The Descendants Of

JOHN MAY, SR.

And

SARAH JANE (PHILLIPS) MAY

1760 - 1967

OF

Virginia
Tennessee Kansas
Kentucky Colorado
Illinois Wyoming
Iowa Oregon
Nebraska Washington
And All Points West

AND ALLIED FAMILIES

OF
Hanson
Wall
Rook
Mundell

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"He who fails to treasure the memory of his fathers, himself does not deserve to be remembered."

This book is dedicated to the memory of my grandparents:—
JOHN RUSSELL MAY and his wife, RHODA RUHAMA (BROTHERTON) MAY.
PREFACE

James Hanson⁴ must be given much of the credit for saving facts which form the basis of today's MAY-HANSON family record, in which he, as a fourth generation descendant of the family in this country, made the first concentrated effort to pass on accurate information about the family heritage. It was in 1876, the centennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence, that the thought occurred to him to leave to posterity the family history. In a statement to his sons, James said,

"I, James Hanson, was born on the 15th day of January in the year of our Lord 1816 in Estill county, Kentucky and am now 60 years of age. I volunteered in the service of the United States against the south in the great Rebellion and was in several battles during the last war. I belonged to Company G. Capt. Dove, 115th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers and the Fourth Corps, First Division, - Brigade of the Army of the Cumberland.

My father's name was Conrad Hanson. He was born on the edge of North Carolina, two miles from Virginia. My father's grandfather, who was my great grandfather, was born in Ireland. His wife was an Irish woman. They raised seven sons that went into the Revolutionary War.

My grandfather John Hanson was the youngest, he was sixteen when he volunteered and served three years under George Washington. I believe they all served under George Washington; I believe they were all born in Greenbrier county, Virginia. I do not know all their given names but will tell you some of them. There were William, James, Samuel and John who was my grandfather; I do not know the others but they fought for Liberty with an Irish zeal and helped establish this government one hundred years ago which we now enjoy this Centennial year."

Signed, March 8, 1878

JAMES HANSON

It was Martin Hanson's foresight that saved his brother's commentary, and it was filed away among his memoirs. Eventually it fell into the hands of his nephew, Raymond C. Hanson, born 1889 and living in Saxman, Kansas, who spent seven years compiling a record of the family up to and including Conrad Hanson³. Raymond's record consisted of family traditions, names, dates and places that could be recalled by older members of the family. There was no documentary proof, but later discoveries has verified it's authenticity, as well as the original statement made by James Hanson.

It was this material that proved to be the starting point for Homer Eiler of Topeka, Kansas who spent twenty years and a small fortune on research. However, at that time, many records
available to us today were not accessible to him, and yet the
traditions and conclusions that he reached have proven to be
correct. He published his findings in two small paper back
books entitled "OUR ANCESTORS -- A Record of These Families
HANSON - WALL", and "A Record of these Families MAY - HANSON -
1929. Copies of these books are to be found in the Kansas
State Historical Society of Topeka, Kans.; the Newberry Library
of Chicago; the Public Libraries of Los Angeles, Calif., Shelbyville, Ill., and Portland, Oregon. I also have copies in my
own library and I will use the books as a basis of this record.

James Hanson⁴, the original historian, married Mary May,
his first cousin. Prior to this, his aunts, Mary Catherine and
Elizabeth Hanson, were the first and second wives of John May,
Jr. and between them bore 14 children. Thus the May family was
included in the history of Raymond C. Hanson. When Homer Eiler
took up the task, he branched out to embrace the May family be­
because John May, Jr. and Elizabeth (Hanson) May were his great
grandparents.

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The earliest record that we have of this branch of the May family states that three brothers, John, Leonard and Thomas May, of German descent, came to America in Colonial days and settled near Baltimore, Maryland. Now this does not coincide with statements made by Eiler that the May's were of English descent, coming to Baltimore, by way of Holland. However, the above was given by a fourth generation member of the family, Col. Andrew Jackson May, born near Prestonburg, Floyd County, Kentucky on Jan. 28, 1829, who was speaking of his great grandfather, John May, the emigrant. Col. May continues that Thomas May finally settled in Buckingham Co., Va. and the two remaining brothers moved to Berkeley Co., Va. and eventually to North Carolina. (Annals of Tazewell County, Va. by John Newton Harman, Sr., Vol.II:420)

There was most likely a fourth brother, Daniel May, unknown to Col. May, who left a will in Berkeley County probated 6/17/1777 naming his wife Mary May, and his nephew "Daniel May, son of my brother Leonard May." There is also the will of David May, probated 11/22/1780, no doubt a close relative. There was a large settlement of May's from this area that migrated to Ashe County, N. C. near the Tennessee-Virginia line between 1780-1800 who are of the same family.

JOHN MAY, OUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTOR

JOHN MAY, Sr. our Revolutionary War ancestor, was born near Baltimore, Maryland in 1760. (Harman II:420) He died January 25, 1913. (Revolutionary War Pension application Va.R7056) He is buried in the William Keathley Graveyard located on the original homestead of John May Sr. in Pike County, Kentucky. John May, Sr. was the son of John May, the emigrant ancestor. (Harman)

In March 1780 John May married Sarah Jane Phillips in Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., Virginia "by publishing the banns." (Va.R7056)

Sarah Jane Phillips was born in 1759. She died in the fall of 1845 and is buried beside her husband. (Va.R7056, gravestone, grandson Reuben May)

Sarah Jane was the daughter of Thomas Phillips and according to family tradition, her mother was a Pollard. The first appearance of Thomas Phillips in the records of Berkeley County is in Jan. 1778 when he purchased land from Adam Steffen, both of Berkeley Co.
This coincides with a statement of Sarah Jane in her pension application, that she "was not living in that part of the country when John May entered the service in 1777, but came there (to Berkeley Co.) while he was in the service." She offers no clue to the family's whereabouts prior to this time.

In Berkley County Will Book I:199, dated 14 Sept. 1780 — Appraisal of the slaves of Thomas Phillips, dec'd, by Auty Noble, Daniel Beal and Michel McKewn. From this we know that a Thomas Phillips died in the summer of 1780 or prior to this time. There was no will or settlement of the estate. In the following years there are references to a Thomas Phillips and his wife, Elizabeth, known son of the Thomas Sr., who would be a brother of our Sarah Jane (Phillips) May.

The record of our Revolutionary ancestor, John May, starts with a statement from his wife that prior to John's enlistment he was living in Martinsburg, Virginia. In 1777, at the age of 17, John May enlisted in the Revolutionary War and was a soldier in the Virginia Continental Line for two years in charge of artillery. His widow, Sarah Jane, gives recollections of her husband's service. She recalls that his Captain's name was Cherry, and his General was Lee. She remembers that he spoke of being "across the river from the Battle of Long Island", and that he frequently mentioned "Washington's retreat across the river."

Sarah distinctly remembers John May's return from the service, but let us read it as given by Sarah Jane herself in her 86th year to the Clerk at Pike County, Kentucky.

"... She recollects of being in Martinsburg Berkley Co. Va. when he (John May) returned from the army and she saw two young men one by the name of Jacob Orr and the other by the name of Jacob Pink with many others take him into Skinny Tavern in Martinsburg and treat him to something to drink and they seemed to be rejoicing together and on inquiring the cause was told that it was John May who had just returned from the army. Of this she has a distinct recollection. (A woman never forgets this first meeting!) This was the 10th of April to the best of her recollection was in the year 1779 or 1780. And in the March following John May and this affiant were married. Her husband frequently told her that he entered the service in his seventeenth year and he was in his twentieth year when he and the affiant were married he having returned from the Army in the year 1779 or 1780 as before stated. They were married by publishing the banns and the certificate given her by the preacher that married them was lost with other records of the family. She does not recollect from any information what particular services he rendered further than above stated whether he was in any engagements or not. The reason of her not recollecting more fully as to his service is that she was not in that section of country when he
entered the service but came there (to Berkley County) while he was in the service...

A son, Samuel May, living in Prestonburg in 1845 (Kentucky State Representative 1834-1839) writes a personal note accompanying his deposition to J. S. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, and addresses him as "Dear Jim." Samuel says that he recalls seeing his father's discharge papers many times. "My father kept his important documents in a cloth bag, and when the need arose the contents of the bag would be emptied upon a table, and I was told, 'those are my discharge papers.'" Samuel says that he left home at the age of 20 (about 1803) and he does not know what became of the bag and its contents. (Va R7056)

Sarah writes that prior to John May's enlistment, he lived in Martinsburg, Virginia, and upon his return he lived with "widow May" who she believed to be an aunt. The aunt was possibly Mary, the widow of Daniel who died in 1777. This leads to speculate about John's parents. My guess would be that while John was in the service, the mainstream of the family moved to Ashe County, N. C., and upon his return—finding his family gone—he lived with his widowed aunt. Sarah Jane goes on to say that he later purchased her house and property in Martinsburg. The three oldest of their eight children were born here—John May Jr. born April 28, 1781, Samuel May born 17 Oct. 1783 and Thomas May born 1 Feb. 1787.

According to Fothergill's list of early Taxpayers 1782-1784 there was only one May still residing in Berkley Co. at that time, John May. I believe this to be our Revolutionary ancestor who was known to have married in 1780 and soon after purchased the property of his widowed aunt.

In the pension papers, Sarah Jane states that in 1789 they left Virginia, going to Carter Co. Tenn. near the mouth of Roan's creek. At this time the area was a part of Washington County, N. C. and did not become Carter County until seven years later in 1796. Thus, John Hanson, historian, was correct in his statements that the family left Virginia and migrated to North Carolina. Here three additional children were born.

In 1845 a deposition was taken from Joseph Ford of Pike Co., aged 97 years, who says he was personally acquainted with Sally May the widow of John May 56 or 57 years ago on the Watuniga River near the mouth of Roans Creek, it being now in the county of Carter and
state of Tennessee..." This would place the time of their migration about 1789 as Sarah Jane had indicated.

John May and John Hinson both appear in the 1799 Tax Lists of Carter County Tennessee. John May Jr.\(^3\) married Mary Catherine "Caty" Hinson in Carter County in 1802 and his father, John May, Sr.\(^2\) was surety for his bond. (certified)

About this same time, John May, Sr.\(^2\) and his family left Tenn. and moved to Floyd County, Kentucky. (Pike Co. after 1820) He took up residence on the original May homestead located near Shelbiana, in Pike County about four miles above the mouth of Shelby Creek, where it empties into the Big Sandy. (description found in Eiler's book, 1929)

I want to take the time to explain what I believe to be the reason for his move. I have an Early Kentucky Land Grant, that I am going to copy in its entirety that you might compare the description of the grant with that of the original May homestead as found above described by Eiler. (underlined) I believe you will agree that they are one and the same. Bear in mind that the "west fork of the Big Sandy" was later given the name of "Shelby Creek". You will note that the grant in 1788 was in Bourbon Co., and at this date Bourbon Co. took in the entire eastern portion of the state of Ky. including a dozen or more of the present day counties. After 1796 the grant was located in Mason County; after 1800 in Floyd Co. and after 1820 it was in present Pike County. While the survey was dated in 1788, the grant was not actually completed until 1794. (date at bottom of grant.)

KENTUCKY LAND GRANT

Isaac Shelby Esq., governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to all whom these presents shall come greetings, know ye that by virtue and in consideration of two land office warrants numbers 22,007 and 22,418 and a part of one other number 21,416 there is granted by the commonwealth unto JOHN MAY and DAVID ROSS a certain tract or parcel of land containing 25,000 acres by survey, bearing date 20th day of April 1788, situate lying and being in Bourbon Co. on waters of Big Sandy and bounded as follows to wit: beginning at 2 buckeyes, 1 walnut, 1 cherry tree, ten sugar trees, 2 ashes, 4 hickorys, 1 dogwood and poplar standing on north bank of west fork of Big Sandy and about 4 miles from the mouth of said fork, thence north 800 poles to two large white oaks, 3 maples and 2 dogwoods, thence west 2,500 poles to 4 sugar trees, thence south 1,600 poles to two poplars, thence north 800 poles to 2 large poplars, 2 dogwood and hickory, thence north 800 poles crossing main creek to the beginning, with its appurtenances, to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said John May and David Ross and their heirs forever. In witness whereof the said Isaac Shelby Esq.
Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky has hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of the commonwealth to be offered at Frankfort on the 11th day of April in the year of our Lord 1794, and of the commonwealth the second.

Gov. James Brown

Isaac Shelby

Upon comparison of the description of the Original May Homestead and the location of this land grant, one can readily see that they are one and the same. Now it is possible that the Grant was made to JOHN MAY, the emigrant, who received the grant in 1788, while living in Ashe County N. C. at the time. They remained there until the final papers were granted in 1794. The land was granted jointly with David Ross. I do not know the connection at this time, but it is quite possible that David Ross was a close relative. An authority on Carter County, Tenn., Robert T. Nave, says that a David Ross was a resident of Carter County at the same time that John May Sr. was living there. The reason I believe that the grant was made to John's father was that other May families of the same generation settled in the Big Sandy Valley a few years prior to John Sr. --brothers perhaps--taking up their father's land.

In a book entitled, THE BIG SANDY VALLEY, A History of the People and the Country," by William Ely, 1887, p. 82-3, we find:

The May family of the Sandy Valley, were here by its representatives as early as 1796...Thomas May was the first, or at least amongst the first, of the family coming from Virginia and settling on Shelby Creek. He was a very jovial man, fond of fiddling and dancing, and popular with his neighbors. He owned more slaves than any man on the Sandy, either in his day or since, footing up in number seventy one. Other branches of the family settled further down the river, more largely at Prestonburg..."

John May Sr. and his family moved to Floyd Co. Kentucky about 1802-3 (later Pike Co.) The court house in Floyd Co. burned in 1808 and all the early records were destroyed, including the 1800 census. Beginning with 1808 the May family appears frequently in the probate court records. Six of John May's eight children were married in Floyd County 1808-1825 and some of the family are still living in Floyd and Pike Counties today.

In the 1810 Census of Floyd County, Kentucky we find our Revolutionary ancestor thus: (p. 105)

JOHN MAY:  
1 male over 45 (John Sr.) 1 female over 45 (Sarah J.)
1 male 26-45 (Thomas) 1 female 16-26 (Betsy)
1 male 16-26 (Daniel) 1 female 10-16 (Polly)
1 male 10-16 (Phillip Pollard)
1 male un. 10 (Reuben)
Their two older sons, John May, Jr. and Samuel May have married and are living in their own households. On the same page of the Census is to be found an older Samuel May, over 45, and a Caleb May who appear to be close relatives—perhaps brothers. So again I reason that the large Kentucky Land Grant made in 1788 may have been made to John May, the emigrant. Thus it could be that his sons—John, Samuel, Caleb and Thomas settled on the grant.

Before we leave John Sr. and his wife Sarah Jane, there is a human interest story found in the National Archives, Pension File R7056 that I would like to preserve. On Dec. 12, 1845 the County Clerk of Floyd Co. sent a 7 page certified document to the Commissioner of Pensions. It appears to be the necessary "proof" that Sarah was the wife of John May, Revolutionary soldier, in lieu of the fact that she could not produce a marriage certificate.

This document, dated 1810 indicates that there was a law suit of some kind between Richard Damron and John May, and a Justice of the Peace by the name of Robert House passed judgment on the case. We can assume that Sarah was displeased with the judgment and had a lot to say about the case and the Justice in particular. So at the Circuit Court at Prestonburg (1810) Robert House brought suit against John May and Sarah, his wife. The Plaintiff, Robert House, says in a long statement that he was a Justice of the Peace with an unblemished reputation, in fact he is practically perfect, and that he is right and just in all judgments he passed down. He goes on to say that Sarah, or Sally May, has wickedly uttered malicious gossip and scandalous words about the plaintiff's rendering a false judgment in the case between Richard Damron and her husband, John May. So he is asking 1,000 in damages to his reputation.

The case came up in the July 25, 1810 term of court. Sarah pled "not guilty." The jury (their names given) declared Sarah not guilty..."and that the plaintiff goes in mercy for his false clamor he must pay the costs above their defense herein expended." There follows a statement of the Clerk that these 7 pages are true copy. Dated Dec. 12, 1845.

John May, Sr. died in Pike County in January 25, 1813 and there was a settlement of his estate that extended from 1815-1821. John owned the almost unbelievable estate of 20,000 acres of land at the time of his death and it was divided among his heirs. (Floyd County Land Records by Jillson.)

Mrs. R. G. Francis says that she visited the graves on the original May homestead, known now as the "William Keathley graveyard." It is located along the main highway about 2½ or 3 miles south of Shelbiana, Kentucky on the right side of the road, but not visable from the highway. The graves are in a native stone enclosure and the headstones are also of sanded native stone. The only
inscription still to be seen is "John May was born". Pike County
has erected a Revolutionary War marker at his grave. (picture)

The article from "The Big Sandy Valley" continues:

"The Mays have from the beginning been at the front in public life,
one of them representing his district in Congress. (Samuel, second
son of John Sr.) Colonel A. J. May developed into greater renown
as an officer in the Confederate army than any other native of
Sandy... Many of the Mays filled county and legislative offices.
Several of the Mays are local preachers in the Methodist Episcopal
Church, South...

Mrs. R. G. Frances, 405 Court Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky
spent many years compiling a record of the three sons of John Sr.
who remained in Floyd and Pike Counties--Samuel, Thomas and Reuben
May, and a copy of her record is to be found in the Kentucky Histori­
cal Library in Frankfort, and the Public Library at Prestonsburg.

CHILDREN OF JOHN MAY, SR. and his wife SARAH JANE (PHILLIPS) MAY:

1. JOHN MAY, JR. born in Berkeley County Virginia (now West Va.)
on April 28, 1781 and died in Shelby Co. Ill. on Nov. 22, 1849 at
the age of 68 years. He is buried in Middleworth Cemetery one mile
north of Tower Hill. (gravestone) He married Mary Catherine "Caty"
Hanson in Carter County Tennessee on Feb. 10, 1802. (certified)
Caty died about 1808 in Floyd Co., Ky. John May, Jr. m. 2nd. her
sister, Elizabeth Hanson. A more complete record of John May, Jr.
follows in the next section.

2. SAMUEL MAY was born in Berkeley County, Virginia on Oct. 8,1783
and died Jan. 26, 1851 in Placerville, Calif. Samuel m. Catherine
Evans on May 3, 1808 in Floyd Co. Ky. Catherine was born April 1,
1787, dau. of Thomas Evans who emigrated from Wales. Samuel and
Catherine settled on a farm on the Big Sandy River opposite the
mouth of Abbot Creek. He built a brick house on this land in 1817,
the red brick was burned on the farm. Mrs. Frances gives a com­
plete description of the house which is still in use. There was
also a race tract in the meadow along the river bank, which added
much to the festivities which the May family so much enjoyed.

Samuel May was a very prominent man in his day. He was elected
Representative from Floyd Co. 1832-34, and State Senator 1835-1839.
In 1849 he went to California accompanied by his son, Andrew
Jackson May and another young man by the name of White. In his
last illness he was absolutely alone except for these twenty year
old boys and he gave them all directions about himself, the gold
and their return home. With his hands on their heads he pronounced
a benediction. His Col. Andrew Jackson May, in later years, said
that his father's death was the most courageous thing he had known
in all his life of three score and ten years. In 1898 Col. May and
his wife returned to Placerville but was unable to locate the
grave. Samuel had 13 children:

(1) Thomas May, (2) John May, (3) Elizabeth May m. Ephriam E. Hill,
(4) Catherine May m. Elias Kenard, (5) Samuel May, (6) Sarah Minerv
May m. James H. Layne, (7) Mahala Jane May m. Perez S. Randall,
(8) Ananda Fitzellon May m. John M. Burnett, (9) Charlotte Temple
May m. Lillian G. Giles, (10) Lucretia Caroline May m. George W. Mayo,
(11) Andrew Jackson May m. Matilda Davidson, (12) George Washington
May, (13) Daniel Wesley May m. Martha Brashears.
3. THOMAS MAY was born in Berkeley County, Va. on Feb. 1, 1787. He died Sept. 3, 1867 and is buried near his old homestead on what was then his farm on Robinson Creek in Pike County. He married Aug. 19, 1815 in Floyd Co. to Dorcas Patton, b. Oct. 18, 1790 and died June 9, 1872. She was the dau. of Henry Patton and Florence Graham Patton. She is buried beside her husband.

At the time of Thomas' death he was one of the largest and wealthiest land owners in that section of the country. He gave each of his thirteen children a farm. He built the first road across the mountain from Virginia into Morgan County Ky.


4. DANIEL MAY was born about 1791, probably in Washington County, N. C. (Carter Co. Tenn.) He married Peggy Allen in Floyd Co. on Dec. 8, 1824. He appears in the 1840 Census of Pike County, Kentucky, having 6 sons and 2 daughters. Mrs. Frances thinks that he left Pike Co. soon thereafter.

5. ELIZABETH "BETSY" MAY was born about 1794, no doubt in Washington County, N. C. She married James Little in Floyd Co. Ky. on June 10, 1813. Her descendants still live in the area.

6. MARY "POLLY" MAY was born in Carter County Tennessee about 1797. She married Peyton Justice in Floyd Co. on June 10, 1814. They appear in the 1850 Census of Pike Co. with following children: Fleming 1829, America 1837, Jefferson 1840, and Peyton b. 1846. Her descendants still live in the area.

7. REUBEN MAY was born Oct. 12, 1800 on Shelby Creek in Floyd Co. Kentucky (now Pike Co.) If this is correct, it means that John May, Jr. and his wife Sarah Jane came to Kentucky prior to the date of 1802 that I had estimated their arrival. It means that John Sr. returned to Carter Co. Tenn. with his son, John Jr., in 1802 to fetch his bride. Reuben died Sept. 20, 1840 near Maytown, Ky. Reuben m. Sarah Allen in Floyd Co. on Nov. 27, 1829. Sarah was the daughter of George Allen and Cynthia Patton Allen. She was born about 1807 and died about 1874. Reuben purchased a water mill that had been erected by a half Indian John Wireman about the year 1773. Early settlers followed forest trails thirty miles and more to have their corn ground into meal at the mill. From father to son the record of the mill was handed down. According to the May heirs it was the only one in the state built before the Commonwealth was admitted to the union. It was torn down about 1950. Children: (1) George May b. ca. 1829, m. Mahala Hagans, (2) William Harvey May b. 1830, unmarried, (3) Wesley May b. 1832 m. Susan Milan, (4) John May b. 1833 m. Dorcas Conley, (5) Andrew Jackson May b. 1834, m. Nancy Hahans, (6) Cynthia May b. 1835 m. James P. Stephens, (7) Polly May b. 1836, unmarried, (8) Samuel May b. 1838 m. Mary Jane Begley, (9) Sarah May b. 1840 m. Felix Begley, (10) Reuben Ann May b. 1841 m. Hiran K. Begley.
8. PHILLIP POLLARD MAY was born in Floyd Co., Ky. on July 28, 1805. Family tradition maintains that his name was taken from his mother’s and grandmother’s maiden names. However, among the pension papers of his father, John May Sr., is a clipping, presumably from the Family Bible on which is written the following:

"Theopolard May the son of John May and Sarah May born in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five, July the twenty eighth, was born in the fourteenth year of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Whose name was taken from Homer. Theopolard the son of Hercules and King Rodiah or Rodes."

I have no further record of Phillip Pollard and Mrs. Frances writes that he left the area as a young man.

JOHN MAY, JR. (John, Sr., John May, the emigrant) was born April 28, 1781 in Berkeley County, Virginia. (His parents were married in Berkeley Co. Mar. 1780, and his father, John May, appears on Taxlist in Berkeley Co. 1782-84.) John May, Jr. died on November 22, 1849 in Shelby County, Illinois. He is buried in Middleworth Cemetery one mile north of Tower Hill, Ill., that was once a part of the May farm. His stone reads "JOHN MAY died Nov. 22, 1849 aged 66 yrs 9 no 24 days". I visited the cemetery in July 1959 and have a picture of his grave.

John May, Jr. married Mary Catherine "Caty" Hanson in Carter County, Tennessee on Feb. 10, 1802. John May, Sr. was surety. (certified) Mary Catherine Hanson was born in Botetourt County, Va. about 1783. She is the oldest daughter of John Hanson and his wife, Mary Magdalena Wall who were married in Botetourt Co. in 1782. Con Conrad Hanson, their second child gives his birthplace as Virginia in the 1850 census. John Hanson, her father, was still on Militia lists of Botetourt County in 1785. Mary Catherine died in Floyd Co., Ky. about 1808. (relation to known dates) Family tradition says that she was buried on their farm in Floyd Co. located on Abbots Creek, about a mile below the present town of Prestonburg, Kentucky. Her grave has not been located. John Hanson, father of Mary Catherine, is another of our Revolutionary War ancestors, and many have joined the DAR and SAR on his service. Her mother’s family, the Wall’s are also of Botetourt Co., Virginia. I have a fairly complete record of the Hanson - Wall families in my file.

John May, Jr. married second, Elizabeth Hanson, in the fall of 1809 (relation to known dates). She was the younger sister of
his first wife, Caty. It is believed that she was born in Ashe Co.,
the extreme n.w. corner of N. C. about 1792-94. (Eilers, relation to
known birthdate and birthplace of other children in the family) She
died about 1830 and was buried on the high bank of the Okaw River, a
stream that runs by the eastern edge of Shelbyville, Ill. (History
of Shelby Co. 1890, p. 648)

Following his marriage in Carter Co., Tenn., John May, Jr. took his bride "Caty" to his home in Floyd Co. Kentucky. They had
three children, Samuel, Elizabeth and John May III whose names are
recorded in the Settlement of the Estate of their grandfather, John
Hanson in Monroe Co., Ind. on Oct. 8, 1829. Here John May, Jr.
received for money (32.06) the share of the Hanson Estate belonging
to "Caty my first wife" and the same is to become the property of her
children thus named.

Caty died about 1808 and John took his three small children to
the home of his in-laws (somewhere in N. C., Tenn. or Ky.) while he
returned to his farm in Floyd Co., Ky.

The following story comes down through Catherine (May) Sharrock,
the 8th child of John and Elizabeth, the grandmother of Homer Eiler.

"John May returned after about a year for the purpose of relieving
the Hanson family of the care of the children. The story goes,
that it was in the early fall and John and Elizabeth Hanson, the
younger sister, were picking apples, and also discussing plans for
the children. Elizabeth expressed regrets over their leaving be­
cause she and her mother had grown fond of them. Finally John remark­
ed, "Well Elizabeth there is only one way to solve this problem, as
you are so devotedly attached to the children, and that is for you
to become their step-mother."

Elizabeth dropped her apron full of apples, so the story goes,
and made a hurried trip to the house to tell her mother what John May
had said. The mother with great tact said, "Well Elizabeth you
could never do better, for John May is a good man." They were im­
mediately married and John and Elizabeth returned to Floyd County
where she took up the unfinished task of her sister Caty. She not
only cared for her sister's three children, but was the mother of
11 of her own.

In 1813 John's father, John May Sr. died, and each of his
children received a sizable settlement from the Estate. In the
1820 Census of Floyd Co. Kentucky we find the family thus:

| 1.29 JOHN MAY: | 1 male 26-45 (John) | 1 female 26-45 (Elizabeth) |
| | 1 male 16-18 (Samuel) | 3 females un. 10 (Mary, Re­ |
| | 2 males 10-16 (John & | becca & Nancy) |
| | Cornelius) |
| | 1 male un. 10 (Thomas) |

Betsy May, oldest daughter of first marriage, married in 1819 and
does not appear in census with the family.
In 1824 John May, Jr. purchased additional land in Floyd Co. about a mile below the present town of Prestonburg. Book U, p.162 —100 acres, 10-3-1824 on Abbott Creek; Book W, p. 225 —150 acres 2-6-1827 Abbott Creek. History records that the farm was located on the site of an old Indian Village.

Tragedy struck the family when Samuel, oldest son, died as a young man, sometime after 1824. He was still living when John May Jr. gave the receipt for money he had received from the Hanson Estate. About this same time, several families from Floyd County, including their neighbors, the Abbotts, were going north to take up land in the free state of Illinois, and young John May III, then about 20 years of age, accompanied them.

1830 Census of Floyd County Kentucky

| JOHN MAY: 1 male 40-50 (John) 1 female 40-50 (Elizabeth) |
| 2 males 15-20 (Cornelius & Thomas) 2 females 15-20 (Mary & Rebecca) |
| 2 males 5-10 (Jeptha & Alfred) 2 females 10-15 (Nancy, & Catherine) |
| 1 male un. 5 (LaFayette) 1 female un. 5 (Jane) |

The youngest son, Jackson, was not born until Sept. of the same year.

Slavery was becoming a burning question all over the southland, and even families were divided on the issue. According to tradition it was this problem that caused John May, Jr. and Elizabeth to follow their son, John May, III to Shelby County, Illinois. John May, Jr. was not a poor farmer when he decided to "sell out" and establish a new home in the north.

It was late in the summer of 1830, between the time of the 1830 Census and Jackson's birth in September, when John May, Jr. set forth with his family and all of their earthly belongings, traveling in pioneer fashion, experiencing all of the struggles through wilderness and forest, until he reached his new homesite near Shelbyville. No pen can portray the hardships endured on such a journey. There were ten children, five of whom were under ten years of age, and Elizabeth was expecting her youngest child. Little wonder there remains the family tradition that Elizabeth had a premonition of her coming death and told others of the family. Her son Jackson was born Sept. 30, 1830 and shortly afterwards she died. (Her death is recorded in the History of Shelby County) Mr. Eiler writes that in his youth he visited Elizabeth's grave on the high bank of the Okaw River, a stream that runs by the eastern edge of Shelbyville. He
can distinctly remember his mother saying, "Here lies my grandmother, Elizabeth May." Still later with the coming of the C. & E. I. Railroad a right of way was cut through the center of the old burial grounds and Elizabeth's grave, with others, was ruthlessly scooped out to make way for progress.

A second tragedy quickly followed. John May III had proceeded his father to Shelby Co. and had married in 1827 to Rachel Rook. In 1829 they had a son, Aaron Stanford May. In 1831 John May III died and was buried in Middleworth Cemetery near Tower Hill. Several years later, in 1849, his father was buried beside him, but no engraving remains on the small native stone standing next to John May, Jr.

After the death of Elizabeth, John May, Jr. moved from Shelbyville to the "Abbott Homestead" about three miles north east of Tower Hill that was afterwards known as the May homestead. Homer Eiler visited the place in 1926 and found the outlines of the old foundations, also the old well was still intact and many stubs of mulberry trees remained.

1840 CENSUS SHELBY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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<th>JOHN MAY:</th>
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The children of John May, Jr. are growing up. In the same census I found the two older sons, Cornelius and Thomas May in their own households. The oldest daughter, Mary, had married her first cousin, James Hanson, our first historian. This is the last census in which we will find the May family together. Within the next few years the children all married and several of them buddied up with the Abbott family and moved to Oregon. One of the boys took with him his sister Rebecca May who was blinded with measles at the age of 15 because she wanted to go along. Other of the children went to Texas and Kansas.

John May, Jr. went to live with his daughter, Catherine (May) Sharrock near Tower Hill, while her husband John Sharrock was in California as a gold seeker. He died Nov. 22, 1849 and was laid to rest in Middleworth graveyard next to his son who had preceded him in death. I visited his grave in the summer of 1959. The cemetery is a solid block of trees and thick underbrush. Three large trees are growing from the center of his grave. (picture)
1. SAMUEL MAY was born in Floyd Co., Ky. about 1803. d. about 1825.

2. ELIZABETH "BETSY" MAY was born in Floyd Co., Ky. about 1804. Betsy lived to be a great old age and is buried by her husband in George Graveyard near Paintsville, Ky. She married Alexander G. Y. George on July 1, 1819, tradition says at the age of 15. A great line of her descendants still live in Johnson Co., Ky.

9 Children: Albert, James, Emmaline, Alexander, Susan, Wilson, Robert, John and Thomas George.

3. JOHN MAY, III was born in Floyd Co., Ky. on May 30, 1806. He died July 16, 1831, buried Middleworth Cemetery near Tower Hill, Ill. On November 8, 1827 he married Rachel Rock, dau. of Aaron Rock. 1 son: Aaron Stanford May. A more complete record follows in next section.

4. CORNELIUS MAY was born in Floyd Co., Ky. May 15, 1810. He died in Cowley Co. near Burden, Kans. on July 5, 1874; bur. near his homestead in Silver Creek Cemetery. Cornelius m. 1st. Martha McNeely in Shelby Co. Ill. in 1831. Martha is buried in Knobs graveyard near Tower Hill. They had four children. Cornelius m. 2nd. Lucinda Neil and soon after the Civil War they moved to Cowley County, Kans. Cornelius appears in the 1850 census of Shelby Co. Ill. 8 additional children were born:

(1) John Alexander May was born near Tower Hill on Mar. 23, 1833, and died June 17, 1865 while enroute home from the Civil War at Indianapolis, Ind. He married Margaret Ann Sullivan, 1855. 6 ch.

(2) Emily May b. Tower Hill, June 2, 1834 and d. Nov. 29, 1863, bur. Middleworth graveyard. She m. Henry Blakey on Nov. 30, 1854. 5 children.

(3) Minerva May b. Oct. 31, 1838. She m. F. M. Higginbotham near Tower Hill on May 29, 1859 and moved to Cowley Co., Kans. 5 ch.


(6) Peter Bartlett May, no record. Descendents live at Caney, Kans.

(7) Catharine May was born in Tower Hill, Jan. 17, 1849. She m. Francis Marion Randolph in March 1863. Francis was born Nov. 17, 1836 and d. in K. C., Mo. May 6, 1906. The old Randolph homestead located at 89th and Broadway in Kansas City was presented to the Methodist Church and is the present site of the Randolph Memorial Methodist Church. 6 children.

(8) Maria May was born 1850 near Tower Hill. She d. Aug. 5, 1912. She married _____ Peters. 4 children.

(9) Joseph Lawrence May was born in Tower Hill, no further record.

(10) Samuel Levi May was born in Tower Hill on Aug. 25, 1863. No record of marriage. 5 children.


(12) George Otis May. No record.
5. THOMAS WALDO MAY was born in Floyd Co., Ky. on Dec. 12, 1812.
He died near Oregon City, Oregon on Mar. 6, 1880, buried in Graham Cemetery. He married Nancy Caroline McNeeley near Tower Hill on Sept. 20, 1832. Nancy was born March 24, 1813 and d. Dec. 13, 1859.
In the "Oregon Donation Land Claims, vol. I" we find following:
no. 724-. May, Thomas, Clackamas Co; b. 1812 N. C.; Settled claim Dec. 1847, temporarily absent May to Sept. 1849, 1 July 1850 to 1 May 1851, 1 July 1851 to Dec. 7, 1852 to gold mines, family remained on claim; m. Nancy C. 20 Sept. 1832 Shelby Co. Ill."
Although Thomas Waldo May went under this name all his life, Mr. Eiler writes that he has one document written "Thomas Walls May" which he believes is correct since it was his grandmother's maiden name. 5 children.

(5) Stephen Lemuel May b. Sept. 30, 1844. No record, but family say died at age of 21 years.

6. MARY MAY was born in Floyd Co., Ky. June 11, 1814; she d. March 12, 1863, bur. in Middleworth graveyard, a mile north of Tower Hill. She m. her first cousin, James Hanson, the son of Conrad Hanson. James (first historian) was born in Estill Co. Ky. on Jan. 8, 1815. James d. in Fayette Co. Ill, Mar. 16, 1893, buried at Knobs cemetery. They were married in Tower Hill on Feb. 4, 1836. After Mary's death James m. 2nd. Martha Bazelle, July 14, 1870. 8 children by 1st. m. and several by his second.

(1) Emmaline Hanson, b. Feb. 13, 1837, d. in infancy, bur. Middleworth cemetery.
(3) Mary Jane Hanson, b. Feb. 1, 1842 near Tower Hill. She m. Edward Silver, settled near Kansas City. No further record.
(4) Morgan Hanson b. Oct. 23, 1844 near Tower Hill. Eiler reports that he was killed by indians in Dakota. However, he lived an adventurous life and died at the age of 48 at Glorieta, N. M. Morgan Hanson married Lenory Myers in Independence, Mo. on Oct. 30, 1867. Theirs was a run-away marriage with the bride only 15 years of age. Morgan served in the Civil War with the 115th Volunteers Co. G. from Shelby Co. Ill. After his marriage they moved to Norton Co., Kans. where he spent several years hunting buffalo. He then settled down on the Solomon river west of Lenora, Kans. (named for his wife) They left Kansas about 1875 and moved to Glorieta, N. M. where he operated a store. After his death in 1890, Lenory moved to Trinidad, Colo. when that community was a mere cluster of abode huts on the banks of the Purgatorie river. She died in Trinidad at the age of 82 years in 1936.
(5) James Hanson, Jr. b. Oct. 29, 1844, d. May 16, 1850. buried Middleworth Cemetery near Tower Hill, Ill.
(6) LaFayette Hanson b. Apr. 15, 1850 Tower Hill; d. Apr. 22, 1881 at Toledo, Ohio. He m. Sarah Ann Andes, Sept. 14, 1871 in Tower Hill. 4 children.

(7) Thomas Jefferson Hanson, b. Oct. 15, 1853. Only record is that he died near Purcell, Okla.

(8) Margaret Levina Hanson b. Nov. 6, 1858 and died in infancy.

7. REBECCA MAY was the fourth child of John May Jr. and wife Elizabeth (Hanson) May was born on the old homestead in Floyd Co., Ky., about 1816. At the age of 15 years she was afflicted with the measles and went totally blind. In 1847 when her brothers made their overland trip to Oregon they took her along and she made her home among her brothers. She died in the home of Jeptha in 1878 and is buried in the Graham cemetery on Oregon City, the place being marked with a boulder.

8. NANCY MATILDA MAY was born Oct. 5, 1817 and died in Yuma, Colo. at the home of her son, John Abbott, on June 26, 1909. She married Rev. Miles Abbott, a Baptist preacher in Shelby Co., Ill. They lived in Shelby and Christian Counties. Rev. Abbott was born in Floyd Co., Ky. near the May settlement about 1815 and died Oct. 9, 1873, buried at Edinburg, Ill. 9 children.

(1) Cornelius Jeptha Abbott died in infancy.


(6) Franklin Judson Abbott. No record.


(8) Joseph Albert Abbott. He was a minister and d. at Chillicothe, Mo. No further record.

(9) Nancy Jerusha Abbott, b. Pana, Ill., Mar. 11, 1862. She d. in Yuma, Colo. in the home of her son, John, at the age of 92 years, on June 26, 1909. She m. twice. First to Ben Bloom, a native of Germany, on Nov. 16, 1881, in Springfield, Ill. 5 children. They were divorced and she m. 2nd. James Holmes on June 16, 1898. 1 son.

8. JEPTHA MAY was born on the May homestead in Floyd Co., Ky. on Apr. 26, 1820. He died on his birthday, Apr. 26, 1890 in Oregon City, Ore. and buried in Carus cemetery where many of the May family are buried. He married Ann Sharrock in Tower Hill. Ann was born May 17, 1828, Richland Co., Ohio; and died Nov. 5, 1891 in Oregon City. Within 6 weeks after their marriage they moved to Dallas, Texas and five of their children were born there. Among the Oregon Donation Land Claims Vol. 1 we find: No. 1407 Jeptha May, Clakamas Co., b. 1820 Ky.; Arrived in Oregon 7 June 1855; settled claim 18 June 1855; m. Any Ann, 1846, Ill. Lafayette May signed the Affidavit. 5 children:


10. ALFRED MAY b. in Floyd Co., Ky. in 1821, and according to family tradition he died in California. He m. Luhana Neil, dau. of Peter Neil, in June 1842 near the "Knobbs" in Tower Hill, Ill. Luhana was born in Claiborne Co., Tenn. Sept. 8, 1824. The family moved from Tower Hill to Huntsville, Ark. about 1852, and then settled Grundy Co. Mo. a few years later. Alfred deserted his family in Missouri and joined relatives in Oregon. It is believed he was brooding over domestic relations in the home. He joined a party going to Cali.

and was never heard from. 6 children:

(1) Amanda died in infancy.


(3) Lucrevia May b. Mar. 7, 1849 near Tower Hill. She m. in 1865 to William Munson. 4 children

(4) Jane May b. April 13, 1851 near Tower Hill, d. June 11, 1880, bur. in McCoy Cemetery s. of Tower Hill. She m. a Mr. Roberts. 2 ch:

(5) Elizabeth May b. Feb. 1, 1853 near Huntville, Ark. She m. Elias Weedle on June 11, 1876. No children.


(1) Amos J. Sharrock b. Christian Co., Ill on May 30, 1844; d. in Leavenworth, Kans. at Soldiers's home on Feb. 28, 1898. m. first cousin Amy Jane Alvery of Cannelton, Ind. dau. of Phoebe (Sharrock) Alvey, about 1864. She was born Mar. 18, 1848, Dallas, Texas. 4 children.

(2) Francis Marion Sharrock b. Nov. 25, 1845, d. in Pana, Ill. Feb. 9, 1912. Frank m. 1st. Samantha Shoemaker in Lebanon, Mo. July 30, 1879, 2 children. m. 2nd. Pana, Ill. to Mrs. Nellie Yohe July 28, 1894. 6 children.


(6) Leni Leoti Sharrock b. 1853 and died in 1854, bur. Eiler cem.
(7) James Henry Sharrock b. Apr. 23, 1855 at Westminster village near Tower Hill; d. July 2, 1884 b. on Sharrock lot in Tower Hill Cem. He m. Mattie Thompson who d. in Osawatomie, Kans. May 1, 1881. 2 ch.


(10) Abraham Lincoln Sharrock b. Tower Hill, Ill., Aug. 23, 1861; d. Durant, Okla., Sept. 8, 1910, buried Cleo, Okla. m. 1st. Lessie M. McCoy at Arkansas City, Kans. on Aug. 20, 1889; m. 2nd. Katharine Green at Los Angeles, Calif. on Nov. 17, 1914. Child by each marriage.

(11) Charles Augustus Sharrock, b. 1863, d. in infancy.

12. LAFAYETTE MAY 4 b. May 28, 1825 Floyd Co., Ky.; d. near Canby, Ore. July 14, 1876. He made the trip to Calif. in 1849 with his brother-in-law, John Sharrock, but instead of returning, went to Oregon and lived the remainder of his life. He m. Nancy Caroline Abbott in 1861 in Clackamas Co., Ore. She was b. Sept. 1, 1844 and d. Feb. 12, 1875, bur. near Canby, Ore. 6 children: (Oregon Land Claims, no. 1147)


(2) Sarah Ann May b. Sept. 6, 1864; m. A. C. Beckmark July 25, 1890 in Butte, Mont. No further record.


(4) James Franklin May b. Apr. 3, 1868; m. Laura G. Toogood Nov. 20, 1889. Laura b. Aug. 17, 1871, lived Portland, Ore. 4 ch.


(6) Josephine May b. July 4, 1872; m. F. W. Baltes in 1893. 1 ch.


14. ANDREW JACKSON MAY 4 the youngest and 11th child of John May, Jr. and his second wife, Elizabeth (Hanson) May, was b. Sept. 8, 1830. It is believed after the family arrived in Shelby Co., Ill., however, in the Oregon Land Claims (No. 479) Andrew J. gives information that he was born in Floyd Co., Ky. He d. Sept. 17, 1908, bur. Princeville, Ore. He m. Mary Ann Cronk May 1, 1852, she was born May 14, 1835 and d. Dec. 18, 1861. At the age of 16 he went to Oregon with his brothers. Oregon Land Claims state he arrived in Oregon prior to 1 Dec. 1850; that he m. Mary Ann 5 Aug. 1852, Linn Co., Ore. On 21 Jan. 1853...
he lists a wife; then on 21 June 1856 he lists as a single man and no mention of Mary Ann's death. While the family no doubt gave information regarding her death in 1861, I feel that it must have been several years prior to that date, however, note birthdates of children.

(4) George May b. Oct. 27, 1858, No record.
(5) Elizabeth May b. Jan. 19, 1866; d. Apr. 19, 1869

Pages 13-18 in this record contains the Children of John May, Jr.\(^4\) and his second wife, Elizabeth (Hanson) May that has little bearing on our direct line, which comes through his first wife Catherine. Yet, I am so indebted to our first historian, James Hanson (p. 14) and Homer Eiler (p. 16) that I could not leave them out of the MAY RECORD. Ninety percent of this section was taken directly from Eiler, and he carries the line, when known, one or perhaps two generations further. The section on Morgan Hanson, p. 14, was secured from the Records of a descendant, Ray Hanson, 10226 Zenith Lane, Bloomington, Minn. 55431.

I WILL NOW RETURN TO JOHN MAY, III\(^4\), mentioned only briefly on p. 13 to show his proper place in the family.

JOHN MAY III\(^4\)

JOHN MAY, III\(^4\) (John May, Jr.\(^3\), John May, Sr.\(^2\), John May the emigrant\(^1\)) was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on May 30, 1806. He died July 16, 1831 at the age of 25, and is buried in Middleworth Cemetery near Tower Hill, Ill. He died several years prior to his father, but later John May, Jr.\(^3\) was buried beside him.

John May, III\(^4\) married Rachel Rook in Shelby Co., Ill. on Nov. 8, 1827. ("Combined Histories of Shelby & Moultrie Counties, Ill." p.42; certified copy) Rachel married second, Bennett Robinson in Williamsburg, Ill., Shelby Co. about 1832. (family record)

Rachel Rook was born in Grainger Co., Tenn. (residence of her father) in 1808. (census 1850 Lucas Co., Iowa; Hamilton Co. Neb. 1880) She died sometime after the 1880 Census, last residence in Hamilton Co. in the home of her son, Stanford May.

I believe it will be of interest to insert here a brief record of the Rook Family--since John III\(^4\) was the only son of John Jr.\(^3\) and his first wife Catherine, to leave descendants, and since John III\(^4\) and Rachel had only one son by their brief marriage--every name that appears in this book from this point on is a descendant of this woman, Rachel Rook.
Hezekiah Rook, our first known Rook ancestor, was born about 1750 (relation to known birthdates of his children 1774-1781). He died prior to 1797 (another dau. Elizabeth was an orphan at time of her marriage). Hezekiah was a Lineal descendant of Admiral Rock of the English Navy. (A Pioneer Family by Jennie Sanders Perkins; Weekly Symposium of Selmer, Tenn., Aug. 11, 1900 by Wm. Clark Saunders; and "Saunders of McNairy Co., by Hon. James Warren--Library of Congress.)

Hezekiah married a Miss Stanford, supposedly in Maryland about 1773 (birthplace of their children) Miss Stanford's father was a younger brother of Lord Stanford of London, and her mother was Marie Wells of Germany. Hezekiah's wife died prior to 1797 according to family tradition, probably in Chatham Co., N. C. (family residence). William Clark Saunders, son of Elizabeth (Rock) Saunders, writes that "a family record explaining the exact relationship of Hezekiah to Admiral Rocke, and his wife to Lord Stanford was lost during the Civil War, but the family were all mindful of a noble ancestry."

It is believed that Hezekiah Rock and his family moved to Chatham Co., N. C. prior to 1790 since he does not appear in the Maryland census; and the fact that his dau. Elizabeth married there in 1797.

The known children of Hezekiah Rock and his wife______(Stanford) Rock are as follows:

1. Aaron Rock b. 1774 in Maryland. This is our line and a more complete record follows.
2. James Rock b. ca. 1775-1780, living in Warren Co., Tenn. in 1820.
4. Elizabeth Rock b. in 1781 in Maryland. She m. Thomas Saunders in Chatham Co., N. C. in 1797, an orphan at the time of her marriage.
   The Saunders moved to Grainger Co., Tenn. about 1816. They had 17 ch: Stanford, Aaron, Hezekiah, Rachel, Mahala, Thomas Jr., Lindsey, John, Benjamin, Joel, William, Leah, Ellen, Elizabeth, Nancy, Sarah, Katherine, Polly.
5. Jonathan Rock b. ca. 1785. Jonathan was a prominent Stanford name in Maryland. He lived nextdoor to Aaron Rock in Shelby Co., Ill. in 1830.
6. Levin or Lewis Rock, may be some person, appears in the Grainger Co. records in 1814, so born prior, to 1793.

Aaron Rock (Hezekiah Rock) was born in Maryland about 1774. Aaron died after the 1850 census, most likely in Bourbon twp., Gasconade Co., Missouri where he was living in 1850.

Aaron married about 1800, probably in Chatham Co., N. C. where his family was living at the time. His wife was born in N. C. according to the 1880 Census of Hamilton Co., Neb. where his dau. Rachel (May) Robinson gave the information regarding her parents birthplace.

There is a persistent tradition through several branches of the May family that Stanford May (son of Rachel Rock and John May, III) was a second cousin of Ulysses S. Grant. The only possible way this can be is through the mother of Rachel Rock. I believe that she was a Simpson, as was the mother of Grant. There was a Simpson family living near Aaron Rock in Gasconade Co., Mo.

Aaron married 2nd. Malinda______ prior to 1830 (comparison of census) Malinda was born in Tenn. in 1800 (census) The marriage probably took place in Warren Co., Tenn but their early records have been destroyed.

Judging from known facts, we can say that Aaron Rock was born in Maryland, moved with his family to Chatham Co., N. C. where he married, and then migrated to Grainger Co., Tenn. prior to 1803 when his name first appears in the county records. (marriage bond.) He was appointed
Constable of Grainger Co. and he was also overseer of a road. (court minutes) He appears in the 1810 Census of Grainger Co. The 1810 tax record reveals that he owns 170 acres of land. He sold his property in 1815 and soon thereafter moved to Warren County, Tenn. where he appears in the 1820 census. In the Combined Histories of Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois we find that "the early settlers in Shelbyville twp. were Edward Reed, Isaac M. Shell, James Clark and Aaron Rock, the four families from Tennessee, came together in 1827 and settled in the same neighborhood." (p.153)

Between 1820-1830, Aaron's wife died and he married Melinda, about 25 years his junior. She was born in Tennessee and no doubt related to one of the associated families. He appears in the 1830 Census of Shelby Co., Ill. In 1827 his dau. Rachel Rock married John May, III. Aaron left Shelby Co. about 1831 and became one of the early settlers of Gasconade Co., Mo., Bourbon twp. appearing in 1840 census. The 1850 census reveals children born in Missouri as early as 1832. This was new territory and few families were living there at this time. Rachel and her second husband, Bennett Robinson accompanied Aaron to Missouri but after a few years moved on to Lucas County, Iowa about 1849 where another new land area had opened up to settlers. Aaron is known to have had about 14 children in his two marriages, the names of ten are known: Rachel, William b. 1818; Jonathan b. 1820; George b. 1821; T. Washington b. ca. 1823; Joshua R. b. ca. 1827; Bolivar C. b. ca. 1829; Martha b. 1832 in Mo.; Anna b. 1834; Isaac b. 1837.

Our Rock line comes to an end with the marriage of Rachel Rock to John May, III. Now let us return to John May, III. His mother, Catherine (Hanson) May, died when he was about two years of age, and for a year or more he lived in the home of his Hanson grandparents. His father remarried his Aunt Elizabeth and the family lived on the May farm in Floyd Co., Ky. near Prestonburg. When he was about 20 years of age, several families from Floyd Co., including his neighbors, the Abbotts, were moving north to the free state of Illinois, so John May, III accompanied them. They settled in Shelby County, Illinois and one of the first marriages in the county was that of John May and Rachel Rock in 1827. Two years later, their son, Aaron Stanford May was born, on Mar. 12, 1830. That same fall, the May family in Floyd Co., Ky. sold out and joined their oldest (living) son in Shelby Co.

Three and a half years after his marriage, John May, III, died in 1831 at the age of 25 years. I do not know the cause of his early death, but it is not difficult to picture the sad event, as it took place in Middleworth cemetery.

The young widow married Bennett Robinson the following year. Bennett had previously married and was divorced from his wife, Elizabeth. (Combined History of Shelby & Moultrie Counties, p. 62) Bennett and Rachel were the parents of eight children. Three of their children were born in Missouri during their brief sojourn in Gasconade Co. with her father, Aaron Rock. (census)

Lucas County Iowa was opened to settlers in 1850 and Bennett Robinson and his family were among the first. Other Rock, May and
Robinson families accompanied them to the new territory. According to the 1850 census, there were only 91 families living in Lucas Co. that first year. Bennett Robinson and Stanford May are listed among the 71 voters in the 1852 election and their names appear many times in the early records of Lucas County. (History of Lucas Co., Iowa, pub. 1881) About 1870 the Robinson and May families moved on to Hamilton Co., Neb. In the 1880 Census, Rachel Robinson, now 72, is living in the household of her oldest son, Stanford May. This is the last reference I have of Rachel Rook.

Children of John May, III and Rachel (Rook) May:
1. Stanford May was born in Shelby Co., Illinois on Mar. 12, 1830 and died July 20, 1882, buried Yost cemetery near Beaver, Neb. (gravestone) He married Isabell Ann Mundell on Aug. 7, 1851 at Lucas Co., Iowa. A more complete record is given in the next section.

Children of Rachel (Rook) May & 2nd. husband, Bennett Robinson:
2. Priscilla Robinson b. 1832 in Shelby Co., Illinois
3. Mary Robinson b. 1834 in Shelby Co., Illinois
4. Lavinia Robinson b. 1836 in Shelby Co., Illinois
5. Aaron Robinson b. 1838 in Shelby County, Illinois
7. John Robinson b. 1843 in Gasconade Co., Missouri
8. Richard Robinson b. 1845 in Gasconade Co., Missouri
9. William Robinson b. 1848 in Gasconade Co., Missouri

STANFORD MAY

STANFORD MAY (John III, John Jr., John Sr., John May, the emigrant) was born in Shelby County, Illinois on March 12, 1830. He died July 17, 1882 and buried in Yost Cemetery near Beaver, Neb. (gravestone, family record, Civil War pension application WC358645)

Stanford May married Isabell Ann Mundell on Aug. 7, 1851 at Lucas County, Iowa in the home of her father, Joseph Mundell. The ceremony was performed by a relative, Elijah K. Robinson, the first Justice of the Peace in Lucas County. (WC358645; marriage certified)

Isabell Ann Mundell was born in Clinton County, Indiana on November 16, 1827. She was the daughter of Joseph Mundell and Sarah (Mitchell) Mundell. Isabell died March 16, 1917 at the age of 90 years and is buried in Bassett, Nebraska. (gravestone, family record, WC358645)
I have a great many records of the Mundell Family that I hope to publish within the next year. Here I will give a very brief sketch, because from this point forward, every name mentioned is a descendant of Isabell Ann (Mundell) May.

THE MUNDELL FAMILY

JOHN MUNDELL\(^1\) was born about 1750 in New Castle, Delaware. He died in Jefferson Co., Ky. in the fall of 1806. (probation of his will) John married Jane Garrett about 1771, presumably in Pa. She was a member of the Garrett "Snuff" Family of New Castle, Del. John Mundell is found in the earliest records of the state of Ky., when the entire state was known as Jefferson County, Virginia. In 1781 he was a Member of the Virginia Assembly. He was granted 400 acres of land on Floyd's Fork, located s.e. of present Louisville, Ky. He served in the Revolutionary War and his service (in Kentucky) is found in the Illinois Papers I. P. D. (p. 51,109 & 139) in the National Archives. He is found in the First Census of Ky. of 1789, the only resident of the state by the name of Mundell. In the 1800 Census we find John and his oldest son James Mundell living in Jefferson County. We know from his will that he owned several mills. He had 7 children and I have additional records on all of them: James, Andrew, Margaretha; Mary, Sarah, Eleanor and John Mundell.

JAMES MUNDELL\(^2\), our next in line, was born in Washington Co. Pa. about 1772-1774. He died in 1837 and is buried on his farm in Clinton Co., Ind. James married Mary Smith in Jefferson Co. on April 2, 1799. (certified) In 1810 he purchased land and moved to Harrison Territory in Indiana, later to become Floyd Co. In 1816 he moved to Orange Territory and soon sold his property, moving on to Lawrence County where he appears in the 1820 Census. From here he moved briefly to Fountain Co. and by 1830 he was living in Clinton Co. where he remained until the time of his death. He had 10 children: Isaiah, Joseph, William, John, Andrew, Adam, Jane, Sarah, James and Joshua. I have additional data on all.

JOSEPH MUNDELL\(^3\), of our direct line, was born in Jefferson Co. Kentucky in April 1802; and died in Lucas Co. Iowa on Feb. 8, 1885, buried in Goshen Cemetery 3 mi. s. of Lucas. Joseph m. Sarah Mitchell in Lawrence Co., Ind. on Jan. 14, 1825 (certified) the dau. of Samuel and Isabell Mitchell. From Lawrence he moved to Clinton County and from there to Lucas Co. Iowa. There is an interesting story in the History of Lucas Co. regarding their move into Iowa. In 1849 he took his son James R. with him (17 years of age) and built a 'shack' in what is now Jackson twp. which was the first house in the township, "When he came here but few settlements were made and the rolling prairie extended unbroken in all directions. In Chariton one log house was the only sign of civilization." (p.302) He appears in the 1850 Census with his wife and five children: Isabell Ann, Robert Joseph, James Russell, Margaret I., and Lucy D. I have additional data on all of these children.

Our Mundell line ends with the marriage of Isabell Ann to Stanford May in Lucas Co. Iowa in 1851.
We continue with the May Record - Stanford May's father died when he was about a year old. The family was living in Shelby Co., Illinois in the vicinity of Tower Hill. In the same community was a Robinson family and within a short while Stanford's mother, Rachel (Rook) May, married Bennett Robinson and to them were born eight children—half brothers and sisters of Stanford May. There was a good relationship between Stanford and his step father, and he later named one of his sons "Joseph Bennett May".

In 1840 Bennett Robinson family moved to Missouri and it can be assumed that Stanford, then ten years of age, would accompany them. They lived briefly in Gasconade County where Rachel's father, Aaron Rook had been a resident since 1832.

In 1850 the Robinson family moved to Lucas County, Iowa where new government territory was opening up with land selling for 1.25 per acre. Bennett was the third person to take up land in Union township. Stanford does not appear in the 1850 census with his mother, but I know that he followed shortly after, due to his marriage in Aug. 1851 to "the girl next door," Isabell Ann Mundell.

Stanford's name appears in the list of 71 voters in Lucas Co. in Feb. of 1852. In the History of Lucas County Iowa it is recorded that in 1856-1857 he served as Sheriff of Lucas County, but did not run for reelection in 1858.

Stanford enlisted in the Union Army in Chariton, Iowa on Aug. 13, 1862 to serve three years. He was a Sargent in Co. G. of 34th Reg., Iowa Infantry. He was described as 33 years of age, 5 ft. 10½ inches in height, fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair. By occupation he was a farmer. He was discharged with a disability on Dec. 12, 1864 after spending several weeks in the General Hospital at Keokuck, Iowa. (WC 358645)

I believe here would be the appropriate place to insert a tradition that comes down through several branches of the family, to the effect that Stanford May was a second cousin of Ulysses S. Grant, and their relationship was a friendly one. In time I hope to definitely prove this one way or the other. This relationship is possible. There is one name missing from the "family tree" and this is the first wife of Aaron Rook, the mother of Rachel Rook. It would mean that the mother of Rachel was a sister of Hannah.
Simpson the mother of Ulysses S. Grant. At this time I lack "proof" but have some good circumstantial evidence.

Stanford May appears in the 1856, 1860 and 1870 census of Lucas County in Union township. I will give only the 1870 Census because it includes the complete family.

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I believe it was during the next few years that Stanford May left his family in the care of his oldest son, John, and journeyed to Missouri where he ran a freight line between Maysville, n. e. of St. Joseph, and Deadwood, S. Dakota. A few years ago I vacationed in that area and the terrain gave me a new respect for those pioneers who drove the wagon trains, hauling the necessities of life to the far outposts of our civilization. Stanford's son, Robert made the trip with his father many times and retold this adventure to his children. (Fred May)

Prior to 1879 the family moved to Hamilton Co., Nebraska where they appeared in the 1880 Census living in Beaver township. The two oldest children were married by this time; and living in the household was his mother, Rachel (Rook) Robinson, aged 72. Two years later, at the age of 52, Stanford May died of cancer and was buried in Yost Cemetery near Beaver, Nebraska on July 17, 1882.

Soon after, the entire May family--Isabell and her children, her married son John, her married daughter Sarah Ellen Haltom--moved further north near Bassett, Nebraska in Rock County, close to the South Dakota line. This was virgin prairie, and like others in that area, their first homes was the sod house. They all appear in the 1885 State Census of Iowa.

In 1790 Isabell Ann May applied for a widow's pension for service rendered by her deceased husband in the Civil War. Among the "proof" that she sent with her application was a copy of Stanford's discharge papers and a certified copy of her marriage record.
She received a pension of 12.00 a month until her death in 1917.

Guy May, a grandson, remembers his grandmother Isabell as one always busily engaged in some useful activity and could not abide idleness. She was a large frame woman but very agile for her age and size. He recalls in his early childhood starting out across the Nebraska prairie with his grandmother on some errand. Kid like, he started bragging about his ability as a runner; whereupon she challenged him to a foot race. He was a little shy about racing against "an old woman" but she insisted, and after sighting a distance landmark, she pulled up her skirts about her knees and easily won the race. Guy was greatly embarrassed by the fact that he was not only beaten by his grandmother, but by a woman in her 74th year! He was grateful that she never repeated the incident to other members of the family.

I can recall in my childhood the two large framed portraits of Stanford and Isabell (Mundell) May hanging in my grandparents living room.

Stanford and Isabell had seven children: Sarah Ellen, John Russell, Joseph Bennett, Robert Iziah, Rachel Margaret Jane, Isabell Amanda and Aaron Stanford May. I will take them up one at a time, and where possible, bringing them down to the present day. If there are omissions it is not intended. It is hoped that from this point on you will keep your line up to date.
I. SARAH ELLEN (MAY) HALTOM, the oldest child of Stanford and Isabell Ann (Mundell) May, was born in Lucas County, Iowa in 1852. Sarah died June 27, 1908, attaining the age of 56 years, 1 month, and ten days.

On the 19th day of July 1871, she united in marriage to Alfred Davis Haltom at Lucas County, Iowa. So the story goes, they were first married in Warren County and then the witnesses and the preacher drove them across the county line into Lucas Co., where they had purchased their licence, and they were remarried.

Alfred Davis Haltom was born November 18, 1849 in Owen County, Indiana. He died at Chariton, Iowa on February 26, 1934.

Alfred moved with his parents to Sandyville, Iowa in 1851, then on to Lucas, Iowa in Ottocreek Township in 1852. He grew to manhood in Lucas County, and a few years after his marriage he moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska in the company of his father in law, Stanford May, and other members of the May family. Within a short time, the entire group moved to Rock County, Nebraska, near Bassett, close to the South Dakota line, where they appear in the 1885 State Census thus:

1885 Census of Rock County, Nebraska

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According to the family, the next child was born in Lucas Co., Iowa in 1891, so the family's sojourn in Rock County was brief. Arthur was a farmer most of his life and for awhile he worked on the railroad. The Haltom's were members of the Christian Church. After the death of his wife, Arthur lived with his two sons at various times. He died in Chariton in 1934.

Children of Alfred Davis Haltom & Sarah Ellen (May) Haltom:

1. Mary Isabell Haltom "Molly" was born June 20, 1873. She died in December 1874, about 18 months of age.

2. Charles Lewis Haltom "Charlie" was born January 21, 1879 and died the following day.

3. Arthur Elmer Haltom "Art" was born August 12, 1880 at Hamilton County, Nebraska. He died of cancer on the 2nd day of
January 1957 in Chariton, Iowa.

Art married Leona Viola Bennett on May 4, 1810 at Lucas Co., Iowa. She was born February 17, 1889; and died Dec. 18, 1966 at Chariton, Iowa.

When Art was eight he began helping his father farm; he also gave a hand with the housework since his mother was not well. He worked on the farm until he married at the age of twenty-nine. Then for thirteen years he worked off and on for the railroad as a section hand. Once again he returned to farming in Nebraska and Iowa. About 1820 the family moved to Colorado for his daughter's health as she had asthma. He retired about 1830 due to his own health. They moved to Julesburg, Colorado in 1951 where they lived until about three weeks before his death, when he returned to Iowa. They were the parents of two children:

A. Evelyn Isabell Haltom was born April 6, 1911 near Liberty Center, Iowa. On Dec. 1, 1930 she married George P. Heintz at Craig, Colorado. George was born May 5, 1912 at Boulder, Colorado. Three children:

(1) Georgia Evelyn Heintz was born Aug. 27, 1934 at Colorado. Married to Richard Joe Hall on May 25, 1952 at Craig, Colorado. Richard Joe was born Oct. 26, 1932 at Vernal, Utah. Six children:


(2) Leona Pearl Heintz – born June 19, 1936 at Great Divide, Colorado. She married Roy Claude Meek on March 3, 1959 at Craig, Colorado. Roy Claud was born Aug. 24, 1939 at Park County, Wyoming. Two children:

a. Boy - born and died premature, Mar. 24, 1960, Craig

(3) Barbara Faye Heintz - b. Aug. 12, 1938 at Craig, Colo. Married Melvon LeRoy Mosher at Craig, Colo. on Nov. 11, 1956. Melvon LeRoy was born February 20, 1937 at Hayen, Colorado. Three children:

B. Harold Guy Haltom – b. February 18, 1913, near Liberty Center, Iowa. Married Madge May Murphy on June 2, 1936 at Oberlin, Kansas. Madge was born Sept. 23, 1913 at Flagler, Colorado.

2. Larry Clark Haltom – born Mar. 6, 1937 at Oberlin.


   (b) John David Casey – adopted boy born on Nov. 18, Adopted in Dec. 64.

   (a) Mark Roger Haltom – born May 26, 1960
   (b) Utonia Dawn Haltom – born July 27, 1962
   (c) Tahra Ann Haltom – born March 31, 1966


   (b) Jamie Michele Hamilton b. May 17, 1962.


   (b) Vona Lynn McCauley b. Dec. 15, 1963
   (c) Verna Lea McCauley b. Apr. 1, 1967

C. Glenn Dale Haltom - born August 29, 1926 in Lucas Co. Iowa. Married Tharon Alberta Wingnall on Apr. 12, 1947 in Kansas. Tharon was born May 10, 1927 in Monroe County, Iowa.

(1) Kathy Kay Haltom - born Feb. 18, 1848 Albia, Iowa.

D. Juanita Etna Haltom - born July 16, 1929. Married John Frank Penick on May 20, 1946 at Chariton, Iowa. John was born July 24, 1924, a brother to Thelma Penick.

(2) Cheryl Ann Penick - b. May 12, 1952 at Chariton.

This first section, the family of SARAH ELLEN (MAY) HALTOM was compiled by her great grand daughter, Pearl (Heintz) Meek, 541 Belford, Grand Junction, Colorado. It was her interest that inspired me to publish this new, enlarged edition of the May Record.
II. JOHN RUSSELL MAY ⁶ (Stanford⁵, John⁴, John³, John², John¹) was born in Lucas County, Iowa, Union township, on Sept. 4, 1854. (family record) John died at Stanley, Kansas on June 4, 1943 at the age of 89 years and is buried at Pleasant Valley cemetery near Stanley. He is the son of Stanford May and Isabell Ann (Mundell) May.

John married Rhoda Ruhama Brotherton at Hamilton County, Nebraska on February 2, 1879. (certified, Book B. p. 62) Rhoda was born in Lucas Co. on May 24, 1862. She died Jan. 21, 1927 at the age of 65 years and is buried beside her husband. She was the daughter of Noah and Mary Ann (Worley) Brotherton. (Brotherton-Worley records in my file)

John went to school a part of four years. He learned to do simple reading and writing. Opportunities for an education was limited in the pioneer days of Iowa, but he made up for his lack of formal education by having an abundance of good common sense.

Grandpa often told us how his mother would card the wool by hand and make it into thread, how she would weave the yarn into cloth, color it with walnut hull dye and sew up a pair of trousers by hand—then how he would run through the hazel brush and tear them off in one day! Somehow I didn't doubt it.

The May family moved to Hamilton County, Neb. after 1870 (census) and John worked as a hired man on the Brotherton farm, and ended up marrying the farmer's daughter. They lived first in Hamilton County around Aurora, then moved to Bassett in Rock County, a few miles from the South Dakota line. His widowed mother and other members of the family accompanied them. They lived in a sod-house on the prairie, as did the other pioneer families.

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After a few years John and Rhoda moved to Hampton, Neb. where other members of the Brotherton family were living.
Around 1894 John came to Johnson County, Kansas in a covered wagon, living first near Morse and then later to Stanley. Here John built a substantial five roomed two-storied house and set up his blacksmith shop one block south and a half block east of the town square, where the grain elevator now stands. About 1920 he moved his house and shop a quarter of a mile west of the town square. The present Gillihan house is the original May home.

John May was a master at his trade. In those days he was called upon to make parts for all kinds of farm machinery, guns, tools and even sewing machines; in fact anything that was constructed of metal. My earliest recollections of Grandpa was in his shop, wet with sweat, with the sparks flying upward around him as he heated metal for retiring a wagon or shoeing a horse. The noise of the bellows and the hammer striking the anvil was terrific—he could swing a sledge for hours, seemingly without effort and in perfect rhythm. He worked hard, laughed loudly and never spoke an unkind word to anyone. He never charged prices equal to his time and skill, and gave away more work than for which he charged. Consequently he was always poor, but not any more so than the other members of the community; and "he owed not any man". "The Village Blacksmith" could have been written about my grandfather. He was a truly happy man and knew the secret of contentment. He always had time for his fourteen grandchildren and periodically made them all horseshoe rings, or would peel turnips for them by the dozens.

To supplement the income of a blacksmith, Rhoda did papering. I can recall her sitting for hours of an evening, trimming wall paper with long sharp shears, in preparation for the next days work. She was also mid-wife to the whole community. Farmers would come for her in their spring wagon at all times of the day or night and she would spend several days or weeks in the home depending upon the recovery of the mother. In summer she would can hundreds of quarts of fruits and vegetables; and made soap in a large iron kettle in the yard.

In their early youth John and Rhoda joined the Christian Church and they brought their membership to Stanley with them.
I can see them now -- Grandma in her high necked white blouse and long black skirt, her hair combed into a knot on the top of her head; Grandpa in his good Sunday suit -- walking up the road to morning services. The Christian Church was located across the street from the present High School. Grandma and Grandpa read their Bibles and lived the Christian life. They were affectionately known throughout the country as "Uncle John and Aunt Rhoda".

John May was a great one for yarns and we would enjoy hearing them over and over again. To hear him tell it, he went jack rabbit hunting without a gun, "he ran the critters down, first kicking them head over heels". His feats as a young man were second only to Paul Bunyan. No matter in what a person excelled, John May could run just a little bit faster, jump just a little bit the highest, swim a little bit the furtherest, and throw a man a little quicker than his competitors.

He knew dozens of old folk songs such as "Larry Whoa" and "Johnnie Get Your Hoecake Done" that he would sing in a loud lusty voice to entertain his grandchildren. When any of the little ones would start crying or pouting, he would sing even louder, "Pen your sheep the wolves are howling". It has been my regret that tape recorders were not in vogue during Grandpa's lifetime so that I might record some of his folk music. I can remember seeing my grandparents in their fifties do a Shoddish and Polka at family reunions just for fun.

John had a great interest in buried treasures and spent several days and brief vacations following up stories of buried gold. He even made a "bootle machine" of his own design to detect underground metal. One time, while hunting treasure, he dug into an Indian grave and it gave him quite a fright.

Every evening Grandma would read aloud from the Bible and the newspaper. Grandpa especially enjoyed the continued stories in the Star or a Zane Gray novel. After his wife's death, John gradually picked up reading again, spelling out every word before he could pronounce it. When he was confined to the wheelchair he spent hours reading. If the story chanced to be
a Western, and a lively situation developed, he would get so excited that he could not read fast enough to satisfy his active mind. His hands would tremble and his breath came in short pants in anticipation of the climax!

In his early sixties he developed a form of diabetes that caused poor blood circulation in his feet. One of his legs had to be taken off below the knee. He wouldn't go to the hospital so the operation was preformed on the kitchen table with his daughter, Dr. Mary, assisting the surgeon. He made his own peg leg in his shop and got around for several years. The same difficulty developed in the other foot and it also had to be removed. He spent about five years in a wheel chair, but always happy and cheerful. He would read, swat flies, listen to the radio, do handwork like shelling peas or snapping beans, and entertain his great grandchildren. He acquired a pair of dumbbells and would sit up in bed and take his exercises. When anyone would come into the room and inquire about his well being he would say, "O there's nothing wrong with me Sissie, except laziness." The one thing of which he was never guilty. When I think of my grandparents the words of Jesus come to my mind, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

A moment before Grandpa died he raised himself on his elbow, and looking upward, his face lit up, and he said, "Mother!" in a surprised and happy tone. Then he lay back on his pillow and closed his eyes.

The Children of John Russel May and his wife Rhoda (Brotherton) May

1. Charles William May was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska on Jan. 1, 1881. He died in San Jose, California, May 24, 1952, and buried in Oak Hill Memorial Park Cemetery. Charles married Ninnie Grace Lowman of Stanley, Kansas on July 18, 1899. Grace was the daughter of Montpellier and Eliza (Fry) Lowman, born October 9, 1882. She died Sept. 3, 1918, buried at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, near Stanley. Charles married 2nd. Daisy Lee Holmes on Sept. 23, 1923 at Salt Lake City. Daisy d. Oct. 26, 1954 and is buried beside her husband.
Charles was a barber by trade and followed this profession most of his life. Three children by his first marriage:

A. A son who died in infancy.


(2) Harry Lowell Leonard b. Oct. 29, 1925, m. Katheleen McKeeler on Mar. 19, 1848. 4 daughters:
   d. Eleanor Grace b. Jan. 15, 1854

(3) Eleanor May Leonard b. Dec. 31, 1928; m. Paul H. Jorgensen in 1947. 3 sons:
   b. Charles Henry Jorgensen b. Apr. 5, 1953

(4) Iona Kay Leonard b. Aug. 22, 1939; m. James Souders, at Olathe, Kans. on June 26, 1955. 6 children:
   a. Catherine May Souders b. Feb. 16, 1956, Trinity Lutheran Hospital, K. C., Mo.
   b. Anna Marie Souders b. Aug. 21, 1959
   e. Elizabeth Kay Souders b. Oct. 19, 1964
   f. Ralph William Souders b. Dec. 9, 1966

C. Iona Grace May^8 was born in Stanley, Kans. Nov. 6, 1911. Iona m. Ralph Kuntz, son of John Kuntz of Redel, Kans. Ralph was a mechanic; he died in 1966, buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery. 2 sons:


(2) Ralph David Kuntz b. May 22, 1947, served in the armed forces.
2. Mary Isabell May was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska on May 12, 1833. She died in the summer of 1943, buried at Pleasant Valley. She married Charles Edward Zimmerman of Olathe, Kansas on Sept. 11, 1901. Mary was such a "lady" that she was often described as "prim". She could wither an uncouth person with a look; yet she had a warm friendly nature. I remember the story told of a man coming to the backdoor of the May home and inquiring, "Where's your old man?" Mary raised her head proudly and replied, "My father, Sir, is in his shop." Even today the family refers to someone giving "an Aunt Mary look."

In the early 1920's Mary studied and received her Doctor's degree from a School of Chiropractory in Wichita, Kansas. Charles and Mary had no children, but took a fifteen year old girl into their home who had been deserted by her husband and expecting a baby; and raised them as their own. Mary was a faithful member of the Baptist church.

3. Rhoda Ellen May was born in a sod-house on the prairie near Bassett, Nebraska on Jan. 18, 1887. Ella died Dec. 9, 1862 in Kansas City, Mo. and is buried in Pleasant Valley, near Stanley. On Feb. 27, 1907 she married Glenn H. Wagner, son of Hiram Steffy and Laura Lindsey (Hudson) Wagner. Glenn was born Feb. 2, 1882 near Stanley, and died on Easter morning, April 21, 1957, buried at Pleasant Valley. In the first year of their marriage they took into their home, Joe L. Wagner, Glenn's youngest brother who was six years of age and raised him to young manhood. Glenn first worked as a farm manager, then a forman on the railroad, next manager of a Lumber Company, and finally a carpenter and contractor. Glenn and Ella were never renters, they built four new homes for themselves within their lifetime. Ella's interests were centered in the home, she enjoyed making beautiful quilts and wool comforts. She was a member of the Royal Neighbor Lodge. She joined the Christian Church as a child and was baptized in "Blue Hole". She taught a sunday school class at Stanley and Morse Community Churches, and Glenn did lay-preaching. 5 children:
A. Leola May Wagner was born June 19, 1908 at Stanley, Kans. She married first, George Vere Dedrick on Apr. 28, 1929. George was the son of Max and Bertha (Hedrick) Dedrick of Beagle, Kansas. She married 2nd. Howard Holt, and was divorced. Leola married 3rd. Lloyd Harsh on Feb. 2, 1957. Lloyd was born in Sullivan, Ill, the son of Floyd and Hallie (Boise) Harsh. Lloyd died Nov. 12, 1965, buried at Pleasant Valley. Leola is a certified Dental Assistant. 1 son:

1) George Dale Dedrick was b. Apr. 15, 1935. He m. Mary Ann Allen on Oct. 12, 1956. They were divorced in 1967.
   a. Dale Andrew Dedrick b. Sept. 23, 1957

B. Fern Geraldine Wagner was born March 26, 1910 at Walnut Grove, Missouri. She m. 1st. William Durbin Graham on Nov. 15, 1927. Bill was the son of Wm. D. and Alberta (Reynolds) Graham. They were divorced; and on May 11, 1933 she married 2nd. John Herman Affalter. Herman was born in 1910, the son of Frank and Alice (Phumphrey) Affalter. They were divorced in 1967.

1) Norma Jean Graham b. July 4, 1929, Stanley, Kans. m. Roger Goodwin on July 24, 1949. Roger was born Dec. 8, 1924 in Bushnell, Florida, the son of Herbert Spencer Goodwin and Mildred Susie (Blair) Goodwin. Roger is owner and manager of four dinner places in Spartanburg, S.C.
   b. Catherine Sue Goodwin b. Apr. 22, 1953
   d. Roger Hogan Goodwin b. Sept. 23, 1956


3) Sandra Lee Affalter was born Overland Park, Kans. Sept. 17, 1939. She m. James Roddy Andrews, son of Robert E. and Ruth Andrews, on June 12, 1959, Jacksonville, Fla. Jim is a salesman for pharmaceutical supplies, Jacksonville, Florida. 3 children:


6) Linda Michelle Affalter b. St. Lukes, May 30, 1951
C. Audrey Lee Wagner was born in Stanley, Kansas on Jan. 25, 1913. She m. Howard Walker Woodruff on Aug. 22, 1933 at Independence, Mo. Howard was b. Oct. 7, 1910, the son of Benjamin Walker and Myrtle (Johns) Woodruff. Howard is an ordained Methodist Minister, serving churches in Mo. West Conference. Audrey's hobby is that of genealogy, and she is the compiler of the May Family History. 2 children:

(1) William Walker Woodruff was born in Dallas, Texas, May 17, 1938. He m. Terry Ann Redmon in Indep., Mo. on July 13, 1963. Terry was born in K. C., Mo. Jan. 29, 1938, the dau. of Russell and Geneva Bernadeen (Johnson) Redmon. Bill was in Hanau, Germany three years with the armed forces, a computer on the Honest John Guided Missile. He is in the office at Western Electric at Lees Summit. Terry is a surgical nurse at Research Hospital. a. Jennifer Ann Woodruff b. Research Hospital, K. C., October 15, 1967


E. Verda Ellen Wagner was born in Osawatomie, Kansas, Feb. 2, 1920. She m. Rev. Charles Lee Burner, ordained Methodist Minister serving in the Missouri West Conference. They were married at the Meriam Bible Church July 15, 1938. Charles was born Nov. 4, 1917, the son of Harry Enoch and Myrtle (Walch) Burner. 3 children:

   a. John Keeton Sehnert, Jr. b. Nov. 9, 1963

(2) Laura Jean Burner b. Barton Co. Memorial Hospital, Aug. 3, 1959


4. Bessie Alice May was born in Hampton, Nebraska on July 7, 1893. She died Oct. 11, 1962, buried at Pleasant Valley. She m. Walter William Rawie at Stanley, Kans. on July 7, 1910. Walter was b. in Marthaville, Kans. the son of John Henry and Belinda Rachel (Dawson) Rawie. Walter d. Nov. 1959, buried at Pleasant Valley. Walter was a carpenter and contractor. His interests were fishing and baseball; and for a number of years he played second base on the Stanley team. They were members of the Pentecostal Church in Martin City, Mo. where their son was pastor for several years.

A. Mabel Alice Rawie was born Stanley, Kans. May 22, 1911. She m. Milton Tracy Graham on Sept. 5, 1930 at Olathe, Kans. Milton was the son of Wm. D. and Alberta Graham. Milton worked many years for the Pullman Co. in K. C. and now manages a unit of apartment buildings.

   (1) Nancy Jo Salhers Graham, foster child, m. Earl K. Doores, son of Ola and Joe Doores. 4 children:
       b. Cindy Ann Doores b. Nov. 28, 1959
       c. Sheryl Kay Doores b. Dec. 12, 1960
       d. Gary Keith Doores b. June 6, 1963

B. John William Rawie was born at Stanley, Kans. May 1914. John m. Virginia Campbell of Belton, Mo. Ginny was born Aug. 22, 1919, the dau. of Jim Campbell. John was the pastor of the Pentecostal Church in Martin City, Mo. for a number of years and currently in the building trade. Divorced 1967.

5. Myrtle Grace May was born Stanley, Kans. Jan. 21, 1896. She m. Marcy Ellsworth Gillihan. Marcy was b. Nov. 28, 1890, son of James Madison and Nancy Gillihan. Marcy was the construction engineer for the Panhandle Eastern pipeline company. Grace's interests are sewing, cards and cross-word puzzles. They are members of the Pentecostal Church at Martin City. After Marcy retired they remodeled the original May home. 3 children:

   A. Flora May Gillihan was born in Stanley, Kans. Feb. 17, 1911. She m. Albert Kirby Lowman on Aug. 28, 1929. Albert b. Apr. 17, 1909, son of Samuel Leroy and Effie Lowman. Albert is a pipeline inspector for the Panhandle Eastern. Stanley is their home base. 2 children:

      (1) Natalie Alice Lowman b. Dec. 20, 1929, Stanley, Kans. m. Clyde Perkins, son of Frank E. and Ruby Perkins. Clyde is foreman of pipeline for Panhandle Eastern. 2 sons:
         a. Mark Crisman
         b. Kirby Thomas

         a. Scott Galan
         b. Gayle Ann

   B. Viola Laverne Gillihan was b. Stanley, Kans. Dec. 16, 1913. She m. Rexford Marvin Lowman on Sept. 6, 1931. Rex was b. Dec. 16, 1911. He is a land purchaser for Panhandle Eastern.

         a. William Steven Ishee b. Dec. 21, 1953
         b. Rex
         c. Penni
         d. Robin b. June 1961
         e. Tammi
         f. Terri


      (3) Brenda Joan Lowman b. Dec. 19, 1941; m. Bill Woodward. Bill is employed by McKesson-Robbins Drug Co. and lives Lexington, Ky. 2 ch:
         a. Debbie b. 1962
         b. Danny b. July 1967

      (4) Calvin Mark Lowman b. Aug. 31, 1948; m. 1967 Betty Mark is in the service.


      (1) Mary Raye Gillihan b. Dec. 9, 1951
6. Florence Gertrude May was born Stanley, Kans., June 10, 1898.
She d. June 18, 1936, buried Pleasant Valley. She m. Edgar
Ballard Clark on July 18, 1915. Ed was b. Apr. 27, 1890 and d.
in the summer of 1967. He was a farmer. They were divorced
when the children were small. Florence joined the Methodist
Church at the age of 15 and was the church organist for a number
of years. She was a friendly outgoing person.

A. Thelda Oneita Clark was b. May 1, 1916 at Kenneth, Kans.
She m. George Thomas Manion on Dec. 6, 1933 at Indep., Mo.
George was b. Apr. 17, 1914, the son of Claude and Edith
(Thompson) Manion of Middleton, Iowa. They were divorced
in July 1947. Thelda m. 2nd. George Krausch on Jan. 1,
1948 at Modesto, Calif. He was the son of Charles Karl
and Romona Marie (Storm) Krausch of Berkeley, Calif.
George is the overseer of the electric saws and crew at
a lumber Co., in Los Altos, Calif. 3 ch. by 1st. marriage.

m. Patricia Ann (Luce) Steed on Dec. 29, 1957 at San
Diego. Patricia is the dau. of ----- & Leona (Storm)
Luce. They were divorced in May 1965. George Duane
m. 2nd. Beverly (Smith) East on July 27, 1966 at Reno,
Nev. Beverly is the dau. of Howard & Lucille Smith
of Oakland, Calif. George is with Curtiss Breeding
Asso. at Prosser, Washington.

a. Dennis Miles Steed (uses Manion) b. Mar. 6, 1955
   (lives with their mother, Patricia, Jacksonville, O.
d. Deberoa East b. 1953 (former m. of Beverly)
e. Kenneth East b. 1954
f. Lori East b. 1956

(2) Lucille May Manion b. Nov. 27, 1938, Berkeley, Calif.
She m. Lawrence Stetson Webster on July 5, 1955, son
of Margaret Welsey Webster of Los Altos. They were
divorced in July 1956. Lucille m. 2nd. Logan Albert
Boucher on Apr. 23, 1966, Los Altos. Logan is the
son of Thurston Oliver and Clara (Webb) Boucher of
Oklahoma. Logan is in electronics, as Quality Con­
rol & Experditer. They reside in San Jose, Calif.
Logan had three children by a former marriage.

a. Michelle Marie Webster b. May 8, 1956
b. Barbara Boucher b. 1960
c. Brenda Lee Boucher b. 1962
d. Becky Boucher b. 1963

(3) David Thomas Manion b. June 10, 1940, Berkeley, Calif.
He m. Patricia Ann Hathaway Dec. 29, 1959, Pittsboro,
N. Car. She is the dau. of Wm. and Vera Hathaway.
David is a musician and they reside in San Diego.


He died May 15, 1930, buried Pleasant Valley, Cemetery.
III. JOSEPH BENNETT MAY 6, the third child of Stanford May and his wife, Isabelle Ann (Mundell) May, was born October 5, 1856 in Lucas County, Iowa. He died July 12, 1926, buried at Bassett, Nebraska Cemetery. Joe married Harriet Emily Gitchell on April 2, 1885 at Bassett, Neb. Harriet was born on June 11, 1870 and died on December 28, 1899, buried at Bassett, Nebraska Cemetery.

After the death of Stanford May, his widow and children moved further north into Rock County, near Bassett, Nebraska. All of the children, with the exception of Joe, gradually migrated back to Iowa or into Kansas. The Halton family, as we found, moved to Colorado. Joe was a farmer and rancher. He had six children -- William Leo May, Robert Lafayette May, Lula Belle May, Harry Franklin May, Guy Stanford May and Reuben Clair May. Their records follow:

1. William Leo May 7 was born in Bassett, Neb., on May 13, 1886; and died Nov. 15, 1939, buried at Memorial Park Cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa. He married Alta Margaret Dennis on Mar. 14, 1906. Alta was born Sept. 15, 1888, and was living in Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1960. He was a farmer. They had six children.

   A. Gerald May, born June 30, 1907. He married Dorothy Carver on June 4, 1927. Dorothy was the dau. of Arthur and Edna Carver. Two children, twins.
      (1) Gerald Carver May b. Feb. 22, 1928

   B. Blanche Eleanor May, born July 6, 1909. She m. Clarence Earl Moss on Dec. 25, 1929. Clarence was the son of Willis and Mary Moss. A son, David William Moss was born and died on June 23, 1945, buried Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Ottumwa, Iowa. Clarence Earl Moss died May 27, 1952, and buried in same cemetery.


      Sometime after 1960, John and Blanche moved to Colorado Springs, Colo. where Blanche died on June 1, 1967. Blanche supplied all of my information on Joseph Bennett May and the family of William Leo May, his son.
C. Lyle Walter May was born Dec. 15, 1911. He married Lucille Hough on Oct. 4, 1933. She was the dau. of Vern Leslie and Zella Hough. Two daughters:
(2) Ellen Lee May b. Apr. 5, 1940; m. Braun.

D. Leo Dennis May b. Jan. 21, 1914. He m. Aileen Boyce on Sept. 25, 1937. She was the dau. of Ernest Raymond Boyce and Marie Elizabeth Boyce. Three children:
(1) Sharon Kay May b. Feb. 13, 1939; m. Hayes
(2) Jack Leo May b. Dec. 12, 1943
(3) Mary Ann May b. Mar. 5, 1951

E. Dorothy Lee May was born She m. Clifford Wayne McMaster on June 28, 1941. Clifford is the son of Ralph and Katherine McMaster. Two children:
(1) Scott Edmund McMaster b. Oct. 8, 1943
(2) Carol Ann McMaster b. Dec. 13, 1946

F. Alta Margaret May b. and d. Sept. 19, 1924, buried at Fairview cemetery, Council Bluff, Iowa.

A. Goldie Gladys Irene May b. on Oct. 6, 1911 at Silver City, Iowa. She m. Charles Edward Price on Oct. 8, 1934 at Hot Springs, S. Dak. Charles was born May 11, 1914 at Sawyer, Nebraska. Two children:

B. Donald Johnny Joseph May b. on May 17, 1913 at Newport, Neb. Married Margaret Johnson on June 13, 1935 at Hot Sprs. S. D. Margaret was born May 1, 1916 near Marsland, Neb.
(1) Donald Irvin May b. Nov. 4, 1936 at Nonpareil, Neb. Married Carol Jean Bobbitt on Sept. 11, 1953 at Idaho Falls, Idaho. Carroll b. May 1, 1937 at Sheridan, Wyoming. 5 children:
   b. Irvin Dwaine May - b. Sept. 23, 1956, Sheridan
e. Ronald Dean May - b. April 14, 1961

He m. Sept. 11, 1958 to Imma Dell Sparkman at Billings, Wyo. Imma Dell was b. Oct. 24, 1939 at Guy, Ark.


m. Gerald John Sullivan on June 24, 1947, Harrison, Neb. 
m. Carroll Joe Swaithes on Nov. 2, 1963 at East Lake, 
b. Jody Ann Swaitthes b. Jan. 21, 1967, d. same day, 
Denver, Colo. 

H. Wyoma Elaine May b. Feb. 18, 1931 at Douglas, Wyo. She m. 
Donald Robert Whattam on Feb. 6, 1962, El Paso, Texas. 
Donald b. Oct. 19, 1929 at Syracuse, N. Y. 

3. Lula Belle May was born Feb. 8, 1890 at Bassett, Neb. She 
d. Mar. 3, 1959 at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Lula m. Frank H. 
Hawkins on Aug. 3, 1909 at Council Bluffs. Frank b. May 12, 
1886 at Hitchcock, Neb. 3 sons: 
A. Melvin Lavon Hawkins b. Oct. 6, 1910 at Mineola, Iowa. 
He m. Margaret Linzie. 3 daus. 
(1) Jacquelyn Lee Hawkins b. May 15, 1930 at Council 
Bluffs, Iowa. m. James Ryan. 
a. Debbie Ryan 
(2) Linda Sue Hawkins b. Oct. 2, 1940; m. 
(3) Kathy Sue Hawkins b. Aug. 4, 1944; m. 
B. Howard Bennett Hawkins b. Feb. 23, 1913 at Council Bluffs, 
Iowa. He m. Ruth Rhodes at Council Bluffs. 
(1) Kenneth Allen Hawkins b. Mar. 3, 1941; m. Tennie 
(2) Barbara Jean Hawkins b. Aug. 16, 1948 
C. Donald Emerson Hawkins b. May 26, 1925 at Council Bluffs 
Iowa. He m. Ruth Virginia Filkins. No children. 
Information on Hawkins family supplied by Frank Hawkins. 

4. Harry Franklin May was born December 5, 1893 and died May 
4, 1915. He never married. (Lafe May gives the month of 
Frank's birth as December, another source gives October.) 

Once again, Pearl Meek secured these records from Lafe May, 
and other members of the family. I am sorry that I can not 
acknowledge them all.
5. Guy Stanford May was born March 6, 1895 at Bassett, Neb. On Sept. 19, 1916 he m. Goldie Rovilla Pickinpaugh. Goldie was born Dec. 30, 1897 and died March 18, 1953. Guy was a rancher and farmer; his homestead was 14 miles n. e. of Douglas, Wyo. His present address is 2906 Hathaway, Yakima, Washington where he lives with his daughter. Every few years Guy makes a trip, checking on his kinfolk in Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. I believe Colorado was also on his itinerary, and where ever the May's have wandered. Six children:

A. Marie Pearl May b. Nov. 12, 1917, m. Melvin C. Davis.
   (1) Melvin C. Davis, Jr.
   (2) Ray Davis
   (3) Larry Davis
   (4) Dalen Davis
   (5) Diana Davis
   (6) Dede Davis


   (1) Sharon Lynn May

D. Wayne Arlene May (girl) b. Sept. 24, 1923; m. James Kisner

E. Wanda Cora May b. Dec. 13, 1924; m. Virgil W. Brengman.
   (1) Rovilla Brengman
   (2) Elaine Brengman
   (3) Madonna Rose Brengman
   (4) Darla Jean

   (1) Eugene Gordon Gardner
   (2) Dolan Gardner

6. Reuben Clair May was born March 10, 1897 in Grand Rapids, Michigan near the Gitchel homestead. He married Mary Elizabeth Foster on Dec. 25, 1918. He has been a farmer, also worked for an Evaporating Company. He is now living in Selah, Wash. RR 2.

A. Elmer Franklin May b. Dec. 22, 1919, m. Gay Frances Haskett. 2 children:
   (1) Mary Lee May
   (2) Marilyn Joan May

B. Elby Clair May born Jan. 2, 1923, m. Lena Josephine Haskett. 3 children:
   (1) Jean Yvonne May
   (2) Joseph Clair May
   (3) Laura Lee May

C. Athel Guy May b. Nov. 7, 1929; m. Clara Lee Haskett.
   (1) Molly Ann May
   (2) Kirk Allen May
   (3) Gregory Lee May
IV. ROBERT IZIAH MAY 6, the fourth child of Stanford and Isabell Ann (Mundell) May, was born February 4, 1859 in Lucas County, Iowa. He died April 3, 1946, buried in Walnut Hill cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa. He married Abbigal Brown, born May 7, 1861, Hanibal (Champaign Co.), Illinois. She died March 21, 1921, buried at Council Bluffs. This family record was compiled by Gladys May, wife of Joseph Earl May about 1960. She used the Family Bible as her source. Recently, additional data was secured through the efforts of Pearl Meek. I am unable to supply the names of those that contributed.

Robert and Abbigal had 8 children: Elsie, Stanford Aaron, Gurdon Elmer, Joseph Earl, Hallie Robert, Sadie Abbie, Fred Dell, and Alfred Davis May. Their records follow:

1. Elsie May 7 was born April 29, 1883. She married Charles Schooler and lived in Wenatchee, Washington.
   A. Floyd Schooler m. Freda Harold
   B. Robert Schooler
   C. Vernon Schooler died at age 18.
   D. Joe Schooler
   E. Fern Schooler married Donald O. Marr
   F. Peggy Schooler married Ken Van Aucken
   G. Bill Schooler
   H. May Schooler

2. Stanford Aaron May was born April 24, 1885 at Bassett, Neb. He died Sept. 6, 1891, buried at Bassett. (Family Bible)

3. Gurdon Elmer May 7 was born Dec. 19, 1887 at Bassett, Neb. He died Aug. 10, 1918 in World War I and is buried in France. He served with the famous Rainbow Division from Glenwood, Iowa.

4. Joseph Earl May 7 was born Oct. 19, 1890, Bassett, Neb. (Rock County). He married Gladys Lulu Vanderpool on Nov. 24, 1926, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Gladys was born March 12, 1910 at Glenwood (Mills Co.) Iowa. She was the dau. of Clarence Earnest Vanderpool and his wife Pearl Ellen Moore. Joseph Earl May died August 15, 1965, buried at Roselawn cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Nine children:
(1) Sharon Rae b. Nov. 26, 1950, Council Bluffs, Iowa
(2) Jackie Lee b. Nov. 4, 1951, Omaha, Neb.
(4) Patricia Ann b. Mar. 10, 1960 (twin)
(5) Pamela Jo b. Mar. 10, 1960 (twin)
(6) Robert Dean b. Apr. 10, 1962
(7) Donald Keith b. Feb. 28, 1963

(1) Freddie Joe b. Dec. 12, 1949, Council Bluffs
(2) Kathryn Lucille b. Nov. 4, 1951
(3) David Allen May b. Aug. 9, 1957, Council Bluffs

(1) Melody Ann May b. Sept. 27, 1952, Council Bluffs
(2) Stephen Craig b. Aug. 10, 1957, Council Bluffs
(3) Joseph Gurdon, Jr. b. Aug. 27, 1954, Council Bluffs
(4) Wendall Wayne May b. May 21, 1961

D. Dorothy Jean May b. April 12, 1931, Council Bluffs; m. April 28, 1951, Council Bluffs, to Rodney Leland Ross, b. May 11, 1923, Council Bluffs. 4 children:
(1) Bruce Leland Ross b. Feb. 11, 1952, Council Bluffs
(2) Delores Jean Ross b. Sept. 1, 1953, Council Bluffs
(3) Dean Edward Ross b. Mar. 18, 1955, Council Bluffs

E. Lula Anne May was b. June 18, 1932, Council Bluffs, Ia. She m. Oct. 17, 1952 in Council Bluffs, to Joseph Bruno Sollazzo b. Mar. 23, 1933 at Council Bluffs. 4 ch:
(1) Timothy Joseph Sollazzo b. July 31, 1953
(3) Michael Leroy Sollazzo b. Aug. 8, 1958
(4) Debra Sue Sollazzo b. June 17, 1960, all Council Bluffs.

(1) James Edward Wrinkle b. Feb. 12, 1952, Council Bluffs
(2) John Earnest May, Jr. b. Feb. 6, 1957, Council Bluffs

(2) Edward Earl May b. Jan. 16, 1955, Council Bluffs
(3) Jeanne Marie b. Feb. 19, 1959, Council Bluffs
(4) Beverly Ann May b. Nov. 9, 1960, Neola, Iowa
H. Wilma Faye May b. Sept. 7, 1936, Council Bluffs; m. 1st. Earl Walker Welling on Sept. 12, 1952 Council Bluffs. m. 2nd. James Franklin Jacobsen on Mar. 28, 1959 in Papillion, Neb. James was born Mar. 27, 1933 at Council Bluffs. Six children:
(1) Crystal Lynn Welling b. Oct. 25, 1953, Council Bluffs
(2) Earl Walker Welling b. Nov. 2, 1954, Council Bluffs
(3) William Dale Welling b. Nov. 25, 1956, Council Bluffs
(4) Catherine Ann Jacobsen b. Nov. 19, 1959

I Jack Dean May b. Sept. 21, 1940, Council Bluffs. He m. Oct. 18, 1958, Papillion, Neb. to Judith Ann Foisey, b. Apr. 27, 1943, Chicago Ill. Two children:
(1) Lorie Lynn b. May 5, 1959, Council Bluffs
(2) Joan Annette b. Feb. 12, 1961


8. Alfred Davis May was born July 4, 1903, Bassett, Neb. He m. Ethel Fay Messenger, dau. of Wm. and Jennie Messenger, on Nov. 2, 1927, Ethel was born Oct. 29, 1909. 6 children:
A. Robert Eugene May was born Nov. 1, 1928. He m. on Aug. 16, 1953 to Verjean Ann Hollins who was b. Aug. 31, 1935 at Council Bluffs. Robert served during the Korean War in Germany 18th Field Artillery from Dec. 1950 to Dec. 1952. 4 children, all b. Council Bluffs.
(1) Robert Eugene May, Jr. b. July 9, 1954
(2) David Lloyd May b. Aug. 22, 1955
(3) Paul Wayne May b. July 30, 1960
(4) Roger Lee May b. Mar. 9, 1962

B. Virginia Lavonne May was born Mar. 30, 1930. She m. on Nov. 30, 1946 to Gerald Harvey Rolfe. Four children:
(1) Linda Faye b. Sept. 12, 1947, Omaha, Neb.
(2) Gerald Robert b. July 7, 1949
(3) Jolene Ann May b. Apr. 30, 1957

C. Shirley Fay May b. Dec. 23, 1932. She m. Feb. 18, 1951 to Thomas Jefferson Jones. 1 child:
(1) Peggy Ann May b. Apr. 4, 1953, Co. Bluffs (all)
(2) Valerie Rae May b. Dec. 17, 1954
(3) Richard Davis May b. Feb. 2, 1959
(4) Shelly Tracene May b. Dec. 25, 1961
(5) Shawn Christopher May b. Dec. 31, 1963

(1) Aaron Dean May b. Dec. 20, 1963 at Council Bluffs

F. Gary Lee May b. Mar. 28, 1942 at Council Bluffs. He m. to Marilyn Rose Smith on Oct. 14, 1960 at Manaw. Marilyn was b. Feb. 6, 1944 at Council Bluffs. 1 child:
V. RACHEL MARGARET JANE MAY 6, known as "Meg", was born May 25, 1861 at Lucas County, Iowa. She died on January 14, 1948 at Bassett, Nebraska. Meg married John Henry Moore on Jan. 6, 1882. John Henry was born October 19, 1859 in Lucas County, Iowa. He died on March 23, 1933 at Newport, Nebraska. They were married at Aurora, Nebraska. Six children:

1. Ralph Moore 7 born December 12, 1882 at Hampton, Nebraska and died on January 15, 1884 at Hampton.

2. Albert Moore 7 born January 3, 1885 at Hampton, Nebraska. He married Emma Huffaker on December 28, 1910 at Silver City, Iowa. Margaret was born on June 7, 1884 at Silver City and died December 1963 at Toronto, Canada. Two children:

A. Albert Keith Moore - born May 20, 1912 at Outlook, Saskatchewan, Canada. He m. Myra Isabell Jackson on Jan. 30, 1938 at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Myra b. Apr, 30, 1911 at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Three children:
   (1) Judith Myra Moore b. Apr. 17, 1940 at Hamilton, Ont. Canada. She m. Aug. 12, 1966 at Burlington, Ont. to Kent Hallman.
   (2) Sylvia Jane Moore b. Mar. 6, 1944 at Hamilton, Ont.
   (3) Thomas Keith Moore b. Sept. 7, 1949 at Hamilton, Ont.

B. Virginia Alice Moore b. Apr., 29, 1919 at Outlook, Saskatchewan, Canada. She m. John Howard Jackson on Nov. 29, 1939 at Toronto, Ontario Canada. John was b. June 20, 1914 at Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada. 4 children:
   (1) Peter Scott Jackson, twin, born June 7, 1942, Toronto
   (2) Paul Andrew Jackson, twin, b. June 7, 1942, Toronto
   (3) Penney Margaret Jackson b. May 13, 1945, Toronto
   (4) Patricia Lynn Jackson b. May 28, 1949, Toronto

3. Frank Moore 7 born March 12, 1887 at Bassett, Nebraska. He m. Erie Fern Pickinpaugh on Dec. 29, 1908 at Silver City, Iowa. Erie was born on March 12, 1892 at Alton, Kansas. 6 children:


(1) John Henry Moore - 
(2) Rose Lee Moore -

(3) Carrol Fern Fredrickson b. Mar. 2, 1939 at Bassett, Married to

(1) Charlotte Katherine Moore b. July 26, 1942. She m. 
(2) Dennis Moore 
(3) Donald Frank Moore 
(4) Jane Moore 
(5) Lowell

F. Orval Dean Moore b. Oct. 1, 1918 at Newport, Neb. He m. Patricia Remelds Doyle on Feb. 6, 1940. Patricia b. Feb. 6, 1919. 4 children:
(1) LaDean Marie Moore b. Nov. 8, 1940 at Ainsworth, Neb. She m. 
(2) Darlene Louise Moore b. July 8, 1942. She m. 
(3) Paul Moore (in service) 
(4) Bannie Moore

4. Purl Moore7 - born Dec. 31, 1890 at Hampton, Neb. He m. Sadie Abigail May on July 2, 1929 at Julesberg, Colorado. Sadie was born January 6, 1896 at Bassett, Neb. and d. Mar. 29, 1947 at Ridgefield, Washington. Purl went to Canada in April 1912 to homestead. He joined the Canadian Army July 5, 1915 and was discharged Feb. 21, 1919. He returned to the U. S. in Nov. 1919 to Bassett, Nebraska. He farmed most of his life, moved to state of Washington in 1935. 3 children:

4. Purl Moore7 - born Dec. 31, 1890 at Hampton, Neb. He m. Sadie Abigail May on July 2, 1929 at Julesberg, Colorado. Sadie was born January 6, 1896 at Bassett, Neb. and d. Mar. 29, 1947 at Ridgefield, Washington. Purl went to Canada in April 1912 to homestead. He joined the Canadian Army July 5, 1915 and was discharged Feb. 21, 1919. He returned to the U. S. in Nov. 1919 to Bassett, Nebraska. He farmed most of his life, moved to state of Washington in 1935. 3 children:
A. Audrey Lee Moore b. Dec. 5, 1930 at Stuart, Neb. m. Tom Day.

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(1) Saundra L. Day
(2) Michael T. Day
(3) Larry Day (twin)
(4) Gary Day (twin)

(3) Melvin P. Campbell b. Nov. 18, 1959, Vancouver, Wash.

(2) David Enberg b. May 9, 1960 at Portland, Oregon.
(3) Laurie Enberg b. Apr. 25, 1964 at Wenatchee, Wash.

5. Guy Moore - was born February 20, 1896 at Bassett, Neb. He married to Mildred Marie Bruce on Sept. 27, 1926 at Ainsworth, Neb. He died at Lusk, Wyoming on Sept. 21, 1963.

Mildred was born Nov. 9, 1910. 4 children:


(1)
(2)

C. Eldon Leroy Moore b. July 4, 1930 at Bassett, Neb. He m. Rose Wilkinson. 5 children:
(1)
(2)
(3)
(4)
(5)

D. Kay Marie Moore b. Nov. 29, 1934 at Bassett, Neb. She m. Howard Carr in Omaha, Neb.
(1) Rebecca Lynn Carr
(2) Julie Adele Carr
6. May Moore - born August 28, 1901 at Silver City, Iowa. She married Clarence Oliver Jones on Sept. 14, 1922 at Bassett, Nebraska. Clarence was born July 8, 1900 at Atkinson, Neb.; and died Nov. 27, 1962 at Bassett, Neb. 2 children:

A. Avis Marie Jones was born Jan. 12, 1924 at Newport, Neb. She married Floyd Erwin Hutton on May 21, 1946 at Oneill, Nebraska. No children.

B. Ardis May Jones was born Mar. 15, 1927 at Bassett, Neb. She married Donald Ray Brown on Mar. 15, 1951 at Long Pine, Nebraska. Donald was born June 26, 1926 at Newport, Neb. 2 children:


The above record was first compiled in 1944 by some member of the family and sent to my mother, Mrs. Ella Wagner. In recent months, Mrs. Pearl Meek, with the help of the Moore family, brought the record up to date. I recall "Aunt Meg's" visit to Stanley, Kansas about 1924. I have a photo of her taken with my grandfather, John R. May.
VI. ISABEL AMANDA MAY⁶, the sixth child of Stanford and Isabelle Ann (Mundell) May was born in 1864. There has been some question as to the date of her birth, however, in the 1870 census she is recorded as "6 years of age"; in the 1880 she is sixteen years old. In the 1885 state census of Rock Co., Neb., living in the home of her mother, is Amanda I. aged 21. "Bell" died in 1917 and is buried in Council Bluffs.

Belle married Stuart (or Stanford) Robinson in Bassett, Neb. about 1892. Her husband was her first cousin on the Rook side of the family. (Rachel Rook May Robinson had a son Stanford Robinson) Three daughters whose names may not be given according to age.

1. Dot Robinson⁷ married a showman, known as "Little Iron Man." He gave demonstrations of strength and had diamonds set in his front teeth. Dot told fortunes and gave "readings". 1 daughter:
   A.

2. May Robinson⁷ married first Frank Hide; m. 2nd. Minear, and lives near Nixa, Missouri.

3. Ida Robinson⁷ married twice. One husband was Mike Cook. Three daughters, their names I do not know.
   A.
   B.
   C.

VII. AARON STANFORD MAY⁶, seventh and youngest child of Stanford and Isabelle Ann (Mundell) May, was born May 27, 1867, in Lucas Co., Iowa. He died in 1950 at Council Bluffs and buried at Silver City, Iowa. (Gladys May) Aaron married Fannie (or Tannie) Wanich, of Bohemian descent. They were divorced about 1908 or 1909. No children. Aaron appears with the family in the 1870 and 1880 Census of Hamilton Co., Neb. and in the 1885 state census of Rock Co., Nebraska.

(Thus ends our May Family Record. It is the hope of this compiler that each family group will at least keep their own "branch" up to date. The binding is such that additional pages may be inserted in the book.)
THE HANSON FAMILY (See pages 9-18)

JOHN HANSON\textsuperscript{2} (John\textsuperscript{1}) was born in Augusta Co., Va. about 1758, the youngest son of John Hanson\textsuperscript{1} the emigrant. He died in Monroe County, Indiana in 1818. (settlement of estate) He is buried in Todd Cemetery in Polk township. (Eiler)

John Hanson\textsuperscript{2} married Mary Magdalena Wall of Botetourt Co. Va. on April 10, 1783 (certified copy) Mary Magdalene was born in 1766 and died May 7, 1845. She is buried in Middleworth cemetery near Tower Hill, Ill. (gravestone) She was the dau. of Conrad Wall and his wife Catherine Wall of Botetourt County, Va. (marriage record gives the names of her parents.)

John Hanson was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His record is in the National Archives in Washington D. C. Several have memberships in the DAR and SAR on this line. Homer Eiler's number is SAR 41001. Recently some old records were discovered in the basement of Botetourt County Court House in Fincastle. It is a record of the meeting of the Field Officers in August 1783 and lists the county's quota of men. The names of John Hanson and his brother William are found on the list.

John and Mary Magdalene (Wall) Hanson remained in Virginia for several years, then moved to northwest corner of N. C., known as Washington County N. C. which at that time covered the entire state of Tennessee. Tennessee became a state in 1796 and the Hanson home was placed in Carter County where the name of John Hanson appears on the early taxlists of 1796 and 1799. He appears in several of the early county records, among them is the notation that he helped build a road to the top of Stone Mountain. (History of Carter County).

During the War of 1812 the family moved briefly to Claiborne Co., Tenn. Two of his sons, Conrad and John\textsuperscript{3} were soldiers in the War of 1812. There is a family tradition that our ancestor, John Hanson\textsuperscript{2}, being too old for actual service in that war, and being an experienced powder maker, hied himself with others in the celebrated Indian Cave known even to this day as Nick-a-Jack, and there made that necessary article of war for the army under General Jackson at New Orleans. (Raymond Hanson. An identical story appeared in an article in DAR Mag.
a few years ago.)

Shortly after this, John Hanson and his family moved to Monroe County, Indiana where he was accompanied by his two sons and other related families. Here he died in 1818, and in 1829 there was a settlement of his small estate. About 1831 Mary Magdalene (Wall) Hanson, along with her son Conrad, moved to Shelby County, Illinois where she died in 1845.

Children of John Hanson & Mary Magdalene (Wall) Hanson:

1. Mary Catherine "Caty" Hanson was born about 1784 in Botetourt County, Virginia. She died in 1808 in Floyd Co., Ky. believed buried on the May Farm near Prestonburg. Caty Hanson m. John May Jr. in Carter Co., Tenn. on Feb. 10, 1802 (certified) Mary Catherine is of our direct line.

2. Conrad Hanson was b. Botetourt Co., Va. on Nov. 11, 1788. He died April 15, 1852 in Tower Hill, buried in Middleworth Cem. He m. Catherine Shultz in Shelby Co., Ill. He served in War of 1812 and appears in the 1840 & 1850 Census of Shelby Co., Ill.

3. John Hanson was born about 1790. He married his first cousin, Nancy Hanson. He served in War of 1812 and appears in the 1820-1850 Census of Monroe County, Indiana.

4. Elizabeth Hanson was born about 1793, probably in Carter Co., Tenn. She died in 1831 in Shelby County, Ill. She was the 2nd. wife of John May, Jr., married about 1809. Her record and that of her 11 children appear on pages 10-18 of this book.

5. Rebecca Hanson was born in 1798 in Carter County, Tenn. She died in Monroe County, Ind. in 1876. She married her first cousin, John Hanson.

Our Hanson line ends with the marriage of "Caty" Hanson to John May, Jr. (see p. 9 of this record.)
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