tennessee.
d. EMMA COLEMAN - born in Tennessee.
e. ANDERSON COLEMAN - born in Tennessee.
f. ANNA COLEMAN - born in Tennessee.
g. VISTA COLEMAN - born in Tennessee.
h. ALICE COLEMAN - born in Tennessee.
i. HOMER COLEMAN - born in Arkansas.
j. BERTHA COLEMAN - born in Arkansas.

2. JOSEPH BURGER - born in September 1870 in Tennessee; never married. He died in 1921 in Arkansas and is buried at Bells Chapel Cemetery at Atkins, Arkansas.

3. ROSANNA BURGER - born 25 September 1871 in Tennessee, she married John Milton Bridges on 25 September 1903 at Zion Hill, Arkansas. John was born 4 November 1868, the son of Martin Crowder Bridges and Charity Emiline Kilpatrick. John died 4 May 1936; Rosanna 8 July 1945. They are buried at Zion Hill Cemetery, Zion Hill, Arkansas. Children:

a. JAMES HERBY BRIDGES - born 17 July 1906 at Zion Hill, Arkansas; died 4 November 1907.

b. GERTIE MAE BRIDGES - born 9 August 1908 at Zion Hill, she married Thurman Edens on 30 October 1926 at Cleveland, Arkansas. Gertie Mae died 13 November 1986 at Sacramento, California. Children:

CORA LEE EDENS - born 13 December 1927.
WILMA EDENS - born 6 December 1929.
HERMAN EDENS - born 5 March 1931.
LORENE EDENS - born 22 March 1933.
HAROLD EDENS - born 29 December 1934.
CHARLES EDENS - born 16 August 1939.
LEON EDENS - born 23 October 1942.
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LOWEDA EDENS - born 22 November 1945.


c. OMA LOU BRIDGES - born 14 October 1910, she married Theo Collie on 19 February 1927 at Jerusalem, Arkansas. Oma Lou is still living; she has no children.

d. BEULAH AMANDA BRIDGES - born 8 August 1913 at Zion Hill, Arkansas, she married Borden Stroud on 18 February 1933 at Jerusalem, Arkansas. Beulah is still living; has one child:

EVELYN STROUD - born 24 September 1935.

4. MARTHA BURGER - born in 1874 in Tennessee, she married C. A. Compton on 22 August 1895 in Polk County, Tennessee, with T. A. Fain, Justice of the Peace. Martha and C.A. did not move to Arkansas with her parents; they stayed in Tennessee. She died there in 1898 and is buried near Ducktown, Tennessee. One child:


George Francis was born 18 April 1847 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the fourth child of twelve children of Abraham Burger and his wife Rosanna McNabb. He was the grandson of John Burger and Susanna Symons, some of the earliest settlers in McMinn County, Tennessee, in the upper Estanalle Valley.

George married Lydia Dehart on 21 March 1869 in Cherokee County, by William Mulkey, Minister of the Gospel. Lydia was born 18 February 1850, the daughter of Morgan Dehart and Jane Rhea. Her father’s name was listed on her marriage record; both her father’s and mother’s name on her death record.

When George was but 15 years old he enlisted in the Civil War, the Union Forces. Of course, he did not tell the truth about his age; they certainly were not taking fifteen year olds into the service at that time. He enlisted on 20 September 1864 at Madisonville, Tennessee, for 100 days in Company H, 3rd Regiment, Tennessee Mounted Infantry. He was mustered out of this Company on 1 October 1864 at Athens, Tennessee, and the same day he was mustered in Company E, 7th Tennessee Mounted Infantry for one year.

George’s military record stated that he was age 18, 5 feet 7 inches tall, fair complexion, blue eyes, light brown, born 18 April 1847 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, and a farmer.

On 31 January 1890, George applied for pension based on his military service, stating that he was sick and in the hospital at Athens with measles about the last part of March 1865, which left his health bad. He was granted pension at the rate of $72.00 per month to 4 November 1921; was dropped from the pension rolls on 27 December 1921 due to his death on 16 December 1921.

After George’s death, Lydia applied for pension on 14 June 1922. Pension was paid to 4 September 1923, and she was dropped from the rolls on 9 October 1923 because of her death on 4 September 1923.

In 1870 George and Lydia were living in Polk County, Tennessee, at Hiawassee, next door to his uncle, Adam Burger. They were in the census records there. Polk County joins Cherokee County, North Carolina, and by the time of the 1880 census they were living at Shoal Creek Township in Cherokee County, where they remained the rest of their lives. In the 1900 census, Lydia stated that she was the mother of twelve children, with eleven living; in 1910 ten children were living.
George Burger was a Baptist Minister, as well as a farmer. It was not unusual in those days for the minister to have another income; many of the small churches did not have a lot of money. He spent many years preaching all over Cherokee County, and was known throughout Western North Carolina, North Georgia, and East Tennessee, as a great preacher. He was also known for giving much of his money to orphans and widows. George was also a Mason; met at the lodge at Shoal Creek.

George died in Cherokee County on 16 December 1921; Lydia 17 September 1923. Both are buried at Friendship Cemetery at River Hill, North Carolina.

In his application for military pension, George was asked to list all his children, whether living or dead. He listed twelve children, some of them with nicknames, some with initials only. These short names made it very difficult for a time to locate later records on these children; Andy was Andrew; Poley was Napoleon; Jule was Julius, etc. He did not list them in order of their birth. This list as they were shown in his official military records, in the order shown, is as follows:


In 1983, some of the descendants of George Francis Burger and Lydia Dehart started a reunion in August each year at Fort Mountain State Park located near Chatsworth, Georgia. Not all of the descendants have been located, and information about this reunion may be obtained from Mr. Ed Burger, Route 2, Box 604A, Chatsworth, Georgia 30705; telephone: Area Code 604, 595-2383.

Much information on the family of George and Lydia has been furnished by these descendants, although some of them would furnish no information at all. From the information that has been furnished, and other official records that have been located, documentation is complete on some; however in some cases only the names are known - not even correct birth dates. Any assistance by anyone would be greatly appreciated.

Following is the list of these children, in order of their birth, and where further information has been obtained, their families are listed in the following pages, in the order listed:

1. **JOHN BURGER** - born ca 1870. No further information.
2. **ANDREW JACKSON BURGER** - born in March 1871.
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4. MARY BURGER - born in 1873.

5. NAPOLEON BURGER - born in 1874. No further information.

6. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS BURGER - born 1 March 1875.

7. LAVEDA BURGER - born in 1878.

8. IRA PATTON BURGER - born in 1881.

9. JULIUS LAVADA BURGER - born 27 April 1884.

10. DECATUR C. BURGER - born in February 1885.

11. MANUAL MARION BURGER - born 17 November 1887.

12. IDA C. BURGER - born 11 October 1893.
GEORGE FRANCIS BURGER
Photos courtesy of Ed Burger, Chatsworth, Georgia

LYDIA DEHART BURGER
VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF

TOWN OF

I. George F. Burger, born in Cheshire County, in the State of New Hampshire, aged Eighteen years, and by occupation a farmer, do hereby acknowledge to have volunteered this first day of October, 1864, to serve as a soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for the period of Three Years, unless sooner discharged by proper authority. Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, established by law for volunteers. And I, George F. Burger, do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever, and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, that I have carefully examined the above-named Volunteer, according to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, that I have minutely examined the Volunteer, previously to his enlistment, and that he is entirely sober when enlisted, that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has been well, strong, honest, fair, firm, and is a faithful and efficient soldier.

George Francis Burger - Civil War Enlistment Record
George Francis Burger - Civil War Pension Record
Listing all of his children
Andrew Jackson Burger was born in March 1871 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the second of twelve children of George Francis Burger and Lydia Dehart.

Some information on Andrew has been furnished by some of his descendants. It is known by them that he married Maggie Webster, although the date is unknown.

Andrew and Maggie were in the 1900 census records of Cherokee County. At that time they were living in Beaverdam Township, with three children. Information from their daughter is that shortly after their third child was born, Andrew and his family moved "out west." They came back with six children in a wagon train, camping on the way, with Andrew hiring out his team of horses. They lived near Cleveland with Maggie's parents for a while, then moved to North Georgia in 1914.

Children, some information from census records only:

1. LILLIE BURGER - born in August 1892 in Georgia, she married a Mr. Condry. No further information is available.

2. DELLA BURGER - born in May 1896, she married Mr. Hardy. No further information is available.

3. VICTORIA BURGER - born in June 1897, she married William Carey Nix. They are the parents of five children:
   a. MALCOLM NIX.
   b. RICHARD NIX.
   c. ESSIE NIX - married Marvin Teems.
   d. NELLIE NIX - married Calvin Hendricks.
   e. INEZ NIX - married Jasper Decatur Barnes. They have one child:
      MARY ANN BARNES.

4. FLOSSIE BURGER - married Will Swanson.

5. THEODORE BURGER. No further information.

6. CHARLIE BURGER - never married.

7. LOUISE BURGER - married Mr. Woods. No further information.
Nancy was born in 1872, the third child of George Francis Burger and Lydia Dehart.

She married Bert Hibbert, and they are the parents of five children. Only the birth date of Minnie known; and no further information than that listed below is available on any of Nancy’s children:

1. LUTHER HIBBERT.
2. ADA HIBBERT.
3. MILLIE HIBBERT.
4. MINNIE HIBBERT - born 10 January 1899.
5. COLUMBUS HIBBERT.
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MARY BURGER

Mary was born in February 1873, the fourth child of George Francis Burger and Lydia Dehart.

She married Gideon Franklin Rose on 14 November 1895 in Cherokee County, North Carolina. Gideon was born 19 June 1866, the son of John Johnson Rose and his second wife, Louise Powell.

Mary and Gideon were in the 1900 census records of Cherokee County, North Carolina, the Beaverdam District. At that time, Mary was listed as the mother of three children, all three living.

The following list is taken from the 1900 census only; is not complete. Any further information on this family would be greatly appreciated.

1. EVA D. ROSE - born July 1896.

2. AMANDA M. ROSE - born August 1897.

3. LYDIA LEE ROSE - born November 1899.
GIDEON AND MARY BURGER ROSE AND FAMILY
Picture courtesy of Ed Burger, Chatsworth, Georgia
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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS BURGER

Christopher Columbus Burger was born 1 March 1875, in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the sixth child in line of twelve children of George Francis Burger and Lydia Dehart. He was grandson of Abraham Burger and Rosanna McNabb; great grandson of John Burger and Susanna Symons.

Christopher Columbus was known as "Lum" all his life. He was listed as Columbus in the 1880 census with his mother and father; shown as C. C. in his father's Civil War record. In his own marriage record he was listed as Columbus, so it is evident that "Columbus" was used early on; dropping the Christopher in all later records.

He married Eleanore Nelson in Cherokee County. That record listed him age 19, she as 17, both of Unake. They were married at the home of the bride, with T. A. Nelson, Minister of the Gospel, performing the ceremony.

Columbus and Eleanore were in the 1900 census records of Cherokee County, living in Beaverdam Township, with two children at home, Thomas D., and Leller. In 1910, they were at Shoal Creek Township. In that record, Eleanore stated that she was the mother of seven children, with six living. It is known that Thomas D. had died young.

Descendants of Columbus have furnished some information on this family, including a list of all their sixteen children, but as of now, only the birth dates of a few of them are known. The order of birth of the first seven of the children as shown below is correct; this information taken from the census records. The order of birth of the remainder as listed is not necessarily correct.

Columbus died on 1 March 1963; Eleanore on 12 April 1963. Both are buried at Fairy Valley, Murray County, Georgia.

1. THOMAS D. BURGER - born in September 1899, died young.

2. LELLER BURGER - born in January 1900, married Willis Floyd. No further information is available.

3. ELISHA ULYSSES BURGER - born in 1902 in Cherokee County, he married August Sonora Gladson. Elisha was known throughout all his life as "Lish." Children, as furnished by descendants, and not in the order of birth:

   a. ALMA BURGER.
ABRAHAM BURGER

b. JAMES BURGER.

c. NORMA BURGER - born 12 April 1930 in Ramhurst, Georgia, she married Walter William Scott on 17 July 1951 in Ringgold, Georgia. Walter was born on 25 July 1930, the son of Matson Leo Scott and Cora Ann Johnson. They live in Chatsworth, Georgia; have four children:

   JUANITA DIANNE SCOTT - born 26 October 1952 in Detroit, Michigan, she married Arnold Koss on 17 May 1970 in Michigan.

   TIM SCOTT - born 24 September 1956 in Detroit, Michigan.

   BRAD SCOTT - born 10 August 1958 in Detroit, Michigan.

   LISA ANN SCOTT - born 14 June 1964 in Detroit, Michigan.

d. JENETTE BURGER.

e. LILLIAN BURGER.

f. BOBBY BURGER.

g. DONALD BURGER.

h. HOWARD BURGER.

i. DENNY BURGER.

j. JOAN BURGER.

4. MYRTLE BURGER - born in 1903, married Paul Johnson.

5. JULIUS BURGER - born in 1905, married Betty Cole.

6. GUY LYNN BURGER - born 11 November 1906 in Murphy, North Carolina, he married Louise Virginia Haynes in Martinsville, Virginia. Louise was born on 26 March 1920 at High Point, North Carolina, the daughter of Clarence A. Haynes and his wife Ellen E. Stalker. Guy died 19 February 1970 at Beaula, North Carolina; is buried at Fairy Valley Cemetery, Murray County, Georgia. Louise is still living at Calhoun, Georgia. Children:

   a. BARBARA BURGER - born 25 August 1940 at High Point, North Carolina, she married Ronald J. Martin. Children:

      GREGORY MARTIN.

      CAROLINE MARTIN.

      ANGIE MARTIN.
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b. **AUDRIE BURGER** - born 15 August 1942 at Belmont, North Carolina, she married Peter Wood. They have one child:

   **JIM EDD WOOD.**

c. **DAVID BURGER** - born 20 June 1944 at High Point, North Carolina, he married Geneve Biddy. One child:

   **NEVA L. BURGER**

d. **ALICE BURGER** - born 4 November 1945 at Resaca, Georgia, she married Edward Goodwin. Two children:

   **SHERRI GOODWIN.**

   **EDDIE GOODWIN.**

e. **RUSSELL BURGER** - born 17 July 1947 at Resaca, Georgia, married Joan Childers. Children:

   **RUSTY BURGER.**

   **MACHALLE BURGER.**

f. **DANIEL BURGER** - born 2 February 1950 at Resaca, Georgia; married Louise Bishop. One child:

   **DIANNE BURGER.**

g. **VIRGINIA BURGER** - born 28 January 1951 at Chatsworth, Georgia, married Leonard Hodges. Relatives stated they have three children, but the name of only one was furnished.

   **GREGORY HODGES.**

h. **TONY BURGER** - born 8 May 1953 at Dalton, Georgia, married Jobyna Stoner. One child:

   **ANTHONY BURGER.**

i. **DONNA BURGER** - born 1 March 1960 at Acworth, Georgia, married Ronald Weaver. One child:

   **AMANDA WEAVER.**

j. **JACKIE BURGER** - born 8 November 1964 at Canton, Georgia; not married.

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a. GLENN BURGER.
b. IRENE BURGER.
c. LUCY BURGER.
d. EUGENE BURGER.
e. JOE C. BURGER - lives at Cedartown, Georgia; owns and operates Burger Market there. They have three children, but the name of only one is known:

   JEFFREY ERIC BURGER - born 22 May 1965 at Marietta, Georgia, Jeff’s early education was in the public schools at Cedartown; graduated from Cedartown High School. Jeff was quarterback on his high school football team. He started at quarterback three years and led his team to back-to-back undefeated seasons. He was redshirted at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, in 1983. At that time, he was 6 feet, 205 pounds. His passing yardage was the highest at Auburn since 1971; was third best quarterback in Auburn history. In addition to his athletics, Jeff was an honor student.

   f. GRADY BURGER.
g. BETTY BURGER.
h. MILDRED BURGER.
i. TRUMAN W. BURGER, JR.
j. LEON BURGER.
k. JERRY BURGER.

8. WILLIE BURGER - married Claudette Haynes.
9. THELMA BURGER - married Adkin Ledford.
10. PAUL BURGER.
11. GLADYS BURGER - married Ronald Hooper.
12. IMOGENE BURGER - married Ray Moss.
13. GERTRUDE BURGER - married Jim Leaper.
14. EDNA BURGER.
15. DISMER BURGER - married J. B. Davis
16. JESSIE BURGER - died when an infant.
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IRA PATTON BURGER

Ira Patton Burger was born in June 1881 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the eighth of twelve children of George Francis Burger and Lydia Dehart.

He married Rebecca Barton in Cherokee County, North Carolina, 20 February 1902. That record listed him as age 21; she as age 18. They were married by J. A. Kinsey, Justice of the Peace, at the residence of Z. Y. Barton, Rebecca’s father.

Although she was listed on the marriage record as Rebecca Barton, her name was Elizabeth Rebecca. She was born 15 May 1881, the daughter of Zeremiah Young Barton and Selina O’Kelly; grand daughter of Young Herman Barton and Rebecca Thomasson and William O’Kelly and Nancy Chastain.

Information on later generations is missing on this family; however, the facts that are known have been gathered from several sources. Ira Patton was listed in his father’s Civil War papers as I. P. Burger. He was in the 1900 census for Cherokee County at Shoal Creek, age 19, born in June 1881. Their marriage record was located in Cherokee County.

By the time of the 1910 census, Ira Patton and Rebecca were living in the Tomotha Precinct, he listed as age 29, Rebecca as age 28, with two children, Fred age 7 and Pearl seven months.

Information on Rebecca’s birth date and her parentage is from the book, THE HERITAGE OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, N. C. This book also lists all the children, some of their birth dates, and their children as well as the death dates for Ira Patton and Rebecca.

From the above cited book, Ira Patton lived a very colorful life, moving his family at one time to Central America, and another leaving his family in Georgia and going to Cape Town, South Africa, to work. Of course, he returned to the United States and finally settled near Rome, Georgia.

The pictures here of Ira Patton and the one of Ira Patton, Rebecca, and three of their children, were furnished by Ed and Exie Burger of Chatsworth, Georgia.

Ira Patton died in 1948 and is buried in Rome, Georgia. Rebecca died in 1974, and is buried beside him.

Children:
1. **GLADYS BURGER** - born in 1904 at Copper Hill, Tennessee, died before her second birthday.

2. **FRED BURGER** - born in 1906 at Copper Hill, he married Irene McKinney. She died in October 1988; Fred lives at Boaz, Alabama. One child:
   - **RUBY JO BURGER**.

3. **PEARL BURGER** - born in 1910 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, she married Homer S. Carson. Two children:
   a. **FAYNELLE CARSON**.
   b. **SHANNON CARSON**.

   a. **TONY PHILLIPS**.
   b. **JERRY PHILLIPS**.
   c. **SONYA KAY PHILLIPS**.
   d. **PHILLIP PHILLIPS**.

5. **FAYE BURGER** - born in Cherokee County, she married L. O. Head. Children:
   a. **SONYA HEAD**.
   b. **QUINN HEAD**.

6. **ANNA MAE BURGER** - born in Cherokee County; died as an infant.

7. **JACK BURGER** - born 6 January 1918 at Coalville, North Carolina, died at six weeks old.

8. **RUTH BURGER** - born in 1919 at Murphy, North Carolina, she married Lewis C. Garrett. Children:
   a. **CAROLE GARRETT**.
   b. **LEWIS C. GARRETT, JR.**
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JULIUS LAVADA BURGER

Julius Lavada Burger was born 27 April 1884 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the ninth child of George Francis Burger and his wife Lydia Dehart. He was grandson of Abraham Burger and Rosanna McNabb, great grandson of John Burger and Susanna Symons.

Julius married Emma Martha Duckett. Emma was born 5 April 1889. The date and place of their marriage is not known.

Much of the information on Julius and his work and his family was furnished by his daughter, Edith, and his daughter-in-law, Helen Kimsey Burger.

Julius was a traveling photographer, traveling around in 42 states in a horse and buggy or pony and buggy. He was well known and loved by many. Julius never learned to drive a car. When the land of his father was divided among his brothers and sisters, he traded his part of the land to one of his brothers for a car; did not like the car and in turn traded it for a horse and buggy. Many of Julius' photographs are hanging now in the Museum at Ducktown, Tennessee.

The local newspaper in Ducktown, Tennessee, carried an article of "human interest" on Julius Burger several years ago. This was sent by a Burger descendant is synopsized here. Supposedly Mr. Burger was in the Saturday afternoon crowd that always stormed the old Cherokee Theater in Copperhill, Tennessee. All the town's children were there - most without the price of a ticket. After the "affluent" had paid and entered, Mr. Burger looked at all the underprivileged without showfare or even popcorn money. On impulse, Mr. Burger walked up to the ticket booth and was recognized. "Let all these children be counted and allowed entrance." When the last child entered, the lady who counted and passed them in looked for that kindly gentleman for pay. No kindly gentleman was to be found. Later Mr. Burger took free pictures of the theater personnel and paid a "negotiated" balance.

The above is just one of the many stories of Julius' care and kindness shown to so many throughout his entire life.

Julius and Emma lived at Ducktown, Tennessee, for a while, where their first child was born. They then moved to McCaysville, Fannin County, Georgia, where they remained the rest of their lives.

Julius died there on 14 February 1948; Emma on 9 August 1964. Both are buried at Barns Chapel, Fannin County, Georgia.
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Julius and Emma were the parents of two children:

1. EARL JOE BURGER - born 22 May 1908 at Ducktown, Polk County, Tennessee, his parents moved to McCaysville, Fannin County, Georgia, when Earl was but a baby, and where Earl lived the rest of his life. He married Helen Kimsey in McCaysville on 16 March 1930, with the Reverend Hampton performing the ceremony. Helen was born 18 August 1910 in Turtletown, Polk County, Tennessee, the daughter of Lesley and Mary Kimsey. Earl went into business for himself in 1931 with only $5.00 and $35.00 he borrowed from his uncle. At first he began repairing cars; then selling used cars; a few years later bought the garage. In 1939 he became a dealer for General Motors and at the time of his death he was the second oldest dealer in the State of Georgia. His business, "Burger Pontiac and Buick" went from street to street. Earl was known all his life as "Boss;" the only one who ever called him Earl was his wife Helen. Earl died 6 April 1980; Helen is still living in McCaysville, Georgia. They were the parents of two children:

   a. EDNA EARLE BURGER - born 21 December 1930, she married John H. Farmer, Jr., of McCaysville, Georgia, on 10 August 1947. They were in the fabric business for a number of years with stores in parts of Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina. Edna Earle is now employed at Copper Basin Medical Center. They had four children:

      GREGORY LYNN FARMER - born 4 May 1949, he attended Truett McConnell College 1958 - 1960 on a basketball scholarship, and went on to West Georgia College in Carrolton, Georgia, graduating with a B.A. in Biology. He married Shirley Lippincott of Rome, Georgia, 28 August 1970. Gregg owned and operated Southland Insurance Company in Copperhill, Tennessee, and Blue Ridge, Georgia. They are the parents of three children:

      CASSANDRA FARMER - born 1 August 1974.
      JESSICA FARMER - born 29 May 1981.

      ANTHONY MARTIN FARMER - born 8 July 1953, he graduated from West Georgia College in Carrolton with a degree in Accounting. He received a golf scholarship to West Georgia; was a "Pro" after college at Rolling Hills Golf Club in Cleveland, Tennessee, and Ridgeway Country Club in Memphis. He is now golf pro and operator of the Casa Grande, Arizona, Golf Club. He married Glenda Culberson of Casa Grande on 24 June 1979.

      JOHNNY EARL FARMER - born 30 January 1956, he was listed in Who’s Who among American High School Students and was chosen
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As most valuable player in basketball. He was awarded a full scholarship to South Alabama University. He played basketball for the Etzella-Monoplos in Ettelburek, Luxembourg, in 1978 for a year, playing his first game in tournament in Switzerland. He has his degree in education and teaches in Fannin County, Georgia, High School, and is coach for the girl’s basketball team. He married Donna Davis of Epworth, Georgia, on 26 June 1976.

SHARON DENISE FARMER - born 27 August 1961, she earned her degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in Business Administration Marketing in 1980. She attended junior college at Cleveland State in Cleveland, Tennessee; while there was listed in Who’s Who and listed as Miss Cleveland State. She is employed at TV Channel 61 in Chattanooga as National Sales Coordinator. She married Danny Mull of Cleveland on 8 September 1984.

b. JIMMY REED BURGER - born 16 October 1932, he attended North Georgia College in Dalton, Georgia. He enlisted in the Air Force and spent two and one-half years in Japan. He married Janice Richie of Oak Hill, Florida, on 22 January 1954. He entered the Pontiac Buick business with his father and worked there until 1983 when he had to retire due to ill health. They have two adopted children:

JIMMY MARK BURGER - born 24 May 1960 in Copperhill, Tennessee, he entered the business with his father as a salesman for the John Deere Products. Now he is self-employed as a carpenter and cabinet maker, located in the first Burger’s Garage building.

REBECCA JAN BURGER - born 24 April 1962 in Copperhill, she has an accounting degree from Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia, and is employed with IRS. She married Lee Whatley, 6 December 1986.

2. EDITH BELL BURGER - born 22 September 1910 in McCaysville, Fannin County, Georgia, the second child and only daughter of Julius Lavada Burger and Martha Duckett, she married Carl McKinley Russell in Polk County, Tennessee, on 27 September 1926, with J. A. Brendel, Minister of the Gospel, performing the ceremony. Carl was born on 11 July 1900 at Sugar Creek, Fannin County, the son of Francis Mahan Russell. Edith and Carl lived most of their married life in McCaysville, and six of their seven children were born there, all but one delivered by the same doctor that delivered Edith. Carl died on 21 July 1973 at Copper Basin Hospital and is buried at Crestlawn Cemetery in Fry, Georgia. In 1985, Edith moved from the house in which she had lived for 55 years. Edith and Carl were the parents of seven children, as follows:
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a. BOBBY CARL RUSSELL - born 25 July 1929 in Akron, Ohio, he married Doris Ware in 1953. Bobby and Doris had one child before he died 18 December 1958:

ANN E. RUSSELL - born 16 November 1953 in Copperhill, Tennessee, she married Henry Leon Pate on 14 August 1976. Bobby was a brakeman on a train with the Tennessee Copper Company; Ann has her Master's Degree and teaches at Dalton, Georgia.

b. BARBARA E. RUSSELL - born 8 February 1937 in McCaysville, Georgia, she married Charles L. Smith on 4 March 1960. Barbara has a Specialist in Education Degree from West Georgia College and teaches business education in Fannin County, Georgia. She has been named one of Georgia's Business Educators of the Year on three occasions. Barbara and Charles are the parents of two children:

DEBORAH J. SMITH - born 27 January 1961 in Copperhill, Tennessee, she has her Master's Degree and teaches Computer Programming in Cobb County, Georgia.

CHARLES L. SMITH, JR. - born 23 May 1968 in Copperhill, he attends the University of Tennessee where he is majoring in Engineering.

c. SHELBA ANN RUSSELL - born 15 April 1941 in McCaysville, Georgia, she married Ronald L. Parham on 30 June 1964. Shelba attended Young Harris College, majoring in Business, which was her career until she became a mother and homemaker. They have one child:

ANGELA RENEE PARHAM - born 21 February 1966 in Atlanta, Georgia, she married Mark Eugene Stephens on 28 July 1984. She is a registered nurse employed in Clayton County, Georgia.

d. CAROL SUE RUSSELL - born 12 December 1943 in McCaysville, Georgia, she married Gary W. Ash on 9 March 1964. Carol is a supervisor with the Kodak Company in Atlanta. She and Gary are the parents of three children:

CAROL SUE ASH - born 17 August 1965 in Atlanta, Georgia, she married William Orr on 2 February 1985, after receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from North Georgia College.

AVA M. ASH - born 27 January 1966 in Atlanta, she attends North Georgia College where she is majoring in Psychology.

GARY W. ASH, JR. - born 15 November 1971 in Atlanta, Georgia.
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e. LARRY EARL RUSSELL - born 27 June 1945 in McCaysville, Georgia, he married Pamela Hawkins on 12 June 1977. Larry received a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration in 1968 from West Georgia College in Carrollton, Georgia, and is now manager of Gold Kist, Live Oak, Florida. Pam is a media specialist in the public school system there. They have two adopted children:


f. FRANKLIN DOUGLAS RUSSELL - born 23 May 1947 in McCaysville, Georgia, he married Barbara Lovell on 14 March 1969. Franklin received his Bachelor’s Degree in Engineering in 1972 from Southern Tech, Marietta, Georgia, and was in the Army Reserve from 1968 to 1974. He is presently an Environmental-Civil Engineer at Tennessee Chemical Company, Copperhill, Tennessee. He and Barbara are the parents of two children:

   ROBERT D. RUSSELL - born 28 February 1972 in Marietta, Georgia.

   ANDREW NATHAN RUSSELL - born 11 February 1976 in Marietta, Georgia.

g. MARY MARTHA RUSSELL - born 6 November 1948 in McCaysville, Georgia, she married first Charles Aaron; married second Thomas Brewster 14 March 1980. She received her diploma in Business from Pickens Tech, Jasper, Georgia, and is employed by General Motors in Atlanta. One child, adopted by Thomas Brewster:

   CHARLES RUSSELL AARON BREWSTER - born 12 December 1970 in Jasper, Georgia.
Carl and Edith Burger Russell  
With Bobby Carl  
1930
JULIUS L. BURGER
At his store on the river next to Jabley's Store
McCaysville, Georgia - 1939
Decatur was born in February 1885, in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the tenth of twelve children of George Francis Burger and Lydia Dehart.

Very little information is known about Decatur and his family since no descendant has been located; however, some facts have been pieced together from various records.

Decatur was listed in his father's Civil War pension papers as D. C. Burger. In the 1900 census records for Cherokee County, he was listed with his parents shown as age 15, born in February 1885.

Decatur was evidently married twice, first to Arka Della Price; second to Ella Hughes. Although these marriage records have not been found, the facts are borne out by other documentation.

The book, THE HERITAGE OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, states that Arka Della Price, the daughter of Cornelius Gentle Price and Sarah Matilda Wallace, was married to Decatur Burger. Also that Arka Della was born on 23 February 1884; died 18 June 1905; that she and Decatur had two children before she died: Elva Burger and Clyde Burger, who were raised by her parents after her death.

The 1910 census for Cherokee County, Shoal Creek Township, lists Decatur as age 26, married twice, Ella age 25, with two sons: Tradus, age 4 and George, ten months old.

Cherokee County, North Carolina, Death Notices, placed in the library at Murphy by the Southwestern North Carolina Genealogical Society, lists a death date for a child as 24 April 1923, mother Ella Hughes, father Decatur Burger. No name was given for the child. The same records lists Boyd Burger with the death date of 2 September 1926, mother Ella Hughes, father D. C. Burger.

The following list of Decatur's children is compiled from the information enumerated above. It is realized this list is not complete; may contain errors. Any information that could by furnished by anyone would be welcome.

1. CLYDE BURGER - born 4 January 1904, married Nora Belle Stewart.

2. ELVA BURGER - born 4 June 1905, married Alvin Raper.

3. TRADUS BURGER - born ca 1906.
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5. **BOYD BURGER** - birthdate not known; died 2 September 1926.
Manual Marion Burger

Manual was born 17 November 1887 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the eleventh of twelve children of George Francis Burger and Lydia Dehart.

He married Lillie Dale Burrell 21 December 1906 at Unake, Cherokee County, North Carolina, by R. L. Hampton, Justice of the Peace. This marriage record listed him as living at Suite, North Carolina, age 21; she living at Unake, age 19.

Manual and Lillie spent the early years of their lives together in Cherokee County, and all their children were born there. When their children were young, they moved to Murray County, Georgia, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Manual died 22 April 1950 and is buried at New Prospect Cemetery, Murray County, Georgia. Lillie died 1 February 1966 and is buried beside Manual.

Information on Manual and Lillie and their descendants has been furnished by their children in some instances; for others, no information is available except for their birth dates. Appreciation is expressed to those for their cooperation. Assistance where information is lacking would be appreciated.

Mr. Ed Burger, sixth child of Manual and Lillie, started the Burger Family Reunion, held each August at Fort Mountain State Park near Chatsworth, Georgia.

Children of Manual and Lillie:

1. HERMAN ELMO BURGER - born 25 December 1907, he married Dimple Irene Casey on 11 November 1934 in Murray County, Georgia. Dimple was born 15 September 1918 in Murray County, the daughter of Martin Oliver Casey and Julie Mae Howell. Herman died 1 August 1987 and is buried at Fain Cemetery, Calhoun, Georgia. Dimple is still living. Children:
   a. CLARENCE MANUAL BURGER - born 16 October 1935 in Murray County, Georgia, he married Patricia Louise Nix on 21 December 1956, at Calhoun, Georgia. They have two children:

      TRACY DAWN BURGER - born 9 December 1963 at Rome, Georgia.

      PATRICIA JILL BURGER - born 30 December 1965 at Calhoun, Georgia.
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b. HELEN LOUISE BURGER - born 20 March 1937 in Whitfield County, Georgia, she married Thomas Franklin Phillips on 11 June 1955 at Rossville, Georgia. Thomas was born 11 December 1933 in Gordon County, Georgia, the son of A. Terrell Phillips and Myrtle Taylor. Helen and Thomas are living now at Adairsville, Georgia. They are the parents of four children:

KAREN RENEE PHILLIPS - born 28 April 1957 at Rome, Georgia, she married Ronnie E. Lewis 12 October 1976 in Floyd County, Georgia.

LINDA DIANNE PHILLIPS - born 24 August 1958 in Rome, Georgia, she married Michael Pacheco in South Carolina.

JOAN MARIE PHILLIPS - born 28 July 1964 in Rome Georgia, she married Zane Grey Walden on 14 July 1984 in Liberty County, Georgia.

THOMAS FRANKLIN PHILLIPS - born 11 September 1967 in Rome, Georgia.

c. JAMES ARTHUR BURGER - born 14 May 1939 in Whitfield County, Georgia, he married Yvonne McLissick on 14 July 1961 at Ringold, Georgia. They are the parents of three children:

PAMELA YVETTE BURGER - born 1 May 1962 in Gordon County, Georgia.

RHODA LYNN BURGER - born 24 September 1965 in Floyd County, Georgia.

JAMES KEITH BURGER - born 9 September 1973 in Floyd County, Georgia.

d. DARLENE BURGER - born 18 September 1944; died the same day.

e. GAYLE RAY BURGER - born 1 November 1951 at Calhoun, Georgia, he married Martha Moore on 15 September 1985 at Adairsville, Georgia. They have one child:

VANESSA MICHAEL BURGER - born 9 June 1986 at Calhoun, Georgia.

2. CARL BURGER - born 6 April 1909. No further information.


4. OTIS FREEMAN BURGER - born 21 November 1915 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, he married Pauline Fox on 3 February 1941 in Murray County, Georgia. Pauline was born 7 April 1919 in
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Murray County, the daughter of John Fox. Otis and Pauline had two children before Pauline died on 6 August 1976. She is buried at Williams Cemetery in Murray County. Otis married second Wynette Susie Fisher on 28 November 1982 in Georgia. There are no children of this marriage. Otis and Susie live at Dalton, Georgia. Otis helped organize and was charter member of the Marantha Baptist Church in 1962 in Dalton. His children:

a. VIRGINIA JANELL BURGER - born 1 December 1941 in Murray County, she married Ernest M. Chapman on 27 June 1959. Ernest was born 11 August 1935 in Murray County, the son of Walter Anderson Chapman and Beatrice Brindle. Children:

   RICKEY LYNN CHAPMAN.
   RICHEY SHAWN CHAPMAN.


5. FANNIE BURGER - born 27 February 1918 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, she married Roscoe Elliott Cartwright, Sr., in Murray County, Georgia. They are the parents of four children.

   a. JANET DALE CARTWRIGHT - born 21 January 1940.
   b. BARBARA JEAN CARTWRIGHT - born 22 January 1941, she married David Beagle.
   c. ROSCOE ELLIOTT CARTWRIGHT, JR. - born 29 May 1943, he married Debra Simmons.
   d. JERRY CURTIS CARTWRIGHT - died as an infant.

6. EDWARD LEE BURGER - born 19 April 1921 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, he married Exie Luffman. Exie was born 10 January 1926, the daughter of Oscar Luffman and Pearl Springfield. Ed and Exie live at Chatsworth, Georgia. They are the parents of four children, all born in Georgia.

   a. SHIRLEY ANN BURGER - born 9 November 1942, she married Thomas Julian Reid II. Shirley and Thomas had one child before Thomas died in 1963:


   b. CHARLES MANUAL BURGER - born 5 April 1947, he is a graduate of Shorter College in Rome, Georgia. Charles married Charlene Pettigrew. Children:

      EDWARD LEE BURGER II - born 13 March 1967.
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CHARLES WESLEY BURGER - born 29 December 1970.

c.  CALVIN BURGER - born in May 1952, he attended West Georgia College and Atlanta Law School, where he earned a Doctorate of J. J. Calvin married Melody Peoples; one child:


d.  SAMUEL JUDSON BURGER - born in 1963, he earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Marketing from Shorter College in Rome, Georgia.

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GEORGE FRANCIS BURGER

IDA C. BURGER

Ida was born 11 October 1893 in Murphy, North Carolina, the youngest child of George Francis Burger and Lydia Dehart.

She married Henry Lofton Reed. Henry was born 11 July 1886, the son of Jason Reed and Rebecca Wilbanks.

Ida died in 1937. The information on the children of Ida and Henry has been furnished by their descendants. They were the parents of six children:

1. GEORGE REED - born 1 September 1918, he married Grace Leatherwood in January 1940. Five children were born of this marriage:
   a. DONALD REED.
   b. LINDA REED.
   c. DOUGLAS REED.
   d. JACKIE REED.
   e. MARION REED.

2. EVA LOUISE REED - born 11 August 1920 at Chatsworth, Georgia, she married Ralph Harding Swafford on 6 January 1940 in Dalton, Georgia. Ralph was born 18 May 1920 in Bradley County, Tennessee, the son of Lewis Alford Swafford and Elizabeth Ethel Williams. Children:
   a. GARY THOMAS SWAFFORD - born 15 December 1941, he married Sandra Boyd in East Ridge, Tennessee. Children:
      ERIC LOFTON SWAFFORD - born 11 September 1966.
   b. JOSEPH EDWARD SWAFFORD - born 14 November 1943, he married Alyce Kay White on 14 June 1969 at Maryville, Tennessee. Alyce Kay was born on 4 May 1944 in Monroe County, Tennessee, the daughter of Clarence Stanford White and Johanna Humphreys. They are the parents of one child:
      KRISTEN KAY SWAFFORD - born 9 June 1970 in Cobb County, Georgia.

3. THOMAS PATTON REED - born 6 January 1923, never married
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4. DORIS REED - born 15 November 1925, she married Horace Dempsey. Children:
   a. REBECCA DEMPSEY.
   b. DAVID DEMPSEY.
   c. KAREN DEMPSEY.

5. CHARLES LINDBERGH REED - born 26 November 1927, he married Verna Davis. Children:
   a. CHARLES LINDBERGH REED, JR.
   b. KATHERINE REED.
   c. RICKY REED.
   d. JOE REED.
   e. FELICIA REED.

6. JAMES BRADFORD REED - born 16 February 1933, he married Marie Harrison. Children:
   a. DAVID REED.
   b. DALE REED.
   c. JOEL REED.
   d. BRUCE REED.
   e. ALAN REED.
   f. DANNY REED.
   g. MARIE REED.
Lorenzo was born 4 January 1850 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the fifth child of twelve children of Abraham Burger and Rosanna McNabb.

He married Gillie Jane Irons 20 August 1883 in Monroe County, Tennessee, with J. L. Telley bondsman, and T. S. Hawk, Justice of the Peace. Gillie was born 13 August 1860, the daughter of Jim Irons.

Lorenzo and Gillie lived in the Shoal Creek Township of Cherokee County; owned land there. Fields of the Wood is located in the Southwest corner of North Carolina on Highway 294 between Suite, North Carolina, and Turtletown, Tennessee. When Fields of the Wood, was built by The Church of God of Prophecy, thirty-five acres of land was purchased that was identified as being L. D. Burger land. This land was located in District 8, Shoal Creek Township, and the deed is on file in Cherokee County in deed book 134, page 168. The booklet on Fields of the Wood, published by The Church of Prophecy Marker Associations, mentions the Burger Mountain several times. This was surely part of the 100 acres that was entered by Abraham Burger in 1855 under the Pre-emption Act.

Lorenzo Dow and Gillie Jane died in the same year, within a couple of months of each other. Cherokee County, North Carolina, Death Records, on file at the library at Murphy, lists Lorenzo D. Burger, died 12 June 1932, son of Rosanna McNabb and Abe Burger; Jane Burger, daughter of Jim Irons, died 3 April 1932. They are both buried at Liberty Cemetery, Cherokee County. Their markers read: BURGER STONE: LORANSY DOW, January 4, 1850 – June 12, 1932; GILLIE JANE, August 13, 1860 – April 4, 1932.

The list of children shown here is taken from the 1900 census records only. In those records they were living at Shoal Creek Township, and it was stated that Gillie was the mother of seven children; six living. The seventh child, name unknown, evidently died young.

No further information than shown is known about any of these children, and any help that could be given by anyone would be appreciated.

1. **LUCIUS P. BURGER** – born in June 1884.


3. **HORACE JAMES BURGER** – born 7 July 1888, died 22 December 1928, buried at Liberty Cemetery in Cherokee County.
4. BERTHA M. BURGER - born in February 1890.

5. WILLIAM M. BURGER - born in January 1893, married Ella Dehart 25 June 1918 in Polk County, Tennessee.

6. GEORGE A. BURGER - born in July 1895.
Andrew was born in December 1851 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the sixth child of twelve children of Abraham Burger and Rosanna McNabb.

He married Lydia Emeline Cotter in Cherokee County on 6 December 1877. Lydia was born 30 May 1858, the daughter of James M. and Elizabeth Cotter. The marriage license was dated 5 December 1877, and stated that he was age 25; she age 20, both from Shoal Creek, that Lydia was the daughter of James and Elizabeth Cotter. The marriage was performed at the residence of her mother Elizabeth Cotter at Shoal Creek, her father being dead at the time. William R. Mulkey, Baptist Minister of the Gospel, performed the ceremony, and Lorenzo D. Burger, Andrew’s brother, was witness.

Andrew entered 100 acres of land in Cherokee County, as evidenced by the Index to State Grants, Grant Number 2036, in Section 220, District 4, recorded in Book G, Page 354.

In the 1880 census, Andrew and Lydia were listed in Polk County, Tennessee, with the notation by the census enumerator that the farm was not taken; it is over the line in North Carolina.

They were in the 1900 and the 1910 census records of Cherokee County. Andrew and Lydia had only one child, who died at an early age. In the 1910 census she stated she was the mother of one child; none living.

Andrew died 12 January 1922; this date listed in the Death Records on file at Murphy, North Carolina.
Leander was born in March 1853 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the seventh child of Abraham Burger and Rosanna McNabb. He married Lucy N. _______; her maiden name and the date of this marriage not known. Lucy was born in March 1851.

Leander and Lucy were in the census records for Cherokee County, beginning in 1880, through 1910, all the Shoal Creek Township.

It is believed Lucy died not long after the 1900 census was taken. On 10 May 1910 Leander married second Sarah Ann Hawkins in Cherokee County, with J. F. McGee, Justice of the Peace. That record states he was age 56; she age 49.

The list of children is from the census records only; is by no means complete. In the 1900 census, Lucy was listed as the mother of twelve children, with seven living at that time. Only the names of nine of them are known and they are listed here with the best knowledge available. Perhaps more information can be added later.

1. JOSIE ELLER BURGER - born in November 1873, she married _______ Hedrick. She was in the 1900 census records living with her parents, listed as a widow, with three children:
   a. CORA I. HEDRICK - born in June 1892.
   b. APER P. HEDRICK - born in January 1895.
   c. GEORGE HEDRICK - born in September 1897.

2. MARTHA JANE BURGER - born in January 1875, is this the Martha Burger who married E. S. Pate in Polk County, Tennessee on 1 September 1907?

3. GEORGE ABRAHAM BURGER - born in April 1876.

4. LYDIA BURGER - born in 1877.

5. EMALINE BURGER - born in 1880.

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8. JAMES L. BURGER - born in January 1890.

9. JOSEPH BURGER - born in May 1894.
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SECTION 6  
WILLIAM N. BURGER

William was born in July 1858 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the ninth child of Abraham Burger and Rosanna McNabb.

He married Malisa Shearer in Cherokee County, North Carolina, on 1 February 1885, by William R. Mulkey, Minister of the Gospel, at John Shearer’s residence. That record listed him as age 26; she as age 24, but her age was listed wrong. Malisa was born in August 1859, and from the marriage record evidently the daughter of John Shearer.

William and Malisa were in the 1900 census records for Shoal Creek Township; in 1910 in Monroe County, Tennessee.

In the 1910 census records, Malisa was listed as the mother of six children; five living at that time. The following list of their children is taken from the census records only; is not complete. Evidently one child died as an infant, and the name is unknown.

1. LUCIAN C. BURGER - born in February 1886.
2. JESSIE G. BURGER - born in May 1887.
3. VESTA BURGER - born in January 1892.
5. CHARLEY W. BURGER - born in March 1897
Matilda was born 27 November 1862 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, the eleventh of twelve children of Abraham Burger and Rosanna McNabb.

She married Sanford Cornelius Ledford, the date not yet known. Sanford was born 30 September 1856.

Matilda and Sanford were in the 1900 census records from Cherokee County, in Shoal Creek Township. Living with them at that time was her mother, Rosanna, shown as 80 years old. It is believed Rosanna was really 81 years old in 1900.

THE HERITAGE OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, lists this family. It states that they were the parents of fifteen children, two sets of twins that died at birth.

The following list of children is taken from the census records, and the above cited book:

1. ALVIS LEDFORD.
2. JOHN LEDFORD.
3. LAURA LEDFORD - born in January 1884.
4. GERTIE LEDFORD - born in March 1889.
5. MARY JULIE LEDFORD - born in January 1892.
6. WILLIAM IRWIN LEDFORD - born in April 1894.
7. CHARLES E. LEDFORD - born in January 1897.
8. ORA E. LEDFORD - born in May 1899.
9. ELMER LEDFORD - born ca 1901.
10. ETHEL LEDFORD - born ca 1904.

Matilda died 28 June 1939; Sanford died 27 May 1937.
CHAPTER XII

JAMES BURGER

James was born in 1821 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the youngest child of John Burger and Susanna Symons. He was named as the son of John and Susanna in the records of the Burger Cemetery on file at the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville. There he was listed as the youngest.

The year of birth for James has been very difficult to determine since the only records available for his age are the census records, and in those that list James, his age varies widely. But after studying all those records in detail, the year 1821 is considered the correct one; it was given in the 1850 census records while he was still a young and single man and living with Henry, his brother, in McMinn County. His parents had died before then. The year 1821 also fits all the other documentation that has been located for James' parents and his brothers and sisters.

James married Susanna ________. Her last name has not been determined or the date of their marriage, since the record has not been found. Susanna was born in May 1827; was quite a number of years younger than James. This fact probably accounts for the discrepancies in their ages in the census records. From the information that is available, they very likely married in 1854 or 1855; their oldest child was born in 1856.

James purchased 80 acres of land in McMinn County in 1843, as evidenced by the following entry:

"This indenture made this 28th day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty three between John McKecham of the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee of the one part and James Burger of the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee of the other part - witnesseth that the said John McKecham for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth convey and confirm, to the said James Burger and his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract of land situate in the County of McMinn. Bounded as follows. Beginning on the North West Corner of the North West Quarter of Section Eleventh Township fourth Range first East of the Meridian, McMinn County running thence South eighty rods to a stake, thence East Eighty rods to a stake, thence North Eighty rods to a stake, thence Eighty rods West to the Beginning containing forty acres, and another piece or parcel Beginning on the South East corner North eighty rods to a stake, thence West eighty rods to a stake, thence East eighty rods to the Beginning containing forty acres the whole containing eighty acres. All in the County of McMinn State of Tennessee. Which tract of land, together with the heredetaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, the said John McKecham for himself and his heairs & C to the said James Burger,
his heirs and assigns will warrant and forever defend against the lawful claim of all other persons whatsoever - by these as an indefeasible inheritance in fee simple. In Testimony whereof he the said John McKeacham has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed and delivered in presence of SAMUEL WORKMAN; W. MCKANNY. Signed: JOHN McKECHAM." This transaction was entered at Athens the 28th day of October 1843.

James sold 40 acres of this land in 1844. Of special interest is the fact that the deed is witnessed by two of his brothers, Henry Burger and George Burger:

"This indenture made this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Four - Between James Burgar of the one part, and C. T. McCray of the other part both of the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee. Witnesseth, that the said James Burgar for and in consideration of the sum of seventy dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained and sold, and by these presents doth bargain and sell to the said Charles T. McCray and his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the fourth Township & Eleventh Section, a part of the North West quarter of said Section, range First East of the meridian Hiawassee District, Bounded as follows BEZ2NHYNQ at the N W corner of said quarter running east eighty poles to a stake thence South Eighty poles to a stake, thence West eighty poles to a stake, thence North Eighty poles to the beginning, containing forty acres which tract of land together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, the said James Burgar for himself and heirs to the said C. T. McCray, his heirs and assigns, will warrant and defend forever defend against the lawful claim of any other person or persons whatsoever, by these presents as an indefeasible inheritance in fee simple. In testimony whereof the said James Burgar doth have unto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and date above written. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of HENRY BURGAR; GEORGE BURGAR. Signed: JAMES BURGAR." This transaction was registered at Athens on the 7th day of December 1850.

James sold the remaining 40 acres of the original purchase on 16 September 1844. It was entered in the records at Athens on 17 September 1844.

At the time of the 1860 census, James and Susanna were married and living in Cherokee County, North Carolina. They had two children at home: John age 4 and Rachel M. J. age 2.

Abraham, brother of James, was living in Cherokee County, North Carolina near the Polk County, Tennessee, line. Another brother, Adam, was just over the North Carolina line in Polk County; owned land in Cherokee County. Perhaps James went to this area because his brothers were there. The Polk County
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courthouse burned in the late 1800's and if James and Susanna were married in Polk County, those records were destroyed.

Sometime between the enumeration of the 1860 census and the 1870 census, James and Susanna moved to McMinn County, Tennessee. They were there in the 1870 census, Sixth District, listed next door to M. D. Burger. There were six children at home: John age 14, Rachel 11, Millie 9, Thomas 7, Joseph 5, and Lydia 3.

In the 1880 census, James and Susanna had six children at home: Rachel 21, Millie 20, Joseph 13, Lydia 11, Mary 6, and William 3. John and Thomas had evidently left home by this time; however, no records of their marriages have been found.

James died in McMinn County sometime after the enumeration of the 1880 census. In the 1900 census, Susanna was living with her daughter and son-in-law, Ben Eaves. That record listed Susanna born in May 1837. No further records have been located on Susanna. It is not known at this time where either of them are buried.

This list of the children of James and Susanna is taken from the census records; possibly is not complete. No further information than that shown below is available on any of the children, with the exception of Mary who married Ben Eaves and was found in the census records, and Joseph, since some of his descendants have been located and they have furnished much information on him and his family. These two families are shown in the following sections of this chapter. Any other information that could be furnished by other descendants of James and Susanna would be welcome.

1. JOHN H. BURGER - born ca 1856.
2. RACHEL M. J. BURGER - born ca 1858.
3. MILLIE BURGER - born ca 1861.
4. THOMAS BURGER - born ca 1863.
5. JOSEPH MCKINLEY BURGER - born June 1867.
6. LYDIA BURGER - born ca 1869.
7. CALDONIA BURGER - born October 1871. (Caldonia was not listed in the 1880 census; perhaps the enumerator missed listing her. She was in the 1900 census with her sister and brother-in-law.)
8. MARY BURGER - born in January 1876.
9. WILLIAM BURGER - born ca 1877.
Joseph was born in June 1867 in McMinn County, Tennessee, the son of James and Susanna Burger.

He married Sarah Jane Womack. Sarah was born 9 July 1869 in Tennessee, the daughter of Riley Benson Womack and Dicey A. Thompson. The date of their marriage is not known since the marriage record has not been found. It is known, however, that Joseph and Sarah Jane lived in Polk County, Tennessee when they were first married. Perhaps they were married in Polk County, and if so, that record was destroyed in the late 1800s when the courthouse was burned.

Joseph was a farmer in Polk County; worked on the farm of John Dunn who owned over a thousand acres of land that was only a few miles from the county lines of Polk, McMinn, and Bradley Counties, Tennessee. At one time the area was known as Columbus and it was the county seat of Polk County; now the county seat is located at Benton.

According to documents on file in Polk County, dated 16 May 1898, Joseph mortgaged his two mules and his crop of wheat and corn to be raised on the John Dunn farm in 1898 to pay for two previous promissory notes and merchandise he had received from Knox Brothers and Company of Bradley County. He also had a similar note dated 29 December 1898, but this time he mortgaged his "3 in skein Old Hickory" wagon, disc harrow, one roan color mare mule about ten years old, one blaze face roan horse eight years old and one eight year old black mare.

By 1900 Joseph and Sarah Jane and their family were living in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee; they were listed in the census records for that area. Joe was working as a blacksmith. That record listed Joseph born in June 1867 in Tennessee; Sarah Jane in July 1870, also in Tennessee, and the mother of six children. This year of birth for Sarah Jane is wrong, but it is not the only error in the 1900 census. The children were listed as follows: Mary born August 1889, Lizzie born November 1892, Nap born October 1894, Riley born October 1896, Annie born March 1897, and Joe born April 1899. It is obvious that the birth date is incorrect for either Annie or Riley since it shows her only five months younger than Riley. Perhaps the enumerator made a mistake.

It is known by family members that Joseph and Sarah Jane had two other children, Doris and Ranson, that died as infants or early childhood. Since the 1900 census states Sarah Jane was the mother of six children, it is very likely they were born after that time. This is further substantiated by the fact that the
next and youngest child was born in 1908, a gap of seven years.

Sometime between the 1900 census and 1904, Joseph and Sarah Jane and their family moved to the Indian Territory. The next record of Joseph Burger is a newspaper item in the Wilburton Gazette, Indian Territory, dated August 10, 1904. Under the headline of items of local interest: "J. R. Nation has sold his water sprinkler to Joe Burger." It is remembered by some in the family that Sarah Jane said her husband sprinkled the streets in Wilburton. It is also family knowledge that Joseph was a water well driller and at times was a carpenter and made cabinets besides his work as a farmer.

On a rainy day in February 1908 Sarah Jane needed some thread to do some sewing. Even though Joseph was just recovering from the flu, he went to the store to get the thread. By the time he returned home he was soaking wet and probably chilled to the bone. He died of pneumonia a few days later at the age of 41, just a little over three months after the Indian Territory became the State of Oklahoma. He died at his home in the Lodi Community near Red Oak. The following item was copied from the Wilburton Gazette, dated 6 March 1908: "We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Joe Burger, he died at his home in Red Oak last Monday. Mr. Burger once lived in Wilburton and has many friends here, he was a good man, and leaves a large family."

Sarah Jane was only 39 years old when Joseph died; the youngest child was fourteen months old. She lived to 10 July 1949 and died at Wilburton.

Both Joseph and Sarah Jane are buried at Red Oak, Latimer County, Oklahoma.

A grandson of Joseph and Sarah Jane, Leycel Burger and his wife Martha, of Wilburton, Oklahoma, have furnished all the information listed here for this family, and much of the information for Joseph’s parents, James and Susanna Burger. Grateful appreciation is expressed to them, because without their research and tremendous help, this family would have been lost to the writers.

Children of Joseph and Sarah Jane:

1. **MARY LIZA BURGER** - born 14 August 1889 in East Tennessee, she married William Ragland on 6 December 1908. She died 20 November 1909.

2. **LIZZIE BURGER** - born 22 November 1892 in East Tennessee, she married James Erwin at Wilburton, Oklahoma. James was born 16 July 1885 at Lodi, Indian Territory. Lizzie died 28 June 1942 at Wilburton, Latimer County, Oklahoma; buried at Red Oak. James died 2 May 1968 at Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma; is buried also
JAMES BURGER

at Red Oak. Children:

a. **NORA ERWIN** - born at Lodi, Oklahoma, married Deighton.

b. **FAY ERWIN** - born 4 August 1910 at Lodi, she married Lewis Ray in 1923.


d. **DORIS ERWIN** - born at Lodi, Oklahoma, she married Grady Henley.

e. **WALTER ADALIA ERWIN** - born 4 January 1919 at Lodi, Oklahoma, he died 31 October 1966.

f. **DORTHA JEAN ERWIN** - born at Lodi, Oklahoma, she married John Volkmar on 10 April 1943.

g. **BILLY JOE ERWIN** - born at Lodi, Oklahoma, he married Frances Deloach.

h. **EDMOND ERWIN** - born at Lodi, Oklahoma.

i. **JACKY BURL ERWIN** - born 5 April 1936 at Lodi, died 21 December 1982.

3. **NAPOLEON BONAPART BURGER** - born 18 November 1894 in East Tennessee, he married Emma Nation on 26 May 1918 at Wilburton, Oklahoma. Napoleon was a World War I Veteran. He died 4 February 1978 at Wilburton, is buried at Wilburton City Cemetery. They were the parents of six children:

a. **JOSEPH THOMAS BURGER** - born 15 March 1919 at Wilburton, Oklahoma, he married Jewell Wade on 25 May 1940 at Wilburton. Joseph was a World War II Veteran, a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Agriculture Teacher at Hartshorne, Oklahoma. He was with the U. S. Agriculture Department when he was killed in Vietnam in 1967. He is buried at Wilburton City Cemetery. Children:

   RONALD JOE BURGER - born in California

   GARY THOMAS BURGER.

b. **JAMES ETHAN BURGER** - born 7 September 1923 at Wilburton, Oklahoma, he married June Lewis on 8 November 1944 at Wilburton. June is now deceased. James is a World War II and Korean Veteran. He retired from Los Alamos, New Mexico, and is now living in Hartshorne, Oklahoma. James married second Helen
Bowling. James and June were the parents of one child:

JANICE MAXINE BURGER - born at Wilburton, she married Jerry McPeak.

c. HOWARD ERCHEL BURGER - born 16 December 1924 at Wilburton, Oklahoma, he married Wanda Lee Edmonds on 6 March 1953 at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Wanda was born 21 March 1925 at Talihina, Latimer County, Oklahoma. Howard is a Veteran of World War II and Korea, is a graduate of Oklahoma State University. He retired in 1983 as an Agriculture Teacher in Hartshore, Oklahoma. He recently received an Honorary State Farmer Degree in Oklahoma City during the State Future Farmers of America Convention in appreciation of his long-standing contributions to youth and agriculture. Children:

LEE ANN BURGER - born 12 March 1956 at McAlester, Oklahoma, she married Stephen Williams on 22 May 1978.

LAURIE JAN BURGER - born 14 August 1962 at McAlester, Oklahoma, she married Roger Zink on 3 September 1981.

d. MAXINE BURGER - born 2 January 1926 at Wilburton, Oklahoma, she married Charles Leonard Golightly on 2 January 1943. Charles was born 14 December 1924 at Wilburton. Children:

CHARLES RAY GOLIGHTLY - born 17 January 1944 at Wilburton, he married Frances Anderson.

ALANA GAYE GOLIGHTLY - born 12 November 1951 at Shreveport, Louisiana, she married Michael Holt.

LARRY FRANK GOLIGHTLY - born 25 August 1953 at Shreveport, Louisiana, he married Cheryl Ford.

e. WILLIAM CLIFTON BURGER - born 2 August 1927 at Wilburton, Oklahoma, he married first Wanda ________; married second Gwen Barlow. He has one child:

SHELIA BURGER - born at McAlester, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma.

f. EMOGENE BURGER - born 14 February 1930 at Wilburton, Oklahoma, she married Roy Rogers, Jr., on 6 September 1947 at Wilburton. Roy was born 6 September 1947 at Wilburton, the son of Roy Rogers, Sr., and Estie Cantrell. They are the parents of three children:

ROY BRENT ROGERS.

DEBORAH JEAN ROGERS.
4. **RILEY JAMES BURGER** - born 16 October 1896 in McMinn County, Tennessee, he married Pearl Mae Hill on 14 November 1915, at Cravens, Latimer County, Oklahoma. Pearl was born 4 April 1900 at Wilburton. Riley died 15 December 1965 at Banta, California; is buried at Tracy City, California. One child:

- **DORIS BURGER** - born 1 September 1917 at Wilburton, Oklahoma, she married Ernest Brown on 16 April 1939.

5. **OMA ANNIE BURGER** - born ca 1897; died in early childhood. Members of the family remember Sarah Jane telling the tragic story of her little daughter, Oma Annie, dying after falling into a washpot of boiling water. Since Oma Annie was born in 1897, this probably happened while the family still lived in Tennessee.

6. **JOSEPH MCKINLEY BURGER, JR.** - born 20 April 1899 in Tennessee, he married Elizabeth Bowling on 23 February 1922 at Wewoka, Seminole County, Oklahoma. Joseph died 17 December 1932 at Wewoka; is buried there. Elizabeth was born in May 1898, celebrated her 90th birthday in May 1988 at Ceres, California. They were the parents of one child:

- **LEROY BURGER** - born 12 June 1928 at Wilburton, Oklahoma, he married Christine Wood.

7. **DORIS BURGER** - born and died after 1900 as an infant.

8. **RANSON BURGER** - born and died after 1900 as an infant.

9. **CLAUD CLIFTON BURGER** - born 1 December 1906 at Lodi, Latimer County, Oklahoma, he married Vera Evelyn Windsor on 7 November 1931 at Wilburton, Oklahoma. Vera was born 28 August 1913 at Wilburton, the daughter of Allen Vester Windsor and Annie Mae Palmer. Claud died 4 July 1970 at McAlester, in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, and is buried at Wilburton. Vera is still living at Wilburton. They were the parents of two children:

   a. **LEYCEL ALLEN BURGER** - born 10 December 1932 at Wilburton, Oklahoma, he married Martha Lonell Blalock on 23 May 1954 at Wilburton. Martha was born 11 December 1933 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas, the daughter of James Ben Austin and Eva Cora Mitchell. Leycel is a Korean War Veteran, having served from 1954 to 1956. He earned his B.S. degree from Oklahoma University in 1959 as a Petroleum Engineer. Martha earned her B.S. degree from the University of Tulsa. Leycel and Martha traveled to many places in the world in connection with his career; spent several years in the Middle East. They are both retired now and live on their farm near Wilburton. They are the parents of two children:
CLAUD LYNN BURGER - born 25 April 1955 at Port Hueneme, California. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Oklahoma University in 1980. While at the University, he played Rugby and received several awards for his team contributions and Christian fellowship.


Joseph McKinley and Sarah Jane Womack Burger
Mary was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, in January 1876, the daughter of James and Susanna Burger.

The first record of Mary is the 1880 census record, in which she was listed in the household with her parents, shown as six years old.

She married Ben M. Eaves, the date not known. However, they were listed in the 1900 census record, Ben listed as born in August 1870, Mary as born in January 1876. There were four children at home at that time: Emmer V., Callie M., Millie, and Tence. Living with them also was her mother, Susanna Burger, listed as Ben Eaves' mother-in-law.

This list of their children is from the 1900 census records only. Any additional information on this family would be most welcome.

2. **Callie M. Eaves** - born in 1895.
3. **Millie Eaves** - born in October 1897.
4. **Tence Eaves** - born in April 1898.
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