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Descent From John? or Peter? Bowers

Generation One

1. JOHN? OR PETER?¹ BOWERS. The name of the father of Peter Bowers is unknown to me, but there is a little traditional evidence and some possibilities can be reported.

Although the name is probably of German origin (Bauer = farmer), the spelling Bower or Bowers was used in this line as far back as it has been traced. The traditional history of this family begins with three brothers(!) who came from Germany. Benton Bunn talked with Peter Bowers about the Bowers family and, according to his notes¹, Peter Bowers' "grandfather and two brothers immigrated from Germany to the United States about 1770. Their names were George, John G., and Peter. George served in the Revolutionary War ... These three brothers first settled in Maryland, but moved in a short time to northwest Pennsylvania in Indiana County". Benton interpreted his old notes to mean that it was Peter who was the father of John Bowers who was the father of Peter Bowers (1821 - 1922). Other family records trace the line only to John Bowers and Hannah Empfield of Indiana County.

Although no contemporary evidence has been found to show the immigration of these three brothers and no definitive evidence links any of them to John Bowers, born 1790, the paragraphs below outline some of the data that may relate to this family.

GEORGE: George Bowers, b. ca. 1758, died in Indiana County, Pa., on 15 Dec. 1847, but neither his Revolutionary War pension application² (which states that he was in the battles of Camden, Guilford Courthouse, and Cowpens and wounded in the leg) nor his will³ names many of his family connections. He is in the Indiana County census records for 1810 - 1840. He had a son George C. Bowers, a son Joseph, and his will names two grandsons, George (son of John) and George (son of Henry). The 1800 census shows that the family of a George Bowers in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, b. 1755- 1774, included one male b. 1790-1800 in his household. The tax lists of Green Township in Indiana County for 1841 - 1843 clearly differentiate John Bowers, son of John, and John Bowers, son of George. Indiana County, PA⁴. Barbara Sue Yurkshat⁵ found some information

¹William Benton Jr Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps, A Genealogical History of the Bunn and Related Families* (Springfield, Illinois: Li-Co Art and Letter Service, Oct. 1954). Hereinafter cited as *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*.

²Pension application, S40017; George Bowers, series M804; Record Group 15, National Archives, Washington, DC.

³George Bowers will (14 Dec 1846), Last Will and Testament of George Bowers Will Book 1, p. 584: probated 26 Dec 1846, Indiana County Court House, Indiana County, PA. Hereinafter cited as Will of George Bowers.

⁴Bowers entry, Tax Rolls, Indiana, Pennsylvania; Indiana County Court House, Indiana County, PA. Hereinafter cited as Tax Rolls.

⁵Barbara Sue Yurkshat, "George Bowers," e-mail message from (email address withheld) (Manassas, Virginia) to Doris R. Olds, 6 Dec 1999. Hereinafter cited as "George Bowers."

on her great-grandfather William Tomer Bowers in a history of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and she also refers to a clerk-copied Bible record submitted for his Civil War Pension. In these records, he stated that:

George Bowers was born in Lancaster Co., 1761

He served in George Washington's Maryland Line

He married Mary Clapp

He moved to Indiana County, Pennsylvania, where he died and was buried in Brush Valley Cemetery in 1853 (She believes the date should be 1847).

He had the following children: John, George (#2), Henry, "Kate" who m. George Kellar, "Lizzie" who m. William Strong. All except George remained in Indiana County and farmed. George (#2) was born about 1804 in Indiana County and moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1826, and married Hannah Tomer in 1832. They had six children: (i)George #3, never married, was Capt. in 101st PA Vol.; (ii)John R. (blacksmith); (iii)Henry, never married, Sgt. 136th PA Vol.; (iv)Amelia V. m. Francis Marion Kendig who d. within 9 months; (v)William Tomer m. Lavinia Krebs, 1890, grandparents of Barbara Sue Yurkshat; (vi)Joseph.

JOHN: The 1810 and 1820 census records of Wheatfield Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, show a John Bowers born before 1765, but the 1830 census does not. He appears to have been there since at least 1807 and perhaps died or left the county about 1830. A John Bowers, Jr., appears in the 1820 census and on the tax rolls as early as 1813.⁶ The 1800 census shows a John Bowers in Bedford County, b. before 1755, with 2 males b. 1790 - 1800, among others. It appears from the tax lists of Indiana County that John, Jr., is also called John of John⁷ and it is reasonable that he was the John who was born in 1790.

PETER: No records of a Peter Bowers of this generation have been found in Indiana County. The 1790 federal census does show a John, George, and Peter Bower in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and the same names also appear in several other places in Maryland and Pennsylvania. The 1800 Pennsylvania census shows a Peter Bower in Berks County, born 1755 - 1774, who had 2 males b. 1790 - 1800 in his household, among others. In 1810, a Peter Bowers in Georgetown Township of Fayette County was over age 44 and had one male age 16-25.

These traditions and records have provided no definite proof of the identity of our Bowers ancestor in the colonial generation. Each does have a male child of the proper age to be our ancestor, John Bowers, b. 1790.

Children of John? or Peter?¹ Bowers include:

2. i. JOHN² was born on 11 Jul 1790 in Morrison's Cove, Bedford County, PA. He married Hannah Empfield, daughter of George Empfield and Barbara (--?--), say 1815. He married Mary Fisher circa 1834.

Generation Two

2. JOHN² BOWERS (*John? or Peter?¹*) was born on 11 Jul 1790 in Morrison's Cove, Bedford County, PA.^{8,9}

⁶Tax Rolls, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

⁷Ibid.

⁸J. T. Stewart, *Indiana County, Penn.; Her People Past and Present* (Chicago, Illinois: J. H. Beers, 1913), which supplies the place. Hereinafter cited as *Indiana County, Penn.; Her People Past and Present*.

⁹tombstone, Brush Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery, Indiana County, PA; read by Dan W. Olds, July 1977. This supplies the full date.

He married Hannah Empfield, daughter of George Empfield and Barbara (--?--), say 1815. He married Mary Fisher circa 1834. He died on 19 Feb 1865 in Indiana County, PA, at age 74.¹⁰ He was buried in Indiana County, PA.¹¹ His estate was probated in Mar 1865 in Indiana County, PA.

In March 1865, the probate of the estate of John Bowers began. On March 3rd, Mary Bowers (widow, signed by mark) and Harrison Bowers signed the following request, witnessed by Wm. Lydy and addressed to the Registrar of Indiana County.

"We the undersigned lineal heirs of John Bowers late of Pine Township dec'd. do hereby renounce our right as admr. of said dec'd and we recommend to you our neighbor John Martin and request you to appoint him admr. of said dec'd."

On March 9, John Martin, John Duncan and Wiliam Martin filed a two thousand dollar bond for John Martin as the administrator of John Bowers. On March 14, Roland D. Williams and Thomas R. Mulvehill filed at "Inventory and Appraisement of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, rights and credits where were of John Bowers late of the Township of Pine in the County of Indiana, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased at the time of his death". The value of this inventory amounted to \$794.57, as follows:

Ten Plate Stove	5.00	
old Table	1.00	
old mantle Clock	1.00	
Carbon oil lamp	.80	
Lot of old chairs	1.00	
Small chest	1.00	
Dough tray	1.00	
one Bedsted & Bedding	15.00	
Half Bushel of Flaxseed	1.00	
Beans & Barrell per Bushel	1.75	2.62
one Bedstead and Bedding	10.00	
one Bedstead & Bedding	11.00	
12 Bushel of wheat per Bushel		12.00
29 Bushel of Buckwheat	29.00	
Half Bushel	.25	
one old chest	.50	
Cooking Stove & utensils	18.00	
Two Flax Hackles	1.00	
Loom & Fixtures	6.00	
Cupboard & Contents	7.00.	¹²

JOHN BOWERS begins the proven line. This John Bowers was a native of Morrison's Cove in Blair County (actually in Bedford or Huntingdon County when he was born) who came to Indiana County at the age of 20.¹³ The 1807 tax lists of Indiana County show only three Bowers men -- George, Henry, and John -- all farmers in

¹⁰Ibid., saying: "John Bowers Born July 11 1790 Died Feb 19 1865."

¹¹tombstone, Brush Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery, Indiana County, PA.

¹²John Bowers, Estate Papers unknown file number, Indiana County Court House, Indiana County, PA.

Hereinafter cited as Estate Papers of John Bowers.

¹³Stewart, *Indiana County, Penn.; Her People Past and Present*.

Wheatfield Township.¹⁴ He is not listed separately in the 1810 census of Indiana County. If he was in Indiana County at that time, perhaps he was one of the two young men age 16-26 in the household a John Bowers in Wheatfield Township or the three such men in the household of Dan'l Bower of Mahoning Township or the one in the household of Jas. Bower in Wheatfield Township. The only other Bower(s) head of household in Indiana County in 1810 was George whose listing shows no males in this age group. A John Bowers, Jr., appears in the 1815 tax list of Wheatfield Township and may be listed as early as 1813. He held no land at that time.¹⁵

John Bowers married Hannah, daughter of George Empfield, about 1815 . The family of John Bowers, Jr., is listed in the 1820 census of Wheatfield Township as:

1 m. b. 1810 - 1820 [?]

1 m. b. 1804 - 1810 [?]

1 m. b. 1802 - 1804 [?]

1 m. b. 1775 - 1795 [John]

2 f. b. 1810 - 1820 [Sarah? and Barbara?]

1 f. b. 1794 - 1804 [Hannah]

Perhaps some members of this group were brothers and sisters of Hannah, whose father had died in 1810.

According to a church history¹⁶, John Bowers was a charter member of the Brush Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brush Valley Township of Indiana County. John Bowers, b. 11 July 1790, was confirmed on 11 Jan. 1823 and communed on 12 Jan. 1823 as one of 44 charter members whose names and birth dates are given. The list is one numerical sequence, 1 - 44. Names 1 - 19 are men, listed in order of birth. Names 20 - 44 are women, in order of birth EXCEPT for "25. John Bower, born March 31st, 1796" . It is quite possible that this entry is intended for Hannah Bowers (Mrs. John). It does seem that many of the other names could be similarly paired as husband and wife.

By deed dated 11 June 1825, John Bowers and "Hannah his wife Alias Hannah Emfield" sold to Peter Bowers an equal undivided share in the land and tenements of the late George Empfield in Wheatfield Township, the share being the property of said John and Hannah his wife alias Hannah Empfield heir-at-law and devisee under the last will and testament of George Empfield, deceased. This Peter Bowers was probably born 17 Dec. 1785¹⁷, had married Sarah Empfield, a sister of Hannah, and his estate was probated in 1859¹⁸.

The county tax lists show John Bowers, Jr., who was first taxed as a land holder in 1829 when he had 75 acres. No deed for his acquisition of this land was found. John Bowers, Sr., who had previously been taxed for 50 acres (1825 - 1828) appears in the lists of 1829 and 1830 without land.

In the 1830 census, the family of John Bowers is listed in Green Town ship as:

1 m. b. 1825 - 1830 [Isaac]

¹⁴J. A. Caldwell, *History of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, 1745 - 1880* (Newark, Ohio: J. A. Caldwell, 1880). Hereinafter cited as *History of Indiana County, Pa.*

¹⁵Tax Rolls, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

¹⁶Rev. J. Milton Snyder, *History of the 'Brush Valley' Evangelical Lutheran Church* (Indiana County, Pennsylvania: typescript, 1901). Hereinafter cited as *History of Brush Valley Lutheran Church.*

¹⁷Ibid.

¹⁸Peter Bowers, Estate Papers Will Book 2, p. 453, Indiana County Court House, Indiana County, PA. Hereinafter cited as Estate Papers of Peter Bowers (1859).

1 m. b. 1820 - 1825 [Peter]
1 m. b. 1815 - 1820 [?]
1 m. b. 1780 - 1790 [John]
2 f. b. 1825 - 1830 [Rachel? and Margaret?]
1 f. b. 1820 - 1825 [Julia Ann?]
2 f. b. 1815 - 1820 [Sarah? and Barbara?]
1 f. b. 1790 - 1800 [Hannah]

Hannah (Empfield) Bowers died during the next decade, perhaps about 1832. Her grave has not been located. John Bowers married (2nd) Mary Fisher.¹⁹ The census of 1840 shows the family in Green Township as:

2 m. b. 1835-1840 [Harrison and Jacob?]
1 m. b. 1830-1835 [George]
1 m. b. 1825-1830 [Isaac]
1 m. b. 1820-1825 [Peter]
1 m. b. 1790-1800 [John]
1 f. b. 1835 - 1840 [Mary]
1 f. b. 1825-1830 [Rachel? and Margaret?]
1 f. b. 1820-1825 [Julia Ann?]
1 f. b. 1800-1810 [Mary]

On 13 June 1840, Mary Bowers and Mary Ann Bowers were confirmed into the Brush Valley Lutheran Church by Rev. Jacob Medtart²⁰, but no ages are given so no identification has been made. It was during this decade that Peter Bowers left his father's family and went to Bedford County, then to Iowa.

The 1850 census is the first one that specifically names all household members. On 9 Aug. 1850, in Green Township, the family is listed as follows:

John Bowers, Sr., age 60
Mary, age 35
Rachel, age 21
Isaac, age 20
George, age 18
Harrison, age 14
Mary, age 11
Jacob, age 9
John, age 8
Maria, age 5
William, age 3
Nancy, age 2
All were born in Pennsylvania.

Among those confirmed at Brush Valley on 1 Oct. 1853 by Rev. Dr. Peter Sahn were Isaac Bowers, John Bowers, Mary Bowers, Rachel Bowers, Ellen Bowers, Nancy Bowers, Jemima Empfield, and Frances Bowers.

¹⁹Stewart, *Indiana County, Penn.; Her People Past and Present*.

²⁰Snyder, *History of Brush Valley Lutheran Church*.

Some of these were probably members of the family considered here. On 16 Dec. 1860, Mrs. and Mrs. Isaac Bowers joined this church by certificate from the M . E. Church.²¹

On 25 Dec. 1857, George and Sarah Empfield of Cherryhill Township sold 169 acres in Pine Township to John Bowers. George had obtained the land from Peter and Mary Coy in 1852. This is the same land later included in John Bowers' estate, although the description in the recorded deed is incomplete and also differs somewhat from the inventory.²²

From the 1860 census of Pine Township the following information is obtained:

John Bowers, 69, with \$1500 of real property and \$600 of personal property

Mary Bowers, 42

Harrison, 24

Jacob, 21

John, 19

Maria, 16

William, 15

Nancy, 11

Amos, 8

Jemima, 5

The children, except for Harrison and Jemima, are listed as being in school

John Bowers died 19 Feb. 1865 and is buried at the Brush Valley Lutheran Church, where his tombstone, showing dates of birth and death, may be seen. Mary Bowers was a native of Blair County and died 6 Feb. 1894 in Pine Twp. of Indiana Co. at the age of 76.²³ She is buried in the Mt. Zion cemetery where her tombstone gives her age as 75y. 1m. 1d.²⁴

On 26 Jan 1869, Peter Bowers of Henry County, Indiana, gave a Power of Attorney to John Martin in connection with the "estate of John Bowers, my father, late of Indiana County, Pennsylvania".²⁵

The papers filed in connection with John Bowers' estate²⁶ provide the names of eighteen children. The 1850 and 1860 census records of Indiana County provide the ages of some of them. Stewart's History of Indiana County²⁷, in the biography of John S. Bowers, says there were ten children by each wife but names only the last ten. The obituary of John S. Bowers shows where the survivors among these ten children were living in 1925.²⁸ In 1921,

²¹Ibid.

²²Deed Books of Indiana County, Pennsylvania: Deed Book 66, p. 155, George and Sarah Empfield to John Bowers, County Clerk, Indiana, Pennsylvania. Hereinafter cited as Deed Books of Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

²³Mary Bowers entry, Mary Bowers Death record, Indiana County Court House, Indiana County, PA. Hereinafter cited as Mary Bowers Death Record.

²⁴tombstone, Mt. Zion Cemetery, north of Heilwood, Indiana County, PA; read by Dan W. Olds, July 1977.

²⁵Peter Bowers to John Martin, Power of Attorney, Book 1, p. 41, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Hereinafter cited as Peter Bowers to John Martin, Power of Attorney.

²⁶Estate Papers of John Bowers unknown file number.

²⁷Stewart, *Indiana County, Penn.; Her People Past and Present*.

²⁸John S. Bowers obituary, *unknown newspaper title*, PA, 1925.

Peter Bowers told Lois (Ridgely) Murphy that there were twenty children in his family: "My father and mother had ten children and my mother died when I was between ten and eleven years old and my father married a girl younger than my oldest sister and they had ten children".²⁹ Benton Bunn said there were ten or eleven children by each wife.³⁰

My record names only eight children of the first wife and ten children of the second.

Children of John² Bowers and Hannah Empfield were as follows:

- i. BARBARA³ was born between 1815 and 1820.

She is named in her father's estate records as the wife of Frederick Casper. In Sept. 1866, they were living in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, according to those papers. She must have married him before 1840 since she does not appear to be in her father's family at that time. Also, the oldest son of Frederic, age 52, and Barbara Caspar, age 39, in the 1860 census of Middle Woodbury Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania was then age 22. I have not found her family in 1850.³¹
- ii. SARAH was born circa 31 Mar 1817.³² She married John Empfield.³³ She died on 14 Dec 1855.³⁴

She is named as a deceased daughter Sarah Empfield (wife of John) in her father's estate records. Her heirs were Jemima, Thomas and Peter. In the 1850 census, John and Sarah Empfield's family included Jemima, Juliann, Nancy, Isaac, Peter, and Lucinda.³⁵
- iii. JULIA ANN was born circa 1820.

She is named in her father's estate as wife of William Lyda whom she may have married before 1850. A tombstone at Brush Valley may be that of their son Amos.³⁶
3. iv. PETER was born on 29 Sep 1821 in Indiana County, PA. He was presumably born at his father's home in Wheatfield Township. He married Mary Brown, daughter of Samuel Ulrich Brown and Frances "Fanny" Hoover, on 4 Dec 1845 in Bedford County, PA.
4. v. MARGARET was born circa 1827. She married Dennis G. Morgan.
- vi. RACHEL was born circa 1828.

She is listed in her father's estate papers as the wife of Daniel Fetterman. A Rachel Bowers, age 21, is listed in the family of John in 1850. The 1860 census of Indiana County shows Daniel as age 40 and Rachel as age 30. Another Daniel and Rachel Fetterman also appear in the 1850 and 1860 census records of the county.
- vii. ISAAC was born circa 1829.

He is age 20 in 1850, age 31 in 1860. He married Nancy _____ and they were in Indiana County in 1860. An Adam Bowers, age 20, was listed with this family. This census also shows a 6 year old son named Elliott. Perhaps this was the person shown in the tintype marked "Elled Bowers", owned by Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely. She said he

²⁹"Diary of Lois Ridgely," (MS, 1921; Bonpas Township, Richland County); copied into my notebooks, copy in my files; Spartanburg, SC. Hereinafter cited as "Diary of Lois Ridgely."

³⁰Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*.

³¹Estate Papers of John Bowers unknown file number.

³²tombstone, Brush Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery, Indiana County, PA.

³³Ibid.

³⁴Ibid.

³⁵Estate Papers of Peter Bowers (1859) Will Book 2, p. 453.

³⁶Ibid.

was a relative who had visited Peter Bowers in Illinois.

Elled Bowers came to visit the relatives around her once. He stayed and stayed at various places and wouldn't do much. I guess he finally wore out his welcome and grandpa sent him home.³⁷

viii. GEORGE was born circa 1832.

He was age 18 in the 1850 census and called himself the third son in his petition for probate of his father's estate. A George W. Bowers, born 1832, died 18 July 1873, is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Canoe Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

Children of John² Bowers and Mary Fisher were as follows:

i. HARRISON³ was born in 1836.³⁸ He died in 1910.³⁹

He and his wife Adeline Bowers (1852 - 1941) are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. The dates are from their tombstones. Stewart's 1913 history⁴⁰ says he lived in Indiana County. In the 1870 and 1880 census records of Pine Township, his wife was listed as Harriet. In 1900, his wife was Adeline, they had been married 8 years and she had three children, all living. At age 73 he is enumerated in the 1910 census of Pine Township with second wife Adda, age 46, to whom he had been married 18 years.

ii. MARY was born circa 1839.

She married Benjamin Gifford. In Sept. 1866, she was living in Warren County, Iowa, according to her father's estate papers. She was living in Arkansas about 1913 and deceased by 1926. They may have been the Benjamin (age 44) and Mary Gifford in the 1870 census of Wanut Township, Madison County, Iowa.

iii. JACOB was born circa 1841.

Jacob stayed in Pine Township, Indiana County, after father died. He is listed there in the 1870 census at age 20, with his mother, Mary age 55, and brother Charles, age 8. In 1880, Jacob was age 29, his wife Eliza was age 26, their son Franklin was 8, and his mother Mary was 62. He was living in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1913 and was deceased by 1925. In 1910 he is enumerated in Johnstown at age 67, with his wife Eliza, age 58, to whom he had been married 39 years.

iv. JOHN S. was born on 3 Jan 1842.⁴¹ He died on 15 Jun 1925 at age 83.⁴²

He married Sarah J. Dearmin on 25 Dec. 1862. He was a veteran of the Civil War. His obituary notice names his four children (Edward, Charles, Mrs. David Wike, and Mrs. Wm. Holmes and his four surviving brothers and sisters (Amos, William, Mrs. Samuel Barr, and Mrs. Emanuel Deyarmin). He was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery. In 1910 he is enumerated in the town of Indiana at age 68, with his wife Sarah J., age 66, to whom he had been married 48 years. Her 68 year old, single, brother Isaac Dearmin was living with them.⁴³

v. MARIA was born circa 1844.

She married Alexander Dearmin and was living in Cambria County, Pennsylvania

³⁷Interview with Samuel Peter Bowers (820 N. Fair, Olney, Illinois), by Dan W. Olds, 11 June 1964.

³⁸tombstone, Mt. Zion Cemetery, north of Heilwood, Indiana County, PA.

³⁹Ibid.

⁴⁰Stewart, *Indiana County, Penn.; Her People Past and Present*.

⁴¹John S. Bowers obituary, *unknown short newspaper title*, 1925.

⁴²Ibid.

⁴³Ibid.

about 1913 and was deceased by 1925.

- vi. WILLIAM was born circa 1845.

Perhaps this is the Civil War veteran of this name, born 1845, died 1929, buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in Canoe Township. He was living in Canoe Township at the time of the 1870 census. He and his wife Mary were both age 24 and had one son, Austin, age 4. William was living in Indiana County about 1913 and in Hillsdale in 1925. In 1910 he was enumerated at age 64 with his 2nd wife, Mary, age 48, to whom he had been married 7 years.

- vii. NANCY was born circa 1848.

She married Emanuel Dearmin and was living in Pine Township of Indiana County about 1913 and in Johnstown in 1925.

- viii. AMOS was born circa 1852.

In 1870, he was living in Pine Township of Indiana County and is listed in the census record there at age 17, living as a laborer in the family of Stephen Griffith. He may be one enumerated as living in a hotel in Johnstown in 1910.

- ix. JEMIMA was born circa 1855.

She married Samuel Barr. They signed a receipt 26 March 1874 for \$30 from her father's estate and in June 1895 for \$42, the remainder in full. She was living in Altoona about 1913 and in 1925.

- x. CHARLES was born circa 1862. In 1870, at age 8, was living in Pine Township with his brother Jacob and their mother, Mary.

He was living in Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, about 1913, but he was deceased by 1925. The 1910 census lists a Charles V. and a Charles H. Bowers in Johnstown both of approximately the correct age.

Generation Three

3. PETER³ BOWERS (*John², John? or Peter?¹*) was born on 29 Sep 1821 in Indiana County, PA. He was presumably born at his father's home in Wheatfield Township.⁴⁴ He married Mary Brown, daughter of Samuel Ulrich Brown and Frances "Fanny" Hoover, on 4 Dec 1845 in Bedford County, PA.⁴⁵ He died on 18 Feb 1922 in Richland County, IL, at age 100.⁴⁶ He was buried in Walnut Grove Church, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁴⁷

Peter Bowers spent his youth in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, where his father was a farmer. He never had much formal schooling, attending only when time and an instructor were available. "When I was a boy they only had school about three months in the winter time. I went two or three days a week, never a whole week regular. They had subscription schools then or that is the parents pay the teacher so much for each child of theirs that went to school. I didn't go until I was twelve. When I was eighteen I went regular. I had a better education

⁴⁴Bowers (Peter and Mary) family Bible, *Holy Bible* (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.); owner Evelyn Peace (1978), photocopy of family record section in my possession, which gives the date (not the place). Hereinafter cited as Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁴⁵Ibid., although the place is not stated.

⁴⁶Ibid., which gives his age as 100 years, 4 month and 19 days. The tombstone and obituary say 20 days.

⁴⁷tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL; read by Dan W. Olds.

than any of my family."⁴⁸

Peter probably learned to speak German and certainly could read and write English, and his schooling plus his experience provided him with an education adequate for his time. He became a Minister of the Gospel⁴⁹ and Justice of the Peace⁵⁰. A few preserved letters that he wrote when about seventy years old let us know that he had mastered letter writing.

In his boyhood, Peter must have had his share of work and play, and not many things seemed different enough to stand out and be remembered. However, there are a few anecdotes which have been handed down to his grandchildren. One is about fire. With no matches yet or any easy way to start fires, it was important to keep a fire alive in the fireplace at all times. But even with special care, the fire occasionally went out. It was then, Peter said, he'd hear "Pete, go to Aunt Polly's and get some fire." Peter then selected two long pieces of bark and ran back home. By running, he had fanned the coals and the bark was ablaze by the time he reached home. This was laid in the kindling ready in the home fire place, and soon a good fire was again burning there.

Peter told that he and others were afraid of the first matches, because the matches might set one's clothing afire. With the early matches, fear of them was probably justified. The first matches anything like the ones we know today appeared in 1827 and when lighted burst into flames with a series of explosions which showered the user with sparks. The box of the Lucifer, one of the early matches, carried a warning to avoid inhaling the gases of combustion, and that "persons whose lungs are delicate should by no means use Lucifers."

Another happening that Peter told of was "the night the stars fell." That night the sky seemed full of falling stars. People thought it might be the end of the world, or at least there would surely be no stars in the sky the next night. The World Book Encyclopedia states that the most brilliant meteoric shower on record took place on November 13, 1833. This may well be the time Peter remembered.

Another story from his boyhood is that he and a cousin (also named Peter Bowers) found a hornet nest in the woods and decided to throw rocks at it. They went to a creek to get rocks and came back and got behind large trees. Each wanted to throw first. Our ancestor got the first throw and hit the limb with the nest on it and hid behind the tree. His cousin stepped out to throw, and a hornet stung him on the end of the nose. He blew at it and went home crying. When Peter Bowers was 100 years old, a man named George Bowers wrote from Pennsylvania asking if Peter Bowers had a cousin named Peter. It was the playmate of his youth!^{51,52}

At this time the Pennsylvania mountains, no doubt, had more wild animals than now, and Peter could imitate

⁴⁸"Diary of Lois Ridgely," 2 Oct. 1921, recording an interview with her grandfather.

⁴⁹"Peter Bowers Biographical Form (as filled in by Maranda Ridgely)," ; copy in my files; Spartanburg, SC. Hereinafter cited as "Peter Bowers Biographical Form."

⁵⁰"Iowa Record Research", 1978, Verda Baird (Iowa), to Doris R. Olds (Florida); copy in my files, Spartanburg, SC. Hereinafter cited as "Iowa Record Research."

⁵¹Interview, Samuel Peter Bowers, 11 June 1964.

⁵²Taking this story literally and pushing it to its limit -- or beyond -- suggests searching for another Peter Bowers, b. in Pennsylvania in 1820 +/- 10 years, who had a son George. A search of the entire 1850 US census (ancestry.com, Oct. 2005) yields 8 men named Peter Bowers in this age group. Besides our ancestor, only one other had a son named George at the time. The family of Peter, age 30, and Sarah, age 29, Bowers with son George at age 2 were living in Woodbury Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania. In 1860, they were in Frankstown, Blair County. I did not find them in 1870, but in 1880 they were in Rodman Furnace, Blair County. Unfortunately for my hopes, this son, George William Bowers (18 Apr 1848 - 24 Dec 1892) was dead before "our" Peter Bowers was 100 years old. See the work of Jan Bowers on www.rootsweb.com, Bowers Family Tree, data base :459534.

their calls. One night as he walked on a mountain road, he heard the call of a "panther" and imitated it. Its answering call told him that the animal was coming closer. Not really wanting to meet the big cat, Peter kept quiet until he could tell that it had crossed the path and was moving away. Not until then did Peter move on toward home and safety.

Peter was a part of a large family. When his mother died, about 1832, he was surely asked to take some responsibility for his younger brothers and sisters. While it was not long before his father married Mary Fisher, this was apparently not to Peter's liking. His stepmother was about the age of Peter's oldest sister and only a few years older than Peter himself. Peter did not approve of the way his stepmother treated the younger children. Perhaps other new activities in the family did not seem appropriate to the young Peter. Benton Bunn tells that Peter's father and stepmother enjoyed dancing and that Peter did not approve.⁵³ It is hard to understand how she could find much time for frivolity, considering the size of her family. There were ten children of John's first marriage and ten more of the second marriage. Another story that indicates a difference in attitude between Peter and his father is told about John Bowers. One time while attending a sale at which, as was the custom, a jug was passed freely among the men (cider or whiskey or something), John Bowers may have taken a little too much from that jug. There was a fellow at the sale he didn't like much. He threw this fellow down, took a saddle from the fence, and rode him around the lot. He said "I owed the Devil a horse and now I've got him one."⁵⁴

Peter first appears in official records when listed as a male of age 5-9 years included in his father's family in the 1830 census of Green Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. In 1840, Peter Bowers was still included in the census listing of his father's family, but it was not long before he left. At the age of 21⁵⁵, as soon as he considered it proper and perhaps none too soon to suit himself, he left his home and went southeast through the mountains to Morrison's Cove, where his father had been born and where he may have had (still unidentified) family connections. Some of the ministers in his Lutheran Church at home had also come from Bedford County. He found employment with Samuel Brown, a farmer and tanner, and soon married the boss' daughter. Peter Bowers and Mary Brown were married 4 Dec. 1845 in Bedford County.

From the time of their marriage on, Peter and Mary seem to have had closer ties to the Brown family than to the Bowers family. When the Browns decided to leave Pennsylvania and go to Iowa in 1847, Peter and Mary went with them. According to stories handed down, the Browns sold developed land in Pennsylvania and took \$20,000 in gold with them to Iowa to purchase land. There it would buy more than in Pennsylvania and provide greater opportunities for the family. They went by boat down the Ohio River to the Mississippi, then up the Mississippi to Iowa, settling near Batavia, in Jefferson County, Iowa.

Peter Bowers was not one of those who purchased Iowa land upon arrival. It is thought that he and Mary lived in a tenant house on her father's place, in sight of the "big house" of Samuel and Fanny Brown. The young family is listed in the 1850 census of Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, Iowa as follows (2 Nov. 1850):

Peter Bowers	age 29	farmer b. Pa.
Mary "	age 22,	b. Pa.
Geo W.	age 1,	b. Ia.

⁵³Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*.

⁵⁴Interview, Samuel Peter Bowers, 11 June 1964.

⁵⁵Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*.

Gold was discovered in California in 1848. In the next few years thousands of Iowa citizens went to California, lured by the hope of sudden riches. John G. W. Smith, brother-in-law of Mary Bowers, was one of these. "In the spring of 1850 he set out with an ox team for the gold fields of California and after two years of unusual success in digging gold returned in 1852 ..." and resumed farming.⁵⁶ His success may have been a major factor in the decision of the other members of our family to join later gold rushes. Mary Bowers' brother Daniel Brown married Susan Peebler on 11 Nov. 1857.⁵⁷ "That afternoon the young bridegroom, with a few other men, left by horseback for California to take part in the Gold Rush. The young bride climbed to the attic in the farm home and waved a dish towel from the window as long as she could see her new husband riding away over the prairie.

"After spending some time in California, he started back to Iowa with a group of 24 men. In the mountains of Colorado they experienced a violent rain and wind storm. They pitched their big tent early as the black clouds rolled in. They placed their gear around the edge of the tent and tucked the canvas under it. As they huddled together in the center of the tent to keep dry, lightning struck the pole and killed several men, the young groom included. Months later one of the survivors located Susan and informed her of her husband's death."⁵⁸ It may be that the departure and return described above are for two different trips, since the family of Daniel W. and Susan Brown, with a son Ellis, age 1, is listed in the 1860 census of Jefferson County, Iowa.

On 10 March 1853, Samuel and Fanny Hoover Brown deeded to Mary Bowers three parcels of land in Jefferson County: the east half of the southwest quarter of section four, town 71 N R11W; 21 acres in the SE corner of the NW fractional quarter of the same section, "forty rods east and west and in length north and south sufficient to make twenty-one acres", ten acres and a half of the west and middle part of the west half of the NE fractional quarter of Section 4, T71N, R11W. The price was \$400.⁵⁹ Samuel had purchased the 80 and 21 acre tracts from William Olney (for \$454.50) on 26 Oct 1847⁶⁰ and the 10.5 acres from William Roberts (for \$42) on 7 March 1848.⁶¹

Peter Bowers and Mary Brown appeared on the census of 1856 in Jefferson County, IA. They had been in Iowa for 8 years and their three children, George W., age 7, "Julian", age 5, and Samuel P., age 4, had been born there. Elizabeth Good, age 28, was living with them and had been in Iowa for 11 years.⁶²

In 1859, rich gold deposits were reported near Pike's Peak and the rush was on again, this time in wagons bearing the slogan "Pike's Peak or Bust." In 1860, Peter Bowers was one of a company of men who went to search for gold. A few stories of this are remembered, but no original records have been found. Although it appears that these men were gone from home at the time, they were duly recorded in the 1860 census. Peter Bowers kept a "diary" of the trip, but it was burned by his daughter, Maranda, presumably when it was old enough to be junk but not old enough to seem important in spite of its poor condition. Orville West⁶³ said he had

⁵⁶Charles J. Fulton, *History of Jefferson County, Iowa* (Chicago, Illinois: S. J. Clark Publishing Company, 1912). Hereinafter cited as *History of Jefferson County, Iowa*.

⁵⁷marriage record of Daniel Brown and Susan Peebler, Library, Fairfield, Iowa, Fairfield, Jefferson County, IA. Hereinafter cited as marriage record of Daniel Brown and Susan Peebler.

⁵⁸Gold Rush story, *Fairfield Ledger*, Fairfield, Iowa, 9 March 1966. Hereinafter cited as *Fairfield Ledger*.

⁵⁹Deed Books of Jefferson County, Iowa: Deed Book K, p. 8, Jefferson County, Iowa, Fairfield, Iowa. Hereinafter cited as Deed Books of Jefferson County, Iowa.

⁶⁰*Ibid.*, Book E, p. 159.

⁶¹*Ibid.*, Book E, p. 392.

⁶²1856 State Census of Iowa, Jefferson County.

ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/ia/jefferson/census/1856/1856desm.txt.copy in my files.

⁶³Interview with Orville West (Polo, Illinois), by Dan W. Olds, June 1966.

a written account of the trip but could not locate it. After talking with her grandfather, Peter Bowers, Lois (Ridgely) Murphy wrote the following in her diary, dated 2 Oct 1921.

"this p.m. Grandpa told me about the following: ... He told me about his trip to Pike's Peak. In 1860, (March 1) about 30 in a company started. They drove oxen to covered wagons and could drive about 25 miles a day. They went as far as Denver City about 1000 miles. 8 of them started home (?) on July 1. On July 3 they camped on the other side of Denver City and on July 4 on this side. It stormed so and they were all sturck [sic] or shocked by lightning. 3 of their number were killed. They arrived home about Aug. 1st."

One of those killed was Dan W. Brown, brother of Mary Bowers. (see the obituary of Fanny (Hoover) Brown Shank quoted elsewhere.) Dan's body was wrapped in a sheet and buried near the camp. When the lightning struck their tent pole, Peter Bowers was stunned and had to call a less injured man to drag him from the tent into the rain. He was able to pull his arms under his head as he lay there or he might have drowned. Peter recovered but bore scars (on his legs?) from this incident for the rest of his life. Benton Bunn includes Mary's brother Samuel among those who made this trip and returned safely.⁶⁴ Doris (Ridgely) Olds has a mechanical pen and pencil combination that Peter Bowers carried on this trip. None of the stories of this trip indicate that any gold was found. Some indicate that the group was discouraged by the prospect of entering the large mountains and turned back short of the goal.

Although Peter may have been in Colorado, his entire family is recorded in the 1860 census of Des Moines Township of Jefferson County, Iowa (4 June 1860):

Peter Bowers	age 37 (39?)	farmer b. Pa
Mary	age 32	b. Pa.
George W.	age 11	b. Ia.
Julia Ann	age 9	b. Ia.
Samuel	age 6	b. Ia.
Mary	age 3	b. Ia.
Fanny	age 1	b. Ia.

In 1860, Peter and Mary Bowers were baptized and joined the German Baptist Brethren Church.⁶⁵ He was elected to the ministry⁶⁶ but did little preaching. The German Baptist Brethren or "Dunkards" (now church of the Brethren) was the religious denomination in which Mary's family were quite active and which had a great religious influence on the family of Peter and Mary.

Mary's father, Samuel Brown, died in 1863, and her mother became dissatisfied in Iowa and wanted to move to Indiana. On 27 Feb. 1864, Peter and Mary Bowers sold to Michael F. Peebler for \$1200 the three pieces of land that Mary had purchased from her parents in 1853. In 1864, Peter and Mary took their family of six children and

⁶⁴Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*.

⁶⁵Early Brethren membership records in Iowa, Carter, Helen O., Fairfield, Iowa, notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church, n.p., copy in my files, Spartanburg, SC. Hereinafter cited as Carter, Helen O., notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church.

⁶⁶Minnie S. Buckingham, *Church of the Brethren in Southern Illinois* (Elgin, Illinois: Brethren Publishing House, 1950), The brief biographical statement in this book is like that on a form completed by Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely. Hereinafter cited as *Church of the Brethren in Southern Illinois*.

moved to the area of Sulphur Springs in Henry Co., Indiana. This was another Brethren Community. Fanny Brown remained there for a time, but returned to Iowa. While in Indiana, Peter Bowers farmed and served as a minister to the Nettle Creek Church.⁶⁷ Two more children were born in Indiana --- Delilah was born near Sulphur Springs on 1 April 1865 and Maranda was born in Sulphur Springs on 3 Oct 1867.⁶⁸ Apparently, Peter's sister Margaret and her husband Dennis Morgan joined the Bowers family in Henry County. Maranda wrote, "I have been told that I talked German until Uncle Dennis came to Ind. He was not Dutch."⁶⁹

Gerald Bowers had a 2" by 2.5" picture in an embossed leather-over wood velvet lined case that is believed to be of Peter Bowers, a dark-bearded, dark haired young adult male. This picture is marked: Copies may be ordered from Philips Studio, 336 Superior St., Toledo, Ohio 43604, negative no. 55355. What is the meaning of this reference, complete with ZIP code?

Peter and Mary Bowers left Indiana in 1869, and for the first time were clearly separated from the Brown family. The move was westward by covered wagon and may have included a group of families, but it is not known who were going, why they were going, or what their intended destination was. When they stopped at Noble, Illinois, a Mr. Alvord, who was looking for someone to help with his farm in Decker Township, came to Peter and offered work for Peter and his son. Peter accepted. The family went to Decker Township in Richland County in October 1869.⁷⁰ That was the beginning of our line in Illinois. Bowers children attended the rural Richland County schools. The Bowers girls, as well as the Bowers boys, were often employed by the Alvords.

Peter and Mary Bowers stayed in the same area from 1869 to 1885. The 1870 census of Richland county shows the families of both Peter Bowers and his brother-in-law Dennis Morgan. Morgan lived in Noble Township and, on 13 July 1870, the family of Peter Bowers was listed in Decker Township, P. O. Box Franconia, as follows:

Peter Bowers	49	b. Penn.
Mary	43	b. Penn.
George W.	21	b. Iowa
Julia A.	19	b. Iowa
Samuel	17	b. Iowa
Mary	15	b. Iowa
Fannie	13	b. Iowa
Daniel	9	b. Iowa
Delila	5	b. Ind.
Maranda	2	b. Ind.

Although living in Decker or Noble Townships, Peter and Mary attended church at the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren, then known as Big Creek, which was located in Bonpas Township. At least two Richland County marriages are recorded as heving been performed by Peter Bowers, M. G. On 5 Oct 1880, he married

⁶⁷according to a note by Maranda Bowers later owned by Flossie Bowers.

⁶⁸Letter from Maranda Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 16 March 1953; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁶⁹Letter from Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 20 Feb 1958; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁷⁰Letter, Maranda Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 16 March 1953.

Lawrence A. Fishel and Phoebe Fasnacht; on 10 Nov. 1899, it was George Lambert to Louise A. Talley.⁷¹

The family was living nearby in Noble Township when, in 1880, they were listed as:

Bowers, Peter	58	b. Penn. parents b. Penn
Mary	52	b. Penn parents b. Penn.
Samuel	26	b. Iowa
Fannie	21	b. Iowa
Daniel	18	b. Iowa
Delilah	15	b. Ind.
Maranda	12	b. Ind.

At this time George W. Bowers and his family were living in Decker Township, Mary and Hugh Findley were in Madison Township, and Julie and Frank Hardin were living in Olney with Frank's parents.

In Oct. of 1885⁷², Peter, Mary, and their five unmarried children moved east to a farm (known later as the Clint McVaigh farm) about a mile north of Red Head school, in Bonpas (pronounced Bum-paw) Township of Richland County. Within the next four years, these five children had married. In 1889, Peter and Mary moved to a farm of their own. The land records in Olney show that, in 1887, he bought land described as the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 17, Town 2 N, Range 14 West of the second principal meridian (40 acres) from A. C. Killefer for \$450, subject to a mortgage of \$250. This home was quite near the Walnut Grove Church -- so close that they could walk and attend nearly all the services, which they so much enjoyed.

It is during their residence in Bonpas Township that Peter and Mary Bowers enter the memory of people who were living in 1979 when Doris and Dan Olds prepared their book on the family. Alice (Bunch) Greninger, who lived in Calhoun, Illinois, remembered that, when she was a girl, she often saw them walking to church. This is the home some of the grandchildren remember. There were fish in a pond behind the house, and the grandchildren were allowed to feed bread to them. Grandchildren Anna and George say they remember the smell of grandmother's kitchen -- a good smell, kind of spicy. The pantry had a long table where the grandchildren ate when the family got together, which seemed to happen rather frequently. Food seemed plentiful but money was scarce. Granddaughter Edith remembers her grandmother putting extra pennies and nickels into a cup in a dresser drawer; this was for taxes.

From the letters Mary and Peter Bowers wrote to the Hardin family, we learn about their later years together. These letters were kept by Julia Hardin and her daughter and later were in the possession of Julia's granddaughter, June Parker, who supplied copies for us to use in preparing the 1979 edition of our book. Some quotations and paraphrases from these letters are included here to preserve this view of their life.

(Noble, Richland County, Illinois, 28 April 1885) Mary wrote that they were enjoying good health and hoped that Julia's family were also "all enjoying the same great blessing for health is surely the greatest blessing we can enjoy in this life, and let us think about it and be thankful to our heavenly Parent for the same." She also wrote about the garden saying the girls had over 200 nice cabbage plants set out, "we have lots of Pie plant [rhubarb] to use", and soon will have lettuce and peas. She wrote about selling old hens at 8.5 cents a pound and that they

⁷¹Lola B. Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County, Illinois, 1840 - 1899* (Olney, Illinois: [Taylor Print Shop], 1970). Hereinafter cited as *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

⁷²Letter, Maranda Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 16 March 1953.

had three cows and a calf and seven horses. She wrote as if Hugh and Mary were in Bonpas Township and she had not seen them since last November. Signed "This in love to all, Mary Bowers to Julia Hardin".

(March 12, 1888) In this letter, Mary tells of being so disappointed that Julia did not come when expected; Hugh had gone to the train three times with the team to meet her; Eddie [Hardin] was with his grandparents; that she had saved sausage for Julia. On March 13, she added: "I sent my letter that was written on the 12th with Eddie to the School house yesterday morning to hand to the Mail carrier as he passes the School house every day and as Eddie came out of the house to hand the letter to the Mail carrier he fell and got the Envelope so muddy that the letter would not go so he brought it back in the evening and now I will send it to Berryville today as Dan is going there to see whether there is a letter there for us from you." About the grandchildren she writes: "Dear little children I can hardly wait until I get to see you". She says that Clara [Bowers] and Fannie [Rifner] and Willie [Rifner] are with them.

(20 Jan. 1889) "Oscar and Randa were here last night. A week ago they Bought a farm of 80 acres about half a mile South of our Schoolhouse owned by McClures". "Well we had no weddings lately but look out next summer the time is set this way whenever we get our house done and ready to move then Dan will be Married one day and Lila the next which will be on Dan's infare day we want you to keep ready for we want you all here; tell Frank to keep his clothes Brushed for we want him here for sure. [This is not the order in which the marriages did take place.]

(Parkersburg 3 Feb.1891) "Hugh's have moved to Olney ... ". "I will now tell your about our meeting we had in November. Brother David Troxel from Cero Gordo came to us and Commenced Preaching on friday evening November fifth and preached over three Sundays the Second Sunday Maranda was baptized: the ice had to be broken before they went in the water but she did not mind it at all then on the third Sunday after night meeting Sam and Dan & Jonas Rothrock were Baptized this was the first baptizing I saw done in the night ... Julia I don't want you to join any of them churches out there but I believe if you had been here you would have joined in the faul [sic] and I make all calculations that you will join next fall if you come at the time of our District meeting. I have no faith at all in any church that dont keep Christs Commandments for he saieth if ye love me keep my commandments." "Ella Arteberry recieved a boy on Christmas eve that weighed ten pound purty good for a little girl of sixteen years old they call him Francis Fink for the United Bretren [sic] Preacher" [first great grandchild] "Clara is still here and Dora at Dans Sams will take Clara and keep her after our School is out if Lou will let him have her until She is of age; and so will Dans keep Dora; Clara is a right good girl and so is Dora I often feel very sorry for the poor girls." "Well Julia last Friday was my Birthday but nothing unusual hapened on that day Pa and I was to Parkersburg to the store But next day Saturday towards noon here the folks come with baskets and tubs and buckets with good things such as roasterd Chickens and big Cakes and lots of different kinds of pies and lots of other things and I not thinking of anything until they drove up to the house, to be here; I will tell you who come Sams and Dans and Oscars and Franks & Canbys They had Invited Hughs but Hugh wrote to the boys that they could not come on account of the measles." "Julia your quarter came all right but the Pictures are not taken yet but if you Come in the fall you shall have one we will have some taken in the summer or when the roads gets so we can go to town again". She writes that she makes butter and gets only 10 cents for what she sells; eggs are 18 cents a dozen.

(11 March 1891) Peter Bowers wrote this one.

"Miss Maime Dear Grand Daughter "

"I will wrie a few lines to you to inform you that we are well and I hope this will find you all well pleas excuse me for not writing sooner as I am a poor hand to wrie if you was here I could talk to you much better then write, and it would be more Satisfaction to both. I would like very much to see you and in fact I would like to see all of you Pa and Ma Ed. Jessie Alice and Tolbard well Tolbard do you recolect any thing of Grandpa Childeren I wish we lived Close together so we could see one another often I Think of you but that is all I can do ... I am

going on Seventy years old badly Stifened and Cripeled up" "I will now close by sending my love to all Peter Bowers"

(26 June 1891) "I staped on something with my left foot and bruised it and it gathered & broke in two places of itself and day before yesterday Dr. Canby came and lanced it or rather Cut it for he took his pocket knife to do it with but I hope it will get well now anyhow for I am very tired limping around here on one foot" "Well I suppose you got the card that Fannie wrote for you stateing that my dear Mother is dead they Sent me a box of her things last week it made me feel quite sad to think that Mothers things that she worked hard for are now being scattered every whers she requested of them before she died thatt they should send me her best dresses and her Bonnet So they sent five dresses three worsted ones and two blue Calico ones one black silk bonnet & one Shambria Bonnet one large double Shawl & a large Cape one coverlet and one quilt all ready for the bed and one ready to quilt two good bed Sheets two bolstercases one pair of woolen stockings and two pair of cotton stockings one winter hood nice new black bobinet cap two aprons & her thimble which I will keep as long as I live one plate out of a set she had when I was at home yet ... Mother made and quilted a quilt for Fannie for her name they sent it to her with my things" Signed M.B. to J. Hardin.

(1 Nov. 1891) "I am old and nervous writing is a hard task for me I am Seventy years Old you [Eddie] and Mamie and Jessie ought to write often tell Allis an Tolberd I would like to see them. I have not writen a letter for a long tim and I see I am making a poor out at if This will I think be the last one that I will ever write I send here with My love to all Peter Bowers to F.T. Hardan and Familey"

(5 Jan 1892) "Well Mary I will now tell how we spent Christmas we went over to Franks on Christmas morning and Hughs all came there and we had a big dinner and a big time and lots of talk ... I did not get anything Elise give Granpa two handkerchiefs and Frank Dollahon give Fannie an Apron a pair of stockings and a Handkerchief. I think I must have been bad that did not get anything. ... This in love from Grandma to Mary Hardin"

(Same date to Julia) "Lila was Baptized on the fifteenth of November Mellies baby was so young or she would have been Baptized when Lila was, but she put it off til Spring ... They named their baby Edney Eveline." "Julia I cannot say we are geting along very well we have plenty to eat and to wear but we are some in Debt and it seems like we cannot get out and it keeps me worried all the time; we lost an English Shire horse this fall that I had made great calculation on getting a good price for"

(probably 14 Jan. 1893, to the Hardin grandchildren) "Well children one & all what did you get for Christmas I expect you all got something nice I got a handkerchief and an orange and so did grandpa I think SantaClaus sent them with Frank Dolahon he came in the night and the things were in our Boots and shoes when we got up in the morning ... We buried two bushels of apples in the fall and never opened them yet but I wish you were all here I would go and get some and we would take a good mess ... butter is 18 cents, eggs 25 cents ... We killed four hogs for our meat and got lots of lard"

(29 Jan 1894) Mary says they had been sick and the neighbours and family were very good to bring in food. "and more than that the men gathered in and made a wood hauling & got up enough wood to last us all winter & summer Pa cant stand the cold now for the last three or four winters he can hardly get his feeding done when it is cold he has to come in and warm every little while before he is done feeding He is out chopping wood now his broken rib is getting about well ... he fell on the sled when he was hauling corn fodder and broke one of his ribs Benton and Fannie had just come to stay all night or I dont know what we would have done Benton done the work that evening & next morning then Oscar found it out then he was here in a hurry when bad weather comes then he comes to see if he can do any thing for us ... Well Julia about coming to live with you it is a very good offer and I thank you very much for it but we must try and make our own living yet for a while but none of us would be afraid to come to live at your house for we think we would be well treated and the time may come that it will all be so Pa says he must work as long as Doll and Clara [horses] lives but when they die he will quit I got a letter from Mag and one from Sam he says he will pay us a visit before very long but he dont say when he

never settled Mothers estate yet but says he will now in April but I think it will take all Mother left to pay Mag for keeping her for they say she was very troublesome & expensive ... Well Julia we never had our pictures taken but I have the same quarter you sent to pay for one we will try and have them taken this coming summer if we live ... My love to you all Mary Bowers."

(23 May 1895, Mary Bowers to her Hardin grandchildren) "Well girls you say in your letters you wish Grandpa and I would come out there I expect in a year or so we will quit farming and then we will try and come to see you and stay until you are all tired of us for by that time you girls will all have fellows and then you dont like to have such old folks there and wish we would go home ... I get about two Dozen Eggs a day I am looking for the huxter now I have ten dozen and a half of eggs for him I get ten cents a dozen"

(8 Sept. 1896) "Mrs. Julia A. Hardin Dear Daughter and Family" Peter states that they are "reasonable well", the crops are "just midling good fruit of all kind is very faulty" and "I thought when I began that I would write this Sheet full but I get the Cramp in my hand I can not write more but I will Send this hoping you will answer soon" --- Peter Bowers.

To this letter Mary adds "It is so hard for me to write a letter and that is the reason that I put it off so long I did not write to Lila since in February but they are coming back this fall after corn gathering and Frank will tend our farm. Pa is not able to farm any more he will be seventy five years old the twenty ninth of this month if he lives we have a crop out this summer but crops are not very good this yeare but everything is low wheat forty cents oats 10 cents eggs 7 cts young Chickens 7 cts per pound old hens 6 cts per lb ..." "Can you read and write German I forgot all my duch writing but I can read duch print" Signed Mary Bowers

(15 April 1897) In this letter Mary tells about the family.

"Franks Moved back from the north and are now living Close to us which is a great deal of satisfaction to us Franks have three Children Edith and Glenn and Ruth the youngest is three years old going on four since the seventh of March. Oscars have two children Bertha and Howard Dans have two Sam and Anna. Sams have four Mary and Edna and Esther and Clark Ray. Hughs have six I think you know all their names but the baby they had her named Mary but they changed her name to Clara Bell Bentons have two boys Benton and Benny they have another prospect" "I wish you would come this fall when we have our protracted meeting which will be sometime in October I think we live so close to the meeting house that we can go in almost any kind of weather we have Sunday School every Sunday and Preaching every other Sunday." "Lou Taylor has an other boy they call him Oscar Lorenzo this makes four children with Taylor three boys and one girl but one boy the next to the baby is dead they had him named Pearl ??? they call the girl Nina and the oldest boy Henry Ella [Arteberry] has four by this time but I have not heard what the youngest is the two oldest boys Frank and Henry and the third a girl they Call her Daisy" "Well I must tell you a little about our stock we still have four horses Clara and Doll are still alive then we have one Six years old and one three but no Sale for them onley once in a while that a person can sell a horse we have too many horses" She closes with "My paper is all and I must quit ... Mary Bowers"

(3 Aug 1898) "Dear Julia and Family ... I got a letter from him [Ed] just a little while before he left home and I could not answer it on account of my broken arm then I got one from him that was written when he was at Lytle Georgia but he directed to Berryville and I did not get it for so long that I did not know where to direct that he would get it now let me know as soon as you get this where he is and whether he is alive yet I feel so sorry that he ever joined the army but I hope he will come home allright write soon and address Parkersburg my arm is not near right and I dont think it ever will be right I think my hand will always be Crippled I can hardly make out to write I cant Sew at all and I cant milk. it was broken in the wrist joint and that is what makes it so hard to heal I can work my fingers some but cant shut my hand tight or straigten my fingers out ... Dan comes twice a week to use the Electric Battery on my arm and hand ... Mary Bowers to Julia Hardin"

In a letter to Edward Hardin, Mary wrote "our wheat is on shock we had it cut with the binder all but a little Grandpa Cradled it and is binding at it now but will be done today it is in the orchard where they could not cut with the Machine."

Peter Bowers and Mary Brown appeared on the census of 26 Jun 1900 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL. Peter is listed as born in Sept. 1821, age 78, married 54 years, born in Pennsylvania and parents born in Pennsylvania. Mary is listed as born in Jan. 1828, age 72, having had 8 children of whom 7 were still living, born in Pennsylvania and parents born in Pennsylvania.⁷³

Peter and Mary continued to live near the Church until Mary died in their home on 18 Nov 1901, at the age of 73 years, 9 months, 18 days. It was then decided that Peter would live with his children. The children met, and after taking out all they felt their father might want, divided the rest of the household goods as fairly as they could. This is the method they devised for fair division. The things were divided into piles made as equal as possible. Then one son designated a pile and the other son, who was in another room so that he could not see which pile was designated, called a name to tell whose pile that would be. Among those things were home spun coverlets that have been handed down and treasured by their owners. Granddaughters Clara Moore and Leah McNamara each had one, and there may be others. The farm home of 38 acres (40 acres minus two acres of which at least one was sold to H. F. Dollahon) was sold in Feb. of 1902 to Eli Weesner for \$800, subject to a mortgage of \$325, as recorded in the land records of Richland county.

From then on, Peter spent most of his time with his sons, Sam and Dan. His other children visited him there, and he visited in their homes. Maranda made it a point to cut his hair when she went to see him. He went to North Dakota when Dan and his family went but did not stay as long as Dan did, making the trip back alone at the age of ninety. He and his granddaughter Evelyn had a special relationship. She was but a year old when Peter first went to stay, so Evelyn grew up with Grandpa in her home. When Evelyn did something of which her parents disapproved, it was Grandpa who came to Evelyn's defense. Anna (Bowers) Fritchey told of the following example of this. When some rather rough speaking men worked for Dan, Evelyn announced that she could swear just as well as they could. Grandpa thought this was amusing and not a call for punishment. Anna also related that Grandpa fit right into the family -- there was no generation gap felt. She said, too, that Grandpa told some colorful stories of life at his boyhood home, for example, their drinking out of "the old brown jug". Granddaughter Lois remembered hunting hickory nuts with Grandpa and that he used his cane to rake away the leaves so she could pick up the nuts. She also told the following story: "When Grandpa was visiting at Maranda's, Maranda was sweeping the room while he was sitting in a chair. She did not want to bother him so she said, 'Just sit still; I'll sweep around you.' Grandpa got up and moved anyway, saying, 'I like a clean place to sit just as well as anybody.'" Lois also remembered that, after her grandfather died, his face was covered with a cloth that Evelyn lifted so Lois could see him.

"When I was a lad, maybe seven or eight years old, I used to saddle up and ride to church --- any church, sometimes to the Dunkard Church, sometimes farther. That as the way my father was. He didn't care where I went as long as I stayed out of trouble. Grandpa and I shared a room and he would wake up when I came home. He'd always ask me what the text was. I learned early to listen to what the preacher talked about. Since Grandpa went to bed early, he sometimes would have his sleep out when I came home. He'd ask if I was sleepy and I'd say 'no' and we'd sit up and talk. He'd look up the text in his German Bible and he'd give several other texts that related to the subject, quoting chapter and verse. He knew his Bible very well."⁷⁴

In his later years, Peter spent many hours sitting in a wicker rocker under the shade trees in Dan's front yard at

⁷³1900 federal census of Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁴Interview, Samuel Peter Bowers, 11 June 1964.

Berryville, Illinois, moving only as the sun made it necessary. He watched the people come and go at the little store across the road, many of whom stopped to chat a bit with him. He had a bedroom at Dan's in which there were a comfortable chair and a heating stove; so in bad weather he spent most of his time in this room.

As he got closer to being 100 years old, he began to hope to be 100, saying that he had come so close, he would like to see his 100th birthday. And he did! A big picnic dinner was held in his honor for all friends and relatives. It was held in the woods across the road from the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Maranda and Oscar Ridgely. Being 100 years old was such an unusual achievement that many people came so they could say they had attended a 100th birthday celebration. Tables had been prepared by nailing braces and brackets onto trees. On these were laid long boards, ready for the cloths and food. Needless to say, the tables were laden with the best of good eats from the homes of many good cooks. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful fall day. It was spent eating, visiting, and taking pictures. A five generation picture and a long picture of the group of people attending were among those taken that day.

After reaching his goal of living to be 100 years old, Peter did not have much desire to continue living, but his only complaint was that he felt so tired and worn out. At Berryville, Illinois, at the home of his son Dan, he quietly passed away in the morning of 18 Feb 1922, at the remarkable age of 100 years, 4 months, and 20 days. His death certificate stated "Cause of death -- unknown" for "old age" could not be given as a cause. As was the custom, his body was kept at the home until the time of the funeral, which was held at the Walnut Grove Church. He was laid to rest beside the grave of his companion Mary in the Walnut Grove Cemetery east of Parkersburg, Illinois.

The following is from the Gospel Messenger of March 24, 1922.

IN MEMORY OF PETER BOWERS

"Peter Bowers, son of John and Hannah (Emfield) Bowers, was born in Indiana County, Pa., Sept 29, 1821, and died in Richland County, Ill., Feb. 18, 1922, aged one hundred years, four months and twenty days. He grew to young manhood in Pennsylvania, and married Mary Brown Dec. 5, 1845. Soon afterward they moved to Iowa, where they resided seventeen years. From there they moved to Henry County, Ind., where they lived five years, coming to Richland County, Ill., in October, 1869, where he had since resided, except for about one and one-half years, spent with his children in North Dakota.

"While living in Iowa, he was converted. He joined the Church of the Brethren and was called to the ministry. While he never did a great deal of preaching, he was a good counselor and always interested in the work of the church. As long as he could see, he read his Bible and the 'Messenger.' His wife died Nov. 18, 1901. Since then he made his home with his two sons, living with one eight years and with the other twelve.

"Although not very strong bodily, he retained a fair use of his faculties until almost the last. He enjoyed talking of 'long ago'. He saw the United States grow from a young republic to a strong one. He saw traffic change from the ox-cart and horse to the auto and aeroplane.

"He leaves two sons, five daughters, forty-three grandchildren, fifty-six great-grandchildren and eleven great-great-granchildren. Services at Walnut Grove church by Bro. I. M. Miller, assisted by Bro. Dow A. Ridgely.

Parkersburg, Illinois Maranda Ridgely."

The monument which marks the graves of Peter and Mary Bowers is unusual and different from any other in that cemetery, as it is made of a metallic substance and has plates on which the inscriptions are recorded. The whole monument is covered with a substance which gives it a steel gray appearance. This is the same cemetery in which four of their children and several of their grandchildren are also buried.

At his death, Peter Bowers left little or nothing of monetary value, but to his survivors and future descendants, he and Mary left the genes of longevity and the example of lives based on a plain common-sense life style, close family ties, and a strong faith in God.

The story of Peter and Mary Bowers would not be complete without mentioning the Bowers Reunion. It began when Dan Bowers and Hugh Findley returned from a harvest time in North Dakota, where Frank and Lila Dollahon lived. This was in the early 1900s. So that all the family could welcome Dan and Hugh home and hear about Lila and her family, a chowder was planned. It was held in the woods across the road from the home of Oscar and Randa Ridgely, south of the Red Head School in Bonpas Township. Fires were built and big 50 gallon iron butchering kettles were brought out ready to cook the chowder. The families came with horses and wagons or buggies. The horses were hitched to nearby trees for the day. All kinds of vegetables were brought and prepared, and different kinds of meat, including squirrels, were added. Two kinds of chowder were prepared, one without tomatoes and the "red chowder" with tomatoes. This was done for those who liked tomatoes and those who did not.

For a time, the Reunion was a chowder, but later this changed to a basket dinner. It became more convenient then to hold the Reunion in the yard at Oscar and Randa's home. At first there was not a definite date set for this annual event, but each year a time was selected and the message passed around. In the late 1920s or early 30s it was agreed that the time for the Bowers Reunion would be the third Sunday in August. Even after G. H. Ridgely had purchased the Oscar Ridgely home, the Reunion continued to be held at the same place until 1969, when, because of the health of both G. H. and his wife Mary, the place for the Reunion was changed to the Olney City Park. Herschel Henry made the park arrangements each year for the Reunion on the third Sunday of August.

The Reunion has always been an informal affair. There are no officers, no announcements of it -- everyone just goes. There is no pre-arranged program, but for at least one Fred Arteberry and his daughter sang, Jim Findley often had a poem for the occasion, and sometimes the family background was briefly reviewed. Always there were visiting and renewing old family ties. It was a great day for the children too, from the early times when they swung on grape vines and rode down saplings in the woods to the later ones when they saw and rode the horses and played with the two-wheeled horse cart, and recently enjoyed the playground equipment at the park. But ask anyone about the Bowers Reunion and he is sure to mention the food. Dan Olds, for one, would have been disappointed if Pat Fritchey had not brought her fruit salad; Ethel Ridgely's angel food cakes were in demand; and Aunt Elise's lemon pies were "out of this world". We should not have begun naming, for there is no end. The tables were loaded with most delicious food. Surely the best of the good Pennsylvania Dutch cooks must be in the Bowers family.

A five year old boy (not of the Bowers family⁷⁵) was present at one of the Reunions, and later when telling his parents about it, he said, "The people there looked kinda funny, but the food sure was good!" We may not agree with him about the people, but he was 100% right about the food.

In about 1945, when Peter and Mary Bowers would have been married for 100 years, Maranda began to collect the names of all their descendants and their spouses. This quote is from the introduction to one version of her collection.

"Family Record of Peter and Mary Bowers

"Peter Bowers, son of John and Hannah (Emfield) Bowers was born in Pennsylvania Sep 29, 1821. Mary

⁷⁵This was David Smitgen, who had come down from Chicago with Doris (Ridgely) Olds who sometimes acted as a "nanny" for the lad.

Brown daughter of Samuel and Frances (Hoover) Brown was born in Pennsylvania January 30, 1828. Peter and Mary Bowers were married in Pennsylvania December 4, 1845. They went by boat from Pennsylvania to Iowa via the Ohio river - locating in Iowa in 1847. After living in Iowa 17 years they immigrated to Indiana. After living in Indiana 5 years they came to Illinois in 1869. Peter Bowers died in Berryville Illinois Feb. 18, 1922 Aged 100 yrs. 4 mo. 20 da.

"Mary Bowers died in their home near Parkersburg Illinois November 18, 1901 - aged 73 years 9 mo 18 da.

"Their children - and Grandchildren

George Washington Bowers was born near Batavia Iowa April 3, 1849 - died in Illinois Dec. 17, 1881, aged 32 yrs. 8 mos. 14 da."

The document continues in this way, not very different in purpose from the current electronic version and still a valuable reference. She compiled this from her own knowledge and well as extensive correspondence with the family members. Even more so than the document, her interest in family is a major source of my own avocation.⁷⁶

Children of Peter³ Bowers and Mary Brown were as follows:

5. i. GEORGE WASHINGTON⁴ was born at 10:00 p.m. on 3 Apr 1849 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA. He married Louvina Rogers, daughter of John G. Rogers and Susannah Ross, on 14 Sep 1871.
6. ii. JULIA ANN was born at 8:00 A. M. on 20 Apr 1851 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA. She married Francis T. Hardin on 22 Nov 1877 in the home of the bride's parents, Richland County, IL.
7. iii. SAMUEL PETER was born on 2 Jul 1853 in near Batavia, IA. at 12 noon. He married Malvina Ernestine Houser, daughter of Edwin Theodore Houser and Caroline Shultz, on 3 Mar 1887 in Richland County, IL.
8. iv. MARY was born on 5 Nov 1856 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA. The Bible record states that she was born in the morning. She married Hugh Marion Findley, son of Hugh Findley and Phoebe Dunn, on 28 Feb 1878 in Richland County, IL.
9. v. FANNIE was born on 6 Oct 1858 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA. She married Sylvester E. Rifner on 31 Jan 1886 in the home of Peter Bowers, near Berryville, Richland County, IL. He is listed as a farmer who would be age 33 at his next birthday. She married William Benton Bunn Sr. on 26 Jun 1892 in Richland County, IL.
10. vi. DANIEL W. was born on 29 Dec 1861 in Jefferson County, IA, in the evening. He married Elise Rebecca Canby, daughter of Samuel Simpson Canby M. D. and Martha Bates, on 3 Jul 1889.
11. vii. DELILAH SUSAN was born in the evening on 1 Apr 1865 near Sulphur Springs, IN. She married Henry Franklin "Frank" Dollahon, son of George Franklin Dollahon and Margaret Mayhew, on 30 Apr 1889 in the home of the groom's stepmother, Edwards County, IL.
12. viii. MARANDA was born on 3 Oct 1867 near Sulphur Springs, Henry County, IN. She married Ira Oscar Ridgely, son of George Willis Ridgely and Susan Woods, on 19 Sep 1888 in Richland County, IL. The marriage was performed at the bride's parents home by

⁷⁶"Family Record of Peter and Mary Bowers," (MS, 1945 and later; Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois); Library and papers of Doris R. Olds; Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC. Hereinafter cited as "Family Record of Peter and Mary Bowers."

B. R. Gerhart, M. G. and the witnesses were B. R. Gerhart, Geo. W. Ridgely, S. P. Bowers, and H. M. Findley.

4. MARGARET³ BOWERS (*John², John? or Peter?¹*) was born circa 1827. She married Dennis G. Morgan.⁷⁷ She died circa 1874.⁷⁸

Margaret Morgan and Dennis G. Morgan appeared on the census of 1860 in South Bedford Township, Bedford County, PA. He is listed as D. G. Morgan, a day laborer, age 25, b. PA, and she was age 33. Their daughters were Lea Ann, age 6, and Mary A., age 3. All were born in Pennsylvania.⁷⁹ She is the only one of Peter Bowers' brothers or sisters known to have come to live in Illinois. She is listed as age 40 in the 1870 census of Richland County, Illinois, but was probably older than this. She married Dennis G. Morgan on 4 Oct. 1855.⁸⁰

They were still living in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in Sept. 1866, according to her father's estate papers. Dennis and Margaret had two children -- Leah Ann (Mrs. David M. Fildes) and Mary A. (Mrs. Frank Holman). Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely remembered her Aunt Margaret and said she was buried at Noble, Illinois, but no tombstone has been found. Dennis Morgan's Civil War stone in the Calhoun (Ill.) Cemetery was put up when his grave location was no longer known, although he is buried in that cemetery.⁸¹

Margaret Morgan and Dennis G. Morgan appeared on the census of 1870 in Noble Township, Richland County, IL. He was age 37, b. MD, and she was age 40, b. PA. Layann was age 15, b. PA, and Mary A was 13, b. PA.⁸²

Children of Margaret³ Bowers and Dennis G. Morgan both born in PA were as follows:

13. i. LEAH ANN⁴ was born on 2 Feb 1855. She married David M. Fildes on 26 Nov 1884 in Richland County, IL.
- ii. MARY ALICE⁸³ was born circa 1857.⁸⁴ She married Frank Holman on 4 Oct 1892 in Richland County, IL.^{85,86}

Generation Four

5. GEORGE WASHINGTON⁴ BOWERS (*Peter³, John², John? or Peter?¹*)⁸⁷ was born at 10:00 p.m. on 3 Apr

⁷⁷Dennis Morgan obituary, *unknown newspaper title*, unknown location, 1919.

⁷⁸Ibid., among the papers of Maranda Ridgely.

⁷⁹1860 federal census of Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Microfilm image. p. 610. Used at www.ancestry.com on 26 Aug 2007.

⁸⁰Dennis Morgan obituary, *unknown short newspaper title*, 1919.

⁸¹Interview with Sam Dodds (Calhoun, Illinois), by Dan W. Olds, 4 June 1976.

⁸²1870 federal census of Richland County, Ill. Microfilm image. p. 563. Used at www.ancestry.com on 26 Aug. 2007.

⁸³1860 federal census of Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Microfilm image.

⁸⁴Ibid., p. 610.

⁸⁵Dennis Morgan obituary, *unknown short newspaper title*, 1919.

⁸⁶Illinois Statewide Marriage Index: citing Richland County Marriages, Vol. 3, p. 196, Illinois Marriages online, Illinois Secretary of State, State Marriage Index, online Statewide data bases, Springfield, Sangamon County, IL. Hereinafter cited as Illinois Marriage Index online.

⁸⁷Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

1849 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA.^{88,89} He married Louvina Rogers, daughter of John G. Rogers and Susannah Ross, on 14 Sep 1871.^{90,91} He died on 17 Dec 1881 near Noble, Richland County, IL, at age 32.⁹²

Little information has been found about the life of George W. Bowers. Much of the following information is based on stories as remembered by relatives.⁹³ George moved with his parents to Indiana in 1864 and then to Illinois in 1869. He was by that time no longer a boy but a young man. In fact, it seems that is one reason the family settled near Noble, Illinois. George was a young man needing work, and here was work not only for the father, Peter Bowers, but also for the sons. On the birth certificate of his fourth child, George's occupation was given as farmer. The Richland County land records show that in 1875 he bought 20 acres from Elijah A. Rogers, described as the south half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 29, Town 3 north, Range 9 east, for which he paid \$400 and then he sold it to David H. Anderson in 1876 for \$500. These records also say that George was a Justice of the Peace. He and his wife Louvina lived in Richland County, Illinois, in or near Decker Township. They were the parents of four girls, one of whom died young.

There were two different stories of the death of George Bowers and there may be truth in both of them. One is that he died from infection following an injury. Another one is that he had some kidney ailment, and when he was quite ill, the doctor who came catheritized him. Soon after the doctor left, George is supposed to have said, "That doctor has killed me." The news of George's death got back to the doctor's office before the doctor did. It is believed he was buried in the Decker Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois, although no stone was found for his grave. There may never have been a stone, and a temporary marker would have soon disappeared.

Three daughters of George W. Bowers were left fatherless at an early age, and life for them was not always easy. Each of the girls spent some time with their father's relatives and sometimes attended school from those homes. However, their mother kept the family together and did not let the girls stay permanently with the aunts and uncles who were willing to give them a home. After Louvina remarried, there were stepbrothers and stepsisters and soon half brothers and half sisters. As often happened, especially in large families, the Bowers girls "worked out" about as soon as they were big enough. George Washington Bowers appeared on the census of 2 Jun 1880 in Decker Township, Richland County, IL. The listing shows George W. Bowers, age 31, wife Luvina, age 27, and three daughters, "Rnirett"?, age 5, Dora A., age 3, and Clara, age 1.⁹⁴

Children of George Washington⁴ Bowers and Louvina Rogers were as follows:

- i. ARMINTA LOUELLA⁹⁵ was born on 9 Aug 1874 in Richland County, IL.⁹⁶ She married John Andrew Arteberry, son of Charles Arteberry and Jane Romine, on 21 Sep 1889 in

⁸⁸Ibid.

⁸⁹Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, family clippings and notes, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC, which adds the place.

⁹⁰They were married by Michael Forney, Minister of the Gospel.

⁹¹Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

⁹²Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁹³Clara B. Moore, Fred Arteberry, Sam Bunn, Anna Fritchey, Lois Murphy.

⁹⁴1880 federal census of Edwards County, Illinois. census microfilm. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁹⁵Obituary (Armintha Shultz), *unknown newspaper title*, unknown location, 1944.

⁹⁶Ibid.

Wynoose, Richland County, IL.^{97,98} She married (2) William Shultz on 4 Apr 1910.⁹⁹ She died on 4 Oct 1944 near Wynoose, Richland County, IL, at age 70.¹⁰⁰ She was buried in Green Hill Cemetery, south of Noble, Richland County, IL.^{101,102}

Ella was one of those family members who looked forward to attending the Bowers Reunion.

"Armintha Louella Bowers, daughter of George and Louvina Bowers, was born in Richland County, Ill., on August 9th, 1874, and departed this life at her home near Wynoose, Ill., on Oct 4th, 1944, at the age of 70 years, 1 month and 25 days.

"She was united in marriage with John Andrew Arteberry on Sept. 21st, 1889, who preceded her in death on April 15th, 1902. To this union was born 6 children, Frank of Tiskilwa, Henry of Tiskilwa, Mrs. Daisy Shirley of Toluca, Fred of Olney, and Mrs. Grace Thomas of Putnam, and Pearl who preceded her in death on June 21st, 1902, at the age of 15 months. She was later married to William Shultz on April 4th, 1910 who preceded her in death on Oct. 8th, 1927. To this union were born one daughter, Mrs. Gladys Morgan of Claremont. She leaves to mourn their loss, six children, 33 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Clara Long of Olney and one half sister, Mrs. Nina Washington of Broadus, Mont. One sister, Mrs. Dora Atteberry passed away April 15th, 1906. Also two half-brothers, Henry Taylor of Clay City and Oscar Taylor who was making his home with her at the time of her death. She also leaves a number of other relatives and a host of friends.

"In early life she united with the United Brethren Church at Wynoose, and she walked beside her Saviour to the end, altho health has not permitted her to attend church services for some time."¹⁰³

- ii. DORA ALICE¹⁰⁴ was born on 15 Jul 1876 in Richland County, IL.¹⁰⁵ She married Charles W. Evans, son of Lloyd Evans and Mary Glaspy, on 30 May 1899 in Richland County, IL.¹⁰⁶ She married (2) John Atteberry on 11 Feb 1902 in Richland County, IL.^{107,108} She died at 8:00 A. M. on 5 Apr 1906 at age 29. The cause of death is given as peritonitis

⁹⁷Middle name from obituary of Armintha Louella (Bowers) Shultz.

⁹⁸Richland County, Illinois, marriage records at the court house, Richland County Records.

⁹⁹Obituary of Armintha (Bowers) Arteberry Shultz, 1944.

¹⁰⁰Newspaper obituary of Armintha Louella (Bowers) Shultz.

¹⁰¹Information from Fred Arteberry.

¹⁰²Barbara J. Craddock, compiler, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland County, Illinois* (Flora, Illinois: n.pub., 1969). Hereinafter cited as *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL.*

¹⁰³Obituary of Armintha (Bowers) Arteberry Shultz, 1944.

¹⁰⁴Death Record, Richland County, Ill., from which birth date is calculated from "d. 5 April 1906, age 29 years, 8 mo. 20 da", Richland County Records, Richland County Clerk, 103 West Main, Olney, Richland County, IL. Hereinafter cited as Richland County Death Records.

¹⁰⁵Ibid., from which the birth date is calculated from "d. 5 April 1906, age 29 years, 8 mo. 20 da."

¹⁰⁶Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, marriage of Charles W. Evans and Dora Bowers. He was a farmer.

¹⁰⁷Ibid., marriage of John Atteberry and Dora Evans. He was "of Wynoose."

¹⁰⁸Lola B. Taylor, *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Ill.* (Olney, Illinois: n.pub., n.d.), p. 239. Feb. 11, 1902. John Atteberry 28 and Dora Evans 25 by George McKinney, M.G. Hereinafter cited as *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Ill.*

with appendicitis as a contributing condition.¹⁰⁹ She was buried in Green Hill Cemetery, Decker Township, Richland County, IL.¹¹⁰

"Mrs. Dora Arterberry, wife of John Arterberry died at her home in South Decker Twp., April 5, 1906. She leaves her husband two children, two step-children, mother and one sister. Burial was in Greenhill Cemetery."¹¹¹

- iii. ANNIE LAURA¹¹² was born in 1878.¹¹³ She died on 24 Feb 1878.¹¹⁴ She was buried in Centerville Cemetery, Lawrence County, IL. I have no family evidence to indicate that this burial might be the daughter of George Bowers, except for the name and the fact that she died as an infant. However, the Centerville Cemetery is in Allison Prairie, once the location of a Brethren Church used by the Bowers family. Mrs. Black has another, similar, entry on this page for Anna Lenora Bouner March 24, 1878 Age 5 weeks.¹¹⁵
- iv. CLARA LUCINDA¹¹⁶ was born on 14 Feb 1879 in Decker Township, Richland County, IL.¹¹⁷ She married Luther Benjamin Long, son of Dan Long and Eliza Colburn, on 28 Dec 1897.^{118,119} She died on 20 Oct 1957 in Richland Memorial Hospital, Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 78.¹²⁰ She was buried in Decker Cemetery, near Noble, Richland County, IL.¹²¹

The following notes were written by Doris Olds for our 1979 Bowers book.

" Besides the death of her husband, there was another tragic death in Clara's family. Her third son died when not quite three years old. He was with his father and was riding on a seed drill when the drill hit a stump. The child was thrown onto an oil can and the spout entered the eye socket and struck the brain.¹²² Also, Clara's older son Earl preceded her in death.

"In spite of all this, Clara always seemed cheerful. She was a little woman, never weighing more than 97 pounds, and always energetic. She did a lot of canning of fruits

¹⁰⁹Richland County Death Records, The birth date is calculated from "d. 5 April 1906, age 29 years, 8 mo. 20 da."

¹¹⁰Richland County Death Records.

¹¹¹Taylor, *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Il.*, p. 173.

¹¹²The name is given as Laura in her mother's obituary and as Annie Laura in Maranda (Bowers) Rigely's record. She is listed first in Maranda Ridgely's record, in contrast with the date I have used here.

¹¹³Bessie Irene Black, *Cemeteries of Lawrence County Illinois* (Danville, Illinois: Interstate Printers and Publishers, Inc., 1976), p. 116-A, a tip-in page of additions made by the author. Hereinafter cited as *Cemeteries of Lawrence County Illinois*.

¹¹⁴Ibid.

¹¹⁵Ibid.

¹¹⁶Lucinda is given as middle name in the records of Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely but there is no middle name on the birth record.

¹¹⁷Birth Record, Richland County Records, Richland County Clerk, 103 West Main, Olney, Richland County, IL.

¹¹⁸Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*, showing the marriage as performed by J. C. Rush, J. P.

¹¹⁹Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, marriage of Clara Bowers and Luther Long.

¹²⁰obituary of Clara (Bowers) Long, from an unknown paper.

¹²¹Mrs. Clara Long of Noble Passes, from an unknown paper, 1957.

¹²²Information from Clyde and Gladys Long, 1976.

and vegetables for her family. She and her children gathered hickory nuts by the wagon load. These were sold to give her money for crochet thread and other fancy work materials. Her hands were never idle, for even as she listened to the radio, she was busy crocheting, tatting, etc.¹²³

"The Longs lived near the Little Wabash River where there was plenty of hunting and fishing, and they all grew up liking those activities. Ruth still fishes, and the boys all talk of fishing, boats, guns, and bird and 'coon dogs. Darrell has an ideal place for these things with it all practically at his back door.

"Even though Clara was very young when her father died, she kept in touch with the Bowers relatives. She and her children visited aunts and uncles, sometimes staying overnight, and she regularly attended the Bowers Reunion. It makes one wonder whether the original Bowers Reunions, which were chowders, may not be the background for the Long Chowders, which Clara started and her descendants continue to hold each year about Labor day. One is responsible for the meat purchase and the cost is shared. All bring vegetables and prepare them for the chowder, which is cooked in 50 gallon iron kettles. All of the Longs come for this big annual event if they possibly can."

"Clara Bowers Long, daughter of George and Lavina Bowers, was born Feb. 14, 1879. Passed from this life to a fuller life, Oct. 20, 1957, at the Richland Memorial Hospital.

"Clara was a member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

"Luther B. Long and Clara Bowers were united in marriage Dec. 27, 1897. This union was blessed with 9 children.

"She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther B, Nov. 12, 1933, and two sons, Herschel Rosmond and Earl Ray.

"The following remain to mourn her departure: 6 sons and 1 daughter. They are Clyde Edgar, Mary Ruth Mason, Paul Benjamin, George Daniel, Luther Darrel, Henry LeRoy, and Joe William. Besides living children, there are 1 half-brother, Oscar Taylor, and 1 half-sister, Nina Washington; 27 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

"The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him. Deut. 33:12."¹²⁴

"Mrs. Clara Long, 78, of the Mt. Gilead neighborhood, and widow of Luther Long, died on Sunday afternoon at the Richland Memorial Hospital.

"She is survived by the following children: Clyde Long, Mrs. Ruth Mason, Paul Long, Geoge Long, and Darrell Long, all of Noble, Henry Long of Sugar Grove, and Joe Long of Dundas. There are 27 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Oscar Taylor is a brother and Mrs. Nina Washington of Broadus, Montana, is a sister.

"Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 1:30 pm.m at the Schaub Funeral Home, with Rev. Charles H. Fausnacht in charge. Interment will be in the Decker Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home."¹²⁵

¹²³Information from Clyde and Gladys Long, 1976.

¹²⁴obituary of Clara (Bowers) Long, from an unknown paper.

¹²⁵Mrs. Clara Long of Noble Passes, from an unknown paper, 1957.

"Children of the late Clara Long, held their annual chowder on the Sunday before Labor Day, (Aug. 31) this year and have for over forty years. This annual event takes place on the banks of the Little Wabash River, starting as early as 5:30 A.M. It consists of everyone pitching in and making around 80 gallons of chowder and the ol' game of "pitching washers". Losers of the game stir the chowder. "75 Washer Champions were Paul Long (father) and Bob Long (son) both of Olney.

"Four generations attending: 116 in all.

"Clyde & Gladys Long, Noble; Claude & Ruth Long Mason of Noble; Paul and Burnice Long of Olney; Darrel and Leota Long of Noble; Henry & Florence Long of Batavia; Joe & Dorothy Long of Olney; George and Nellie Long were not present. Fred & Letha Long, Mike, Teresa, Jeff Long of Noble. Ruth Long (wife of the late Earl Long[]) of Dixon; Don and Barb Long, Billy and Donnie Jr. Long of Olney.

"Roy and Sandy Long Burke, Lonnie, Shan, and Michael Burke of St. Louis; Mike and Kathy Whitney of Las Vegas, Nevada; Clyde and Marilyn Mason, Brian Mason, of Olney; Monty and Janet Mason of Carbondale; Evelyn Beal and Michael of Olney; Lowell and Geneva Mason and Anita, Ellen, and Jesse Mason of Olney. Larry and Lora Mason Bemont and Ryan, of Olney, Carol Hartleroad and Mark and Shannon of Olney.

"Charles & Donna Long, Olney; Bob and Bonnie Long and Bryan, Jennifer, and Christina Long of Olney; Bill & Peggy Long and Ann, Terry, Tammy, Chelle and Lisa Long of Thomasboro; Paul D. & Clarise Long of Olney; Michael & Debbie Long Geier and Bradley, of Noble; Bud and Shelby Long Stoltz and Daryla and Scottie Stoltz of Noble. John and Shirley Long Drew and John, Jr., Angelia, Michel and Vincent Drew of Olney. Dan and Virginia Long and Dino, Vicki, Dan Jr., and Chad Long of Canton, Ohio, Gordon Long of Batavia; Fay Long Duffy and 3 children of Dixon; Ray and Carol Long and David, Danny & Duane of Dixon. Jerry & Gail Long and Jerry, Jimmy & Jodi of Dixon.

"Ben and Shirley Long and Robbin, Jeff of Dixon; Keith and Millie Long, Richard and Rodney of Olney; Linda Long of Olney.

"Guests attending were -- Matt Young of Salem, Terri Guthrie of Carlyle, Lester Long (cousin) of Ft. Meade, Fla. and Tony Runyon of Noble."

[A picture showing George Long, Henry Long, Ruth Long Mason, Paul Long, Joe Long, Clyde Long and Darrel Long is included with the article.].¹²⁶

6. JULIA ANN⁴ BOWERS (*Peter*³, *John*², *John? or Peter?*¹)¹²⁷ was born at 8:00 A. M. on 20 Apr 1851 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA.^{128,129} She married Francis T. Hardin on 22 Nov 1877 in the home of the bride's

¹²⁶Make chowder for Long reunion, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 1975. Hereinafter cited as Olney Daily Mail.

¹²⁷Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers, at 8:00 A. M.

¹²⁸Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

¹²⁹*unknown newspaper title*, unknown location, 1939, which adds the place name but gives the birth date as 20 April 1852.

parents, Richland County, IL.^{130,131} She died on 13 Sep 1939 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO, at age 88.^{132,133} She was buried in Memorial Park, Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.¹³⁴

"Julia was the oldest daughter of Peter and Mary (Brown) Bowers. She was born in Iowa, moved with the family to Indiana in 1864 and to Illinois, south of Noble, in 1869. She remembered travel in a covered wagon. Following her marriage, she and Frank must have lived with his parents in Olney for a time, since they are listed there in the 1880 census.¹³⁵ The birth of their third child is recorded in Richland County, Illinois, but the record gives Julia's residence as Sedalia, Missouri, so the family must have left Illinois in 1880 or 1881. From then on Sedalia was her home, and that is where she and Frank raised their family. A letter written to her mother before 1900 would lead one to believe there were times when she longed for Illinois, probably because, until 1902, she was the only one of the Peter Bowers children who was not in Richland County. But this feeling was surely only temporary, for her children and grandchildren remember her as pleasant, contented, and never complaining, even though in later years her eyesight was poor. It was tradition in that family that all new members of the family -- whether entering the family by birth or marriage -- must be taken to be shown to Julia as soon as possible. This pleased her. She and her daughter Mayme lived together on Harrison Street in Sedalia the last several years of her life."¹³⁶

In 1991, Evelyn McAleece sent to Doris Olds a post card that Maranda had written to her sister Julia Hardin at 1617 S. Harris Ave., Sedalia, Missouri.

"Dear Sister I thought I would send that apple butter this week but Oscar is using the team and Homer took the horse and buggy up to his grandma's Sun. He is helping Howard shuck corn. We have the apple butter made and want to start it from Claremont expect to go up next week. We are all well Lois and Leah are at school. Bertha is at home sewing I am ironing this morning Doras is talking. Yours M. Ridgely

The weather is warm tomato vines are still green. Nov. 10 1915."¹³⁷

Children of Julia Ann⁴ Bowers and Francis T. Hardin were as follows:

- i. EDWARD LUTELLIS⁵¹³⁸ was born on 24 Aug 1878 in Richland County, IL.^{139,140,141} He married Mary Lubbert on 16 Sep 1901 in Concordia, Lafayette County, MO.¹⁴² He died on 7 Jan 1951 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO, at age 72.¹⁴³ He was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.¹⁴⁴

They lived on a small farm near Sedalia, and he was employed at a grain elevator.¹⁴⁵

¹³⁰Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

¹³¹Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records.

¹³²Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

¹³³*unknown short newspaper title*, 1939, which adds the place name.

¹³⁴*unknown short newspaper title*, 1939.

¹³⁵Information from June (Brummett) Hardin.

¹³⁶Biographical statement written by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

¹³⁷Letter from Evelyn McAleece (Santa Rosa, California) to Doris R. Olds, 5 Feb 1991; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC), enclosing the card from her mother's things.

¹³⁸"Family Record of Peter and Mary Bowers," lists the full names for all eight of "Julia's children."

¹³⁹*Ibid.*

¹⁴⁰Information from June (Brummett) Parker.

¹⁴¹Edward Hardin, *Sedalia Democrat*, Sedalia, Missouri, 8 Jan 1951. Hereinafter cited as Sedalia Democrat.

¹⁴²*Ibid.*

¹⁴³*Ibid.*

¹⁴⁴June (Brummett) Parker, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

¹⁴⁵*Ibid.*

He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, a member of Woodmen of the World, and a member of the Baptist Church.¹⁴⁶ He had no children.

- ii. MARY LILLIAN "MAYME"¹⁴⁷ was born on 31 Jan 1880 in Richland County, IL.^{148,149,150,151} She married Franklin M. Bruckner on 12 Jan 1920.¹⁵² She died on 15 Jan 1970 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO, at age 89.^{153,154} She was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.¹⁵⁵

Mayme frequently wrote letters to her Aunt Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, keeping her informed of happenings to members of the Hardin family. Mayme and her mother lived together for some years until her mother died; then Mayme continued to live at the same place, in Sedalia, Missouri, until her death.¹⁵⁶

- iii. MYRTLE JANE¹⁵⁷ was born on 13 Nov 1881.¹⁵⁸ She died young.
- iv. JESSIE BUENA VISTA¹⁵⁹ was born on 19 Feb 1883 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.¹⁶⁰ She married Earl S Brummet. She died in Feb 1985.¹⁶¹ She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Feb 1985 with the last place of residence listed as Sedalia, Pettis County, MO. Jessie Buena Vista's SSN was issued in Missouri and her birth date is given as 19 Feb 1883.¹⁶²

At age 95, Jessie still lived alone in her home in Sedalia, fortunate to have all her children in that town, too, some of whom lived quite close to her.¹⁶³

- v. DELILAH ALICE¹⁶⁴ was born on 6 Mar 1885 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.¹⁶⁵ She married Claude Byron Wells on 16 Nov 1905 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.^{166,167} She

¹⁴⁶Edward Hardin, *Sedalia Democrat*, 8 Jan 1951.

¹⁴⁷"Family Record of Peter and Mary Bowers," lists the full names for all eight of "Julia's children."

¹⁴⁸*Ibid.*

¹⁴⁹Information from June (Brummett) Parker.

¹⁵⁰Richland County Birth Records, birth record of second child (female, no name), to Julia A. Bowers.

Father: Francis T. Hardin. No date of birth. Filed 2 Feb. 1880.

¹⁵¹Maj. Tolbert F. Hardin, *Sedalia Democrat*, Sedalia, Missouri, 3 Oct 1976. Hereinafter cited as Sedalia Democrat.

¹⁵²Information from June (Brummett) Parker. She had the marriage certificate.

¹⁵³Maj. Tolbert F. Hardin, *Sedalia Democrat*, 3 Oct 1976.

¹⁵⁴Information from June (Brummett) Parker.

¹⁵⁵Information from June (Brummett) Parker.

¹⁵⁶written by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

¹⁵⁷"Family Record of Peter and Mary Bowers," lists the full names for all eight of "Julia's children."

¹⁵⁸*Ibid.*

¹⁵⁹*Ibid.*

¹⁶⁰*Ibid.*

¹⁶¹Death report, Social Security Death Index, *internet file* (n.p.: ssdi.rootsweb.com). Hereinafter cited as SSDI.

¹⁶²*Ibid.*

¹⁶³written by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

¹⁶⁴"Family Record of Peter and Mary Bowers," lists the full names for all eight of "Julia's children."

¹⁶⁵*Ibid.*

¹⁶⁶Information from Hardin Claude Wells.

¹⁶⁷Information from Phyllis (Wells) Whitmeyer.

died on 16 Nov 1970 at age 85.^{168,169,170} She was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis County, MO. Her last residence was Port Arthur, Texas.

She was also known as ALICE DELILAH.¹⁷¹ Her children Harold, Hardin Claude, and Phyllis (Wells) Whitmeyer have the name as Alice Delilah.

- vi. FRANK TOLBERT¹⁷² was born on 20 Dec 1887 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.^{173,174} He married Edna M. King on 25 May 1947 in Reno, NV.¹⁷⁵ He died on 1 Oct 1976 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO, at age 88. His body was cremated].¹⁷⁶

Tolbert, who was often called Tod, joined the Army when quite young. He had been in action in the Phillipines, for one place, and had retired as a Major. Some time after retiring he and his wife came back to the Sedalia area, bought a farm and raised cattle as long as his health permitted. He died in a nursing home.^{177,178}

- vii. MILDRED BOWERS¹⁷⁹ was born on 23 Feb 1895 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.^{180,181} She married Benjamin Harrison Sanders on 6 Oct 1915 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.¹⁸² She died on 21 Dec 1989 at age 94.¹⁸³

In Sept. 1909, when Howard Ridgely wrote a card to his cousin, Miss Mildred Hardin, it was addressed to 235 Morgan Street, Sedalia, Mo.¹⁸⁴ About 1978, Mildred lived alone near Santa Rosa, California, just out of town where she raised a few chickens and rabbits.¹⁸⁵ In February of 1989, Mildred was hospitalized several times and then her daughter, Evelyn, moved to the house to take care of her, with help from her sister, Lucille, and son, Brian. Mildred had a little house on an acre of what used to be a prune orchard but by this time was surrounded by sub divisions. On 12 Dec 1989, they finally had to move Mildred to a nursing home.¹⁸⁶

- viii. EDITH GRACE¹⁸⁷ was born on 27 Jan 1897 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.¹⁸⁸ She married

¹⁶⁸Information from June (Brummett) Parker.

¹⁶⁹Information from Phyllis (Wells) Whitmeyer.

¹⁷⁰Information from Hardin Claude Wells.

¹⁷¹Olds (Doris R.)-- annotations in her copy of Peter and Mary Bowers their Ancestors and Descendants, 1979, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC, referring to a letter from Helen Bartoshek dated 20 March 1980. This is intended as a correction.

¹⁷²"Family Record of Peter and Mary Bowers," lists the full names for all eight of "Julia's children."

¹⁷³Ibid.

¹⁷⁴Information from June (Brummett) Parker.

¹⁷⁵Information from June (Brummett) Parker.

¹⁷⁶Maj. Tolbert F. Hardin, *Sedalia Democrat*, 3 Oct 1976.

¹⁷⁷Information from June (Brummett) Parker.

¹⁷⁸Maj. Tolbert F. Hardin, *Sedalia Democrat*, 3 Oct 1976.

¹⁷⁹"Family Record of Peter and Mary Bowers," lists the full names for all eight of "Julia's children."

¹⁸⁰Ibid.

¹⁸¹Information from Mildred (Hardin) Sanders.

¹⁸²Mildred (Hardin) Sanders, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

¹⁸³Letter, Evelyn McAleece to Olds, 5 Feb 1991.

¹⁸⁴Ibid., enclosing the card to from her mother's things.

¹⁸⁵Information from Mildred (Hardin) Sanders.

¹⁸⁶Letter, Evelyn McAleece to Olds, 5 Feb 1991.

¹⁸⁷"Family Record of Peter and Mary Bowers," lists the full names for all eight of "Julia's children."

¹⁸⁸Information from Edith (Hardin) Dietzman.

Amos Dietzman on 10 Jul 1919.¹⁸⁹ She died in Mar 1981 at age 84.¹⁹⁰ She appears in the Social Security Death Index with the last place of residence listed as Phoenix, Maricopa County, AZ. Edith Grace's SSN was issued in Arizona and her birth date is given as 27 Jan 1897.¹⁹¹

7. SAMUEL PETER⁴ BOWERS (*Peter³, John², John? or Peter?¹*) was born on 2 Jul 1853 in near Batavia, IA. at 12 noon.¹⁹² He married Malvina Ernestine Houser, daughter of Edwin Theodore Houser and Caroline Shultz, on 3 Mar 1887 in Richland County, IL.¹⁹³ He died on 4 Jul 1929 in Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 76.^{194,195} He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.¹⁹⁶

Samuel Peter Bowers who was born in Iowa, moved with his family to Indiana, then to Illinois when he was 16 years old. Sam earned his living mainly from farming, but for several years he was also employed as a teacher in the rural schools of Richland County. From a letter written by his mother, Mary (Brown) Bowers, we learn that he taught a five month term of school for \$38 per month. About 1898 he attended school at Carbondale, Illinois, where he was especially interested in math. However, because of poor eyesight, he did not stay at Carbondale long enough to receive a degree. Sam earned a reputation for good penmanship. Some of his own children were among his pupils. The father's example must have made an impression on them, for all except one of his children spent some time teaching school.

Sam's wife "Mellie" was a jolly person with a good sense of humor, and together they made a home where others were welcome. After the death of Sam's brother George, Clara Bowers, one of George's daughters, stayed for some time with Sam and Mellie. Again, according to a letter written by Sam's mother, they would have kept Clara permanently if her mother had given her permission. Later, after a niece died, her son, Sherman Atteberry, lived with the Sam Bowers family for a short time. Sherman was about the age of Sam's younger son, and they became great playmates. Then, for a time Peter Bowers made his home with his son Sam.

With the help of his family, Sam managed the Richland County Farm for six years, about 1906 - 1912. The last home Sam and Mellie Bowers was a farm located southeast of Claremont, Illinois. The house was a one-and-a-half story white frame house with a porch across the front. After Sam's death, the first oil well in Bonpas Township was drilled on this farm, which was then owned by his widow.¹⁹⁷

Children of Samuel Peter⁴ Bowers and Malvina Ernestine Houser were as follows:

- i. MARY CAROLINE⁵¹⁹⁸ was born on 6 Jul 1889 near Red Head School, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.¹⁹⁹ She married Charles Henry Adams on 16 Apr 1921 in Salem,

¹⁸⁹Edith (Hardin) Dietzman, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

¹⁹⁰Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁹¹*Ibid*.

¹⁹²Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

¹⁹³Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

¹⁹⁴Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

¹⁹⁵Lila and Herschel Henry, Esther Ribley, Mary Adams and Elinor Boldrey, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

¹⁹⁶tombstone of Samuel P. Bowers, 1853 - 1929, tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.

¹⁹⁷This biographical note for Samuel Peter Bowers was written by Doris Olds for the 1978 Bowers book.

¹⁹⁸Lila and Herschel Henry, Esther Ribley, Mary Adams and and/or Elinor Boldrey.

¹⁹⁹*Ibid*.

Stephenson County, IL.²⁰⁰ She died on 30 Sep 1976 in Sumner, Lawrence County, IL, at age 87.²⁰¹ She was buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Richland County, IL.²⁰²

As a young woman, Mary Bowers taught in the rural schools of Richland County, Illinois. In her later years she lived with her children and her last home was with her son Samuel in Sumner, Illinois.

An interesting coincidence here is that her older son was born on his mother's birthday and her younger son died on her birthday.²⁰³

"Mrs. Mary C. Adams, 87, of Sumner, died Thursday at 12:05 p.m. at Red Hills Nursing Home. She was born July 6, 1889 in Richland County to Samuel and Melvina Houser Bowers.

"She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles A. [sic] Adams, and a son, William.

"She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

"Surviving are a son, Samuel E. Adams, Sumner; a daughter, Mrs. Lorine Geise, Rt. 2, Claremont; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister[s], Mrs. Lila Henry, Claremont, and Mrs. Esther Ribley, Olney.

"Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sivert Funeral Home, Sumner, where visitation will be after 6 p.m. Saturday. The Rev. Henry W. Wortman will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery southeast of Claremont."²⁰⁴

- ii. EDNA EVELYN was born on 13 Oct 1891.^{205,206} She married Lafayette I. McCarty, son of James W. McCarty and Marietta Catterton, on 4 Mar 1915 in the home of her parents, Richland County, IL.²⁰⁷ She died on 8 Oct 1926 in Salem, Marion County, IL, at age 34.^{208,209} She was buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Richland County, IL. Her tombstone there reads "Edna E. McCarty, October 13, 1891 - October 8, 1926."^{210,211}

Before her marriage, Edna taught in the rural schools of the area. Her last residence was at Salem, Illinois.²¹²

²⁰⁰Ibid.

²⁰¹Death Notices, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

²⁰²Ibid.

²⁰³Lila and Herschel Henry, Esther Ribley, Mary Adams and and/or Elinor Boldrey.

²⁰⁴M. Jeanne Dawson, compiler, *Obituaries of Richland County, Illinois* (Olney, Illinois: Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, 1991), "Mary Adams, 67". Hereinafter cited as *Obituaries of Richland County, Illinois*.

²⁰⁵Lila and Herschel Henry, Esther Ribley, Mary Adams and and/or Elinor Boldrey.

²⁰⁶Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*.

²⁰⁷Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, naming "Lafe I. McCarty and Edna E. Bowers.

²⁰⁸Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*.

²⁰⁹Lila and Herschel Henry, Esther Ribley, Mary Adams and and/or Elinor Boldrey.

²¹⁰Ibid.

²¹¹Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 162.

²¹²Lila and Herschel Henry, Esther Ribley, Mary Adams and and/or Elinor Boldrey.

- iii. ESTHER ERNESTINE²¹³ was born on 9 Dec 1893 in Richland County, IL.²¹⁴ She married Ramon Roscoe Ribley, son of James Ribley and Catherine Doogue, on 31 Dec 1916 in the home of the bride's parents, Richland County, IL.²¹⁵ She died on 14 Nov 1994 at age 100.²¹⁶ She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died 14 Nov 1994 with the last place of residence listed as Noble, Richland County, IL. Esther Ernestine's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 9 Dec 1893.²¹⁷ She was buried on 17 Nov 1994 in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Richland County, IL. Ther minister for the funeral service at Zirkle Funeral Home was Dr. Bruce Owens and her Casket Bearers were Phillip Rich, Loren Ribley, David Stadge, Warren Ribley, Michael Miller, Mark Dickerson, Clark Dickerson, and Rodney Dickerson.²¹⁸

Before her marriage, Esther taught in the rural schools of Richland County. For a while the family lived at Salem, Illinois, but, 1979, she was living in Olney and employed at one of the stores there.²¹⁹

- iv. CLARK RAY²²⁰ was born on 30 Mar 1896.²²¹ He died on 22 Apr 1930 at age 34.²²² He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL. His tombstone is inscribed "Clark Ray Bowers, d. April 22, 1930, Ill. Pvt. US Maries 6 Rgt. 2 Div."²²³

His name appears in the Olney Advocate of 27 Dec 1917 where he is shown as being in marine service among lists of those serving in WW I.²²⁴

Clark taught school for a while, then later estimated timber in the South. He was a veteran of WW I. He never married.²²⁵

- v. LORA MYRTLE²²⁶ was born on 23 Sep 1898.²²⁷ She married Henry Osco McCarty, son of James W. McCarty and Marietta Catterton.²²⁸ She died on 30 Nov 1963 in Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 65.²²⁹ She was buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Richland County, IL.²³⁰

²¹³Ibid.

²¹⁴Ibid.

²¹⁵Ibid.

²¹⁶Esther Ernestine Ribley, funeral card, 17 Nov 1994. copy in my files, Spartanburg, SC.

²¹⁷Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

²¹⁸Esther Ernestine Ribley, funeral card.

²¹⁹Lila and Herschel Henry, Esther Ribley, Mary Adams and and/or Elinor Boldrey.

²²⁰Ibid.

²²¹Ibid.

²²²Ibid.

²²³Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 317.

²²⁴unknown author, "Local Men called for the War with Germany -- 1917," *Footprints Past and Present* Vol, 29 No. 3/4 (2006): p. 162. Hereinafter cited as "Local Men called for the War with Germany -- 1917."

²²⁵Lila and Herschel Henry, Esther Ribley, Mary Adams and and/or Elinor Boldrey.

²²⁶Ibid.

²²⁷Ibid.

²²⁸Ibid.

²²⁹Ibid.

²³⁰Ibid.

Lora taught school for a while.²³¹

For some time Lora and Osco lived on a farm on the "County Line Road". Here a reporter for the *Prairie Farmer* magazine found her, and the October 6, 1956, issue of that magazine carried her picture as she sat on her porch reading her Bible. She said her favorite verse was the 16th verse of the 3rd chapter of John. The reporter wrote that along that road he found no one of great wealth but people who knew how to live.

"Mrs. Lora M. McCarty, 65, of Claremont died Saturday at the Richland Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Bonpas township.

"She is survived by her husband, Osco McCarty, three sons John McCarty, of Gary, Ind., Clark of Hammond, Ind., and Ray of Hull, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Giese of Onarga, and Mrs. Faye Malone of Rt. 4, Olney, eleven grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. Mary Adams, of Sumner, Mrs. Esther Ribley of Olney and Mrs. Lila Henry of Rt. 4, Olney, and one brother, Ed Bowers of Carbondale.

"Mrs. McCarty was a member of the Mt. Olive Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held there at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow with Rev. Chester Hout officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Olive Cemetery. Friends may call at the Sivert Funeral Home in Sumner.²³²

- vi. DELILAH ALICE²³³ was born on 15 Mar 1901 in Richland County, IL.²³⁴ She married Herschel Roy Henry, son of John Henry and Carrie Groff, on 30 Sep 1922 in Salem, IL.²³⁵ She died on 27 Dec 1999 at age 98.²³⁶ She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died 27 Dec 1999 with the last place of residence listed as Claremont, Richland County, IL. Delilah Alice's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 15 Mar 1901.²³⁷

In the 1970s, a lot of the credit for the continuation of the Bowers Reunion was due to Herschel and Lila. It was Herschel who made the arrangements for the use of the Olney Park.²³⁸

"Lila Alice Henry, 98, of Claremont, IL., died Monday, December 27, 1999 at Lawrence County Hospital, Lawrenceville, IL.

"Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 31, 1999 at Summers-Kistler Funeral Home in Olney, IL. with Rev. Gary B. Ryden officiating. Burial was in Crest Haven Cemetery, Claremont, IL.

"She was born March 15, 1901 in Richland Co., IL., the daughter of Samuel Peer [sic] and Melvina (Houser) Bowers. She married Herschel Roy Henry on September 30, 1922. He preceded her in death February 25, 1980.

"Mrs. Henry was a homemaker; and a member of the Berryville Christian Church.

"Survivors include a son, Gordon Henry and his wife, Janet of Claremont, IL.; two daughters, Darlene Fritschle and husband Ed of Claremont, IL., and Frances Pasley of

²³¹Ibid.

²³²Lora M. McCarty of Claremont Passes, from an unknown paper.

²³³Lila and Herschel Henry, Esther Ribley, Mary Adams and and/or Elinor Boldrey.

²³⁴Ibid.

²³⁵Ibid.

²³⁶Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

²³⁷Ibid.

²³⁸Biographical statement written by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

Port Ludlow, WA.; twenty-one grandchildren; sixty great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

"She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, her son Chester; her daughter Elinor Boldrey; four sisters, two brothers, four grandsons, and one great-granddaughter."²³⁹

- vii. SAMUEL EDWIN²⁴⁰ was born on 29 Oct 1903 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.²⁴¹ He married Gladys May Bell Dyer, daughter of Edward Dyer, on 23 Jan 1928 in Mt. Vernon, Jeferson County, IL.²⁴² He died on 29 Sep 1972 in Carbondale, Jackson County, IL, at age 68.²⁴³ He was buried in Memorial Garden Cemetery, near Carbondale, IL.²⁴⁴

Edwin taught school in Richland County, and one of the schools he taught was Red Head School. He was later a Railway Postal Transportation Clerk, serving for some time on the Illinois Central Railroad from Carbondale to Chicago R. P. O. At the time of his death, he had retired and was living in Carbondale.²⁴⁵

"Samuel Edward [sic] Bowers, 69, of Carbondale and a native of Bonpas Township, died unexpectedly at his home last Friday.

"Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Van Natta Funeral Home at Carbondale with interment in Memorial Garden Cemetery near Carbondale.

"He was a retired U.S. Railway Mail Clerk on the Illinois Central Railroad, and was a member of the Assembly of God Church at Carbondale.

"He was a son of the late Samuel and Melvina Houser Bowers.

"He was married to the former Gladys Byer[sic].

"Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Norman, who is located in Germany, and two grandchildren. Three sisters, Mrs. Mary Adams and Mrs. Herschel (Lilia[sic]) Henry both of Claremont and Mrs. Esther Ribley of Olney also survives[sic].

"Several nieces and nephews also survive."²⁴⁶

8. MARY⁴ BOWERS (*Peter³, John², John? or Peter?¹*) was born on 5 Nov 1856 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA. The Bible record states that she was born in the morning.^{247,248,249,250} She married Hugh Marion

²³⁹Lila Alice Henry [obit], *The County Commoner*, Noble, Richland County, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as *The County Commoner*.

²⁴⁰Gladys (Dyer) Vaupel, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

²⁴¹Ibid.

²⁴²Ibid.

²⁴³Ibid.

²⁴⁴Dawson, *Obituaries of Richland County, Illinois*, "Samuel Edward[sic] Bowers Passes."

²⁴⁵Gladys (Dyer) Vaupel.

²⁴⁶Dawson, *Obituaries of Richland County, Illinois*, "Samuel Edward[sic] Bowers Passes."

²⁴⁷Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

²⁴⁸Mary Bowers Findley, funeral card, 1948. personal files, Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC.

²⁴⁹Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 318. Findley, Mary B., Nov. 5, 1856 - Oct 18, 1948.

²⁵⁰Family records by James Marion Findley, unknown repository, unknown repository address.

Findley, son of Hugh Findley and Phoebe Dunn, on 28 Feb 1878 in Richland County, IL.^{251,252,253,254} She died on 18 Oct 1948 in Parkersburg, Richland County, IL, at age 91.^{255,256,257} She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.^{258,259}

Children of Mary⁴ Bowers and Hugh Marion Findley were as follows:

- i. FLORENCE GERTRUDE "TRUDE"²⁶⁰ was born on 13 Feb 1879 in Decker Township, Richland County, IL.²⁶¹ She married Lee A. Summerfield, son of John Henry Summerfield and Caroline Starckman, on 8 Aug 1906 in at the bride's parents, Richland County, IL.^{262,263,264} She died on 20 Nov 1969 in Richland County, IL, at age 90.²⁶⁵ She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.²⁶⁶

A part of the winter work for farmers was to get all equipment ready for spring and summer work. This included oiling and repairing all harness. Mary Findley related that since it was cold outside and leather takes oil better when a bit warm, Hugh had brought the harness into the house for this on the night Trude was born. Can you imagine all this mess added to the confusion and excitement of the birth of their first child!²⁶⁷ Lee and Trude lived on a farm east of Parkersburg for many years. After that, her home was in Parkersburg and later with her son at West Salem, Illinois.²⁶⁸

- ii. ALTA EVELINE²⁶⁹ was born on 24 Aug 1880 south of Noble, Richland County, IL.^{270,271} She married Charles E. Robertson on 4 Mar 1914 in Kenmare, Ward County, ND.²⁷²

²⁵¹Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

²⁵²Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

²⁵³Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

²⁵⁴Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, compiler, *Richland County Marriages, Grooms Book* (Olney, Illinois: Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, 15 Nov 1993), Hugh M. Findley and Mary Bowers, 02/28/78, license 42, Book 2, p. 4. His parents were Hugh Findley and Phebe Dunn. Hers were Peter Bowers and Mary Brown. Hereinafter cited as *Richland County Marriages*.

²⁵⁵Mary (Bowers) Findley, funeral card.

²⁵⁶Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 318. Findley, Mary B., Nov. 5, 1856 - Oct 18, 1948.

²⁵⁷Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

²⁵⁸Mary (Bowers) Findley, funeral card.

²⁵⁹Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 318. Findley, Mary B., Nov. 5, 1856 - Oct 18, 1948.

²⁶⁰Richland County Birth Records, birth record of Florence Gertrude Findley.

²⁶¹*Ibid.*

²⁶²Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

²⁶³Clara Belle (Findley) Moore, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

²⁶⁴William Joseph Bunn, wedding invitation, 1972. Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC.

²⁶⁵Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

²⁶⁶*Ibid.*

²⁶⁷This was written by Doris Olds for the Bowers book (1979).

²⁶⁸Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

²⁶⁹Richland County Birth Records, birth record of Alta Eveline Findley.

²⁷⁰*Ibid.*

²⁷¹Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

²⁷²Florence Gertrude Findley, wedding announcement. Family papers, Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.

She married Fred Henry Robertson on 19 Feb 1921.²⁷³ She died on 11 Dec 1965 at age 85.²⁷⁴ She was buried in Stickney, Aurora County, SD.²⁷⁵

On 28 April 1960, from Plankinton, South Dakota, Alta Robertson wrote to Sam Bunn for some advice on real estate prices because she was thinking of selling the place near Parkersburg. Since Sam had been "somewhat in that line of business" she thought he might have some good advice for her. She also wrote: "Saturday Fred will be gone a month and his only sister passed away last week. Now one brother is all that is left of the family. Don lives alone out one mile from Plankton where I live alone. Mary is 3 blocks from me. Jim, wife and 6 children live 8 miles north of Don. We are all near together so that makes it nice."²⁷⁶

"Word has been received of the death Saturday in Plankinton, S. Dakota, of Mrs. Alta E. Robertson, 85, a native and former resident of Parkersburg vicinity.

"Her husband, Fred R. Robertson preceded her in death in 1960.

"Surviving is a daughter Mary Scales and two sons Donald and James Robertson and seven grandchildren, all of Plankinton; sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Summerfield of West Salem of West Salem, Mrs. Helen Edinburn of Ames, Iowa, and Clara B. Moore of Parkersburg and several nieces and nephews. Many more distant relatives reside in this area.

"Services will be held in Plankinton Tuesday afternoon, with interment beside her husband."²⁷⁷

- iii. HELEN BLANCHE "NELL"²⁷⁸ was born on 13 May 1883 near Noble, Richland County, IL.^{279,280} She married John Jackson Edenburn on 28 Mar 1909 in home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dollahon, Kenmare, Ward County, ND.^{281,282} She died on 18 Sep 1966 in Superior, Nuckolls County, NE, at age 83.²⁸³ She was buried in Perry, Dallas County, IA.²⁸⁴

Nell Edenburn lived at Ames and at Perry, in Iowa. She was a member of the Christian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.²⁸⁵ For a time she cooked at a student housing unit and later bought a housing unit, which she still owned at the time of her death.²⁸⁶

²⁷³Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

²⁷⁴Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

²⁷⁵Ibid.

²⁷⁶Letter from Alta Robertson (Plankinton, South Dakota) to Sam Bunn, 28 April 1960; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

²⁷⁷Alta E. Robertson Dies in S. Dakota, from an unknown paper.

²⁷⁸Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

²⁷⁹Ibid.

²⁸⁰Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

²⁸¹Ibid.

²⁸²Florence Gertrude Findley, wedding announcement, 1909. Family papers, Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.

²⁸³Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

²⁸⁴Ibid.

²⁸⁵Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings, family clippings, estate of Clara Belle Moore, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.

²⁸⁶Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

- iv. DELBERT LEE²⁸⁷ was born on 16 Jul 1885 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.^{288,289} He married Alice Elizabeth Dixon on 30 Nov 1916.^{290,291} He died on 21 Sep 1959 in Saint Louis, MO, at age 74.²⁹² He was buried in St. Louis, MO.²⁹³

Delbert was a graduate of Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois.²⁹⁴

"Delbert L. Findley, 74, a native of Richland County passed away Sept. 21 in St. Louis where he had made his home for many years.

"He had been a teacher in the St. Louis High School system some forty years, until his retirement a few years ago.

"He began his teaching career at Seminary, then at Calhoun, going from there to Taylorville and Decatur, before going to St. Louis.

"Surviving are his wife Alice Dixon Findley, sons Delbert L. Findley, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and John A. Findley of Florissant, Mo., and five grandchildren.

"Sisters are Alta E. Robertson, Plankinton, S. Dak., Mrs. Helen B. Edenburn, Ames, Iowa, Mrs. Gertrude Summerfield and Mrs. Clara B. Moore of Parkersburg.

"Funeral services will be held in St. Louis Thursday with interment there."²⁹⁵

- v. JAMES MARION²⁹⁶ was born on 5 Jun 1890 in Richland County, IL.^{297,298} He married Louella "Ella" Koertge, daughter of Peter Christian August Koertge and Sarah Koehler, on 22 Mar 1911.^{299,300} He and Louella were divorced in 1931.³⁰¹ He married Anne "Non" Kelly, daughter of Anne Kelly, on 21 Nov 1931.^{302,303} He died on 28 May 1956 in Parkersburg, Richland County, IL, at age 65.³⁰⁴

Jim did many things. He farmed, taught school, kept store, wrote poems, and for 30 years was a railway mail clerk. He retired and spend his last few years in Parkersburg. Jim had a book of his poems printed, entitled "Short Poems". In one poem he describes himself as "the overall poet". That seems quite appropriate, for he wrote on many subjects in a very simple, down-to-earth manner. He often had one of his poems ready

²⁸⁷Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

²⁸⁸Ibid.

²⁸⁹Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

²⁹⁰Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

²⁹¹Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

²⁹²Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings.

²⁹³Delbert L. Findley Dies In St. Louis, from an unknown paper , 1959.

²⁹⁴Delbert Lee Findley, graduation announcement. Family papers, Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.

²⁹⁵Delbert L. Findley Dies In St. Louis, from an unknown paper, 1959.

²⁹⁶Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

²⁹⁷Ibid.

²⁹⁸Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

²⁹⁹Ibid.

³⁰⁰James Marion Findley, wedding announcement, 1911. Family papers, Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.

³⁰¹Fay (Findley) Bechtel, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

³⁰²she was of Chicago.

³⁰³Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

³⁰⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings.

for the Bowers Reunion.

The following is one that he wrote on the back of a postcard of Lincoln's home in Springfield, Illinois and sent to his cousin, Doris Olds, in 1941. It was written while out on one of his mail runs, and, with only a few changes, is included in his book of poems.

We've many things in common,
Old honest Abe and I
The sort of place we're from 'n
Not living very high.

We've handled scores of letters
And kept a country store,
Have broken many fetters
And other things galore.

We've neither had much schooling,
And have both split a rail,
And done a lot of fooling
With things that always fail.

But Abe was made a president
And won his way to fame
While I'm a lowly resident;
There's few that know my name.

I still live in a cottage,
'Tis there I rest my head.
I live on mush and pottage,
But -- poor Abraham is dead.³⁰⁵

""Some relatives from a distant[sic] who came to attend the funeral of James Findley are a brother, Delbert Findley and sons of St. Louis, a sister, Mrs. Helen Edenburn, Ames, Iowa, a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Quinn, Perry, Iowa, a daughter, Mrs. Merle Bechtel, Linthicum Heights, Maryland and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Alec Kern, Kansas City, Mo.

"We feel a great loss in the passing of our fellow-citizen and neighbor, James Findley. We have known him since boyhood and have respected his personality, his honesty and his unselfish attitude toward public questions and toward his fellowmen. It has been our observation that he held a deep feeling of sympathy toward the human race in its struggles. The wife and other relatives have the sympathy of this writer and the entire community. Mr. Findley was a very fine citizen."³⁰⁶

- vi. CLARA BELLE³⁰⁷ was born on 4 Nov 1895 in Edwards County, IL.³⁰⁸ She married Frank Girard Parker, son of Jacob Parker and Kathryn Barnes, on 27 May 1914 in Parkersburg,

³⁰⁵Biographical statement prepared by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

³⁰⁶Eulogy for James Findley, from an unknown paper.

³⁰⁷Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

³⁰⁸Ibid.

Richland County, IL.³⁰⁹ She married Bert Moore on 3 Nov 1921 in Charleston, IL.³¹⁰ She died on 10 Dec 1989 in Burgin Nursing Home, Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 94.³¹¹

Clara was without a name for several months after her birth. During this time the family called her "Sister". Then at the suggestion of a friend, her mother announced that the baby would be named Clara Alvord because the family thought so much of the Alvord family. Clara's sisters had a different idea and wanted the baby to be named Clara Belle for Belle Lewis, whom they admired. The sisters won and to emphasize that fact, Clara was for many years most often called Clara Belle, with emphasis on the Belle.³¹² Clara's grandmother wrote to Clara's aunt Julia that the baby had been named Mary, but the name was changed to Clara Belle.

Clara graduated from West Salem High School, class of 1911.³¹³

"Clara Belle Moore, 94, Parkersburg, died 1:45 a.m. December 10, 1989, at Burgin Manor in Olney.

"Funeral services will be in West Salem with Bro. Arthur Ritchie officiating. Burial will be in Crest Haven Cemetery.

"Visitation will be 6 - 8 p. m. tonight (Monday) at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Parkersburg Christian Church.

"Mrs. Moore was born November 4, 1895 in Edwards County, the daughter of Hugh Marion Findley and Mary (Bowers) Findley. She married Frank Garland Parker May 21, 1914 and he died Dec. 21, 1915. A second marriage was to Burt Moore, Nov. 3, 1921 in Charleston and he died Nov. 1, 1966.

"She was a teller at the Parkersburg Bank for 26 years. She collected electric and phone bills at her home. Mrs. Moore was a member of the Parkersburg Christian Church.

"She is survived by several nieces and nephews."³¹⁴

9. FANNIE⁴ BOWERS (*Peter*³, *John*², *John?* or *Peter?*¹)³¹⁵ was born on 6 Oct 1858 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA.^{316,317} She married Sylvester E. Rifner on 31 Jan 1886 in the home of Peter Bowers, near Berryville,

³⁰⁹Ibid.

³¹⁰Clara Belle Moore, 94, *unknown newspaper title*, unknown location.

³¹¹Ibid.

³¹²Clara Belle (Findley) Moore.

³¹³Clara Belle Findley, graduation announcement. Family papers, Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.

³¹⁴Clara Belle Moore, 94.

³¹⁵Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers, "in the morning". Her name is spelled both Fammie and Fanny in the Bible.

³¹⁶Ibid.

³¹⁷Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*, p. 104; this adds the place of birth.

Richland County, IL. He is listed as a farmer who would be age 33 at his next birthday.^{318,319,320} She married William Benton Bunn Sr. on 26 Jun 1892 in Richland County, IL.^{321,322,323,324} She died on 24 Jan 1962 in Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 103.^{325,326} She was buried in Mt Olive Cemetery, Claremont Township, Richland County, IL. Her casket bearers were Walter Bunn, Max Bunn, Orville G. Wright, Wayne Bunn, Kenneth Preston and Don Petty. Brothers Lyle Berry and Loyal Hall officiated at the service.^{327,328}

Fannie Bowers was but a little girl when the family moved from Iowa to Indiana and soon to Illinois. What trips those must have been! No wonder she came to think the automobile was the invention that most changed the life of Americans. She was six years old when President Lincoln was shot and remembered how sad people were when they heard that news.³²⁹

"For a time, Fannie was again in the home of her parents, until in 1892, she married William Benton Bunn, Sr., a farmer of Bonpas Township, Richland County. He was a widower with a grown daughter. With the exception of a year or so when the family lived in Claremont, the farm in Bonpas Township was the Bunn family home. Fannie and Benton had seven children, including two sets of twin boys; however, only one of each pair survived for long."³³⁰

"After the death of her second husband, Fannie was left with a family not yet grown and a farm to manage. She must have done well with both, for the farm was kept in operation and her children not only loved her as a mother but also respected and admired her as a person. They remember she was always ready to help them with their problems, whether school work, hurt pride, or character building. After her youngest son Sam married, he and his wife Ella lived on that farm too. Later, when they moved to Olney, Fannie went with them. The last several years of her life was with Sam and Ella in Olney.

"Fannie had outlived all of her brothers and sisters when she died at the age of 103. So far as our records show, this was longer than any other member of the Bowers family, although her father, Peter Bowers, had passed his 100th birthday. ... As she advanced in years, she still kept alert, and callers were surprised at her keen interest in people and events. This interest, together with her pleasant smile and beautiful white hair, made her a most attractive lady."³³¹

"County's Oldest Citizen, Fannie Bunn, 103, Dies

"Mrs. Fannie Bunn, age 103, one of Richland county's grandest persons, passed away last evening at the home

³¹⁸Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

³¹⁹Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, marriage record of Sylvester E. Rifner and Fannie Bunn.

³²⁰Illinois Marriage Index online: license date 01/31/1886 for Sylvester E. Rifner and Fannie Bowers, from Richland County Book 3, p. 114.

³²¹Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

³²²William Benton Jr. Bunn, *Mother - Our Torch Bearer* (Illinois: self-published, 1964), p. 6. Hereinafter cited as *Mother - Our Torch Bearer*.

³²³Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

³²⁴Illinois Marriage Index online: license date 6/26/1892 for William B. Bunn and (Mrs.) Fannie Rifner, from Richland County Book 3, p. 191.

³²⁵Bunn, *Mother - Our Torch Bearer*, p. 19.

³²⁶Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 161. "Bunn Fannie -- October 6, 1858 -- January 24, 1962."

³²⁷*Ibid.*, p. 161.

³²⁸Fannie Bunn, funeral card, 27 Jan 1962. copy in my files, Spartanburg, SC.

³²⁹From a biographical statement of Fannie Bunn written by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

³³⁰Note by Doris Olds in her biographical statement of Fannie Bunn for the Bowers book of 1979.

³³¹Note by Doris Olds in her biographical statement of Fannie Bunn for the Bowers book of 1979.

of her son, Sam W. Bunn on Olney Route 1.

"Mrs. Bunn was born in Batavia, Jefferson county, Iowa, but had lived in Richland county most of her long lifetime. She was, at the time of her death, Richland county's oldest and certainly one of its finest citizens.

"She was married to William Benton Bunn Sr. on June 26, 1892. This union was blessed with seven children including two sets of twins. Her sons Lee and Sam Bunn had twin brothers who died in young childhood.

"Aunt Fannie,' as she became affectionately known, was a person of wonderful character. She was respected by all who come in contact with her. She maintained her advanced age was due to family heritage. Her father, Peter Bowers, lived to be 100 years of age, and two sisters and a brother also attained advanced ages.

"She maintained an active interest in things about her and in spite of failing eyesight she kept in touch with the happenings of the day.

"She suffered a broken hip a few weeks ago, and her physical condition had deteriorated rapidly since.

"She leaves five of her children: W. Benton Bunn of Lakeland, Fla., Benjamin B. Bunn of Urbana, Lee B. Bunn and Sam W. Bunn, both of Olney, and Mrs. Mary Esther Petty of Sumner. There are 8 grandchildren and 14-great-grand children.

"Funeral services for Mrs. Bunn will be held on Saturday after noon at 2:00 o'clock in the Memorial Chapel of the Summers-Rainey Funeral Home with Bro. Lyle Berry and Bro. Loyal Hall officiating. Interment will be in the Mt. Olive cemetery south of Claremont. Friends may call after 7 o'clock this evening."

Children of Fannie⁴ Bowers and Sylvester E. Rifner were:

- i. WILLIAM EMMERSON³³² was born on 26 Jan 1887 in Richland County, IL.³³³ He died on 31 Jul 1889 at age 2. His damaged tombstone (quoted as "Rifner Willie F. -- d. July 31, 1888 -- Son of S. E. and F. -- age 2y 6m 5d.") has probably been misread. It probably says "Willie E" and also "1889". This date would make the birth record and date correspond and a picture of Willie shows him as a child surely older than a year and a half.^{334,335}

Children of Fannie⁴ Bowers and William Benton Bunn Sr. were as follows:

- i. WILLIAM BENTON³³⁶ was born on 7 Nov 1893 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.^{337,338} He married Ruth Winans on 3 Sep 1924 in Canton, MS.³³⁹ He married (2) Marcia Lucille Gove on 20 Jun 1947.³⁴⁰ He died on 11 Jan 1967 in Lakeland, Polk County, FL, at age 73.³⁴¹ He was buried in Section I Haven Hill Cemetery, Olney, Richland County, IL.³⁴²

He was at Camp Grant, Illinois, in 1918. In a letter dated 20 Oct 1918 to his Aunt Maranda Ridgely, he writes of having to fill a straw tick for his bunk before he could retire, and he also mentions the large number of deaths in Camp from influenza.³⁴³

³³²Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, family clippings and notes, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds.

³³³Ibid.

³³⁴Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 303.

³³⁵Note by Doris Olds in her biographical statement of Fannie Bunn for the Bowers book of 1979.

³³⁶Bunn, *Mother - Our Torch Bearer*, p. 15.

³³⁷Ibid.

³³⁸Sam W. Bunn, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

³³⁹Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*, p. 109.

³⁴⁰Bunn, *Mother - Our Torch Bearer*, p. 15.

³⁴¹Sam W. Bunn.

³⁴²Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 91. "Bunn William Benton -- 1893 -- 1967."

³⁴³From a biographical note on Benton Bunn, written by Doris R. Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

"After graduating from Olney Township High School, he attended and graduated from the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College. Then he served as principal of an Effingham grade school for one year. Following this teaching experience, he attended the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois.

"Following his honorable discharge from service after the close of the war, he returned to college and graduated from the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois in 1920. Later he took graduate work at the Colorado State College and the College of Agriculture, University of Missouri.

...

"After graduating from College, William Benton continuously served as an Agricultural Extension worker in several counties in Illinois. These included Edgar, McDonough, Richland, Pike and Champaign." In 1954 he was Farm Advisor in Champaign County, Illinois.

He was "a member of the college fraternities, Farm House, Epsilon Sigma Phi and Gamma Sigma Delta. The last two are honorary. He is [in 1964] also an active member of the Champaign Rotary, American Legion, Champaign-Urbana Chambers of Commerce, Methodist Church, and the Champaign County Farm Bureau. In addition to the above interests he is active in additional community enterprises. He is past president of the Illinois State Association of Farm Advisers, listed in Who's Who in Illinois and Chicago, and in Who's Who in Agriculture. He holds a Distinguished Service Award in the National County Agricultural Agents Association."³⁴⁴

Retiring after 33 years as Farm Advisor in Illinois, he moved to Lakeland, Florida in 1956 and became a Real Estate Broker.³⁴⁵

He had printed two books containing much on the Bunn and Bowers families: Mother -- Our Torch Bearer and Lighting Ancestral Lamps.

"William Benton Bunn, age 73, former resident of Richland County, passed away yesterday morning at Lakeland, Fla., where he had been a resident for the past ten years. He had been in ill health for a long time period of time.

"Mr. Bunn was born here and was the son of William Benton Bunn, Sr. and Fannie Bowers Bunn. He was one of Richland County's earliest farm advisers and served as farm adviser in other Illinois communities for 33 years. He retired in 1956 and moved to Lakeland where he became a real estate broker, as long as health permitted.

"Mr. Bunn is survived by his wife, Lucille, and two daughters: Mrs. Russ Phillips of Mt. Prospect, and Mrs. John Jordan of Dayton, Ohio. There are four grandchildren

"He leaves two brothers and a sister: Sam Bunn and Lee Bunn, both of Olney, and Mrs. Gene Petty, of Sumner. A brother Ben Bunn preceded him in death. He also leaves several nieces and nephews.

"The body of Mr. Bunn is being returned to Olney for services and burial. Final rites will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Memorial Chapel of the Summers-Rainey Funeral Home, with Bro. Lyle Berry officiating. Interment will be in Haven Hill Cemetery.

³⁴⁴Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*, p. 110.

³⁴⁵Letter from William Benton Jr. Bunn (Lakeland, Florida) to Doris R. Olds; Library and papers of Doris R. Olds (Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

"Friends may call at the funeral home from noon until service time Saturday.

"The family has asked that Memorials be made to the Wesley Foundation at Urbana, the Heart Research Fund, or the Cancer Fund.³⁴⁶

"William Benton Bunn, eldest son of William Benton Bunn, Sr. and Mrs. Fannie Bowers, was born November 7, 1893.

"He was reared in Richland County, graduating from the Olney High School. He graduated from the Eastern Illinois Teachers College and taught school one year. Following this he attended the University of Illinois, graduating in 1920. His college training was interrupted by service in World War I.

"He spent his life as an agricultural extension agent, serving as assistant agent in Edgar and McDonough counties and as Farm Adviser in Richland, Pike and Champaign counties.

"He was a member of the Farm House Fraternity, Epsilon Sigma Phi [sic] and Gamma Sigma Delta -- the last two being honorary fraternities. He was also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the National County Agents Association.

"He was a member of the American Legion and of the Champaign Rotary Club. He was a life time member and active worker of the Methodist Church.

"William Benton Bunn married Ruth Winans. To this union were born two daughters: Barbara and Charlotte. Ruth passed away in 1946. Later he married Lucille Grove [sic].

When Mr. Bunn retires as Farm Adviser of Champaign county, in 1956, he and Mrs. Bunn moved to Lakeland, Florida. There he was a real estate broker until his health failed.

"He leaves to mourn many friends and the following survivors:

"His wife, Lucille; daughters, Mrs. Barbara Phillips and Mrs. Charlotte Jordan; four grandchildren, Marcia, Margaret and Jim Phillips, Scott Benton Jordan; two brothers, Sam and Lee; a sister, Mrs. Esther Petty. A brother, Ben, preceded him in death. A number of nieces and nephews survive.

"Benton lived a life which serves as an inspiration to all those knowing him.

"Burial was at Haven Hill Cemetery, Olney, Ill.

"Out of town relatives of William Benton Bunn who attended the funeral Saturday afternoon in addition to Mrs. Bunn were:

"Mr. and Mrs. (Barbara) Russ Phillips and children, Jim, Marcia and Margaret, Mt. Prospect, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. (Charlotte) John Jordan and son Scott Benton, Spring Valley, Ohio; Mrs. James (Grace Winans) Leaton, Wilmette, Ill. and son James W. Leaton, Carbondale, Ill.; Mrs. Ed Winans, Lake Springfield, Ill.

"Relatives of Mrs. Bunn included her brother, Mr. Harold Grove, Mountain Lake, Minn.; Mrs. L. B. Grove, Ida Grove, Iowa; Mrs. and Mrs. Donald Flesher, Gilman, Ill.

Others attending were: Max Bunn, Urbana, Ill.; Mickey Wright and Kenneth Lee Preston, Vincennes, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Kaeser, Mrs. Glenn Riley and Miss Helen Hackman, Pittsfield, Ill.; Miss Laura Heddleson, Kentucky Lake, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Maxwell, Mr. Earl Bantz, Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Zimmer, Mr. Neil Garney, Mrs. Mark D. Brown, Sr., Urbana, Ill.; Mrs. Edith Huffman, Urbana, Ill.; Mrs. C. T.

³⁴⁶Services Saturday For William Bunn, Former Resident, from an unknown paper , 12 Jan 1967.

- Kibler, Jerseyville, Ill.; and Vic Swanson, Paxton, Ill."³⁴⁷
- ii. BENJAMIN BOWERS³⁴⁸ was born on 25 Apr 1895 in farm home, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.³⁴⁹ He married Dorothy Helen Harmon, daughter of Joseph E. Harmon and Sarah A. Gardner, on 2 Dec 1920 in Olney, Richland County, IL.³⁵⁰ He died on 24 May 1965 in Urbana, IL, at age 70.³⁵¹ He was buried in East Lawn Cemetery, Urbana, IL.³⁵²

"Benjamin Bowers Bunn enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served in World War I. Soon after the close of the war he was honorably discharged. Then he returned to Richland County, Illinois, and farmed for a few years."³⁵³

"Following this relatively short period spent on the farm he disposed of his farming interests and moved to Urbana, Illinois. For many years he worked as a carpenter and later as a carpenter foreman for prominent building contractors operating on the campus of the University of Illinois [in] the cities of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, and at the Chanute Air Force Base near Rantoul, Illinois.

"However, after his son, Kenneth Max, returned at the close of World War II from the U. S. Navy, he and his son formed a building contracting partnership. During the several years that have elapsed since this partnership was organized, Benjamin and his son, Max, have built scores of beautiful residences in and about the cities of Champaign-Urbana."³⁵⁴

"Benjamin B., commonly known as Ben, always rides a hobby. On the farm, it was registered Duroc hogs. However, for many years his chief hobby has been the production of choise [sic] gladiolas on a commercial scale. He originated numerous named varieties. Several of these are presently produced commercially. For many years Ben has exhibited his gladiolas at the larger gladiola shows including the Illinois State Fair. He is consistent winner at the shows.

"His latest hobby, or perhaps an additional hobby, is that of developing high class Pointers (bird dogs). If you want to learn about hunting dog experiences, ask Ben."³⁵⁵

- iii. LEE BERNARD³⁵⁶ was born on 21 Aug 1897 in Claremont, Richland County, IL.³⁵⁷ He married Ruth Esther Harmon, daughter of Joseph E. Harmon and Sarah A. Gardner, on

³⁴⁷Lora M. McCarty of Claremont Passes, from an unknown paper.

³⁴⁸Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*, p. 111.

³⁴⁹Ibid., p. 110.

³⁵⁰Ibid.

³⁵¹Sam W. Bunn.

³⁵²Ibid.

³⁵³Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*, p. 111.

³⁵⁴Ibid.

³⁵⁵Ibid.

³⁵⁶Ibid.

³⁵⁷Ibid.

23 Apr 1919 in Vincennes, Knox County, IN.^{358,359,360} He died on 14 Apr 1988 at age 90.³⁶¹

Lee was a farmer in Richland County, Illinois, and active in the Church of Christ.³⁶²

His farm home in Bonpas Township was next to the farm on which he was raised. He retired to Tavares, Florida, where he enjoyed fishing almost everyday.³⁶³

"Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Bunn, 33 Riverset Court, Lake Ave., Tavares, Fla. will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Monday, April 23.

"There will be no formal celebration but cards and letters would be appreciated.

"Lee Bunn and Ruth Harmon were married April 23, 1919, in Vincennes, Ind.

"Bunn has been a Richland County farmer and an oil field pumper until retiring to Florida several years ago.

"They are the parents of two sons, Walter L., Olney; Wayne, Florida; and two daughters, Joan Wright, Olney; and Thelma, deceased.

"There are also 12 grandchildren."³⁶⁴

- iv. SAMUEL WALTER³⁶⁵ was born on 25 Apr 1899 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.³⁶⁶ He married Ella Hunter Van Matre, daughter of William Van Matre and Susie Kissenger, on 27 Aug 1923 in Olney, Richland County, IL.³⁶⁷ He died on 8 Dec 1994 in Mt. Dora, Lake County, FL, at age 95.³⁶⁸ He was buried in Crest Haven Cemetery, Claremont Township, Richland County, IL. A funeral service was held at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, Florida with burial in Cresthaven Cemetery, Olney [sic], Illinois.³⁶⁹

He and Daniel Wallace Bunn were twins.³⁷⁰

Sam, the youngest boy of the family, was living with his mother and farming before he was married. When he married, he brought his wife Ella to his mother's home, and the three of them lived together on the farm for some years. When Sam moved to Olney, his mother went too. Then when Sam built a new home just east of Olney, there was a room included especially for her. Sam was not only a farmer but was also an auctioneer. He knows and likes people, which is especially helpful to one who sells. He became quite a successful real estate broker. He was not the only one to benefit from his success, for he and Ella found occasions to give others a "hand up" -- which is better than a "hand out".

³⁵⁸Bunn, *Mother - Our Torch Bearer*, p. 16.

³⁵⁹Ruth E. Bunn, 87, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 28 Dec 1989, (the clipping is assumed to be from the *Olney Daily Mail*), giving the date as 24 April 1919. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

³⁶⁰Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, "Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Bunn to celebrate their 65th.", giving the place of marriage.

³⁶¹Ruth E. Bunn, 87, *Olney Daily Mail*, 28 Dec 1989, (the clipping is assumed to be from the *Olney Daily Mail*).

³⁶²Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*, p. 112.

³⁶³From the biographical statement on Lee Bunn, written by Doris R. Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

³⁶⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, "Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Bunn to celebrate their 65th.

³⁶⁵Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*, p. 112.

³⁶⁶*Ibid.*

³⁶⁷Sam W. Bunn.

³⁶⁸Sam W. Bunn, funeral card, 10 Dec 1994. copy in my files, Spartanburg, SC.

³⁶⁹*Ibid.*

³⁷⁰Bunn, *Mother - Our Torch Bearer*.

He is now [1979] retired and lives near Leesburg, Florida, where he has a home on a canal with easy access to a large lake. He makes frequent trips to Illinois and spends quite a bit of time there in summers.³⁷¹

- v. DANIEL WALLACE³⁷² was born on 25 Apr 1899.³⁷³ He died on 5 Nov 1899.³⁷⁴ He was buried in Mt Olive Cemetery, Claremont Township, Richland County, IL.³⁷⁵

He and Samuel Walter Bunn were twins.³⁷⁶

- vi. MARY ESTHER³⁷⁷ was born on 10 Nov 1901 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.³⁷⁸ She married Horace Lee Preston, son of Sam Preston and Mattie (--?--), on 6 Aug 1919.³⁷⁹ She married (2) Gene A. Petty, son of Sherman Petty and Ella Smalley, on 12 Oct 1953.³⁸⁰ She died on 5 Mar 1969 in a hospital, Vincennes, IN, at age 67.³⁸¹ She was buried in Sumner Cemetery, Sumner, Lawrence County, IL.³⁸²

"Mrs. Mary Esther Petty, 67, 202 E. South Ave., Sumner, passed away in Vincennes Wednesday.

"She was born in Bonpas township, Richland county, Nov. 10, 1901.

"Her first husband, H. Lee Preston, is deceased.

"Surviving is her second husband, Gene Petty.

"Also surviving is a son, Kenneth Preston of Vincennes, Ind.; a step-son, Don Petty of Sanford, Fla., and two grandchildren.

"An infant daughter preceded her in death.

"Also surviving are two brothers, Sam Bunn of Olney and Lee Bunn of Calhoun.

"She was a member of the Central Christian church in Sumner.

"Services will be at the Sivert Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Saturday, with Bro. Lyle Berry officiating. Burial will be in the Sumner cemetery.

"Friends may call after 5 p.m. Friday."³⁸³

10. DANIEL W.⁴ BOWERS M. D. (*Peter*³, *John*², *John?* or *Peter?*¹) was born on 29 Dec 1861 in Jefferson County, IA, in the evening.^{384,385} He married Elise Rebecca Canby, daughter of Samuel Simpson Canby M. D.

³⁷¹From the biographical statement on Sam W. Bunn, written by Doris R. Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

³⁷²Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 161. "Bunn Daniel Wallace -- d. Nov. 5, 1889--Son of William B. and Fannie--6m 11d."

³⁷³Ibid.

³⁷⁴Ibid.

³⁷⁵Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*.

³⁷⁶Bunn, *Mother - Our Torch Bearer*.

³⁷⁷Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*, p. 113.

³⁷⁸Ibid.

³⁷⁹Bunn, *Mother - Our Torch Bearer*, p. 16.

³⁸⁰Ibid.

³⁸¹Sam W. Bunn.

³⁸²Ibid.

³⁸³Mrs. Mary Esther Petty, Native of Bonpas Twp., Dies, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, March 1969, the copy is hand dated Mar. 3, 1969, which seems to fit neither the death date nor the newspaper date. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

³⁸⁴Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

³⁸⁵Dr. Daniel W. Bowers, funeral card. personal files, Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC. adds the place of birth.

and Martha Bates, on 3 Jul 1889.³⁸⁶ He died on 16 Jan 1945 in Olney Sanatorium, Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 83.³⁸⁷ He was buried on 18 Jan 1945 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL. The clergyman for the funeral was Rev. Oliver Dearing.³⁸⁸

"When Dad was still small enough to be sitting on Dan Brown's knee, they were discussing the fact that that they had no middle name and perhaps ought to have one since other people, who were no better, had one. They adopted W. for middle initial, but no middle name."³⁸⁹ This story is of interest to me, relating to the origin of my name, but does not fit with the facts that Dan W. Brown died in 1860 and Dan W. Bowers was born in 1861. Daniel W. Bowers M. D. appeared on the census of 6 May 1910 in Kenmare, Ward County, ND.

Dr. D. W. Bowers, head, age 248, m 21 yrs, b. IA, parents b. PA

Elise, wife, 38, m. 21 yrs, b. Ill

Samuel, son, 19, single, b. Ill., m. 20 yrs [sic]

Anna, dau, 18, single, b. Ill.

Evyline, dau, 9, b. Ill.

Max, son, 4, b. Ill.

Peter, father, 88, widower, b. PA, parents b. PA.³⁹⁰

Dan Bowers, sixth child of Peter and Mary Bowers, was their youngest child at the time they moved from Iowa to Indiana. He was not quite eight years old when the family, now increased by two more births, came from Indiana to Decker township of Richland County, Illinois. In this area Dan grew to manhood and then again moved with his parents to Bonpas township of the same county in 1885. This home was about a mile north of Red Head School and near the home of Dr. S. S. Canby. It is reported that just after a daughter of Dr. Canby came to call on the new neighbors, Dan remarked "That is the girl I am going to marry". Whether that is the way it was or not, he did marry that girl, Elise Canby. On 3 July 1939, they celebrated 50 years of married life. Six children were born to them; two of these did not live beyond infancy. Dan and Elise were both members of the Church of the Brethren.

"It may have been partly due to the influence and example of his father-in-law that Dan decided to become a doctor. He attended Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated, as his diploma states "16th day of March 1895, year of our Lord MDCCCXCV and of the Independence of the United States CXVIII". Upon his graduation the Medical College presented a medal to him because he ranked highest in his class. The medal was passed on to his son, Sam, then to Sam's grandson Myron who had it about 1978.

Dan practiced medicine and also at times did some farming. He was the "country doctor". His pay was not always in money but sometimes in chickens or pigs or hay or whatever the patient might have -- and sometimes no pay at all. He made home calls, depending at first on horses and later on automobiles for transportation, unless the roads (many of them dirt roads) were too bad to get a car through or the weather was too bad for a horse to be out. In those cases, he walked. But he went when and where he was called. He delivered babies, set broken bones (without X-ray), and treated all kinds of illnesses. One medicine that he gave was a dark brown liquid that tested as bad as anything could, it seemed, but it must have done the work, and tasting as it did, there was not much chance of an overdose.

The Bunn nephews remember Dr. Canby, Uncle Dan Bowers, and their father going fishing together, and they say Dan was an excellent shot with a rifle, too.

³⁸⁶Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

³⁸⁷Death of Dr. Bowers, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 1945. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

³⁸⁸Dr. Daniel W. Bowers, funeral card. It lists the place of interment as "Dunkard Cemetery."

³⁸⁹Interview, Samuel Peter Bowers, 11 June 1964.

³⁹⁰1910 federal census of Ward County, ND. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

Perhaps partly because of the lure of the West, but mostly because of a health condition, Dan took his family to North Dakota where his sister Lila Dollahon lived. To take his household goods and live stock, he rented a railroad car. One of the horses died on the trip and was simply disposed of by pushing it out of the car. It was while in Dakota that Dan shaved off his beard, which he had worn for some time. That changed his appearance so much that his daughter Evelyn did not recognize him when he came to the door. When Dan asked for Evelyn's father, she turned to call her father, not knowing it was he who was asking. The family spent four years in North Dakota, probably about 1909 - 1913. Dan's father was there with them for a time, but he came back to Illinois before they did, making the trip alone at the age of 90.

Besides living in North Dakota those few years, Dan and Elise lived first near Dr. Canby, then at West Salem, at Claremont, and last at Berryville, Illinois. He practiced medicine until his last illness. The cause of his death was carcinoma of the urinary bladder.³⁹¹

"Thirty Years Ago, January 24, 1945"

"Funeral services are being held this afternoon for Dr. Daniel W. Bowers, 83, at Walnut Grove Church, and citizens of southern and eastern Richland County and nearby sections were paying tribute to the man who was the "first citizen" of this rural area. He was a typical country doctor of the old fashioned type who ministered to the ill and suffering of his large rural territory no matter what difficulty he faced in reaching his patients. Almost every year, he would walk his route when roads became so bad that neither car nor horse and buggy could make it. Many people had only him to rely on when conditions required emergencies, and due to conditions, his treatments were sometimes almost primitive, but more often than not his treatment was successful and brought him deep respect."³⁹²

Children of Daniel W.⁴ Bowers M. D. and Elise Rebecca Canby were as follows:

- i. SAMUEL PETER⁵ was born on 16 Jun 1890 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.³⁹³ He married Flossie Lee Seymour, daughter of John Seymour and Nora Mae (--?--), on 27 Sep 1920 in Palestine, Crawford County, IL.³⁹⁴ He died on 22 Dec 1969 in Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 79.³⁹⁵ He was buried in Haven Hill Cemetery, Olney, Richland County, IL.³⁹⁶

Sam was a veteran of WWI, serving in the Infantry. He went overseas in April of 1918. While overseas he wrote his Aunt Maranda Ridgely, and three of those letters were found among her papers -- two from France and one from Germany. He writes in one that he was sent to the front lines on his birthday, 1918. In the letter from Germany, 30 March 1919, he writes of his insignia, "Blue field with three white stripes. The stripes are for the three major operations, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne, the blue field for those that died. On my right sleeve there is nothing except the three sergeant's stripes, the rest of it being for wound stripes, and I am grateful that I have none."³⁹⁷

Samuel Peter was named for both of his grandfathers. As a young man he taught in

³⁹¹This biographical statement of Dr. Bowers was prepared by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book. She relied on material collected by his children, nieces and nephews.

³⁹²Olney Daily Mail, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 1975. Hereinafter cited as Olney Daily Mail.

³⁹³newspaper clipping used by Doris Olds.

³⁹⁴Samuel Peter Bowers, marriage announcement. Family papers, Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.

³⁹⁵newspaper clipping used by Doris Olds.

³⁹⁶newspaper clipping used by Doris Olds.

³⁹⁷The biographical statement for Sam Bowers was prepared by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

the rural schools of Richland County. After his marriage he lived in Olney. For a number of years he operated a garage and was a Chevrolet dealer; however something about the chemicals used affected his skin and he had to quit that business. He then became an employee of the Murray Hardware Store.³⁹⁸ After retiring, Sam continued to live in Olney until his death. His widow Flossie and son Claude William, who never married, continue [in 1978] to live there in the Bowers home.³⁹⁹

"S. P. Bowers, War Veteran, Dies Today

"Samuel P. Bowers, 79, of 820 North Fair street, Olney, died at 8:15 a.m. today at the Richland Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

"Mr. Bowers was born in Bonpas township on June 16, 1890, son of the late Dr. Daniel W. and Elise Canby Bowers. In his earlier life, Mr. Bowers taught school in this county. For a number of years, he operated a garage here.

"He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of First United Methodist church, Olney Lodge No. 140 AF & AM, Richland Post No. 30 American Legion and Olney Memorial Post No. 4226, Veteran of Foreign Wars.

"He was married to Flossie Seymour, who survives, as well as three sons, Richard E. Bowers of Madisonville, Ky., Claude W. Bowers at home, and Gerald L. Bowers of Oregon, Ohio; two grandchildren, Myron Bowers and Evett Bowers, both of Oregon, Ohio, and three step-grandchildren, Thomas, Michael and Christian Rokicki of Oregon, Ohio.

"Also surviving are two sister[s], Mrs. Alden (Anna) Fritchey of Claremont and Mrs. Everett (Evelyn) Peace of North Liberty, Ohio.

"Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. in the Chapel of Schaub Funeral Home, with burial in Haven Hill Cemetery.

"Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. Tuesday.

"Rev. Dr. W. A. Robinson will officiate."⁴⁰⁰

- ii. ANNA FLORENCE⁴⁰¹ was born on 16 Aug 1891.⁴⁰² She married John Quincy Alden Fritchey, son of William Fritchey and Lida Richardson, on 24 Dec 1916 in Berryville, Richland County, IL.^{403,404} She died on 26 Feb 1984 at age 92.⁴⁰⁵ She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁴⁰⁶

Anna taught school before her marriage. After her marriage she and Alden owned and operated a general store in Claremont, Illinois. When they knew some one was in

³⁹⁸Flossie (Seymour) Bowers, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

³⁹⁹The biographical statement for Sam Bowers was prepared by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁴⁰⁰S. P. Bowers, War Veteran, Dies Today, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Richland County, Illinois, 22 Dec 1969, page 2. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

⁴⁰¹Anna (Bowers) Fritchey, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

⁴⁰²*Ibid.*

⁴⁰³Anna Florence Bowers, marriage announcement. Family papers, Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.

⁴⁰⁴Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, in which is name is given as J. Q. Alden Fritchey. Anna (Bowers) Fritchey provided the full name.

⁴⁰⁵Olds (Doris R.)-- annotations in her copy of Peter and Mary Bowers their Ancestors and Descendants, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds.

⁴⁰⁶*Ibid.*

real need, Anna or Alden managed to "slip a little extra" into that person's order. They have retired now [written about 1978] and live at Claremont.⁴⁰⁷

- iii. MARY GERTRUDE⁴⁰⁸ was born circa 16 Feb 1893. "She would have been six months old on Aug. 16 or 17 I forget which."^{409,410} She died in Aug 1893.^{411,412}
- iv. EVELYN MARTHA⁴¹³ was born on 10 Aug 1900.^{414,415} She married (1) Lawrence Allen in 1927.⁴¹⁶ She married (2) Everett Peace on 29 Jun 1957 in Allendale, Wabash County, IL.⁴¹⁷ She died on 21 May 1980 in Crestview Nursing Home, Vincennes, IN, at age 79.⁴¹⁸ She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁴¹⁹

Evelyn was a graduate of the Claremont High School, Class of 1921.⁴²⁰ Before her marriage she did some teaching in rural schools. At the age of four she was taught to read by her grandfather, Peter Bowers. As Evelyn stood in front of him, he held the book on his knees, right side up for him but upside down for Evelyn, and read to her. So Evelyn learned to read upside down. When handed a book in the correct position, she turned it around to read it. Evelyn says her name was first Martha Evelyn but has become Evelyn Martha. She and Everett lived at Berryville, Illinois, for several years, but are now [1978] living at Bicknell, Indiana. She had the Peter Bowers Bible.

Evelyn and Everett adopted David Wayne.^{421,422}

Evelyn Bowers Peace of Bicknell, Indiana, died 21 May 1980 at Vincennes, Indiana. She is survived by husband Everett A. Peace of Bicknell, son David W. of South Bend, Ind. and sister Anna Fritchey of Claremont, Illinois.⁴²³

⁴⁰⁷The biographical statement for Anna Fritchey was prepared by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁴⁰⁸Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 317. Walnut Grove Cemetery, "Bowers Mary Gertrude d. 1893 -- 7 m."

⁴⁰⁹Letter from Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to G. H. Ridgely, 1928; Library and papers of Doris R. Olds (Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁴¹⁰Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 317, from Walnut Grove Cemetery, "Bowers Mary Gertrude -- d. 1893 - 7 m."

⁴¹¹*Ibid.*, p. 317. Walnut Grove Cemetery, "Bowers Mary Gertrude d. 1893 -- 7 m."

⁴¹²A note written by Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely tells that Dr. Canby was late at the birth of her son George Howard Ridgely, b. 7 Aug 1893, because Dan's baby was dying.

⁴¹³Evelyn (Bowers) Peace, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

⁴¹⁴*Ibid.*

⁴¹⁵Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, "Evelyn Peace, 79"; her obituary adds the place of birth.

⁴¹⁶Evelyn (Bowers) Peace.

⁴¹⁷*Ibid.*

⁴¹⁸Deaths: Evelyn Peace, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Richland County, Illinois, 22 May 1980, as abstracted by Doris Olds in her Bowers book. Another note included the name of Crestview Nursing Home. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

⁴¹⁹Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, "Evelyn Peace, 79."

⁴²⁰Evelyn Martha Bowers, graduation announcement. Family papers, Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.

⁴²¹Evelyn (Bowers) Peace.

⁴²²Evelyn Martha Bowers, graduation announcement.

⁴²³Deaths: Evelyn Peace, *Olney Daily Mail*, 22 May 1980, as abstracted by Doris Olds in her Bowers book. In another note, Doris write that Evelyn had no marker yet (in 1981) but that her grave was along the east fence

"Evelyn M. Peace, 79, Bicknell, Ind. and former W. Salem resident, died Wednesday at 10:35 a.m. at the Crestview Nursing Home in Vincennes, Ind.

"Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Wampler-Shaw Funeral Home in Bicknell with Paul Shelton presiding. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Richland County.

"She was born in Bonpas Township on Aug. 10, 1900, daughter of Daniel and Elise (Canby) Bowers. She married Laurence Allen, who died in 1938. In Allendale in 1957, she married Everett A. Peace, who survives. She was a member of the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren.

"Other survivors are a son, David W., South Bend, In., and a sister, Mrs. Alden (Anna) Fritchey, Claremont.

"She was preceded in death by two brothers."⁴²⁴

- v. RICHARD ERNEST⁴²⁵ was born on 31 Jan 1904 in Edwards County, IL.⁴²⁶ He died circa Mar 1904.⁴²⁷
- vi. MAX IVAN⁴²⁸ was born on 10 Apr 1906 in Richland County, IL.⁴²⁹ He married Dorothy Ellen Rothrock, daughter of Clinton Lee Rothrock and Ola Koertge, on 8 Sep 1931 in Detroit, MI.⁴³⁰ He died on 31 Jul 1961 in Richland Memorial Hospital, Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 55.⁴³¹ He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁴³²

As a young man, Max taught in the rural schools of Richland County. Later he was a U. S. Customs Officer in Detroit, Michigan. After some time in Michigan, Max and Dorothy returned to Illinois, and Max engaged in farming. Dorothy, a Registered Nurse, was employed at Richland County Memorial Hospital. Max gave up farming to accept a position in the West Salem Bank. At the time of his death, he was also serving as mayor of West Salem, Illinois. Dorothy has retired and lives (in 1978) in West Salem.⁴³³

11. DELILAH SUSAN⁴ BOWERS (*Peter³, John², John? or Peter?'*)⁴³⁴ was born in the evening on 1 Apr 1865 near Sulphur Springs, IN.^{435,436} She married Henry Franklin "Frank" Dollahon, son of George Franklin Dollahon

south of Ahfield (presumably in the Walnut Grove Cemetery).

⁴²⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, "Evelyn Peace, 79."

⁴²⁵Birth Record, Edwards County Records, Albion, Edwards County, IL.

⁴²⁶Ibid.

⁴²⁷Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 317, "Bowers Richard Ernest -- d. 1904 -- 8 weeks."

⁴²⁸newspaper obit or death notice used by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁴²⁹newspaper obit or death notice use by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁴³⁰Max Ivan Bowers, marriage announcement, 1931. Family papers, Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.

⁴³¹newspaper obit or death notice used by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁴³²*Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Richland County, Illinois, 1961. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

⁴³³Dorothy (Rothrock) Bowers, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

⁴³⁴Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers, in the evening.

⁴³⁵Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁴³⁶Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, family clippings and notes, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, adding the place of birth.

and Margaret Mayhew, on 30 Apr 1889 in the home of the groom's stepmother, Edwards County, IL.⁴³⁷ She died on 2 May 1943 in Kenmare, Ward County, ND, at age 78.⁴³⁸ She was buried in ND.⁴³⁹

Lila Bowers, although born in Indiana, lived there only about four years, for the family came to the area near Noble, Illinois in 1869. By the time she married, the family had moved to Red Head School District, in Bonpas (pronounced Bum-paw) Township of Richland County, Illinois. After she and Frank were married, they lived in that general area for several years, perhaps both in Edwards and Richland Counties. Frank was a farmer and was, at one time, employed by Dr. S. S. Canby. Land records at the Richland County Court House show that, in 1900, Frank and Lila bought an acre of land from Peter Bowers, just east of the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren. That is now [1979] part of the parsonage.

"About 1902, Frank and Delila left Illinois to homestead in North Dakota. They were there until their deaths, coming back only for visits. The Bowers family was a close one, and Lila was greatly missed, especially by her youngest sister Maranda who once wrote that she thought she couldn't live without Lila but had to find out she could. Maranda said she thought Lila was more like her father than any of the other children. Perhaps she meant Lila could take things as they came and enjoy living. Anyway, some of the nieces and nephews remember that "Aunt Lila was a lot of fun". Lila spent the last years (perhaps six) in a hospital in Kenmare. Her sister Maranda visited her there in 1941.⁴⁴⁰

Children of Delilah Susan⁴ Bowers and Henry Franklin "Frank" Dollahon were as follows:

- i. EDITH VIOLA⁵⁴⁴¹ was born on 8 Feb 1890 in West Salem, Edwards County, IL.⁴⁴² She married Ora Earl Ankenbauer on 24 Nov 1914 in Kenmare, Ward County, ND.⁴⁴³ She died on 14 Dec 1985 at age 95.⁴⁴⁴

"All of Edith's children except Doreen are still alive-- they come to see me once in a while but N. D. is quite a way from here -- Richard (her oldest) spent a week here this spring he isn't married now -- his wife passed away a short time ago."⁴⁴⁵

- ii. GLEN FRANKLIN⁴⁴⁶ was born on 27 Oct 1892 in Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.⁴⁴⁷ He married Iva Viola Coleman in 1924 in Los Angeles, CA.⁴⁴⁸ He died on 7 Jun 1974 in Glendale, CA, at age 81.⁴⁴⁹ He was buried in Glendora, Los Angeles County, CA.⁴⁵⁰

⁴³⁷Edwards County, Ill., Marriage Records n.pub., Edwards County Records.

⁴³⁸Letter from Edith (Dollahon) Ankenbauer (Kenmare, North Dakota) to Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, 15 May 1943; Family papers (Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL).

⁴³⁹Ibid.

⁴⁴⁰This biographical statement for Lila (Bowers) Dollahon was written by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁴⁴¹Letters from Edith (Dollahon) Ankenbauer (Kenmare, North Dakota) to Doris R. Olds, 1976 - 1978; Library and papers of Doris R. Olds (Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁴⁴²Ibid.

⁴⁴³Ibid.

⁴⁴⁴Olds (Doris R.)-- annotations in her copy of Peter and Mary Bowers their Ancestors and Descendants, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds.

⁴⁴⁵Letter from Mary E. Larsen (R. R. 2, Box 441, Superior, WI 54880) to Doris R. Olds, 1 Aug 1993; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁴⁴⁶Letters, Edith Ankenbauer to Olds, 1976 - 1978.

⁴⁴⁷Ibid.

⁴⁴⁸Glen Franklin Jr. Dollahon, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

⁴⁴⁹Letters, Edith Ankenbauer to Olds, 1976 - 1978.

⁴⁵⁰Glen Franklin Dollahon Jr.

Glen was a veteran of WWI. He wrote several letters to his Aunt Maranda Ridgely; some found among her papers were from Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indiana and some were from France. He wrote of being in railroad service as station agent. In some letters he described the farms and the fruit trees of France and wrote of hunting and getting a wild hog and rabbits.⁴⁵¹

- iii. RUTH EVA⁴⁵² was born on 6 Mar 1894 in Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.^{453,454} She married Richard Gibson in Mar 1917.⁴⁵⁵ She died on 5 Jan 1992 at age 97.⁴⁵⁶

About 1978, she was living in Paramount, California.⁴⁵⁷

- iv. ROBERT BISSETT⁴⁵⁸ was born on 23 Jul 1898 in Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.⁴⁵⁹ He married Agnes Mikkelson on 2 Feb 1922 in Mohall, Renville County, ND.⁴⁶⁰ He died on 10 Aug 1990 at age 92.^{461,462,463}

By about 1978, Bob had retired and was living at Bellingham, Washington. Note that he has chosen to use the DollaHAN spelling.⁴⁶⁴

On 20 Aug 1990, "E. & K. Rude" sent Doris and Bob Olds two sheets of paper prepared in memory of Bob Dollahan. The first is headed "Robert B. Dollahan, July 23, 1898 -- August 10, 1990".

"The fourth of six children, Robert was born in Illinois to Franklin and Delilah Dollahan. When he was four, the family homesteaded in Western North Dakota, later moving to Kemmare. Bob had an eventful childhood on the prairie; he often told stories about those times. Many of those stories included animals. He had a pet crow that would come and sit on his head while he ploughed. He told of his loyal dog who babysat the baby while he and his mother fetched the cows who had strayed. But while the dog was a very protective babysitter, he took a dimmer view of gophers. In fact, he took great delight in depleting the gopher population. While the family approved this activity, they didn't approve of the way another of Bob's pets treated the family's chickens. Bob understood why they had to destroy the pet wolf he had raised from infancy. Of course, no childhood would be complete without running away. Bob did that too. He thought

⁴⁵¹This biographical statement for Glen Dollahan was written by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁴⁵²Letters, Edith Ankenbauer to Olds, 1976 - 1978.

⁴⁵³Ibid.

⁴⁵⁴Virgil C. Dollahan, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979. He has compiled information on the lineage of the Dollahan family.

⁴⁵⁵Letters, Edith Ankenbauer to Olds, 1976 - 1978.

⁴⁵⁶Olds (Doris R.)-- annotations in her copy of Peter and Mary Bowers their Ancestors and Descendants, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, referring to a letter from Dorothy Ankenbauer.

⁴⁵⁷Ruth Gibson, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979. Ruth Gibson provided a list of names to Alice Wells which was then sent to Doris Olds by Phyllis (Wells) Whitmeyer.

⁴⁵⁸Robert B. Dollahan, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

⁴⁵⁹Ibid.

⁴⁶⁰Ibid.

⁴⁶¹"Am trying to remember if I wrote you about Bob Dollahan's passing away Aug 1990!"

⁴⁶²Letter from John and Dorothy Ankenbauer (Mesa, Arizona) to Doris R. Olds, Dec. 1990; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC).

⁴⁶³Letter from E. & K. Rude (Bellingham, Washington) to Doris R. Olds, Aug. 1990; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC), giving the full date.

⁴⁶⁴Robert B. Dollahan . Information for the Bowers book of 1979.

he'd leave home, maybe catch up with his dad at work. Along the road, he met his Grandpa Bowers who asked "Where are you going?" Bob replied haughtily, "I don't talk to strangers!"

By 1922, Bob was old enough to marry Agnes Mikkelson. That same year, he became a member of the Masonic Lodge, later becoming a charter member of Malta Lodge 131. In 1927, his daughter Katherine was born. Bob, often with his daughter, enjoyed many activities like bowling, skating, golf and other sports. At this time, Bob was working as an office supply salesman. Since he much enjoyed talking to people and since as a salesman he met many folks, he much enjoyed his job.

"In 1954, Bob and Agnes moved to Kalispell, Montana where they took over an office supply business. During the years until they retired in 1967, they received many visits from their daughter, her husband Ervin Rude, and their daughters Kay Lynn and Roberta. After retirement, Bob and Agnes moved to Bellingham, Washington. When Agnes died in 1979, Bob remained active. He enjoyed working in his yard, which he kept beautifully right up till the age of 90. When he didn't get around so well anymore, he moved first to an apartment, then to an alternate care facility. Finally, when he broke his hip last Fall and was confined to a wheelchair, he moved to a nursing home, where he especially enjoyed receiving visitors and watching sports on television."

These pages also include memories from other family members and several pictures of Bob and Agnes.⁴⁶⁵

- v. MARY ELISE⁴⁶⁶ was born on 10 Sep 1902 in Portal, Burke County, ND.⁴⁶⁷ She married James Larsen on 10 Jun 1924 in Minot, Ward County, ND.⁴⁶⁸ She died on 15 Jan 2000 at age 97.⁴⁶⁹ She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died 15 Dec 2000 with the last place of residence listed as Superior, Douglas County, WI. Mary Elise's SSN was issued in Wisconsin and her birth date is given as 10 Sep 1902.⁴⁷⁰

Mary had been a school teacher and then worked for the Wisconsin Conservation Department.⁴⁷¹ By 1978, Mary and her husband had retired and were living at Marshfield, Wisconsin.⁴⁷²

"Mary Lou lives here and I am living with her -- have been since February 93 -- I can still get around fairly well -- I have an inner Ear problem, but not too bad just can [not] keep my balance very well I wanted to still live alone, but my problem was falling -- So Mary Lou said I should live with her, which is fine, but if I ever get so I can't take care of myself I will go in a nursing home.

"My children ages are Howard 68 - Ruth and Roger 67 - Mary Lou 65, JoAnne 60, Jimmie 52 -- I have 22 Grandchildren 334 Great Grand children 2 Great Great Grand

⁴⁶⁵Letter, Robert B. Dollahan memorial to Doris R. Olds, Aug. 1990.

⁴⁶⁶Mary (Dollahon) Larsen, information provided for the Peter Bowers book of 1979.

⁴⁶⁷Ibid.

⁴⁶⁸Ibid.

⁴⁶⁹Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

⁴⁷⁰Ibid.

⁴⁷¹Virgil C. Dollahan . Information for the Bowers book of 1979.

⁴⁷²Mary (Dollahon) Larsen, for the Bowers book.

children -- just had a brand new one."⁴⁷³

"I write to Marlyn Reid, etc. -- Aunt Mary Dollahon was 96 last Sept., is in a home, not all that well -- some days expects to see Edith & Ruth & other days is fairly well up on the family. No major pain."⁴⁷⁴

- vi. MARGARET DELILAH⁴⁷⁵ was born on 4 Jul 1906.⁴⁷⁶ She died on 4 Jul 1906.⁴⁷⁷
- vii. BRUCE VAN DARRELL⁴⁷⁸ was born on 20 Jul 1909 in Kenmare, Ward County, ND.⁴⁷⁹ He married Norine Hough on 1 Jul 1939 in Yuma, AZ.⁴⁸⁰ He died on 4 Jan 1965 in Los Angeles, CA, at age 55.⁴⁸¹
He had no children.⁴⁸²

12. MARANDA⁴ BOWERS (*Peter³, John², John? or Peter?¹*) was born on 3 Oct 1867 near Sulphur Springs, Henry County, IN.^{483,484,485} She married Ira Oscar Ridgely, son of George Willis Ridgely and Susan Woods, on 19 Sep 1888 in Richland County, IL. The marriage was performed at the bride's parents home by B. R. Gerhart, M. G. and the witnesses were B. R. Gerhart, Geo. W. Ridgely, S. P. Bowers, and H. M. Findley.^{486,487,488} She died about 5:20 a. m. Thursday morning on 23 Jun 1960 in her Inglewood Farm home, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL, at age 92.⁴⁸⁹ She was buried on 25 Jun 1960 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁴⁹⁰

In October, 1869, when Maranda was two years old, she with her parents, three brothers, and four sisters came from Indiana to Richland County, Illinois. The family settled in Decker Township south of Noble. The first school she attended was a spring term in 1874 at Decker School. The teacher was Jennie McWilliams. Maranda kept a paper showing her grades as spelling 56, reading 55, and writing 50, with 60 given as the perfect score. She told of many good times she had while the family was in Decker Township. The Alvord family was

⁴⁷³Letter, Mary E. Larsen to Olds, 1 Aug 1993.

⁴⁷⁴Letter from John and Dorothy Ankenbauer (Mesa, Arizona) to Doris R. Olds, Dec. 2000; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC).

⁴⁷⁵Letters, Edith Ankenbauer to Olds, 1976 - 1978, saying she was stillborn.

⁴⁷⁶Ibid.

⁴⁷⁷Ibid.

⁴⁷⁸Letters, Edith Ankenbauer to Olds, 1976 - 1978.

⁴⁷⁹Ibid.

⁴⁸⁰Mary (Dollahon) Larsen, for the Bowers book.

⁴⁸¹Ibid.

⁴⁸²Ibid.

⁴⁸³Letter, Maranda Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 16 March 1953.

⁴⁸⁴Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers, with the notation "in the evening". Her father's Bible does not record the place of birth.

⁴⁸⁵Ridgely (Oscar) family, *Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely* (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.); Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, South Carolina, which does add the place of birth. Hereinafter cited as Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely.

⁴⁸⁶Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely.

⁴⁸⁷Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records.

⁴⁸⁸Ridgely (George Willis), *Ridgely, George W. -- family Bible record*, photocopy made 1967 (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.); unknown present owner, copy in my files, the date given here is 19 Sept 1889 (not 1888). Hereinafter cited as George W. Ridgely family Bible.

⁴⁸⁹Letter from Doris (Ridgely) Olds (Calhoun, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 29 June 1960; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁴⁹⁰Ibid.

often mentioned. She had played with the Alvord children and later worked for Mrs. Alvord. The Bowers family left that area and moved to Bonpas Township in 1885.

When Maranda was barely 18, she began teaching school. Her mother did not encourage her in this for she probably thought girls were better off in the home, but her father approved her teaching if she wished. Maranda went to Sedalia, Missouri, to stay with her sister Julia and attend Broadway School there for a summer term or two. It is not clear just what kind of course she may have taken there, but it was meant to improve her teaching. Perhaps it was just reinforcement and review of what she had learned in the rural schools. Anyway, she passed the teacher's examination and became a school teacher. This she enjoyed. She taught school in Richland County from 1885 to 1889. Some of the schools she taught were Red Head, White, and Harrison (also known as No. 5). They were rural, one room schools with grades 1 through 8. There are none in that area anymore. Her pupils were of all grades and all ages, some older than she, for it was not too unusual to attend these schools until age 21 or so. At least one term she had over 60 pupils and felt sad that she had to turn away the five year olds. There simply wasn't room. Books were few and audio-visual aids were unheard of. Many of the older pupils could not attend regularly because they must stay home and help with the work during the busy season. There was no janitor service; so Maranda went early to build fires and stayed late to clean, unless some older boy took over those chores. Maranda was teaching the Harrison School the fall that she and Oscar were married. Since his parents lived near that school, she and Oscar lived with them that winter.

Then her school teaching days were over. She was from then on a homemaker, for Oscar said he would make the living and she would make the living worthwhile. Over the next 25 years they became the parents of six children. She kept her interest in teaching and encouraged her children to do well in school. She kept a large map of Illinois behind the kitchen door. When any place on it was mentioned, it was located, thus reinforcing the study of geography as well as interest in places beyond the local area. Constellations were pointed out on clear nights when stars were bright in the country air. One child read aloud or pronounced words for spelling while others were washing dishes. It is surprising how many ways she found to mix teaching with daily living. This must have made an impression on her children, for each of the six was at some time a school teacher.

Both Maranda and Oscar were active members of the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren, and church attendance and activities held an important place in their lives. She was baptized into the Church of the Brethren in Jan. 1891 by David Troxel.[from a brief manuscript autobiography by Maranda Ridgely (for a Brethren history?)] Her mother wrote that the ice had to be broken for the baptism but "she did not mind it at all". Over the years Maranda served as Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, organizer of summer Bible Schools, and delegate from her church to the Church District Meetings. In 1955, she wrote that she was "still a school teacher at 88" because she was teaching a Sunday School class at Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren.

On March 4, 1889, not quite six months after their marriage, Oscar and Maranda Ridgely established their home on a farm located 1/2 mile south of Red Head School in Bonpas Township of Richland County, Illinois. This was part of the farm of 120 acres which they later named Inglewood. When they retired from farming, they sold this farm to their older son, George Howard, but they built a small house beside his and continued to live there. It served as a Ridgely farm for over 90 years. Here all six of their children were born and raised. Here they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. And here they lived until their deaths, his in 1941 and hers in 1960. She had lived 71 years on the same farm. This is truly the "Home Place."⁴⁹¹

Inglewood is now owned by their granddaughter, Karen (Murphy) Stremme who has been active in restoring and maintaining the place and, with her husband Don, farms it along with much of the nearby land.

⁴⁹¹The early years as told by Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely and written for the 1979 Bowers book by her daughter, Doris (Ridgely) Olds.

Maranda Ridgely and Ira Oscar Ridgely appeared on the census of 18 Jun 1900 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL. The listing shows:

Ridgley, Oscar Head, b. Dec 1866, age 33, married 11 years, farmer, he and his parents b. in Illinois
, Maranda, wife, b. Oct. 1867, age 32, married 11 years, had three children, all living, b. in Indiana,
parents b. in Penn.

, Bertha, daughter, b. Jan. 1890, age 10

, Howard, son, b. Aug 1893, age 6

, Homer, son, b. Sep 1897, age 2.⁴⁹²

In 1991, Evelyn McAleece sent to Doris Olds a post card that Maranda had written to her sister Julia Hardin at 1617 S. Harris Ave., Sedalia, Missouri.

"Dear Sister I thought I would send that apple butter this week but Oscar is using the team and Homer took the horse and buggy up to his grandma's Sun. He is helping Howard shuck corn. We have the apple butter made and want to start it from Claremont expect to go up next week. We are all well Lois and Leah are at school. Bertha is at home sewing I am ironing this morning Doras is talking. Yours M. Ridgely

The weather is warm tomato vines are still green. Nov. 10 1915."⁴⁹³

Maranda Bowers left a will dated 7 May 1947 in Richland County, IL.

"I, Maranda Ridgely, in the County of Richland and State of Illinois being of sound mind and memory, do therefore, make, ordain and publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament

"FIRST: I order and direct that my Executor hereinafter named, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

"SECOND: After payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath unto my son, George Howard Ridgely, the cottage in which I now reside to be his absolute estate forever.

"THIRD: I give and bequeath unto my son, George Howard Ridgely, all personal property in the cottage where I now reside, consisting of furniture, dishes, bedding, etc, except that each of my said children shall have the right and privilege of taking all articles which they have given to me, and each child shall have the privilege of taking some article of mine which is not attached to the cottage as a keepsake. All articles desired by the children to be removed at their earliest convenience, unless my son, George Howard Ridgely, shall authorize the children to leave such articles of personal property in the cottage.

"FOURTH: I give and devise unto my son, George Howard Ridgely, the following describe real estate, to wit:

The North Half of the North West Quarter of the South West Quarter of Section Three (3) Town Two (2) North, Range Thirteen (13) West of the second principal meridian, situate in the County of Lawrence and State of Illinois, to be his absolute estate forever in fee simple, in part payment for his many kindnesses to me.

"FIFTH: I give and bequeath all personal property of which I may die seized not hereinbefore bequeathed unto my children - BERTHA E. RIDGELY SWANK, GEORGE HOWARD RIDGELY, HOMER EDWIN RIDGELY, LOIS IRENE RIDGELY MURPHY, LEAH MARGARET RIDGELY McNAMARA and DORIS RIDGELY OLDS, share and share alike to be their absolute estate forever.

"SIXTH: I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my property of which I may die seized, both real, personal and mixed, of every kind and character unto my children, - BERTHA E. RIDGELY SWANK, GEORGE HOWARD RIDGELY, HOMER EDWIN RIDGELY, LOIS IRENE RIDGELY MURPHY, LEAH MARGARET RIDGELY McNAMARA, AND DORIS NAOMI RIDGELY OLDS, share and share alike to be their absolute estate forever.

"LASTLY: I make, constitute and appoint George Howard Ridgely to be the Executor of this, my Last Will

⁴⁹²1900 federal census of Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

⁴⁹³Letter, Evelyn McAleece to Olds, 5 Feb 1991, enclosing the card from her mother's things.

and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by made.

"IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the 7th day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and forty seven.

"Maranda Ridgely (SEAL)

"This instrument was on the day of the date hereof signed, published and declared by the said Testator, Maranda Ridgely, to be her last Will and Testament in presence of us and at h... request we have subscribed our names thereto at witness, in her presence, and in the presence of each other.

Ella H. Bunn

Betty Worrell

Carrie L. Winter"

The report of final settlement, March 12, 1962, showed a value of \$985.20 in cash, checking and savings accounts. After funeral expenses, court costs and attorney's fees of \$777.35, the balance of \$207.85 was distributed. Each of the living five children received \$34.64 and three grandchildren Eunice Swank, Eugene R. Swank and Evelyn Swank Johnson, received \$11.55.⁴⁹⁴

"Mrs. Maranda Bowers Ridgely, 92, passed away at her home near Parkersburg Thursday.

"She is survived by five children, George H. Ridgely of Parkersburg, Homer Ridgely of Olney, Mrs. Lois Murphy of Robinson, Mrs. Leah McNamara of Villa Park and Mrs. Doris Olds of Olney. Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Fannie Bunn and fifteen grandchildren.

"She was preceded in death by her husband, and one daughter Bertha Swank.

"Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Walnut Grove Church. Friends may call at the King Funeral Home in West Salem."⁴⁹⁵

"Ridgely, Maranda Bowers, was born Oct. 3, 1867 and died June 23, 1960. On Sept. 19, 1888, she was married to Oscar Ridgely, who preceded her in death. She was a member of the Walnut Grove church, Ill. She is survived by five children, fifteen grandchildren, and one sister. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. W. T. Hackman [Heckman]. Interment was in the church cemetery. -- Mrs. D. A. Ridgely, Parkersurg, Ill."⁴⁹⁶

Children of Maranda⁴ Bowers and Ira Oscar Ridgely were as follows:

- i. BERTHA ELISE⁵ was born on 18 Jan 1890 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL. She was born about 6:00 A.M.⁴⁹⁷ She married William Glenn Swank, son of William Swank and Susannah Hanawalt, on 15 Oct 1919 in Walnut Grove Church, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL. They were married at 7 p. m.⁴⁹⁸ She died on 9 Apr 1959 in Richland Memorial Hospital, Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 69.⁴⁹⁹ She was buried on 13 Apr 1959 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁵⁰⁰

⁴⁹⁴This copy is in the papers of Doris Olds, sent by Carrie L. Winter, attorney at law, Olney, Illinois, on 16 March 1962, along with a check for \$34.64 in payment of her portion.

⁴⁹⁵Mrs. Maranda Ridgely Dies, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, June 1960. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

⁴⁹⁶Ridgely, Maranda Bowers, *Gospel Messenger*, Elgin, Illinois, 1960. Hereinafter cited as *Gospel Messenger*.

⁴⁹⁷Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely.

⁴⁹⁸Wedding announcement.

⁴⁹⁹Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely, where these names, dates and times are recorded.

⁵⁰⁰Bertha (Ridgely) Swank, funeral card, 13 April 1959. copy in my files, Spartanburg, SC. The card shows birth and death dates and place of service and burial. Casket bearers were L. D. C. Rothrock, Charles Rothrock, Kenneth Ridgley [sic], Charles Matthes, Jonas Rothrock, and Frank Rothrock.

Bertha attended school at Red Head for the first eight grades, except for the one year when the Red Head School building burned. That year she and her brother George Howard stayed with their Ridgely grandparents and attended school in Lawrence County. In addition to this, she attended Mt. Morris College at Mr. Morris, Illinois. For a few years before her marriage, she taught in the local rural schools. Being the oldest of the six children she had the task -- or privilege? -- of helping with the younger ones. Since she did not marry until 1919, this extended over several years.

While attending Mt. Morris College, she met Glenn Swank and some other members of the Swank family. In her letters home in 1916, she mentions them often. So it was not a surprise that she and Glenn were later married. Theirs was the first marriage in the Walnut Grove Church.⁵⁰¹ It seems that the custom in that area had been to have marriages take place in the homes. Just after their marriage, she and Glenn left for Montana, where they first lived on the Swank farm near Froid, Montana. The first years were not easy ones, but as time went on they moved to another home nearer Poplar and built quite a large cattle and grain ranch.

Bertha came back to Illinois from time to time for visits and in later years stopped there on the way to and from Florida, where she and Glenn were spending the winters. She also spent most of the winter of 1922-23 at the home of her parents. Her second child, Eugene, was born that winter.

In the early spring of 1959, Glenn and Bertha were on their way from Florida to their home in Montana and stopped at her mother's home. Bertha became ill and died in the hospital in Olney, Illinois. So she died near where she had been born and her funeral was in the church in which she had been married.⁵⁰²

"Mrs. Bertha Swank, age 69, the wife of W. Glenn Swank, passed away Thursday morning at the Richland Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient since March 15.

"Mrs. Swank was a native of Bonpas Township and was the daughter of Oscar Ridgley [sic] and Miranda [sic] Bowers. She has been a resident of Poplar, Montana for the past 30 years.

"She and her husband had been vacationing in Florida and had stopped in this vicinity to visit relatives when she was stricken with her illness.

"Besides her husband she leaves three children, Eunice Swank of Laverne, Cal., Eugene R. Swank of Poplar, Montana, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson of Gridley, Cal. There are 10 grandchildren. Also surviving are her mother, Mrs. Maranda Ridgley of the Oak Grove Community and the following brothers and sisters: Homer Ridgley[sic] of Olney, George Ridgley[sic] of Parkersburg, Mrs. Lois Murphy of Robinson, Mrs. Leah McNamara of Villa Park and Mrs. Doris Olds of Calhoun.

"Funeral services for Mrs. Swank will be held on Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren with interment in the nearby church cemetery.

"Friends may call at the Summers-Wilson Funeral Home after noon Friday."⁵⁰³

A second obituary says:

⁵⁰¹An unidentified newspaper item is the reference for this.

⁵⁰²Biographical statement written by Doris R. Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁵⁰³Bertha Swank, 69, Dies on Thursday, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 10 April 1959, p. 1.

Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

"Bertha Elise Ridgely was born to Oscar and Maranda Ridgely in their home about five miles east of Parkersburg January 18, 1890. Early in life she united with the Church of the Brethren at Walnut Grove and was interested in the work of the church, teaching and helping in the local church and in the district. She attended Mr. Morris College and taught school in her home vicinity.

"On October 15, 1919, she was united in marriage to W. Glenn Swank then of Froid, Montana; the wedding having taken place in this church with Bro. Dow Ridgely performing the ceremony. They moved immediately to Montana and lived on the Swank homestead at Froid. In 1928 they moved to their farm north of Poplar where they have lived for the last thirty-one years.

"Her home and church were always her chief interests. Her thoughts and deeds were bestowed generously and unstintingly on others without thought of self in a quiet unassuming maner. Loved ones, neighbors, and a host of friends feel a loss with her passing.

"Death came April 9th 1959, at the Richland Memorial Hospital in Olney after she suffered a stroke three weeks previously. She and her husband had been vacationing in Florida and they stopped to visit relatives when she was stricken.

"Besides her husband she leaves three children, Eunice of La Verne, California, Eugene of Poplar, Montana and Evelyn Johnson of Gridley, California, ten grandchildren, her mother Maranda Ridgely of Parkersburg, two brothers, George Ridgely of Parkersburg, and Homer Ridgely of Olney, three sisters, Mrs. Lois Murphy of Robinson, Mrs. Leah McNamara of Villa Park, Ill. and Mrs. Doris Olds of Calhoun.

"Funeral services and burial were April 13 at the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren with Reverend Mark Emswiler of Froid, Montana conducting the services assisted by Reverend Max Benson."⁵⁰⁴

- ii. GEORGE HOWARD was born on 7 Aug 1893 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL. at about 6 p. m.⁵⁰⁵ He married Mary Edna Spidle, daughter of Edward O. Spidle and Anna Elizabeth Kuntz, on 30 Aug 1930 in First Church of the Brethren, Chicago, Cook County, IL.⁵⁰⁶ He died on 25 Aug 1983 at age 90.⁵⁰⁷ He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, near Parkersburg, Richland County, IL.⁵⁰⁸

In 1928, Maranda wrote Howard (3523 Congress Street, Chicago) a birthday note, recalling the day of his birth.

"Dear Howard

"Just two more days and it will be Aug. 7 again.

⁵⁰⁴Bertha (Ridgely) Swank, manuscript obituary, undated, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC, This is a handwritten document on two pages, by an unknown author. It may have been in the papers of Maranda Ridgely or George H. Ridgely.

⁵⁰⁵Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely.

⁵⁰⁶from Mary (Spidle) Ridgely.

⁵⁰⁷Esther Ernestine Ribley, funeral card.

⁵⁰⁸Ibid.

"I am wishing you a very good day - not only an enjoyable day for then, only, but am hoping and believing too you can look back to the days past without remorse, and forward with pleasant anticipation.

"When I think back to your birthday it does not seem long since one morning your Papa was going to help Mr. Kimmel thresh, but got Uncle Milo to go in his place - all day was warm and a somewhat anxious one. Papa went for Grandma Bowers and I have the paper yet that she left at their home for your grand-pa telling him "Oscar came for me, I don't know when I'll be back." I remember I gathered lettuce seed so it would not all go to waste, and some such other things as I could. About 11:00 a.m. Dr. Canby stopped here and told us he was needed at Grant Higgins' if he could go. He went and as he came back he told us they had a baby girl - now Bessie Holsen. About 6:00 p. m. we had a baby boy - and looking up the road for about the "__tieth time" they said "Now he (the doctor) is coming." About as soon as he had pronounced things all right Grandma Bowers asked him about Uncle Dan's baby, Gertrude. He said "She was dying when I left, that is what made me late." She would have been six months old on Aug. 16 or 17 I forget which.

"We were glad for our boy as we had a girl. Those things may not interest you but the day brings them to my remembrance so vividly, and it does not seem so many years ago but when I think over the changes as they came to us, and others, -- how you did so want so wipe dishes, and I said when you came to my apron band you could -- how you'd measure often; then came school days - and more school days then you went to Grandma's - then to camp it almost makes me think it was longer ago than it has been

"The Sunday of Uncle Jim's funeral, you remember, I wrote you of Alta's being here. While we were getting the dinner she spoke of Dow's family, and how unruly his little ones have been, and of course we said what we'd have done had we been in Dow's place, then we talked of our own. She said Mamma says "It was no trouble for Randa to raise her children, and so does Aunt Fannie." I said my children are "human" like other people["]s. She said "I've been here a good deal and I know there is a difference". I told her they surely take after their father then. I wonder why they think it was no trouble to raise my children? I think it is because you have made men and women of yourselves. I am hoping it will be always that way. Not a day passes that prayers do not go up to God to help you to do Right, and be good and useful men and women in the age you live. Do not fail to "acknowledge Him in all your ways" for then "He will direct thy path." With love and Best wishes from Mother."

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He was known as Howard, George, and G. H. Ridgely. In childhood and youth, the family knew him as Howard and this may well have been to avoid confusion with his grandfather, George W. Ridgely, who would have been "the " George Ridgely. Later, probably both in service and during his time in Chicago, new friends knew him as George. Some of the family began to use that name as well and throughout his life he was sometimes referred to as Howard, sometimes as George and sometimes as G. H. Ridgely. I knew him as "Uncle George."

⁵⁰⁹Letter, Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely to Ridgely, 1928.

Howard had apparently expected to pursue the life of a farmer as his father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather in the Ridgely line had done before him in Wabash and Richland counties, Illinois. It was about 1910-1911 that his grandmother, Susan Ridgely, came to Oscar's house to ask permission for Howard to live and work with her. He did go and was living there in Lukin Township of Lawrence County when he went into World War I service as a conscientious objector at Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky and worked on a farm.

George Howard Ridgely registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 5 Jun 1917 in Lukin Precinct, Lawrence County, IL. He described himself as living at Sumner, Illinois, age 23, born 7 Aug 1893 at Parkersburg, Illinois, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, slender in build, with blue eyes and had brown hair. Although he signed as George Howard Ridgely, the name at the top of the form is written George Howard Ridgley.⁵¹⁰

George H. Ridgely, private, enlisted 2 Oct 1917 from Lawrenceville, Illinois and was discharged 26 Dec. 1918 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky, from "2nd Co., Development Battalion No. 1, United States Army". He was a conscientious objector "who has done no military duty whatsoever and who refused to wear the uniform." He was described as living in Parkersburg when he enlisted at age 24 2/12 years of age, a farmer, with blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion and 5 feet 6 inches in height.⁵¹¹

One of Howard's clippings from this time reported: "Howard Ridgley[sic]⁵¹², one of the most progressive young farmers in Lukin township, left for Camp Taylor, but before going was given one [of] the biggest farewell receptions ever given in that community. G. T. Foss and family planned a reception for the ten or twelve young men who were to go from Lukin, including his own son, Ruel, but the 'eleventh hour' word from the exemption board to the effect that some of them would not be called till later, relieved all but Howard Ridgley [sic]. The reception was held as planned anyhow, and nearly a hundred were present. ..."

When Howard was in Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky, during World War I, he kept in touch with family and friends back home by letter. The Ridgely family left at home gathered around the table in evenings and each wrote a letter or note to Howard.⁵¹³ One of his letters from Camp Taylor was apparently to a friend who was a newspaper editor and the letter below is quoted from a clipping apparently from a Lawrence County newspaper. It describes his early experiences at camp.

"From Howard Ridgley[sic] at Camp Taylor

"Young Lukin Farmer Describes his Experience at Camp

"Howard Ridgley[sic], who left with the rest of the Lawrence County boys for Camp Taylor, October 3d. has been kind enough to comply with our request to write a letter

⁵¹⁰Ancestry.com, registration card images, 1917-1918, www.ancestry.com. used in Nov. 2005.

⁵¹¹George Howard Ridgely, Discharge papers, 26 Dec. 1918, copy in my files, Spartanburg, SC.

⁵¹²This spelling was the usual one among most of the Ridgely's of Lawrence County who were descendants of Westall Ridgely.

⁵¹³Interview with Lesa (McCarty) Evans (Spartanburg, South Carolina), by Dan W. Olds, 16 July 2005.

descriptive of the camp life and their course of training at Camp Taylor.

"This life is new to Howard, who has been a farmer all his life, and he finds it a strange, but not a disagreeable contrast.

"It will be of interest to know that he is of a religious conviction that does not advocate war, and that it will be remembered that at the time the selective draft was made a provision was made for men of that class that they would not be required to fight in actual combat with the enemy.

"The United States government is probably the only nation in the world to make such a generous provision for the religious scruples of its citizens.

"His letter follows:

"National War Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, Camp Taylor, Ky., Oct. 26, 1917.

"My Dear Friend John:

"I received your letter of the 12th last evening. I did not get the paper you spoke of sending and was sorry for we boys are always anxious to hear from home. Mail comes to the bar[r]acks twice a day except Sunday when we get it once.

"We left Lawrenceville at 1:45 p. m. October 3d and had a bunch of noisy boys. Almost everyone in all the towns and along the roads waved hats, hands or clothes or flags at us as we passed. We have a fond memory of the parting reception the people of Lawrenceville gave us and it has since proven very helpful to us.

"We arrived at Camp Taylor at 11 p.m., and had had no supper nor no lights in our coach. We were received through the Illinois chutes, and counted to see if we were all present. (Some were not in a very presentable condition, however.) We had to walk quite a ways to the barra[c]ks and got there about one o'clock, altho were [sic] weren't on the wya [sic] all the time as it took quite a long time to get us all straightened out. There were twenty coaches all nearly full. At the barra[c]ks we were given two ham sandwiches and coffee. We were ready for bed about 1:30. The boys who were there had kindly filled our ticks for us with straw. There weren't enough cots for all and I had to sleep on the floor, but what difference did that make for I was soon asleep and had a good half a night's sleep. We were issued a mess kit and one pair of blankets before we went to bed, and so we had to learn to keep comfortable with more limited provisions, a little different from what I had been used to.

"The next morning we were aroused at 5:45 and were ready for roll call at 5:55 and had breakfast at 6:10.

"To get our 'mess' as it is called we line up in single file and pass along a long counter where the provisions are contained in huge vessels and mn[?] at each vessel gives each man a helping, much the same as in the familiar 'cafeteria' lunch room, except the very conspicuous absence of any ticket to pay after one gets done. If we dont' [sic] get enough the first time we are given more. When we are through eating we wash our own mess kit, knife fork and spoon and granite cup. For the most of us this is not a very painstaking job, for we shake the dishes around a little in a tub of hot water, then in a tub of rensing [sic] water and call it done. The mess kit is a very neat and compact arrangement.

"We have been issued our uniforms and now we have our heavy underwear. We were issued 1 hat, 2 pair medium weight underwear, 3 pair of socks, 1 shirt, 1 pair trousers, 1 pair leggings, and later have been issued 1 overcoat, 1 rain coat, 1 pair gloves, 2 pair

heavy underwear and another pair of shoes.

"A few days after we arrived we were vaccinated. I have been vaccinated twice and it doesn't seem to have done any good either time. Some of the boys had very sore arms and some were sick from its effects. We were all inoculated and I found that it made me feel lazy for a day, but it did not hurt me. Yesterday we were given our third and last inoculation.

"I was moved yesterday with some people who do not believe in combatant service. There isn't any definite decision yet as to what we'll do that I know of. I took the training and drilling with the other boys until I was moved here. I have been treated fine, and since I've been moved here with these boys we've had 'some' feed. Have eaten at cook and bakers school and just set down to the table and eat till we're satisfied like home.

"The barra[c]ks are two story buildings 144 by 54 feet, with the kitchen on one end. Half of th[e] ground floor is devoted to mess hall and the other half of the ground floor and all the upper floor to bunks. We have a fine bath house with shower bath and hot and cold water.

"I think I have seen only one man from St. Francisville, a Mr. Sheridan. Yes, John we would appreciate you sending us used magazines. I know the other boys would enjoy them too.

"Sincerely your frind,

"Sincerely your friend,

"Howard Ridgley[sic]."⁵¹⁴

Life in camp was difficult for many conscientious objectors or "C. O.s". The United States had declared war on Germany in April of 1917 and the Selective Service Act was passed on May 18, 1917. It provided some exemption for C. O.s but not exemption from service in a capacity that the president would define as noncombatant. President Wilson's definition did not come until March 20, 1918, and then defined it as "noncombatant military service" which was not acceptable to those who felt they could not serve in any military capacity. The ongoing war provided a very difficult climate in which the federal government and representatives of various churches negotiated. The patriotic pressure to conform fell upon the young men who had been drafted but felt they must refuse service. Howard kept several clippings from newspapers and church newsletters such as the Brethren "Messenger" which reported some of this difficulty. One editor wrote that many people felt that C. O.s, since they would not fight for their country in its time of need, should be sentenced to long prison terms of hard labor or even shot to death. This same editor thought that shooting would waste ammunition needed for the war effort and that there were chemical processes available which could be used to turn the C. O.s into new ammunition for the war rather than using up what was already available. One line of thinking in the noncombatant churches (the Brethren were not the only ones, by any means) was that their members had chosen to follow the Bible and obey the word of God which included the commandment "Thou shalt not kill". Their members should not plead merely that their sons be kept out of harm's way. They

⁵¹⁴from an unidentified newspaper clipping in the collections of Doris Olds.

should expect to perform services for the government and the country they loved and benefitted from and should accept non-combatant roles, even dangerous ones at the front lines such as helping sick and wounded. Others opposed any support of the war, even refusing to buy Liberty Loan Bonds or donate to the Red Cross. Some of the "boys" refused to wear the uniform or to obey the orders of their officers, an act for which they were threatened with death. Many were housed in detention units in their camps and treated something like prisoners. Some were tried and sentenced to prison at Ft. Leavenworth. A few men refused their pay resulting from forced service; sixty Mennonite "absolute objectors" at Camp Taylor refused pay. For some, non-combatant roles were a compromise they could not make. One stated reason for this, until the government could clarify their status, was that any superior officer could order them transferred to a fighting role at will. Others felt that helping the war effort in any way was aiding the killing which they could not support and said that helping to patch up a wounded soldier so he could return to battle was the same as helping to repair a machine gun and was wrong. Some of the officers treated such men harshly. It was a difficult time for both the C. O.s and for the others in the nation, as they formulated, examined and lived out their feelings and attitudes on this subject.

Nevertheless, Howard seems to have had the support of many friends at home, as shown in this unidentified clipping, containing Oak Grove news.

"Howard Ridgely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ridgely, who has been at Camp Taylor for some time, visited home folks from Monday evening until Friday evening. Howard looks well and offers no serious complaint concerning camp life. Wednesday evening about forty Richland and Edwards county friends called to see him and on the following evening about the same number from Lawrence county. For the past few years Howard has been farming with his grandmother in Lawrence county."⁵¹⁵

A special conference of the Brethren Church was held on Jan. 9, 1918 which had a tract printed, explaining the New Testament foundation of their beliefs. This tract called for more efforts in church and mission work, urged members to support their government (but to remember that the word of God was the final authority), to pray for the rulers of our nation, to "contribute liberally to the relief of human suffering, both in men and money", to give "freely of our substance for constructive relief work, such as Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Friends' Relief Work, or through our own Service Committee." "We are petitioning the Government to give our drafted brothers such industrial noncombatant service as will contribute constructively to the necessity, health and comfort of hungering, suffering humanity, either here or elsewhere. We further urge our brethren not to enlist in any service which would, in any way, compromise our time-honored position in relation to war; also that they refrain from wearing the military uniform. The tenets of the church forbid military drilling, or learning of the art or arts of war, of doing anything which contributes to the destruction of human life or property."

"We commend the loyalty of the brethren in the Camps for their firm stand in not participating in the arts of war. We do not wish to oppose the consciences of those

⁵¹⁵Unidentified clipping from the papers of Doris Olds.

brethren who, in some Camps, found work which they felt they could conscientiously do, but urge them to do only such work as will not involve them in the arts of destruction." This tract was printed with a Certificate of Church Membership with instructions that each church complete one for "each member now in the Camp, and to each one as he may be called in the future. That, if need be, these may be shown to the officers of Camps as the final and highest authority from the church to which they belong." The copy in Howard's papers certified that George Howard Ridgely "is a member in good standing in the Big Creek congregation of the Church of the Brethren and is entitled to all the war exemption privileges granted to members of organizations that held nonresistant principles." It signed by "Pastor or Bishop" Dow A. Ridgely and Clerk Bertha E. Ridgely on March 28, 1918.

Finally, a solution which must have been acceptable to most, was worked out in Washington. It was the farm furlough as reported in the next clipping.

"OBJECTORS WILL WORK FARMS. Problem of Drafted Opposed to the War Believed to be Solved. ... Under an order issued in Washington last night final disposition is made of conscientious objectors at Camp Zachary Taylor and at the other military camps of the country. The order by which this class of selects go to the farms if found sincere comes just at the conclusion of court-martial trials here at the big Louisville cantonment and at the same time solves a problem that the transfer of the 84th Division presented.

"The report of the order from Washington says: ...

"Drafted men claiming conscientious objection to military service and who have been found by army authorities to be sincere in refusing duty with noncombatant units as prescribed by President Wilson are to be segregated at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., under terms of an order announced by Secretary [of War] Baker. If found to be sincere in their scruples by a special board of inquiry they will be furloughed to work on farms as laborers at private's pay. ... 'Under no circumstances will conscientious objectors be discharged from their responsibilities under the selective service act,' the order says, and instructions are renewed to military courts-martial to try and punish all found to be insincere, defiant or active in attempting to convert others to their belief.

"The new board will give a final test to those acquitted or not tried by the military tribunals, and if it does not recommend a furlough for farm labor, or the objector refuses to accept it, punishment under the articles of war is provided.

"In exceptional cases the board is authorized to assign objectors to the Friends' Reconstruction Unit in France.

"Money earned by the furloughed objectors in excess of a private's pay and subsistence is to go to the Red Cross, and the permission is to be continued only so long as the objector is reported by disinterested observers to be working to the best of his ability.

"Only a relatively small number of men will be affected by the order, as most of the objectors promptly accept noncombatant service." The article continues, reporting that

the 84th Division was to be transferred to Camp Sherman in Chillicothe, Ohio.⁵¹⁶

On 2 Nov. 1918, Howard wrote to the Friends Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, with a request to to be assigned to reconstruction work in the U. S. or France.

"I hereby send in my application for reconstruction work either in U. S. or France where needed most. I'm a member of the Church of the Brethren for several years. Was called to Camp Z. Taylor a year ago the 3rd of last October. was before the examining Board and recommended for farm furlough. Was furloughed July 18 '18 and am still at the same place in Kentucky.

"While in Camp I was cook for nearly six months for C. O. Detachment.

"Before going to Camp I lived on a farm, 'till past seventeen years of age with my parents after that and 'till was called to Camp lived with my Grandmother on 140 acre farm at Sumner, Illinois. Grandfather being dead. I have only country school education graduating from the 8th grade at 12 years of age.

"I have no dependents. Am in good health. Have passed all the physical exams O. K. so far as known. For reference:

Dow A. Ridgely, Parkersburg, R #1. Illinois. Elder of home church.

George W. Prout, St. Francisville, Illinois, an aged neighbor.⁵¹⁷

Lawrence T. Miller

Lawrence Lindley

Both classed in reconstruction unit by the Board when I was classed in farm furlough unit.

George Howard Ridgely, Shelbyville, R. R. #2[?] Kentucky, c/o Carl Hauser."⁵¹⁸

After the war, he again returned to his grandmother's farm. The following newspaper clipping tells something more of his character and story.⁵¹⁹

"Howard Ridgley[sic] Making Good

"Howard Ridgeley[sic], who was born in Richland County, but who early went to live with his grandmother north of White Oak School in Lukin has returned from Chicago where he has been going to school for the last 7 years. One day not so long ago Howard

⁵¹⁶The quote is from an unidentified newspaper clipping, perhaps from a Louisville, KY, paper. Articles on the reverse side have datelines of May 31 and June 1. Since the 84th Division of the National Army was organized in Sept. 1917 and remained in training at Camp Taylor until Aug. 1918, the date must be early June, 1918.

⁵¹⁷While in Chicago, George Ridgely continued to exchange letters with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Prout. They expressed appreciation for his helpfulness to them when they had been neighbors and said that he seemed more like family than just a friend. Perhaps they did not know it, but research into the descent both men have from George Higgins shows that they were family. In fact this George Higgins of Connecticut and Illinois probably was the source of the name George in both men.

⁵¹⁸Letter from George Howard Ridgely (Shelbyville, Kentucky) to Philadelphia Friends Service Committee, 2 Nov 1918; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC) , Possibly this is a draft copy or maybe the letter was never sent?

⁵¹⁹This is from an unidentified newspaper in the collection of Doris Olds. Two copies have helped in reading the faded print. One makes it clear that this is part of an article titled County School Notes by E. C. Cunningham, County Superintendent of Schools.

was just one of the Lukin farmers who stopped his horses under a shade tree, and while resting, he dreamed and thought and dreamed and this was the central thought:

"'I want an education.' Something told him it was not altogether impossible even though he was then 26 years of age and not a high school graduate. When he went to the other end of the field he threw down te[sic] lines and unhooked the traces with his mind thoroughly made up that he would be an educated man in the not far-off future. He sold off his farming tools at a sale and started to Chicago with no money, practically speaking. Soon he found a job firing a furnace; later he secured a better job. That fall he started to Lewis Institute on his high school course. When that was finished he started with a firm determination to get his degree there. It gives me pleasure to say at this time that he lacks only two credits of having that right now, just 7 years from the date on which he started, and he did it all himself. He is now assistant professor to one of the big men there at the college. This pays him more than the average man makes, and, at the same time, he is working his way through. We salute [you], Howard. You have what more of us need. You will make good."

He once told me that he had moved to his grandmother's farm to live and work there with the expectation that the farm would be his own at some time. However, it was apparently his grandmother's plan to divide the property among her five children. Learning that he would not inherit or acquire this farm played a part in Howard's decision to leave. This decision made by Howard Ridgely clearly had a major effect on his life but it was not made by one whose family had not previously valued education. His mother, Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, had obtained extra education at a school in Sedalia, Missouri, where her sister Julia Hardin lived and Maranda later taught school in Illinois before her marriage. Maranda's brother, Sam, was also a school teacher at some time and another brother, Dan, obtained an MD degree in St. Louis. Howard's older sister, Bertha, had gone away to school at Mt. Morris College. Nevertheless, Howard's decision to leave the farming life and to live and work in Chicago while obtaining an education must have been a significant factor in the decisions his parents later made to allow his three younger sisters, each in turn, to move to Chicago and continue their education. At one time, Howard and his three sisters all lived in a Chicago flat and shared expenses. All four completed their college work. Howard's high school work at Lewis Institute extended from June, 1921, through August, 1923. He began his college work in September, 1923, and earned his B. S. in Chemistry from Lewis Institute in June, 1928.

Howard began advanced work in Chemistry at the University of Chicago, while still teaching at Lewis Institute. However, his university education stopped just short of completing a Ph. D. in chemistry. When his final degree was nearly acquired, he again made a change of life plan. He purchased his father's farm, agricultural equipment and live stock in 1938. After his spring school term of 1940, he and Mary moved back to Inglewood farm. Howard was a farmer again, owning and operating that farm for the rest of his life. However, his approach to farming never seemed to concentrate on the financial aspect but on the many experiments one could do in planning, planting and caring for crops and animals.

George Howard Ridgely appeared on the census of 15 Apr 1930 at 3523 Congress Street, Ward 29, Chicago, Cook County, IL.

Ridgely, H. George, 33, teacher, not a veteran

, I. Lois, sister, 24, student and housekeeper
, M. Leah, sister, 21, occupation none
, N. Doris, sister, 17, occupation none

They were renting in a house owned by Jacob Greenberg and paying \$60/month. They had a radio. Notice the middle initials have been placed before the first name. This appears to have been done with other entries on this page.⁵²⁰

Another clipping describes him as a faculty member at Lewis Institute.

"FACULTY TINTYPES

"The second of our biographical disquisitions is devoted to Mr. G. Ridgely, instructor in Analytical, Physical and General Chemistry. Mr. Ridgely is a product of Lewis, literally weaned in our citadel of culture. He has been teaching at Lewis about eleven years, during which time he has developed the virtue of patience to the 'nth' degree. For if any one thing can be said about him it is his Job-like patience. In some inconceivable manner during those eleven years of teaching both day and night school Mr. Ridgely has also managed to go to school. The fruits of his continued schooling are soon to be realized when he gets his Ph. D. from the University of Chicago within the coming year. Of particular interest to the chemists is the treatise Mr. Ridgely wrote toward his doctor's degree. This treatise has been published in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, entitled "Nitrogen Compounds of Germanium."

"Why does Mr. Ridgely wear that collar, and when does he find time to sleep? These are the proverbial questions asked by the newcomers at Lewis. In answer to the former Mr. Ridgely prides to call himself a "Dunker", a sect of the Baptists. The answer to the latter question remains a mystery to us.

"By means of his lectures Mr. Ridgely convinces his students that the improbable, the implausible, and often the impossible come true. For no matter how dense you may be you can feel an electric aura about his lectures that shocks you into action. But it is not merely his ability to lecture; it is also his consideration for the individual. He aggrandizes the individual [and] makes him feel at ease. No one is insignificant, all are important.

"A connoisseur of horses, stamp collector, and theoretical farmer are the hobbies which Mr. Ridgely crams into the nerve-straining life of an instructor. We dubbed him a theoretical farmer because on the question of whether to plant alfalfa or clover he is the foremost authority in the Chemistry department. The lack of time is the only thing that stops Mr. Ridgely from applying some of his farming theories. His great ambition in life is to become an able equestrian.

"As Socrates was a gadfly to Athenian Sophists' so Mr. Ridgely is an energizer who electrifies our somnolent minds in Physical Chemistry."⁵²¹

In 1938 George purchased Inglewood Farm from his parents, who soon retired. He and his wife Mary moved to the farm in 1940. They continued the farming operation and raised cattle and horses. He liked his horses especially and had some fine ones. After Mary died in 1979, George Howard continued to live on the farm which his father had

⁵²⁰1930 federal census of Cook County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁵²¹an undated clipping from "The Lewis Whatsit" in the collections of Doris Olds.

bought in 1889, and he continued to raise cattle, although in reduced numbers.⁵²²

"George Ridgley [sic], 90

"George Howard Ridgley [sic], Rt. 1, Parkersburg, died at 2:04 p. m. Thursday in Richland Memorial Hospital.

"Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at Summers Funeral Home with his sisters officiating. A graveside service will be conducted by Rev. Arthur Ritchey. Burial will be in Walnut Grove. Visitation is today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

"Mr. Ridgley [sic] was born Aug. 7, 1893, in Richland County, the son of Oscar and Maranda (Bowers) Ridgley. He married Mary Spidle on Aug 30, 1930, and she preceded him in death in 1975.

"He was a farmer and a member of the Parkersburg Church of the Brethren.

"Survivors include three sisters, Lois Murphy, Robinson; Leah McNamara, Arkadelphia, Ark.; and Mrs. Robert (Doris) Olds, Leesburg, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

"He was preceded in death by his parents and wife."⁵²³

- iii. HOMER EDWIN was born on 30 Sep 1897 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁵²⁴ He married Ethel Mae Rash, daughter of James Milton Rash and Mae Belle Albin, on 16 Mar 1919 in the James Rash Home, Richland County, IL, at 11 a. m.⁵²⁵ He married Mrs. Helen Craven on 4 May 1963 in First Christian Church, Olney, Richland County, IL. She was "of Clinton, Illinois."⁵²⁶ He and Helen were divorced before 10 Jan 1967.⁵²⁷ He married Pearl Easterday on 14 Apr 1971 in Chillicothe, IL.^{528,529} He died on 8 Mar 1973 at age 75.⁵³⁰ He was buried on 10 Mar 1973 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁵³¹

Homer attended Red Head School through the eight grades, and when old enough, he obtained a teaching certificate. Beginning in 1916, he taught school for three years. His first term was for 7 months at Oak Grove School for which he received \$40 per month.⁵³² He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, IL. He described himself as living on RFD #1, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, age 20, born 30 Sep 1897, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with gray eyes and had dark hair. His closest

⁵²²Biographical statement written by Doris R. Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁵²³Obituaries: George Ridgley, 90, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, although a preliminary version had been published earlier, using the name George Howard Koertge!. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

⁵²⁴Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely, about 2 a.m.

⁵²⁵from Helen (Ridgely) Reed.

⁵²⁶from Helen (Ridgely) Reed.

⁵²⁷Letter from Helen (Ridgely) Reed (Olney, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 10 Jan 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁵²⁸Homer E. Ridgely, 75, dies, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 8 March 1973, page 4. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

⁵²⁹Olds (Doris R.)-- annotations in her copy of Peter and Mary Bowers their Ancestors and Descendants, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, adding the place.

⁵³⁰Funeral card, Zirkle Mortuary.

⁵³¹Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.

⁵³²Among the school records in Olney, Illinois, found by Doris Olds.

relative was Oscar Ridgely of RFD #1, Parkersburg.⁵³³

Following his marriage, he and Ethel went to a farm west of Olney and later to his grandmother's farm south of Sumner, Illinois. In 1925, he and his family moved to Olney. He never farmed again, although at the time of his death he owned a farm east of Parkersburg.

In Olney, he was first employed by Murray Hardware Store. In 1930, he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of Richland County Treasurer and served a four year term. For several years he was cashier at the Olney Trust Bank.⁵³⁴

Homer Edwin Ridgely and Ethel Mae Rash appeared on the census of 9 Jan 1920 in Olney Township, Richland County, IL. Homer E., age 22, and Ethel M, age 20, were listed under the name Ridegly, renting a farm.⁵³⁵

"Homer Ridgely for Treasurer

"Homer Ridgely is announced this week as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the Republican primary election April 8. Mr. Ridgely is one of Richland county's finest young men. At present he is employed in the Geo. P. Kaley Clothing & Shoe Co. store where he has been for the past three years. Previous to that time he was a clerk in the Murray hardware store, serving in that capacity for a year.

"He was born on a farm and followed that line until he was importuned to take up the work in Olney's stores. Because of his genial disposition, accomodating ways and likeable qualities he was one of the most successful clerks in the city.

"If nominated by the Republicans he will make an active canvass of the county and his election will be assured."⁵³⁶

Homer Edwin Ridgely appeared on the census of 14 Apr 1930 in 1123 East Butler Street, First Ward, Olney City, Richland County, IL. Ridgely, Homer E., age 32, first married at 21

, Ethel M., age 31, first married at 19

, Helen M., age 8, dau.

, Esther F., age 4, dau.

Homer was listed as a census enumerator for the U. S. Government. Nina Cummings, age 69, widow, was living at the same address. Homer and Nina are both listed as owners.⁵³⁷

Uncle Homer investigated the Ridgely family history during the time he worked at the Richland County Court House. His records and correspondence helped me get started when I began to do the same thing, years later. An unidentified clipping among the papers of Clara Belle Moore of Parkersburg, Illinois, includes the name of Homer E. Ridgely among the trustees of the Disciples of Christ church who lost their claim to ownership of the "new Elm Street Christian Church, in Olney ... settled yesterday in Richland County Circuit Court when Judge Randall S. Quindry of Fairfield ruled in favor of the Elm St. Christian Church" "The suit here is believed to have represented

⁵³³Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

⁵³⁴Biographical statement written by Doris R. Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁵³⁵1920 federal census of Richland Co., Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁵³⁶an undated clipping in the collections of Doris Olds and also a campaign card showing Homer Ridgely, Republican Candidate for Treasurer of Richland County, primary election Tuesday, April 8, 1930.

⁵³⁷1930 federal census of Richland Co., Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

the largest volume of paper work of any legal action in Richland County history."

"Homer E. Ridgely has been employed as one of the four radio operators at the Olney City Police Department and has begun his duties."⁵³⁸

"Homer E. Ridgely, 75, of Oblong, formerly of Olney, died early this morning at the Richland Memorial Hospital following an illness of several months.

"He was born in Bonpas Township September 30, 1897, a son of Oscar and Maranda BowersRidgely. He was first married to Ethel M. Rash on March 16, 1919 who preceded him in death on August 8, 1962. On April 14, 1971 he was united with Mrs. Pearl Easterday Wilson, who survives.

"He was a former rural teacher in Bonpas Township, served as Richland County Treasurer from 1930-34, served two terms as a member of the Richland County Board of Supervisors, 1945-1953, Richland County Board of Review, and radio operator for the city of Olney.

"He was a member of Richland Lodge No. 180 IOOF, Olney Encampment No. 61, Rebekah Lodge No. 201, and a member of Olney First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, where he had served as an elder, trustee and teacher.

"Besides his wife, Pearl, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen Reed and Mrs. Esther Hickel, both of Olney; one brother, George H. Ridgely of Parkersburg; three sisters, Mrs. Leah McNamara of Arkadelphia, Ark., Mrs. Lois Murphy of Route 3, Robinson; and Mrs. Doris Olds of Route 4, Olney; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grand children; 3 step children, James J. and Robert A. Wright, both of Sumner, Mrs. Wanda Bell of Chillicothe, Illinois, 8 step-grandchildren and 10 step-great-granchildren.

"Services will be held Saturday at 2:00 p. m. in the Chapel of the Zirkle Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur Ritchey officiating assisted by Rev. LaVerl Cook. Interment will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday."⁵³⁹

- iv. LOIS IRENE was born on 24 Jan 1906 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁵⁴⁰ She married Raymond Breerton Murphy, son of Frank Murphy and Leona Breerton, on 10 Dec 1933 in Crown Point, Lake County, IN.⁵⁴¹ She died on 26 Jun 1993 at age 87. She was buried on 29 Jun 1993 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁵⁴²

Lois Irene Ridgely appeared on the census of 15 Apr 1930 in the household of George Howard Ridgely in 3523 Congress Street, Ward 29, Chicago, Cook County, IL.⁵⁴³

Lois attended school at the rural Red Head School until she completed eight grades. In 1923 she went to Chicago to attend school. She received a B. S. Degree in 1930 from Lewis Institute and became a teacher there in the Biology Department, a position she

⁵³⁸Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings.

⁵³⁹Homer E. Ridgely, 75, dies, *Olney Daily Mail*, 8 March 1973, page 4.

⁵⁴⁰Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely, "about 11:45 p.m.", although it does not provide the place.

⁵⁴¹from Lois Murphy, 1966.

⁵⁴²Lois (Ridgely) Murphy, funeral card, 29 June 1993. personal files, Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC.

⁵⁴³1930 federal census of Cook County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

held for about 10 years. Lois is one of those rare persons who, no matter what situation arises, seems always to handle it well. Her sisters frequently took advantage of this and sought her advice.⁵⁴⁴ Lois and Ray adopted six children and raised two of Ray's nephews, Fred and Frank Roberson, who were sons of Ray's sister, Helen Murphy (Mrs. Fred Roberson, Sr.).

The Murphy family lived in Olney for a few years and then lived at Robinson, Illinois, for over 30 years.

"Lois Irene Murphy, 87, Parkersburg, formerly of Robinson, died about 11:10 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at her residence.

"Born Jan. 24, 1906, in Richland County, she was the daughter of Ira Oscar and Maranda Ridgely. She was a retired homemaker and member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, Robinson, Camp Fire Girls, Women of the Moose, American Legion Auxiliary, Ladies Auxillary Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Elks, 20th Century Club, AAUW and Business and Professional Womens Organization of Robinson.

"Dec. 10, 1933 she married Raymond B. Murphy and he preceded her in death in 1980. Also preceding her in death are her parents, a son, Fred M. Roberson; two brothers; and a sister.

"Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Roger S. Murphy and Donna M. Murphy, Edwardsville, W. Frank and Sandra Roberson, Corinth, Miss., Robert P. Murphy, Pittsburg, Pa., and Raymond M. and Georgine Murphy, Bethlaham [sic], Pa.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mrs. Donald (Karen K.) Stremme, Parkersburg, Louie I. Murphy, Robinson and Mrs. Mark (Joyce E.) Woodard, Robinson; two sisters, Leah McNamara, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Doris Olds, Spartanburg, S. C.; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

"Graveside service at 10 p.m., Tuesday at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Parkersburg, with Rev. Ed Rudiger officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p. m. today at Kistler Funeral Home, Olney.

"Memorials may be made to the Richland Memorial Home Health Care or Parkinson's Disease Foundation."⁵⁴⁵

- v. LEAH MARGARET was born on 26 Jun 1908 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁵⁴⁶ She married John "Charles" McNamara on 12 Jun 1943 in Villa Park, DuPage County, IL.⁵⁴⁷ She died on 21 Dec 2001 in Arkadelphia, Clark County, AR, at age 93.

Leah completed eight grades of school at the rural Red Head School. In 1924 she went to Chicago to school and received a B. S. degree from Lewis Institute. A few years later she received the M. A. degree from Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York, New York. Beginning her teaching in 1930, Leah taught in the secondary schools

⁵⁴⁴Biographical statement written by Doris R. Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁵⁴⁵Deaths -- Lois Murphy, *Daily News*, Robinson, Illinois, 28 June 1993, page 4. Hereinafter cited as obit -- Lois Murphy.

⁵⁴⁶Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely, about 5 a. m. The Bible record does not show the place.

⁵⁴⁷Letter from Leah Ridgely McNamara (Arkadelphia, Arkansas) to Dan W. Olds, Dec. 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

at Forrest and Alton, Illinois, and at Kenosha, Wisconsin, for a total of 13 years.⁵⁴⁸

Leah Margaret Ridgely appeared on the census of 15 Apr 1930 in the household of George Howard Ridgely at 3523 Congress Street, Ward 29, Chicago, Cook County, IL.⁵⁴⁹

Following her marriage in 1943, she and Charles lived at Villa Park, Illinois, for 21 years. Then Charles retired and the family moved to Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where they built a home and where Leah continued to live after Charles' death. As a girl Leah was more likely to be found working inside the home than outside, doing the family cooking or sewing. She continued to use those talents, as she sewed for others and baked and beautifully decorated many, many cakes for weddings or other special occasions. She also made many leaf-shaped cookies, sugared and painted in fall colors and shared these creations with family, friends and church.⁵⁵⁰

Leah very active in the Red Cross chapter in Clark County, Arkansas, which she joined in November 1972. In July 1983, while she was director of the chapter, she was honored by Citizens First State Bank with their "First Citizens Award."⁵⁵¹ Her address (July 1999) was 1411 Evans Street, Arkadelphia, Ark 71923. Leah and Charles adopted two children, David and Diane.

vi. DORIS NAOMI may be still living; details suppressed.

13. LEAH ANN⁴ MORGAN (*Margaret³ Bowers, John², John? or Peter?¹*)⁵⁵² was born on 2 Feb 1855 in PA.⁵⁵³ She married David M. Fildes on 26 Nov 1884 in Richland County, IL.^{554,555} She died on 11 Feb 1929 in Edwards County, IL, at age 74.^{556,557} She was buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, near Samsville, Edwards County, IL. The inscription is "Leah Anne Fildes, 1855 - 1929."⁵⁵⁸

Leah Ann Morgan, dau. of Dennis Morgan and his first wife, married David M. Fildes. These were Mrs. Haycraft's grandparents and she was apparently raised by them. It was from Leah Ann, who was born in Pennsylvania, that she knew of the Bowers connection.

Leah Ann Fildes died in Jan. 1929 and is buried at Ebenezer Church near Samsville. She had two children

⁵⁴⁸Biographical statement written by Doris R. Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁵⁴⁹1930 federal census of Cook County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

⁵⁵⁰Biographical statement written by Doris R. Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁵⁵¹Citizens First State Bank advertisement, *Daily Siftings Herald*, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, 14 July 1983, p. 2. Hereinafter cited as *Daily Siftings Herald*.

⁵⁵²Interview with Helen Haycraft (Rural Route, West Salem, Illinois), by Dan W. Olds, 29 Dec 1976.

⁵⁵³Death Record, Edwards County, Ill., Death certificate of Leah Ann Fildes, Registered No. 7, Edwards County Records, Albion, Edwards County, IL. Hereinafter cited as Edwards County Death Records.

⁵⁵⁴Dennis Morgan obituary, *unknown short newspaper title*, 1919.

⁵⁵⁵Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*, giving the date and stating the marriage was by W. T. Shelby, J. P.

⁵⁵⁶D. M. Fildes of Albion, Illinois, was the informant on her death certificate which says that she died at 8:00 a.m. on 11 Feb 1929 of mitral regurgitation. She also had cancer of the duodenal end of the stomach. Her birth date is given as 2 Feb. 1855, born in Pennsylvania to D. Morgan, also born in Pennsylvania, and an unknown mother. She died at age 74 y. 9 d., after 47 years of residence in the town or city where she died and was a housewife, married to David Fildes. On Feb. 13, 1929, she was buried at "Ebenezer R. D. No. I" by the undertaker E. A. Nale of Albion, Illinois.

⁵⁵⁷Edwards County Death Records, Death certificate of Leah Ann Fildes, Registered No. 7.

⁵⁵⁸Tombstone, Ebenezer Cemetery, near Samsville, Edwards County, Illinois.

Lulu Myrtle Fildes, died Feb 1916, and buried at Shiloh, married Frank W. Kelsey.
Stella Fildes, now [Dec 1976] dead, married Robert Sands. They have one daughter, Isabel, who married Clyde Bennett.⁵⁵⁹

Children of Leah Ann^d Morgan and David M. Fildes were as follows:

- i. LULU MYRTLE⁵⁶⁰ was born on 12 Feb 1880 in IL.^{561,562} She married Frank W. Kelsey.⁵⁶³ She died on 27 Feb 1916 in West Salem, Edwards County, IL, at age 36.⁵⁶⁴ She was buried in Shiloh Cemetery, near Samsville, Edwards County, IL. The inscription is "Lulu M. Kelsey, wife of Frank W., Feb. 12, 180 - Feb. 27, 1916."⁵⁶⁵
- ii. STELLA⁵⁶⁶ was born in Jul 1887.⁵⁶⁷ She married Robert Sands.⁵⁶⁸ She died before Dec 1976.⁵⁶⁹

⁵⁵⁹Interview, Helen Haycraft, 29 Dec 1976.

⁵⁶⁰Ibid., adding the middle initial.

⁵⁶¹1900 federal census of Edwards County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. S. D. 14, ED 20, sheet 20A, gives the place, month and year. Used at www.ancestry.com on 27 Aug 2007.

⁵⁶²Tombstone, Shiloh Cemetery, near Samsville, Edwards County, Illinois. gives the full date.

⁵⁶³Interview, Helen Haycraft, 29 Dec 1976.

⁵⁶⁴Death record, Illinois Death Records online, Illinois Secretary of State, State Death Index, online Statewide data bases, Springfield, Sangamon County, IL, citing certificate 0010883. Hereinafter cited as Illinois Death Records.

⁵⁶⁵Tombstone, Shiloh Cemetery.

⁵⁶⁶Interview, Helen Haycraft, 29 Dec 1976.

⁵⁶⁷1900 federal census of Edwards County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

⁵⁶⁸Interview, Helen Haycraft, 29 Dec 1976.

⁵⁶⁹Ibid.

Descent From Henry Brown

Generation One

14. HENRY¹ BROWN was born circa 1740.⁵⁷⁰

This line of the Brown family begins with a Henry (or Hendry) Brown, according to George H. Liebegott's papers.⁵⁷¹ He is listed as age 48 on the 1789 tax list of Woodberry Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, with 110 acres, three horses and two cows.⁵⁷² This Hendry Brown is listed in the 1790 census of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, as having himself, five males less than 16 and three females in his family. "Henry Brown, who lived near Keagy's mill, was a very early settler. His sons went west, exception Jacob, who remained until about 1845, and then removed to the West."⁵⁷³ The 1800 census of Bedford County lists a Henry Brown, more than 45, whose household included one female more than 45, one female age 10-16 and four males age 16-26. Liebegott lists only Jacob and Catherine (wife of Rinehart Replogle, Jr.) as known children of Henry Brown.

However, I know of no contemporary documentation linking Henry Brown to Jacob Brown.

Children of Henry¹ Brown include:

- i. CATHERINE² married Rinehart Replogle Jr.⁵⁷⁴
15. ii. JACOB was born on 24 Aug 1779 in PA. He married Elizabeth Ulrich, daughter of Samuel Ulrich and Mary Brumbaugh, circa 1800 in (probably), Bedford County, PA.

Generation Two

15. JACOB² BROWN (*Henry*¹) was born on 24 Aug 1779 in PA.⁵⁷⁵ He married Elizabeth Ulrich, daughter of Samuel Ulrich and Mary Brumbaugh, circa 1800 in (probably), Bedford County, PA. He died on 18 Feb 1854 in

⁵⁷⁰Brown (Henry) entry, Tax List, Woodberry Township, Bedford County, PA., 1789, copy in my files, Spartanburg, SC, where his age is given as 48.

⁵⁷¹George H. Liebegott, "The George H. Liebegott Papers" (manuscript collection, Public Library, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, ca 1950), a very helpful collection of genealogical papers. His material was collected from many sources and is largely undocumented. Hereinafter cited as "The Liebegott Papers."

⁵⁷²Brown (Henry) entry, Tax List, Woodberry Township, Bedford County, PA., 1789 copy in my files.

⁵⁷³unknown author, *History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania: with illustrations and biographical sketches of the pioneers and prominent men* (Chicago: Waterman and Watkins, 1884), pp. 295-296. Hereinafter cited as *History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania*.

⁵⁷⁴Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers."

⁵⁷⁵"Jacob Brown Died Feb. 18, 1854, Aged 74 Yrs 5 m & 24 d", tombstone, Brethren Cemetery, near Libertyville, Jefferson County, IA; from a photograph in my collection.

(near) Libertyville, IA, at age 74.⁵⁷⁶ He was buried in Brethren Cemetery, Libertyville, IA.⁵⁷⁷

"The Brown family, according to notes as yet preserved and taken by the writer as he visited with his aged grandfather while a child, lived in a small German settlement in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. ... Peter [Bowers] worked for Samuel Brown in his tannery and on his farm for several years. Then, on December 4, 1845, he married Mary Brown, Samuel's eldest daughter. Samuel Brown's father was Jacob Brown. This ancestor emigrated from Germany. Jacob Brown's wife and mother of Samuel Brown was Elizabeth Ulrich, a prominent early German family."⁵⁷⁸ I have found few public records certainly dealing with this Jacob Brown and have not yet confirmed the he was an immigrant nor have I been able to show that this is in conflict with being the son of Henr(d)y Brown. However, the 1850 census reports that Jacob was born in Pennsylvania.

Jacob Brown, said to be the son of Hendry⁵⁷⁹, was born 24 Aug. 1779 (calculated from his tombstone) and lived in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, where he married Elizabeth Ulrich, born 8 April 1781, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Brumbaugh) Ulrich. They were probably married about 1799-1800. The 1800 census of Bedford County lists two Jacob Browns, of whom the younger was age 16-26 and his household contained one female age 16-26 and one female less than 10. The 1810 census shows a Jacob Brown, age 26-45, living alone in Woodberry Township. On 19 April 1813, letters of administration on the estate of Rinehart Replogle were granted to John Holsinger and Jacob Brown, with Henry Snider and James M. Russell as sureties.⁵⁸⁰ On 19 Dec 1815, John Holsinger and Jacob Brown were granted letters of administration on the estate of Catherine Replogle, with Theodore Snowberger and Jacob Bonnett as sureties.⁵⁸¹

The 1820 census shows Jacob, age more than 45, wife, age 26-45 [Elizabeth], two boys less than 10 [George, John, Daniel?], two boys age 10-16 [Jacob, Henry], one boy age 16-26 [Samuel], two girls less than 10 [Elizabeth?, Mary?], one girl age 10-16 [Hannah], and one girl age 16-26 [Sarah].

The 1830 listing of Jacob Brown's family in Woodberry Township shows:

1 m. b. 1815-1820	[George]
1 m. b. 1810-1815	[John; Daniel may have been dead]
2 m. b. 1800-1810	[Henry and Jacob]
1 m. b. 1770-1780	[Jacob]
1 f. b. 1820-1825	[Mary?]
1 f. b. 1810-1815	[Elizabeth?]
1 f. b. 1800-1810	[Sarah or Hannah]
1 f. b. 1780-1790	[Elizabeth]

⁵⁷⁶Ibid., saying, "Jacob Brown Died Feb. 18, 1854, Aged 74 Yrs 5 m. & 24 d." Jacob and Elizabeth share a tombstone.

⁵⁷⁷tombstone, Brethren Cemetery, near Libertyville, Jefferson County, IA.

⁵⁷⁸Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*, p. 98.

⁵⁷⁹Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers."

⁵⁸⁰Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, 1813-1814," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. III, No. 1, p. 7 (June 1983). Hereinafter cited as "Administration Abstracts, Bedford County."

⁵⁸¹Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, 1814-1816," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. III, No. 2, p. 7 (Sept. 1983). Hereinafter cited as "Administration Abstracts, Bedford County."

In 1840, Jacob and Elizabeth Brown, both age 60-70, were living in South Woodberry Township, with one male age 15-20, one female less than five, and two females age 15-20.

Most of Jacob Brown's family moved to Iowa in the 1840s. Brumbaugh⁵⁸² quotes P. S. Brown of Kansas City, MO, as saying "Grandfather [Jacob] and all his family, except ours, moved to Jefferson Co., Iowa, about 1846, and his descendants from there scattered throughout the far West." George W. Brown and his brother Jacob [Jr.] arrived in Iowa in April 1845.⁵⁸³ Jacob [Sr.] and Elizabeth moved to Jefferson County, Iowa, in 1847. The new neighborhood was already developing as a settlement of Brethren families. This settlement began about 1838 and by 1844 had the second Church of the Brethren west of the Mississippi.⁵⁸⁴ The church records⁵⁸⁵ show that it was started by eight members of the Peebler and Garber families in 1844. Many others joined that year including George W. and Catherine (Fishel) Brown and Jacob (called Sr.) and Anna Brown. In 1847, additional members of our family joined by letter, including: Samuel Brown, Sr., and Fannie Brown; Christopher and Sarah (Brown) Burger; John U. and Delilah Brown. The only other 1847 letters received for new members were for John and Margaret Fishel. Michael and Mary (Hoover) Fishel were early members but no dates are given. Peter and Mary Bowers joined this church by baptism in 1860.

The family is supposed to have sold their property in Pennsylvania and moved to Iowa where the money could buy more land for all. The Browns purchased much of their Iowa land from the federal government under the Act of 1820, one of several which made provision for sale of public lands to individuals. The transactions recorded in Jefferson County tell part of the story.

1. Certificate 12335, dated 1 Jan. 1847, was given to Abraham Landes, Jacob U. Brown, John D. Chester and George Brown as tenants in common for the NW quarter of the NE quarter of Section 30, Town 71 North, Range 10 West -- 40 acres now in Liberty Township, Jefferson County, Iowa.
2. Certificate 12925, also dated 1 Jan. 1847, was to Samuel S. Brown of Keokuk Co., Iowa, for 127.15 acres in Section 2, town 73N, R10W -- but he may not have been a member of this family.
3. Certificate 14907, dated 1 Feb. 1848, was to Jacob Brown, Senior, for the SW quarter of S2, T71N, R11W, 160 acres.
4. Certificate 14922, dated 1 Feb. 1848, was to John U. Brown of Jefferson Co., Iowa, for the west half of the NE quarter of S10, T71N, R11W, 80 acres.
5. Certificate 14929, dated 1 Feb. 1848, was to Jacob Brown, Senior, of Jefferson Co., Iowa, for the NW quarter of S11, T71N, R11W, 160 acres.

⁵⁸²Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families* (105 West Fortieth Street, New York: Frederick H. Hitchcock, 1913). Hereinafter cited as *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

⁵⁸³George W. Brown obituary, *Fairfield Ledger*, Fairfield, Iowa, 1 April 1891. Hereinafter cited as *Fairfield Ledger*.

⁵⁸⁴Daughters of the American Revolution, "Jefferson County, Iowa, Records collected by the DAR" (miscellaneous records, Public Library, Fairfield, Iowa). Hereinafter cited as "Jefferson County, Iowa, Records collected by the DAR."

⁵⁸⁵Early Brethren membership records in Iowa, Carter, Helen O., notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church.

6. Certificate 14940, dated 1 Feb. 1848, was to Jacob U. Brown of Jefferson County, Iowa, for the east half of the SE quarter of S14, T71N, R11W, 80 acres.

7. Certificate 14941, dated 1 Feb. 1848, was to George U. Brown of Jefferson County, Iowa, for the west half of the SE quarter of S14, T71N, R11W, 80 acres.

8. Certificate 14948, dated 1 Feb. 1848, was to Jacob U. Brown of Jefferson County, Iowa, for the east half of the NE quarter of S23, T71N, R11W, 80 acres.

9. Certificate 14950, dated 1 Feb. 1848, was to John U. Brown (also given as John W. Brown) of Jefferson County, Iowa, for the east half of the NE quarter and the east half of the SE quarter of S24, T71N, R11W, 160 acres.

10. Certificate 14952, dated 1 Feb. 1848, was to George U. Brown of Jefferson County, Iowa, for the west half of the NW quarter of S24, T71N, R11W, 80 acres.

11. Certificate 16343, dated 3 April 1849, was to Samuel Brown of Jefferson County, Iowa, for the SE quarter of the SW quarter of Section 5, T71N, R11W, 40 acres.

On 23 March 1859, Jacob Brown and Elizabeth, his wife, sold the W 1/2 SW 1/4 Section 2 Town 71 R11 and the W 1/2 SW 1/4 Town R11 to John U. Ulrich.⁵⁸⁶

Taken together with other land records, these indicate the intense land activity in the area at the time. This list of purchases is probably not complete, but appears to indicate that Jacob Brown, Senior, was still very active in land acquisition. It was on 27 July 1847 that town 71N Range 11W (Des Moines) was put on sale, the last township in the county to be offered.⁵⁸⁷ Some of the land had been preempted, starting in 1844.

At some time it may become worthwhile to have noted the following three "unrelated" Browns in Jefferson County, Iowa.

(1) On 7 Nov 1844, Samuel H. Brown, of McArthurstown, Athens County, Ohio, bought lots one & two nine and ten Block Ten(?) in the town of Fairfield in the County of Jefferson from Thomas A. Eagle of the county of Jefferson Iowa Territory.⁵⁸⁸ This Samuel H. Brown is too old to have been Samuel Ulrich Brown's son.

(2) A Benjamin F. Brown married May [perhaps Mary] Olney on Feb. 17, 1840 in Jefferson County. The 1850 census of Farifield Township lists Benjamin F. Brown, (b. NY) wife Mary (b. NY), and four children. He was among the early land purchasers in Des Moines Township, and had an original land entry in 1845 of 240 acres in Sections 5, 6, and 7 of Des Moines Township. "Ben is certainly not ours but some coincidence he would buy land same time same place and bury childen beside our Browns."⁵⁸⁹ Benjamin F. Brown and wife Mary sold five acres in Section 5 of T 71 R11 to Samuel Brown on 12 April 1850.⁵⁹⁰ Two children of B. F. and Mary Brown

⁵⁸⁶Deed Books of Jefferson County, Iowa: Deed Book 2, p. 548.

⁵⁸⁷Fulton, *History of Jefferson County, Iowa*, p. 179.

⁵⁸⁸Deed Books of Jefferson County, Iowa, Vol. B, p. 506, Register of Deeds, Fairfield, Iowa. Hereinafter cited as Deed Books of Jefferson County, Iowa.

⁵⁸⁹Warren Manning, ""From the Prill Books"" (research report, Libertyville, Iowa, Dec. 1980). Hereinafter cited as ""From the Prill Books.""

⁵⁹⁰Deed Books of Jefferson County, Iowa: Deed Book K, p. 16.

are buried in the Brethren Cemetery in Des Moines Township -- Charlotte Brown (1844 - 1845) and James B. (1840-1846).⁵⁹¹

(3) Jacob Brown, age 40-50, was living in Jefferson County, Iowa at the time of the 1840 census. This family might be forced into an approximate fit with the known family of Jacob U. Brown (Jacob, Jr.) but the fit is not better than with one of the four men named Jacob Brown living in South Woodberry Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

The 1850 census of Jefferson County includes Jacob Brown, age 72, and wife Elizabeth, age 70, living in Des Moines Township in the same house as of George and Catherine Brown. All were born in Pennsylvania. Jacob Brown died 18 Feb. 1854, age 74 yrs., 5 m., and 24 d., and Elizabeth died 22 March 1857, age 75 yrs., 11 m., and 14 d. Both are buried in the Brethren Cemetery near Libertyville where their tombstones may be seen. On 30 Aug. 1854, Samuel and George W. Brown were granted letters of administration on the estate of Jacob Brown.⁵⁹²

On 29 March 1852, Jacob Brown Sr. and Elizabeth Brown, husband and wife, sold a piece of land in the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section Twenty-four T 71 R11 W "for the Express purpose of a Public Burring Ground" to Thomas A. Wamsley, Eperatus Birdsell and Sterling P. Majors as Trustees.⁵⁹³

The list of children given below is compiled from Brumbaugh⁵⁹⁴ and the Ulrich Bible record⁵⁹⁵. The Bible record shows seven children (omitting Elizabeth, George and Mary) and Brumbaugh lists nine (omitting Daniel).

Children of Jacob² Brown and Elizabeth Ulrich were as follows:

16. i. SAMUEL ULRICH³ was born on 27 Sep 1801 in Bedford County, PA. He married Elizabeth Forney on 15 Oct 1820. He married Frances "Fanny" Hoover, daughter of Martin Hoover and Maria Eshleman, on 15 Mar 1827 in Bedford County, PA.
- ii. SALLOME (SARAH?) was born on 8 Jun 1803.⁵⁹⁶ She died on 10 Aug 1834 at age 31.⁵⁹⁷ Brumbaugh lists Sally as the wife of George Replogle. Liebegott lists George B. Replogle (1793 - 1855), husband of Sallie (Sarah) Brown, 1803-1834), as a son of Rhinehart Replogle, Jr., and Catherine Brown.⁵⁹⁸ Liebegott gives a list of 12 children for George B. and Sallie (Brown) Replogle.⁵⁹⁹
17. iii. HENRY was born on 22 Apr 1805. He married Sarah Shelly.
- iv. HANNAH⁶⁰⁰ was born on 10 Dec 1806.⁶⁰¹ She married Leonard Furry. She died on 11

⁵⁹¹Brethren (Dunkard) Cemetery, Des Moines Township, Section 4, online http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard. Hereinafter cited as Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa.

⁵⁹²Jacob Brown, Probate File, Jefferson County Court House, Jefferson County, IA. Hereinafter cited as Probate File for Jacob Brown.

⁵⁹³Deed Books of Jefferson County, Iowa: Book N, p.616, Jacob Brown to cemetery trustees.

⁵⁹⁴Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

⁵⁹⁵Samuel Ulrich, *Biblia das ist Die ganze Go:ttliche Heilige Schrift Alten und Neuen Testaments ...* (Germantown, Pennsylvania: Christopher Sauer, 1776); owner: Mary (Bowers) Adams in 1963, photocopy in my possession. Hereinafter cited as Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

⁵⁹⁶Ibid., which lists Sallome with this date.

⁵⁹⁷This date was provided by Fay (Findley) Bechtel.

⁵⁹⁸Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

⁵⁹⁹Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers", Sheet marked REPLOGLE 124 (for family of George B. Replogle, son of Rhinehart Replogle, Jr., Catherine Brown.

⁶⁰⁰Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

⁶⁰¹Ibid.

Apr 1883 at age 76.⁶⁰²

Leonard Furry died 8 Dec. 1877, age 71 y, 4 m, 23 d. The 1870 census of Bedford County includes them, at age 64. They are buried in the Brethren Cemetery at New Enterprise, PA, where he served as an Elder in the church. Her birth date is from the Ulrich Bible and the death dates are from their tombstones. Her age according to her tombstone was 76 y, 4 m, 1 d, so Brumbaugh⁶⁰³ appears to be incorrect in giving her birth as 10 Jan. 1807. He lists eight children for this couple.

18. v. JACOB ULRICH was born on 19 Jun 1809. He married Anna Hoover, daughter of Martin Hoover and Maria Eshleman, on 6 Jan 1829.
- vi. JOHN ULRICH was born on 26 Jul 1811.⁶⁰⁴ He died on 29 Dec 1890 in Jefferson County, IA, at age 79.⁶⁰⁵

ToDo:

TODO: verify date of marriage of John U. Brown and Catherine Burger -- not 29 Feb 1837, perhaps 9 Feb. See notes of Warren Manning. ToDo:

Verify age at death [34??] of Debora (Miller) Brown, wife of John U. Brown, possibly from tombstone in Jefferson Co., IA. He was born in Bedford County, PA, and in 1833, married Catherine Burger who died 28 July 1834. On 29 Feb. 1837 [sic; not a leap year; in another note Warren Manning gave the date as 9 Feb. 1837], he married Delilah Miller who died 13 June 1854, age 34[?]. The family is listed in the 1850 census of Jefferson County, Iowa, showing John and Delilah, both age 35, and several children, and in 1860 his family included several Jameson stepchildren. On 29 May 1856⁶⁰⁶, John had married Margaret (Shipler) Jameson who died 4 May 1895, age 70 y, 2 m, 4 d. He was a farmer, an enthusiastic fruit cultivator, and did much to develop horticulture in southwestern Jefferson County. John and his last two wives are buried in the Dunkard Cemetery in Jefferson County, Iowa. John's obituary says that he died 21 Dec. 1890 and that Delilah died 13 July 1854. Margaret's obituary says she was born 9 July 1824 in Mercer County, PA, and died 4 May 1895 in Des Moines Township. She came with her parents to Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, IA, in 1840, and married Robert Jamison on 15 Oct. 1844 with whom she had five children, two of whom survived her. Robert died 30 Sept. 1853.⁶⁰⁷

- vii. DANIEL was born on 26 Mar 1813.⁶⁰⁸

Perhaps Daniel died young. This would explain why one of Jacob's sons appears to be missing from the census records of 1820 and 1830 and the lack of other information

⁶⁰²Hannah wife of Eld. Leonard Furry d. Apr. 11, 1883 age 76-4-1, tombstone, Brethren Cemetery, New Enterprise, Bedford County, PA; read by Dan W. Olds, 13 July 1977.

⁶⁰³Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, p. 159.

⁶⁰⁴Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa, online
http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard.

⁶⁰⁵Ibid., which refers to his obituary in the Tribune, 24 Dec. 1890.

⁶⁰⁶Brown - Jameson marriage: where the date is 3 June 1856, Jefferson County Court House, Jefferson County, IA. Hereinafter cited as Brown - Jameson marriage.

⁶⁰⁷Prill, "The Prill Books" (a collection of Jefferson County records, including cemetery records, obituaries, marriage records, and other notes, public library, Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa), the obituary of John U. Brown in this collection is from the Fairfield (Iowa) Tribune, 24 Dec. 1890. Hereinafter cited as "The Prill Books."

⁶⁰⁸Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

on Daniel.

- viii. ELIZABETH was born circa 1816. She married John Burger.

This may be the John (age 44) and Elizabeth (age 35) Burket and the John (age 53) and Elizabeth (age 43) Burget in the 1850 and 1860 census records of Bedford County. If so, she was born about 1816 and married about 1833.

- ix. GEORGE W. was born on 23 Dec 1817.⁶⁰⁹ He married Catherine Fishel.⁶¹⁰ He died on 24 Mar 1891 in Jefferson County, IA, at age 73.⁶¹¹

This family is listed in the 1850 and 1860 census records of Jefferson County, Iowa. Catherine (d. 20 Nov. 1877, age 59 y, 7 m [6 m. in one version], George W. (age 73 y, 3 m, 1 d) and some of their children are buried in the Dunkard Cemetery in Jefferson County, Iowa.⁶¹²

"A Pioneer Gone

"Editors Ledger: -- One of the pioneers of Des Moines township, George W. Brown, died at the home of J. G. W. Smith March 24, in his seventy-fourth year. Mr. Brown was born in Morrison's Crove [sic], Bedford county, Penn. He was raised a farmer. He was married about 1841 to Catherine Fishel, to whom eight children were born, three daughters and five sons. Two daughters died in infancy, two sons died in youth and three sons and one daughter survive him. David and John live in Ottumwa, William in Eldon, and his only living daughter, the wife of John G. W. Smith, lives in Des Moines township, this county. Mr. Brown and his brother Jacob came to the territory of Iowa in April, 1845. They arrived at the colony, now Libertyville, the latter part of April, 1845. They settled on the farm now owned by Michael D. Peebler, in Des Moines township, where they endured all the hardships and privations of pioneer life in a new country. Mr. Brown followed the occupation of farming for about thirty years. He was often honored with township offices, each of which he filled with credit and honor. In 1876, he moved his family to Eldon, Wapello county, where he became an employe [sic] of the C.R.I. & P. railroad, first as a section hand and then as wiper of engines in the roundhouse. He was promoted about ten years ago to the stationary engine. In all he served the company fifteen years, and he gave up work only when declining health compelled him. He was honored and respected by all who knew him and will be sadly missed about the roundhouse. On the street he was a familiar figure, always pleasant and cheerful and with a good word for everybody. He was one of the oldest citizens of the place at the time of his death. His wife died in the fall of 1877, in Eldon, since which time he has been making his home with his sons. October 2d [?], 1890, his last day's work was done. On the 21st of December last he went to his daughter's home in Des Moines township, where he remained until his death. Medical science failed to do him any good. He gradually declined until death came painlessly, and he passed away without a murmur. He was confined to his bed only about a week before his death. His disease was liver and

⁶⁰⁹Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa, online
http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard, calculated from the tombstone.

⁶¹⁰Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa, online
http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard.

⁶¹¹Ibid., showing that he died 24 Mar 1891, age 73 y 3 m 1 d and was the husband of Catherine Brown. Jacob Brown, died 1 April 1861, age 19 y., son of George W. and Catherine, is also buried there.

⁶¹²Prill, "The Prill Books", tombstone records.

kidney trouble. In 1861 he attached himself to the church of his choice, the German Baptist, or Dunkards, as they are generally called, and was a deacon of the church for about twenty years. He was a devout and faithful member, a kind husband, and indulgent father and a good citizen, generous to a fault. Of his pioneer associates there are only six men and women remaining in the township. Funeral services were held at the house of his daughter by Rev. Abraham Wolff of Libertyville."⁶¹³

x. MARY was born between 1820 and 1825. She died young.

Generation Three

16. SAMUEL ULRICH³ BROWN (*Jacob*², *Henry*¹) was born on 27 Sep 1801 in Bedford County, PA.⁶¹⁴ He married Elizabeth Forney on 15 Oct 1820.⁶¹⁵ He married Frances "Fanny" Hoover, daughter of Martin Hoover and Maria Eshleman, on 15 Mar 1827 in Bedford County, PA.^{616,617} He died on 28 Sep 1863 in Jefferson County, IA, at age 62. There are small disagreements among my references for his date of death.^{618,619,620,621}

SAMUEL ULRICH BROWN, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Ulrich) Brown, was born 27 Sept. 1801 and this date, recorded both in the Ulrich Bible and in Samuel Brown's own German Bible, helps in identifying the Jacob Brown family among those listed in the Ulrich Bible.

In Pennsylvania, Samuel Brown was a farmer and a tanner. According to Benton Bunn, this family lived in a stone house and in the basement was a brook or spring from which they caught fish for their meals.⁶²² Samuel married (first) Elizabeth Forney, on 18 Oct. 1820. She died on 7 Nov. 1826. Samuel married (second) Fanny Hoover, daughter of Martin and Maria (Eshleman) Hoover, on 15 March 1827. She was born 18 June 1809, in Lancaster County, PA. This family appears in the 1830 census of Woodberry Township, Bedford County, PA, as:

⁶¹³George W. Brown obituary, *Fairfield Ledger*, 1 April 1891.

⁶¹⁴Samuel Brown, *German Bible* (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Kimber and Sharpless, Buchha:ndler, 1829); Owner: Orville West (June 1966), Polo, Illinois, which gives the date but not the place. Hereinafter cited as German Bible, Samuel Brown.

⁶¹⁵*Ibid.*

⁶¹⁶*Ibid.*, which gives the date.

⁶¹⁷Martin Hoover will (19 June 1854), Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: named daughter "Frances, intermarried with Samuel Brown", County Court House, Bedford County, PA. Hereinafter cited as Bedford County Will Book.

⁶¹⁸William E. West, "an undated typed page of information on the Brown family with handwritten notes added, sent to Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely" (typescript, Illinois), which gives this date as 25 Sept 1863. My first reading of the Bible record also has this death date as 25 Sept., but after study I concluded it says 28 Sept. Hereinafter cited as "William E. West -- Brown Family notes."

⁶¹⁹Samuel Brown, *Gospel Visitor*, Poland, Ohio?, Vol. XIII, page 383, which says that he died September 28, aged 62 years one day but omits the year. Hereinafter cited as Gospel Visitor.

⁶²⁰"S. Brown died Sep. 29, 1863, aged 62 y's 1 day. Gone but not forgotten", tombstone, Brethren Cemetery, near Libertyville, Jefferson County, IA; from a photograph in my collection, July 1964.

⁶²¹Samuel Brown, *Newsletter of the Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists*, unknown location, Fall 1970, page 383, which says Samuel, h/o Fannie Brown, d. Jefferson Co., Iowa, 28 Sept 1863, 61 y 11 m. 29 d and is abstracted from Gospel Visitor, XIII/383. (Per Doris Olds' notes). Hereinafter cited as Newsletter of the FOBG.

⁶²²Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*.

1 male b. 1800-1810 [Samuel]
 2 females b. 1825-1830 [Elizabeth and Mary]
 1 female b. 1820-1825 [Sally]
 1 female b. 1800-1810 [Fanny]

On 26 Aug. 1835, Samuel Brown of Woodberry Township filed bond as guardian of Levi Biddle, son of Andrew Biddle, deceased, of Woodberry Township. Jacob Long was surety. Just the day before, John Burget had filed bond as guardian of Jacob and Susan Biddle, children of Andrew, with David Stuckey as surety.⁶²³ On 26 Nov. 1838, Samuel Brown was surety when Leonard Furry filed bond as guardian of some of the children of Abraham Teeter, deceased, of Woodbury Township. On the same day David Puterbaugh was surety when Rinehart Replogle filed bond as guardian bond for other minor children of Abraham Teeter.⁶²⁴ On 1 May 1846, Leonard Furry was surety when Jacob Long filed bond as guardian of Elias, Daniel and David Teeter, sons of Isaac Teeter of South Woodberry Township, deceased.⁶²⁵ These may be a clues to extended family relationships.

The family is listed in the 1840 census of South Woodberry Township as:

1 male age 30-40 [Samuel]
 1 male age 20-30 [??]
 1 male age 15-20 [??]
 1 male age 5-10 [Samuel]
 1 under 5 [Daniel]
 1 female age 20-30 [Fanny]
 2 females age 15-20 [Sally and Elizabeth]
 2 females age 10-15 [Mary and Hannah?]
 1 female age 5-10 [Fanny?]

On 24 April 1844, Samuel Brown of South Woodberry Township filed bond as guardian of his daughter Elizabeth Brown. [WHY?] His surety was George W(?) Brown.⁶²⁶

On 16 Feb. 1847⁶²⁷, "Samuel Brown and Veronica his wife of South Woodberry Township of Bedford County in the state of Pennsylvania" sold to Daniel Snoberger of the same place 148.5 acres for eight thousand dollars. The deed recounts the history of this tract of land on Spring Branch of Yellow Creek in South Woodberry Township. It was "part of a tract of land which was surveyed in pursuance of a warrant dated the 12th day of

⁶²³Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Guardian Bonds, Bedford County, Book I," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. III, No. 2, p. 15 (September, 1983). Hereinafter cited as "Guardian Bonds, Bedford County, Book I."

⁶²⁴Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Guardian Bonds, Bedford County, Book I," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. III, No. 4, p. 15 (March 1984). Hereinafter cited as "Guardian Bonds, Bedford County, Book I."

⁶²⁵Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Guardian Bonds, Bedford County, Book 2," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. VI, No. 1, p. 8 (June 1986). Hereinafter cited as "Guardian Bonds, Bedford County, Book 2."

⁶²⁶Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Orphans Court Abstracts, Bedford County Docket 2," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol.V, No. 3, pp. 7-8 (December 1985). Hereinafter cited as "Orphans Court Abstracts, Bedford County."

⁶²⁷Deed Books of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, Deed Book AO, p. 372, County Clerk, Bedford. Hereinafter cited as Deed Books of Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

December 1785, Granted to Samuel Ulrich & Jacob Brumbaugh and for which a Patent was issued the 10th day of May 1786 granted to the said Samuel Ulrich & Jacob Brumbaugh, and Jacob Brown and Elizabeth his wife did by deed dated the 25th day of February 1841 convey the same to the said Samuel Brown “. This 1847 deed would seem to explain the source of the money Samuel Brown took to Iowa except for the clear and frequent repetition that this Samuel Brown had a wife Veronica who is otherwise unidentified. Possibly there is a confusion between Veronica (Fronny) and Frances (Fanny) or Frene, Feronica, and Frances. The 1841 deed from Jacob and Elizabeth Brown to Samuel Brown is apparently not recorded.

Samuel and his family were part of the 1847 migration to Jefferson County, Iowa, where they settled on land said to have been purchased with gold obtained from the sale of land in Pennsylvania. The gold coins were taken to Iowa in a coffee pot packed in a dough tray. The family group traveled mostly by water, using the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.⁶²⁸

On 26 Oct 1847, William Olney sold to Samuel Brown the E 1/2 SW 1/4 S 4 T 71 R 11 in Jefferson County and also 21 acres in the SE corner of the NW fractional quarter of the same section. This piece was forty rods wide east and west and long enough north and south to make 21 acres.⁶²⁹

On 24 Jan 1848, David B. Teeter and his wife Margaret sold the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 9 T 71 R 11 in Jefferson County to Samuel Brown.⁶³⁰ In six deeds dated March 1848, Samuel Brown acquired several parcels of land in town 71N, R11W, Jefferson Co., Iowa, from Levi and William Roberts and also from David B. Teeter and his wife Margaret. On 23 March 1849, John U. Brown and Delilah his wife sold to Jacob Brown, Sen., the west half of the NW 1/4 S10 T71 R 11. In another series of deeds in March of 1853, Samuel and Fanny Brown sold this land to his children and others, including: Elias Teeter; Christian Burget; Goodman Graves, George W. Brown and Hannah Smith, wife of John G. W. Smith; George W. Brown; Mary Bowers; Fanny Teeters; Hannah Smith; and Renel(?) Nimocks. Perhaps Graves and Nimocks have some relationship to this family.

The 1850 census of Des Moines township, Jefferson County lists this family as:

Saml Brown	age 49	farmer	b. Pa	\$3500 real property.
Fanny	age 41		b. Pa	
Fanny	age 18		b. Pa.	
Saml U.	age 16		b. Pa.	
Daniel W.	age 11		b. Pa.	
Delila	age 8		b. Pa.	
Margaret E.	age ½		b. Ia.	

In the 1860 census, Samuel Brown, age 58, listed his occupation as Gentleman. Fanny was age 50. Delila and Margaret were the only children still at home.

Samuel Brown died 28 Sept. 1863 and was buried in the Dunkard Cemetery in Jefferson County, near Libertyville. His obituary gives his age as 62 years, 1 day. “He was a member of the church some thirty years, and a deacon fourteen years, and a great exemplar and pillar in the church, leaving a wife and seven children to

⁶²⁸Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*.

⁶²⁹Deed Books of Jefferson County, Iowa: Book E p. 149.

⁶³⁰Ibid., Book E, p. 289.

mourn their loss. ... His funeral was preached October 11, by the following named brethren: David and Jacob Brower from Keokuk county, John Murry from Marshal county, and George R. Baker from Jasper county. Text Job 14:14.”⁶³¹ After his death, his widow is said to have become dissatisfied with living in Iowa. She moved to Henry County, Indiana, in 1864 with the Peter and Mary Bowers family and may have been the instigator of the move. Nevertheless, she soon returned to Iowa, date unknown. Her second marriage was to Daniel Shank but they no longer lived together when she died. According to Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, her grandmother thought Shank was a nice man but just did not want to live with him.

The estate of Samuel Brown produced a great many records now on file in Jefferson County, Iowa. Among these is a promissory note to Mariah Hoover: “ [Ninety?] days after date we or Either of us promise to pay to Mariah Hoover _____ twenty two dollars for value recd this ____ day of Oct 1861" signed by Samuel Brown and Fanny Brown (her mark). On 24 May 1869, John G. W. Smith presented the claim that the estate owed Mariah Hoover the sum of thirty dollars and eighty cents as money justly due on a promissory note of which the above is a true copy.

Christian Burger filed bond as administrator of the estate of Samuel Brown on 28 Aug. 1868. On 1 Sept. 1868, he certified that had posted four printed notices to all persons with debts due or claims against the estate -- “in the following place to wit One at Browns Mill and one at Wagner Blacks Shop and one at _____ Newland and one at the cross Roades at the widdow Browns “.

On 18 Sept. 1868, Christian Burger filed an approximate listing of the assets of the estate including notes on

John G. W. Smith	\$3200.00
Peter Bower	600.00
Samuel Brown	200.00
Isaac Teeters	600.00
Maggie West	200.00
Delilah Kokenvir	200.00

\$5000.00

“The above amounts are approximated, and not in the possession of the Admr Christ Burger. Demand for the same has been made upon John G. W. Smith in whose custody the books and papers of said Estate now are, but he refused to deliver the same to me, as well as refusing to give up the monies”

On 28 Sept. 1868, Burger, as administrator of Samuel Brown, petitioned the court that John G. W. Smith be summoned to a hearing “as provided in Section 2366 of the Revisions[?]” because “he has been credibly informed and believes that John G. W. Smith has taken wrongful possession of the effects or a portion of the effects of said estate, and has same under his control”. The summons was issued and delivered on the same day, notifying Smith that he was “summoned to be and appear before the Probate Court of said County in Fairfield on the first Monday of November (2nd) AD 1868 at 10 o’clock A. M.” The resultant hearing produced a record of many questions with answers from Smith.

Q1: State your name, age and place of residence

A1: John G. W. Smith, 43, Jefferson County, Iowa.

⁶³¹Samuel Brown, *Gospel Visitor*, Vol. XIII, page 383, written by Peter Bowers. This omits the year of his death.

Q2: Were you in his life time acquainted with Samuel Brown, deceased, late of Jefferson County, Iowa
A2: I was
Q3: Are you related to said Brown by blood or marriage
A3: I am by marriage a son-in-law
Q4: State the name of the widow and children of said Samuel Brown, Deceased; if any of such children are deceased, give the names of their children, if any.
A4: widows name is Fanny Brown, Names of children Mary Bowers, Hannah Smith, Fanny Teeter, Samuel H. Brown, Daniel W. Brown, deceased, Delilah Goughnour, Margaret West
Q5: Are those names in the last answer all the children of Samuel Brown, dec.; if not name the others.
A5: Those are all by the last wife, he had two other children the oldest Sarah Berger and the other Elizabeth Teeter.
Q6: You say Daniel W. Brown is deceased; did he leave any children, if so name them.
A6: He left one but it died 2 years ago or thereabouts.
Q7: If any other of the children of Samuel Brown are deceased, state which, & if they left any children name them.
A7: Sarah Burger is deceased she left 4 children, Susannah Newland, Samuel Berger, Joseph Burger, Sarah Burger.
Q8: State whether said Samuel Brown, deceased, prior to his death conveyed to you or to your wife any portion of his estate; if yes, state what and state fully on what terms or conditions the same was made.
A8: He conveyed to my wife forty Acres of land. It was on these terms; I was to pay 6 per ct on the principal for which the lifetime, But I made other arrangements afterwards and paid him for the land
Q9: How much did you pay him
A9: I paid him \$100.00
Q10: State whether said Samuel Brown conveyed to any others of his children any portion of his lands; if yes, to which of the children
A10: I was not present when he conveyed any of his real estate I was in the state of California.
Q11: Do you know of any of the other children of said Samuel Brown, Dec, prior to his death, paying him for any lands; if yes state which children.
A11: I heard the old man say that one of his son in laws bought out the same as I had & paid him.
Q12: Which son in law
A12: Levi Teeter
Q13: How much did Levi Teeter pay the old man
A13: Could not state
Q14: How much did the old man say Levi Teeter paid
A14: I think \$400 could not say positively
Q15: How much land did Levi Teeter get from the old man
A15: I think it was Ninety-five Acres
Q16: Did not Peter Bowers or his wife Mary also get land from the old man, if yes state how much
A16: Yes, she got land. I think it was one hundred & ten Acres.
Q17: At what price
A17: My information is that it was \$600.00
Q18: Did she pay for her land before the said Samuel Brown died
A18: No, Sir.
Q19: Did she pay after the old man died
A19: I heard she paid the old lady
Q20: Did any of the other children pay for lands after the old mans death

A20: Yes, there was one other who told me that he paid
Q21: What child and how much did he pay
A21: Samuel H. Brown, he said he paid \$1000 to his mother
Q22: At the time of the old man's death did he leave any stock or other articles of personal property
A22: I think there were two cows left and a note considered worthless but afterwards a part was collected.
Q23: Was there not a sale at his home
A23: The sale was made by Samuel H. Brown of his own property
Q24: Was there any of the property of Samuel Bown decd. sold at this time
A24: There was 2 pair Bedsteads, cookstove, cupboard, table
Q25: Were these articles sold for cash or on time
A25: I don't know
Q26: Do you know how much they brought
A26: No, Sir. I know that the cookstove brought ten Dollars
Q27: State how much money was left on hand by the old man at his death
A27: Don't know that he left one dollar
Q28: Did you at any time receive the proceeds of the estate of Samuel Brown Dec or any part thereof
A28: I have received on this note above referred to as worthless the sum of \$683.00 dollars
Q29: Have you received any other monies of said estate besides the sum referred to in last answer
A29: I could not say that I have; I have received money from Fanny Brown
Q30: Is the Fanny Brown mentioned in the last answer the widow of said Samuel Brown
A30: Yes, Sir.
Q31: When did you receive money from her and how much
A31: I think it was in April, 1866, \$2025.
Q32: Did you receive any money at any other time, if yea, when and how much
A32: I received at one other time \$460.00 at another time I received \$40.00 interest, last spring I received \$500.00
Q33: Did you receive any other sums other than those mentioned
A33: No Sir to the best of my knowledge as principal
Q34: Did you receive any other as interest
A34: Yes Sir, interest on this principal just stated
Q35: When and how much
A35: I loaned that money and widow lived off the interest. I kept no a/c of it.
Q36: Who paid you the forty dollars mentioned
A36: I received the forty dollars from Peter Bowers
Q37: Did not the principal of the money referred to include the money paid by you for the lands mentioned & also include the money paid by the other children for lands as referred to by you
A37: I did not see it paid or receive it
Q38: Mr. Smith don't you know that the land payments referred to were included in the monies received by you
A38: I could not state, I did not see the money received or paid out
Q39: Was that not your understanding
Attorney for Mr. Smith objects
A39: I understand that a portion was from the land
Q40: After receiving the monies you have mentioned state how you invested the same
A40: I loaned to different parties at 10 per ct. Notes payable to Fanny Brown or Bearer.
Q41: At the time of the signing of the notes in your presence how much of said monies were so invested and in

whose hands

A41: A little [rising?] of \$3000.00 loaned out that I have notes for

Q42: You will give a list of said notes with a description of each

A42: I cannot give a list from memory fully

Q43: Where are the notes

Attorney for Mr. Smith objects

A43: At home under Lock and Key

Q44: State whether said Samuel Brown died intestate

A44: No written will

Q45: State if you do not know from information derived through said Fanny Brown that she took part of the assets of her husbands estate & invested the same in a farm in Indiana & afterwards sold said farm and does not the money under your control include the proceeds of said farm

A45: She never told me anything about it

Q46: Did she ever tell any one else in your family

A46: Not to the best of my knowledge

Q47: Do you not know that Fanny Brown invested part of the proceeds of said estate in a farm in Indiana & afterwards sold said farm, and do not the monies under your control include the proceeds of said farm

A47: From personal knowledge I know nothing about it.

Christian Burger, Adm of the estate of S. Brown, decd, vs J. G. W. Smith -- by agreement of parties this further hearing was adjourned until Nov. 23 1868 at 10 o'clock. The parties met and resumed as follows:

Q48: Since the adjournment of this examination have you seen the Notes referred to 41

A48: Yes, Sir

Q49: You will file a list of said notes with descriptions of each

Attorney objects

A49: I cannot from memory [correctly?]

Q50: Have you said notes now with you

A50: No, Sir

Q51: You will give a list & description of said notes as nearly as you can from memory

Mr. Smiths attorney objects to the foregoing question

A51: [A list of notes totaling \$2284 appears here]

Q52: Is any of said amts embraced in a Note executed by yourself; if yea state the amount of said notes & who holds the same

Attorney objects

A52: Samuel Brown holds the note, \$470.00, given by myself

Q53: State whether before the service of notice on you in the proceeding Christian Burger as Administrator of Samuel Brown deceased made any demand on you for the assets of said estate; if yea state when.

A53: He wanted a settlement

Q54: He wanted a settlement of what

A54: I don't remember as he stated

Q55: Did he tell you he had been appointed administrator of the estate of Samuel Brown dec

A55: I think it was Lawyer Walker made that statement

Q56: Was Lawyer Walker along with said Burger at the time referred to

A56: Yes Sir

Q57: Did not you at this time see the letters of Adm that had been issued to Burger in said estate

A57: Yes, Sir

Q58: Did not said Burger or Walker at the time tell you that Burger had come to get from you the assets of said estate in your hands

A58: I don't remember

Q59: What did they claim

A59: I don't understand the question

Q60: You say Burger and Walker were together told you about his (Burger's) appointment & showing you his letters of Adm.... Did they at that time make any claim or demand on you

A60: Nothing more than settlement

Q61: Settlement of what

A61: I could not give the conversation

Q62: What did you understand them to want you to settle

A62: My understanding was that they wanted to get the notes and monies in my hands belonging to Samuel Brown

Q63: When & where was the interview referred to

A63: In my Cornfield I could not give you date

Q64: How long was it before the notice served on you in this proceeding

A64: It was before the service of the notice but I don't know exactly how long

Q65: Did you not understand that they wanted you to settle with said Burger as Administrator for the assets of Samuel Brown deceased.

A65: In the course of conversation I understood that was what they wanted.

Next is a new series of questions, perhaps posed by Smith's lawyer

Q1: Do you know of Samuel Brown conveying to Sarah Burger any lands if so on what terms

A1: He conveyed twenty Acres to Mrs. Burger or Christian Burger one or both I don't know which on the same terms as the others

Q2: What relation is Sarah Burger to Christian Burger the party who is prosecuting in this proceedings

A2: She is Christian Burger's first wife

Q3: You say that the land was conveyed in the same terms as the other Heirs. What were those terms

A3: They were to pay 6 per ct as long as the old man & old woman lived that is what old man told me. I was in California when the transaction occurred

Q4: What was the land valued at

A4: I could not say positively; my recollection is that it was \$25

Q5: Has Sarah Burger or Christian Burger paid for the land

A5: Has not paid for it, Samuel Brown told me

Q6: You say the parties were to pay 6 per ct as long as Samuel Brown & his wife lived; was that as long as they both lived or either of them lived

A6: I understood it that as long as either of them lived

Q7: In your answer to Interrogatory 22 that there was a note considered worthless which note came into your hands. Who gave you that note

A7: Fanny Brown gave me that note

Q8: How much money was collected on that note and to whom did you pay it

A8: I believe there was \$683. I paid \$340 to the old lady & the Balance I loaned out

Q9: In whose name was the money loaned

A9: Samuel Brown or bearer

Q10: Did you know of Fanny Brown the widow of Samuel Brown have [sic] any property of her own; if so

state what & how much she had

A10: She had some money that was loaned in her name; also a house & lot

Q11: Do you know of her getting any money from her fathers estate, if so how much

A11: She got money from there at different times; I do not know how much, only through letter from Adm---

Attorney objects to witness stating the contents of said letter

The [Admr?] charges her with \$1192.00

Q12: Was \$1192.00 the amount she received from her father's estate

A12: That was the Adm statement

Q13: You say you know this from a letter; Who was the letter from & what has become of it

A13: The letter was from Leonard Furry; the letter is at home in my possession

Q14: You say Fanny Brown had a house, has she sold it; if so, when

A14: She has sold it; I think it was sold in 1864, before she went to Indiana

Q15: Was it _____ the death of her husband

A15: Yes Sir

Q16: What did she get for this Home

A16: I do not know

Q17: What was the property worth

A17: Hard to tell

Q18: What did it cost to build this house

A18: I understand the house cost _____

Q19: Was the entire property worth \$1000

A19: I do not suppose the improvement could be put there for \$1000.00

Q20: Do you know of her having any other property beside the house and what she got from her father's estate

A20: I believe not

Q21: Do you know of Fanny Brown buying a farm in Indiana since her Husband's death

A21: I know it from hearsay

Q22: What did she pay for the farm she bought in Indiana and what did she sell it for

A22: Attorney objects

She paid \$2400 for this farm; She sold it for \$3000

Signed John G. W. Smith, 23 Nov. 1868.

On 29 Dec. 1868, Smith did deliver the notes and monies to Burger and on 29 March 1869 Burger filed a revised inventory of the estate.

On 9 April 1869, Smith filed a statement that the estate owed Fanny Brown \$2200 plus \$560 for five years of interest.

In a court order dated 31 March 1870, Christian Burger was directed to retain \$2283 plus interest from the assets of the estate and turn the remainder over to Fanny Brown. Christian Burger continued to make payments from the estate and file reports with the court. Receipts for payment to creditors, attorneys and for taxes and court fees are filed as late as 1884. Since creditors were paid "pro rata", I assume the assets were insufficient to settle the debts in full.

The Samuel Brown Bible

This Bible was printed Philadelphia in 1828 by Kimber and Sharpless (Buchh:ndler) in German. The transcript below was made 5 June 1966 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville West in Polo, IL. Orville West, who owned the Bible at that time, was a great grandson of Samuel Ulrich Brown. The records are on pages titled "Familien Register".

Traungen

Samuel Brown and Elizabeth Forney was
Married October 15th 1820
Samuel Brown and Fanny Hoover was
Married in March 15th, 1827
Samuel Brown died Sept the 28 1863
Fannie Brown Shank died April 27 1891

Geburten

Sally Brown was Born in June 16th 1822
Elizabeth Brown was Born in September 21st 1826
Mary Brown was Born in Jan 30th 1828 at
7 o'clock in the evening
Hannah Brown was born in September the 17 1829
at 3 o'clock in the afternoon
Fanny Brown was born in the year 1832
January the 11 in the morning at 1 o'clock
Samuel H Brown Junr [Junr added later] was Born October the 29 1834
at four o'clock in the afternoon
Daniel W. Brown was born October the 31 AD
1838 at nine o'clock in the evening
Delilah Brown was born June 4th 1843
at 7 o'clock in the evening
Margaret E. Brown was Born August 21st 1849
at 5 o'clock in the morning

Geburten

I Samuel Brown was Born September 27th
AD 1801 my wife Fanny was born June 18th AD 1809

Sterbefa:lle

Elizabeth Brown 1st wife of Samuel Brown
Died in November 7 1826
John Brown Died in October 31st 1826

Listed on two loose sheets of lined writing paper in the Bible are:

Half Sisters:

Elizabeth Brown Teeter
Sally m. Chris Burket. later the name was called Berger

Full Sisters:

Mary Brown m. Peter Bowers, Parkersburg, Ill.

Hannah Brown m. John Smith, Batavia, Iowa

Fanny Brown Shank m. _____ d. 1891

[This is a confusion of mother and daughter.]

Daniel Brown m. _____. His widow m. Garber, Centerville, Iowa.

Daniel Brown was killed by lightening in Nebraska.

Margaret Brown m. Amos West, Batavia, Iowa.⁶³²

Children of Samuel Ulrich³ Brown and Elizabeth Forney were as follows:

- i. SARAH "SALLY"⁶³³ was born on 16 Jun 1822.⁶³⁴ She married Christian W. Burger.⁶³⁵ She died on 29 Jul 1862 at age 40.^{636,637,638}

They and some of their children are buried at the Dunkard Cemetery in Jefferson County, Iowa, where her tombstone says "d. 29 July 1862, aged 41y, 1m, 13d."⁶³⁹ The church record⁶⁴⁰ also says she died in 1862, and a birth date calculated from this differs (by one year) from the Bible date for her birth.

Sarah "Sally" Brown and Christian W. Burger appeared on the census of 7 Nov 1850 in Christian Burkett, Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, IA. The first child, Susanna, age 4, was born in Iowa. The others, Saml, age 3, and Joseph, age 1/12, were born in Iowa.⁶⁴¹

- ii. JOHN⁶⁴² was born circa 1826. He died on 31 Oct 1826.⁶⁴³

A note written by Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely states that she thought Sally had a twin who did not live and that "Betsy" had a twin Johnny who died quite young. This appears to explain this death record in the Brown Bible.

- iii. ELIZABETH⁶⁴⁴ was born on 21 Sep 1826.⁶⁴⁵

⁶³²German Bible, Samuel Brown.

⁶³³Ibid.

⁶³⁴Ibid.

⁶³⁵Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa, online
http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard.

⁶³⁶Sarah Burger, *Gospel Visitor*, Poland, Ohio, Vol. XIII, page 383, which says that sister Sarah, wife of Christian Burger, and daughter of Sameul Brown, died last of July 1862, aged forty-one years, one month and some days, leaving a husband and 5 children. Funeral services were by Peter Lutz. Peter Bowers submitted the report. Hereinafter cited as *Gospel Visitor*.

⁶³⁷Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa, online
http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard.

⁶³⁸unknown author, "Obituaries Reported in the *Gospel Visitor* and the *Christian Family Companion*, 1851 -1873," *Newsletter of Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists* Vol. 9, No. 1 (Spring 1977): abstracted from the *Gospel Visitor*, XIII/383. This abstract has information added because it says Sarah Burger was the daughter of Samuel **and Fannie** Brown, wife of Christian Burger, d. in Jefferson County, Iowa, **31** July 1862, 41 y. 1 m. Hereinafter cited as "Obituaries Reported in the *Gospel Visitor*."

⁶³⁹Prill, "The Prill Books."

⁶⁴⁰Early Brethren membership records in Iowa, Carter, Helen O., notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church.

⁶⁴¹1850 federal census of Jefferson County, Iowa. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁶⁴²German Bible, Samuel Brown.

⁶⁴³Ibid.

⁶⁴⁴Ibid.

⁶⁴⁵Ibid.

She married a Teeter.⁶⁴⁶

Children of Samuel Ulrich³ Brown and Frances "Fanny" Hoover were as follows:

19. i. MARY⁴ was born on 30 Jan 1828 in Bedford County, PA. She married Peter Bowers, son of John Bowers and Hannah Empfield, on 4 Dec 1845 in Bedford County, PA.
- ii. HANNAH⁶⁴⁷ was born on 17 Sep 1829.^{648,649} She married John G. W. Smith on 3 May 1849.^{650,651} She died on 15 Jan 1869 at age 39.⁶⁵²

Her obituary appeared in the Gospel Visitor Oct 1869, p. 320, showing that she died in Iowa at the age of 39.⁶⁵³

The family is in the 1860 census of Jefferson County, Iowa.

- iii. FANNY⁶⁵⁴ was born on 11 Jan 1832.⁶⁵⁵ She married Levi Teeter on 5 Dec 1850 in the house of Mr. Samuel Brown.

Mr. Levi Teeter, aged 25, and Miss Fanny Brown, aged 18 years, were married at the home of Mr. Samuel Brown by Reuben Ellmaker, J. P. Both parties were residents of Jefferson County.⁶⁵⁶

Their children were Steve, Calvin, Sam and Malinda [Teeter] Erwin.⁶⁵⁷ In 1860, they were in Jefferson County, Iowa, but were given a church letter in that year.⁶⁵⁸ In 1893, she was living in Tuscola, IL.⁶⁵⁹

- iv. SAMUEL H.⁶⁶⁰ was born on 29 Oct 1834.⁶⁶¹

He married Esther Peebler and lived near Batavia, Iowa.⁶⁶² S. H. Brown and Esther

⁶⁴⁶West, "William E. West -- Brown Family notes", in which much of the information was probably from Samuel Brown's Bible but not this name.

⁶⁴⁷German Bible, Samuel Brown.

⁶⁴⁸Ibid., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

⁶⁴⁹Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa, online
http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard.

⁶⁵⁰Mr. John G. W. Smith, aged 24 years, and Miss Hannah Brown, age 19 years, "at the home of Samuel Brown of Desmoin Twp", both residents of Jefferson Co. -- Reuben Ellmaker, J. P.

⁶⁵¹Daughters of the American Revolution, "Jefferson County, Iowa, Records collected by the DAR", Compiled by the DAR, Vol. II, 1962-63.

⁶⁵²Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa, online
http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard, which says she was born 17 Sep 1829 and died 15 Jan 1869, the wife of John G. W. Smith.

⁶⁵³The Gospel Visitor Obituary Index, April 1851 - December 1873, online
<http://rothweb.com/publications/Gospel-Visitor.htm>. Hereinafter cited as The Gospel Visitor Obituary Index.

⁶⁵⁴German Bible, Samuel Brown, in the morning at 1 o'clock.

⁶⁵⁵Ibid.

⁶⁵⁶Daughters of the American Revolution, "Jefferson County, Iowa, Records collected by the DAR", Vol. II, 1962 - 63.

⁶⁵⁷West, "William E. West -- Brown Family notes."

⁶⁵⁸Early Brethren membership records in Iowa, Carter, Helen O., notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church.

⁶⁵⁹Letter from Fannie Teeter (Tuscola, Illinois) to Maranda Bowers, 9 June 1893; Family papers (Maranda Ridgely, Parkersburg, Richland County, IL).

⁶⁶⁰German Bible, Samuel Brown.

⁶⁶¹Ibid., at four o'clock in the afternoon.

⁶⁶²West, "William E. West -- Brown Family notes."

Maria Peebler were married 8 Dec. 1857⁶⁶³ and are listed in the 1860 census of Jefferson County, Iowa. In 1859 they were baptized into the Church of the Brethren and he was a minister.⁶⁶⁴ They were given a church letter in 1877⁶⁶⁵ and later lived in Fremont County, Iowa. In 1895, Mag West wrote that Sam Brown had sold out in Creston, had bought 160 acres in Kansas, and was soon to move there where his address would be Centralia.

- v. DANIEL W.⁶⁶⁶ was born on 31 Oct 1838.⁶⁶⁷ He married Susan F. Peebler on 19 Nov 1857.⁶⁶⁸

D. W. Brown and Susan F. Peebler were married in Jefferson County, Iowa, on 19 Nov. 1857.⁶⁶⁹ A 1966 newspaper clipping relates that he left for California on the day of his wedding to take part in the Gold Rush in California.

"Mrs. Russell Simmons, 406 E. Washington, has record of a wedding that took place in the parlor at the old hotel [Leggett Hotel, being razed in 1966] back in the days of the Gold Rush. Her maternal grandmother, Augusta Wayner [probably Wagner], had an older sister, Susan. Their maiden name was Peebler. At the age of 16, Susan was married to a young man in the Parlor of the original inn erected at that location. It was the Clay House operated by William Williams. It became the Leggett House when it was purchased in 1855 by Richard C. Leggett. It has been the Leggett Hotel since, a period of well over a century.

"The wedding took place early in the day. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the home of the bride's parents one mile east and 2-1/2 miles south of Batavia where a dinner was held. That afternoon the young bridegroom, with a few other men, left by horseback for California to take part in the Gold Rush. The young bride climbed to the attic in the farm home and waved a dish towel from the window as long as she could see her new husband riding away over the prairie.

"After spending some time in California, he started back to Iowa with a group of 24 men. In the mountains of Colorado they experienced a violent rain and wind storm. They pitched their big tent early as the black clouds rolled in. They placed their gear around the edge of the tent and tucked the canvas under it. As they huddled together in the center of the tent to keep dry, lightning struck the pole and killed several men, the young groom included. Months later one of the survivors located Susan and informed her of her husband's death.

"A few years later she was married to Michael [sic] Springer in the same parlor in the same hotel building. They moved to Leon, Iowa, where their descendants still reside. While a young girl residing in Jefferson County, nearby Indians called her 'Sukey Blueskin Cracker'. No one could guess where they got "Cracker" since it in no way

⁶⁶³Brown, Samuel H m. Esther Peebler: Marriage Book D, p. 156, Library, Fairfield, Iowa, Fairfield, Jefferson County, IA. Hereinafter cited as Brown, Samuel H. m. Esther Peebler.

⁶⁶⁴Early Brethren membership records in Iowa, Carter, Helen O., notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church.

⁶⁶⁵Ibid.

⁶⁶⁶German Bible, Samuel Brown.

⁶⁶⁷Ibid., at nine o'clock in the evening.

⁶⁶⁸marriage record of Daniel Brown and Susan Peebler.

⁶⁶⁹Ibid.

resembled Peebler. However, the name stuck with her all her life."⁶⁷⁰

This story is not quite in agreement with our family's version of this incident. He was killed by lightning in the mountains of Colorado on his return trip some time later. It may be that the departure and return described above are for two different trips, since the family of Daniel W. and Susan Brown, with a son Ellis, age 1, is listed in the 1860 census of Jefferson County, Iowa. He is probably the "Elbo?" Brown, son of D. W. and S. R [sic] Brown, died 14 July 1866, aged 7 years, 6 months, 14 days, and buried next to Samuel Brown.⁶⁷¹ Susan (Peebler) Brown was baptized into the Brethren Church in 1859, but the record does not mention Daniel Brown.⁶⁷² On 3 Feb. 1868, David Springer, age 35, and Susan F. Peebler Brown, age 29, were married at Leggett House in Fairfield, Iowa, by Rev. Maynard.^{673,674} The obituary says Daniel W. Brown, son of Samuel and Fannie Brown, of Jefferson County, Iowa, died 10 July 1863 [sic], age 21y, 9 m., 19d., leaving a wife and one child to mourn their loss.⁶⁷⁵ An account for the estate of Daniel W. Brown, decd, was filed by Joseph Sketoe in Sept., 1860, in Jefferson County, IA.

vi. DELILAH⁶⁷⁶ was born on 4 Jun 1843.⁶⁷⁷

She married Samuel Goughnour and lived near Batavia, Iowa.⁶⁷⁸ Delilah A. Brown and Samuel Goughenor were married by Elder Peter Lutz on Feb. 5, 1863.⁶⁷⁹ ⁶⁸⁰ In 1891, they lived in Polk County, Iowa.⁶⁸¹ They joined the local Brethren Church by baptism in 1861 and left by letter in 1865. He was a minister in Ankeny, Iowa.⁶⁸²

⁶⁷⁰Gold Rush story, *Fairfield Ledger*, 9 March 1966, quoted in the "Prill" books at the Fairfield Library.

⁶⁷¹Prill, "The Prill Books", tombstone records of the Dunkard Cemetery, Sec. 4, Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, Iowa.

⁶⁷²Early Brethren membership records in Iowa, Carter, Helen O., notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church.

⁶⁷³Ibid.

⁶⁷⁴West, "William E. West -- Brown Family notes", in which he says, however, that Daniel's widow "married _____ Garber, Centerville, Iowa.

⁶⁷⁵This obituary was written by Peter Bowers and appeared in the *Gospel Visitor*, Vol. XIII, p. 383. This is a personal account which says "He was on his way home from Pike's Peak, and was overtaken by a storm some 125 miles east of Denver City, and pitched a tent and nine of us [underline added] got into it to shelter from the storm, and tent was struck by lightning, and three out of the nine were killed, name David Thompson, Quinton Stanley, and Daniel W. Brown. His funeral was preached on the 27th of August, 1860 by (then) br. Peter Lutz." Peter and Mary (Bowers) named their next child Daniel W. Bowers (b. 1861). He was the doctor at my birth and I am named after him.

⁶⁷⁶German Bible, Samuel Brown.

⁶⁷⁷Ibid., at 7 o'clock in the evening.

⁶⁷⁸West, "William E. West -- Brown Family notes."

⁶⁷⁹Brown, Delilah m. Goughnour, Samuel: in Book D, p. 354, Library, Fairfield, Iowa, Fairfield, Jefferson County, IA. Hereinafter cited as Brown, Delilah m. Goughnour, Samuel.

⁶⁸⁰Book D, p. 244 contains a marriage record of Delilah Brown to Ellis Peebler on 31 Jan. 1861 but tombstone records of the Brethren Church at Libertyville show that Delilah, wife of Ellis Peebler, was born 15 Oct. 1841, died 28 Feb. 1897.

⁶⁸¹Fanny Shank, obit, *Fairfield Tribune*, Fairfield, Iowa, 20 May 1891. Hereinafter cited as *Fairfield Tribune*.

⁶⁸²Early Brethren membership records in Iowa, Carter, Helen O., notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church.

Delilah Brown appeared on the census of 1900 in Elkhart Township, Polk County, IA. Samuel was age 60, b. July 1839, and Delilah was age 57, b. June 1842 [sic]. They had been married 38 years and she had three children, all living with them. They were Sarah, John, and Silas, all born in Iowa.⁶⁸³

vii. MARGARET E.⁶⁸⁴ was born on 21 Aug 1849.⁶⁸⁵

She was born in Jefferson County, Iowa. On 18 Oct. 1866, she married Amos E. West and they had four sons: W.E., E.L., S.J., and G.M.⁶⁸⁶ Amos and Margaret joined the local Brethren Church by baptism in 1867 and left by letter in 1884. He was a deacon in Ankeny, Iowa.⁶⁸⁷

"Elkhart Polk Co Iowa Feb the 19 1895

Dear Sister Mary and family I will this evning write a few lines to you as I am very anxious to here from you I have not herd from you since last April I answered that letter and got none in return so I thought I would write agane this leaves us all in reasonable health and thanks to our heavenly Father for so great a blessing I hope you are enjoying the same blessing Oh I feel so lonsom since Lile is gone to Colorado I do wish I could see you once more do you intend to go to Anual meeting it will be real close to Sister Fannie's Oh how I would like to go and see you both onc more I must also tell you that Brother Sam Brown has sold out in Creston and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acreds of land in Kansas and will move out there sometime in this month his address will be Centralia Kansas the last letter I had from him he said he still thought of coming to see you as soon as he could when he comes I intend to come with him if I live and am well I wish he would not put it off so long Oh I wish you and Peter could come out here in the spring to our love feast we all would enjoy such a meeting when you write tell me all the new you can about your children tell them all how I would like to see them and I still look for them pictures from all of them tell them not to forget that they have an Aunt in Iowa that would like to see them and if not in person then the next is there pictures so dont forget it come personly if you can one and all I often wonder why relation has to be separated so how nice it would be if you all could live round here or we ware out there now just think how we are scatered it makes me almost sick to think about it and in all probabilities will never all meet agane if not in this world I hope we will all meet whare parting is no more just think of the dear one gone Father Mother Brother Sister and a great many more and if we can meet them all what a glorious thought to this end let us all try to live we are new having some cold weather first of this winter was nice now for four weeks it has bin very cold and stormy this morning it was snowing and sleeting some and this evning it is colder and the wind is blowing from the north west how is the winter out with you how was the crops was not as good here as some other years we had some fruit no strawberries our plants winter killed did you get any fruit did you get my last letter now plese answer soon and tell me all the news as I am very anxious to here

⁶⁸³1900 federal census of Jefferson County, Iowa. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on 12 Jan 2006.

⁶⁸⁴German Bible, Samuel Brown.

⁶⁸⁵Ibid., at 5 oclock in the morning.

⁶⁸⁶Obituary clipping of Margaret Ellen West in the papers of Maranda Bowers) Ridgely.

⁶⁸⁷Early Brethren membership records in Iowa, Carter, Helen O., notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church.

from you I will now close or you will get tiord reading this letter my love to you all I remain your Sister untill death good by M. E. West to Mary Bowers hav you had a letter from Sister Fannie lately I had two this wnter one letter stated that Sam Teeter got hurt almost got one of his eye put out a nail struck him in the eye he was working with a man that was driving nails in hard wood the nail glanced and struck him in the eye he suffered very much I wonder he is now write soon."⁶⁸⁸

17. HENRY³ BROWN (*Jacob*², *Henry*¹) was born on 22 Apr 1805.^{689,690} He married Sarah Shelly.⁶⁹¹ He died on 5 Feb 1835 at age 29.⁶⁹²

Henry Brown appeared on the census of 1830 in Bedford County, PA. The family included 2 males under 4, 1 male 20-30, 1 female 20-20, and 1 female age 60-70.⁶⁹³ He left a will on 18 Jan 1835.^{694,695}

⁶⁸⁸Letter from Margaret E. West (Elkhart, Iowa) to Mary (Brown) Bowers, 19 Feb 1895; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC).

⁶⁸⁹Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

⁶⁹⁰James D. Boor, "Brown Family Bible," *Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists Newsletter* Vol. XI, No. 2, p. 27 (Summer 1979): which gives an alternate birth date of 19 April 1806. Hereinafter cited as "Brown Family Bible."

⁶⁹¹Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers."

⁶⁹²Boor, "Brown Family Bible", which gives his age as 29 y, 9 mo, 17 d. This agrees with the Bible birthdate if you say that he became 29 years and 9 months old on 19 Jan. 1835 and lived 12 more days in Jan. and 5 more in Feb.

⁶⁹³1830 Federal Census of Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁶⁹⁴"In the Name of God Amen. I Henry Brown of Woodbury township Bedford County and State of Pennsylvania being sick and weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding praised be God for it and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and to the end I may be the better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say first and principally I command[sic] my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping for free pardon and remission of all my sins and to enjoy everlasting joy and happiness in the Heavenly Kingdom through Jesus Christ my Savior, my body I commit to the earth at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named: And I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally the following articles to wit, two cows and feed for them for this winter, Bea--, pork from two hogs, four sheep, two beds and bedding, kitchen cupbord and all the Kitchen furniture, and the small round stove and the pipe to it .. Table and spinning wheel, butter churn and twenty bushels of wheat. And after that all my just debts is paid I give & bequeath unto her one hundred dollars in money and the remainder if any thing left shall be equally divided among my children share and share alike according to law And I make and ordain Samuel Brown Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I Henry Brown the testator have to this my last will consisiting of one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. Signed sealed and acknoweledged by the testator in the presences of the subscribers as his last will & testament.

Leornard Furry, John Brown
John Burger"

Henry X(his mark) Brown

"Bedford County, p. Personally appeared before the subscriber Register for the probate of wills and granting Letters of administration in and for said County, Leonard Furry, John Brown and John Burger the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing and being duly affirmed according to law depose and say that they were personally present and heard and saw the testator Henry Brown sign by making his mark seal publish and pronounce the foregoing instrument of writing as and for his last will and testatment that at the time thereof the

A newspaper clipping, stamped 5 Jan. 1941 and probably from the Morrison Cove Herald, states that Henry Brown and wife Sarah Shelly had three sons -- Abram Shelly Brown, Jacob Brown, and Philip Brown. After Henry died of typhoid fever, the family lived with the widow's brother, Philip Shelly.⁶⁹⁶ The record from Henry Brown's Bible⁶⁹⁷ gives additional and slightly different information:

Henry Brown, born April 19, 1806, d. Feb. 5th, 1835, aged 29 yrs, 9 mo, 17 dys

Sarah Brown, wife of Henry Brown, b. March 27th, 1804, d. April 14, 1846, aged 42 years, 7 days

Henry Brown, son of Henry and Sarah Brown, was born Dec. 31, 1830, d. Oct. 3, 1836, aged 5 yrs 10 mo 3 dys

Abram S. Brown and Mary Kifer were united in marriage Nov. 21st, 1849

Abraham Brown was born 1826, Apr. 6

Mary Brown, wife of Abraham Brown, was born in 1833, Aug. 5.

Mary Brown, wife of Abraham Brown, died Oct. 21, 1893

Abraham Brown died Feb. 7, 1906.

There is further information in this reference on the children of Abraham and Mary Brown and on the Miller relatives.

Children of Henry³ Brown and Sarah Shelly were as follows:

- i. ABRAHAM "ABRAM" S.⁴⁶⁹⁸ was born on 6 Apr 1826.⁶⁹⁹ He died on 7 Feb 1906 at age 79.⁷⁰⁰
- ii. JACOB S.⁷⁰¹ was born on 6 Jun 1828.⁷⁰² He died on 22 May 1901 at age 72.⁷⁰³
- iii. HENRY⁷⁰⁴ was born on 31 Dec 1830.⁷⁰⁵ He died on 3 Oct 1836 at age 5.⁷⁰⁶
- iv. PHILLIP S.⁷⁰⁷ was born on 14 Oct 1833 in Bedford County, PA.⁷⁰⁸

The History of Jackson County, Missouri, has a short biographical sketch of P. S. Brown who became a business man and lawyer and came to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1858.⁷⁰⁹

testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding according to the best of their knowledge and belief and that they suscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and by his request. affirmed & subscribed Before Job Mann Registry 19 Feby 1835"

"Be it remembered that on the nineteenth day of February Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and thirty five Letters Testamentary were granted to Samuel Brown Executor named in the foregoing will -- he having first been duly affirmed. Job Mann Register."

⁶⁹⁵Henry Brown will (18 Jan 1835), Will of Henry Brown Bedford County, PA, will book 3, p. 63, copy in my files, Spartanburg, SC. Hereinafter cited as Will of Henry Brown.

⁶⁹⁶Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers."

⁶⁹⁷Boor, "Brown Family Bible."

⁶⁹⁸Ibid., although this Bible record does not specifically name him as a son of Henry.

⁶⁹⁹Ibid.

⁷⁰⁰Ibid.

⁷⁰¹Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers", Sheet marked BROWN No. 70 (which is for family of Henry Brown, b. 1805).

⁷⁰²Ibid.

⁷⁰³Ibid.

⁷⁰⁴Boor, "Brown Family Bible."

⁷⁰⁵Ibid.

⁷⁰⁶Ibid.

⁷⁰⁷unknown agency, *The History of Jackson County Missouri* (n.p.: Union Historical Company, 1881), p. 745.

⁷⁰⁸Ibid.

⁷⁰⁹Ibid.

The Western Historical Manuscript Collection at Kansas City holds a volume of his letters and provides this description on-line.

Philip Shelley Brown (1833-1921) Papers (KC130)

P.S. Brown was born on October 14, 1833, and reared in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. He attended public schools and then the Hollidaysburg Academy, in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1855. Brown then journeyed west, settling in Davenport, Iowa, where he studied law and was admitted to the Bar. In late 1857 or early 1858, Brown moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he continued to practice law. At various time he was associated in partnership with other lawyers including Ermine Case, E.M. Wright, Leonard Daniels, Benjamin H. Chapman, John T. Harding, and his son, William H. Brown.

P.S. Brown was a civic minded individual. He was a of the Kansas City Law Library, a member of the City Council from 1864 to 1866, and a chief organizer and member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas City, Galveston, and Lake Superior Railroad (later the Burlington). Brown is also credited as a major participant and force in obtaining the Kansas City Bridge (the Hannibal Bridge) for Kansas City in the 1860s.

This volume is a correspondence book consisting of primarily letter-press copies of letters written by Brown related to his law. The book is indexed by the names of the addressees of the letters. 1903-1905

1 volume.⁷¹⁰

Further information is included in the following articles. Note especially some hints on the Brown ancestry.

From "Kansas City, Missouri: Its History and Its People, 1800-1908, by Carrie Westlake Whitney, Vol. III, published by the S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, 1908, pages 136-140:

PHILIP SHELLEY BROWN

Philip Shelley Brown is the oldest resident attorney of Kansas City and the senior member of the firm of Brown, Harding & Brown, which has had continuous existence for about twenty years. While he has gained distinction and success in his profession, he has also been connected with various other lines which have contributed to the public welfare as well as the promotion of individual interests. Throughout his entire life he has been actuated by high ideals and worthy purposes and has won the respect which the world instinctively pays to the man whose prominence is none the less the result of an irreproachable life than of well developed powers and talents.

Starting on life's journey October 14, 1833, in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, he has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone. His father, Henry Brown, also a native of the Keystone state, was a farmer by occupation and died when his son Philip was but fifteen months old. His mother, Mrs. Salome Brown, was a daughter of Abraham Shelley, a prominent land proprietor of western Pennsylvania.

⁷¹⁰Philip Shelley Brown (1833-1921) Papers (KC130), online
www.umkc.edu/whmckc/Collections/lKC0130.htm. Hereinafter cited as Philip Shelley Brown (1833-1921) Papers (KC130).

Philip S. Brown of this review was born on a farm acquired by his paternal great-grandfather from the provincial council of the colony of Pennsylvania and the patent of which was attested by Benjamin Franklin, then secretary of the council. The paternal ancestors removed to the Keystone state from Maryland and were at one time large land owners on the site of the present city of Baltimore and vicinity. The progenitor of the family in America came from England. The Shelley family is of Holland lineage and representatives of the name engaged extensively in farming on the Schuylkill River, where upper Philadelphia is now situated, as early as 1700.

In the district schools of what was then Blair County, Pennsylvania, Philip S. Brown acquired his education and completed his studies in the Hollidaysburg Academy at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. The district in which he spent his boyhood was known as the old Shooting Box. From early age he was dependent upon his own resources and provided the means that enabled him to pursue his academic course, which he completed by graduation in 1853. The reports reached him concerning the west so interested and attracted him that in 1855 he left the Keystone state and removed to Davenport, Iowa. There he entered the office of John Wilkinson Thompson, afterward mayor of the city for several terms, and under his direction pursued the study of law until admitted to the bar in 1856.

The winter of 1857 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Brown in Kansas City, where he at once entered upon practice and he is today the oldest resident attorney here in years of continuous connection with the courts. He is now the senior member of the law firm of Brown, Harding & Brown. During his many years of practice he has always enjoyed an extensive patronage and for many years the firm of Brown & Case, of which he was then senior partner, had the most lucrative practice of the city. About twenty years ago the present firm was formed. It has a liberal and important clientage, yet Mr. Brown has not confined his attention alone to the law, for in other ways he has been associated with the city's development and improvement, and, in fact, at the present time devotes his attention almost entirely to the care of his real estate interests. In the '60s he was a director and the attorney for the Kansas City, Galveston & Lake Superior Railroad, now a part of the main line of the Burlington system. He has always considered Kansas City real-estate as the best investment that he could make and as his financial resources have increased he has purchased property from time to time and has made extensive improvements thereon, this contributing in substantial measure to the upbuilding and adornment of the city.

In matters pertaining to public improvement Mr. Brown has always been an interested and helpful factor. He was one of the founders and incorporators of the Kansas City Law Library Association and served as its president and treasurer for ten years. He was a member of the city council in 1865-66 and in that capacity drew up the papers and negotiated the right-of-way contract for the entrance into Kansas City of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. For this entrance the corporation paid to the city twenty-five thousand dollars - a then unheard of practice. This sum was then donated as a bonus by the city council to the builders of the Hannibal Bridge, the first railroad bridge across the Missouri River and one of the largest factors in the city's development. It was the one achievement which outrivaled St. Joseph and Leavenworth and made Kansas City a railroad center.

On the 3rd of November, 1858, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Brown was married to

Miss Julia Ann Shaffer, a daughter of William and Catherine (Hileman) Shaffer, of Williamsburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Brown was born in Shaffersville, which town was named in honor of her grandfather. In her girlhood days she was a schoolmate of Mr. Brown and after his removal to the west he returned to Pennsylvania for his bride, whom he brought by boat to Kansas City from St. Louis, the latter city being at that time the western terminus of the railroads. When the first Presbyterian Church was organized in Kansas City in 1859, they were among the founders and first members and Mr. Brown is today the oldest elder of the church. Further mention of Mrs. Brown is made in the following article: Unto them were born six children: Julia, the wife of Edward B. Shillito; Lulu, the wife of Joseph Curd; Mrs. Sarah Epperson; William H., the junior member of the firm of Brown, Harding & Brown; Philip S., Jr.; and Dr. Ralph J. Brown. All of the children are residents of Kansas City.

While Mr. Brown has won success in business and in the practice of law, he has always been in hearty sympathy with the sentiment expressed by Lincoln: "There is something better than making a living - making a life;" and throughout his entire career he has consciously and unconsciously, through his habits and mode of living developed a character which commands the highest respect and confidence. He is indeed and honored name. Never known to take advantage of the necessities of another in a business transaction, he has on the contrary made it a point to assist his fellowmen, especially those less fortunate, to speak in a word of hope and encouragement and when financial assistance is needed to extend a helping hand.

From "History of Kansas City, Missouri, edited by Theo. S. Case, published by D. Mason & Co., Publishers, Syracuse, NY, 1888, pages 339-340:

Philip S. Brown was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1833. He was educated at the public schools of Blair County, and at the academy at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, under the Rev. Dr. John McKinney, a celebrated teacher, and a brother of the Rev. Dr. David McKinney, a most prominent Presbyterian divine. He studied law with John W. Thompson, a leading lawyer of Davenport, Iowa, at various times from 1850 to 1857. In the latter part of this year he removed from Davenport to Kansas City, Missouri, and in March, 1858, opened a law office here, and is thus the oldest resident attorney in the city. He continued in practice here alone until September, 1865, when he received into partnership Ermine Case, Jr., one of the brightest lights of the Kansas City bar, who remained with him until about January 1, 1865, when, on account of ill health was obliged to retire from the active practice of law. Upon the retirement of Mr. Case, Mr. Brown was, Mr. Brown admitted to partnership E. M. Wright, who had for some years been connected with the office, in charge of the collection department. The firm Brown & Wright, continued until 1880, when Mr. Wright retired on account of ill health. In June, 1883, Leonard Daniels became a member of the firm, remaining in it about a year, when he retired to settle up his father's estate. In September, 1884, Benjamin H. Chapman, and a little later W. H. Brown, a son of Mr. P. S. Brown, entered the firm, which since then has been known as Brown, Chapman & Brown. (BCM)

JULIA ANN SHAFFER

From "Kansas City, Missouri: Its History and Its People, 1800-1908, by Carrie Westlake

Whitney, Vol. III, published by the S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1908, pages 140-144:
MRS. JULIA A. BROWN

While the news of the death of Mrs. Julia A. Brown brought deep sorrow to the entire community in which she had lived so long and labored so earnestly and effectively for the uplifting of mankind, her good works have not ceased their fruition in the lives of those with whom she came in contact; and her memory is sacredly cherished by those who knew her, remaining a blessed benediction to her family, her friends and close associates. She was born at Shaffersville, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1835, a daughter of William and Catherine (Hileman) Shaffer, and a representative of two of the oldest pioneer families of western Pennsylvania, dating their residence there from about 1740. Mrs. Brown spent her girlhood days under the parental roof in an atmosphere of Christian living and when but twelve years old united with the Lutheran Church, with which she was connected until her marriage, when she joined the Presbyterian Church. Her early educational advantages were supplemented by a course of study in the Academia Seminary in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, the year of her graduation being 1857. For a year thereafter she engaged in teaching school and then took up the nobler, broader work of making a home for her husband and the children who came to them.

On the 3rd of November, 1858, she gave her hand in marriage in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Philip Shelley Brown and entered upon what proved an ideal married relation. They came almost immediately to Kansas City, where for half a century they traveled life's journey as man and wife, witnessing the wonderful growth and development of this city as it emerged from villagehood to take on all the evidences of a modern and progressive civilization.

While Mrs. Brown was interested in all that pertained to the city's growth, she was particularly active in the work of the church and her influence was exerted in behalf of character building and in the adoption of religious principles which should serve as a guide and standard in life. She united with the First Presbyterian Church on the 10th of May, 1859, about a year after it was organized. At that time the little congregation of slight numerical strength met in a storeroom, but as the years passed the adherents of the Presbyterian faith in this city grew to be more than five thousand, occupying about fifteen houses of worship. The example of Mrs. Brown was followed about a year later by her husband, and at the time of her death they were the oldest members in the church service. Mrs. Brown was one of the founders and incorporators of the Women's Christian Association and the Gillis Orphan's Home which grew out of it, and which is the largest charitable institution for the care of children in this city. For over thirty years she was active in its conduct and took upon herself the duty of buying all the supplies for the home, personally superintending this work. It was through her efforts that the First Presbyterian Church became interested in Park College and at length agreed to maintain a room there. She possessed unusual intellect and a most retentive memory even in her old age.

In October, 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Brown removed to a twelve-acre farm at the northeast corner of Twelfth Street and Tracy Avenue. This is now the geographical center of the city. There, after purchasing the property, Mr. Brown had erected a large residence, which was for many years the pride of that section. Mrs. Brown adorned the place by setting out many shade trees and laid out numerous flower gardens, the beauty of which proved a most attractive feature. The old homestead still occupies the greater part of the

original tract upon which it was built, although there is no undeveloped property around it, but, on the contrary, there stand in its immediate vicinity business houses and residences, giving every indication of the city's growth. It was at this home that Mrs. Brown reared her family, and while much interested in the church and charitable work, she never neglected the duties of her own household or the careful rearing of her children. She was one of the charter members of the Mother's Union of Kansas City, and continued active in its work until her death. She regarded her greatest duty of womankind the care of her own children, and the sons and daughters who called her mother now "rise up and call her blessed". She passed away January 6, 1908, in the seventy-third year of her age. Some one has said, "Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success:" and judged in this way the life of Mrs. Brown was a most successful one, for the world is better for her having lived.⁷¹¹

18. JACOB ULRICH³ BROWN (*Jacob², Henry¹*) was born on 19 Jun 1809.⁷¹² He married Anna Hoover, daughter of Martin Hoover and Maria Eshleman, on 6 Jan 1829.^{713,714} He died on 31 May 1878 in Ozawakie, KS, at age 68.⁷¹⁵

Jacob Ulrich Brown and Anna Hoover appeared on the census of 7 Nov 1850 in Jacob Brown household, Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, IA. They were both age 40, both born in Pennsylvania. The older children, including ten year old Nancy, were born in Pennsylvania. The younger children, including eight year old Jacob, were born in Iowa.⁷¹⁶ He and Annie moved to Jefferson County, Iowa, where they lived in 1850, both age 40, with several children. Annie was a daughter of Martin Hoover and a sister of Frances Hoover who married Samuel U. Brown. According to church records⁷¹⁷ Jacob and Anna both died in 1854, but this must mean the year they left Iowa. This line is continued by Rosa (Brown) Seitz⁷¹⁸ who says that Jacob and Anna are buried in the Ozawakie Cemetery, Ozawakie, KS. He died 31 May 1878 (she gives a birth date of July 19, 1808) and she died 4 June 1873, aged 69 years 10 months and 12 days (she gives a birth date of 6 Jan. 1829[?]). Thirteen children are listed for this couple.

Children of Jacob Ulrich³ Brown and Anna Hoover were as follows:

- i. ELIZABETH⁴⁷¹⁹ was born on 15 Sep 1830.⁷²⁰ She married Henry Fishel on 28 May

⁷¹¹Elmwood Cemetery Kansas City, Missouri, Notes, online www.mathewscommunications.com/pafn77.htm. Hereinafter cited as Elmwood Cemetery Kansas City, Missouri, Notes.

⁷¹²Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

⁷¹³Rosa (Brown) Seitz, *150 years with the Browns* (n.p.: A typescript sent to Doris Olds by Anna G. Stewart, n.d.). Hereinafter cited as *150 years with the Browns*.

⁷¹⁴Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: named daughter "Anna, intermarried with Jacob Brown."

⁷¹⁵Seitz, *150 years with the Browns*.

⁷¹⁶1850 federal census of Jefferson County, Iowa. Microfilm image online.

⁷¹⁷Early Brethren membership records in Iowa, Carter, Helen O., notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church.

⁷¹⁸Seitz, *150 years with the Browns*.

⁷¹⁹Ibid.

⁷²⁰Ibid.

1848.^{721,722,723}

- ii. JOHN H.⁷²⁴ was born on 1 Dec 1831.⁷²⁵ He married Nan Newman.⁷²⁶
- iii. MARY⁷²⁷ was born on 25 Jan 1833.⁷²⁸ She died in 1839 in PA.⁷²⁹
- iv. SAMUEL H.⁷³⁰ was born on 6 Nov 1834.⁷³¹ He married Sarah Root.⁷³²
- v. FANNY⁷³³ was born on 3 Apr 1836.⁷³⁴ She married Isaac Keim.⁷³⁵ She married Aaron Puderbaugh.⁷³⁶ She died in Mar 1913 at age 76.⁷³⁷
- vi. CATHERINE⁷³⁸ was born on 16 Nov 1837.⁷³⁹ She married Albert Pearsall.⁷⁴⁰ She died on 21 Nov 1925 at age 88.⁷⁴¹
- vii. DAVID⁷⁴² was born on 26 Feb 1839.⁷⁴³ He died in 1839 in PA.⁷⁴⁴
- viii. NANCY⁷⁴⁵ was born on 8 May 1840.⁷⁴⁶ She married John Crowell.⁷⁴⁷
- ix. JACOB⁷⁴⁸ was born on 11 Mar 1842.⁷⁴⁹ He married Susannah Michael.⁷⁵⁰ He died on 29 Dec 1886 at age 44.⁷⁵¹
- x. HANNAH⁷⁵² was born on 14 Feb 1844.⁷⁵³ She married Herman Newman.⁷⁵⁴ She died on

⁷²¹Mr. Henry Fisher [recheck this for Fisher or Fishel], age 25, and Miss Elizabeth Brown, age 17 years & 6 months, both of Jefferson County were married by Peter Loots (Lutz) Dunkard Preacher.

⁷²²Daughters of the American Revolution, "Jefferson County, Iowa, Records collected by the DAR", Compiled by the DAR, Vol. II, 1962-63.

⁷²³Seitz, *150 years with the Browns*.

⁷²⁴Ibid.

⁷²⁵Ibid.

⁷²⁶Ibid.

⁷²⁷Ibid.

⁷²⁸Ibid.

⁷²⁹Ibid.

⁷³⁰Ibid.

⁷³¹Ibid.

⁷³²Ibid.

⁷³³Ibid.

⁷³⁴Ibid.

⁷³⁵Ibid.

⁷³⁶Ibid.

⁷³⁷Ibid.

⁷³⁸Ibid.

⁷³⁹Ibid.

⁷⁴⁰Ibid.

⁷⁴¹Ibid.

⁷⁴²Ibid.

⁷⁴³Ibid.

⁷⁴⁴Ibid.

⁷⁴⁵Ibid.

⁷⁴⁶Ibid.

⁷⁴⁷Ibid.

⁷⁴⁸Ibid.

⁷⁴⁹Ibid.

⁷⁵⁰Ibid.

⁷⁵¹Ibid.

⁷⁵²Ibid.

⁷⁵³Ibid.

⁷⁵⁴Ibid.

12 Jun 1917 at age 73.⁷⁵⁵

- xi. FRANKLIN⁷⁵⁶ was born on 8 Feb 1848.⁷⁵⁷
- xii. AMANDA⁷⁵⁸ was born on 4 Jun 1850.⁷⁵⁹ She married Louis King.⁷⁶⁰
- xiii. ELNORA⁷⁶¹ was born on 10 Jul 1852.⁷⁶² She married O. C. Dewey.⁷⁶³

Generation Four

19. MARY⁴ BROWN (*Samuel Ulrich³, Jacob², Henry¹*) was born on 30 Jan 1828 in Bedford County, PA.⁷⁶⁴ She married Peter Bowers, son of John Bowers and Hannah Empfield, on 4 Dec 1845 in Bedford County, PA.⁷⁶⁵ She died on 18 Nov 1901 in Richland County, IL, at age 73.⁷⁶⁶ She was buried in Walnut Grove Church, Richland County, IL.⁷⁶⁷

Her family, as far back as her great great grandfather Jacob Brumbaugh, were owners of a considerable amount of land in Bedford County and were probably considered "well-to-do". This land was in a section of the county known as Morrison's Cove, about eight miles wide and thirty miles long, with Yellow Creek in the southern end, and sheltered by mountains. The Cove was considered a rich farming district and so had attracted many Pennsylvania Dutch settlers. Perhaps they were much like the stereotypical Pennsylvania Dutch farmer who may have appeared a little dense to some of his (non-German) neighbors but was honest, hard working, thrifty, knew how to get the best from his farm, and always struck a hard bargain in his business dealings. Her family were also devout members of the Church of the Brethren and followed the ways of the "plain people". They spoke a Low German dialect, somewhat modified by generations in America, which we call Pennsylvania Dutch. The term "Dutch" does not refer to Holland, but comes from a form of the German word Deutsch, meaning German. Mary Brown could read and write German and Doris (Ridgely) Olds has a German hymnal that Mary used. This small leather bound book with a metal clasp was printed in 1842 by Henry Kurtz in Stark Co., Ohio, and contains the words of songs in both German and English.

The cooking of the Pennsylvania Dutch has become famous and, in our family, good food (if not fine food) has always been a source of pride. Methods and recipes have changed, but this tradition remains. Edith (Dollahon) Ankenbauer wrote, "I remember Grandma telling me they cooked over fire places (in Penn.) and their ovens were made of bricks (out in the yard). They would build a fire in them and get the brick red hot then scrape out the

⁷⁵⁵Ibid.

⁷⁵⁶Ibid., may have died single.

⁷⁵⁷Ibid.

⁷⁵⁸Seitz, *150 years with the Browns*.

⁷⁵⁹Ibid.

⁷⁶⁰Ibid.

⁷⁶¹Ibid.

⁷⁶²Ibid.

⁷⁶³Ibid.

⁷⁶⁴Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers, although the place is not stated.

⁷⁶⁵Ibid.

⁷⁶⁶Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁷⁶⁷tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.

ashes and slide the loaves of bread and pies etc. in and bake them."⁷⁶⁸ Mary's father's house in Pennsylvania was built over a stream. This provided the home with a natural refrigerator, as crocks of milk could be set in the cool running water. Other foods, too, were kept cool in this way. Another benefit of this stream was that fish came in here to feed on the refuse, making them an easy catch for the family frying pan.

Mary Brown and Peter Bowers appeared on the census of 1856 in Jefferson County, IA. They had been in Iowa for 8 years and their three children, George W., age 7, "Julian", age 5, and Samuel P., age 4, had been born there. Elizabeth Good, age 28, was living with them and had been in Iowa for 11 years.⁷⁶⁹

Mary Brown and Peter Bowers appeared on the census of 26 Jun 1900 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL. Peter is listed as born in Sept. 1821, age 78, married 54 years, born in Pennsylvania and parents born in Pennsylvania. Mary is listed as born in Jan. 1828, age 72, having had 8 children of whom 7 were still living, born in Pennsylvania and parents born in Pennsylvania.⁷⁷⁰

Children of Mary⁴ Brown and Peter Bowers were as follows:

- i. GEORGE WASHINGTON⁷⁷¹ was born at 10:00 p.m. on 3 Apr 1849 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA.^{772,773} He married Louvina Rogers, daughter of John G. Rogers and Susannah Ross, on 14 Sep 1871.^{774,775} He died on 17 Dec 1881 near Noble, Richland County, IL, at age 32.⁷⁷⁶

Little information has been found about the life of George W. Bowers. Much of the following information is based on stories as remembered by relatives.⁷⁷⁷ George moved with his parents to Indiana in 1864 and then to Illinois in 1869. He was by that time no longer a boy but a young man. In fact, it seems that is one reason the family settled near Noble, Illinois. George was a young man needing work, and here was work not only for the father, Peter Bowers, but also for the sons. On the birth certificate of his fourth child, George's occupation was given as farmer. The Richland County land records show that in 1875 he bought 20 acres from Elijah A. Rogers, described as the south half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 29, Town 3 north, Range 9 east, for which he paid \$400 and then he sold it to David H. Anderson in 1876 for \$500. These records also say that George was a Justice of the Peace. He and his wife Louvina lived in Richland County, Illinois, in or near Decker Township. They were the parents of four girls, one of whom died young.

There were two different stories of the death of George Bowers and there may be truth in both of them. One is that he died from infection following an injury. Another one is that he had some kidney ailment, and when he was quite ill, the doctor who came

⁷⁶⁸Letters, Edith Ankenbauer to Olds, 1976 - 1978.

⁷⁶⁹1856 State Census of Iowa, Jefferson County.

ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/ia/jefferson/census/1856/1856desm.txt.

⁷⁷⁰1900 federal census of Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

⁷⁷¹Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁷⁷²Ibid.

⁷⁷³Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, family clippings and notes, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, which adds the place.

⁷⁷⁴They were married by Michael Forney, Minister of the Gospel.

⁷⁷⁵Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

⁷⁷⁶Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁷⁷⁷Clara B. Moore, Fred Arteberry, Sam Bunn, Anna Fritchey, Lois Murphy.

catheritized him. Soon after the doctor left, George is supposed to have said, "That doctor has killed me." The news of George's death got back to the doctor's office before the doctor did. It is believed he was buried in the Decker Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois, although no stone was found for his grave. There may never have been a stone, and a temporary marker would have soon disappeared.

Three daughters of George W. Bowers were left fatherless at an early age, and life for them was not always easy. Each of the girls spent some time with their father's relatives and sometimes attended school from those homes. However, their mother kept the family together and did not let the girls stay permanently with the aunts and uncles who were willing to give them a home. After Louvina remarried, there were stepbrothers and stepsisters and soon half brothers and half sisters. As often happened, especially in large families, the Bowers girls "worked out" about as soon as they were big enough.

George Washington Bowers appeared on the census of 2 Jun 1880 in Decker Township, Richland County, IL. The listing shows George W. Bowers, age 31, wife Luvina, age 27, and three daughters, "Rnirett"?, age 5, Dora A., age 3, and Clara, age 1.⁷⁷⁸

- ii. JULIA ANN⁷⁷⁹ was born at 8:00 A. M. on 20 Apr 1851 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA.^{780,781} She married Francis T. Hardin on 22 Nov 1877 in the home of the bride's parents, Richland County, IL.^{782,783} She died on 13 Sep 1939 in Sedalia, Pettis County, MO, at age 88.^{784,785} She was buried in Memorial Park, Sedalia, Pettis County, MO.⁷⁸⁶

"Julia was the oldest daughter of Peter and Mary (Brown) Bowers. She was born in Iowa, moved with the family to Indiana in 1864 and to Illinois, south of Noble, in 1869. She remembered travel in a covered wagon. Following her marriage, she and Frank must have lived with his parents in Olney for a time, since they are listed there in the 1880 census.⁷⁸⁷ The birth of their third child is recorded in Richland County, Illinois, but the record gives Julia's residence as Sedalia, Missouri, so the family must have left Illinois in 1880 or 1881. From then on Sedalia was her home, and that is where she and Frank raised their family. A letter written to her mother before 1900 would lead one to believe there were times when she longed for Illinois, probably because, until 1902, she was the only one of the Peter Bowers children who was not in Richland County. But this feeling was surely only temporary, for her children and grandchildren remember her as pleasant, contented, and never complaining, even though in later years her eyesight was poor. It was tradition in that family that all new members of the family -- whether entering the family by birth or marriage -- must be taken to be shown to Julia as soon as possible.

⁷⁷⁸1880 federal census of Edwards County, Illinois. census microfilm.

⁷⁷⁹Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers, at 8:00 A. M.

⁷⁸⁰Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁷⁸¹*unknown short newspaper title*, 1939, which adds the place name but gives the birth date as 20 April

1852.

⁷⁸²Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁷⁸³Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records.

⁷⁸⁴Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁷⁸⁵*unknown short newspaper title*, 1939, which adds the place name.

⁷⁸⁶*unknown short newspaper title*, 1939.

⁷⁸⁷Information from June (Brummett) Hardin.

This pleased her. She and her daughter Mayme lived together on Harrison Street in Sedalia the last several years of her life."⁷⁸⁸

In 1991, Evelyn McAleece sent to Doris Olds a post card that Maranda had written to her sister Julia Hardin at 1617 S. Harris Ave., Sedalia, Missouri.

"Dear Sister I thought I would send that apple butter this week but Oscar is using the team and Homer took the horse and buggy up to his grandma's Sun. He is helping Howard shuck corn. We have the apple butter made and want to start it from Claremont expect to go up next week. We are all well Lois and Leah are at school. Bertha is at home sewing I am ironing this morning Doras is talking. Yours M. Ridgely

The weather is warm tomato vines are still green. Nov. 10 1915."⁷⁸⁹

- iii. SAMUEL PETER was born on 2 Jul 1853 in near Batavia, IA. at 12 noon.⁷⁹⁰ He married Malvina Ernestine Houser, daughter of Edwin Theodore Houser and Caroline Shultz, on 3 Mar 1887 in Richland County, IL.⁷⁹¹ He died on 4 Jul 1929 in Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 76.^{792,793} He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁷⁹⁴

Samuel Peter Bowers who was born in Iowa, moved with his family to Indiana, then to Illinois when he was 16 years old. Sam earned his living mainly from farming, but for several years he was also employed as a teacher in the rural schools of Richland County. From a letter written by his mother, Mary (Brown) Bowers, we learn that he taught a five month term of school for \$38 per month. About 1898 he attended school at Carbondale, Illinois, where he was especially interested in math. However, because of poor eyesight, he did not stay at Carbondale long enough to receive a degree. Sam earned a reputation for good penmanship. Some of his own children were among his pupils. The father's example must have made an impression on them, for all except one of his children spent some time teaching school.

Sam's wife "Mellie" was a jolly person with a good sense of humor, and together they made a home where others were welcome. After the death of Sam's brother George, Clara Bowers, one of George's daughters, stayed for some time with Sam and Mellie. Again, according to a letter written by Sam's mother, they would have kept Clara permanently if her mother had given her permission. Later, after a niece died, her son, Sherman Atteberry, lived with the Sam Bowers family for a short time. Sherman was about the age of Sam's younger son, and they became great playmates. Then, for a time Peter Bowers made his home with his son Sam.

With the help of his family, Sam managed the Richland County Farm for six years, about 1906 - 1912. The last home Sam and Mellie Bowers was a farm located southeast

⁷⁸⁸Biographical statement written by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁷⁸⁹Letter, Evelyn McAleece to Olds, 5 Feb 1991, enclosing the card from her mother's things.

⁷⁹⁰Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁷⁹¹Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

⁷⁹²Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁷⁹³Lila and Herschel Henry, Esther Ribley, Mary Adams and and/or Elinor Boldrey.

⁷⁹⁴tombstone of Samuel P. Bowers, 1853 - 1929, tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.

of Claremont, Illinois. The house was a one-and-a-half story white frame house with a porch across the front. After Sam's death, the first oil well in Bonpas Township was drilled on this farm, which was then owned by his widow.⁷⁹⁵

- iv. MARY was born on 5 Nov 1856 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA. The Bible record states that she was born in the morning.^{796,797,798,799} She married Hugh Marion Findley, son of Hugh Findley and Phoebe Dunn, on 28 Feb 1878 in Richland County, IL.^{800,801,802,803} She died on 18 Oct 1948 in Parkersburg, Richland County, IL, at age 91.^{804,805,806} She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.^{807,808}
- v. FANNIE⁸⁰⁹ was born on 6 Oct 1858 near Batavia, Jefferson County, IA.^{810,811} She married Sylvester E. Rifner on 31 Jan 1886 in the home of Peter Bowers, near Berryville, Richland County, IL. He is listed as a farmer who would be age 33 at his next birthday.^{812,813,814} She married William Benton Bunn Sr. on 26 Jun 1892 in Richland County, IL.^{815,816,817,818} She died on 24 Jan 1962 in Olney, Richland County, IL, at age

⁷⁹⁵This biographical note for Samuel Peter Bowers was written by Doris Olds for the 1978 Bowers book.

⁷⁹⁶Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁷⁹⁷Mary (Bowers) Findley, funeral card.

⁷⁹⁸Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 318. Findley, Mary B., Nov. 5, 1856 - Oct 18, 1948.

⁷⁹⁹Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

⁸⁰⁰Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁸⁰¹Family records by James Marion Findley unknown repository.

⁸⁰²Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

⁸⁰³Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Hugh M. Findley and Mary Bowers, 02/28/78, license 42, Book 2, p. 4. His parents were Hugh Findley and Phebe Dunn. Hers were Peter Bowers and Mary Brown.

⁸⁰⁴Mary (Bowers) Findley, funeral card.

⁸⁰⁵Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 318. Findley, Mary B., Nov. 5, 1856 - Oct 18, 1948.

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⁸⁰⁸Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 318. Findley, Mary B., Nov. 5, 1856 - Oct 18, 1948.

⁸⁰⁹Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers, "in the morning". Her name is spelled both Fammie and Fanny in the Bible.

⁸¹⁰Ibid.

⁸¹¹Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*, p. 104; this adds the place of birth.

⁸¹²Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

⁸¹³Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, marriage record of Sylvester E. Rifner and Fannie Bunn.

⁸¹⁴Illinois Marriage Index online: license date 01/31/1886 for Sylvester E. Rifner and Fannie Bowers, from Richland County Book 3, p. 114.

⁸¹⁵Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁸¹⁶Bunn, *Mother - Our Torch Bearer*, p. 6.

⁸¹⁷Taylor, *Early Marriages of Richland County*.

⁸¹⁸Illinois Marriage Index online: license date 6/26/1892 for William B. Bunn and (Mrs.) Fannie Rifner, from Richland County Book 3, p. 191.

103.^{819,820} She was buried in Mt Olive Cemetery, Claremont Township, Richland County, IL. Her casket bearers were Walter Bunn, Max Bunn, Orville G. Wright, Wayne Bunn, Kenneth Preston and Don Petty. Brothers Lyle Berry and Loyal Hall officiated at the service.^{821,822}

Fannie Bowers was but a little girl when the family moved from Iowa to Indiana and soon to Illinois. What trips those must have been! No wonder she came to think the automobile was the invention that most changed the life of Americans. She was six years old when President Lincoln was shot and remembered how sad people were when they heard that news.⁸²³

"For a time, Fannie was again in the home of her parents, until in 1892, she married William Benton Bunn, Sr., a farmer of Bonpas Township, Richland County. He was a widower with a grown daughter. With the exception of a year or so when the family lived in Claremont, the farm in Bonpas Township was the Bunn family home. Fannie and Benton had seven children, including two sets of twin boys; however, only one of each pair survived for long."⁸²⁴

"After the death of her second husband, Fannie was left with a family not yet grown and a farm to manage. She must have done well with both, for the farm was kept in operation and her children not only loved her as a mother but also respected and admired her as a person. They remember she was always ready to help them with their problems, whether school work, hurt pride, or character building. After her youngest son Sam married, he and his wife Ella lived on that farm too. Later, when they moved to Olney, Fannie went with them. The last several years of her life was with Sam and Ella in Olney.

"Fannie had outlived all of her brothers and sisters when she died at the age of 103. So far as our records show, this was longer than any other member of the Bowers family, although her father, Peter Bowers, had passed his 100th birthday. ... As she advanced in years, she still kept alert, and callers were surprised at her keen interest in people and events. This interest, together with her pleasant smile and beautiful white hair, made her a most attractive lady."⁸²⁵

"County's Oldest Citizen, Fannie Bunn, 103, Dies

"Mrs. Fannie Bunn, age 103, one of Richland county's grandest persons, passed away last evening at the home of her son, Sam W. Bunn on Olney Route 1.

"Mrs. Bunn was born in Batavia, Jefferson county, Iowa, but had lived in Richland county most of her long lifetime. She was, at the time of her death, Richland county's oldest and certainly one of its finest citizens.

"She was married to William Benton Bunn Sr. on June 26, 1892. This union was blessed with seven children including two sets of twins. Her sons Lee and Sam Bunn had

⁸¹⁹Bunn, *Mother - Our Torch Bearer*, p. 19.

⁸²⁰Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 161. "Bunn Fannie -- October 6, 1858 -- January 24, 1962."

⁸²¹Ibid., p. 161.

⁸²²Fannie Bunn, funeral card.

⁸²³From a biographical statement of Fannie Bunn written by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁸²⁴Note by Doris Olds in her biographical statement of Fannie Bunn for the Bowers book of 1979.

⁸²⁵Note by Doris Olds in her biographical statement of Fannie Bunn for the Bowers book of 1979.

twin brothers who died in young childhood.

"Aunt Fannie,' as she became affectionately known, was a person of wonderful character. She was respected by all who come in contact with her. She maintained her advanced age was due to family heritage. Her father, Peter Bowers, lived to be 100 years of age, and two sisters and a brother also attained advanced ages.

"She maintained an active interest in things about her and in spite of failing eyesight she kept in touch with the happenings of the day.

"She suffered a broken hip a few weeks ago, and her physical condition had deteriorated rapidly since.

"She leaves five of her children: W. Benton Bunn of Lakeland, Fla., Benjamin B. Bunn of Urbana, Lee B. Bunn and Sam W. Bunn, both of Olney, and Mrs. Mary Esther Petty of Sumner. There are 8 grandchildren and 14-great-grand children.

"Funeral services for Mrs. Bunn will be held on Saturday after noon at 2:00 o'clock in the Memorial Chapel of the Summers-Rainey Funeral Home with Bro. Lyle Berry and Bro. Loyal Hall officiating. Interment will be in the Mt. Olive cemetery south of Claremont. Friends may call after 7 o'clock this evening."

- vi. DANIEL W. was born on 29 Dec 1861 in Jefferson County, IA, in the evening.^{826,827} He married Elise Rebecca Canby, daughter of Samuel Simpson Canby M. D. and Martha Bates, on 3 Jul 1889.⁸²⁸ He died on 16 Jan 1945 in Olney Sanatorium, Olney, Richland County, IL, at age 83.⁸²⁹ He was buried on 18 Jan 1945 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL. The clergyman for the funeral was Rev. Oliver Dearing.⁸³⁰

"When Dad was still small enough to be sitting on Dan Brown's knee, they were discussing the fact that that they had no middle name and perhaps ought to have one since other people, who were no better, had one. They adopted W. for middle initial, but no middle name."⁸³¹ This story is of interest to me, relating to the origin of my name, but does not fit with the facts that Dan W. Brown died in 1860 and Dan W. Bowers was born in 1861.

Daniel W. Bowers M. D. appeared on the census of 6 May 1910 in Kenmare, Ward County, ND.

Dr. D. W. Bowers, head, age 248, m 21 yrs, b. IA, parents b. PA

Elise, wife, 38, m. 21 yrs, b. Ill

Samuel, son, 19, single, b. Ill., m. 20 yrs [sic]

Anna, dau, 18, single, b. Ill.

Evyline, dau, 9, b. Ill.

Max, son, 4, b. Ill.

Peter, father, 88, widower, b. PA, parents b. PA.⁸³²

⁸²⁶Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁸²⁷Dr. Daniel W. Bowers, funeral card. adds the place of birth.

⁸²⁸Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁸²⁹Death of Dr. Bowers, *Olney Daily Mail*, 1945.

⁸³⁰Dr. Daniel W. Bowers, funeral card. It lists the place of interment as "Dunkard Cemetery."

⁸³¹Interview, Samuel Peter Bowers, 11 June 1964.

⁸³²1910 federal census of Ward County, ND. Microfilm image online.

Dan Bowers, sixth child of Peter and Mary Bowers, was their youngest child at the time they moved from Iowa to Indiana. He was not quite eight years old when the family, now increased by two more births, came from Indiana to Decker township of Richland County, Illinois. In this area Dan grew to manhood and then again moved with his parents to Bonpas township of the same county in 1885. This home was about a mile north of Red Head School and near the home of Dr. S. S. Canby. It is reported that just after a daughter of Dr. Canby came to call on the new neighbors, Dan remarked "That is the girl I am going to marry". Whether that is the way it was or not, he did marry that girl, Elise Canby. On 3 July 1939, they celebrated 50 years of married life. Six children were born to them; two of these did not live beyond infancy. Dan and Elise were both members of the Church of the Brethren.

"It may have been partly due to the influence and example of his father-in-law that Dan decided to become a doctor. He attended Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated, as his diploma states "16th day of March 1895, year of our Lord MDCCCXCV and of the Independence of the United States CXVIII". Upon his graduation the Medical College presented a medal to him because he ranked highest in his class. The medal was passed on to his son, Sam, then to Sam's grandson Myron who had it about 1978.

Dan practiced medicine and also at times did some farming. He was the "country doctor". His pay was not always in money but sometimes in chickens or pigs or hay or whatever the patient might have -- and sometimes no pay at all. He made home calls, depending at first on horses and later on automobiles for transportation, unless the roads (many of them dirt roads) were too bad to get a car through or the weather was too bad for a horse to be out. In those cases, he walked. But he went when and where he was called. He delivered babies, set broken bones (without X-ray), and treated all kinds of illnesses. One medicine that he gave was a dark brown liquid that tested as bad as anything could, it seemed, but it must have done the work, and tasting as it did, there was not much chance of an overdose.

The Bunn nephews remember Dr. Canby, Uncle Dan Bowers, and their father going fishing together, and they say Dan was an excellent shot with a rifle, too.

Perhaps partly because of the lure of the West, but mostly because of a health condition, Dan took his family to North Dakota where his sister Lila Dollahon lived. To take his household goods and live stock, he rented a railroad car. One of the horses died on the trip and was simply disposed of by pushing it out of the car. It was while in Dakota that Dan shaved off his beard, which he had worn for some time. That changed his appearance so much that his daughter Evelyn did not recognize him when he came to the door. When Dan asked for Evelyn's father, she turned to call her father, not knowing it was he who was asking. The family spent four years in North Dakota, probably about 1909 - 1913. Dan's father was there with them for a time, but he came back to Illinois before they did, making the trip alone at the age of 90.

Besides living in North Dakota those few years, Dan and Elise lived first near Dr. Canby, then at West Salem, at Claremont, and last at Berryville, Illinois. He practiced medicine until his last illness. The cause of his death was carcinoma of the urinary

bladder.⁸³³

"Thirty Years Ago, January 24, 1945"

"Funeral services are being held this afternoon for Dr. Daniel W. Bowers, 83, at Walnut Grove Church, and citizens of southern and eastern Richland County and nearby sections were paying tribute to the man who was the "first citizen" of this rural area. He was a typical country doctor of the old fashioned type who ministered to the ill and suffering of his large rural territory no matter what difficulty he faced in reaching his patients. Almost every year, he would walk his route when roads became so bad that neither car nor horse and buggy could make it. Many people had only him to rely on when conditions required emergencies, and due to conditions, his treatments were sometimes almost primitive, but more often than not his treatment was successful and brought him deep respect."⁸³⁴

- vii. DELILAH SUSAN⁸³⁵ was born in the evening on 1 Apr 1865 near Sulphur Springs, IN.^{836,837} She married Henry Franklin "Frank" Dollahon, son of George Franklin Dollahon and Margaret Mayhew, on 30 Apr 1889 in the home of the groom's stepmother, Edwards County, IL.⁸³⁸ She died on 2 May 1943 in Kenmare, Ward County, ND, at age 78.⁸³⁹ She was buried in ND.⁸⁴⁰

Lila Bowers, although born in Indiana, lived there only about four years, for the family came to the area near Noble, Illinois in 1869. By the time she married, the family had moved to Red Head School District, in Bonpas (pronounced Bum-paw) Township of Richland County, Illinois. After she and Frank were married, they lived in that general area for several years, perhaps both in Edwards and Richland Counties. Frank was a farmer and was, at one time, employed by Dr. S. S. Canby. Land records at the Richland County Court House show that, in 1900, Frank and Lila bought an acre of land from Peter Bowers, just east of the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren. That is now [1979] part of the parsonage.

"About 1902, Frank and Delila left Illinois to homestead in North Dakota. They were there until their deaths, coming back only for visits. The Bowers family was a close one, and Lila was greatly missed, especially by her youngest sister Maranda who once wrote that she thought she couldn't live without Lila but had to find out she could. Maranda said she thought Lila was more like her father than any of the other children. Perhaps she meant Lila could take things as they came and enjoy living. Anyway, some of the nieces and nephews remember that "Aunt Lila was a lot of fun". Lila spent the last years

⁸³³This biographical statement of Dr. Bowers was prepared by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book. She relied on material collected by his children, nieces and nephews.

⁸³⁴Olney Daily Mail, *Olney Daily Mail*, 1975.

⁸³⁵Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers, in the evening.

⁸³⁶Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers.

⁸³⁷Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, family clippings and notes, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, adding the place of birth.

⁸³⁸marriage record Edwards County Records, marriage record of Henry Frank Dollahon and Delilah Susan Bowers.

⁸³⁹Letter, Edith (Dollahon) Ankenbauer to Ridgely, 15 May 1943.

⁸⁴⁰Ibid.

- (perhaps six) in a hospital in Kenmare. Her sister Maranda visited her there in 1941.⁸⁴¹
- viii. MARANDA was born on 3 Oct 1867 near Sulphur Springs, Henry County, IN.^{842,843,844} She married Ira Oscar Ridgely, son of George Willis Ridgely and Susan Woods, on 19 Sep 1888 in Richland County, IL. The marriage was performed at the bride's parents home by B. R. Gerhart, M. G. and the witnesses were B. R. Gerhart, Geo. W. Ridgely, S. P. Bowers, and H. M. Findley.^{845,846,847} She died about 5:20 a. m. Thursday morning on 23 Jun 1960 in her Inglewood Farm home, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL, at age 92.⁸⁴⁸ She was buried on 25 Jun 1960 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL.⁸⁴⁹

In October, 1869, when Maranda was two years old, she with her parents, three brothers, and four sisters came from Indiana to Richland County, Illinois. The family settled in Decker Township south of Noble. The first school she attended was a spring term in 1874 at Decker School. The teacher was Jennie McWilliams. Maranda kept a paper showing her grades as spelling 56, reading 55, and writing 50, with 60 given as the perfect score. She told of many good times she had while the family was in Decker Township. The Alvord family was often mentioned. She had played with the Alvord children and later worked for Mrs. Alvord. The Bowers family left that area and moved to Bonpas Township in 1885.

When Maranda was barely 18, she began teaching school. Her mother did not encourage her in this for she probably thought girls were better off in the home, but her father approved her teaching if she wished. Maranda went to Sedalia, Missouri, to stay with her sister Julia and attend Broadway School there for a summer term or two. It is not clear just what kind of course she may have taken there, but it was meant to improve her teaching. Perhaps it was just reinforcement and review of what she had learned in the rural schools. Anyway, she passed the teacher's examination and became a school teacher. This she enjoyed. She taught school in Richland County from 1885 to 1889. Some of the schools she taught were Red Head, White, and Harrison (also known as No. 5). They were rural, one room schools with grades 1 through 8. There are none in that area anymore. Her pupils were of all grades and all ages, some older than she, for it was not too unusual to attend these schools until age 21 or so. At least one term she had over 60 pupils and felt sad that she had to turn away the five year olds. There simply wasn't room. Books were few and audio-visual aids were unheard of. Many of the older pupils could not attend regularly because they must stay home and help with the work during the busy season. There was no janitor service; so Maranda went early to build

⁸⁴¹This biographical statement for Lila (Bowers) Dollahon was written by Doris Olds for the 1979 Bowers book.

⁸⁴²Letter, Maranda Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 16 March 1953.

⁸⁴³Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers, with the notation "in the evening". Her father's Bible does not record the place of birth.

⁸⁴⁴Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely, which does add the place of birth.

⁸⁴⁵Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely.

⁸⁴⁶Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records.

⁸⁴⁷George W. Ridgely family Bible, the date given here is 19 Sept 1889 (not 1888).

⁸⁴⁸Letter, Doris (Ridgely) Olds to Olds, 29 June 1960.

⁸⁴⁹Ibid.

fires and stayed late to clean, unless some older boy took over those chores. Maranda was teaching the Harrison School the fall that she and Oscar were married. Since his parents lived near that school, she and Oscar lived with them that winter.

Then her school teaching days were over. She was from then on a homemaker, for Oscar said he would make the living and she would make the living worthwhile. Over the next 25 years they became the parents of six children. She kept her interest in teaching and encouraged her children to do well in school. She kept a large map of Illinois behind the kitchen door. When any place on it was mentioned, it was located, thus reinforcing the study of geography as well as interest in places beyond the local area. Constellations were pointed out on clear nights when stars were bright in the country air. One child read aloud or pronounced words for spelling while others were washing dishes. It is surprising how many ways she found to mix teaching with daily living. This must have made an impression on her children, for each of the six was at some time a school teacher.

Both Maranda and Oscar were active members of the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren, and church attendance and activities held an important place in their lives. She was baptized into the Church of the Brethren in Jan. 1891 by David Troxel.[from a brief manuscript autobiography by Maranda Ridgely (for a Brethren history?)] Her mother wrote that the ice had to be broken for the baptism but "she did not mind it at all". Over the years Maranda served as Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, organizer of summer Bible Schools, and delegate from her church to the Church District Meetings. In 1955, she wrote that she was "still a school teacher at 88" because she was teaching a Sunday School class at Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren.

On March 4, 1889, not quite six months after their marriage, Oscar and Maranda Ridgely established their home on a farm located 1/2 mile south of Red Head School in Bonpas Township of Richland County, Illinois. This was part of the farm of 120 acres which they later named Inglewood. When they retired from farming, they sold this farm to their older son, George Howard, but they built a small house beside his and continued to live there. It served as a Ridgely farm for over 90 years. Here all six of their children were born and raised. Here they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. And here they lived until their deaths, his in 1941 and hers in 1960. She had lived 71 years on the same farm. This is truly the "Home Place."⁸⁵⁰

Inglewood is now owned by their granddaughter, Karen (Murphy) Stremme who has been active in restoring and maintaining the place and, with her husband Don, farms it along with much of the nearby land.

Maranda Ridgely and Ira Oscar Ridgely appeared on the census of 18 Jun 1900 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, IL. The listing shows:

Ridgely, Oscar Head, b. Dec 1866, age 33, married 11 years, farmer, he and his parents b. in Illinois

, Maranda, wife, b. Oct. 1867, age 32, married 11 years, had three children, all living, b. in Indiana, parents b. in Penn.

⁸⁵⁰The early years as told by Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely and written for the 1979 Bowers book by her daughter, Doris (Ridgely) Olds.

, Bertha, daughter, b. Jan. 1890, age 10
, Howard, son, b. Aug 1893, age 6
, Homer, son, b. Sep 1897, age 2.⁸⁵¹

In 1991, Evelyn McAleece sent to Doris Olds a post card that Maranda had written to her sister Julia Hardin at 1617 S. Harris Ave., Sedalia, Missouri.

"Dear Sister I thought I would send that apple butter this week but Oscar is using the team and Homer took the horse and buggy up to his grandma's Sun. He is helping Howard shuck corn. We have the apple butter made and want to start it from Claremont expect to go up next week. We are all well Lois and Leah are at school. Bertha is at home sewing I am ironing this morning Doras is talking. Yours M. Ridgely

The weather is warm tomato vines are still green. Nov. 10 1915."⁸⁵²

Maranda Bowers left a will dated 7 May 1947 in Richland County, IL.

"I, Maranda Ridgely, in the County of Richland and State of Illinois being of sound mind and memory, do therefore, make, ordain and publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament

"FIRST: I order and direct that my Executor hereinafter named, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

"SECOND: After payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath unto my son, George Howard Ridgely, the cottage in which I now reside to be his absolute estate forever.

"THIRD: I give and bequeath unto my son, George Howard Ridgely, all personal property in the cottage where I now reside, consisting of furniture, dishes, bedding, etc, except that each of my said children shall have the right and privilege of taking all articles which they have given to me, and each child shall have the privilege of taking some article of mine which is not attached to the cottage as a keepsake. All articles desired by the children to be removed at their earliest convenience, unless my son, George Howard Ridgely, shall authorize the children to leave such articles of personal property in the cottage.

"FOURTH: I give and devise unto my son, George Howard Ridgely, the following describe real estate, to wit:

The North Half of the North West Quarter of the South West Quarter of Section Three (3) Town Two (2) North, Range Thirteen (13) West of the second principal meridian, situate in the County of Lawrence and State of Illinois, to be his absolute estate forever in fee simple, in part payment for his many kindnesses to me.

"FIFTH: I give and bequeath all personal property of which I may die seized not hereinbefore bequeathed unto my children - BERTHA E. RIDGELY SWANK, GEORGE HOWARD RIDGELY, HOMER EDWIN RIDGELY, LOIS IRENE RIDGELY MURPHY, LEAH MARGARET RIDGELY McNAMARA and DORIS RIDGELY OLDS, share and share alike to be their absolute estate forever.

"SIXTH: I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my property of which I may die seized, both real, personal and mixed, of every kind and character unto my children, - BERTHA E. RIDGELY SWANK, GEORGE HOWARD

⁸⁵¹1900 federal census of Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

⁸⁵²Letter, Evelyn McAleece to Olds, 5 Feb 1991, enclosing the card from her mother's things.

RIDGELY, HOMER EDWIN RIDGELY, LOIS IRENE RIDGELY MURPHY, LEAH MARGARET RIDGELY McNAMARA, AND DORIS NAOMI RIDGELY OLDS, share and share alike to be their absolute estate forever.

"LASTLY: I make, constitute and appoint George Howard Ridgely to be the Executor of this, my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by made.

"IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the 7th day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and forty seven.

"Maranda Ridgely (SEAL)

"This instrument was on the day of the date hereof signed, published and declared by the said Testator, Maranda Ridgely, to be her last Will and Testament in presence of us and at h... request we have subscribed our names thereto at witness, in her presence, and in the presence of each other.

Ella H. Bunn

Betty Worrell

Carrie L. Winter"

The report of final settlement, March 12, 1962, showed a value of \$985.20 in cash, checking and savings accounts. After funeral expenses, court costs and attorney's fees of \$777.35, the balance of \$207.85 was distributed. Each of the living five children received \$34.64 and three grandchildren Eunice Swank, Eugene R. Swank and Evelyn Swank Johnson, received \$11.55.⁸⁵³

"Mrs. Maranda Bowers Ridgely, 92, passed away at her home near Parkersburg Thursday.

"She is survived by five children, George H. Ridgely of Parkersburg, Homer Ridgely of Olney, Mrs. Lois Murphy of Robinson, Mrs. Leah McNamara of Villa Park and Mrs. Doris Olds of Olney. Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Fannie Bunn and fifteen grandchildren.

"She was preceded in death by her husband, and one daughter Bertha Swank.

"Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Walnut Grove Church. Friends may call at the King Funeral Home in West Salem."⁸⁵⁴

"Ridgely, Maranda Bowers, was born Oct. 3, 1867 and died June 23, 1960. On Sept. 19, 1888, she was married to Oscar Ridgely, who preceded her in death. She was a member of the Walnut Grove church, Ill. She is survived by five children, fifteen grandchildren, and one sister. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. W. T. Hackman [Heckman]. Interment was in the church cemetery. -- Mrs. D. A. Ridgely, Parkersurg, Ill."⁸⁵⁵

⁸⁵³This copy is in the papers of Doris Olds, sent by Carrie L. Winter, attorney at law, Olney, Illinois, on 16 March 1962, along with a check for \$34.64 in payment of her portion.

⁸⁵⁴Mrs. Maranda Ridgely Dies, *Olney Daily Mail*, June 1960.

⁸⁵⁵Ridgely, Maranda Bowers, *Gospel Messenger*, 1960.

Descent From Joseph Infeld

Generation One

20. JOSEPH¹ INFELD⁸⁵⁶ was born circa 1732.⁸⁵⁷

ToDo: These are refs to check on Infeld - Empfield:

Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Vol 1 p. 508 (Film #1035683 Item 5

1759 York Co. PA Church Record of the 18th Century, Canadochly Union Church, pg 108

History of York County, PA, pg 644 (Rev. Soldiers of Fariview Twp. incl J. Enfield

1781 PA Archives Vol. 221, pp. 484, 584, 697

1790 c Franklin Co. PA

1796 PA Archives Warrantees of Land Bedford Co. Jan 18 1796

1800 c Bedford Co PA

check records of Franklin Co. PA. He immigrated on 22 Nov 1752 to Philadelphia, PA. On this date, at a Council in the Courthouse in Philadelphia, Joseph Infeld was listed among those foreigners who had arrived in the Ship Phoenix with Captain Ruben Honor, from Rotterdam and last for Cowes. As is usual in these lists, nothing connects him with his previous or subsequent history. It may be just a coincidental finding of a familiar name in a large list of names.⁸⁵⁸

In the records of Conejohela of Canadochly Church, now located in Lower Windsor Township of York County, Pennsylvania, Joseph and Christine Infeld had three children recorded.

Born 28 Jan 1759 and baptised 10 Feb 1759, Gorg Ludwig Infeld, sponsors: Ludwig Mayer and Anna Margaretha Wicker

Born 28 Jan 1759 and baptised 10 Feb 17959, Anna Margaretha Infeld, sponsors: Balthasar Wicker and Anna Magaretha Mayer

Born 3 Oct 1762 and baptised 15 Apr 1762, Thomas Infeld, sponsors: Thomas Zigler and Magaretha.

Children of Joseph¹ Infeld include:

21. i. GEORGE² married Barbara (--?--).

Generation Two

21. GEORGE² EMPFIELD (*Joseph¹ Infeld*) married Barbara (--?--). He died in 1810 in Indiana County, PA.

The 1790 federal census records for PA, MD, and NY show no Enfield, Emfield, or Empfield other than George Emfield of Franklin Co., PA. He had 4 females, 4 males under 16 and himself in his family. Franklin

⁸⁵⁶Descendants of Joseph (Infeld) Infeld, online www.gendex.com/users/Enf_Bry/famhist/h594.html. Hereinafter cited as Descendants of Joseph (Infeld) Infeld.

⁸⁵⁷Ibid.

⁸⁵⁸Ralph B. Strassburger and William J. Hinke, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* (n.p.: n.pub., 1934, reprinted 1966), Vol. I, pp. 507-509. Hereinafter cited as *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*.

County was formed from Cumberland County in 1784 but neither the Cumberland County Historical Society nor the Franklin County recorder of deeds found any record of this family. In the 1800 census, George was recorded in Bedford Co., PA -- the only one of the name in the state. This family consisted of the following:

- 3 males under ten
- 3 males ten to 15
- 1 male from 26 to 45
- 4 females under ten
- 2 females from 10 to 15
- 1 female 26 to 45

This family seems to have included twelve children at this time, and no longer included some of those listed in the 1790 census. George Empfield appears in the records of Indiana County as early as 1805 when he bought land from a Gibson, and later George Empfield and his wife Barbara sold this land to Isaac Griffith.⁸⁵⁹ On 1 Dec. 1806, George Empfield, millwright, sold some land to Sheriff Thomas McCartney⁸⁶⁰. George Empfield, millwright, appears on the list of taxables for Wheatfield township in 1807.⁸⁶¹

George Empfield made his will 22 Jan. 1810 and it was probated 26 June 1810, as follows:⁸⁶²

“In the Name of God amen I Georg Emfield of the County of Indiana being very sick and weak in body But of perfit [sic] mind and memory thanks be given to God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is apointed for all men once to die do make and this my Last Will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my soul into the hands of God almighty that gave it and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting But at the General Resurrection I Shall Recieve the same a gain by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate werewith it has plesed God to bless me in this Life I give Demise [sic] and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form

“after my funaral Expences and Lafull Debts is paid first I give and Bequeth to Barbarah my Dearly Beloved wife all my my [sic] moveabel property to Dispose of as Shee sees proper all Debts Due to mee Included and Likewise I Bequeth all my Lands and tenements By her freely to be possessed and injoied During Her Naturall Life and shee is to keep and take care of the Children Till they are Capable of doing for themselves and after Her Desease the Land is to Be sold and the price to be Eaqually Divided amongst my Children Exepting my Daughter Mary I Leave and Bequeth unto her one Dollar to be paid at her her [sic] Mothers Desese and those of my children that has Recieved aney of my property it is to be considred to them as part of there Legacy I Likewise apoint my well beloved wife Barbara my Sole Executer

“and I do here By uterly disalow revoke and disanull all and Every other form or testament will Legacy Bequeths and Executors by mee in ??? Before Named willed and Bequethed ratifing and confirming this and no other to be may last will and testament In witness where of I have here unto set my hand and Seal this twenty second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and ten Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared by the said Georg Emfield as his Last will and testament in his presences and in the presence of us who hath here unto subscribed our Names.

Isaac Griffith Georg Emfield (Seal)
Alex Telfer [???

⁸⁵⁹Deed Books of Indiana County, Pennsylvania: Deed Book 1, p. 107.

⁸⁶⁰Ibid., Deed Book 1, p. 1.

⁸⁶¹Caldwell, *History of Indiana County, Pa.*

⁸⁶²George Empfield will (22 Jan 1810), Will Books of Indiana County, PA: from the original will, Indiana County Court House, Indiana County, PA. Hereinafter cited as Will Books of Indiana County, PA.

On 26 June 1810, Isaac Griffith and Alexander Telfair appeared before James McLain, Register for the probate of wills, the will was recorded, and Barbara Empfield was sworn as Executrix.⁸⁶³

Barbara Empfield continued to be taxed (usually for 150 acres) in Wheatfield Township through at least 1815, but not in 1820, and she probably died during that period. Although the deed of 8 May 1816 (below) carried the mention of the widow's interest, the later ones did not.

The names of most of George Empfield's heirs can be determined from the deed records of Indiana County. On 8 May 1816, John Palmer and Elizabeth his wife alias Elizabeth Empfield sold her undivided twelfth part of the land (bequeathed to her by George Empfield) in Wheatfield Township to Peter Empfield, subject to a proportional part of the dowry of Barbara Empfield, widow of George.⁸⁶⁴ On 10 May 1824 Christina Empfield sold one undivided share of George Empfield's land in Wheatfield township to Peter Bowers⁸⁶⁵. On 9 Feb. 1825, Benjamin Elliott and Jane, his wife, sold (to Peter Bowers) four equal undivided shares of this estate --- two described as the property of Peter Empfield and his wife Mary, one the property of Jacob Empfield and one the property of Henry Palmore and Barbara, his wife, formerly Empfield. On 11 June 1825, John Vance Tetball (spelling?) and Margaret (Empfield) his wife sold one equal undivided share of this estate to Peter Bowers.⁸⁶⁶ Recorded on the same page is the following:⁸⁶⁷

"Know all men by these presents that we John Bowers and Hannah his wife Alias Hannah Empfield for and in Consideration of twenty five dollars to us in hand paid by Peter Bowers at and before the ensealing and delivering of these the receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge Have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell and convey unto the said Peter Bowers his heirs and assigns one equal undivided share in the land and tenement of the late George Emfield in Wheatfield Township Indiana County which said Tract of land was [warranted] to the said George Emfield and adjoining lands of William Patterson Christopher Keller and others one undivided share thereof being the property of said John and Hannah his wife Alias Hannah Emfield heir at Law or devisee under the last will and testament of the said George Emfield deceased Together with all and singular the rights privileges hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any ??? appertaining to have and to hold the aforesaid one Share with its appurtenances unto the said Peter Bowers his heirs and assigns to and for their only proper use benefit of him the said Peter Bowers his heirs and assigns forever Witness our hands and Seals the Eleventh day of June Anno Domini one thousand Eight hundred and twenty five" John Bowers and Hannah Bowers both signed by mark.

On 23 Oct. 1832, Peter and Sarah Bowers sold to William Hise, Jr., nine undivided shares of the thirteen shares of this estate. Two hundred and fifty acres had been patented to Charles Gibson and sold to George Empfield on 7 Dec. 1805.⁸⁶⁸ The nine shares were those of Jacob, Sarah, Peter, Elizabeth, Barbara, Hannah, Isaac, Christiana and Margaret. This deed recounts that Jacob and Peter, Elizabeth Palmer (with her husband John), and Barbara Palmer (with her husband Henry) had sold to Benjamin Elliott who sold to Peter Bowers. Hannah (with her husband John Bowers), Isaac, Christiana and Margaret (with her husband John Vance Tetball) had also sold to Peter Bowers who also had the share of his wife, Sarah Emfield. The other shares remain unidentified.

The estate was divided into 12 parts according to one record and into thirteen parts according to another

⁸⁶³Tax Rolls, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

⁸⁶⁴Deed Books of Indiana County, Pennsylvania: Book 3, p. 310.

⁸⁶⁵Ibid., Deed Book 5, p. 459.

⁸⁶⁶Ibid., Deeb Book 5, p. 616.

⁸⁶⁷Ibid., Deed Book 5, p. 616.

⁸⁶⁸Ibid., Deed Book 8, p. 213.

record. A 250 acre tract called Hope, in Wheatfield Township, which Empfield got from Gibson in 1805 is mentioned. Most of the surviving children of George Empfield can be identified from these records but there were other children. John Empfield may have been another son. He was a single man on the tax rolls of 1811-1813 and had 318 acres by 1820.⁸⁶⁹ The 1820 census of Wheatfield Township, Indiana County, shows a John Empfield, age 26-45, and in 1830 he was age 40-50.

Children of George² Empfield and Barbara (--?--) were as follows:

- i. JACOB³. He was a millwright. He appears on the tax roll of Wheatfield Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania for 1807, was age 26-45 in 1820 and age 40-50 in 1830 according to the federal census records of Wheatfield Township.
- ii. MARY. She got \$1 under her father's will.
- iii. SARAH was born circa 1787.

She married Peter Bowers (1785-1850). They raised Jackson Bowers Empfield, born ca. 1832. They are probably the Peter Bowers, b. 17 Dec. 1785, and Sally Bowers, b. 6 April 1787, listed as charter members of the Brush Valley Lutheran Church.⁸⁷⁰ The family is listed in the 1850 census of Brushvalley Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Peter was 64, Sarah was 62, and Jackson Empfield was 18. "Jackson B. Empfield, born August the 1st, 1832, in Indiana County Pennsylvania. His mother died when he was one half hour old leaving nine children; his father did not get married again; the children were raised by strangers except the deceased, he was raised by his father's sister, Mrs. Peter Bowers. ..." He died in Ryno, Custer County, Nebraska, March 23, 1904.⁸⁷¹

- iv. PETER was born circa 1789. He married Mary (--?--) on 6 Aug 1857.

"MARRIED. On Thursday last, by Watson Thompson, Esq., Mr. Peter Empfield, aged 68 years, to Mrs. Mary Bennett, aged 80 years, both of Pine Township."⁸⁷²

On 14 Aug 1822 Peter Empfield and his wife Mary deeded to Benjamin Elliot two equal undivided shares of the land and tenements of the late George Empfield. Peter had inherited one share and obtained the other (by deed dated 8 May 1816) from John Palmer and his wife Elizabeth, who was a daughter of the said George.⁸⁷³ He married Mary Hart. According to Stewart's history, this was a second wife. Perhaps Hart was not a maiden name. Stewart also describes Peter as of German extraction and a native of eastern Pennsylvania who "came to what is now Cherryhill" Township of Indiana County, died in 1872 at age 84 and is buried in the Lutheran Church Cemetery in Brushvalley along with his second wife.⁸⁷⁴ He was age 26-45 in 1820 and age 30-40 in 1830, according to the federal census records of Wheatfield Township. In 1850, he was listed

⁸⁶⁹Deed Books of Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

⁸⁷⁰Snyder, *History of Brush Valley Lutheran Church*.

⁸⁷¹Jackson B. Empfield, *Custer County Republican (Nebraska?)*,

www.myfamily.com/famhistory/famhistory.asp?famhistoryid=29439, 31 March 1904, posted by Francis Empfield Teresczuk at <http://www.myfamily.com/famhistory/famhistory.asp?famhistoryid=29439>. Hereinafter cited as Custer County Republican.

⁸⁷²Married, *Indiana Register*, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 11 Aug 1857. Hereinafter cited as Indiana Register.

⁸⁷³Deed Books of Indiana County, Pennsylvania: Deed Book 5, p. 64. Posted by Frances Empfield Teresczuk on <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/indiana/land/petterempfieldtobenjamineliote.txt>.

⁸⁷⁴Stewart, *Indiana County, Penn.; Her People Past and Present*, p. 1247.

as Peter Hempfield, age 61, with wife Mary, age 53. He was age 71 in the 1860 census of Cherryhill Township, Indiana County.

Peter Empfield appeared on the census of 17 Jul 1860 in Cherryhill Township, Indiana County, PA. He was age 71 in the household of John and Martha Green.⁸⁷⁵

- v. ELIZABETH. She married John Palmer by 1816. An Elizabeth Palmer, born 1 June 1790, was confirmed at the Brush Valley Lutheran Church on 19 March 1825 but nothing there shows her to be this one.⁸⁷⁶
- vi. BARBARA. She married Henry Palmer by 24 Aug. 1822.
22. vii. HANNAH was born circa 1796 in PA. She married John Bowers, son of John? or Peter? Bowers, say 1815.
- viii. ISAAC. He was age 16-26 in the 1820 census of Indiana County.
- ix. CHRISTIANA. She was still single, 10 May 1824.
- x. MARGARET. She married John Vance Tetball[?] by 11 June 1825.

Generation Three

22. HANNAH³ EMPFIELD (*George², Joseph¹ Infeld*) was born circa 1796 in PA. She married John Bowers, son of John? or Peter? Bowers, say 1815. She died circa 1833 in Indiana County, PA.

This daughter of George and (presumably) Barbara Empfield, may have been born in 1796 as suggested in connection with the biography of her husband, John Bowers. The deed quoted there proves the connection between Hannah (Empfield) Bowers and her father, George Empfield.

Children of Hannah³ Empfield and John Bowers were as follows:

- i. BARBARA⁴ was born between 1815 and 1820. (see previous).
- ii. SARAH was born circa 31 Mar 1817. She married John Empfield. (see previous).
- iii. JULIA ANN was born circa 1820. (see previous).
- iv. PETER was born on 29 Sep 1821 in Indiana County, PA. He was presumably born at his father's home in Wheatfield Township. He married Mary Brown, daughter of Samuel Ulrich Brown and Frances "Fanny" Hoover, on 4 Dec 1845 in Bedford County, PA. (see # 3.).
- v. MARGARET was born circa 1827. She married Dennis G. Morgan. (see # 4.).
- vi. RACHEL was born circa 1828. (see previous).
- vii. ISAAC was born circa 1829. (see previous).
- viii. GEORGE was born circa 1832. (see previous).

⁸⁷⁵1860 federal census of Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁸⁷⁶Snyder, *History of Brush Valley Lutheran Church*.

Descent From Martin Hoover

Generation One

23. MARTIN¹ HOOVER was born on 10 Aug 1776 in Lancaster County, PA.⁸⁷⁷ He married Maria Eshleman, daughter of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff, on 23 Apr 1799 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA.⁸⁷⁸ He died on 28 Mar 1855 in Bedford County, PA, at age 78.⁸⁷⁹ He was buried in Replogle Cemetery, Woodbury Township, Bedford County, PA.⁸⁸⁰

According to Liebegott⁸⁸¹, he was a son of a Jacob Hoover of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, who did name a son Martin in his will.⁸⁸² Additional evidence is needed, especially in view of the fact that the names Jacob and Martin Hoover apply to several different men at this time. The Jacob of Bedford County was there long before "our" Martin arrived and others have claimed descent from his son Martin who appears to be different from our ancestor.

Recently, another possibility for the parents of Martin Hoover has come to light. Jacob Hoover, who "died March 13, 1788", is shown as "Great-Great-GreatGrandFather", the father of "Great-Great Grandfather" Martin Hoover, b. 1776, died 17 March 1855,⁸⁸³ in "Kathryn's Family History". This sheet also shows that Martin Hoover married Maria Eshleman but gives her dates as 1778 - 6 Oct. 1868⁸⁸⁴. The author of this sheet of information was Kathryn (Hoover) Hough, b. 8 Dec. 1907, daughter of Levi Hoover, granddaughter of Jacob Hoover who was a son of "our" Martin Hoover. The source of her information is still unknown, but a Jacob

⁸⁷⁷Tombstone, Replogle Cemetery, Bedford County, Pennsylvania. "In Memory of Martin Hoover died March 28 1855, aged 78 years 7 mos & 18 Days"; a calculated birth date. From my photograph.

⁸⁷⁸When Martin and Maria went into the town of Lancaster to get married at the Church of the Holy Trinity, an Evangelical Lutheran church, they were following a pattern used by many of their peers in the Mennonite community. There is a photocopy of this record in the Lancaster County Historical Society which merely states, under the section for April 1799, "23. Cop. Martin Huber & Maria Eshleman" with no hint of connections to other family members.

⁸⁷⁹Tombstone, Replogle Cemetery. from my photograph.

⁸⁸⁰Ibid.

⁸⁸¹Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers."

⁸⁸²Jacob Hoover will (10 Dec 1800), Will of Jacob Hoover Will Book 1, p. 152: made 10 Dec. 1800, probated 2 March 1801. The Liebegott papers contain an abstract of this will made at the Bedford County, Pennsylvania, courthouse in 1927 by Elvin R. Hoover and recopied Dec. 3, 1945 by Edward D. Kimes. This copy gives Martin Hoover (not Houser as in other notes) as Trustee and Jacob Price of Washington County, Maryland, as Executor. If this could be documented from the original estate papers, it would nearly eliminate "our" Martin Hoover from this Jacob's family as our Martin is not known to be in Bedford County this early, County Court House, Bedford County, PA. Hereinafter cited as Will of Jacob Hoover.

⁸⁸³Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, which gives this date although I have used 28 March from the tombstone.

⁸⁸⁴Ibid., p. 210. This paragraph on Catherine Brumbaugh, wife of Rudolph Hoover, may be the source of Kathryn's information but it is incorrect.

Hoover of Lancaster Co., PA, is known to have made his will on 13 March 1788 and it was probated on 9 June 1788. His wife was Barbara Hoover, his executors were John and Jacob Hoover of Martic township, and his children were Barbara, Henry, Jacob, Christian, John and Martin.⁸⁸⁵

The 1779 tax list of Earl Township, Lancaster County, PA, shows a Martin Hoover twice and that of Strasburg Township shows a Jacob Hoover twice. A Jacob Huber is also listed in Cocalico Twp. (1779) and in Lancaster Borough (1781).⁸⁸⁶

Our Martin Hoover's first known appearance on the public record is on the 1796 tax list of Martic Township, Lancaster County, PA, where he appears among the freemen (single men) as a House Carpenter. The most recent Martic Township list prior to that was for 1793 and this Martin Hoover does not appear. Thus, our Martin Hoover seems to have come of age in a community of Hoover families in Martick Township. Martin's mother or father might be among the Hoovers on this list in 1793, who were:

Christian Hover "B. C." 140 acres, 2 horses, 3 cows, 1-2-6

[His name should be John as indicated on other lists and on the summary list for 1793 where the given name Christian is crossed out and replaced by John. The indicator B. C. is attached to him for years in the lists.]

John Hover "Littell" 100 acres 2 horses 4 cows, 0-12-8

Henry Hover 0 acres, 2 horses, 2 cows. --3-9

John Hover "Juner" 100 acres, 1 horse, 2 cows, 0-7-9

Christian Hover Land 100 acres. 10-3-9

----[some intervening names appear here. The listing is grouped by first letter of the surname (all H's together) but there may have been two groups of Hoovers in Martic, separated by geography or family]----

Christian Hover 57 acres, 2 horses, 2 cows, 0-10-0

Petter Hover 57 acres, 1 horse, 2 cows. 0-9-0

Jacob Hover Juner, 2 cows, 0-14-0

Henry Hover "frod Towne?" 2 horses, 2 cows, 1-2-6

Jacob Hoover "Hemp Mill" 290 acres, 4 horses, 6 cows, 1-2-6

[Hemp Mill has been marked out and replaced by Senor in the summary list]

Christian Hover Senr(?) 160 acres, 1 horse, 2 cows, 1-2-6

The next tax list (1796) shows:

widow Hooper 15 acres, 1 house, 1 barn, 1 horn cattle, 100 value

John Hooper (B C) 140 acres, 2 houses, 1 barn, 1 blind mare, 2 hc

John Hooper (Little) & Son B. Smith, 100 acres, 1 house, 1 barn, 4 horned cattle, 1600 value

Henry Hooper 2 horses, 2 horned cattle, 125 value

Henry Hooper Jr. 90 acres, 1 house, 1 barn, 2 horses, 2 horned cattle, 275 value

John Hoover, Weaver, 100 acres, 1 house, 1 barn, 2 horses, 2 horned cattle, 300 value

Christian Hooper 51 acres, 1 house, 1 barn, 2 horses, 2 horned cattle, 325 value

Peter Hooper, 51 acres, 1 house, 1 barn, 2 horses, 2 horned cattle, 325 value

Jacob Hooper Senr, 97 acres, 1 house, 1 barn, 2 horses, 5 horned cattle, 550 value

Christian Hooper Senr 80 acres, 1 house, 1 barn, 1 horse, 2 horned cattle, 500 value

Christian Hooper, Jr. 1 horse, 2 horned cattle, 75 value

⁸⁸⁵Lancaster County, Pennsylvania -- Abstracts of Wills, 1721 - 1820 (Philadelphia, 1896), Collections of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. A manuscript volume in the Pennsylvania State Archive.

⁸⁸⁶Hawbaker, Gary T. and Clyde L. Groff, *A New Index, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Before the Federal Census, Volume I, Index to the 1780 Tax Records*, pp. 36-37 (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.). Hereinafter cited as *A New Index, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*.

Martin Hooper 130 acres, 1 house, 1 barn, 2 horses, 2 horned cattle, 600 value
 Abraham Hooper 10 acres bottoom, 38 acres hill, 250 value
 Freemen: **Martin Hoover**, House Carpenter

There appears to be no 1798 federal direct tax list for Martic Township.

Unfortunately the 1800 tax list apparently does not show property ownership but it lists: **Martan Hober**, Joyner; John Hooper, Mason; John Hooper, Farmer, Henry Hooper, Farmer, Henry Hooper, Junr, Farmer, John Hooper, Weaver & Farmer, Christian Hooper, Jnr, Farmer; Peter Hooper, Farmer; Jacob Hooper, Snr, Farmer; Christian Hooper, Jr, Farmer, Martan Hooper, Farmer.

The 1800 federal census shows:

John Hooper 1 1 2 1 - :: - - 1 - 1
 John Hooper - - - 1 - :: - 3 - 1 -
 John Hooper - 1 2 - 1 :: 3 - 3 - 1 consec. listing
 widow Hooper 1 - - - - :: - - 1 - 1 “ ”
 Martin Hooper 2 1 - 1 - :: - 1 1 1 “ ”
 Henry Huber 4 - - 1 - :: 1 - 1 1 - “ ”
 Jacob Huber Senr 1 - - - 1 :: - - 1 - 1 “ ”
Martin Hoover 1 - 1 - - :: - - - 1 -
 Christian Hooper - - - - :: - 1 - - 1
 Peter Hooper 1 - 1 - - :: 4 - - 1 -
 Christian Hooper 1 1 - - 1 :: - - - 1 -.

The 1810 census of Lancaster County includes at least three Martin Hoover/Hooper families.

Martin Hoover, Earl Township: 2,2,-,-,2 :: -,2,2,-,1
 Martin Hoover, Martic Township: 1,1,1,1- :: 5,-,-,1,1
 Martin Hoover, Martic Township: 3,2,-,1,- :: 1,1,-,1,-
 In 1820, Martin Hoover of Manor Township is listed as
 Martin Hoover, -,1,1,1,-,1 :: 3,1,1,1,-,

Our Martin Hoover seems to have come to Bedford County shortly after the 1820 census. Martin Hoover is on the 1822 tax list for Woodberry Township. His tax was \$2.16 and that for Samuel Hoover was 41 cents while David Hoover was charged 6 cents.⁸⁸⁷ On 20 April 1829 when letters of administration on the estate of Jacob Hoover of Woodberry Township were granted to Henry Fluck. Martin Hoover and John Snider were sureties.⁸⁸⁸

The 1830 census of Bedford County shows this Martin Hoover, age 50-60, with his wife, age 40-50, 1 boy age 5-10, 2 boys age 15-20, and two girls, age 10-15. In the 1840 census of South Woodberry Township, Martin Hoover is listed as age 60-70, with his wife, age 50-60, 1 female age 20-30, and 1 male age 15-20. By the time of the 1850 census, Martin, age 76, and Mary, age 71, were living alone in Middle Woodberry Township, near their son Rudolph. Another Martin Hoover, age 50, and wife Mary were living in the same

⁸⁸⁷Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "1822 tax duplicate, Woodberry Township, Bedford County," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. VIII, No. 2, p. 14 (July 1989). Hereinafter cited as "1822 tax duplicate, Woodberry Township."

⁸⁸⁸Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, 1829," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. V, No. 3, p. 4 (December 1985). Hereinafter cited as "Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, 1829."

township.

Martin Hoover made his will on 19 June 1854. It was probated 21 April 1855, and is filed in Bedford Co. Will Book 4, p. 153. It was signed Martin Hoover Sen. by his mark and witnessed by Edward Pearson and Joseph Keagy. Both witnesses appeared for probate in June, 1855.

" I Martin Hoover of the Township of Middle Woodberry County of Bedford and state of Pennsylvania, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any tme heretofore made, I direct that my body be decently interred in the burying ground of the Mances Church in the Township aforesaid according to the rites and ceremonies of said Church, and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life, and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows, I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first money that shall come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate real or personal, also I order and direct that my loving wife Maria, shall have my frame dwelling house and stable with all the lots attached supposed to be six in number situate on the west side of the Turnpike road in the Town of Woodberry, known as the Diehl property, with all the household furniture now or may be in our possession, shall be and remain the absolute property of my beloved wife, if she shall be living at the time of my decease, and further I order that my Executors shall collect all rents interest on bonds notes &c as they come due &c on any claim that may come to their notice and pay the same annually to my beloved wife, and after the decease of dear wife, my estate shall be disposed of as follows, I give to my two grandchildren namely Jacob and Elizabeth, children of my son Jacob Hoover deceased, two hundred dollars each, and I give and bequeath to my beloved children, namely, Martin, Elizabeth, intermarried with David Boyers, Susanna, intermarried with Samuel Eshleman, Barbara, intermarried with Christian Hetrick, Anna, intermarried with Jacob Brown, Frances, intermarried with Samuel Brown, Mary, intermarried with Michael Fishel, Catherine, intermarried with Samuel Bosler and Rudolph Hoover, each heir share and share alike, considering my son Rudolph Hoover, having received one thousand dollars of his legacy already in pay of his farm. It is also my will that my wife in addition to the aforesaid shar_ have privilege of getting wood fuel &c of the barrens or ridge tract of land, and I do hereby make and ordain, my son Rudolph Hoover and Samuel Bosler, my son in law, sole Executors of this my last will and Testament -- In witness hereof, I Martin Hoover, the Testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal the nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand and fifty four -- The words two hundred dollars each was interlined before Signing."⁸⁸⁹

Martin Hoover died 28 March 1855, age 78 y., 7 m., 18 d. Maria, who was listed as age 88 in the 1870 census of Bedford County, died 6 Sept. 1870, age 89 y., 2 m., 19 d., and they are buried in the Replogle Cemetery, just north of Woodbury, in Bedford County, where their death dates and ages may be seen on their stones.

Martin and Mary Hoover had sold some land to their son Rudolph on 28 March 1854 which was mortgaged by Rudolph to Martin. After Martin's death, Rudolph sold some of that land and needed a clear title. In Deed Book AJ, pages 211-213, are recorded the quitclaims from the other heirs. They were: David Boyer and Elizabeth, his wife, of Bedford County; Christian Hetrick and Barbara, his wife, of Bedford County; Samuel Bassler and Catherine, his wife, of Blair County; Jacob Furry as attorney in fact for Jacob U. Brown and Anne his wife of Jefferson County, Kansas; Martin Hoover of Wayne County, Ohio; Samuel Eshleman and Susan, his wife, of Jefferson County, Iowa; Samuel Brown and Frances, his wife of the same county; Mary Fishel, widow, of the

⁸⁸⁹Bedford County Will Book 4: 153.

same county; the said Elizabeth Boyer, Barbara Hetrick, Catherine Bassler, Anne Brown, Martin Hoover, Susan Eshleman, Frances Brown and Mary Fishel being children and heirs of Martin Hoover, dec'd.

I am still seeking proof of the parentage of the Martin Hoover whose chronology I have updated below. Although this appears to point to a connection with a colony of Hoovers living in Martic Township, Lancaster County, PA, and this colony is mostly included in the Huber-Hoover History⁸⁹⁰, I have been unable to identify our line in that book.

1776 Aug. 10 birth date of Martin Hoover, calculated from tombstone
1781 June 17 birth date of Maria Eshleman, calculated from tombstone, dau. of Martin Eshleman & Elizabeth Groff
1796 Martin Hoover of Martic Township, Lancaster County, appears on tax list as a house carpenter
1799 Apr. 23, Martin Hoover m. Maria Eshleman in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA
1800 Martin Hoover of Martic Township appears on tax list as a Joyner
1800 est. birth of son Martin Hoover (named for Maria's father?)
1800 census Martin Hoover, Martic Twp, Lancaster Co, man & woman under 26, male under 10
1802 estimated birth of son Jacob Hoover (named for Martin's father?)
1803 estimated birth of daughter Elizabeth Hoover Byers (named for Maria's mother?)
1803 Martin Hoover, joyner, on tax list of Martic twp, Lancaster Co.
1804 19 Nov. birth of daughter Susannah Hoover Eshleman (named for Martin's mother?)
1806 estimated birth of daughter Barbara Hoover Hetrick
1808 estimated birth of daughter Anna Hoover Brown
1809 June 18 birth of daughter Frances Hoover Brown
1810 census, one Martin Hoover of Martic Twp had 5 girls under ten and also a boy under 10 [Jacob?], one 10-16 [Martin?] and one 16-26; unable to explain the oldest boy. Also, there was a woman over 45 in the house and this could have been Maria's recently widowed mother. Man and wife, age 26-45.
1814 21 March Martin Hoover, house carpenter, bought lots 23 & 24 in Millersburg from George and Margaret Wyand
1815 Dec. ___ estimated birth of daughter Mary Hoover Fishel
1818 estimated birth of daughter Catherine Hoover Bassler
1820 4 Jan. Martin Hoover and wife Mary sold lots 23 & 24 in Millersburg, Manor twp, Lancaster co. to John Lintner
1820 24 Jan John & wife Barbara Lintner, of Manor twp, Lancaster Co., sold 235 acres, 136 perches, in Morrison's Cove, Woodberry twp, Bedford Co., to Martin Hoover of Manor twp., Lancaster Co.
1820 census, Manor twp., age 45 or more, wife age 26-45, son 10-16 [Jacob?], son 16-18 [Martin?], son 16-26 [Martin?], 3 dau. [Catherine, Mary, and Frances] under 10, 1 dau. 10-16 [Anna or Barbara?], 1 dau 16-26 [Susannah]
1820 17 Dec. birth of son Rudolph Hoover
1822 taxed in Woodberry Township, Bedford County
1830 census, Martin Hoover, age 50-60, Woodberry twp., Bedford Co., PA; woman, age 40-50, boy, age 5-10 [Rudolph], two boys age 15-20 [Jacob?, Martin?], 2 girls age 10-15 [Mary & Catherine?]
1840 census, Martin Hoover, age 60-70, North Woodberry Twp., Bedford Co., PA

⁸⁹⁰Harry M. Hoover, *The Huber-Hoover Family History* (Scottsdale, PA: Mennonite Publishing House, 1928). Hereinafter cited as *The Huber-Hoover Family History*.

1850 census, Martin Hoover, age 76, Middle Woodberry Twp, Bedford Co., PA, with wife Mary, age 71, living alone but near son Rudolph Hoover.

1854 28 March Martin & Mary Hoover, Middle Woodberry twp, sold land they had from John & Barbara Lintner to Rudolph Hoover, 243 acres 145 perches.

1854 19 June, Martin wrote his will, Middle Woodberry Twp.

1855 March 28, Martin died at age 78 yr, 7 m., 18 d.

1855 21 April, will probated Bedford Co., PA

1860 census --- Have not found Maria Hoover

1870 census, Maria "Hover", age 88, Middle Woodbury Twp., Bedford Co., PA

1870 6 Sept., widow Maria Hoover died at age 89 y, 2 m, 19 d.

Children of Martin¹ Hoover and Maria Eshleman were as follows:

i. JACOB².

He was dead when his father's will was written in 1854. He had two children, Jacob and Elizabeth. Liebegott says that this Jacob Hoover married Susanna Shadel but a Jacob W. Hoover (with wife Susanna Shadel) is mentioned in a history of Blair County, Pennsylvania, which says he was about 18 months old when his father died and that his mother later married a Mr. Brown.⁸⁹¹ If so, he was not the one in Martin Hoover's will. Jacob W. Hoover [a Civil War Soldier who died in 1891 and m. (1) a Miss Rice and had a daughter Maria and married (2) Susanna Shadel, dau. of John, and had (among others): Levi, b. 1861, who married Mary J. Strayer in 1897; Jemima who married William G. Diehl; John W.; George W.; Ellen; Mary E. who married Samuel R. Clapper; Sarah A. who married John Alexander Brubaker; S. Blair Hoover, born in 1871; Jacob W Hoover, born in 1875; and Nancy Wyant] may have been the son of Martin Hoover's deceased son Jacob.⁸⁹²

ii. MARTIN was born circa 1800.

Perhaps he is the Martin Hoover, age 50, in the 1850 census of Bedford County. He went to Wayne County, Ohio.

24. iii. ANNA was born circa 1803. She married Jacob Ulrich Brown, son of Jacob Brown and Elizabeth Ulrich, on 6 Jan 1829.

iv. ELIZABETH was born circa 1803. She married David Boyers.⁸⁹³

This must be the Elizabeth and David Boyer whose family, in the 1870 census of Bedford County, included twins, Martin and Mary, age 22. The twins were probably the children of Rudolph Hoover.

⁸⁹¹Jesse C. Sell, *Twentieth Century History of Altoona and Blair County, Pennsylvania, and Representative Citizens* (n.p.: n.pub., 1911), pp. 661-662, 736-737 and 784-785, the texts of which have been posted on <ftp://rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/blair/sell/het-jon.txt>. Hereinafter cited as *Twentieth Century History of Altoona and Blair County, Pennsylvania*.

⁸⁹²Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers", which contain a similar version of the information, with significant variations.

⁸⁹³Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: named daughter "Elizabeth, intermarried with David Boyers."

- v. SUSANNAH⁸⁹⁴ was born on 19 Nov 1804.⁸⁹⁵ She married Samuel Eshleman.^{896,897} She died on 14 Dec 1873 at age 69.⁸⁹⁸
She married Samuel Eshleman. They were natives of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and were married there. He was a farmer and stone mason. They removed to Iowa in 1847 and are buried in the Dunkard Cemetery in Jefferson County, Iowa.⁸⁹⁹
- 25. vi. FRANCES "FANNY" was born on 18 Jun 1809 in Lancaster County, PA. She married Samuel Ulrich Brown, son of Jacob Brown and Elizabeth Ulrich, on 15 Mar 1827 in Bedford County, PA. She married Daniel Shank in Jan 1872.
- vii. BARBARA was born circa 1810. She married Christian Hetrick.⁹⁰⁰

Barbara Hetrick and Christian Hetrick appeared on the census of 1850 in Colerain Township, Bedford County, PA.

- viii. MARY J. was born in Dec 1815.⁹⁰¹ She married Michael Fishel.⁹⁰² She died on 5 Apr 1895 at age 79. Her tombstone is the one marked Mary J. Troy, died Apr. 5, 1895, aged 79 y., 3 m., 9 d. and it from this that her dates have been taken. Children of M. and M. J. Fishel are also buried here.⁹⁰³

ToDo: Find reference for the marriage of Mary J. (Hoover) Fishel and Mr. Troy.

- ix. CATHERINE married Samuel Bassler.⁹⁰⁴
- x. RUDOLPH was born on 17 Dec 1820.⁹⁰⁵ He married Catherine Brumbaugh.⁹⁰⁶ He married Elizabeth Baird Cole. He died on 21 Jul 1899 in Bedford County, PA, at age 78.⁹⁰⁷ He was buried in Replogle Cemetery, Bedford County, PA.

ToDo: Find reference for marriage of Rudolph Hoover to Elizabeth Baird Cole. The 1850 census of Bedford County show Rudolph Hoover, age 31, wife Caty, age 30, with twins Martin and Mary, age 3, included in their family.

Generation Two

- 24. ANNA² HOOVER (*Martin*¹) was born circa 1803. She married Jacob Ulrich Brown, son of Jacob Brown

⁸⁹⁴Prill, "The Prill Books", tombstone, Dunkard Cemetery, Section 4, Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, Iowa.

⁸⁹⁵Ibid.

⁸⁹⁶Ibid., tombstone, Dunkard Cemetery, Section 4, Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, Iowa. He was age 81 y, 4 m 6 d. At least one of their children is buried with them.

⁸⁹⁷Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: named daughter "Susanna, intermarried with Samuel Eshleman."

⁸⁹⁸Prill, "The Prill Books", tombstone, Dunkard Cemetery, Section 4, Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, Iowa.

⁸⁹⁹Ibid.

⁹⁰⁰Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: names daughter "Barbara, intermarried with Christian Hetrick."

⁹⁰¹Tombstone, Dunkard Cemetery, Section 4, Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, Iowa.

⁹⁰²Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: named daughter "Mary, intermarried with Michael Fishel."

⁹⁰³Tombstone, Dunkard Cemetery.

⁹⁰⁴Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: named daughter "Catharine, intermarried with Samuel Bosler."

⁹⁰⁵Tombstone, Replogle Cemetery.

⁹⁰⁶Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers."

⁹⁰⁷Tombstone, Replogle Cemetery.

and Elizabeth Ulrich, on 6 Jan 1829.^{908,909} She died on 4 Jun 1873 in Ozawakie, KS.⁹¹⁰

Anna Hoover and Jacob Ulrich Brown appeared on the census of 7 Nov 1850 in Jacob Brown household, Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, IA. They were both age 40, both born in Pennsylvania. The older children, including ten year old Nancy, were born in Pennsylvania. The younger children, including eight year old Jacob, were born in Iowa.⁹¹¹

Children of Anna² Hoover and Jacob Ulrich Brown were as follows:

- i. ELIZABETH³ was born on 15 Sep 1830. She married Henry Fishel on 28 May 1848. (see previous).
- ii. JOHN H. was born on 1 Dec 1831. He married Nan Newman. (see previous).
- iii. MARY was born on 25 Jan 1833. (see previous).
- iv. SAMUEL H. was born on 6 Nov 1834. He married Sarah Root. (see previous).
- v. FANNY was born on 3 Apr 1836. She married Isaac Keim. She married Aaron Puderbaugh. (see previous).
- vi. CATHERINE was born on 16 Nov 1837. She married Albert Pearsall. (see previous).
- vii. DAVID was born on 26 Feb 1839. (see previous).
- viii. NANCY was born on 8 May 1840. She married John Crowell. (see previous).
- ix. JACOB was born on 11 Mar 1842. He married Susannah Michael. (see previous).
- x. HANNAH was born on 14 Feb 1844. She married Herman Newman. (see previous).
- xi. FRANKLIN was born on 8 Feb 1848. (see previous).
- xii. AMANDA was born on 4 Jun 1850. She married Louis King. (see previous).
- xiii. ELNORA was born on 10 Jul 1852. She married O. C. Dewey. (see previous).

25. FRANCES "FANNY"² HOOVER (*Martin*)⁹¹² was born on 18 Jun 1809 in Lancaster County, PA.⁹¹³ She married Samuel Ulrich Brown, son of Jacob Brown and Elizabeth Ulrich, on 15 Mar 1827 in Bedford County, PA.^{914,915} She married Daniel Shank in Jan 1872.⁹¹⁶ She died on 27 Apr 1891 in Polk County, IA, at age 81.^{917,918}

On 30 June 1864, Fanny Brown sold some land in Milton, Jefferson County, Iowa, to Samuel H. Brown.⁹¹⁹ Frances "Fanny" Shank is buried beside Samuel Brown in the Dunkard Cemetery.

In a letter to Julia Hardin, Mary (Brown) Bowers wrote:

⁹⁰⁸Seitz, *150 years with the Browns*.

⁹⁰⁹Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: named daughter "Anna, intermarried with Jacob Brown."

⁹¹⁰Seitz, *150 years with the Browns*, at the age of 69 y, 10 mo. 12 days. She and her husband are buried in the Ozawakie Cemetery, Ozawakie, Kansas.

⁹¹¹1850 federal census of Jefferson County, Iowa. Microfilm image online.

⁹¹²German Bible, Samuel Brown.

⁹¹³Fanny Shank, obit, *Fairfield Tribune*, 20 May 1891.

⁹¹⁴German Bible, Samuel Brown, which gives the date.

⁹¹⁵Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: named daughter "Frances, intermarried with Samuel Brown."

⁹¹⁶Fanny Shank, obit, *Fairfield Tribune*, 20 May 1891.

⁹¹⁷Ibid.

⁹¹⁸saying: "Fannie, wife of Daniel S. Shank, died April 27, 1891, aged 81 yrs 10 Mo's 9 D's", tombstone, Brethren Cemetery, near Libertyville, Jefferson County, IA.

⁹¹⁹Deed Books of Jefferson County, Iowa: Book 2, p. 357.

“ I will tell you a little more about Mother[.] She was not sick long she was able to walk across the floor yet on the 25 of April and on the same day she became unconcious and lay that way until the 27th in the night when she died[.] next day they took her to Jefferson County to John Smiths house and had a funeral preached and then Buried her by the side of Father[.] Mag wrote it was a large funeral for so short a notice Brother Sam Brown Amos West & Sam Goughenour & wife Dan Albaugh & wife Father Shank & Daughter are the ones that went along to Jefferson to Buier [sic] her. Shank Came to see her once in a while, when he found out she was sick he came to see her but she was dead before he got there.”⁹²⁰

Another letter (2 Nov. 1891) says “they [Wests] had built her a house close to thier [sic] house she found what money it took now the house fell to Wests. Mag wrote that mother left a little money & Sam would send me my share as soon as he could settle up.”

Her estate was settled by her only surviving son, Samuel, who wrote the following letter to his sister, Mary Bowers, about the settlement:⁹²¹

“Elkhart Iowa Mar 29 94

Dear Sister:

I arived here at Mag’s House Monday 26th for the purpose of making a full and final Settement [sic] of Mother’s estate. I found the estate to amount

in all Total	\$1525.20
Expences allowed Mag for Board and cair per week \$1[.]47 for 172 weeaks amounting to	\$ 252.84
House Built for Mother	\$ 368.10
Cash Expence &	\$ 454.43
S. H . Brown for Burial Tomb stones	\$ 100 00
Money sent you Some years back	\$ 50 00
 Total Expence	 \$1225.37
Total Estate	\$1525.20
“ Expenc allowed	1225.37
Balanc	\$ 299 83

I hav made the dividnt at the rate of \$300.00 even which amounts to \$50.00 per shair eaqual now I did not take in consideration any money that you had former received but have made you eaqual with the rest and hav don this in as just a way as I posibly could and hoping to be satisfactory I hav simply mad this Statement for your Satisfaction and I will not add more as Mag will write you and forward you the amount of your Divident. I will leave for home in the mornig [sic] I hav now been here one day longer than I had expected to be when I come. hoping this may find you well

Your Brother
S H Brown”.

“Mrs. Fannie Shank died April 27, 1891, aged 81 years, 10 months and nine days. She was born June 18,

⁹²⁰Letters from Mary and Peter Bowers to Julia Hardin, owned (979) by June (Brummett) Parker.

⁹²¹Letter among the papers of Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely.

1809, in Lancaster county, Penn. When a child her parents moved to Morrisons' Cove, Bedford county, Penn., and on the 15th of March 1827, she was married to Samuel Brown, by whom she had seven children -- five daughters and two sons. Her oldest daughter, Mary Bowers, lives in southern Illinois; her second daughter, Hannah, died Jan. 15, 1869, the wife of John G. W. Smith in Des Moines township, this county; her third daughter, Fannie Teeter, lives in Tuscola, Ill.; her fourth daughter, Delilah Goughnour, lives in Polk County, this state, as does also her fifth daughter, Margaret E West. Her oldest son, Samuel H. Brown, lives in Fremont county, this state, and her second son, Daniel W. Brown, was killed by lightning in 1860, on his return from Colorado, in western Nebraska. Mrs. Shank, with her husband and family, came to Iowa in August 1847, and settled in Des Moines township, this county. Her husband, Samuel Brown, died Sept. 27, 1863. For the next nine years she lived the greater part of the time with John G. W. Smith, of Des Moines township. In January, 1872, she married Daniel Shank of Dallas county, with whom she lived about fourteen years. She then became too old and feeble to keep house and moved to her daughter's, Margaret E. West, of Polk county, where she lived to the day of her death. She made a request to be buried by the side of her first husband in Des Moines township and her wish was faithfully complied with, all her children in this state being present. Very early in life she united with the church of her choice, the German Bapist [sic], known as the Dunkard, of which she was a faithful and devout member all her life. She leaves a husband, four daughters and one son and many grand-children to mourn her loss."⁹²²

Children of Frances "Fanny"² Hoover and Samuel Ulrich Brown were as follows:

- i. MARY³ was born on 30 Jan 1828 in Bedford County, PA. She married Peter Bowers, son of John Bowers and Hannah Empfield, on 4 Dec 1845 in Bedford County, PA. (see # 19.).
- ii. HANNAH was born on 17 Sep 1829. She married John G. W. Smith on 3 May 1849. (see previous).
- iii. FANNY was born on 11 Jan 1832. She married Levi Teeter on 5 Dec 1850 in the house of Mr. Samuel Brown.
Mr. Levi Teeter, aged 25, and Miss Fanny Brown, aged 18 years, were married at the home of Mr. Samuel Brown by Reuben Ellmaker, J. P. Both parties were residents of Jefferson County. (see previous).
- iv. SAMUEL H. was born on 29 Oct 1834. (see previous).
- v. DANIEL W. was born on 31 Oct 1838. He married Susan F. Peebler on 19 Nov 1857. (see previous).
- vi. DELILAH was born on 4 Jun 1843. (see previous).
- vii. MARGARET E. was born on 21 Aug 1849. (see previous).

There were no children of Frances "Fanny"² Hoover and Daniel Shank.

⁹²²Fanny Shank, obit, *Fairfield Tribune*, 20 May 1891.

Descent From Stephen Ulrich

Generation One

26. STEPHEN¹ ULRICH was born circa 1700 in Germ/Switz.

The Ulrich lines in American probably began with several immigrants from both Germany and Switzerland who came to Pennsylvania in the early 1700s. One such record is that of Johannes Ullerich and Christopher Ulrik who arrived at Philadelphia on 2 Oct. 1727 in the ship "Adventure".⁹²³ Liebegott⁹²⁴ reports that Levi L. Ulrich said there is a tradition that four Ulrich brothers came from Germany in the early 18th century and settled in Pennsylvania. Elsewhere, he reports that Stephen Ulrich was born about 1700 in Germany, moved to Switzerland when quite young and came to America about 1725 to avoid military service. There were Ulrich land grants in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as early as 1738. Stephen Ulrich, Jr., is mentioned in 1742. The earliest Ulrich estate in Lancaster County is that of John, in 1758.⁹²⁵

Stephen "Ulderey", of Baltimore County, Maryland, a native of "High Germany", was naturalized on 4 June 1738 along with his children Stephen, George, Daniel, John, Elizabeth, and Susanna.⁹²⁶ "On 4 June 1738 Stephen Ulderey, a native of High Germany and now of Baltimore County MD was issued a patent in common with his children Stephen Jr., George, Daniel, John, Elizabeth and Susanna."⁹²⁷

"When Stephen Ulderey naturalized in June 1738, naming his six children, 6 other close neighbors, all German from high Germany, all Planters, all associated with Digges Choice, naturalized that same day. There is a pattern to their declarations. None of them named a wife. None of them as near as we can tell named any children 21 years or older. All of them appear to name first their sons in birth order then their daughters in birth order. All of the men appear to have been in this country for at least 7 years. (One actually arrived in September 1731 so was a couple of months shy and Adam Farnery definitely arrived as early as 1722 and so had been in this country

⁹²³Strassburger and Hinke, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*.

⁹²⁴Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers", a very helpful collection of genealogical papers, some of which is not documented.

⁹²⁵Elizabeth Jane Fulton and Barbara Kendig Mylin, *An Index to the Will Books and Intestate Records of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 18729 - 1850, with an Historical Sketch and Classified Bibliography* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1974), p. 47, from Will Book B-1, p. 217. Hereinafter cited as *An Index to the Will Books and Intestate Records of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*.

⁹²⁶Robert W. Barnes, *Baltimore County Families, 1659 - 1759* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1989), p. 654, citing Maryland Commission Book 82, also published in the Maryland Historical Magazine Vol. 26 (1931), pp. 139-158, 244-263, 342-361 and Vol. 27 (1932), pp. 29-37. Hereinafter cited as *Baltimore County Families, 1659 - 1759*.

⁹²⁷Gale Edwin Spittler Honeyman and Linda Kay Stephens McDaniel, *Descendants of John and Susanna (Ulrich) Deeter* (San Francisco, CA: Gale Edwin Spittler Honeyman, 1998), p. 32, citing Commission Book MD HR 4012, p. 57, Hall of Records, Annapolis, MD. Hereinafter cited as *Descendants of John and Susanna (Ulrich) Deeter*.

at least 16 years.) It appears that children born in this country after 1731, if by a German wife, were also naturalized, although if the couple had remarried in York they were not named. All of this leads me to believe that Stephen[']s four sons, Stephen, Jr., George, Daniel and John were named in birth order and that the four sons were born between 1718 and 1734 based on corroborating data. Stephen, Jr. between 1718 and 1720. George between 1719 and 1721. Daniel between 1725 and 1731. And John, the youngest, was born between 1729 and 1733. John Hale Stutzman has clearly proved through tracing land records that this John is the same as the one who died in Franktown, Pa. in 1804. I have been able to prove definitely (again through land transactions) that the Daniel is the same as the one who died in 1781 and who first bought land from his brother Stephen Ulrich Sr. in 1754 in Frederick County. The Stephen Ulrich Sr. is the same as the one who died in Washington county (changed from Frederick) in 1784 and John Hale Stutzman has again proved that this is the son of Stephen Uldery of Adams Co., Pa (the immigrant that naturalized in 1738)."⁹²⁸

Stephen Ulrich of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, was naturalized 5 April 1741.⁹²⁹ John Hale Stutesman felt that Stephen needed to be naturalized again in Pennsylvania because some of his land had fallen into Pennsylvania when the colony boundaries were redefined.⁹³⁰ Naturalization of foreign Protestants required a previous residence of seven years in the British Colonies in America.^{931 932}

John Hale Stutesman of San Francisco⁹³³, as a result of his research on his ancestor Jacob Stutzman, has shown a long term connection between the Ulrich and Stutzman families and has supplied much data on the early Ulrich line. He feels that both families were members of the Little Conewago Dunker Congregation which was formed near Hanover, Pennsylvania, about 1738 and mentioned that Morgan Edwards wrote, in 1770, that the congregation had been formed by "... Eldrick ... Stutsman" and others. This could be Ulrich and Stutzman.⁹³⁴

This Stephen Ulrich is described by Jay C. Bisgard as born in 1680 in Mannheim, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany, and died 1749 Hanover, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and as marrying Elizabeth Wagoner, born in Germany ca. 1688.⁹³⁵ He does not present his evidence.

⁹²⁸Jim DeFig, "Elizabeth Ulrich wife of Jacob Shively," e-mail message from Jim Defigh ((email address withheld)) to Dan W. Olds, 25 June 2006. Hereinafter cited as "Elizabeth Ulrich wife of Jacob Shively."

⁹²⁹John B. Linn and William Henry Egle, *Pennsylvania Archives*, Second Series (n.p.: E. K. Myers, State Printer, 1874-1890), Vol. II, "Persons naturalized in Pennsylvania", p. 352. Hereinafter cited as *Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series*.

⁹³⁰Letter from Shirley Bewley (Amity, Oregon) to Dan W. Olds, 25 June 1997; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC), quoting John Hale Stutesman, perhaps from the Brethren Genealogist.

⁹³¹Linn and Egle, *Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series*, Vol. II, "Persons Naturalized in Pennsylvania", p. 347.

⁹³²The colonies of Maryland and Pennsylvania had many border disputes, originating in part from conflicting descriptions of their boundaries and from inaccurate surveys. To relieve some of the territorial dispute, the King ordered them to establish a new agreement. The resulting survey and Royal Order of 1739 caused many settlers along the border to be defined as residents of Pennsylvania who would have formerly considered themselves Marylanders. A strip of land between the 49th and 50th parallels was affected, including the region of what is now McSherrystown, Adams County, Pennsylvania, where the Ulrich family lived.

⁹³³His research has provided most of my Ulrich data prior to 1785, especially the connections to Lancaster and York Counties, Pennsylvania). Extensive work in original records, careful analysis and detailed documentation are hallmarks of his work.

⁹³⁴Letter from John Hale Stutesman (San Francisco, California) to Dan W. Olds, 5 Sep 1977; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁹³⁵The Bisgard/Fulsher Family Tree, online awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin?op=REG&Db=bisgard&id=14713. Hereinafter cited as The Bisgard/Fulsher Family Tree.

STEPHEN ULRICH, SR., is the first identified member of the Ulrich line to be traced here. He was born about 1700, or earlier, probably in Germany or Switzerland, and was in probably in America by 1731, but no immigration record has been found. He is connected to our line by the fact that, when his son Stephen received land warrants in 1742, Stephen, Sr., was mentioned as his father.⁹³⁶ The following six children were naturalized with their father in 1738. He left a will. Jim DeFigh mentions this document, saying "When Stephen wrote his will in March 1778 he named Jacob Shively as one of his excutors." This is a document I have not seen.⁹³⁷

ToDo: Follow up on the reference to the March 1788 will of Stephen Ulrich.

Children of Stephen¹ Ulrich include:

i. DANIEL².

"Daniel between 1725 and 1731 [estimated birth date]. ...I have been able to prove definitely (again through land transactions) that the Daniel is the same as the one who died in 1781 and who first bought land from his brother Stephen Ulrich, Sr. in 1754 in Frederick County. The Stephen Ulrich Sr. is the same as the one who died in Washington county (changed to Frederick) in 1784."⁹³⁸

ii. GEORGE.

iii. JOHN.

iv. ELIZABETH.

This Elizabeth is of particular interest to Joan Schinbeckler. "It has to do with Jacob Shively Sr. born about 1747 who married an Elizabeth Ulrich. She would be connected with the family of Stephen Ulrich of Frederick County, MD who owned land called 'Stephen's Hope'. Deeds indicate that Elizabeth Ulrich became a part owner of that land, and Nov. 1768, presumably after Stephen Ulrick's death, 'Jacob Shively of Frederick Co. in the Province of Maryland, famer, and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Ulrick' sold her parcel of land to Anthony Hartman. My question is where does this Elizabeth Ulrich Shively fit in?"⁹³⁹

Jim DeFigh wrote of his support for identifying the Elizabeth Ulrich who married Jacob Shively as a daughter of the first Stephen Ulrick. "On [N]ovember 18, 1766 both Stephen Ulrick Jr. and Elizabeth Ulrick each acquired on the same day for 48 pounds 141 acres and 133 acres respectively of 'Stephen's Hope' from Nicholas Martin and Stephen Ulrick, Sr. Stephen probably made his final move from Frederick Md to Ten Mile in Washington County, Pa in the early 1770's (having sold the land he got from Stephen Ulrick and Nicholas Martin in 1774) and Jacob Shively Sr. followed to the same area a few years later.

"When Stephen wrote his will in March 1778 he named Jacob Shively as one of his executors."

"A month after the sale of the 274 acres to Stephen Jr. and Elizabeth, Nicholas Martin and Stephen Ulrick Sr. sold another 80 acres to Daniel Garver/Gaver, possibly a residue of the left over estate (I haven't yet fully reconcioled the disposition of all the acres)."⁹⁴⁰

⁹³⁶Letter from John Hale Stutesman (San Francisco, California) to Dan W. Olds, 31 Jan 1979; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁹³⁷DeFigh, "Elizabeth Ulrich wife of Jacob Shively," e-mail to Dan W. Olds, 25 June 2006.

⁹³⁸Ibid.

⁹³⁹Letter from Joanne Schinbeckler (Columbia City, Indiana) to Doris R. Olds, 17 May 1983; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁹⁴⁰DeFigh, "Elizabeth Ulrich wife of Jacob Shively," e-mail to Dan W. Olds, 25 June 2006.

- v. SUSANNA.
27. vi. STEPHEN was born circa 1720 in Germ/Switz? He married Elizabeth (--?--). The 1754 deed of sale of land to Daniel Ulrich shows that Stephen's wife then was named Elizabeth. This is about the time that their son Samuel Ulrich was born.

Generation Two

27. STEPHEN² ULRICH (*Stephen*¹) was born circa 1720 in Germ/Switz? He married Elizabeth (--?--). The 1754 deed of sale of land to Daniel Ulrich shows that Stephen's wife then was named Elizabeth. This is about the time that their son Samuel Ulrich was born. He married Hannah (--?--) circa 1782. She was the widow of his friend, Jacob Stutzman. He died circa 1784 in Washington County, MD.⁹⁴¹

STEPHEN ULRICH, JR., was probably born prior to 1720 since he had land warrants in 1742. He was naturalized in Maryland on 4 June 1738.⁹⁴² This record means that he was not born a subject of the British Crown. He was probably a native of Germany or Switzerland.

On 16 Feb. 1742, Stephen Ulrick, Jr., received two Pennsylvania warrants to take up 100 acres each. Lancaster County warrant No. 7 was "Situate on Indian Creek a branch of the Little Conewago Creek ..." When the Patent was issued in 1803, to John Thomas, the owner at that time, the land was described as being in Conewago Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania. Lancaster County warrant eight described the land on Little Conewago Creek as adjoining that of his father Stephen Ulrick.⁹⁴³ The land mentioned is about one mile south of McSherrystown, Adams County, Pennsylvania⁹⁴⁴, but was in Lancaster County in 1742, then was included in York County when it was formed in 1749 and in Adams County when it was formed from York County in 1800.

On 15 Nov. 1749, Stephen Ullery bought 150 acres in "Digges Choice" from John Digges, and on 3 June 1758, "Stephen and Elizabeth Wollery of Frederick Co., Md." sold this land.⁹⁴⁵ On 21 April 1761, Stephen Ulrich made deeds that sold his 200 acres of York County land to George Wain or Wine. One tract had been sold to Jacob Stutzman by 1759 and Stutzman had sold to Wine. The deeds were made to clear the record.⁹⁴⁶ Stutesman explains how Maryland land, "Digges Choice", came to exist within the boundaries of Pennsylvania.⁹⁴⁷

John Hale Stutesman⁹⁴⁸ has done a detailed study of the land, beginning with a 7 Aug. 1739 Maryland Land grant to Evan Shelby to take up 1000 acres called Maiden's Choice of which 279 acres was sold in various parts to Hans Waggoner of Frederick County. On 21 March 1749, a resurvey was completed for Hans Waggoner

⁹⁴¹He was on a 1783 tax list of Washington County, Maryland, and his heirs were selling his land in 1785.

⁹⁴²Barnes, *Baltimore County Families, 1659 - 1759*.

⁹⁴³Letter, John Hale Stutesman to Olds, 31 Jan 1979.

⁹⁴⁴Letter from John Hale Stutesman (San Francisco, California) to Dan W. Olds, 29 May 1978; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC), which includes annotated maps.

⁹⁴⁵Letter from John Hale Stutesman (San Francisco, California) to Dan W. Olds, 29 May 1978; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC), quoting Maryland Provincial Land Records, Vol. EI #9, pp. 31-23 and Vol. BT #1, p. 253, respectively, both in Baltimore County.

⁹⁴⁶*Ibid.*, quoting York County, Pennsylvania Land Record Book 2D pp. 422-424 and B pp. 179-180.

⁹⁴⁷John Hale Stutesman, *Jacob Stutzman (? - 1775) His Children & Grandchildren* (Baltimore, Maryland: Gateway Press, Inc., 1982), p. 8. Hereinafter cited as *Jacob Stutzman (? - 1775) His Children and Grandchildren*.

⁹⁴⁸Letter, John Hale Stutesman to Olds, 31 Jan 1979.

who added 156 acres of vacant land and who, on 24 May 1751, obtained a Maryland Patent for the combination to "Hance Waggoner of Frederick County" for 435 acres called "Germina" in "Manor of Conegochieg." On 25 Sept 1752, "Hans Willarac Waggoner" sold 235 acres of "Garmina" to Stephen Ulary and the remaining 200 acres to Walter Fonderbag. On 19 Sept 1754, "Stephen Ulary of Frederick County ... (and) Elizabeth (his) wife..." sold to Lodowick Miller 25 acres of Germina and on 31 May 1754 they sold 86 acres to Daniel Ularick, also of Frederick County. On 24 Sept 1764 a Maryland warrant was issued to Stephen Ulrich to resurvey the remaining 124 acres of Germany and this survey was completed and included some contiguous vacant land to make a tract of 694 acres called Good Neighbour (3 March 1766) and on 29 Sept 1767, Maryland granted a patent for 694 acres called Good Neighbour in Frederick County.

Then, on 16 March 1768, Stephen Ulrich (without wife) sold four parts of Good Neighbor -- 60 acres to George Butterbough, 139 acres to Daniel Ulrich, 106 acres to Jacob Snider, and 40 acres to John Metzker. On 30 Dec 1773, he sold 25 acres of Good Neighbor to James McLaughlin. Then, on 17 Jan 1785, his heirs sold 322 acres to John Cushwa and on 25 Oct 1792, also the date on which John Cuswa was released from his mortgage, the heirs sold 5 1/2 acres of Good Neighbor to Jacob Sibert. This 1792 Deed does not show the places of residences of the six men now selling -- Samuel Ulery, Jacob Lear, Daniel Miller, Henry Butterbaugh, George Butterbaugh, and Jacob Stutzman -- but they all signed in Washington County Maryland. These records together account fully (but not precisely) for the acquisition and distribution of this property. (60+139+106+40+25+322+5 1/2 = 697 1/2).

In August of 1754, Stephen Ulrich was appointed an overseer of roads in Conococheague Hundred, Frederick County, for 1755. Also, on 29 Sept. 1761, Stephen Ulrich and Nicholas Martin of Frederick County, Maryland, received a patent for 425 acres for which they had obtained a warrant on 27 Aug. 1759. This tract was called Stephen's Hope and included a former survey, Much Grumbling, which had not been taken up by Jacob Funk.⁹⁴⁹

Jacob Stutzman had taken up an adjoining tract, Good Luck, in 1761.⁹⁵⁰ On 28 May 1763, Stephen Ulrich and Jacob Stutzmann attended a Great Council of the Brethren at Conestoga, Pennsylvania, perhaps as church elders.⁹⁵¹ On 10 April 1767, "Stephen Ulrich of Fredrick County, Maryland" and Jacob Stutzman were naturalized together in Pennsylvania.⁹⁵² They did this by affirmation rather than an oath, since their religion did not allow swearing even for this purpose. In 1773, Stephen Ulrich was a witness to the will of Jacob Stutzman and signed in German.⁹⁵³ Jacob died in 1775, in Peters Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and his widow married Stephen Ulrich about 1782.⁹⁵⁴

In 1768 and 1769, Stephen sold 345 acres of Good Neighbor in four pieces, but the deeds no longer mention his wife Elizabeth and she may have been dead by this time. On May 1772, Nicholas Martin, Dunker minister to the Conococheague Valley Congregation, wrote that "Brother Stephen ... has now become more reluctant (to be

⁹⁴⁹Maryland patents BC & GS #10, pp. 651-653, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Maryland Patents.

⁹⁵⁰Letter from John Hale Stutesman (San Francisco, California) to Dan W. Olds, 28 Oct 1977; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

⁹⁵¹Donald F. Durnbaugh, editor, *The Brethren in Colonial America* (Elgin, Illinois: The Brethren Press, 1967), p. 266. Hereinafter cited as *The Brethren in Colonial America*.

⁹⁵²John B. Linn and William Henry Egle, *Persons Naturalized in Pennsylvania*, Second Series, Volume II (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania Archives). Hereinafter cited as *Persons Naturalized in Pennsylvania*.

⁹⁵³Letter, John Hale Stutesman to Olds, 31 Jan 1979.

⁹⁵⁴Letter, John Hale Stutesman to Olds, 5 Sep 1977.

ordained) because he thinks that he has become estranged to the brethren throughout the country because he became naturalized. Now I learned recently that he wishes to move and go away because his brother has already moved way.”⁹⁵⁵ ⁹⁵⁶ This is supposed to refer to Stephen “Woller”, Martin’s assistant. John Ulrich⁹⁵⁷ had moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania, prior to 1772, so “brother Stephen” may well have been Stephen Ulrich. John Ulrich (1755, 1768) and Daniel Ulrich (1754) had land grants in what became Washington Co., Maryland.⁹⁵⁸

On 25 March 1782, Stephen Ulrich and Hannah Stutzman filed a premarital agreement in Washington County, Maryland, (formed from Frederick County in 1776) “for and in consideration of a marriage intended by God’s permission to be shortly had and solemnized between the said Stephen Ulrich of Washington County and Hanna Stootsman of the same place.” The intent of this agreement was that the previous children of each would not inherit from the estate of the other spouse.⁹⁵⁹

The deed books of Washington County, Maryland, contain a record of an indenture in which the heirs of Stephen Ulrich sold some of their inheritance. A partial quotation from that record will suffice to show the genealogical content.

“This indenture made the seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and eighty five Between David Ulrich, Stephen Ulrich, Samuel Ulrich, Jacob Stutsman, Christina Stutsman, Daniel Miller, Elizabeth Miller, George Butterbaugh, Mary Butterbaugh, Henry Butterbaugh, Hannah Buterbaugh, Jacob Lear, and Lidia Lear all of Washington County and State of Maryland of the one part” for fifteen hundred and ten pounds sold to John Cushwa of the same county part of a tract of land called Good Neighbour which contained 322 acres. According to the recorded deed, David Ulrich, Stephen Ulrich, Samuel Ulrich, Jacob Stutsman, Daniel Miller, George Butterbaugh (Puterbaugh), Henry Butterbaugh and Jacob Liehr all signed their names (all in German except Miller) The five women all signed by mark. The thirteen people appeared before two Justices of the Peace on 17 June 1785 to confirm the deed and “at the same time came Barbara, wife of the said David Ulrich & Susannah wife of the said Stephen Ulrich & Mary the wife of the sd. Samuel Ulrich” and relinquished all their right and claim of dower in the tract sold.⁹⁶⁰ On 21 June 1785, Johannes Cushwa (German signature) mortgaged his purchase to David Ulrich, Stephen Ulrich, Samuel Ulrich, Jacob Stutsman, Daniel

⁹⁵⁵Durnbaugh, *The Brethren in Colonial America*, pp. 254-5.

⁹⁵⁶Letter, John Hale Stutesman to Olds, 31 Jan 1979, "John Ulrich, a brother of Stephen Ulrich, had settled in Bedford County, Pennsylvania prior to 1772. (His will was probated in 1804 in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

⁹⁵⁷Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Will and Administration Abstracts, Huntingdon County, Will Book 1," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. VII, No. 5, p. 9 (January 1989): The will of one John Ullery of Frankstown Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, dated 2 Mar 1804 and probated 22 Mar 1804, named his sons John (eldest), David, Jacob, Stephen, and Daniel and daughters Elizabeth Price (eldest daughter), Catharine Ribble, and Hannah Fetter as well as a granddaughter Elizabeth Elliott. Hereinafter cited as "Will and Administration Abstracts, Huntingdon County, Will Book 1."

⁹⁵⁸John T. Scharf, *History of Western Maryland; being a history of Frederick, Montgomery, Carroll, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties from the earliest period to the present day; including biographical sketches of their representative men.* (Baltimore, Maryland: Regional Publishing Company, 1882, rep. 1968). Hereinafter cited as *History of Western Maryland*.

⁹⁵⁹Stutesman, *Jacob Stutzman (? - 1775) His Children and Grandchildren*, p. 20.

⁹⁶⁰Washington County Land Records, Vol. D, pp. 588-591, County Clerk, Washington County, Maryland. Hereinafter cited as Washington County Land Records.

Miller, George Butterbaugh, Henry Butterbaugh, and Jacob Lear⁹⁶¹.

The list of Stephen Ulrich's children, as given below, had been, by 1979, developed over the previous three or more decades by several researchers working on the Ulrich and related families. In the process of development, any references to original material and credits to contributors have been lost. Among the contributors were at least the following people: Calvin Ulry⁹⁶², George H. Liebegott⁹⁶³, L. W. Shultz⁹⁶⁴, Mrs. Kenneth H. Roehl⁹⁶⁵, Lela Eby⁹⁶⁶, and John Hale Stutesman⁹⁶⁷.

Daniel Ulrich, usually included in this list of children, has been omitted here. Neither he nor his heirs are mentioned in the 1785 settlement by Stephen Ulrich's heirs, although he was probably alive and certainly had living children at the time. It could be argued, however, that he had previously or separately received his inheritance. However, since he purchased land as early as 1754 and is supposed to be the father of "oldest daughter" Susannah, born 3 May 1759, who married Jacob Butterbaugh, he appears to have been too old to fit into Stephen's family. Although all the birth dates in the list below appear to have been merely estimated and adjusted to present a consistent picture, the addition of a son Daniel who must have been at least ten years older than any of the other children does not seem reasonable. Daniel Ulrich's will, made 2 Jan. 1781, in Peters Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and probated 4 Dec. 1792, in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, was witnessed by Conrad Brumbach and Hanns (John) Ulrich and is written in German. Chronologically, at least, this Daniel could have been the Daniel who was a son of Stephen Ulrich, Sr.

Of course, there are also younger Daniel Ulrichs, such as the one found in the 1800 census of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, who was born after 1755 and the one described by John Hale Stutesman who made his will on 10 March 1813 in Conemaugh Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. His will mentions his wife Susannah and ten children -- Elizabeth Markley, Susan Stutzman, Matlena Stutzman, Jacob Ulrich, John Ulrich, Christina Ulrich, Esther Ulrich, Mary Ulrich, Hannah Ulrich, and Sarah Ulrich (under 18 years old).⁹⁶⁸

Jay C. Bisgard describes this Stephen Ulrich as born about 1710 in Mannheim, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany, and died about 1784 in Peters Township, Washington County, Maryland, having married (1) Anna Margretha Makin 10 Jan 1729/30 in Schriesheim, Baden-Wuerttemberg. She was born about 1709 at Schriesheim. Stephen married (2) Elizabeth Greib, born ca. 1740 in Penn., and (3) Hannah _____, b. ca. 1714 in Germany. Bisgard lists four children for Stephen Ulrich and Anna Margretha (Makin) Ulrich -- Daniel, Susanna, George, and John.⁹⁶⁹ I have not seen the evidences for these statements.

⁹⁶¹Washington County Land Records, Vol. D, pp. 592-594, County Clerk, Washington County, Maryland. Hereinafter cited as Washington County Land Records.

⁹⁶²Ulry, Calvin, (1870 - 1942), a descendant of Stephen and Elizabeth Ulrich.

⁹⁶³Liebegott, George H., deceased before 1963. Some of his collected material was willed to the Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, library.

⁹⁶⁴Lawrence W Shultz, *Paul Family Record, 1763 - 1963* (Winona Lake, Indiana: Light and Life Press, 1963), a sixth generation descendant of Daniel Ulrich (of the mill at Roaring Spring) whom he placed as a son of Stephen. Hereinafter cited as *Paul Family Record, 1763 - 1963*.

⁹⁶⁵Roehl, Mrs. Kenneth, Lexington, Michigan, letters to Dan Olds in the mid 1960s.

⁹⁶⁶Eby, Lela, Mill Valley, California, 23 March 1966.

⁹⁶⁷Stutesman, John Hale, San Francisco, California, with whom my correspondence began in 1977.

⁹⁶⁸John Hale Stutesman, "Daniel Ulrich (? - 1813)," *Newsletter Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists* Vol. XI, No. 1, p. 1ff (Spring, 1979). Hereinafter cited as "Daniel Ulrich (? - 1813)."

⁹⁶⁹The Bisgard/Fulsher Family Tree, online awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin?op=REG&Db=bisgard&id=14713.

Stephen Ulrich died circa 1784 in Washington County, Maryland. He married Hannah Stutzman "in 1782 and his heirs sold off some of his estate in 1785. His name 'Stephen Wolery' shows on a 1783 tax list, owning 324 acres 'part of Germany' 3 horses and 3 cattle. So I estimate his death ca. 1784."⁹⁷⁰

Children of Stephen² Ulrich and Elizabeth (--?--) were as follows:

- i. DAVID³ was born circa 1746. He died in 1823.
He married Barbara and had seven children. They lived in Montgomery County, Ohio. She died in 1817.
- ii. STEPHEN was born in 1750. He died in 1835.
This is probably the one in the 1790 census of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. He married Susanna Rench (ca. 1760 - 1815). Bedford County, Pennsylvania, Deed Book AA, p. 332, states that Stephen and Susanna Ulrich of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, on 9 Aug. 1801, were selling land called Wilmington which he had been granted on 19 March 1799 -- 380.5 acres on Three Springs Branch of Yellow Creek in Morrison's Cove. In 1802, he received a patent for land in Madison Township, Montgomery County, Ohio. His will was made in 1822 and probated there on 30 March 1836. His son Samuel was born in 1794 in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, according to a history of Montgomery County, Ohio.
- iii. CHRISTINA was born circa 1752. She died circa 1810.
She married Jacob Stutzman, Jr. (ca. 1746 - 1816), who was later her stepbrother. They settled the site of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, about 1790, and went to Montgomery County, Ohio, about 1810.
28. iv. SAMUEL was born circa 1754. He married Mary Brumbaugh, daughter of Johann Jacob Brumbaugh and Mary Elizabeth Angle, circa 1780.
 - v. LYDIA was born before 1756.⁹⁷¹ She married Jacob Lear. She died circa 1810.
 - vi. ELIZABETH was born circa 1757. She died in 1834.
She married Daniel Miller (1755 - 1822) and they were in Ohio by 1802.
 - vii. MARY was born circa 1760. She died circa 1842.
She married George Butterbaugh (ca. 1759 - 1800). They had five children and lived in Bedford County, Pennsylvania.
 - viii. HANNAH was born circa 1762. She died in 1798. She married Henry Butterbaugh (ca. 1759 - 1839) and had eight children. He died in Washington County, Maryland.

There were no children of Stephen² Ulrich and Hannah (--?--).

Generation Three

28. SAMUEL³ ULRICH (*Stephen², Stephen¹*) was born circa 1754. He married Mary Brumbaugh, daughter of Johann Jacob Brumbaugh and Mary Elizabeth Angle, circa 1780. He died in 1822 in Bedford County, PA. He was buried. Samuel and Mary are probably buried in the Brethren Cemetery at New Enterprise, Bedford County, but their tombstones are relative recent. His stone says "Samuel Ulery, died 1822."

ToDo: Find the deed reference for the 1812 sale by Samuel and Mary Ulrich to Jacob Brown.

⁹⁷⁰Letter, John Hale Stutesman to Olds, 28 Oct 1977.

⁹⁷¹The 1800 census of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, shows the wife of Jacob Leer to be over 44 years old, although the "traditional" list shows her born about 1764, presumably because she was named last among her father's heirs in the property settlement.

Samuel and Mary were living in Frederick County, Maryland, in 1785 (see the deed quoted under his father, Stephen Ulrich), but it was not long before they moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania. On 12 Dec. 1785, Samuel Ulrich and Jacob Brumbaugh received a warrant for 269 acres in Bedford County. Stephen Ulrich was issued a warrant on the same day and took up an adjoining tract.⁹⁷² On 10 May 1786, Samuel Ulrich and Jacob Brumbaugh received a patent for 289 acres of land in the south end of Morrison's Cove, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, near the present town of New Enterprise. They called the tract Broomfield. In 1789, Samuel was taxed for 200 acres, 2 horses and 2 cows in Woodberry Township there. David, Daniel⁹⁷³, Stephen and John (a single man) Ullery were on that tax list also.⁹⁷⁴ In the 1790 census of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, Samuel's family contained 1 male less than 16, 1 male more than 16, and five females. These would have been Samuel and Mary, their son Stephen and daughters Elizabeth, Maria, Catherine and Hannah. Daniel, John, and Samuel were again taxed in Woodbury Township for 1795.⁹⁷⁵ The 1800 census of Bedford County shows the Samuel Ulrich family with one male, age 26-44 [Samuel], 2 females age 10-15 [Catherine and Hannah], and 1 female age 26-44 [Mary]. On 20 Oct. 1800, when letters of administration were granted to Mary Buterbaugh and Henry Buterbaugh on the estate of George Buterbaugh of Air Township, Bedford County, Jacob Studibaker and Samuel "Ulray" were sureties.⁹⁷⁶

Brumbaugh quotes a letter from Mary's grandniece Barbara Snoeberger as follows: "Maria went for their cows one evening and became lost in the woods. The wolves came near her and she had to climb a tree. The family blew horns which she could hear, but, as she could not make them hear her calls and did not dare to get down from the tree, she was compelled to stay there all night. The wolves left in the morning, and she found she was in sight of her home where she had left a nursing baby."⁹⁷⁷

Samuel Ulrich was an Elder in the German Baptist Brethren Church and perhaps was the first minister of the church in Woodberry Township. "For many years he was a noted speaker and the Elder in charge of the Woodbury Church."⁹⁷⁸

Samuel and Mary were involved in the settlement of her father's estate and are therefore mentioned in many deeds and agreements in Bedford County, starting in about 1804.

A Samuel Ulrich is listed in the 1810 census of Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, but he and his

⁹⁷²Letter from John Hale Stutesman (San Francisco, California) to Dan W. Olds, 6 Jul 1978; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC), which included a copy of the two surveys from Pennsylvania Land Records, Survey Book A-71, p. 255, (Ulrich & Broombaugh, 269 acres and Book A-31, p. 24, 387 1/2 acres).

⁹⁷³Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Quarter Sessions Abstracts, Bedford County, Docket I," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. 8, No. 3, p. 6 and Vol. 7 No. 5, p. 6: Daniel "Woorey's" or "Oulery's" mill in "Morris" Cove is mentioned as a site on proposed roads in April 1776 and 1775. Hereinafter cited as "Quarter Sessions Abstracts, Bedford County, Docket I."

⁹⁷⁴Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, pp. 53-54.

⁹⁷⁵*Ibid.*, p. 56.

⁹⁷⁶Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Will and Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, Will Book 1," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. II No. 3 (Dec. 1982): p. 3, abstracted from Bedford County Will Book I, p. 148. Hereinafter cited as "Will and Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, Will Book 1."

⁹⁷⁷Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, p. 157.

⁹⁷⁸*Ibid.*, p. 156.

wife were age 16-26 and no children are listed. In the 1810 census, a Saml "Wooleny" is listed for Bedford Township of Bedford County, Pennsylvania. He and his wife were both age 45 or over. The only other person in the family was a male, age 16-25.⁹⁷⁹

On 15 April 1812, Samuel and Mary Ulry of Woodberry Township sold to Jacob Brown, of the same township, part of Broomfield in Morrison's Cove on Three Springs Branch of Yellow Creek. This had been granted to Jacob Brumbaugh and Samuel Ulery and the Brumbaugh heirs⁹⁸⁰ had sold to Ulery on 16 March 1807. Another part was sold to John Forry on the same date.⁹⁸¹ The 1820 census shows Samuel Ulrich in Woodberry Township, with Samuel and Mary, both over 45, another female, age 10-16, and a third female, age 16-26. On 28 Feb. 1822, Samuel Ulry and his wife Mary deeded to Jacob Brown (all residents of Bedford County), for two thousand and sixty one dollars and fifty cents, 257 acres on the waters of Yellow Creek in Woodberry Township.⁹⁸² Samuel Ulrich signed in German and Mary signed by mark.⁹⁸³ Samuel Ulerey (36 cents) and Daniel Ulerey (22 cents) both paid taxes in Woodberry Township in 1822.⁹⁸⁴

Samuel Ulrich's will is filed in Bedford County as follows:⁹⁸⁵

"In the name of god Amen I Samuel ulrich of woodberry township Bedford County and State of pennsylvania being in full health and of Sound mind memory and understanding Blessed be god for the same knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and publish this my last will & testament in manner and form as follows principally & first of all I commend my immortal soul into the hands of god who gave it my Body to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian Like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and touching sich [sic] worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in following manner Viz

"I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife mary all my household and kitchen furniture which I may own or possess at the time of my decease and two cows four sheep & two Hogs at her own choice I further give to my wife the house Stable and all the clear land both meadow and plougland [sic] which I now occupy during her lifetime I further bequeath to her my wife yearly twenty four bushels of good clean wheat twenty one bushels of Rye twenty bushels of corn & fourteen bushels of Buckwheat Six bushels of potatoes and thirty pound clean and [or un?] heckled flax which is to be paid to her by my daughters Viz Elizabeth and catherine or by their heirs attorneys or assigns each an equal part the aforesaid Elizabeth & catherine are to cut and haul all the fire wood my wife may need and cut it ready for the Stove or file place as She needs it said Elisabeth & catherine their heirs

⁹⁷⁹1810 federal census of Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁹⁸⁰The fact that these heirs were Jacob, Daniel, David, George and John (no Henry on this record) shows that the Jacob Brumbaugh with whom Samuel Ulrich was in partnership was his father-in-law rather than his brother-in-law. The younger Jacob did not die until 1816.

⁹⁸¹Deed Books of Bedford County, Pennsylvania: Book H, pp. 522, 536, Bedford County, Bedford, Pennsylvania. Hereinafter cited as Deed Books of Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

⁹⁸²Ibid., Deed Book P, p. 569.

⁹⁸³Deed Books of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, Deed Book P, p. 569, County Clerk, Bedford, Pennsylvania. Hereinafter cited as Ulrich to Brown.

⁹⁸⁴Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "1822 tax duplicate, Woodberry Township."

⁹⁸⁵Samuel Ulrich will (11 Sep 1821), Bedford County Will Book 2: 134: however, my copy was made in 1963 from the original papers in Bedford County by Harry F. McKinley, Register and Recorder, County Court House, Bedford County, PA. Hereinafter cited as Bedford County Will Book.

attorneys or assigns are also to give to my wife the one Sixth part of all the hay made on the meadows I now own both first and second crops and to be brought to her by the persons by whom the Hay is made. I also bequeath my wife the sum of thirty dollars yearly which is to be paid to her by David Stucky his heirs attorneys or assigns yearly which is to be my wifes Share in full of my Estate

“I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth and to her heirs a tract of land on which she now lives containing two hundred and fifty seven acres at Eight Dollars per acre amounting to two thousand and fifty six dollars of which I Rd two hundred dollars by her husband Jacob Brown on condition that sd Brown is entitled to twenty five acres of said land

“I also Bequeath to my daughter Catherine & to her heirs a tract of Land where I now live on in the tenure of Jacob Snider for Eight Dollars per acre containing two hundred and four acres amounting to Sixteen hundred and thirty two Dollars two hundred Dollars of which I rd by her husband John Snider on condition that sd Snider is entitled to twenty five acres of said Land

“and to my daughter Hannah and to her heirs I Bequeath the sum in full for a tract of land sold to David Stucky with the provision that five Hundred of the same be retained in the Hand of said Stucky and paying interest for the same yearly to my wife mary as above mentioned and my Daughter Hannah is further to have sixty-three Dollars to be paid by my Daughter Elisabeth to be paid as hereafter mentioned

“and to my Daughter Mary I give and bequeath the Sum of one thousand and seventy five Dollars Lawful money of the United States to be paid by my two Daughters Elisabeth and Catherine Elisabeth is to pay Seven Hundred and Eighteen and Catherine is to pay three Hundred and fifty seven dollars to be paid as follows the said Elisabeth and Catherine or their heirs executors or assigns are to pay to said mary or to her heirs the sum of one hundred dollars Each one year after my decease and then fifty dollars Each yearly untill the whole be paid and said Elisabeth is to pay Sixty three dollars to my daughter Hannah one year after the Last is paid to mary

“I also order and direct my executors to Sell that part of my Stock that is not wild to my wife and to collect the moneys due me and pay of my just debts then it is my will that my Executors pay to George Stull whom I raised the Sum of forty Dollars two years after my Decease and if any be left to devide the Same Equally among my four Daughters and provided there is not enough left then my three Daughters Elisabeth Catherine & Hannah are each to pay an equal Share of the Same and my daughter mary not to pay any part therof but to have her Share as above mentioned in full

“Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my trusty friends Abraham Longenecker and David Long both of woodberry township Bedford county & State aforesaid Executors of this my Last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills Legacies and bequeaths by me made and confirming this and no other to be my Last in witnes whereof I have this Eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty one Signed Sealed published and Declared this as my Last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses who Subscribed their names to Such Execution at the request of the testator”

Samuel Ulrich signed in German. The witnesses were Daniel Leedy, Jacob Holsinger and John Holsinger, Jr. A codicil was added as follows:

“ I Samuel Ulrich of woodberry township Bedford county and State of pennsylvania do this twenty first Day of may AD on thousand Eight hundred and twenty two make and pulish [sic] this codicil to my last will and

testament in manner following (that is to say) I give to my son in law Jacob Brown the mare I now own and to my grandson Samuel Brown I give my large German Bible and I do hereby Declare and order that my four Daughters named in my last will and testament pay each an equal part or Share of a Debt due by me to David Brumbaugh of Washington county Maryland the remaining part of my will and testament to be in full Virtue and it is my Desire that this my present codicil be annexed and made a part of my last will and testament to all intents and purposes in Wittnes where of I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 21 Day of may AD 1822

“Signed Sealed published by the above named Saml Ulrich to be annexed to his last will and testament in the presence of John Holsinger Senr, John Forry”
Again, Samuel signed in German script.

This will was probated in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, on 5 August 1822. Daniel Leedy, Jacob Holsinger, John Holsinger, Jr., John Holsinger, Sr., and John Forry all appeared and “affirmed” that they had witnessed the documents for Samuel Ulrich who was of sound mind, memory, and understanding at the time the papers were executed.

On 30 June 1828 Letters of Administration, de bonis non, for estate of Samuel Ulerick, with the will annexed were granted to Henry Fluke whose sureties were Jacob Brown and George Claar.⁹⁸⁶

It is clear from this record that Samuel Ulrich died sometime in May through August of 1822.

The following is a copy of the handwritten records on the blank leaves of a Bible printed in 1776 at Germantown, Pennsylvania, by Christopher Saur (3rd ed.). This Bible belonged to Samuel Ulrich who willed it to his grandson, Samuel Brown, in 1822. Samuel Brown gave it to his daughter, Mary (Brown) Bowers. She requested that her son, Samuel Bowers, give the Bible to his daughter, Mary (Bowers) Adams. In 1963, Mary Adams, great-great-great granddaughter of Samuel Ulrich, allowed me to study and photograph this priceless relic in order to prepare this transcript. Sam Adams had this Bible after his mother died.

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Samuel ULRICH

of

Bedford County

The S----- Pennsylvania

November 2

Annoque Domoni 1805

Samuel Ulrick

His Holy Bible

[Leaf 1, Side 2]

180- Den 26 August

is meine Tochter balli in Diese Drubelsam

Welt geboren

1808 Den 15 Jenner

⁹⁸⁶Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, 1827-1828," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. V, No. 1 (June 1985): p. 8. Hereinafter cited as "Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, 1827-1828."

ist mein Son Samuel in Diese betriebde
Welt geborn

1810 Den 1 Ocdober ist meine Tochter
Eliesabeth in Diese kummer Volle Welt
geboren

1812 Den 8 Jenner is mein son Jacob
in Diese unruhige Welt geboren

[Leaf 2, Side 2]

1801 Den 27 Sebtember ist mein
Sohn Samuel in Diese mieselige Welt
gebohren

1803 Den 8 Juni ist Meine Tochter
Sallome in Diese kummer falle Welt
gebohren

1805 Den 22 Abril is mein Sohn
Henrich in Diese Miesamme
Welt Gebohren

1806 Den 10 December is meine Tochter
Hano in Diese kummerfolle Welt
Geboren

1809 Den 19 Junius
ist mein Son Jacob in Diese Miesame
Welt Geboren

1811 Den 26 Julius ist mein Sohn
Johanes in Diese unru:ge Welt
geboren

1813 Den 26 Merz ist mein Sohn
Daniel in Diese iammer Volle Welt
geboren

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Ano 1808 Den 3 Juni
is mein Son Samuel in Diese miesame
Welt Geboren

Ano 1809 Den 1 Ocdober
ist meine Tochter Maria in Deise kummer
Volle Welt geboren

Ano 1811 Den 2 Januarius
is mein Sohn Jacob in Diese Jammerfolle Welt
Geboren

Ano 1813 Den 15 Juni
ist mein Sohn David in Diese Miesame Welt
Geboren

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1781 Den 8 Abril ---- meine Tochter E[lisabet]h
----- jammer Volle Welt gebohren
1783 Den 3 ----- is meine Tochter
Ma[ria] ----- Welt gebohren
1785 Den 24 November is mein Sohn Stephan
in Diese Mu:selige Welt gebohren
1787 Den 15 Ocdober is meine Tochter
Cadarina in Diese Jamer Volle Welt
gebohren
1789 Den 20 Ma:ius is meine Tochter
Hana in Diese Jamer Volle Welt
Gebohren
1792 Den 13 Augustus is mein Sohn
Jacob in Diese betriebde iammer Volle
Welt geboren

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only the repeated initials S. U.

The combined effects of fading, water spots, and German script have made the records difficult to decipher. There may therefore be certain spelling errors here not attributable to the original authors. They have, however, left us with a more significant problem by not identifying the parents of the children recorded here. Since the records are of births prior to the time the Bible left Samuel's hands, we may surmise that he asked his children to record their own families in his Bible.

The family born 1781 - 1792 is surely that of Samuel himself and the first birth does match that calculated for his daughter Elizabeth from her tombstone. The other three family groups would appear to be at least the first few children of three of the four daughters, Elizabeth Brown, Maria Studebaker, Catherine Snider and Hannah Studebaker. The list that begins with Samuel, born 27 Sept 1801, must be the children of Jacob and Elizabeth Brown since this date matches that in Samuel Brown's own Bible. Jacob Studebaker (1800 - 1890) is given elsewhere⁹⁸⁷ as the eldest child of David and Mary (Ulery) Studebaker with his full birth date listed as 2 March 1800⁹⁸⁸. John Ulery Studebaker (1816 - 1901) listed as a son of David and Mary (Ulery) Studebaker and John Studebaker (1812 - 1891) as son of John and Hannah (Ulery) Studebaker.⁹⁸⁹ These hints have so far proven inadequate to assign parents to these children.

The list of children below is taken from the Ulrich Bible. Brumbaugh⁹⁹⁰ named only the daughters, but supplied additional information on their families and descendants. Note that the first two sons and first two

⁹⁸⁷Eugene S. Wierbach, "Jacob Ulery Studebaker query," *The Studebaker Family* Vol. I, no. 2, p. 15 (Winter 1966). Hereinafter cited as "Jacob Ulery Studebaker query."

⁹⁸⁸Eugene S. Wierbach, "Jacob Ulery Studebaker query," *The Studebaker Family* Vol. I, no. 4, p. 3 (Summer 1967). Hereinafter cited as "Jacob Ulery Studebaker query."

⁹⁸⁹Eugene Studebaker Wierbach, "They were Giants in Those Days," *The Studebaker Family* Vol. I, no. 4, p. 4 (Summer 1967). Hereinafter cited as "They were Giants in Those Days."

⁹⁹⁰Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, p. 159.

daughters were named after their grandparents Stephen and Elizabeth Ulrich and Jacob and Mary Brumbaugh. This naming pattern is further circumstantial evidence of proper identification of this line.

Children of Samuel³ Ulrich and Mary Brumbaugh were as follows:

29. i. ELIZABETH⁴ was born on 8 Apr 1781 perhaps in Frederick County, MD. She married Jacob Brown, son of Henry Brown, circa 1800 in (probably), Bedford County, PA.
- ii. MARIA was born on 3 Aug 1783.^{991,992} She married David Studebaker, son of Jacob Studebaker and Mary Snider, circa 1800.^{993,994} She died on 14 Apr 1861 at age 77.^{995,996}

The cover of the Spring 1972 issue of "The Studebaker Family" shows the Ohio homes of some of the children of Jacob and Mary (Snider) Studebaker including: David Studebaker (1780-1826) and Mary Ulrey (1783 - 1861); John Studebaker (1787 - 1833) and Hannah Ulrey (1789-1862).⁹⁹⁷

- iii. STEPHEN⁹⁹⁸ was born on 24 Nov 1785.⁹⁹⁹
He seems to included in the 1790 census of his father's family but not in the 1800 census. Since neither he nor his heirs are mentioned in his father's will, he probably died young.
- iv. CATHERINE¹⁰⁰⁰ was born on 15 Oct 1787.¹⁰⁰¹ She married John Snider.
- v. HANNAH was born on 20 May 1789.^{1002,1003} She married John Studebaker, son of Jacob Studebaker and Mary Snider.¹⁰⁰⁴ She married Benjamin Bowman after 1833 in IN.¹⁰⁰⁵ She died on 18 Nov 1862 at age 73.^{1006,1007} She was buried in Eaton, Delaware County, IN.¹⁰⁰⁸

She married John Studebaker, son of Jacob and Mary (Snider) Studebaker. Hannah

⁹⁹¹Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich, b. 3 ____ 1783.

⁹⁹²Ruth Epler Studebaker and Emmert Studebaker, *The Studebaker Family in America, 1736 - 1986* (6555 South State Route 202, Tipp City, Ohio: The Studebaker Family National Association, 1986), p. 208, gives the full date. Hereinafter cited as *The Studebaker Family in America, 1736 - 1986*.

⁹⁹³Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, p. 159.

⁹⁹⁴Studebaker and Studebaker, *The Studebaker Family in America, 1736 - 1986*, p. 208, estimates the date.

⁹⁹⁵Studebaker Family Association, "Homes of Grandchildren of Immigrant Peter, children of Jacob and Mary (Snider) Studebaker, built from 1813 to about 1833 near Tipp City, Ohio," *The Studebaker Family* Vol. 2, No. 10, p. 1 (Spring 1972): gives only the year. Hereinafter cited as "Homes of Grandchildren of Immigrant Peter, children of Jacob and Mary (Snider) Studebaker, built from 1813 to about 1833 near Tipp City, Ohio."

⁹⁹⁶Studebaker and Studebaker, *The Studebaker Family in America, 1736 - 1986*, p. 208, gives the full date.

⁹⁹⁷Studebaker Family Association, "Homes of Grandchildren of Immigrant Peter, children of Jacob and Mary (Snider) Studebaker, built from 1813 to about 1833 near Tipp City, Ohio."

⁹⁹⁸Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

⁹⁹⁹Ibid.

¹⁰⁰⁰Ibid.

¹⁰⁰¹Ibid.

¹⁰⁰²Ibid.

¹⁰⁰³Studebaker and Studebaker, *The Studebaker Family in America, 1736 - 1986*, p. 208, gives this date as 19 May 1789.

¹⁰⁰⁴Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, p. 161.

¹⁰⁰⁵Studebaker Family Association, "This Old House," *The Studebaker Family* Vol. 2, No. 9, p. 2 (Winter 1972). Hereinafter cited as "This Old House."

¹⁰⁰⁶Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, p. 162, which omits the day of death.

¹⁰⁰⁷Studebaker and Studebaker, *The Studebaker Family in America, 1736 - 1986*, p. 208, gives this date as 18 Nov 1862.

¹⁰⁰⁸Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, p. 162, which gives the date as Oct 1862.

died in Oct. 1862 and was buried at Eaton, Delaware County, IN. They had fourteen (or more) children -- Samuel, Jacob, John, David, George W., Daniel, Stephen, Isaac, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, Catherine, Hannah, and Lydia.¹⁰⁰⁹ "The Studebaker Family" adds Phoebe to this list and states that after John died in 1833, at age 46, Hannah married Elder Benjamin Bowman in Indiana.¹⁰¹⁰

vi. JACOB¹⁰¹¹ was born on 13 Aug 1792.¹⁰¹²

He was not included in the 1800 census of this family and since neither he nor his heirs are mentioned in his father's will, he probably died young.

Generation Four

29. ELIZABETH⁴ ULRICH (*Samuel³, Stephen², Stephen¹*) was born on 8 Apr 1781 perhaps in Frederick County, MD.¹⁰¹³ She married Jacob Brown, son of Henry Brown, circa 1800 in (probably), Bedford County, PA. She died on 22 Mar 1857 in (near) Libertyville, Jefferson County, IA, at age 75.¹⁰¹⁴ She was buried in Brethren Cemetery, Libertyville, IA.

The will of Elizabeth Brown was filed 7 April 1857 and probated 5 May 1857 as follows:¹⁰¹⁵

"Elizabeth Brown, her will by word of mouth made & declared by her on the twelfth day of February A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses hereto. My will is that first I direct that all my debts and funeral expences [sic] be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first money that shall come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my Estate and that George W. Brown my son shall have the seven hundred & seventy five dollars that he has borrowed for three years from this date at four percent interest per annum & at the expiration of three years he shall pay it over to my executor & by him divided Share and Share alike amongst all the heirs & the one hundred dollars that that [sic] I loaned John U. Brown he shall pay it to my Executor as soon as it comes due & as to my household furniture my will is that it shall be equally divided as near as possible between Catherine Brown wife of George W. Brown & Fanny Brown wife of Samuel Brown & that no part of my household furniture shall be exposed to sale and I do hereby make and ordain John G. W. Smith Executor of this my last will & testament. In witness where of I Elizabeth Brown the testatrix have to this my will set my hand & seal the day and date first above written.

"Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us who have subscribed in presence of each other
Martin T(?) Miller
Henry Fishel"
Elizabeth Brown signed by mark.

¹⁰⁰⁹Ibid., p. 162.

¹⁰¹⁰Studebaker Family Association, "This Old House."

¹⁰¹¹Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

¹⁰¹²Ibid.

¹⁰¹³Ibid.

¹⁰¹⁴saying: "Elizabeth, Wife of J. Brown Died Mar. 22 1857 Aged 75 Yrs 11 m. & 14 d." Jacob and Elizabeth share a tombstone, Brethren Cemetery, near Libertyville, Jefferson County, IA.

¹⁰¹⁵Elizabeth Brown, Probate File will filed in Vol. B, pp. 62-63, Jefferson County Court House, Jefferson County, IA. Hereinafter cited as Probate File for Elizabeth Brown.

The death notice for Elizabeth Brown, formerly of Yellow creek church, Morrisons Cove, PA, widow of Jacob Brown (d. 18 Feb. 1854), died in Jefferson County, Iowa, 22 March 1857, age 75 y, 11 m, 14 d. appeared in the Gospel Visitor.¹⁰¹⁶

John G. W. Smith, as executor, filed the settlement of her estate on March 21, 1859. Each of the following heirs received \$115.95: Samuel Brown; John W. Brown; Geo. W. Brown; John and Elizabeth Burget [sometimes written as Bryant]; S[?--L is correct] Furry and H. Furry; and Jacob W. Brown. Another portion went to the heirs of Henry Brown who were A. S. Brown, Jacob S. Brown, and P. S. Brown who each got 38.65. Finally, the heirs of Sarah Replogle formerly S. Brown got \$99.39. This accounts for eight children, further supporting the idea that Daniel and Mary had died young. Geo. W. Brown also got \$97.21. It is not clear why he received this additional amount.

Additional detail is provided by some receipts contained in this file. In one, for \$38.65 to John G. W. Smith, dated 20 Sept. 1858 from Philip S. Brown of Kansas City, Missouri, he describes himself as one of the heirs of Henry Brown dec'd who was son & Heir of said Elizabeth Brown. Another receipt is from Jacob U. Brown of Jefferson County, Kansas Territory, dated 17th Oct. 1858, for \$115.95 from the estate of Elizabeth Brown of Jefferson County, Iowa, deceased. There must be additional records of this estate because some earlier notes made by Warren Manning, in the Jefferson County courthouse, indicate that Jacob B. Replogle got \$16.50 and George B. Replogle assigned his \$16.50 to Jacob Replogle and also that John Holler and Elizabeth Holler got 1/7 of 1/8 part, \$16.56, as did Barbara Holsinger and Thomas Holsinger ("said Barbara being one of the daughters of Sarah Replogle said Sarah being one of the daughters of Elizabeth Brown decd"). The Holsingers acknowledged their receipt on 26 Oct. 1858 in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Also "Henry Smith & Hannah Smith formerly Hannah Replogle & Henry Eversole and Sarah Eversole¹⁰¹⁷ formerly Sarah Replogle all of South Woodbury Township Bedford County Pennsylvania Heirs of the late Jacob Brown's widow of Jefferson County & State of Iowa deceased have & each of us hath" relinquished their portions to J. G. W. Smith, administrator of the late Jacob Brown's widow, on 16 Oct. 1858. The six portions of \$16.56 each (\$99.36, total) account for the amount distributed to the heirs of Sarah Replogle but not for her full share. There might have been seven Replogle children (7 x 16.56 = 115.92), of whom six were Jacob B., George B., Elizabeth Holler, Barbara Holsinger, Hannah Smith and Sarah Eversole. However, if these last two shares were relinquished, why were they accounted for in the distribution amount?

Children of Elizabeth⁴ Ulrich and Jacob Brown were as follows:

- i. SAMUEL ULRICH⁵ was born on 27 Sep 1801 in Bedford County, PA.¹⁰¹⁸ He married Elizabeth Forney on 15 Oct 1820.¹⁰¹⁹ He married Frances "Fanny" Hoover, daughter of Martin Hoover and Maria Eshleman, on 15 Mar 1827 in Bedford County, PA.^{1020,1021} He died on 28 Sep 1863 in Jefferson County, IA, at age 62. There are small disagreements

¹⁰¹⁶Deaths, *Gospel Visitor*, Poland, Ohio?, 1857, Volume VII, p. 192. Hereinafter cited as Gospel Visitor.

¹⁰¹⁷Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Bedford County Marriages, 1852-1855," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. IV, No. 4, p. 19 (March 1985): Henry Eversole, farmer, son of Christian and Barbara, born in South Woodbury Twp., now residing in South Woodbury Twp., m. Sally Replogle, daughter of George and Sally Replogle, on 29 Jan 1854, in South Woodbury Township in a German Baptist ceremony performed by Jacob Miller of Middle Woodbury Twp. Hereinafter cited as "Bedford County Marriages, 1852-1855."

¹⁰¹⁸German Bible, Samuel Brown, which gives the date but not the place.

¹⁰¹⁹Ibid.

¹⁰²⁰Ibid., which gives the date.

¹⁰²¹Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: named daughter "Frances, intermarried with Samuel Brown."

among my references for his date of death.^{1022,1023,1024,1025}

SAMUEL ULRICH BROWN, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Ulrich) Brown, was born 27 Sept. 1801 and this date, recorded both in the Ulrich Bible and in Samuel Brown's own German Bible, helps in identifying the Jacob Brown family among those listed in the Ulrich Bible.

In Pennsylvania, Samuel Brown was a farmer and a tanner. According to Benton Bunn, this family lived in a stone house and in the basement was a brook or spring from which they caught fish for their meals.¹⁰²⁶ Samuel married (first) Elizabeth Forney, on 18 Oct. 1820. She died on 7 Nov. 1826. Samuel married (second) Fanny Hoover, daughter of Martin and Maria (Eshleman) Hoover, on 15 March 1827. She was born 18 June 1809, in Lancaster County, PA. This family appears in the 1830 census of Woodberry Township, Bedford County, PA, as:

1 male b. 1800-1810 [Samuel]
2 females b. 1825-1830 [Elizabeth and Mary]
1 female b. 1820-1825 [Sally]
1 female b. 1800-1810 [Fanny]

On 26 Aug. 1835, Samuel Brown of Woodberry Township filed bond as guardian of Levi Biddle, son of Andrew Biddle, deceased, of Woodberry Township. Jacob Long was surety. Just the day before, John Burget had filed bond as guardian of Jacob and Susan Biddle, children of Andrew, with David Stuckey as surety.¹⁰²⁷ On 26 Nov. 1838, Samuel Brown was surety when Leonard Furry filed bond as guardian of some of the children of Abraham Teeter, deceased, of Woodbury Township. On the same day David Puterbaugh was surety when Rinehart Replogle filed bond as guardian bond for other minor children of Abraham Teeter.¹⁰²⁸ On 1 May 1846, Leonard Furry was surety when Jacob Long filed bond as guardian of Elias, Daniel and David Teeter, sons of Isaac Teeter of South Woodberry Township, deceased.¹⁰²⁹ These may be a clues to extended family relationships.

The family is listed in the 1840 census of South Woodberry Township as:

1 male age 30-40 [Samuel]

¹⁰²²West, "William E. West -- Brown Family notes", which gives this date as 25 Sept 1863. My first reading of the Bible record also has this death date as 25 Sept., but after study I concluded it says 28 Sept.

¹⁰²³Samuel Brown, *Gospel Visitor*, Vol. XIII, page 383, which says that he died September 28, aged 62 years one day but omits the year.

¹⁰²⁴"S. Brown died Sep. 29, 1863, aged 62 y's 1 day. Gone but not forgotten", tombstone, Brethren Cemetery, near Libertyville, Jefferson County, IA.

¹⁰²⁵Samuel Brown, *Newsletter of the FOBG*, Fall 1970, page 383, which says Samuel, h/o Fannie Brown, d. Jefferson Co., Iowa, 28 Sept 1863, 61 y 11 m. 29 d and is abstracted from *Gospel Visitor*, XIII/383. (Per Doris Olds' notes).

¹⁰²⁶Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*.

¹⁰²⁷Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Guardian Bonds, Bedford County, Book I."

¹⁰²⁸Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Guardian Bonds, Bedford County, Book I."

¹⁰²⁹Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Guardian Bonds, Bedford County, Book 2."

1 male age 20-30	[??]
1 male age 15-20	[??]
1 male age 5-10	[Samuel]
1 under 5	[Daniel]
1 female age 20-30	[Fanny]
2 females age 15-20	[Sally and Elizabeth]
2 females age 10-15	[Mary and Hannah?]
1 female age 5-10	[Fanny?]

On 24 April 1844, Samuel Brown of South Woodberry Township filed bond as guardian of his daughter Elizabeth Brown. [WHY?] His surety was George W(?) Brown.¹⁰³⁰

On 16 Feb. 1847¹⁰³¹, "Samuel Brown and Veronica his wife of South Woodberry Township of Bedford County in the state of Pennsylvania" sold to Daniel Snoeberger of the same place 148.5 acres for eight thousand dollars. The deed recounts the history of this tract of land on Spring Branch of Yellow Creek in South Woodberry Township. It was "part of a tract of land which was surveyed in pursuance of a warrant dated the 12th day of December 1785, Granted to Samuel Ulrich & Jacob Brumbaugh and for which a Patent was issued the 10th day of May 1786 granted to the said Samuel Ulrich & Jacob Brumbaugh, and Jacob Brown and Elizabeth his wife did by deed dated the 25th day of February 1841 convey the same to the said Samuel Brown ". This 1847 deed would seem to explain the source of the money Samuel Brown took to Iowa except for the clear and frequent repetition that this Samuel Brown had a wife Veronica who is otherwise unidentified. Possibly there is a confusion between Veronica (Fronny) and Frances (Fanny) or Frene, Feronica, and Frances. The 1841 deed from Jacob and Elizabeth Brown to Samuel Brown is apparently not recorded.

Samuel and his family were part of the 1847 migration to Jefferson County, Iowa, where they settled on land said to have been purchased with gold obtained from the sale of land in Pennsylvania. The gold coins were taken to Iowa in a coffee pot packed in a dough tray. The family group traveled mostly by water, using the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.¹⁰³²

On 26 Oct 1847, William Olney sold to Samuel Brown the E 1/2 SW 1/4 S 4 T 71 R 11 in Jefferson County and also 21 acres in the SE corner of the NW fractional quarter of the same section. This piece was forty rods wide east and west and long enough north and south to make 21 acres.¹⁰³³

On 24 Jan 1848, David B. Teeter and his wife Margaret sold the NW 1/4 of the SW

¹⁰³⁰Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Orphans Court Abstracts, Bedford County."

¹⁰³¹Deed Books of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, Deed Book AO, p. 372.

¹⁰³²Bunn, *Lighting Ancestral Lamps*.

¹⁰³³Deed Books of Jefferson County, Iowa: Book E p. 149.

1/4 of Section 9 T 71 R 11 in Jefferson County to Samuel Brown.¹⁰³⁴ In six deeds dated March 1848, Samuel Brown acquired several parcels of land in town 71N, R11W, Jefferson Co., Iowa, from Levi and William Roberts and also from David B. Teeter and his wife Margaret. On 23 March 1849, John U. Brown and Delilah his wife sold to Jacob Brown, Sen., the west half of the NW 1/4 S10 T71 R 11. In another series of deeds in March of 1853, Samuel and Fanny Brown sold this land to his children and others, including: Elias Teeter; Christian Burget; Goodman Graves, George W. Brown and Hannah Smith, wife of John G. W. Smith; George W. Brown; Mary Bowers; Fanny Teeters; Hannah Smith; and Renel(?) Nimocks. Perhaps Graves and Nimocks have some relationship to this family.

The 1850 census of Des Moines township, Jefferson County lists this family as:

Saml Brown	age 49	farmer	b. Pa	\$3500 real property.
Fanny	age 41		b. Pa	
Fanny	age 18		b. Pa.	
Saml U.	age 16		b. Pa.	
Daniel W.	age 11		b. Pa.	
Delila	age 8		b. Pa.	
Margaret E.	age ½		b. Ia.	

In the 1860 census, Samuel Brown, age 58, listed his occupation as Gentleman. Fanny was age 50. Delila and Margaret were the only children still at home.

Samuel Brown died 28 Sept. 1863 and was buried in the Dunkard Cemetery in Jefferson County, near Libertyville. His obituary gives his age as 62 years, 1 day. "He was a member of the church some thirty years, and a deacon fourteen years, and a great exemplar and pillar in the church, leaving a wife and seven children to mourn their loss. ... His funeral was preached October 11, by the following named brethren: David and Jacob Brower from Keokuk county, John Murry from Marshal county, and George R. Baker from Jasper county. Text Job 14:14."¹⁰³⁵ After his death, his widow is said to have become dissatisfied with living in Iowa. She moved to Henry County, Indiana, in 1864 with the Peter and Mary Bowers family and may have been the instigator of the move. Nevertheless, she soon returned to Iowa, date unknown. Her second marriage was to Daniel Shank but they no longer lived together when she died. According to Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, her grandmother thought Shank was a nice man but just did not want to live with him.

The estate of Samuel Brown produced a great many records now on file in Jefferson County, Iowa. Among these is a promissory note to Mariah Hoover: "[Ninety?] days after date we or Either of us promise to pay to Mariah Hoover _____ twenty two dollars for value recd this ____ day of Oct 1861" signed by Samuel Brown and Fanny Brown

¹⁰³⁴Ibid., Book E, p. 289.

¹⁰³⁵Samuel Brown, *Gospel Visitor*, Vol. XIII, page 383, written by Peter Bowers. This omits the year of his death.

(her mark). On 24 May 1869, John G. W. Smith presented the claim that the estate owed Mariah Hoover the sum of thirty dollars and eighty cents as money justly due on a promissory note of which the above is a true copy.

Christian Burger filed bond as administrator of the estate of Samuel Brown on 28 Aug. 1868. On 1 Sept. 1868, he certified that had posted four printed notices to all persons with debts due or claims against the estate -- "in the following place to wit One at Browns Mill and one at Wagner Blacks Shop and one at _____ Newland and one at the cross Roades at the widdow Browns ".

On 18 Sept. 1868, Christian Burger filed an approximate listing of the assets of the estate including notes on

John G. W. Smith	\$3200.00
Peter Bower	600.00
Samuel Brown	200.00
Isaac Teeters	600.00
Maggie West	200.00
Delilah Kokenvir	200.00

\$5000.00

"The above amounts are approximated, and not in the possession of the Admr Christ Burger. Demand for the same has been made upon John G. W. Smith in whose custody the books and papers of said Estate now are, but he refused to deliver the same to me, as well as refusing to give up the monies"

On 28 Sept. 1868, Burger, as administrator of Samuel Brown, petitioned the court that John G. W. Smith be summoned to a hearing "as provided in Section 2366 of the Revisions[?]" because "he has been credibly informed and believes that John G. W. Smith has taken wrongful possession of the effects or a portion of the effects of said estate, and has same under his control". The summons was issued and delivered on the same day, notifying Smith that he was "summoned to be and appear before the Probate Court of said County in Fairfield on the first Monday of November (2nd) AD 1868 at 10 o'clock A. M." The resultant hearing produced a record of many questions with answers from Smith.

Q1: State your name, age and place of residence

A1: John G. W. Smith, 43, Jefferson County, Iowa.

Q2: Were you in his life time acquainted with Samuel Brown, deceased, late of Jefferson County, Iowa

A2: I was

Q3: Are you related to said Brown by blood or marriage

A3: I am by marriage a son-in-law

Q4: State the name of the widow and children of said Samuel Brown, Deceased; if any of such children are deceased, give the names of their children, if any.

A4: widows name is Fanny Brown, Names of children Mary Bowers, Hannah Smith, Fanny Teeter, Samuel H. Brown, Daniel W. Brown, deceased, Delilah Goughnour, Margaret West

Q5: Are those names in the last answer all the children of Samuel Brown, dec.; if not name the others.

A5: Those are all by the last wife, he had two other children the oldest Sarah Berger and the other Elizabeth Teeter.

Q6: You say Daniel W. Brown is deceased; did he leave any children, if so name them.

A6: He left one but it died 2 years ago or thereabouts.

Q7: If any other of the children of Samuel Brown are deceased, state which, & if they left any children name them.

A7: Sarah Burger is deceased she left 4 children, Susannah Newland, Samuel Berger, Joseph Burger, Sarah Burger.

Q8: State whether said Samuel Brown, deceased, prior to his death conveyed to you or to your wife any portion of his estate; if yes, state what and state fully on what terms or conditions the same was made.

A8: He conveyed to my wife forty Acres of land. It was on these terms; I was to pay 6 per ct on the principal for which the lifetime, But I made other arrangements afterwards and paid him for the land

Q9: How much did you pay him

A9: I paid him \$100.00

Q10: State whether said Samuel Brown conveyed to any others of his children any portion of his lands; if yes, to which of the children

A10: I was not present when he conveyed any of his real estate I was in the state of California.

Q11: Do you know of any of the other children of said Samuel Brown, Dec, prior to his death, paying him for any lands; if yes state which children.

A11: I heard the old man say that one of his son in laws bought out the same as I had & paid him.

Q12: Which son in law

A12: Levi Teeter

Q13: How much did Levi Teeter pay the old man

A13: Could not state

Q14: How much did the old man say Levi Teeter paid

A14: I think \$400 could not say positively

Q15: How much land did Levi Teeter get from the old man

A15: I think it was Ninety-five Acres

Q16: Did not Peter Bowers or his wife Mary also get land from the old man, if yes state how much

A16: Yes, she got land. I think it was one hundred & ten Acres.

Q17: At what price

A17: My information is that it was \$600.00

Q18: Did she pay for her land before the said Samuel Brown died

A18: No, Sir.

Q19: Did she pay after the old man died

A19: I heard she paid the old lady

Q20: Did any of the other children pay for lands after the old mans death

A20: Yes, there was one other who told me that he paid

Q21: What child and how much did he pay

A21: Samuel H. Brown, he said he paid \$1000 to his mother
Q22: At the time of the old man's death did he leave any stock or other articles of personal property
A22: I think there were two cows left and a note considered worthless but afterwards a part was collected.
Q23: Was there not a sale at his home
A23: The sale was made by Samuel H. Brown of his own property
Q24: Was there any of the property of Samuel Bown decd. sold at this time
A24: There was 2 pair Bedsteads, cookstove, cupboard, table
Q25: Were these articles sold for cash or on time
A25: I don't know
Q26: Do you know how much they brought
A26: No, Sir. I know that the cookstove brought ten Dollars
Q27: State how much money was left on hand by the old man at his death
A27: Don't know that he left one dollar
Q28: Did you at any time receive the proceeds of the estate of Samuel Brown Dec or any part thereof
A28: I have received on this note above referred to as worthless the sum of \$683.00 dollars
Q29: Have you received any other monies of said estate besides the sum referred to in last answer
A29: I could not say that I have; I have received money from Fanny Brown
Q30: Is the Fanny Brown mentioned in the last answer the widow of said Samuel Brown
A30: Yes, Sir.
Q31: When did you receive money from her and how much
A31: I think it was in April, 1866, \$2025.
Q32: Did you receive any money at any other time, if yea, when and how much
A32: I received at one other time \$460.00 at another time I received \$40.00 interest, last spring I received \$500.00
Q33: Did you receive any other sums other than those mentioned
A33: No Sir to the best of my knowledge as principal
Q34: Did you receive any other as interest
A34: Yes Sir, interest on this principal just stated
Q35: When and how much
A35: I loaned that money and widow lived off the interest. I kept no a/c of it.
Q36: Who paid you the forty dollars mentioned
A36: I received the forty dollars from Peter Bowers
Q37: Did not the principal of the money referred to include the money paid by you for the lands mentioned & also include the money paid by the other children for lands as referred to by you
A37: I did not see it paid or receive it
Q38: Mr. Smith don't you know that the land payments referred to were included in the monies received by you
A38: I could not state, I did not see the money received or paid out
Q39: Was that not your understanding

Attorney for Mr. Smith objects

A39: I understand that a portion was from the land

Q40: After receiving the monies you have mentioned state how you invested the same

A40: I loaned to different parties at 10 per ct. Notes payable to Fanny Brown or Bearer.

Q41: At the time of the signing of the notes in your presence how much of said monies were so invested and in whose hands

A41: A little [rising?] of \$3000.00 loaned out that I have notes for

Q42: You will give a list of said notes with a description of each

A42: I cannot give a list from memory fully

Q43: Where are the notes

Attorney for Mr. Smith objects

A43: At home under Lock and Key

Q44: State whether said Samuel Brown died intestate

A44: No written will

Q45: State if you do not know from information derived through said Fanny Brown that she took part of the assets of her husbands estate & invested the same in a farm in Indiana & afterwards sold said farm and does not the money under your control include the proceeds of said farm

A45: She never told me anything about it

Q46: Did she ever tell any one else in your family

A46: Not to the best of my knowledge

Q47: Do you not know that Fanny Brown invested part of the proceeds of said estate in a farm in Indiana & afterwards sold said farm, and do not the monies under your control include the proceeds of said farm

A47: From personal knowledge I know nothing about it.

Christian Burger, Adm of the estate of S. Brown, decd, vs J. G. W. Smith -- by agreement of parties this further hearing was adjourned until Nov. 23 1868 at 10 o'clock. The parties met and resumed as follows:

Q48: Since the adjournment of this examination have you seen the Notes referred to
..... 41

A48: Yes, Sir

Q49: You will file a list of said notes with descriptions of each

Attorney objects

A49: I cannot from memory [correctly?]

Q50: Have you said notes now with you

A50: No, Sir

Q51: You will give a list & description of said notes as nearly as you can from memory

Mr. Smiths attorney objects to the foregoing question

A51: [A list of notes totaling \$2284 appears here]

Q52: Is any of said amts embraced in a Note executed by yourself; if yea state the amount of said notes & who holds the same

Attorney objects

A52: Samuel Brown holds the note, \$470.00, given by myself

Q53: State whether before the service of notice on you in the proceeding Christian Burger as Administrator of Samuel Brown deceased made any demand on you for the assets of said estate; if yea state when.

A53: He wanted a settlement

Q54: He wanted a settlement of what

A54: I don't remember as he stated

Q55: Did he tell you he had been appointed administrator of the estate of Samuel Brown dec

A55: I think it was Lawyer Walker made that statement

Q56: Was Lawyer Walker along with said Burger at the time referred to

A56: Yes Sir

Q57: Did not you at this time see the letters of Adm that had been issued to Burger in said estate

A57: Yes, Sir

Q58: Did not said Burger or Walker at the time tell you that Burger had come to get from you the assets of said estate in your hands

A58: I don't remember

Q59: What did they claim

A59: I don't understand the question

Q60: You say Burger and Walker were together told you about his (Burger's) appointment & showing you his letters of Adm.... Did they at that time make any claim or demand on you

A60: Nothing more than settlement

Q61: Settlement of what

A61: I could not give the conversation

Q62: What did you understand them to want you to settle

A62: My understanding was that they wanted to get the notes and monies in my hands belonging to Samuel Brown

Q63: When & where was the interview referred to

A63: In my Cornfield I could not give you date

Q64: How long was it before the notice served on you in this proceeding

A64: It was before the service of the notice but I don't know exactly how long

Q65: Did you not understand that they wanted you to settle with said Burger as Administrator for the assets of Samuel Brown deceased.

A65: In the course of conversation I understood that was what they wanted.

Next is a new series of questions, perhaps posed by Smith's lawyer

Q1: Do you know of Samuel Brown conveying to Sarah Burger any lands if so on what terms

A1: He conveyed twenty Acres to Mrs. Burger or Christian Burger one or both I don't know which on the same terms as the others

Q2: What relation is Sarah Burger to Christian Burger the party who is prosecuting in this proceedings

A2: She is Christian Burger's first wife

Q3: You say that the land was conveyed in the same terms as the other Heirs. What were those terms

A3: They were to pay 6 per ct as long as the old man & old woman lived that is what old man told me. I was in California when the transaction occurred

Q4: What was the land valued at

A4: I could not say positively; my recollection is that it was \$25

Q5: Has Sarah Burger or Christian Burger paid for the land

A5: Has not paid for it, Samuel Brown told me

Q6: You say the parties were to pay 6 per ct as long as Samuel Brown & his wife lived; was that as long as they both lived or either of them lived

A6: I understood it that as long as either of them lived

Q7: In your answer to Interrogatory 22 that there was a note considered worthless which note came into your hands. Who gave you that note

A7: Fanny Brown gave me that note

Q8: How much money was collected on that note and to whom did you pay it

A8: I believe there was \$683. I paid \$340 to the old lady & the Balance I loaned out

Q9: In whose name was the money loaned

A9: Samuel Brown or bearer

Q10: Did you know of Fanny Brown the widow of Samuel Brown have [sic] any property of her own; if so state what & how much she had

A10: She had some money that was loaned in her name; also a house & lot

Q11: Do you know of her getting any money from her fathers estate, if so how much

A11: She got money from there at different times; I do not know how much, only through letter from Adm---

Attorney objects to witness stating the contents of said letter
The [Admr?] charges her with \$1192.00

Q12: Was \$1192.00 the amount she received from her father's estate

A12: That was the Adm statement

Q13: You say you know this from a letter; Who was the letter from & what has become of it

A13: The letter was from Leonard Furry; the letter is at home in my possession

Q14: You say Fanny Brown had a house, has she sold it; if so, when

A14: She has sold it; I think it was sold in 1864, before she went to Indiana

Q15: Was it _____ the death of her husband

A15: Yes Sir

Q16: What did she get for this Home

A16: I do not know

Q17: What was the property worth

A17: Hard to tell

Q18: What did it cost to build this house

A18: I understand the house cost _____

Q19: Was the entire property worth \$1000

A19: I do not suppose the improvement could be put there for \$1000.00

Q20: Do you know of her having any other property beside the house and what she got from her father's estate

A20: I believe not

Q21: Do you know of Fanny Brown buying a farm in Indiana since her Husband's death

A21: I know it from hearsay

Q22: What did she pay for the farm she bought in Indiana and what did she sell it for

A22: Attorney objects

She paid \$2400 for this farm; She sold it for \$3000

Signed John G. W. Smith, 23 Nov. 1868.

On 29 Dec. 1868, Smith did deliver the notes and monies to Burger and on 29 March 1869 Burger filed a revised inventory of the estate.

On 9 April 1869, Smith filed a statement that the estate owed Fanny Brown \$2200 plus \$560 for five years of interest.

In a court order dated 31 March 1870, Christian Burger was directed to retain \$2283 plus interest from the assets of the estate and turn the remainder over to Fanny Brown. Christian Burger continued to make payments from the estate and file reports with the court. Receipts for payment to creditors, attorneys and for taxes and court fees are filed as late as 1884. Since creditors were paid "pro rata", I assume the assets were insufficient to settle the debts in full.

The Samuel Brown Bible

This Bible was printed Philadelphia in 1828 by Kimber and Sharpless (Buchh:ndler) in German. The transcript below was made 5 June 1966 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville West in Polo, IL. Orville West, who owned the Bible at that time, was a great grandson of Samuel Ulrich Brown. The records are on pages titled "Familien Register".

Traungen

Samuel Brown and Elizabeth Forney was

Married October 15th 1820

Samuel Brown and Fanny Hoover was

Married in March 15th, 1827

Samuel Brown died Sept the 28 1863

Fannie Brown Shank died April 27 1891

Geburten

Sally Brown was Born in June 16th 1822

Elizabeth Brown was Born in September 21st 1826

Mary Brown was Born in Jan 30th 1828 at

7 o'clock in the evening

Hannah Brown was born in September the 17 1829

at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

Fanny Brown was born in the year 1832

January the 11 in the morning at 1 o'clock

Samuel H Brown Junr [Junr added later] was Born October the 29 1834

at four o'clock in the afternoon

Daniel W. Brown was born October the 31 AD
1838 at nine o'clock in the evening
Delilah Brown was born June 4th 1843
at 7 o'clock in the evening
Margaret E. Brown was Born August 21st 1849
at 5 o'clock in the morning

Geburten

I Samuel Brown was Born September 27th
AD 1801 my wife Fanny was born June 18th AD 1809

Sterbefa:lle

Elizabeth Brown 1st wife of Samuel Brown
Died in November 7 1826
John Brown Died in October 31st 1826

Listed on two loose sheets of lined writing paper in the Bible are:

Half Sisters:

Elizabeth Brown Teeter
Sally m. Chris Burket. later the name was called Berger

Full Sisters:

Mary Brown m. Peter Bowers, Parkersburg, Ill.
Hannah Brown m. John Smith, Batavia, Iowa
Fanny Brown Shank m. _____ d. 1891

[This is a confusion of mother and daughter.]

Daniel Brown m. _____. His widow m. Garber, Centerville, Iowa.

Daniel Brown was killed by lightning in Nebraska.

Margaret Brown m. Amos West, Batavia, Iowa.¹⁰³⁶

- ii. SALLOME (SARAH?) was born on 8 Jun 1803.¹⁰³⁷ She died on 10 Aug 1834 at age 31.¹⁰³⁸
Brumbaugh lists Sally as the wife of George Replogle. Liebegott lists George B. Replogle (1793 - 1855), husband of Sallie (Sarah) Brown, 1803-1834), as a son of Rhinehart Replogle, Jr., and Catherine Brown.¹⁰³⁹ Liebegott gives a list of 12 children for George B. and Sallie (Brown) Replogle.¹⁰⁴⁰
- iii. HENRY was born on 22 Apr 1805.^{1041,1042} He married Sarah Shelly.¹⁰⁴³ He died on 5 Feb 1835 at age 29.¹⁰⁴⁴

¹⁰³⁶German Bible, Samuel Brown.

¹⁰³⁷Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich, which lists Sallome with this date.

¹⁰³⁸This date was provided by Fay (Findley) Bechtel.

¹⁰³⁹Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

¹⁰⁴⁰Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers", Sheet marked REPLOGLE 124 (for family of George B. Replogle, son of Rhinehart Replogle, Jr., Catherine Brown.

¹⁰⁴¹Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

¹⁰⁴²Boor, "Brown Family Bible", which gives an alternate birth date of 19 April 1806.

¹⁰⁴³Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers."

¹⁰⁴⁴Boor, "Brown Family Bible", which gives his age as 29 y, 9 mo, 17 d. This agrees with the Bible birthdate if you say that he became 29 years and 9 months old on 19 Jan. 1835 and lived 12 more days in Jan. and

Henry Brown appeared on the census of 1830 in Bedford County, PA. The family included 2 males under 4, 1 male 20-30, 1 female 20-20, and 1 female age 60-70.¹⁰⁴⁵ He left a will on 18 Jan 1835.^{1046,1047}

A newspaper clipping, stamped 5 Jan. 1941 and probably from the Morrison Cove Herald, states that Henry Brown and wife Sarah Shelly had three sons -- Abram Shelly Brown, Jacob Brown, and Philip Brown. After Henry died of typhoid fever, the family lived with the widow's brother, Philip Shelly.¹⁰⁴⁸ The record from Henry Brown's Bible¹⁰⁴⁹ gives additional and slightly different information:

Henry Brown, born April 19, 1806, d. Feb. 5th, 1835, aged 29 yrs, 9 mo, 17 dys
Sarah Brown, wife of Henry Brown, b. March 27th, 1804, d. April 14, 1846, aged 42 years, 7 days

5 more in Feb.

¹⁰⁴⁵1830 Federal Census of Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Microfilm image online.
¹⁰⁴⁶

"In the Name of God Amen. I Henry Brown of Woodbury township Bedford County and State of Pennsylvania being sick and weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding praised be God for it and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and to the end I may be the better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say first and principally I command[sic] my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping for free pardon and remission of all my sins and to enjoy everlasting joy and happiness in the Heavenly Kingdom through Jesus Christ my Savior, my body I commit to the earth at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named: And I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally the following articles to wit, two cows and feed for them for this winter, Bea--, pork from two hogs, four sheep, two beds and bedding, kitchen cupbord and all the Kitchen furniture, and the small round stove and the pipe to it .. Table and spinning wheel, butter churn and twenty bushels of wheat. And after that all my just debts is paid I give & bequeath unto her one hundred dollars in money and the remainder if any thing left shall be equally divided among my children share and share alike according to law And I make and ordain Samuel Brown Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I Henry Brown the testator have to this my last will consisiting of one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. Signed sealed and acknoweledged by the testator in the presences of the subscribers as his last will & testament.

Leornard Furry, John Brown
John Burger"

Henry X(his mark) Brown

"Bedford County, p. Personally appeared before the subscriber Register for the probate of wills and granting Letters of administration in and for said County, Leonard Furry, John Brown and John Burger the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing and being duly affirmed according to law depose and say that they were personally present and heard and saw the testator Henry Brown sign by making his mark seal publish and pronounce the foregoing instrument of writing as and for his last will and testatment that at the time thereof the testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding according to the best of their knowledge and belief and that they suscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and by his request. affirmed & subscribed Before Job Mann Registry
19 Feby 1835"

"Be it remembered that on the nineteenth day of February Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and thirty five Letters Testamentary were granted to Samuel Brown Executor named in the foregoing will -- he having first been duly affirmed. Job Mann Register."

¹⁰⁴⁷Will of Henry Brown Bedford County, PA, will book 3, p. 63.

¹⁰⁴⁸Liebegott, "The Liebegott Papers."

¹⁰⁴⁹Boor, "Brown Family Bible."

Henry Brown, son of Henry and Sarah Brown, was born Dec. 31, 1830, d. Oct. 3, 1836, aged 5 yrs 10 mo 3 dys

Abram S. Brown and Mary Kifer were united in marriage Nov. 21st, 1849

Abraham Brown was born 1826, Apr. 6

Mary Brown, wife of Abraham Brown, was born in 1833, Aug. 5.

Mary Brown, wife of Abraham Brown, died Oct. 21, 1893

Abraham Brown died Feb. 7, 1906.

There is further information in this reference on the children of Abraham and Mary Brown and on the Miller relatives.

- iv. HANNAH¹⁰⁵⁰ was born on 10 Dec 1806.¹⁰⁵¹ She married Leonard Furry. She died on 11 Apr 1883 at age 76.¹⁰⁵²

Leonard Furry died 8 Dec. 1877, age 71 y, 4 m, 23 d. The 1870 census of Bedford County includes them, at age 64. They are buried in the Brethren Cemetery at New Enterprise, PA, where he served as an Elder in the church. Her birth date is from the Ulrich Bible and the death dates are from their tombstones. Her age according to her tombstone was 76 y, 4 m, 1 d, so Brumbaugh¹⁰⁵³ appears to be incorrect in giving her birth as 10 Jan. 1807. He lists eight children for this couple.

- v. JACOB ULRICH was born on 19 Jun 1809.¹⁰⁵⁴ He married Anna Hoover, daughter of Martin Hoover and Maria Eshleman, on 6 Jan 1829.^{1055,1056} He died on 31 May 1878 in Ozawakie, KS, at age 68.¹⁰⁵⁷

Jacob Ulrich Brown and Anna Hoover appeared on the census of 7 Nov 1850 in Jacob Brown household, Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, IA. They were both age 40, both born in Pennsylvania. The older children, including ten year old Nancy, were born in Pennsylvania. The younger children, including eight year old Jacob, were born in Iowa.¹⁰⁵⁸ He and Annie moved to Jefferson County, Iowa, where they lived in 1850, both age 40, with several children. Annie was a daughter of Martin Hoover and a sister of Frances Hoover who married Samuel U. Brown. According to church records¹⁰⁵⁹ Jacob and Anna both died in 1854, but this must mean the year they left Iowa. This line is continued by Rosa (Brown) Seitz¹⁰⁶⁰ who says that Jacob and Anna are buried in the Ozawakie Cemetery, Ozawakie, KS. He died 31 May 1878 (she gives a birth date of July 19, 1808) and she died 4 June 1873, aged 69 years 10 months and 12 days (she gives a birth date of 6 Jan. 1829[?]). Thirteen children are listed for this couple.

¹⁰⁵⁰Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

¹⁰⁵¹Ibid.

¹⁰⁵²Hannah wife of Eld. Leonard Furry d. Apr. 11, 1883 age 76-4-1, tombstone, Brethren Cemetery, New Enterprise, Bedford County, PA.

¹⁰⁵³Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, p. 159.

¹⁰⁵⁴Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

¹⁰⁵⁵Seitz, *150 years with the Browns*.

¹⁰⁵⁶Bedford County Will Book 4: 153: named daughter "Annna, intermarried with Jacob Brown."

¹⁰⁵⁷Seitz, *150 years with the Browns*.

¹⁰⁵⁸1850 federal census of Jefferson County, Iowa. Microfilm image online.

¹⁰⁵⁹Early Brethren membership records in Iowa, Carter, Helen O., notes taken from the May 1896 District Meeting Minutes, Brethren Church.

¹⁰⁶⁰Seitz, *150 years with the Browns*.

- vi. JOHN ULRICH was born on 26 Jul 1811.¹⁰⁶¹ He died on 29 Dec 1890 in Jefferson County, IA, at age 79.¹⁰⁶²

ToDo:

TODO: verify date of marriage of John U. Brown and Catherine Burger -- not 29 Feb 1837, perhaps 9 Feb. See notes of Warren Manning. ToDo:

Verify age at death [34??] of Debora (Miller) Brown, wife of John U. Brown, possibly from tombstone in Jefferson Co., IA. He was born in Bedford County, PA, and in 1833, married Catherine Burger who died 28 July 1834. On 29 Feb. 1837 [sic; not a leap year; in another note Warren Manning gave the date as 9 Feb. 1837], he married Delilah Miller who died 13 June 1854, age 34[?]. The family is listed in the 1850 census of Jefferson County, Iowa, showing John and Delilah, both age 35, and several children, and in 1860 his family included several Jameson stepchildren. On 29 May 1856¹⁰⁶³, John had married Margaret (Shipler) Jameson who died 4 May 1895, age 70 y, 2 m, 4 d. He was a farmer, an enthusiastic fruit cultivator, and did much to develop horticulture in southwestern Jefferson County. John and his last two wives are buried in the Dunkard Cemetery in Jefferson County, Iowa. John's obituary says that he died 21 Dec. 1890 and that Delilah died 13 July 1854. Margaret's obituary says she was born 9 July 1824 in Mercer County, PA, and died 4 May 1895 in Des Moines Township. She came with her parents to Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, IA, in 1840, and married Robert Jamison on 15 Oct. 1844 with whom she had five children, two of whom survived her. Robert died 30 Sept. 1853.¹⁰⁶⁴

- vii. DANIEL was born on 26 Mar 1813.¹⁰⁶⁵

Perhaps Daniel died young. This would explain why one of Jacob's sons appears to be missing from the census records of 1820 and 1830 and the lack of other information on Daniel.

- viii. ELIZABETH was born circa 1816. She married John Burger.

This may be the John (age 44) and Elizabeth (age 35) Burket and the John (age 53) and Elizabeth (age 43) Burget in the 1850 and 1860 census records of Bedford County. If so, she was born about 1816 and married about 1833.

- ix. GEORGE W. was born on 23 Dec 1817.¹⁰⁶⁶ He married Catherine Fishel.¹⁰⁶⁷ He died on 24 Mar 1891 in Jefferson County, IA, at age 73.¹⁰⁶⁸

This family is listed in the 1850 and 1860 census records of Jefferson County, Iowa. Catherine (d. 20 Nov. 1877, age 59 y, 7 m [6 m. in one version], George W. (age

¹⁰⁶¹Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa, online

http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard.

¹⁰⁶²Ibid., which refers to his obituary in the Tribune, 24 Dec. 1890.

¹⁰⁶³Brown - Jameson marriage: where the date is 3 June 1856.

¹⁰⁶⁴Prill, "The Prill Books", the obituary of John U. Brown in this collection is from the Fairfield (Iowa) Tribune, 24 Dec. 1890.

¹⁰⁶⁵Heilige Schrift with records by Samuel Ulrich.

¹⁰⁶⁶Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa, online

http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard, calculated from the tombstone.

¹⁰⁶⁷Brethren Cemetery, Jefferson County, Iowa, online

http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer/Cemeteries/Brethren_Dunkard.

¹⁰⁶⁸Ibid., showing that he died 24 Mar 1891, age 73 y 3 m 1 d and was the husband of Catherine Brown. Jacob Brown, died 1 April 1861, age 19 y., son of George W. and Catherine, is also buried there.

73 y, 3 m, 1 d) and some of their children are buried in the Dunkard Cemetery in Jefferson County, Iowa.¹⁰⁶⁹

"A Pioneer Gone

"Editors Ledger: -- One of the pioneers of Des Moines township, George W. Brown, died at the home of J. G. W. Smith March 24, in his seventy-fourth year. Mr. Brown was born in Morrison's Crove [sic], Bedford county, Penn. He was raised a farmer. He was married about 1841 to Catherine Fishel, to whom eight children were born, three daughters and five sons. Two daughters died in infancy, two sons died in youth and three sons and one daughter survive him. David and John live in Ottumwa, William in Eldon, and his only living daughter, the wife of John G. W. Smith, lives in Des Moines township, this county. Mr. Brown and his brother Jacob came to the territory of Iowa in April, 1845. They arrived at the colony, now Libertyville, the latter part of April, 1845. They settled on the farm now owned by Michael D. Peebler, in Des Moines township, where they endured all the hardships and privations of pioneer life in a new country. Mr. Brown followed the occupation of farming for about thirty years. He was often honored with township offices, each of which he filled with credit and honor. In 1876, he moved his family to Eldon, Wapello county, where he became an employe [sic] of the C.R.I. & P. railroad, first as a section hand and then as wiper of engines in the roundhouse. He was promoted about ten years ago to the stationary engine. In all he served the company fifteen years, and he gave up work only when declining health compelled him. He was honored and respected by all who knew him and will be sadly missed about the roundhouse. On the street he was a familiar figure, always pleasant and cheerful and with a good word for everybody. He was one of the oldest citizens of the place at the time of his death. His wife died in the fall of 1877, in Eldon, since which time he has been making his home with his sons. October 2d [?], 1890, his last day's work was done. On the 21st of December last he went to his daughter's home in Des Moines township, where he remained until his death. Medical science failed to do him any good. He gradually declined until death came painlessly, and he passed away without a murmur. He was confined to his bed only about a week before his death. His disease was liver and kidney trouble. In 1861 he attached himself to the church of his choice, the German Baptist, or Dunkards, as they are generally called, and was a deacon of the church for about twenty years. He was a devout and faithful member, a kind husband, and indulgent father and a good citizen, generous to a fault. Of his pioneer associates there are only six men and women remaining in the township. Funeral services were held at the house of his daughter by Rev. Abraham Wolff of Libertyville."¹⁰⁷⁰

- x. MARY was born between 1820 and 1825. She died young.

¹⁰⁶⁹Prill, "The Prill Books", tombstone records.

¹⁰⁷⁰George W. Brown obituary, *Fairfield Ledger*, 1 April 1891.

Descent From Martin Eshleman

Generation One

30. MARTIN¹ ESHLEMAN married Elizabeth Groff, daughter of John Groff and Anna Herr, on 17 May 1765 in First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA.¹⁰⁷¹ He died in Jun 1808 in Lancaster County, PA.¹⁰⁷²

This name has a variety of spellings including Eshelman, Eshleman, Eschelman, and Aeschliman. Several people with some form of this name immigrated into Pennsylvania during the early eighteenth century. Presumably most of them came from Switzerland and Germany. Genealogists have worked for many decades on the origins of these families in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. There is no general agreement nor convincing presentation connecting this Martin to his ancestry. Here are a few of the results.

(A) Vida (Miller) Purcell¹⁰⁷³ describes a Peter Eshleman who arrived on 29 Aug 1733 with some of his children. His will names a son, Benedict. Purcell then begins with a Benedict Eshleman who came from Canton Berne, Switzerland in 1732 on the ship "Pennsylvania Merchant" and left a will naming Benedict as one of his two oldest children. She does not number this Peter as the first in the ancestral line but begins with Benedict, who died in 1780. This Benedict was the father of another Benedict who had a son Martin. This Martin is said to have been born in 1748 and died in Martic Township in 1795. He is said to have married Elizabeth Groff and had the children as named in the will of Martin Eshleman of 1808 (plus a Benjamin at the end of the list). The line from Peter through Benedict and Benedict, Jr., to Martin is also outlined in the Wenger Book where Martin is given the dates 1775 - 1849 (with wife Elizabeth Groff, 1777 - 1821).¹⁰⁷⁴ Hoffman¹⁰⁷⁵ begins this line with Peter Eschelman, b. 1683 in Switzerland, immigrated from Canton Berne, Switzerland, on the ship "Hope Greeley" and arrived in Philadelphia on 28 Aug. 1733 with four of his children. His oldest son Benedict had come in 1732 and is identified as the first Benedict, above, and continues down to Maria Eshleman, wife of Martin Hoover.

(B) "My genealogical goal is to prove who the father of Martin Eshleman of Martic was. All genealogists come to the conclusion that he was the son of Johannes who arrived in 1731 as a Redemptioner and Martin

¹⁰⁷¹Wilmer J. Eshleman, "Descendants of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* Volume XI, No. 3, pp. 17-27 (July 1988). Hereinafter cited as "Descendants of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff."

¹⁰⁷²His will is dated 6 June 1808 and was probated 20 June 1808.

¹⁰⁷³Vida (Miller) Purcell, *Miller and Purcell Families* (Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania: Miller and Purcell Families, 1939), pp. 17, 19, 21. Hereinafter cited as *Miller and Purcell Families*.

¹⁰⁷⁴Samuel S. Wenger, *Wenger Book* (Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania German Heritage History, Inc., 1978), photo copy of page 1058. Hereinafter cited as *Wenger Book*.

¹⁰⁷⁵Letter from Marilyn J. Hoffman (Wyckoff, New Jersey) to Doris R. Olds, 15 May 1980; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC), including a five-page typescript of Eshelman genealogy and other notes.

Mylin paid his head tax. But so far we cannot prove it."¹⁰⁷⁶

MARTIN ESHLEMAN is the earliest of this line to whom I [DWO] can make an adequately supported claim of connection.

When Wilmer Eshleman, then of Strasburg, Pennsylvania, donated his notes to the Lancaster County Historical Society (date unknown, but not earlier than 1942), he was of the opinion and hope that this Martin Eshleman could be shown to be the son of Benedict Eshleman, Jr., as above. Wilmer Eshleman was aware that "Martin of Martic" was married in 1765 and would have to be much older than the known children of Benedict, Jr. He could locate some trace of each of the other children of Benedict, Jr., except Martin, and no records of any earlier Martin and none of another Martin until "Martin of Martic" township named a son Martin. Thus, he could find no suggestion of any other origin for his ancestor, Martin Eshleman.

This Wilmer J. Eshleman, later of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was a descendant of this Martin and Elizabeth (Groff) Eshleman through their son Samuel and was very interested in family history.¹⁰⁷⁷ At one point, he had identified Martin's daughter Maria as the Maria Hoover (14 Jan. 1774 - 16 May 1847) wife of Martin Hoover (15 March 1773 - 3 Nov. 1853) buried in the Huber Cemetery, Providence Township, Lancaster County, but after getting information on Maria and Martin Hoover of Bedford County from Doris Olds, he was able to show the Maria Hoover in Lancaster County was Mary Miller, daughter of Peter Miller. He provided an abstract from the will of this Martin Hoover of Martic Township, made 5 April 1849, probated 28 Nov. 1853, naming "my 5 children" as Martin Huber, Samuel Huber, David Huber, Susan Huber and Elizabeth Huber who were to get equal shares. He also provided the information from the 1850 census of Martic Township, showing Martin Huber, age 78, with Susanna, 52, Martin, 50, Samuel, 47, Elizabeth, 40, David 39, Benjamin Leepe, 14, and Ann Hart, 13. As further evidence, he provided an abstract of a deed¹⁰⁷⁸ from Martin and Samuel Huber, executors of Martin Huber, to Peter, Samuel, John and George Tawgert (maybe Tengert), children of Ann Denger. This was a Quit Claim in recognition of the fact that Ann Denger had a life interest in a tract deeded to Martin Huber from Peter Miller. Finally, notes from the will of Peter Miller of Martic Township: ¹⁰⁷⁹ "...Rest of estate including £ 262.10.0 for the land I conveyed by deed unto Martin Huber in trust for my daughter, Ann, the wife of George Tanger ... I have conveyed 13 acres more or less to my son-in-law, Martin Huber, ... Heirs: Peter; Maria married to Martin Huber; Susanna married to Jacob Gryder; Elizabeth; Catharine married to Isaac Herr; 6th part to be kept in trust for the use of Ann married to George Tanger".

W. J. Eshleman further stated "There can be no question as to Anna Herr (daughter of Issac who died 1747) being married to John Groff, by whom there were three children. The oldest was Elizabeth Groff who married Martin Eshleman of Martic at the First Reformed Church in Lancaster, May 19, 1765, although they were apparently Mennonite."¹⁰⁸⁰

¹⁰⁷⁶Letter from Wilmer J. Eshleman (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) to Doris R. Olds, 1 May 1980; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC).

¹⁰⁷⁷Ibid.

¹⁰⁷⁸Deed from Martin Huber execs to Denger children, Book S-8, p. 110, Clerk, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Hereinafter cited as Deed from Martin Huber execs to Denger children.

¹⁰⁷⁹Will Book, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: Will Book Q-1 p. 171, made 5 June 1822, probated 7 Feb. 1832, Lancaster County Court House, Lancaster County, PA. Hereinafter cited as Lancaster County Wills.

¹⁰⁸⁰Letter from Wilmer J. Eshleman (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) to Doris R. Olds, 22 May 1980; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC).

Mr. Eshleman later disproved the ancestry still given by others, for Martin Eshleman of Martic Township. "The date of 1748 being Martin's year of birth is incorrect, and was pulled from thin air by a local historian. If this were true he would have been ten years old in 1758 when Jacob Eshleman of Strasburg mentions him as 'my borther[sic]-in-law'. ... Benedict Eshleman, Jr., had 8 children, born from 1767 to 1796." "Benedict Eshleman, Sr. and Jr., are not related to Martin of Martic, as far as we know. Benedict, Jr. had a son Martin, born 1775, whom we believe is buried in Longenecker's Reformed Mennonite Cemetery, and died 1849."¹⁰⁸¹

In 1981¹⁰⁸², Wilmer Eshleman was convinced that Catherine, widow of Jacob Eshleman, had the maiden name Eshleman, not Herr as in the Herr genealogy. He gives data from the Herr book:

Catherine Herr, b. 19 Nov. 1727, d. May 9, 1781

m. Jacob Eshelman on 15 Jan. 1745 (b. 9 Dec. 1707, d. 16 Dec. 1758)

m. John Groff, 1761. He d. 1777.

m. Benjamin Groff, 23 March 1774

Jacob Eshleman had married Barbara Barr, 10 Oct. 1740 (per Mettha Eshleman)

He also quoted from the Brackbill Register:

Benjamin Groff (1727 - 1803) m. Elizabeth Barr (1725 - 1730 [sic] and he afterward married widow Catherine Groff, March 23, 1771. She was born Nov. 19, 1729 and died 9 May 1781, a daughter of Abraham Eshleman. I am puzzled by the fact that this clue does not appear in Wilmer Eshleman's later work. [THIS PARAGRAPH NEEDS WORK WHEN I FIND THE RIGHT NOTES AGAIN!]

Some of this slowly growing collection of material on this part of the Eshleman family was published by Groff History Associates.¹⁰⁸³ Wilmer Eshleman and Doris Olds are credited with much of the Eshleman information important to this line. However, Mr. Eshleman was concerned about errors in this book in the section of the material attributed to him and wrote¹⁰⁸⁴ "As to the birth dates of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff, I believe they originated with Mrs. Dyke, who once told me she thought the dates used sounded about right to her so she used them, which means they were based on no more than her imagination. The book says Elizabeth was born in 1749 died 1888 which would make her 148 years old. I never condemn a person as we all make mistakes, but I believe the pages 196 and 197 came from the data of Mrs. Dyke and not Wilmer Eshleman."

Mr. Eshleman's wish for publication was at least partially granted. In 1988¹⁰⁸⁵, he wrote: "The Mennonite Historical Society is aware of my notes and wanted to publish some while I am still alive and sent their librarian out to get as much as possible, even though it is still unfinished. I am enclosing a copy to you even though I don't have my own line completed. I would like to assemble all my notes but I am afraid it will never get done."

¹⁰⁸¹Letter, Wilmer J. Eshleman to Doris R. Olds, 1 May 1980.

¹⁰⁸²Letter from Wilmer J. Eshleman (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) to Doris R. Olds, 4 Feb 1981; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC).

¹⁰⁸³Clyde L. Groff, *The Groff Book Volume I: A Good Life in a New Land* (Ronks, Pennsylvania: Groff History Associates, 1985), pp. 196 - 204. Hereinafter cited as *The Groff Book Volume I*.

¹⁰⁸⁴Letter from Wilmer J. Eshleman (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) to Doris R. Olds, 26 Dec 1985; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC), in which he wrote that he was hoping to publish a corrected version of his own work, but due to failing eyesight, was concerned that it might not get done.

¹⁰⁸⁵Letter from Wilmer J. Eshleman (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) to Doris R. Olds, 28 Dec 1988; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC), at which time he was living in the "Brethren Retirement Home" and afflicted with Parkinson's disease.

The resulting article¹⁰⁸⁶ is the best printed reference I know for this line. He was unable to confirm any history for Martin Eshleman prior to 1758 although he had collected some clues and felt that Martin was probably an immigrant. The following is part of the key section on this Martin Eshleman:

“Martin Eshleman (d. June 6, 1808)¹⁰⁸⁷ of Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania is first documented in 1758¹⁰⁸⁸ as the brother-in-law of Jacob Eshleman of Strasburg, Pennsylvania. A portion of Jacob’s will reads as follows: ‘I give and device [sic] to my beloved Wife Catrina [Catharine] the Plantation and Tract of Land of One hundred & Eighteen Acres & a halfe ... I geave[sic] and bequeath unto my Brother in Law Martin Eshleman the Sum of Twenty Pounds .. I give and bequeath unto my Brother in Law John Eshleman the sum of Twenty Pounds ... I give to Anna Eshleman Two of my Cows of the middling price appraised[sic] by my Executors.’¹⁰⁸⁹ ...

“Because Jacob Eshleman named Martin Eshleman and John Eshleman as his brothers-in-law, his widow, Catharine, would certainly have been their sister. Jacob also willed two cows to Anna Eshleman, who possibly was an older woman and mother of Martin, John, and Catharine. In any event, we hear no more of this Anna. I am convinced that Martin Eshleman and John Eshleman (d. 1801), who went to Donegal Township, were brothers-in-law of Jacob Eshleman of Strasburg Township, who was married to their sister, Catherine.

“On March 30, 1765, Christley Groff and his wife Margaretha of Strasburg Township granted a mortgage for 56 acres of land to Martin Eshleman.¹⁰⁹⁰ On 17 May, 1765, according to records at the First Reformed Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Martin Eshleman married Elizabeth Groff. She was the daughter of “Swamp” John Groff (ca. 1715 - 1777) of Martic Township and Anna Herr, who was the daughter of Isaac Herr (d. 1747).¹⁰⁹¹

“About 1760 widower John Groff of Martic Township married Catherine Eshleman (b. ca. 1726), the widow of Jacob Eshleman of Strasburg Township. She bore him six Groff children: Benjamin (b. 1762), Joseph (b. 1763), Maria (b. 1767), Jacob (b. 1767), Martin (b. 1770), and Abraham (1773-1846).¹⁰⁹² Catherine’s second husband, “Swamp” John Groff, died in 1777, leaving her a widow for a second time. She married for a third time Benjamin Groff of Lampeter and is said to have died in 1813.^{1093 1094}

“In 1777 in the militia records of Captain John Slaymaker’s Company from the east end of Strasburg Township appear the names of Jacob Eshleman, 3rd Class, and Martin Eshleman, 4th Class. In 1780 we find Jacob and Martin Eshleman recorded as members of Captain Alexander White’s Company. Also, in 1779 Martin Eshleman was a tenant of widow [Catharine] Groff in Martic Township, according to tax records.¹⁰⁹⁵ Only the name of Jacob Eshleman appears in later militia lists so that we can assume that Martin Eshleman and family had moved safely to the “Swamp” John Groff homestead.

¹⁰⁸⁶Eshleman, "Descendants of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff."

¹⁰⁸⁷This is the date of his will and is often quoted as the date of his death (which it may be). He is named as deceased when his will was probated on 20 June 1808 so he died in June 1808.

¹⁰⁸⁸Letter from Wilmer J. Eshleman (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) to Doris R. Olds, 30 July 1980; copy in my files (Spartanburg, SC), which provides a slight modification of this when he says "We first hear of him in 1756 when he purchased 56 acres of land near Strasburg, Pa."

¹⁰⁸⁹Wilmer Eshleman took this from Deed Book B-1-219, Lancaster County.

¹⁰⁹⁰Eshleman refers to K-1-195, Lancaster County.

¹⁰⁹¹Eshleman says Isaac Herr's will mentions (deceased) daughter Anna's husband, John Groff. See Will Book A-1-134, Lancaster County.

¹⁰⁹²Eshleman refers to the Groff Book, p. 196.

¹⁰⁹³Eshleman says Catherine was living when Benjamin Groff wrote his will, according Will Book K-1-228, Lancaster County.

¹⁰⁹⁴Fulton and Mylin, *An Index to the Will Books and Intestate Records of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*, on p. 17, indexed as Benjamin Graff, 1812, Book K, Vol. 1, p. 228.

¹⁰⁹⁵Eshleman refers to Pennsylvania Archives, 5th ser., VII, 47, 649; 3rd ser., XVII, 637.

“My ancestor, Martin Eshleman of Martic Township, died on June 6, 1808.¹⁰⁹⁶ I am almost certain that Martin and Elizabeth Eshleman were buried in the Groff-Eshleman cemetery in Providence Township. His son, Samuel Eshleman, and his son-in-law, David Martin ..., were his executors, and his inventory was worth £3,436.^{1097 1098} These siblings -- Martin, John, and Catherine, died within a span of twelve years.

“The house of Martin Eshleman was built of logs and is said to have been about seventy feet long. Because only half of the house had a cellar under it, it apparently had been built in two sections. A porch on the front and one on the back are said to have made an early frontier appearance because of the house’s elevation. It faced a meadow to the south and had fourteen rooms and an attic. As was the custom, the house had a large living room stretching to the full length of the house on the first floor. This large house was equipped with a large semidetached kitchen, fireplace, and bake oven. The roof was of wood shingles, which probably had originally been hand-split shakes.

“In later years boards covered the logs, and the kitchen became a utility room for washing, butchering, etc. After a day of butchering in 1946 the old homestead burned down and, because no trace of the freshly butchered hams was ever found, the origin of the fire was most suspicious. Today a modern house build on the site is the home of an Amish farmer.”

Martin Eshleman’s will was filed in Lancaster County as follows:

“I Martin Eshleman Senior of the township of Martick County of Lancaster and state of Pennsylvania” made his will on the 6th day of June 1808. He named thirteen children -- “eldest son John” got a life interest in land in Butler Township, Cumberland County which had been purchased from Eligah Galbraith; the rest was to be sold and twelve equal shares made for “son Martin ... son Samuel ... daughter Anna who is intermarried with Adam Thomas ... daughter Elizabeth who is intermarried with John Herr ... daughter Feronica who is intermarried with Andrew Reese [five pounds and subsequent annual payments for life, with residue to her children] ... daughter Susanna who is intermarried with David Martin ... son David ... one other equal twelfth part thereof I do give and bequeath to my daughter Mary who is intermarried with Martin Hooper, and to her heirs Executors, Administrators and assigns forever, ... daughter Catherine ... son Jacob ... daughter Barbara ... [and] son Abraham”. His son Samuel and son-in-law David Martin were exectors. The witnesses Jacob Graff and John Shaub and the executors appeared in Lancaster County Court on 20 June 1808 to file for probate of the estate of Martin Eshleman, deceased, late of Martic Township.¹⁰⁹⁹

The inventory of Martin Eshleman's estate was taken by Martin Barr and Jacob Groff on 24 June 1808. Some of the heirs were listed as receiving part of their legacy. They were: Martin Eshleman, Samuel Eshleman, Anna Thomas, Elizabeth Herr, Susanna Martin, Vironica Rees, David Eshleman and "Mary Huber part of her Legacy 15" 0" 0" [i. e. 15 pounds, 0 shillings 0 pence]. Catherine was apparently still single at the time of the will. The

¹⁰⁹⁶Eshleman refers to Will I-1-132, Lancaster County.

¹⁰⁹⁷Eshleman says the 1811 inventory is filed at the Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

¹⁰⁹⁸On 21 Oct 1809, when Samuel Eshleman and David Martin filed their account of Martin Eshleman's estate the balance in their hands was 689 pounds, 18 shillings, 11 pence. One 26 Dec. [year?], it was 3356 pounds, 1 shilling. (Lancaster County Misc. Book, Index and Accounts, 1808-1813, p. 92 and 389, photocopy supplied to Doris Olds.

¹⁰⁹⁹Lancaster County Wills: Will Book I, volume 1, p. 132 (from a typed copy).

other children may have been minors who would not have gotten a distribution at this time.¹¹⁰⁰

One source says:

"Martin Eshleman was born in 1748 in Switzerland and died on 6 June 1808 in Martic, Lancaster Co, Pennsylvania."

"Martin married Elizabeth Groff, daughter of John (Swamp John) Groff and Anna Herr, on 17 May 1765 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. (Elizabeth Groff was born in 1749 and died in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.)

"Martin Eshleman arrived on the ship "Phoenix" October 1, 1754 with his two brothers John and Peter. There are very few records of him until he married Elizabeth Groff May 17, 1765. Martin and Elizabeth were married at the First Reformed Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and lived in the Strasburg area for a few years then moved to a farm just north of Quarryville, Martic Township and remained in Lancaster County the rest of their lives."

Although this clearly refers to "our" Martin Eshleman, the documentation for his emigration remains to be investigated.¹¹⁰¹

Children of Martin¹ Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff were as follows:

i. JOHN²¹¹⁰² was born in 1766.¹¹⁰³

He married (1) Elizabeth Diffenbach and (2), on 1 April 1794, Maria Eshleman and later lived in Bedford County. Wilmer Eshleman had contacted Theophilus Eshleman of Rawlinsville, Pa, a great grandson of John who said that the John Eshleman home was in Bedford County, and that when John died and his estate was settled the two older brothers, David and Samuel, pushed the two younger brothers out. David later sold out and went to Iowa to be with Uncle Abraham.¹¹⁰⁴

ii. MARTIN¹¹⁰⁵ was born on 3 Jan 1767.¹¹⁰⁶ He died on 3 Apr 1832 at age 65.¹¹⁰⁷

He married Elizabeth Kendig, b. 2 May 1772, d. 30 Jan. 1854. They lived in Providence Township and are buried in the Groff-Eshleman Cemetery.¹¹⁰⁸

iii. SAMUEL¹¹⁰⁹ was born on 22 Oct 1770.¹¹¹⁰ He died on 3 Jul 1843 at age 72.¹¹¹¹

On 19 March 1805, he married Nancy Ann Martin, b. 1 April 1773, d. 11 June 1855, a daughter of Christian Martin and Anna Bear. Samuel and Nancy are buried in Longenecker Reformed Memmonite Cemetery, West Lampeter Township, Lancaster Co., PA.¹¹¹²

¹¹⁰⁰Roene Brown Fischer, *Aeschliman Eshleman -- History -- 1748 - 1985* (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.), a collection of family materials at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. It contains a photocopy of this inventory. Hereinafter cited as *Aeschliman Eshleman -- History -- 1748 - 1985*.

¹¹⁰¹R. J. Leighty, online awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm?op=GET&db=rjleighty&id=I02153, Buren L. Eshleman (online quotation), downloaded 6 Jan 2006, which is quoting from the book *Switzerland to America Aeschliman to Eshelman* by Buren Eshelman.

¹¹⁰²Eshleman, "Descendants of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff."

¹¹⁰³Ibid.

¹¹⁰⁴Ibid.

¹¹⁰⁵Ibid.

¹¹⁰⁶Ibid.

¹¹⁰⁷Ibid.

¹¹⁰⁸Ibid.

¹¹⁰⁹Ibid.

¹¹¹⁰Ibid.

¹¹¹¹Ibid.

¹¹¹²Ibid.

- iv. ANNA¹¹¹³ was born on 2 Nov 1773.¹¹¹⁴ She married Adam Thomas on 14 Sep 1798.^{1115,1116} She died on 26 Dec 1861 at age 88.¹¹¹⁷
- v. ELIZABETH¹¹¹⁸ was born in 1775.¹¹¹⁹
She married John Herr on March 25, 1794, and resided in the West.¹¹²⁰
- vi. FERONICA¹¹²¹ was born in 1776.¹¹²² She married Andrew Rees on 25 Sep 1798.^{1123,1124} She died on 11 Apr 1847.¹¹²⁵
- vii. SUSAN¹¹²⁶ was born in 1777.¹¹²⁷ She married David B. Martin (--?--) on 27 Feb 1799.^{1128,1129} She died on 3 Mar 1812.¹¹³⁰
On 27 Sept. 1799, in Lancaster County, she married David B. Martin, son of Christian Martin (1730-1803) and Maria Barr (1742 - 1828). David was born 4 July 1776 and died 16 Sept. 1860.^{1131,1132}
- viii. DAVID¹¹³³ was born on 15 Jul 1780.¹¹³⁴ He died on 2 Feb 1855 at age 74.¹¹³⁵
He is buried with his second wife in Byerland Mennonite Cemetery. He married (1) Catherine Reese(?) and (2) Sarah Byers (15 July 1802 - 28 Aug. 1864, age 62 years, 1 month, 13 days).¹¹³⁶
- 31. ix. MARIA was born on 17 Jun 1781 in Lancaster County?, PA? She married Martin Hoover on 23 Apr 1799 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA.
- x. CATHERINE¹¹³⁷ was born in 1783.¹¹³⁸ She died on 22 Feb 1838.¹¹³⁹
She married John Groff, b. 17 Dec. 1789, d. 5 Nov. 1855.¹¹⁴⁰

¹¹¹³Ibid.

¹¹¹⁴Ibid.

¹¹¹⁵Ibid.

¹¹¹⁶Egle *Egle's Notes and Queries* (n.p.: n.pub.), Series 3, Vol. II, p. 318, marriage licenses at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Hereinafter cited as *Notes and Queries*.

¹¹¹⁷Eshleman, "Descendants of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff."

¹¹¹⁸Ibid.

¹¹¹⁹Ibid.

¹¹²⁰Ibid.

¹¹²¹Ibid.

¹¹²²Ibid.

¹¹²³Egle *Notes and Queries*, Series 3, Vol. II, p. 317, marriage licenses at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

¹¹²⁴Eshleman, "Descendants of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff."

¹¹²⁵Ibid.

¹¹²⁶Ibid.

¹¹²⁷Ibid.

¹¹²⁸Ibid., showing the date as 27 Sep.

¹¹²⁹Egle *Notes and Queries*, Series 3, Vol. II, p. 318, marriage licenses at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

¹¹³⁰Eshleman, "Descendants of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff."

¹¹³¹Ibid.

¹¹³²Egle *Notes and Queries*, Series 3, Vol. II, p. 318, marriage licenses at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

¹¹³³Eshleman, "Descendants of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff."

¹¹³⁴Ibid.

¹¹³⁵Ibid.

¹¹³⁶Ibid.

¹¹³⁷Ibid.

¹¹³⁸Ibid.

¹¹³⁹Ibid.

¹¹⁴⁰Ibid.

- xi. JACOB¹¹⁴¹ was born on 12 Apr 1788.¹¹⁴² He died on 11 Oct 1832 at age 44.¹¹⁴³
 On 30 Jan. 1810, he married Ann Groff, daughter of Joseph Groff and Catharine Herr. She was born 17 Nov 1791 and died 2 March 1873. They resided in Butler Township, Cumberland County, Pa., until his death in 1842 when his widow returned to Lancaster County, Pa. They are buried in the Longenecker Reformed Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster County.¹¹⁴⁴
- xii. BARBARA¹¹⁴⁵ was born in 1789.¹¹⁴⁶ She married Samuel Diffenbach on 17 Aug 1817.¹¹⁴⁷
- xiii. ABRAHAM¹¹⁴⁸ was born in 1795.¹¹⁴⁹ He died between 1873 and 1874.¹¹⁵⁰
 He lived in Iowa and is buried in Lanark, Carroll County, IL. On 26 Nov. 1816, he married Hannah Wilfong/Wolfang., b. 1790. Wilmer Eshleman reports the tradition that she died in Pennsylvania before the family went west.¹¹⁵¹

Generation Two

31. MARIA² ESHLEMAN (*Martin¹*) was born on 17 Jun 1781 in Lancaster County?, PA?¹¹⁵² She married Martin Hoover on 23 Apr 1799 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA.¹¹⁵³ She died on 6 Sep 1870 in Bedford County, PA, at age 89.¹¹⁵⁴ She was buried in Replogle Cemetery, Woodbury Township, Bedford County, PA.¹¹⁵⁵

What is the evidence that Mary Hoover, "DIED Sept. 6, 1870, AGED 89 Years 2 M's, 10 Days", wife of Martin Hoover, was also Maria Eshleman, daughter of the Martin Eshleman, above? The case is circumstantial but I know of no records which suggest otherwise. About Maria, the daughter, we know from her father's will that she married a Martin Hooper. Martin Eshleman's will seems to list his children in birth order and Maria, between David (b. 15 July 1780) and Catherine (b. 1783), agrees very nicely with Mary Hoover (b. 1781). Mr. Eshleman's notes refer to photographs of the stones of both David and Catherine and it is probable that these stones are his source for their dates. Another Maria, wife of a Martin Hoover, buried in Lancaster County, has

¹¹⁴¹Ibid.

¹¹⁴²Ibid.

¹¹⁴³Ibid.

¹¹⁴⁴Ibid.

¹¹⁴⁵Ibid.

¹¹⁴⁶Ibid.

¹¹⁴⁷Ibid.

¹¹⁴⁸Ibid.

¹¹⁴⁹Ibid.

¹¹⁵⁰Ibid.

¹¹⁵¹Ibid.

¹¹⁵²Tombstone, Replogle Cemetery. "Maria Wife of Martin Hoover DIED Sept. 6, 1870. AGED 89 Years 2 Ms 19 Days." A calculated birth date. From my photograph.

¹¹⁵³When Martin and Maria went into the town of Lancaster to get married at the Church of the Holy Trinity, an Evangelical Lutheran church, they were following a pattern used by many of their peers in the Mennonite community. There is a photocopy of this record in the Lancaster County Historical Society which merely states, under the section for April 1799, "23. Cop. Martin Huber & Maria Eshleman" with no hint of connections to other family members.

¹¹⁵⁴Tombstone, Replogle Cemetery. from my photograph.

¹¹⁵⁵Ibid.

been eliminated by evidence she was a Miller.¹¹⁵⁶ Maria Eshleman had connections in Bedford County with, at least, her brothers John and Samuel who lived there before moving to Iowa.

The marriage of Maria Eshleman and Martin Hoover in 1799 fits well with their first known child, Martin, age 50 in 1850. Martin and Maria Hoover lived in Lancaster County, the home of Maria Eshleman's family, until after 1820 (as we know from the records of their daughters Fannie Hoover Brown¹¹⁵⁷ and Susannah Hoover Eshleman¹¹⁵⁸ and from census records).

Maria Hoover is named as Maria Eshleman by Brumbaugh, although her dates there are b. 1778, d. Oct. 6, 1868¹¹⁵⁹. Martin and Maria Hoover named their first two children Martin and Elizabeth (her parents). Six of their other eight children shared names with Maria Eshleman and her siblings (probably seven of eight, with Frances being a form of the same name as Feronica).

"Hoover -- On the 6th of September, in Middle Woodbury township, Bedford county, Pa., of infirmity of old age, Maria, widow of Martin Hoover, aged 89 years, 2 months and 1 day. The deceased was a faithful member of the Mennonite church. Funeral discourses were delivered by Jacob Snyder and J. Eshleman, from Jn. 5:25 - 29. D. H. Byers."¹¹⁶⁰

Children of Maria² Eshleman and Martin Hoover were as follows:

- i. JACOB³. (see previous).
- ii. MARTIN was born circa 1800. (see previous).
- iii. ANNA was born circa 1803. She married Jacob Ulrich Brown, son of Jacob Brown and Elizabeth Ulrich, on 6 Jan 1829. (see # 24.).
- iv. ELIZABETH was born circa 1803. She married David Boyers. (see previous).
- v. SUSANNAH was born on 19 Nov 1804. She married Samuel Eshleman. (see previous).
- vi. FRANCES "FANNY" was born on 18 Jun 1809 in Lancaster County, PA. She married Samuel Ulrich Brown, son of Jacob Brown and Elizabeth Ulrich, on 15 Mar 1827 in Bedford County, PA. She married Daniel Shank in Jan 1872. (see # 25.).
- vii. BARBARA was born circa 1810. She married Christian Hetrick. (see previous).
- viii. MARY J. was born in Dec 1815. She married Michael Fishel. (see previous).
- ix. CATHERINE married Samuel Bassler. (see previous).
- x. RUDOLPH was born on 17 Dec 1820. He married Catherine Brumbaugh. He married Elizabeth Baird Cole. (see previous).

¹¹⁵⁶Peggy Sheets Manning, "Lancaster County Death Register 1852-1855," *Lancaster County Heritage* Vol. 2, No. 1, p. 15 (Jan 1985): The listing for Martin Huber, b. 13 March 1772 in Martin Township, d. in Providence Township, 5 Nov. 1853, buried in Martin Huber's burial ground, shows his parents to be Jacob and Barbara Huber and his spouse to be Mary Huber (Miller). Mr. Eshleman, who had listed "our" Maria as a Miller, also revised this assignment in correspondence with Doris Olds. Hereinafter cited as "Lancaster County Death Register."

¹¹⁵⁷Fanny Shank, obit, *Fairfield Tribune*, 20 May 1891.

¹¹⁵⁸unknown author, *Portrait and Biographical Record of Jefferson County, Iowa* (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.), the article on John H. Eshleman. Hereinafter cited as *Portrait and Biographical Record of Jefferson County, Iowa*.

¹¹⁵⁹Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, p. 219.

¹¹⁶⁰obituaries, *Herald of Truth*, unknown location, January 1871, page 14-15, as abstracted at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~mennobit/1871/ht71jan.html>. Hereinafter cited as *Herald of Truth*.

Descent From Johann Jacob Brumbaugh

Generation One

32. JOHANN JACOB¹ BRUMBAUGH was born circa 1728. He married Mary Elizabeth Angle, daughter of Henry Angle, in 1760.¹¹⁶¹ He died on 10 Apr 1799. He was buried in a cemetery at their home, Washington County, MD.

The Brumbaugh family is well recorded in *Genealogy of the Brumbaugh Families*, published in 1913 by G. M. Brumbaugh. That book is the source of much of the information used here and should be examined for further details. Several different Brumbaugh lines are recorded in it. The immigrant ancestor of interest here is Johann Jacob Brumbaugh who was born about 1728. He is said to have been an orphan with 50 pounds in his pocket when he arrived at Philadelphia on 31 Aug. 1750 on the ship Nancy.

Jacob BRUMBAUGH, as he is known from subsequent records, became a large landowner. In a 1753 deed he was called a weaver. In 1754, he received a Maryland patent for 100 acres, called Ill Will, in Frederick County. He lived about four miles north of Hagerstown, Maryland, and subsequently had major holdings in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, as well. About 1760 he married Mary Elizabeth Angle, born about 1740, daughter of Henry ANGLE. He had been a Lutheran but joined his wife's church, the German Baptist Brethren. He was a large, strong man with defective hearing. His religion prevented active military service, but he served as a packman under General Braddock during the French and Indian War. J. M. Henry¹¹⁶² records that, in the spring of 1755, General Edward Braddock's army passed by Jacob Brumbaugh's home and appears to have pitched camp for the night nearby. George Washington was Braddock's aide on this campaign. "Both Braddock and Washington appear to have spent the night in Bromback's home. General Braddock was so impressed with the skill and ability of his host that a commission was offered Jacob Bromback in the army. This gave him an opportunity to explain the religious beliefs of the Society of Dunkers to the British general and George Washington. ... One record indicated that Jacob Bromback did not accept an officer's commission, but was finally prevailed upon to accompany the supply train and care for the sick and wounded." Braddock was killed on this expedition, but Henry suggests that George Washington again stopped at the Brumbaugh home on the return trip. Some of Jacob's descendants have joined the DAR on the basis of his patriotic service during the Revolutionary War. His name is on the 12 April 1776 list of those who furnished blankets for the use of the "regular forces raised for the defense of the province".¹¹⁶³

There were two men named Jacob Brumbaugh listed in the 1790 census of Washington County, Maryland, and the Brumbaugh Genealogy¹¹⁶⁴ identifies this one as having 1 male 16 or over, 4 males under 16, and 2 females in

¹¹⁶¹Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

¹¹⁶²J. Maurice Henry, *History of the Church of the Brethren in Maryland* (n.p.: n.pub., 1936). Hereinafter cited as *History of the Church of the Brethren in Maryland*.

¹¹⁶³Scharf, *History of Western Maryland*.

¹¹⁶⁴Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

the family.

Jacob died 10 April 1799. Mary Elizabeth died 28 Nov. 1806. His death date is known from estate settlement records in Bedford County, and both are recorded in a journal kept by their son Henry. They are buried near their home in Washington County, Maryland, which he built about 1756.¹¹⁶⁵

The Brumbaugh heirs are well documented in the many records resulting from the settlement of the estate. The Brumbaugh Genealogy quotes many of these as well as several made by Jacob Brumbaugh during his lifetime.

On 18 June 1803, Mary Brumbaugh, widow and relict of Jacob Brumbaugh, released her dower right in all property and was to be paid annual payments of 35 pounds by Jacob Brumbaugh, Samuel Ulry, John Brumbaugh, Daniel Brumbaugh, Henry Brumbaugh, David Brumbaugh and George Brumbaugh. (Hagerstown, Maryland, record)

"3d Mon in Feb 1804 Jacob Brumbaugh presents petition stating that Jacob Brumbaugh, father, late of Washington Co., MD, died intestate 10 Apr. 1799, left 7 children 6 above age of 21 and the other George under age and widow Mary --6 are Jacob; Mary, wife of Samuel Ulry; John Brumbach; Daniel Brumbach; Henry Brumbach; and David" This record was filed in Washington Co., MD, and shows further that Samuel Ulrey and Mary his wife were living in Bedford Co., PA, a distance of seventy miles from the inheritance.

The following items are from the Bedford County, Pennsylvania records. On application of Jacob Brumbaugh by his attorney William Reynolds Esq. for the sale of the Real Estate of Jacob Brumbaugh late of the County of Washington in the State of Maryland, deceased, Rule that all the heirs of Jacob Brumbaugh deceased shew cause at the next Orphans Court to be held at Bedford on the first Monday of August next why the Estate of said deceased should not be sold.

Jacob Brumbaugh who being duly affirmed saith that he served the within Rule of Court on John Brumbaugh, Mary, intermarried with Samuel Ulry, Daniel, Henry, David, and George Brumbaugh. Affirmed in open court August 4th 1806.¹¹⁶⁶

Bedford County Deed Book G, p. 461, records a deed made 16 March 1807 from "Mary Ulry, late Mary Brumbaugh, and Samuel Ulry her husband, John Brumbaugh of Bedford Co., Jacob Brumbaugh, Daniel Brumbaugh of Washington County, Md." to George and David Brumbaugh for part of a tract called Dolphins Barn. Mary Ulrich signed by mark and Samuel signed in German.

Children of Johann Jacob^l Brumbaugh and Mary Elizabeth Angle were as follows:

- i. JACOB²¹¹⁶⁷ was born in 1765.¹¹⁶⁸ He died in 1816.¹¹⁶⁹

¹¹⁶⁵Ibid.

¹¹⁶⁶Although I have these notes from the original records at Bedford, they may also be seen in "St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania", Vol. VI, No. 4, March 1987, p. 5, from Orphans Court Abstracts, Bedford County, Docket 2.

¹¹⁶⁷Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

¹¹⁶⁸Ibid.

¹¹⁶⁹Ibid.

He married Catherine Rentch¹¹⁷⁰ and they lived one mile north of his father's farm. This Jacob was also very active in land transactions. Although G. M. Brumbaugh gives Jacob's death date as 1816, he also quotes "Book S, p. 165, Hagerstown, Md" as saying that Daniel Schnebly was appointed administrator for Jacob Brumbaugh on 13 Nov 1814 and in 1817 made distribution of his personal estate to his widow and five children.

33. ii. MARY was born circa 1767 in PA. She married Samuel Ulrich, son of Stephen Ulrich and Elizabeth (--?--), circa 1780.
- iii. JOHN¹¹⁷¹ was born in 1768.¹¹⁷² He married Mary Elizabeth Miller.¹¹⁷³ He died on 20 May 1829.¹¹⁷⁴

G. M. Brumbaugh quotes a 1780 deed from Jacob, Sr., to John Brumbaugh who then sold the same tract in 1801. If this identification is valid, John must have been born before 1768. He settled in Morrison's Cove on the headwaters of Yellow Creek, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, soon after 1789. He was a farmer and a minister in the German Baptist Brethren Church. His wife died 5 May 1834 at the age of 62. They had five children.¹¹⁷⁵ A large stone in the Brethren Cemetery at New Enterprise, Pennsylvania, has been erected to their memory.

- iv. DANIEL S.¹¹⁷⁶ was born in Mar 1772.¹¹⁷⁷ He died on 24 Aug 1824 at age 52.¹¹⁷⁸

He married Elizabeth Long who died 12 Dec. 1860, age 81 years. They are buried at Salem Reformed Church, Washington County, Pennsylvania. They had nine children.¹¹⁷⁹

- v. DAVID¹¹⁸⁰ was born on 17 Mar 1776.¹¹⁸¹ He died on 23 Apr 1842 at age 66.¹¹⁸²

In 1805 he married Eve Kissecker, born 6 March 1789 and died 22 July 1845. He farmed in Washington County, Maryland, and, in 1827, moved to Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He founded the town of Middleburg, now called State Line, Pennsylvania. He had twelve children.¹¹⁸³

¹¹⁷⁰Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Will and Administration Abstracts, Huntingdon County, Will Book 1," *St. Clair's Bedford, the History and Genealogy of Bedford County, Pennsylvania* Vol. VIII, No. 1, pp. 17-18 (April 1989): The will of Jacob Rentch of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, was made 24 May 1883 [sic] and probated 8 Sept 1804. He named his wife Barbary, sons John, Peter, Joseph, and David and daughters Elizabeth (Gripe?), Susanna Wolrick, Catherine Brumbaugh, and Esther Bauslaugh, as well as granddaughter Margaret Bouslaugh, under age 16. Hereinafter cited as "Will and Administration Abstracts, Huntingdon County, Will Book 1."

¹¹⁷¹Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

¹¹⁷²Ibid.

¹¹⁷³.

¹¹⁷⁴Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

¹¹⁷⁵Ibid.

¹¹⁷⁶Ibid.

¹¹⁷⁷Ibid.

¹¹⁷⁸Ibid.

¹¹⁷⁹Ibid.

¹¹⁸⁰Ibid.

¹¹⁸¹Ibid.

¹¹⁸²Ibid.

¹¹⁸³Ibid.

- vi. HENRY¹¹⁸⁴ was born in Mar 1777.¹¹⁸⁵ He died in 1856.¹¹⁸⁶
 He married Margaret Rentch, born 25 November 1781. He lived on a farm near Hagerstown, Maryland, and is buried beside his father. They had eight children.¹¹⁸⁷ Although the dates are different, the Henry Brumbaugh listed by Scharf as died 22 March 1853, age 77, seems to match well with this Henry.¹¹⁸⁸
- vii. GEORGE¹¹⁸⁹ was born on 9 Sep 1783.¹¹⁹⁰ He died on 22 May 1837 at age 53.¹¹⁹¹
 He married Louisa Gelwicks, born 11 Aug 1778, died 29 March 1840. They lived on East Franklin Street in Hagerstown, Maryland. He was a brewer and beer wholesaler, from which he became quite wealthy. He and his wife were members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Hagerstown. They had no children.¹¹⁹² "George B. Brumbaugh, born Sept. 9, 1785, died May 22, 1837, aged 53; and Mary L., his wife, born Aug. 11, 1778, died March 29, 1840, aged 61."¹¹⁹³

Generation Two

33. MARY² BRUMBAUGH (*Johann Jacob*¹) was born circa 1767 in PA.¹¹⁹⁴ She married Samuel Ulrich, son of Stephen Ulrich and Elizabeth (--?--), circa 1780. She died circa 1829.¹¹⁹⁵ She was buried in Brethren Cemetery, New Enterprise, Bedford County, PA. She was buried in Brethren Cemetery, New Enterprise, Bedford County, PA. Her stone, flat on the ground, says "Mary Brumbaugh, born 1767, married Elder Samuel Ulery."¹¹⁹⁶

Mary BRUMBAUGH, daughter of Johann Jacob and Mary Elizabeth (ANGLE) Brumbaugh, is said to have been born in 1767. This date is quoted by G. M. Brumbaugh and is on her tombstone at the Brethren Church in New Enterprise, Pennsylvania. The date fits reasonably well with those given for her brothers and sisters. The wording of her father's estate settlement implies that she was born between Jacob and John. This raises some doubt that she was the mother of the children of Samuel Ulrich, of whom the first was born in 1781. On the other hand, it should be pointed out that no contemporary evidence for her age or birth date has been found, that her tombstone is a relatively new one and that it is possible to confuse 1761 and 1767 written in German numerals. There is also the argument that John Brumbaugh may have been born earlier than 1768. There is no evidence that Samuel Ulrich was married twice and ample evidence that Mary Brumbaugh was his wife as early as 1803 and that he had a wife named Mary in 1785. On 8 Dec. 1825, Mary sold her interest in 407 acres in Morrison's Cove to George Brumbaugh, her brother.¹¹⁹⁷ She was a widow still living in Woodberry Township

¹¹⁸⁴Ibid.

¹¹⁸⁵Ibid.

¹¹⁸⁶Ibid.

¹¹⁸⁷Ibid.

¹¹⁸⁸Scharf, *History of Western Maryland*, p. 1046.

¹¹⁸⁹Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

¹¹⁹⁰Ibid.

¹¹⁹¹Ibid.

¹¹⁹²Ibid.

¹¹⁹³Scharf, *History of Western Maryland*, p. 1091.

¹¹⁹⁴Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

¹¹⁹⁵Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, 1829."

¹¹⁹⁶tombstone, Brethren Cemetery, New Enterprise, Bedford County, PA.

¹¹⁹⁷Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*, p. 171.

on 24 Oct. 1828 when she appointed Henry Fluck as attorney to act for her.¹¹⁹⁸ On 16 May 1829, letters of administration on the estate of Mary Ulerich were granted to Andrew Biddle. Jacob Brown and Andrew J. Cline, Esq., were sureties. Samuel and Mary are probably buried in the Brethren Cemetery at New Enterprise, Bedford County, but their tombstones there are relatively recent. Her stone, flat on the ground, says "Mary Brumbaugh, born 1767, married Elder Samuel Ulery". His is a standing stone and says "Samuel Ulery, died 1822."¹¹⁹⁹

Children of Mary² Brumbaugh and Samuel Ulrich were as follows:

- i. ELIZABETH³ was born on 8 Apr 1781 perhaps in Frederick County, MD. She married Jacob Brown, son of Henry Brown, circa 1800 in (probably), Bedford County, PA. (see # 29.).
- ii. MARIA was born on 3 Aug 1783. She married David Studebaker, son of Jacob Studebaker and Mary Snider, circa 1800. (see previous).
- iii. STEPHEN was born on 24 Nov 1785. (see previous).
- iv. CATHERINE was born on 15 Oct 1787. She married John Snider. (see previous).
- v. HANNAH was born on 20 May 1789. She married John Studebaker, son of Jacob Studebaker and Mary Snider. She married Benjamin Bowman after 1833 in IN. (see previous).
- vi. JACOB was born on 13 Aug 1792. (see previous).

¹¹⁹⁸Deed Books of Bedford County, Pennsylvania: Book P, p. 262.

¹¹⁹⁹Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, "Administration Abstracts, Bedford County, 1829."

Descent From John Groff

Generation One

34. JOHN¹ GROFF was born in Mar 1731. He married (1) Anna Herr, daughter of Isaac Herr, circa 1746.¹²⁰⁰ He married Catherine (--?--) after 1758.¹²⁰¹ He died circa Apr 1777 in Lancaster County, PA.

Although this man has been given as a son of Jacob Groff and Barbara Brackbill¹²⁰², there seems to be no proof of such a connection. The Groff Book specifically says extensive research has failed to provide proof of any connection to Jacob Groff or any other parent. A different John Groff (1730 - 1758) is given as the son of Jacob and Barbara.¹²⁰³ An article titled "Hans Groff's Aplenty" clearly demonstrates the difficulty of assigning identity to any John Groff, listing twenty three John Groffs who immigrated between 1730 and 1773. Both Jacob Groff (m. Barbara Brackbill) and "Swamp" John have genealogies in this article but no connection is made.¹²⁰⁴ He left a will on 5 Apr 1777 in Martic Township, Lancaster County, PA. This will is recorded in Lancaster County Will Book C, Vol. 1, p. 434. It is reproduced in the Groff Book, both in manuscript copy and in printed form.¹²⁰⁵ It begins "In the name of God Amen. I John Groff of Martick Township in the County of Lancaster and Province or State of Pennsylvania Yeoman Being weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind memory and understanding Blessed be amighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. viz First I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Catharina, two full third parts of my personal estate and stock ... ". He mentions separately his three eldest children as Elizabeth wife of Martin Eshleman, John Groff and Anna wife of Jacob Groff and his six younger children Benjamin Groff, Joseph Groff, Mary Groff, Jacob Groff, Martin Groff and Abraham Groff (youngest son, under age 14). This distributes the children between his two marriages. He also mentioned fifty pounds due him from the will and testament of his late father-in-law, Isaac "Hare", deceased and specified that it was to be divided equally between his three eldest children. The will was signed Johannes Graft on 5 April 1777. This will was probated on 7 May 1777.

Children of John¹ Groff and Anna Herr were as follows:

35. i. ELIZABETH² was born circa 1749. She married Martin Eshleman on 17 May 1765 in First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA.

¹²⁰⁰Groff, *The Groff Book Volume I*, p. 196.

¹²⁰¹Jane Evans Best, *The Groff Book Volume 2: A Continuing Saga* (Ronks, Pennsylvania: Groff History Associates, 1997), p. 174. Hereinafter cited as *The Groff Book Volume 2*.

¹²⁰²Theodore W. Herr, *Genealogical Record of Reverend Hans Herr and his Direct Lineal Descendants* (Lancaster, Pennsylvania: n.pub., 1908, reprinted in 1994 with additions and corrections), In Appendix II to the 1994 reprint of this book is the statement "Anne Herr married 'Swamp' John Groff, March 1731 - April 1776/7, the son of Jacob and Barbara (Brackbill) Groff". Hereinafter cited as *Genealogical Record of Reverend Hans Herr*.

¹²⁰³Herr, *Genealogical Record of Reverend Hans Herr*.

¹²⁰⁴Ira D. Landis, "Hans Groff's Aplenty," *Mennonite Research Journal* Vol. XIV, No. 3 ff (July 1973, Oct. 1973, Jan. 1974): in fact, no John is listed among the children of Jacob and Barbara. Hereinafter cited as "Hans Groff's Aplenty."

¹²⁰⁵Groff, *The Groff Book Volume I*, and is also currently available online at www.horseshoe.cc/pennadutch/families/groff/groff.htm.

- ii. JOHN¹²⁰⁶ was born in 1753.¹²⁰⁷ He married Susanna Kendig.¹²⁰⁸ He died in 1819.¹²⁰⁹
- iii. ANNA¹²¹⁰ was born in 1755.¹²¹¹ She married Jacob Groff.¹²¹² She died in 1835.¹²¹³

Children of John¹ Groff and Catherine (--?--) were as follows:

- i. BENJAMIN²¹²¹⁴ was born on 4 Jun 1762.¹²¹⁵ He married Barbara Kendig.¹²¹⁶
- ii. JOSEPH¹²¹⁷ was born on 16 Dec 1763.¹²¹⁸
- iii. MARIA¹²¹⁹ was born on 11 Oct 1767.¹²²⁰ She married Henry Kendig on 1 May 1784.¹²²¹ She died on 21 Nov 1842 at age 75.¹²²²
- iv. JACOB¹²²³ was born on 25 Sep 1768.¹²²⁴ He married Susanna Barr.¹²²⁵
- v. MARTIN¹²²⁶ was born on 22 Aug 1772.¹²²⁷ He married Anna Kendig.¹²²⁸ He died on 14 Oct 1855 at age 83.¹²²⁹
- vi. ABRAHAM¹²³⁰ was born on 13 Dec 1773.¹²³¹ He died on 22 Jul 1846 at age 72.¹²³²

Generation Two

35. ELIZABETH² GROFF (*John¹*)¹²³³ was born circa 1749.¹²³⁴ She married Martin Eshleman on 17 May 1765

¹²⁰⁶Ibid., p. 204.

¹²⁰⁷Ibid.

¹²⁰⁸Ibid.

¹²⁰⁹Ibid.

¹²¹⁰Ibid., p. 164.

¹²¹¹Ibid.

¹²¹²Ibid.

¹²¹³Ibid.

¹²¹⁴Best, *The Groff Book Volume 2*, 179.

¹²¹⁵Ibid.

¹²¹⁶Ibid.

¹²¹⁷Ibid., 182.

¹²¹⁸Ibid.

¹²¹⁹Groff, *The Groff Book Volume I*, p. 215.

¹²²⁰Best, *The Groff Book Volume 2*, p. 184.

¹²²¹Ibid.

¹²²²Ibid.

¹²²³Ibid., p. 187.

¹²²⁴Ibid.

¹²²⁵Ibid.

¹²²⁶Groff, *The Groff Book Volume I*, p. 222.

¹²²⁷Ibid.

¹²²⁸Ibid.

¹²²⁹Ibid.

¹²³⁰Ibid., p. 225.

¹²³¹Best, *The Groff Book Volume 2*, p. 190.

¹²³²Ibid.

¹²³³Groff, *The Groff Book Volume I*, p. 204.

¹²³⁴Letter, Hoffman to Olds, 15 May 1980, which says she was born in 1749 and died in 1805 in Lancaster.

These notes were collected by John Eshleman (1899-1971) and no specific references are given.

in First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA.¹²³⁵ She died in 1805 in Lancaster County, PA.¹²³⁶

Children of Elizabeth² Groff and Martin Eshleman were as follows:

- i. JOHN³ was born in 1766. (see previous).
- ii. MARTIN was born on 3 Jan 1767. (see previous).
- iii. SAMUEL was born on 22 Oct 1770. (see previous).
- iv. ANNA was born on 2 Nov 1773. She married Adam Thomas on 14 Sep 1798. (see previous).
- v. ELIZABETH was born in 1775. (see previous).
- vi. FERONICA was born in 1776. She married Andrew Rees on 25 Sep 1798. (see previous).
- vii. SUSAN was born in 1777. She married David B. Martin (--?--) on 27 Feb 1799. (see previous).
- viii. DAVID was born on 15 Jul 1780. (see previous).
- ix. MARIA was born on 17 Jun 1781 in Lancaster County?, PA? She married Martin Hoover on 23 Apr 1799 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA. (see # 31.).
- x. CATHERINE was born in 1783. (see previous).
- xi. JACOB was born on 12 Apr 1788. (see previous).
- xii. BARBARA was born in 1789. She married Samuel Diffenbach on 17 Aug 1817. (see previous).
- xiii. ABRAHAM was born in 1795. (see previous).

¹²³⁵Eshleman, "Descendants of Martin Eshleman and Elizabeth Groff."

¹²³⁶Letter, Hoffman to Olds, 15 May 1980, which says she was born in 1749 and died in 1805 in Lancaster. These notes were collected by John Eshleman (1899-1971) and no specific references are given.

Descent From Hans Herr

Generation One

36. HANS¹ HERR was born in 1651.¹²³⁷ He married Elsbeth Loetscher.¹²³⁸ He died in 1725.¹²³⁹

It is difficult to reconcile the definite information about Hans Herr available in some places with the doubts expressed by others.

On a monument in the Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery, Willow Street, Pennsylvania, his dates are given as 17 Sep 1639 -- 11 Oct 1725 and his wife his given as Elizabeth Kending, 1 May 1639 - 9 June 1730. This monument was erected by a Herr reunion group.¹²⁴⁰ Apparently, however, contemporary documentation for this information is lacking. A photograph of this monument shows the inscription as:

Memorial

Rev. Hans Herr, one of the pioneer settlers of Lancaster

County, born in Switzerland,
Sep. 17, 1539. Died Oct. 11, 1725.

Elizabeth Mylin Kendig Herr
his wife, born in Switzerland,
May 1, 1639, died June 9, 1730.

Rev. Christian Herr, son of
Hans Herr, Donater [sic] of this plot
of ground for burial purposes
bornn in Switzerland, died 1750.

Anna his wife (inscription not completed).¹²⁴¹

Alternatively:

"This is a correction to Hans Herr's wife. He did not marry a Kendig. He was exiled in 1671 from Canton Bern, Switzerland to the Pfalz with his wife, Elsbeth Loetscher. Here is his family.

Hans Herr, b. 1651. He was an Anabaptist (Mennonite) and married Elsbeth Loetscher (b. 1649), daughter of Anabaptist Hans Loetscher of Latterbach, Bern.

1. Abraham Herr, b. c 1673. d. 1725, Manor Twp., Lancaster County. 1717 immigrant.

2. ?daughter, b. c 1675.

¹²³⁷Best, *The Groff Book Volume 2*, p. 35.

¹²³⁸Ibid.

¹²³⁹Herr, *Genealogical Record of Reverend Hans Herr*, p. 786, ADDENDA II, apparently unsupported by contemporary documentation.

¹²⁴⁰Ibid., in ADDENDA II, p. 786.

¹²⁴¹Ira D Landis, "The Willow Street (Brick) Mennonite Cemetery," *Mennonite Research Journal* Vol. XIV, p. 36 (July 1973). Hereinafter cited as "For a Faith's Pure Shrine."

3. Hans Herr, b. c 1677.d, 1756, Lampeter Twp., Lancaster County. 1710 immigrant.
4. Christian Herr, b. c 1680. d. 1749, Lampeter Twp., Lancaster County. 1710 immigrant.
5. Isaac Herr, b. c 1682. d. 1747, Martic Twp., Lancaster County. 1719 immigrant.
6. ?daughter, b. c 1685.
7. Emmanuel Herr, b. 1689. d. 1740, Wheatland Hills, Lancaster County. 1717 immigrant."¹²⁴²

In contrast, others seem to doubt the existence of Hans Herr as an ancestor of the Lancaster County family. This view is expressed in an appendix to the Herr book¹²⁴³ which says "The tradition of Hans Herr being the aged father of the Herr family in America stems from oral history recorded in 1844 by I. Daniel Rupp (History of Lancaster County, p.81), who in the course of his research could have personally interviewed the Hans Herr's great-grandsons. Because Hans Herr was not a landholder and thus no primary sources have been found to substantiate this family tradition, some researchers have questioned his identity and his coming to America." Somewhere, I have read an article about Hans Herr being fictitious father of the various Herr families in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.¹²⁴⁴ The existence of a Hans Herr, one leader of a group of persecuted Mennonites fleeing from Berne, Switzerland, to Holland to London to Pennsylvania is not doubted¹²⁴⁵ but that he came to Pennsylvania or was the father of the next Herr generation is difficult. A reviewer finds fault with Spotts¹²⁴⁶ who spent several pages trying to show that Bishop Hans Herr never set foot in what is now Lancaster County and that from 1710 to 1717 only one Hans Herr (the land agent) was there. Spotts relied on Harris¹²⁴⁷ but the reviewer prefers Rupp¹²⁴⁸ who wrote a generation earlier.

Clearly, this conflict calls for more research into the background of the differences.

Children of Hans¹ Herr and Elsbeth Loetscher were:

37. i. ISAAC² was born circa 1690.

Generation Two

37. ISAAC² HERR (*Hans¹*) was born circa 1690.¹²⁴⁹ He died in 1747.¹²⁵⁰

¹²⁴²Richard Davis, Hans Herr data in "Hans Herr of Lancaster 1700s," listserve message to GenForum, Herr, 6 March 1999. Hereinafter cited as Hans Herr of Lancaster 1700s.

¹²⁴³Herr, *Genealogical Record of Reverend Hans Herr*, ADDENDA II, p. 786.

¹²⁴⁴Ira D Landis, "Hans Herr -- A Myth?," *Mennonite Research Journal* Vol. XI No.3 (July 1970): may be the article but I now find only the first page which argues FOR the reliability of I. Daniel Rupp, the written source of early Herr information. Hereinafter cited as "Hans Herr -- A Myth?"

¹²⁴⁵Ira D Landis, "For a Faith's Pure Shrine," *Mennonite Research Journal* Vol. 1, No. 3, p. 25ff (Oct. 1960): which quotes a letter signed by Hans Herr and others in London. Hereinafter cited as "For a Faith's Pure Shrine."

¹²⁴⁶unknown author, "Book Review: They call it Strasburg by Charles D. Spotts (Community Historians Annual, No. 7, 1968)," *Mennonite Research Journal* Volume XIII, p. 8 (Jan. 1972). Hereinafter cited as "Book Review: They call it Strasburg."

¹²⁴⁷Alexander Harris, *A Biographical History of Lancaster County: Being a history of early settlers and eminent men of the county* (Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Elias Barr & Co., 1872). Hereinafter cited as *A Biographical History of Lancaster County*.

¹²⁴⁸I. Daniel Rupp, *The Religious Denominations in the United States* (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: I. Y. Humphreys, 1844). Hereinafter cited as *The Religious Denominations the the United States*.

¹²⁴⁹Best, *The Groff Book Volume 2*, p. 37.

¹²⁵⁰Herr, *Genealogical Record of Reverend Hans Herr*.

Isaac Herr was omitted in the Hans Herr Genealogy, mistakenly replaced by his son Henry Herr in the family of Hans Herr. This is corrected in an Addendum in the 1980 reprint edition. "Isaac Herr, Hans Herr's son, arrived in America in 1717 and settled about one mile south of the present-day Refton in Marctic [sic] Township, now Providence Township. Isaac died in 1747 and is probably buried in the Bowman Cemetery near his home. His name was given as 'Hare' on his will (A-1-134), probated on January 1, 1748 which names the following three children: Henry, Anne married John Groff, and Elizabeth married Peter Whitman (Deeds GG-409; I-3-96). ...

"Anne Herr married "Swamp John" Groff, March 1731 - April 1776/7, the son of Jacob and Barbara (Brackbill)] Groff. Evidently Ann died young because "Swamp John" remarried to Widow Catherine (Herr) Eshleman. Their home was in Martic Township, now Providence Township." ...

"Although Catherine Herr, Nov. 19, 1727 - May 9, 1781, is not mentioned in Isaac Herr's will, some researchers think she may also be a daughter. She was married three times: (1) Jacob Eshleman, July 4, 1707 - Feb. 16, 1758; (2) 'Swamp John' Groff, March 1731 - April 1776/7; and (3) Benjamin Groff, Jan. 18, 1727 - July 10, 1803. John and Benjamin Groff were both sons of Jacob and Barbara (Brackbill) Groff."¹²⁵¹

"On November 22, 1717, Martin Kundrick and Hans Herr received a warrant for 5,000 acres in several tracts among Surveys made in Conestoga and Pequea Creeks, for which they agreed to pay L500. Martin Kundig and Hans Heer did grant 500 acres to Isaac Heere, late of Lancaster County, since deceased, brother of Hans Heere. John Taylor, Deputy Surveyer, on 21 November, 1719, surveyed a tract of Beaver Creek, adjacent to John Hoole (Sic: I am sure it was John Kyle, as in 1729 when Lancaster County was formed, Martic, Strasburg, and Sadsburg corner were at his plantation.[]? -- the closing parenthesis is missing in the Groff book.) Besides being a justice of the Peace, he was a member of Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church. Nearby were Jacob Graaft and Michael Grafft, and other land of Isaac Herr. This 500 was part of the total 800 acres he owned.

"February 16, 1746/47, Isaac Herr sold to John Grafft, his son-in-law, part of his land on Beaver Creek, bounded by his other lands, Michael Grafft, John Lohman and land in possession of Michael Bletcher which was sold by Jacob Grafft. On March 20, 1762, the said John Grafft reported he had lived on this 300 acre tract since the above date; however, he reported that some years before, the dwelling house of Isaac Herr burned down, that the Title Deeds for the 800 acres from Martin Kendig and Hans Herr had been consumed by fire, and that he had releases from heirs dated March 1, 1762. He not only wanted a new warrant, but also a new survey as he thought more land was there, which he called overplus land.

"The tract was re-surveyed and was 313 acres and 100 perches, adjacent to Henry Herr, Michael Shank, vacant land, Hugh Barclay, Jacob Grafft; and John Grafft. He paid L32.6.3."¹²⁵²

Children of Isaac² Herr include:

- i. HENRY³¹²⁵³ married Anna Kreider.¹²⁵⁴ He died in 1777.¹²⁵⁵

"Henry Herr, the eldest child, married (1) Anna Kreider/Greider, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Greider, and (2) Shultz. Living near New Providence in Martic Township, Henry died on April 29, 1777 (Will C-1-141, probated June 16, 1777)."¹²⁵⁶

¹²⁵¹Ibid., the quotation being from "ADDENDA II" in a reprint of the volume. The research was by Lois Ann Zook and others. The information is merely reporting data and relationships rather than supporting them. Others have not felt that the parents of Swamp John are known. These notes have the effect of replacing a Henry Herr in the main text with an Isaac Herr and do not present evidence that Isaac is a son of Hans.

¹²⁵²Groff, *The Groff Book Volume I*, pp. 195-196.

¹²⁵³Herr, *Genealogical Record of Reverend Hans Herr*.

¹²⁵⁴Ibid., p. 787-8, Addendum II.

¹²⁵⁵Ibid., p. 788, Addendum II.

¹²⁵⁶Ibid., p. 787-88, Addendum II.

- ii. ELIZABETH.
"Elizabeth Herr married first to John Brubaker, 1710 - 1743/5, the son of Jacob Brubaker, and married second to Peter Whitman or Witmer. John Brubaker owned land in East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pa."¹²⁵⁷
- 38. iii. ANNA was born on 19 Nov 1727. She married John Groff circa 1746.

Generation Three

38. ANNA³ HERR (*Isaac*², *Hans*¹) was born on 19 Nov 1727.¹²⁵⁸ She married John Groff circa 1746.¹²⁵⁹ She died before 1760.¹²⁶⁰

Children of Anna³ Herr and John Groff were as follows:

- i. ELIZABETH⁴ was born circa 1749. She married Martin Eshleman on 17 May 1765 in First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA. (see # 35.).
- ii. JOHN was born in 1753. He married Susanna Kendig. (see previous).
- iii. ANNA was born in 1755. She married Jacob Groff. (see previous).

¹²⁵⁷Ibid., p. 788, Addendum II.

¹²⁵⁸Best, *The Groff Book Volume 2*, p. 174.

¹²⁵⁹Groff, *The Groff Book Volume I*, p. 196.

¹²⁶⁰Ibid.

Descent From Henry Angle

Generation One

39. HENRY¹ ANGLE died in 1766.

According to Burke, the American immigrant of this family was Henry ENGEL (a descendant of a line of Swiss Quakers living at Courtelary, near Geneva, Switzerland) who settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, about 1740. He died near Hagerstown, Maryland, leaving a son Henry who was an active member of the Dunkard Church and died near Hagerstown, in 1811¹²⁶¹. A Henrick Engle was naturalized in Philadelphia in 1761¹²⁶².

According to J. M. Henry¹²⁶³, the Angle family settled near Welsh Run before the French and Indian War. This couple were converts of Martin Urner and preaching services were held at their home before another place was available. Their daughter, said to have been the first convert of George Adam Martin west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, married Jacob Brumbaugh.

The published 1790 census of Maryland includes the family of a Henry Angle in Washington County (3 males age 16 or over, 2 males under 16 and 5 females). The same census shows Peter, Jacob and George Angle in Frederick County. The 1800 and 1810 (but not the 1820) census records of Washington County, Maryland, show the family of Henry Angle. He was age 45 or over in 1800, but was probably the younger Henry Angle, although the Brumbaugh Genealogy¹²⁶⁴ does identify the 1790 record as that of Johann Jacob Brumbaugh's father-in-law. The will and estate papers for one Henry Angle were filed in Washington County, Maryland, in 1811. This will mentions his wife Elizabeth, sons John, Jacob, Henry, David, and Daniel and daughters Mary Brewer, Catherine Brewer, and Susan Stahl [?] but no Brumbaugh heirs¹²⁶⁵. This was not our ancestor but appears to have been the younger Henry Angle mentioned by Burke. I have found no contemporary evidence connecting to Henry Angle or even Mary Elizabeth Angle.

Children of Henry¹ Angle include:

40. i. MARY ELIZABETH² was born in 1740. She married Johann Jacob Brumbaugh in 1760.

Generation Two

¹²⁶¹Burke, *Distinguished Families of America* (n.p.: n.pub., 1947). Hereinafter cited as *Distinguished Families of America*.

¹²⁶²Linn and Egle, *Persons Naturalized in Pennsylvania*.

¹²⁶³Henry, *History of the Church of the Brethren in Maryland*.

¹²⁶⁴Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

¹²⁶⁵Henry Angle will (1811), Will of Henry Angle Washington County, MD, will Book B, pp. 318-321, Washington County, Maryland, Washington County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of Henry Angle.

40. MARY ELIZABETH² ANGLE (*Henry*¹) was born in 1740.¹²⁶⁶ She married Johann Jacob Brumbaugh in 1760.¹²⁶⁷ She died on 28 Nov 1806.

Children of Mary Elizabeth² Angle and Johann Jacob Brumbaugh were as follows:

- i. JACOB³ was born in 1765. (see previous).
- ii. MARY was born circa 1767 in PA. She married Samuel Ulrich, son of Stephen Ulrich and Elizabeth (--?--), circa 1780. (see # 33.).
- iii. JOHN was born in 1768. He married Mary Elizabeth Miller. (see previous).
- iv. DANIEL S. was born in Mar 1772. (see previous).
- v. DAVID was born on 17 Mar 1776. (see previous).
- vi. HENRY was born in Mar 1777. (see previous).
- vii. GEORGE was born on 9 Sep 1783. (see previous).

¹²⁶⁶Brumbaugh, *Genealogy of the Brumbach Families*.

¹²⁶⁷Ibid.

Descent From Elsbeth Loetscher

Generation One

41. ELSBETH¹ LOETSCHER¹²⁶⁸ was born circa 1649. The birth dates of Hans and Elsbeth and her name are based on a letter written by Valentine Hutwohl, 14 Dec. 1671, listing Mennonite arrivals in the Palatinate including "Hans Herr, aged 20; wife Elsbeth Loetscher, aged 22; no children; have linen sheets." Evidence connecting this couple with any Hans Herr in America is not presented, however.¹²⁶⁹ She married Hans Herr.¹²⁷⁰

Children of Elsbeth¹ Loetscher and Hans Herr were:

- i. ISAAC² was born circa 1690. (see # 37.).

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