

WILLIAM HENRY RIDGELY (1786-1859)

his ancestors and descendants

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PREFACE (to first edition)

This book is one result of an interest in family history which began while I was in grade school. The text is divided into two major sections. The first section deals with William Henry Ridgely and his ancestry. The second section contains information on his descendants.

Section I begins with William Henry Ridgely who was the first in his line to come to Illinois (about 1817). Almost nothing remains in our family records or traditions about the family prior to this time. The successful identification of his parents and grandparents is the key to this section and this new proof is the most genealogically significant part of this book. After these two generations are identified, further material is available in published form. The pedigree chart presents the results in condensed form. Other information collected on his ancestors is arranged alphabetically by surname subdivisions. This part of Section I is based largely on records at the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland and on books by J. D Warfield, H. G. Stevenson, and H. W. Newman.

Section II is an extension of the early interest in ancestry. It is an attempt to include all descendants of William Henry Ridgely. It includes material collected by Homer Ridgely whose notes I used during my initial work. Dow A. Ridgely has helped greatly with this project, giving moral and financial support as well as gathering much of the data. Credit is also due to the many other correspondents who generously gathered and contributed family data. References in this section are public records, family records, correspondence, and family traditions. I have attempted to use the best references available, but statements made on the basis of family tradition must be considered just that--I have discovered no record evidence of such statements (These remarks apply also to the material on the immediate family of William Henry Ridgely.) The completeness and accuracy of Section II depend upon my ability to contact knowledgeable members of the family.

In any large family, many individuals are given the same name or similar names. For identification purposes, I have assigned unique code numbers to the individuals whose descendants are to be listed. For the ancestral chart of William Henry Ridgely in Section I, these code numbers consist of two parts. The first part indicates the generation and the second numbers the individual ancestor in that generation, starting from the top of the chart (see O. F. Stetson, *The Art of Ancestor Hunting* (1956)). In Section II, a code number again consists of two parts--a prefix letter indicates which child of William Henry Ridgely is the ancestor of the person identified and a numerical suffix is assigned sequentially as needed to identify each new descendant. These code numbers determine the order of further paragraphs on those individuals for whom more information is available. This numbering system represents a compromise between simplicity and desirable features of arrangement. This method allows the partial separation of the descendants into family groups, facilitating revision and also the selected distribution of appropriate pages. The reader may ignore any apparent complexity and use these code numbers merely as identifiers for the individuals concerned.

Neither section of this book can ever be complete. Many records remain to be searched and many family members have not been located. The difficulty of obtaining accurate information from a multitude of remote sources makes errors probable. Nevertheless, this record is published

now so that what has been gathered will not be lost but provide a base for additional work by interested family members. It is my hope that each one who reads this material will send me any corrections or additions he may be able to make. Each descendant may increase the future value of this work by adding to it additional family information and including such related items as photographs and newspaper clippings.

I would like to thank the many correspondents who have helped build this record. I also want to express special thanks and appreciation to my parents, Robert and Doris (Ridgely) Olds, who have helped me in all my work and have financed this publication.

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Preface to the Electronic Edition

About thirty-five years passed between the preparation of the printed version and the electronic version of the material. During that time the technology of preparation changed much more than my knowledge of the material.

In 1969, I slowly typed each page of material onto paper multilith masters using an IBM Selectric typewriter with a carbon ribbon. Although typographical errors could be corrected, the process was slow and the results were often not satisfactory. When all the master pages were prepared, the set was taken to a local print shop for reproduction. After the printing was completed, the boxes were taken to Wofford College and the pages were stacked around many of the lab tables in the physics department and the collation process involved the seemingly endless process of walking by the tables and stacking the pages in the proper order in individual books. Binding was a manual process of punching small sets of pages on special equipment I had helped obtain for the college library and then placing them onto coil binders held open on another machine. Only then could orders be taken and books mailed, usually one at a time, by U. S. Post Office.

At that time, data was collected by traveling to libraries, courthouses, archives and cemeteries or by letters in the U. S. Mail. I had the advantage of corresponding with many people who are no longer living.

Genealogical methods and sources also have changed significantly in this thirty-five years. Internet resources have made some things much easier. One thing that has not changed, however, is that I will still need to rely on helpful family members to locate and supply much of the information I would like to use. I need to establish or re-establish contact with many members of the various branches of the family who are willing to help fill in the gaps or to put me in touch with other interested people.

I find that family memories, copies of newspaper clippings such as wedding reports or obituaries, copies of funeral cards and graduation announcements, family letters and many other such things are very useful in documenting what I am writing. In addition to all the dates and places for birth, marriage(s), death and burial I hope to get some biographical data such as education, job or career information, service, interests, etc.

I do not plan to actually print a book this time. Instead, using an option which removes most information on living people, I plan to post a report on my website. This has become a very convenient way to share genealogy. However, if you have an interest in this information, I would be glad to print a segment and send it to you. No doubt this would be a good way for you to see how you could help me further.

The format of this version has been determined by the use of The Master Genealogist to produce journal reports for my word processor. Section I contains material on the ancestors of William Henry Ridgely, arranged by Ahnentafel number as they would be numbered on a pedigree chart rather than grouped by family surname. Section II is a computer generated and numbered descendants report.

Dan W. Olds, Oct. 2005

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Section I: Ancestors of William Henry Ridgely

Generation One

1. WILLIAM HENRY¹ RIDGELY (*Henry, #2*) was born on 25 Jul 1786 in Anne Arundel County, MD. He died on 26 Nov 1859 in Wabash County, IL, at age 73.

For details on him, his wife, and their descendants, see Section II of this document.

Generation Two

2. HENRY² RIDGELY (*William, #4*) was born in Anne Arundel County, MD. He married Rachel Griffith (see #3), daughter of Charles Griffith and Anne Davidge, before 1778. He died in 1799 in Anne Arundel County, MD.

There are two Henry Ridgelys in the 1790 census of Anne Arundel County, Md.

Henry Ridgely 2 - 2 - 26

Henry Ridgely 3 2 6 - 3

The latter is probably the record of the Henry who died in 1799 and it indicates 3 males over 16, 2 males under 16, 6 females, 3 slaves. This is not in complete agreement with the known facts about the family. Three of the four youngest children were yet unborn but there are two extra males over age 16 who may have other relatives or employees living with the family. Charles and William would have been the males under 16. The six women would have been Rachel (wife), Achsah, Anne, Eleanor, Henrietta and Rachel (daughters).

The will of another Henry Ridgely was probated in 1791. His executor was his son Henry. His estate included 19 slaves and he is probably the other Henry Ridgely in the 1790 census. His estate settlement continued after 1800 and these records must be separated from those of Henry Ridgely whose administratrix was his widow, Rachel Ridgely.

In a deed made 22 Sept 1795, Henry Ridgely, a blacksmith, purchased part of a tract of land called Jacob's Discovery from Dorsey Jacob for sixty-seven pounds.

"... Jacob's Discovery, beginning for the same at an old bounded chestnut stump partly burnt down standing on the south west side of a branch and at the distance of about five perches there from and running south eighty eight degrees and forty five minutes, west ninety three perches, then south forty five degrees, west twenty one perches and a half, then East by South eighty one perches and a half, then South forty six degrees, East one hundred perches then North eighty eight degrees and fifteen minutes, East thirteen perches, then North sixteen degrees and fifteen minutes, west one hundred and twelve perches and one quarter of a perch then with a line drawn west to the beginning containing thirty three and one half acres of Land ..." ¹ Jacob's Discovery had been patented to Dorsey Jacob in 1795.

On 16 Feb 1797, a Henry Ridgely advertised his plantation in the Maryland Gazette (Annapolis) as follows:

"I offer for sale my PLANTATION near this city, it contains two hundred and thirty-seven acres, about one half thereof in wood, it borders on the Severn River, and is situate between two and three miles from this city. There are several very beautiful situations and prospects, commanding a view of the river and bay. The improvements are, an overseer's house, a kitchen, and a new framed barn. It has also several springs of excellent water. Possession may be had immediately.

¹Anne Arundel Admin. Bonds, 1796-1804, Book NH#8, p. 29 (Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.).

Henry Ridgely"

This ad was repeated as late as August of that year. This may not have been the Henry Ridgely who died in 1799, but compare the above description with that in his estate filed in 1800.

The bond for the administration of the estate of Henry Ridgely is dated 14 Nov. 1799 and filed in Liber J. G. No. 3, folio 242 at the Hall of Records in Annapolis, Md.² The administratrix was Rachel Ridgely, who gave John Ridgely and Charles Griffith as sureties.

"Maryland Court. Know all men by these presents that we Rachel Ridgely, John Ridgely, and Charles Griffith all of Anne Arundel County are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of one thousand pounds current money, to which payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves, our and every of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators in the whole and for the whole jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this fourteenth Day of November in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety-nine -- the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Rachel Ridgely shall well and truly perform the office of administratrix of Henry Ridgely late of Anne Arundel County deceased, according to the Law, and shall in all respects discharge the duties of her required by Law, as administratrix aforesaid, without any injury or damage to any person interested in the faithful performance of the said Office, then the above Obligation shall be void, it is otherwise to be in full force and virtue in Law.

Rachel Ridgely (seal)

John Ridgely (seal)

Charles Griffith (seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of Jno Gassaway.

Mrs. Bernice Bushfield of Toronto, Ohio, has shown a considerable degree of interrelationship among the people mentioned in Henry Ridgely's estate and that many relatives on both the Ridgely and Griffith sides of the family were early settlers in what is not Ohio county, West Virginia. Beal Pumphrey was a son of Sophia (Ridgely) Pumphrey and a nephew of Henry Ridgely. Richard Boone married Cordelia, daughter of Mary (Ridgely) Pumphrey. Cordelia was a niece of Henry Ridgely. Charles Waters was a brother-in-law of Richard Boone. Mrs. Bushfield also located two further records of this Henry Ridgely family in what is now West Virginia, formerly Virginia. In Deed Book 2, p. 51, (Brooke County, W. Va.) is an indenture dated 28 Dec. 1799: "Beal Pumphrey and Elizabeth, his wife, county of Brooke of one part and heirs of Henry Ridgely deceased, of Anurandel County, State of Maryland ... in consideration of \$2,496 to them paid by the said heirs of Henry Ridgely ... a certain tract of land situate in Brooke Co. ... Bounded by Joseph Hedges, William Boners, John Dual [sic] and Wm. Dunlap land contains 206 acres by deed 208 acres by accurate survey for which their is a title obtained from the Commissioners for adjusting the claims to unpatented lands in the county of Monongalia, Yohogania and Ohio, in the names of Jemimia White, now Ogle & Elizabeth Meeks, now Pumphrey whose title is forever quitclaimed to the said Jemima Ogle, Joseph Ogle, attorney for Joseph and Jane Ogle". The tract was back of Beech Bottom on the ridge running to West Liberty. In Feb. 1815, William and Hannah Ridgely sold all their undivided tenth part interest in this land.³

Henry Ridgely's grave has not been found. He lived "on the Head of Magothy river". The following note may apply to this man: "On December 18, 1794, Francis Cromwell sold to Nathan Williams, Henry Ridgely, John Cromwell, William Maccubbin, Zachariah Ashby, Richard Boone, and Charles Waters one acre of land at the head of Rock Creek for the purpose of erecting a Methodist Meeting House. This was the beginning of the Magothy Meeting House or the

²In 2005, found there on film WK 202-203, item 3.

³Letter from Bernice Bushfield (Toronto, Ohio) to Dan W. Olds, 15 March 1962; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

Magothy Methodist church as it is called today.⁴ Many of these people are mentioned in the records with Henry Ridgely. The Magothy M. E. Church and graveyard and also the Temperance Hall can be found in an 1878 Atlas.⁵ The only opportunity I have had to search this graveyard came during a cold January, 1958, downpour. I got quite wet and cold, but my search was not satisfactorily thorough.

The historical marker placed at this church in 1977 reads: "Magothy Methodist Church, One of the first Methodist Societies in Anne Arundel County. Log church originally erected on tract acquired in 1764, now the cemetery. Bishop Francis Asbury preached here August 27, 1777. Church built on present site in 1859 was destroyed by fire in 1886. Rebuilt as it now stands, 1887."⁶

The family appears in the 1800 census, after the death of Henry.

Rachel Ridgely
2 males under 10 2 females under 10
1 male 10 to 16 2 females 10 to 16
1 male 16 to 26 2 females 16 to 26
 1 female over 45
and one slave

The male ten to sixteen years of age would be William Henry Ridgely.

The following is from the Proceedings of the Court, 1797 - 1805:
"At a meeting of the Orphans Court for Anne Arundel County on the Second Tuesday of April 1800 being the 8th day of same month were present
The Worshipful James Mackubin
Jonathan Pinkney Esquire

Rachel Ridgely comes into court and prays to be appointed guardian to Anne, Eleanor, Henrietta, William, Rachel, Sarah, Nicholas and Davidge Ridgely, and the said Rachel Ridgely offers John Ridgely and Charles Griffith as sureties, which sureties the court approves of and orders that bond be taken in the sum of £500. "

The guardian bonds were filed the same day, 8 April 1800, in the following form: (recorded in Liber J. G. 3, folios 258 - 263 and filed in Box 47, folder 37, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland⁷):

"Maryland ___ Ct⁸. Know all men by these presents that we Rachel Ridgely, John Ridgely and Charles Griffith -- all of Anne Arundel County are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of Five hundred Pounds current money, to which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and every of us, our and every of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, in the whole and for the whole, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this eighth Day of April in the year of our Lord

⁴Harry Wright Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry* (n.p.: n.pub., 1933), p. 610. Hereinafter cited as *Anne Arundel Gentry, 1933*.

⁵G. M. Hopkins, *Atlas of fifteen miles around Baltimore, including Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Compiled, drawn, and published from actual surveys* (320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.: Hopkins, 1878), p. 18. Hereinafter cited as *Atlas of fifteen miles around Baltimore*.

⁶Magothy Methodist Church & Cemetery, online freepages.genealogy.com/~chesapeake/churches/anne_arundel/magothy_methodist_church_cemetery.html. Hereinafter cited as Magothy Methodist Church & Cemetery.

⁷In 2005, found on film WK 202-203, item 3.

⁸In 2005, I asked Robert Barnes at the Maryland Archives for the meaning or interpretation of the symbol frequently used in Maryland Court documents which I have recorded merely as Ct. He said it represents a part of the full formulaic name of the court, but did not know the text for which it stands.

Eighteen hundred.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Rachel Ridgely as Guardian to **William Ridgely** of Anne Arundel County shall faithfully account with the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel County as directed by Law for the management of the Property and Estate of the Orphan under her care, and shall also deliver up the said property agreeable to the order of the said Court or the direction of Law, and shall in all respects perform the Duty of Guardian to the said **William Ridgely** according to law. Then the above obligation shall cease it shall otherwise remain in full force and virtue in Law

Signed and sealed in the presence of Jno. Gassaway	her (Sign) Rachel + Ridgely (seal) mark John Ridgely (seal) Charles Griffith (seal)"
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Bonds were file for (1) Davidge Griffith Ridgely, (2) Rachel Ridgely, (3) Nicholas Ridgely, (4) Henrietta Ridgely, (5) William, (6) Eleanor, (7) Anne and (8) Sarah. William's bond was recorded on folio 261.

Box 47, folder 43 (Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.) contains the return of the evaluation of the property belonging to the orphans of Henry Ridgely. It was filed 12 June 1800.

"Whereas we the Subscribers whose Names are hereunto subscribed being appointed by the orphan's court of Anne Arundel County, being first duly qualified on the 26 day of May, after Examining the premises of Henry Ridgely late of Anne Arundel deceased do make the Following Return of the estate of Ann, Eleanor, Henrietta, William, Rachel, Sarah, Nicholas and Davidge Griffith Ridgely orphans of the aforesaid Henry Ridgely 221 acres of land, 85 acres land under fencing in tolerable Repair and in cultivation 31 acres cut down 115 in woods. The Principle dwelling house 16 feet wide by 36 feet long part frame and part logs out of repair, one frame barn 16 by 20 out of Repair one corn house 12 by fifteen in tolerable repair, one Meet house 8 by 10 new one Smith's shop 16 by 18 out one log kitchen 12 by 16 much out of Repair one log dwelling house 16 by 20 in tolerable repair one garden enclosed with common pailing 100 feet Squear a young baring Apple Orchard consisting of 120 trees 4 small work horses and one three year old colt 6 grown horned cattle, and six yearlings, 2 sows and fifteen shoats, 5 sheep and good cart, 2 old plows gears etc

Value annually exclusive of the assessment widows thirds and the Heirs parts that is of age considered, we assert it to be fifty two Dollars and fifty one cents.

The words exclusive of first inserted	Francis Cromwell Chas. Waters"
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The attached appointment to make this evaluation was given by Jno. Gassaway, Register of Wills, Anne Arundel County. On the back of the above return was the following incorrect arithmetic which helps in the interpretation of the document.

$$\begin{array}{r} 85 \\ 115 \\ \hline 190 \\ 31 \\ \hline 221. \end{array}$$

Quoting again from the Proceedings of the Court, 1797 - 1805 (18 July 1800)

"The Court direct agreeably to the Petition of Rachel Ridgely, administratrix of Henry Ridgely late of Anne Arundel County deceased that the said Rachel Ridgely make Sale of the personal property of the deceased for the payment of his Debts and that she return the sale thereof to this court for ratification."

In preparation for the sale, the following notice appeared in the Maryland Gazette (Annapolis) on 24 July, 31 July and 7 Aug. 1800"

"Pursuant to an order of the orphans court of Ann Arundel County, will be SOLD for ready money, at PUBLIC SALE, on Thursday the 14th day of August next, if fair, if not, the first fair day, at the place formerly belonging to HENRY RIDGELY deceased, consisting of stock of all kinds, household furniture, etc. The sale to commence at 10 o'clock in the morning.

July 22, 1800 Rachel Ridgely, Administratrix."

Box 48, folder 4 (Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.) contains the inventory of the estate and an account of a sale held 14 Aug. 1800. The inventory shows a total value of \$1497.12 and included no slaves. Rachel Ridgely was the executrix and the following notation appears on the inventory

Kindred

Greenberry Ridgely

John Ridgely

Appraisers

Francis Cromwell

Nathaniel Hancock

Creditors

Chas. Waters

Phil--- Watts

The "Kindred" notation is a very valuable clue in the identification of this Henry Ridgely.

Additional sales were held. In the Maryland Gazette for 12 Feb. 1801 the following notice appeared:

"Will be SOLD at PUBLIC SALE, on Wednesday the 25th day of March next, if fair, if not the first fair day, at the late dwelling house of HENRY RIDGELY, deceased, on the head of Magothy river,

All the PERSONAL PROPERTY of the deceased, consisting of some valuable stock of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils and two sets of blacksmiths tools. The above property will be sold for cash only, the sale to begin at 9 o'clock. Rachel Ridgely, Executrix"

This note was dated 5 Feb. 1801 and appeared again in the issues of 19 Feb., 26 Feb., and 5 March.

Sales were reported to the court on 1 Aug. 1801 (recorded in JG 3, p. 488ff and filed in Box 53, folder 24, Hall of Records, Annapolis). Sales held on 2 Oct. 1800 and 5 May 1801 are also mentioned. One item that sold was four lots of old iron. The listing required several pages. Some of the names in the report are: Walter Pumphrey, John Boone, Rachel Ridgely, John Ridgely, Robert Griffith, Acshah Ridgely, Charles Ridgely, Charles Waters, Amasa Linthicum, Mary P. Ridgely, and James Maccubbin. Mention is also made of 234 pounds⁹ due Beal Pumphrey and paid to Richard Boone for him. Money was also due to Peregrine Ridgely.

A note to Beal Pumphrey was the cause of further revealing records:

"This my note shall oblige me my heirs Executors administrators and assigns to pay or cause to be paid unto Beal Pumphrey his heirs or assigns the just and full sum of six hundred and twenty four dollars on or before the first day of November 1800 it being for value received with legal interest from the 1 day of November 1799 as witness my hand and seal this thirteenth day of October 1798

Henry Ridgely (SEAL)

witness Richard Boone"

On the back of Henry Ridgely's note was the date 28 Dec.¹⁰ 1799 and it was signed over to Charles Waters "12 Day of November 1801".

The following was filed 20 May 1802 (Chancery Papers 5541, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland)

⁹If this was paid to Boone, it is not the same note that Charles Waters later held. It is no coincidence that this amount, £234 which is also \$624, was exactly one-fourth of the amount the Henry Ridgely paid to purchase the land in Brooke County, Virginia.

¹⁰Although I thought November would fit with other records, December is clearly what Beal Pumphrey wrote.

"To the Honorable Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire Chancellor of Maryland

The bill of complaint of Charles Waters of Ann Arundel County represents that Henry Ridgely of the same county died intestate sometime about the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine without leaving sufficient personal property and seised in fee of a tract of land situate in the said county -- that he was indetted to your complainant in the sum of six hundred and twenty four dollars with interest from the first day of November seventeen hundred ninety nine on a note executed by the said Henry Ridgely to one Beal Pumphrey on the thirteenth day of October 1798 and which note was for value received on the 28th November 1799¹¹ assigned to your complainant.

"He further states that the said Henry Ridgely left the following children to wit, Achsah married to Brittanham Clarage, Charles Ridgely, Anne Ridgely who are of age [and] Elenor, Henrietta, William, Sarah, Rachel, Nicholas, Davidge Griffith Ridgely all minors and all reside in Ann Arundel County --

"In Consideration of which and inasmuch as relief can only be had in this court were[where?] cases of this nature are congizable and where the land that has descended to minors may be made liable to their ancestors debts, and to the end that the said Achsah Clarage, Britenham Clarage, Charles Ridgely, Ann Ridgely, Elenor Ridgely, Henrietta Ridgely, [Ann Ridgely, marked out] William Ridgely, Rachel Ridgely, Sarah Ridgely, Nicholas Ridgely Davidge Griffith Ridgely of Ann Arundel County commanding them and each of them to be and appear in this Court to answer the premises[?] and that you will decree a sale of the land descended as aforesaid or so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of his debts and grant such such [sic] other relief as the nature of the case demands. Jno. Johnson"

On 19 May 1803, Alexander Contee Hanson, Chancellor, issued a decree that the land be sold, appointing Francis Cromwell of Ann Arundel County as trustee for making the sale and laying out the conditions for posting bond, making the sale, and reporting back to the court.

An answer is included in which the children and son-in-law admit to the facts as stated. This suit is also recorded in Liber 56, folio 14: Waters, Charles vs. Britanham Clarage and Ashsah uxr, Charles, Ann, Eleanor, Henrietta, William, Rachel, Sarah, Nicholas, and David [sic] G. Ridgely. There is a Bill, Answer, Trustees Report, and Auditors Report. Jacobs Discovery and Piney Grove are mentioned. Francis Cromwell was one of the Trustees.

In Chancery, February term, 1803, Francis Cromwell, as trustee, was required to insert a sale notice in the Maryland Gazette. On 23 Nov. 1803, the trustees, including Cromwell, filed a report that "Jacob's Discovery supposed to contain 40 1/2 acres at and for the price of \$11.06 per acre and Piney Grove supposed to contain 222.75 acres and thirteen perches at and for the price of six dollars and ninety six cents per acre had been sold to Charles Waters of Anne Arundel Co." The sale had been made on the eighth day of the previous August.¹²

On 14 Nov. 1804, Robt. Denney, Auditor of the Court of Chancery, reported the account between the estate of Henry Ridgely, deceased, and the Trustee as having a value of 732.17.0 (or \$1954.26) from the sale of the two parcels of land mentioned above with a balance of 390.9.18, after the Court costs, Auditor's fee, and the claimants claim had been paid. Monetary amounts in this account are variously stated in lbs. Tobacco, dollars, or pounds, shillings, and pence. As an example, the Attorney fee was 600 lbs Tobacco or £3 15s and "seals and taxes" were 300 lbs Tobacco or £1.17.6. Thus there were 12 pence to the shilling, 20 shillings to the pound and the price of tobacco was 12 shillings 6 pence per hundred weight. The dollar was apparently worth 7s 6p.

The account was dated the day of the sale, 8 Aug. 1803, and Charles Waters, the assignee of Beale Pumphrey, was given £234.0.0 with interest "from November 1, 1799 to this day, 3 years 9 mo. 7 days" (or £52.18.4). The interest may have been calculated as 6 percent simple interest. [Chancery Papers 5541]

¹¹This is the same date as the deed in Brooke County, Virginia.

¹²*Charles Waters v. estate of Henry Ridgely*, Chancery Papers, #5541: see film SR5154, Liber 56, folio 14ff (1803), Archivist, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD.

Each of the ten children, by name, received a tenth part of the balance or £39.0.11 6/10. None of the land proceeds went to the widow.

The final account of this estate is in Box 41, folder 70, and The Balance and Distribution (see below) is in Box 72, folder 1 (Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.). Both records were made in 1805.

"Henry Ridgely his distribution 14th
Feby. 1805
Anne Arundel Ct. the
14 day of February 1805

to the balance of your final
account passed this day
amounting to - - - - - £
162--2--7
John Ridgely and Charles Griffith
Sureties on the Admr.

Memdm. Their is a List of debts
returned as desperate that when collected
will be accounted for amounting to - - - - - £
31--13--77¹³

Mrs. Rachel Ridgely administratrix
of Henry Ridgely late of Anne Arundel
County Deceased

D. Cr. by distribution is as follows Vizt.
to Rachel Ridgely, the widow of the
deceased one third of the
balance £
54--0--10 1/4

To Acshah Claridge one tenth
part of the balance after the widows
thirds being deducted therefrom is - - - - -
10-16-2

to Charles Ridgely, Anne Maccubin,
Eleanor Maccubbin, Henrietta Ridgely,
Rachel Ridgely, Sarah Ridgely, William Ridgely,
Nicholas Ridgely, Davidge G. Ridgely
ditto

to fractional parts remaining to
be accounted for - - - - -
3/4

Balance of estate accounted for £
162-2-7

Jno Gassaway Reg. Wills
Anne Arundel County.

¹³77 pence makes no sense; perhaps the number is 11. Furthermore, the sum is valid without this figure since $162.2.7 = 54.0.10.1/4 + 0.0.0.3/4 + 10 \times (10.16.2)$.

The conclusion that the Henry Ridgely, son of William Ridgely III, was the same as the Henry Ridgely who died intestate in 1799 is based on the following points:

1. The names Greenberry Ridgely and John Ridgely appear as kindred on the estate inventory of Henry Ridgely who died in 1799.¹⁴ These are the names of three of the sons of William Ridgely III.

2. The use of the name William¹⁵ and especially the unusual name Orrick among the descendants of Henry Ridgely, d. 1799, argues strongly for a connection with William Ridgely III whose wife was Mary Orrick.

3. William Ridgely III left part of Piney Grove to his sons John, Henry, and Greenberry jointly. A tract of land of this name was in the estate of the Henry Ridgely, d. 1799. (However, Piney Grove must have originally been a large tract and by this time belonged, in part, to several people. It was a tract of 530 acres when patented to Phillip Hammond in 1730.)

4. The chronology is feasible, but requires further support. The second known child of the Henry Ridgely who died in 1799 was born in 1779, implying that Henry was born by about 1756. The 1800 census indicates that Rachel was born by about 1755 and Henry was likely to have been somewhat older.

William Ridgely III married in 1726 and had ten children before writing his will in 1768, at which time at least the five daughters were married. His son, Henry Ridgely, was surely twenty-one or over when he came to probate the estate in 1778. He appears to have been a younger son, but older than Greenberry, born in 1754. This is in good agreement with the estimated birth date for the Henry Ridgely who died in 1799. (Note that it is also possible to insert a generation here, making the Henry Ridgely, d. 1799, a grandson of William III. No supporting evidence is known, however.)

5. Other names appearing in the estate papers of Henry Ridgely, d. 1799, can be shown to be closely related to Henry, son of William III. For example¹⁶: Mary P. Ridgely, sister-in-law; Beal Pumphrey, nephew; Richard Boone, nephew-in-law; Peregrine Ridgely, probably nephew; Charles Waters, married a half-sister of Richard Boone.

6. No other identification of Henry Ridgely, son of William, or of Henry, d. 1799, is known to have been made nor has any conflicting evidence been found.

The foregoing records constitute conclusive proof that William Henry Ridgely of Wabash County, Illinois, was the son of Henry Ridgely who died in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in 1799, and his wife Rachel Griffith.

Children of Henry² Ridgely and Rachel Griffith (see #3) were as follows:

- i. ACSHAH⁷ was born circa 1778. She married Brittanham Claridge on 21 Dec 1801 in Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁷

She appears to have been the oldest child and the first to be married. She was first named in the estate papers of her father as Acshah Ridgely then as Acshah Clarage or Claridge, wife of Brittanham Claridge.

- ii. CHARLES H. was born on 16 Feb 1779.¹⁸ He died circa 1854 in Muskingum County, OH.

His will¹⁹, dated 10 Dec. 1853 and probated in Muskingum County, Ohio, names his wife Anne and his brothers William H. of Illinois and Nicholas of Baltimore. No children are mentioned. He was living in Ohio by 1840.

¹⁴Henry Ridgely, Appraisal and Inventory Box 49, Folder 4 (AA County Testamentary Papers), Archivist, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Appraisal and Inventory for Henry Ridgely.

¹⁵Apparently Lloyd Ridgely thought his grandfather's name was William. Perhaps this was confusion with his great-grandfather.

¹⁶Letter, Bernice Bushfield to Olds, 15 March 1962.

¹⁷John W. Powell, compiler, *Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Marriage Records 1777-1877* (Pasadena, Maryland: Anne Arundel County Genealogical Society, 1991), p. 37. Hereinafter cited as *Anne Arundel County Marriage Records*.

¹⁸Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates, ca. 1855. personal files, Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC. This record, preserved by several members of the family, is traceable, at least in part, to Lloyd Ridgely.

¹⁹Muskingum County, Ohio Will Testators, online <http://www.sampubco.com/wills/oh/ohmuskingum3.htm>, stating that the will of Charles Ridgely of Uniontown may be found in Muskingum County, Ohio, Willl Book D, p. 613. Hereinafter cited as Muskingum County, Ohio Will Testators.

According to the 1850 census of Newton twp., District #13, Muskingum County, Ohio, Charles H. Ridgely was age 71, born in Maryland. Anna Ridgely, age 78, was also born in Maryland. No one else was in the household. ToDo: Find will of Charles H. Ridgely, Muskingum Co., Ohio, 1854, Will Book D p. 613.

- iii. ANNE was born circa 1781. She married Lloyd Maccubbin.²⁰ She died before 1840.

They apparently had no surviving children.
- iv. ELEANOR was born circa 1783. She married John Maccubbin.²¹
- v. HENRIETTA was born circa 1785. She married Isaac Ludley.²²
1. vi. WILLIAM HENRY.
- vii. RACHEL²³ was born circa 1788.²⁴
- viii. SARAH was born circa 1790. She married Allen White.

She was living in Baltimore, Maryland in 1840.
- ix. NICHOLAS²⁵ was born circa 1792.

Possibly this is the Nicholas Ridgely, chair maker, age 55, listed with his wife Ann, age 44, in the 18th Ward of Baltimore City in the 1850 federal census.
- x. DAVIDGE GRIFFITH was born on 17 Feb 1794.²⁶

He was living out of the state of Maryland in 1840. There is, however, a David Ridgely, age 40-50, listed in the 1840 census of Anne Arundel County, Maryland. In the 1850 census, a David Ridgely, age 57, with Ann, age 54, and several children are listed in Washington, DC. I do not have enough information to connect them, however.

3. RACHEL² GRIFFITH (*Charles*, #6) was born before 1755 in Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁷ She married Henry Ridgely (see #2), son of William Ridgely III and Mary Orrick, before 1778. She died before 1 Oct 1840 in Anne Arundel County, MD.

Newman's list²⁸ shows her as having married "C. Ridgely". When I inquired of him about this, he wrote "I am like the politician -- do not quote me what I said yesterday, but what I say today.

"I quite agree with you that Rachel Griffith did not marry "G" Ridgely, but "H" Ridgely. Since 1933 I have done a great deal of research on that branch of the Ridgely family, as it is the only branch of Ridgely which I get. In fact, I have conducted extensive research on three branches of the Ridgely families with the hopes of including them in my proposed third volume of Gentry."²⁹

Although he chose to omit his Griffith material from the newer, three volume, edition of "Anne Arundel

²⁰Query, *Baltimore Sun*, unknown location, 19 March 1905, "Please inform me what were the parents of Ann, Elinor, and Henrietta Ridgely, sisters. Ann married Lloyd Maccubbin, Elinor married Zachariah Maccubbin, Henrietta married Isaac Ledley. Descendant." No reply has been located. Hereinafter cited as *Baltimore Sun*.

²¹The marriage of Eleanor Ridgely to John McCubbin on 22 Sept 1803 is listed in *Maryland Marriages, 1777 - 1804*, Baltimore County, p. 143. This reference is in the *Maryland Historical Society*, Baltimore, Md.

²²Query, *Baltimore Sun*, 19 March 1905, "Please inform me what were the parents of Ann, Elinor, and Henrietta Ridgely, sisters. Ann married Lloyd Maccubbin, Elinor married Zachariah Maccubbin, Henrietta married Isaac Ledley. Descendant." No reply has been located.

²³She apparently had no surviving children in 1840.

²⁴She apparently had no surviving children by 1840.

²⁵He was living out of the state of Maryland in 1840 and in Baltimore in 1853 when he was named in the will of his brother, Charles.

²⁶Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates. This record, preserved by several members of the family, is traceable, at least in part, to Lloyd Ridgely.

²⁷Rachel Ridgely, 1800 microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com, shown as over age 45.

²⁸Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933.

²⁹Letter from Harry Wright Newman (Maryland) to Dan W. Olds, 13 July 1971; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

Gentry", Newman did publish his Ridgely work, including material I sent him on William Henry Ridgely.³⁰ Rachel's identification is clear from a petition first filed 1 Oct 1840 in Baltimore Co., Md., by the heirs of John Griffith. This petition was transferred to Anne Arundel County in May 1841 and recorded in Liber 157, folio 326-327 of Chancery records (Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.). It is quoted here for the considerable family information it contains.

"To the Honorable The Judges of Baltimore County Court sitting in Equity

"Your Orators Eleanor Warfield, Acshah Claridge, and Brittingham her husband, Amie Free and Moses Hicks & Ann his wife of the City of Baltimore and Basil Griffith of Montgomery County in this State respectfully set forth that a certain John Griffith late of Anne Arundel County departed this life in the current year intestate and without children seized and possessed at the time of his death in fee of a farm or part of a tract of land lying on the South side of the Severn Run in Anne Arundel County and containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less which has been devised to him by his father Charles Griffith in his last will and testament dated on the 23d day of August in the year 1803 & recorded in the office of the Register of Wills of Anne Arundel County -- At the death of the death [sic] of said Intestate the following named persons were his heirs at Law and entitled in coparcenary to said Farm, to wit. Your Oratrix Eleanor Warfield a sister to said John[,] Basil Griffith a brother & one of your Orators and Robert Griffith a brother, of Anne Arundel County and the Children of Rachel Ridgely a deceased Sister -- to wit your Oratrix _____ Clarage, Charles Ridgely, of the State of Ohio, William Ridgely of Illinois, Henrietta Ludley wife of _____ Ludley of Harford County David Ridgely and Nicholas Ridgely residing out of this State and Sarah White wife of Allen White of Baltimore -- also the children of Margaret Holland a deceased Sister to wit John Holland and Jesse Holland residing beyond the State of Maryland, Amie Free and Ann Hicks two of your Orators --As also the child of Henrietta Gohegan a deceased Sister to wit Catharine Barrow of Baltimore -- also the children of Ann Ridgely a deceased Sister to wit Bazil Ridgely of Ohio, Charles Ridgely of Prince Georges County, Ann Marriott wife of Thomas Marriott of Virginia William Ridgely of Ohio -- Lloyd Ridgely of Washington in the District of Columbia and Caroline Todd wife of William Todd of Ohio -- also the children of a deceased Sister Mary Linthicum to wit -- Lott Linthicum, Hezekiah Linthicum [here the clerk omitted at least the word Elizabeth] McKnew, wife of Benjamin McNew of Anne Arundel County and Matilda Wright wife of _____ Wright of Kentucky -- also the child of a deceased sister Achshah Boone to wit Charles Boone of Anne Arundel County -- also the children of Sarah Boone a deceased Sister to wit: Burley G. Boone, John H. D. Boone & Sarah Wheeler wife of Barrick Wheeler all of Baltimore, Ann Welch wife of John M. Welsh of the same place and Margaret Swanstead wife of Samuel Swanstead of Carroll County also the children of Charles Griffith a deceased brother to wit: Charles Griffith of Baltimore and Richard Griffith of Anne Arundel County.

"Your Orators further represent that said farm is now lying neglected and that it will not admit of a division among the many heirs herein before named, many of whom are nonresidents of this State, that the buildings fences and other improvements thereon will be falling into decay greatly to the injury of the value of said farm, and of the interest of your Orators and all others therein interested, and that it would be more advantageous to have the same sold & the proceeds of sale divided among the many heirs. -- That a sale thereof cannot be effected through the common law process & the relief sought can only be administered by a Court of Equity -- To this end therefore we pray that all the persons & parties claiming as heirs of the said John Griffith deceased, other than your Orators, and who are more particularly hereinafter named and cited to appear in this Court may come in and answer this Bill of Complaint -- as fully as if thereunto specially interrogated and may particularly state whether it will be for the interest & advantage of all the persons interested that the same be sold by a Trustee as hereinafter prayed and also whether said farm will admit will admit [sic] of partition among said heirs -- Your Orators pray this Honorable Court to pass a Decree ordering said farm to be sold & that the proceeds of said sale when made be distributed among the heirs of the said John Griffith agreeable to their respective interests therein & that a suitable person be appointed trustee to make said sale & effectuate the orders of the Court in the premises.

"Your Orators pray that process of Subpoena be directed to the following named residents of this State, to wit, Henrietta Ludley & _____ Ludley her husband in Harford County -- Allen White and Sarah his wife, Burley G. Boone, John H. Boone, Charles Griffith, Barrick Wheeler and Sarah his wife, John M. Welch and Ann his wife all of Baltimore -- Robert Griffith, Richard Griffith, Lott Linthicum, Wesley Linthicum, Hezekiah Linthicum, Elizabeth McNew and Jeremiah McNew her husband and Charles Boone all of Anne Arundel County, Charles Ridgely of Prince Georges County, Samuel L. Swampsted and Margaret his wife of Carroll County and that an order of publication be passed to the following named nonresidents of this State to wit Charles Ridgely, William Ridgely, David Ridgely, Nicholas Ridgely, John Holland, Jesse Holland Bazil Ridgely Thomas Marriott and Ann his wife, William Ridgely Lloyd Ridgely, Caroline Todd

³⁰Harry Wright Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry, Volume Three* (Annapolis, Maryland: the author, 1979) ;p. 161ff. Hereinafter cited as *Anne Arundel Gentry, Vol. 3*.

wife of William Todd and Matilda Wright wife of _____ Wright -- directing them the aforesaid resident and nonresident parties to appear before your honors on a day in said respective process to be named and answer this Bill of Complaint and to stand to and abide by such order & Decree in the premises as my seem to your Honors agreeable to equity and good conscience."³¹

Generation Three

4. WILLIAM³ RIDGELY III (*William*, #8) was born in Anne Arundel County, MD. He married Mary Orrick (see #5), daughter of James Orrick and Priscilla Ruley, on 14 Apr 1726 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.³² He died before 15 Oct 1777 in Anne Arundel County, MD. His estate was probated on 15 Oct 1777.

"Ann Arundel County Sct. the 15 day of October Anno Domini 1777 -- Sir. You are hereby required to Administer the Oaths to John Gray and William Gambрил --- well and truly to appraise the Goods and Chattles of William Ridgely -- late of Ann Arundel County deceased in Current money of Maryland as far as the same shall come to their hands possessions or knowleg and to Certify your compliance herewith at the foot of this Warrant.

Given at the City of Annapolis the day & year as above"

"To any one of the Justices
of Ann Arundel County"

Elie Vallete Reg. of Wills for AA Cty.

Both men qualified almost immediately.

"An inventory of the goods and Chattles of William Ridgely Ju:r Des:d appras:d in Current Money of Maryland By us the Subscribers being Duley Quallified for that Purpose

To waring Apperil	8	0
Negro Hagar	40	0
Negro Sampson	70	0
Negro Isaac	70	0
Negro Vallentine	60	0
Negro Pashence	30	0
To 2 Mares	24	0
To 1 Horse Colt	8	0
To 8 Hoggs	8	0
To 6 Hoggs	4	10
To 3 Cows with Calfs	12	0
To 1 Cow 1 Heifer 1 Stear	12	0
To 4 Yearlings	6	0
To 13 Sheep	13	0
To 1 Bed & furniture	6	0
To 1 Ditto with Ditto	5	0
To Saddle & Bridle	2	0
To 1 Table 40/ ... 2 Ditto 11/	2	11
To Box Iron with Heaters [?]	0	8
To 1 Lining wheel	0	12
To 1 wooling wheel	0	8
To 1 Looking glass	0	12
To 1 Chist 10/ 1 Par stillards 12/6	1	2
To 1 Par Hand Irons	0	12
To 1 Old Gun 10/- & old Chears.. 12/	1	2
To 1 Chist	0	7
To 1 Pott 30/- 1 Ditto 12/6	2	2

³¹Griffith -- John, Equity Court petition, 1 Oct 1840, Maryland Hall of Records, Chancery, Liber 157, folio 326-327, copy in my files, Spartanburg, SC.

³²F. Edward Wright, compiler, *Anne Arundel County Church Records of the 17th and 18th Centuries* (Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications), p. 40. Hereinafter cited as *AA Co. Church Records*.

To 1 Pot 8/-	Ditto 5/	0	13
To 1 frying pann[?]	2/6 Bake Iron 1/6	0	4
Tongs and Shovel		0	3

	£394	19	

[reverse side]

To 24 Peuter	1/6	1	6	0
To 1 Pare of Shears	2/6 a pouch [?]			
	old poles [?] 10/	0	12	6
To Cart and Harness		4	15	0
To 1 Skillet	12/6 1 spice Molter 12/6	1	4	0
To Juggs and Bottles		0	5	0
To old cards and A[?]		1	0	0
To Handsaw & adds	7/6 Teekittle 17/6	1	5	0
To 2 Bells	8/ 1 grindstone 7/6	0	15	6
To 3 old Plows		0	18	0
To 5 ys. woll..	11/ old tubbs ... 10/	1	1	0
To Sheep Shears	1/6 old Brush 9d	0	2	3
To Hackle	2/ 1 old Bible 2/6	0	4	6
To 20 Sole Leather	@2/	2	0	0
To 1 Hammer	1/6 Spelling Book 1/6	0	3	0
To 24 Barrals Corn	@ 12/6	15	0	0
To 2 1/2 Barrals Nubbins		0	15	7 1/2
To Aparul [?]	flax	0	12	6
To 1 Sithe		0	5	0
To old Lumbor		2	10	0
To Apprsel [?]	foddar	2	0	0
To 1 Raw hide		1	0	0
To 1 Old Pockett [?]	Rasor	0	2	6

	£	38	8	4 1/2
		394	19	-

		433	7	4 1/2

In witness whereof we have heare unto Set our Hands
 John Gray
 W Gambrill
 Mary Ridgley
 his
 Joseph IP Pumphrey
 mark
 Reason Pumfry

Ann Arundel Cty.
 of Wm. Ridgely Junr
the 9 Sept. 1778
 that this is

Came Henry Ridgely one of the admsrs
 late of AA Cty deceased and made Oath
 a true and perfect Invry. of the Goods and Chattels of the deceased
 that came to his hands or possession at the time of making thereof
 and that what hath Since or shall thereafter come to his hands he
 will return in an additional Inventory and that If he Should discover
 any concealment he will acquaint the Register with it that it may
 enquired into

Sworn before me Elie Vallette

"IN THE NAME OF OF GOD AMEN The Tuenth [sic] Day of March Anno Domini, One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight, I William Ridgely Son of William of Ann Arundel County in the Province of Maryland Being in good health and of a perfect Disposing mind and Memory thanks be to an Almighty God and Calling to Remembrance the uncertain Estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to Call, Do make Constitute Ordain and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following First I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God that please it me and my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be Buried in Decent manner as it shall please my Executrix hereafter named to think fit and appoint, And now for the settling my Temporal Estate and all such Goods as it hath pleased God to bestow on me. I do order Give and Dispose of the same in manner and form following. First I will that all those Debts that I justly owe in right or Conscience to any manner of person or Persons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented and paid within Convenient time after my Decease by my Executrix hereafter named. --

Imprimis I Constitute Ordain and appoint my well loved Wife Mary Ridgely to be my whole and Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

Item-- I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Sons John Ridgely, Henry Ridgely and Greenbury Ridgely and their Heirs forever, the following Tracts of Land Vizt. one Tract of Land called and known by the name of Ridgely's Chance whereon I now do dwell Containing three hundred and five Acres of Land more or less, Also a Tract of Land called and known by the Name of Spanish Oak Grove, Containbing fifty Acres of Land more or less, Als a Tract of Land Called and known by the name of Good Luck containing fifty Acres of Land more or less, Als Another Tract of Land Containing One hundred and fifty acres of Land more or less being part of a Tract of Land Called and known by the name of Piney Grove All Lying and being in Ann Arundel County to be Equally Divided amongst them But if Either of my above named Sons should die without Lawful Issue of his body begotten then the part or parts of Land to whom it did belong to be the Right, Estate, and Lawfull Inheritance of the Surviving Brother or Brothers and their Heirs for Ever. --

Item I Give and bequeath to my son William Ridgely Ten Shillings Current Money which is in full of his part of my Estate, so that after my Decase he shall have no Claim to any part of parcel thereof

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Son Nicholas Ridgely Ten Shillings Current Money which is in full of his part of my Estate so that after my Decease he Shall have no Claim to any part or parcel thereof.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Priscilla Griffith thirty Shillings Current Money which is in full of her part of my Estate So that after my Decease she Shall have no Claim to any part or parcell thereof

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Jane Hands thirty Shillings Current Money which is in full her part of my Estate So that after my Decease she Shall have no Claim to any part or parcell thereof.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Mary Pumphrey thirty Shillings Current Money which is in full her part of my Estate So that after my Decease she shall have no Claim to any part of parcel thereof.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Sophia Pumphrey thirty Shillings Current Money which is in full of her part of my Estate so that after my Decease She shall have no Claim to any part or parcel thereof

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Anne Rigby Ten Pounds Current Money which is in full of her part of my Estate so that after my Decease she shall have no claim to any part or parcel thereof.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my beloved Grand Daughter Anne Griffith Ten Pounds Current Money to be paid to her by my Executrix above Named.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Mary Ridgely one Negroe Woman named Rachel and one Negro Boy named George Over and Above the third part of my Estate, But if my now said Wife should Intermarry after my Decease then the above said Negroes shall be appraised and what Ever they are appraised at in Current Money shall be Equally divided amongst all my Children, My Will is farther that my Son Greenberry Ridgely shall live with his Mother in my Dwelling House, and the Land in Equality thereunto adjoining According to the above Division to be his Lawful Right of Inheritance, To him and his Heirs for Ever, And in Case of his Death without Lawfull Heirs of his body begotten, to become the Lawful right of his Brother or Brothers above mentioned --

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced and Declared his
by the Testator in presence of William W Ridgely

³³William Ridgely, Appraisal and Inventory Box 1, Folder 40 (AA County Testamentary Papers), Archivist, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Appraisal and Inventory for William Ridgely.

On the Back of the foregoing Will was thus Written

Anne Arundel County to wit Octr. 27th 1780 Then came Thomas Iams & John Haslup two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of William Ridgely late of the said County deceased and severally made Oath that they did see the Testator sign and Seal this will & that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding & that they together with William Haslup & Jacob Ryan Signed their Names as Witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator & in the presence of each other.

Sworn before me Thos. Gassaway Repr. Wills. --.³⁴

This may be the William Ridgely who appears in the Journal of Francis Asbury, the much-travelled Methodist Minister.

June 17, 1776 Rode to William Ridgely's

Oct 7, 1776 very solem watchnight at William Ridgely's

Sep 11 1777 Preached funeral service at burial of William Ridgely. This was near the Magothy River. The funeral may have been for William Ridgely III. However, William Ridgely IV died about this same time as his estate inventory was filed 9 April 1778.³⁵

Children of William³ Ridgely III and Mary Orrick (see #5) were as follows:

- i. SOPHIA²³⁶ married Rezin Pumphrey.³⁷
- ii. WILLIAM³⁸ married Mary Ann Pumphrey.³⁹ He died before 9 Apr 1778.⁴⁰

The 1790 census of Maryland lists William Ridgely, William Ridgely, Jr., and William Ridgely of Wm. This suggests caution in the identification of any William Ridgely even earlier than that. It would be interesting to know whether William Ridgely IV was the Lieut. Wm. Ridgely who was taken prisoner at Long Island in 1776.⁴¹ Although William died intestate, his estate distribution in 1785, as quoted by Newman, gives a list of his children.⁴² Although Newman reports that the final account of William Ridgely's estate was filed by Henry and Nicholas Ridgely on 19 Feb 1785, he does not report that this account shows that the estate had "paid Westall Ridgely for the deceaseds 1/5 part of the principal and interest due for a tract of land purchased of the said Westal Ridgely as p. written agreement appears."

Both the original Westall Ridgely and his son Westall Ridgely died before William Ridgely IV. Perhaps Westall Ridgely III, b. 1767, was involved, although rather young. Futher details on this transaction might be of interest.⁴³

³⁴William Ridgely will (10 March 1768), Anne Arundel County Wills Liber TG #1, fol. 6-8: The quotation is from a photocopy supplied by the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md, Archivist, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of William Ridgely III.

³⁵Raymond Martin Bell, *Reason Pumphrey, 1736 - 1812, Maryland - Pennsylvania - West Virginia, Early Methodist* (Washington, Pennsylvania: n.pub., 1984), pp. 1-2. Hereinafter cited as *Reason Pumphrey, 1736 - 1812*.

³⁶Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry, Vol. 3*, p. 155.

³⁷Ibid.

³⁸Ibid., p. 163.

³⁹Ibid.

⁴⁰Ibid.

⁴¹David Ridgely, *Annals of Annapolis* (Baltimore, Md.: n.pub., 1841), p. 185. Hereinafter cited as *Annals of Annapolis*.

⁴²Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry, Vol. 3*, p. 164.

⁴³Ridgely, William, final account, 1785 unknown file number (Accounts, folio 38-39), Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Ridgely, William, final account, 1785.

- iii. PRISCILLA⁴⁴ married William Griffith, son of Charles Griffith and Mary Wolden.⁴⁵
- iv. JANE⁴⁶ married (--?--) Hand.⁴⁷
- v. MARY⁴⁸ married Greenbury Pumphrey.⁴⁹
- vi. ANNE⁵⁰ married (--?--) Rigby.⁵¹
- 2. vii. HENRY.
- viii. JOHN⁵² was born circa 1740.⁵³ He married Anne Griffith, daughter of Charles Griffith and Anne Davidge.⁵⁴ He died circa 1818.⁵⁵
- ix. NICHOLAS⁵⁶ was born circa 1743.⁵⁷ He died in 1830.⁵⁸
- x. GREENBURY⁵⁹ was born in 1755.⁶⁰ He married Rachel Ryan.⁶¹ He died in 1843.⁶²

The name Greenberry Ridgely appears in two distinct family lines and its origin in this one appears not to be in descent from the Greenberry family. This Greenberry Ridgely was born 4 July 1754 and married Rachel Ryan on 1 May 1774. She died in 1818 and he married again. He died 17 March 1843 and his obituary appears in the Baltimore American of 22 March 1843. He was one of the first trustees and first minister of one of the first Methodist Churches in America (in Anne Arundel County, near Big Patuxent River).⁶³

5. MARY³ ORRICK (*James*, #10) was born circa 1709 in Anne Arundel County, MD. She married William Ridgely III (see #4), son of William Ridgely II and Jane Westall, on 14 Apr 1726 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.⁶⁴ She died in Anne Arundel County, MD.

6. CHARLES³ GRIFFITH (*Charles*, #12) was born on 5 Mar 1719/20 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.⁶⁵ He married Anne Davidge (see #7), daughter of Robert Davidge and Rachel Warfield. He

⁴⁴Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 155.

⁴⁵Letter, Bernice Bushfield to Olds, 15 March 1962, Priscilla was a daughter of William Ridgely III.

⁴⁶Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 155.

⁴⁷Ibid.

⁴⁸Ibid.

⁴⁹Ibid.

⁵⁰Ibid.

⁵¹Ibid.

⁵²Ibid.

⁵³Ibid., p. 159.

⁵⁴Ibid.

⁵⁵Ibid.

⁵⁶Ibid., p. 158-0.

⁵⁷Ibid.

⁵⁸Ibid.

⁵⁹Ibid., p. 162-63.

⁶⁰Ibid.

⁶¹Ibid.

⁶²Ibid.

⁶³Ida Morrison (Murphy) Shirk, *Descendants of Richard and Elizabeth (Ewen) Talbot of Poplar Knowle, West River, Anne Arundel County, Maryland* (Baltimore, MD: [Day Publishing Company], 1927), p. 106, note. Hereinafter cited as *Desc. of Richard and Elizabeth Talbot*.

⁶⁴F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 40.

⁶⁵Ibid., p. 83.

died circa 1803 in Anne Arundel County, MD.

He left a will as follows:

In the name of God Amen I Charles Griffith of Ann Arundell County being weak of Body but of Sound Disposing mind and memory praises be to Almighty God for the Same do therefore hereby make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following I give my soul in hopes to receive pardon for my sins through the merits of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ and my Body I Commit to the Earth to be Burried by the derection of my Executors hereafter Named.

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Charles Griffith and to his heirs forever all my land lying on the North Side of Severn run where his Building stands.

Item my will is that my land on the South side of the run be Equally divided between my three younger Sons Robert Griffith John Griffith and Basil Griffith to they and and [sic] their heirs forever my will is that my Sons run out the land and marke where it Croses the Brançe and run from one Crosing place to the other and Divid from from [sic] the Branch throug the land to the Outermost lines Each one haveing his part Convenient to his Building my will is that my son Bassil have my Mansion house with his part Conevniēt thereto

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Charles Griffith one Negroa Man name Sampson and one name Harry and my Prayr Book which is so mutch over and above his part of my Estate

Item I give to my son Robert Griffith one Negroa man name Dick and one name Joshua which is so much Over and above his part of my Esstae [?]

Item I Give and bequeath to my son John Griffith one Negroa man name Allick and one Woman name Bess Which is so much over and above his part of my Estate

Item I give and Bequeath to my son Bassil Griffith one Negra man name Sam and one Woman name Cate and her youngest Child my Bead and Furniture and my lefthanded Gun and two Cows and Calves and one sow and Calves and one sow and Six piggs Which is so mutch over and above his part of my Estate

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachil Ridgely One Negroa Woman name Abigail and all her increase and one man name James Which is so mutch over and above her part of my Estae [?]

item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Anne Ridgely One Negroa Sid and all her Increase which is so mutch over and above her part of my estate

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Henerator [?] Geogehagan One Negroa woman name Minte and all her Increase which is so mutch our and above her part of my Estate

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Elenor Warfield one Negra man name Nathan and Cates daughter Hannah which is so mutch over and above her part of my Estate

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Holland one Negroa woman name Mol and all her Increase which is so mutch over and above her part of my Estate

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Boon one Negroa Woman name Sue and her son Tom and all her Increase which is so mutch over and above her part of my estae [?]

item I Give and bequeath to my Grandson Charles Boon one Negroa man name Moses if he lives to age of twenty one years or has lawfull Issue if not he goes to my Daughter Sarah Boon and her heirs Which is his part in full of my Estate

I Give and Bequath all my Resedue of my Personal Esstate after my Just debts and Fneral Charges paid to be Equally Divided Between my Eleven Children shear and share alike part and part alike that each of them have their proportionable [?] part According to Apraisement I do Hereby Appoint -- Constitue and Ordain my loveing Sons Charles Griffith Robert Griffith and son in law Vachil Warfield full and Soul Executors of this my last will and Testament herby Revoking all former Wills by me made and this only to taken for my last will and Testament Which I hope my Executors will Carefully and Punctuly Observe and Execute without any Commission for their Trouble. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this 23 day of August 1803

all Interlineations being made previous to the Signing and Delivery of these Presents

Charles Griffith (SEAL)

Tested by

Richd Marriott

Greenbery Pumphrey

Greenbery Ridgely

----- END of WILL

On 24 Sept 1803, the three executors and the last two witnesses appeared in Anne Arundel County Court for the probate of the will.

Most of the information in the list of children is taken from Newman⁶⁶, although he does say Rachel married C. Ridgely (rather than Henry) and he omits Achsah Boone who was apparently deceased by 1803. The list of names is supported by the Equity document quoted under Rachel Griffith Ridgely and those indicated as deceased by 1840 have been noted from there.

Children of Charles³ Griffith and Anne Davidge (see #7) were as follows:

- i. HENRIETTA² married Robert Geoghegan on 13 Sep 1782.⁶⁷ She died before 1 Oct 1840.
- ii. JOHN died before 1 Oct 1840.
He was perhaps never married and had no surviving children but his estate settlement provides a good list of his heirs.⁶⁸
- iii. ROBERT married Elizabeth Boone on 5 Apr 1787.⁶⁹ He died in 1842; "The will of Robert Griffith was dated February 18, 1842, and proved in Anne Arundel County on May 10, 1842."⁷⁰
- iv. SARAH married John Boone.⁷¹
- v. ACHSAH married (--?--) Boone. She died before 1803.
- vi. ANNE married John Ridgely, son of William Ridgely III and Mary Orrick.⁷² She died before 1 Oct 1840.
- vii. MARY married Slingsby Linthicum.⁷³ She died before 1 Oct 1840.
- viii. ELEANOR married Vachel Warfield.^{74,75}
- ix. MARGARET married John Holland on 13 Apr 1789.⁷⁶ She died before 1 Oct 1840.
3. x. RACHEL.
- xi. CHARLES was born in 1758. He married Elizabeth Greene in Montgomery County, MD.⁷⁷ He died on 3 Nov 1824.⁷⁸
- xii. BASIL was born on 6 Jun 1759.⁷⁹ He married Ruth Gartrell in Montgomery County, MD.⁸⁰ He died in May 1841 in Fairview, Montgomery County, MD, at age 81.⁸¹

7. ANNE³ DAVIDGE (*Robert*, #14) was born in Anne Arundel County, MD. She married Charles Griffith (see #6), son of Charles Griffith and Mary Wolden. She, as Anne Griffith, was named in the will of her father, Robert Davidge on 3 Jun 1769 in Anne

⁶⁶Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933.

⁶⁷Powell, *Anne Arundel County Marriage Records*, p. 44, probably a license date.

⁶⁸Griffith -- John, Equity Court petition, 1 Oct 1840 copy in my files.

⁶⁹Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933, p. 181, 183.

⁷⁰Ibid., p. 183.

⁷¹Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933.

⁷²Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 159.

⁷³Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933, p. 181.

⁷⁴William Neal, Jr. Hurley, *The Griffith Families of Maryland* (Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, Inc., 2002), p. 15, saying that she was his second wife. Hereinafter cited as *The Griffith Families of Maryland*.

⁷⁵Powell, *Anne Arundel County Marriage Records*, p. 122, probably a license date.

⁷⁶Ibid., p. 56, probably a license date.

⁷⁷Hurley, *The Griffith Families of Maryland*, p. 14; from a license dated 26 May 1799 in Montgomery County, MD.

⁷⁸Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933, p. 182.

⁷⁹Hurley, *The Griffith Families of Maryland*, p. 14.

⁸⁰Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933, p. 181-182.

⁸¹Hurley, *The Griffith Families of Maryland*, p. 14.

Generation Four

8. WILLIAM⁴ RIDGELY II (*William*, #16) was born in Anne Arundel County, MD. He married Jane Westall (see #9), daughter of George Westall and Sarah Wade, on 4 Mar 1702 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.⁸³ He died before 10 Jun 1719 in Anne Arundel County, MD. "He lived only three years after his father, dying intestate in 1719. Letters of administration were granted to his widow on June 10, 1719, with Thomas Reynolds and Joseph Burton as her bondsmen. The inventory of the personal estate was filed at court on August 19, 1719, showing an appraisal of £139/4/9." [Inventories, Liber 2, folio 80].⁸⁴

He is on the ancestor roster for the Colonial Dames XVIIth Century. According to the listing, William Ridgely II migrated to MD. William Ridgely II married Jane Westfall [sic] and was a Historic Founder of Maryland. He died in 1719.⁸⁵

As recorded by Phi. Hammond on 8 Sept 1719, this inventory was made 29 Aug 1719 (I have not checked the original). Alexr Warfield and Jno Gaither, as creditors, approved of the inventory. Many of the items were described as being old. Several items refer to leather, shoes or items for making shoes. The most valuable single item was a negro woman named Moll, valued at 30 pounds.⁸⁶ "On June 16, 1720, Charles Carroll, Esq., released William Ridgely from a mortgage which his father, William, had placed on an unnamed tract of land, inasmuch as 'William Ridgely in his life time paid one moyety of this mortgage and his wife since his death paid the other moyety with interest amounting to £27/4/7.'" [A. A. Co. Deeds, Liber CW no. 1, folio 211].⁸⁷

Children of William⁴ Ridgely II and Jane Westall (see #9) were as follows:

- i. WESTALL³⁸⁸ married Sarah Isaac; "Westall married Sarah, born 1714, the second daughter of Richard and Sarah (Potenger) Isaac, of Prince George's County." This couple were the grandparents of Richard Ridgely who went to Lawrence County, Illinois and is the ancestor of the Ridgely there.⁸⁹
 - ii. SARAH⁹⁰ married Benjamin Yieldhall.⁹¹
 - iii. MARTHA⁹² married John Maccubbin.⁹³
 - iv. ALICE⁹⁴ married Samuel Meek.⁹⁵ She married William Woodward.⁹⁶
4. v. WILLIAM.

⁸²Robert Davidge will (3 June 1769), Md. Prerogative Court, Wills, Book 37 folio 209ff, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of Robert Davidge (1769).

⁸³F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 17.

⁸⁴Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 154.

⁸⁵Colonial Dames XVIIth Century National Society, *The Ancestor Roster, a Cameo of the Ancestors of the Members of the Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century, 1915 -2005* (North Manchester, Indiana: Heckman Bindery, March 2005). Hereinafter cited as *Ancestor Roster, CDXVIIth Cent.*

⁸⁶William Ridgely, Inventory Maryland State Arvhives, film SR4328, item 2 (Maryland Prerogative Court, inventories), Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD, folio 180-183. Hereinafter cited as Inventory.

⁸⁷Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 154.

⁸⁸Ibid., p. 153.

⁸⁹Ibid., p. 156.

⁹⁰Ibid., p. 153.

⁹¹Ibid.

⁹²Ibid.

⁹³Ibid.

⁹⁴Ibid.

⁹⁵Ibid.

⁹⁶Ibid.

vi. JOHN⁹⁷ was baptized on 20 Apr 1711 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.⁹⁸ He married Elizabeth Mayo on 1 Nov 1736.⁹⁹

9. JANE⁴ WESTALL (*George*, #18) was born on 8 Sep 1682 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁰⁰ She married William Ridgely II (see #8), son of William Ridgely I and Elizabeth (--?--), on 4 Mar 1702 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁰¹ She died in 1748 in Anne Arundel County, MD.

"Her undated will was admitted for probaton in Anne Arundel County on March 11, 1748/9". The bequests included

"To son William Ridgely 40 shillings

"To son Westall Ridgely £5

"To daughter Sarah Ridgely negro and other personalty

"To son John Ridgely "Abington whereon I dwell" and negroes.

"To daughter Martha Maccubin £10

"To daughter Alice Woodward personalty

"To son John and daughters Sarah, Martha and Alice, the residuary estate

"Son John Ridgely to be executor"

[Wills, Liber 28, folio 132]

The account filed by John Ridgely, son and executor, on March 2, 1749/50 proves the marriages of the three daughters:

"£105/29 the value of the negroes and personalty paid to Sarah Ridgely who had intermarried with Benjamin Yealdhall

"£30/15/3 the value of the personalty paid to daughter Martha Maccubin and paid to John Maccubin son of William husband of Martha

"£25/18/2 the value of personalty for Alice Woodward paid to William Woodward her husband."

[Adm. Accounts, Liber 27, folio 287].¹⁰²

After obtaining a photocopy of this will, I found that it is dated and have made my own transcription.

"Know ye that I Jane Ridgley of Annarundel County in the Province of Maryland being of Perfect Mind and Sound Memory do this twentieth Day of December Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty Six make and Ordain this and no other to be my Last Will and Testaemnt in the following manner and form

"Imprimis I give and Bequeath to my Son William Ridgley the sum of Forty Shillings current money

Item I give and Bequeath to my son Westal Ridgley the Sum of five pounds

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Ridgley none Negro Woman Named Beck and her Daughter Phebe Likewise the choice of one Feather Bed and Furniture thereto Two Pewter Dishes one gallon Pewter Bason four Pewter Plates one ... mortar and Pestle one Bell motley Skillet one Iron Spit one Large Iron ... Covering and her Choice of Two Cows and Calves.

"Item I give and Bequeath to my Son John Ridgley one Negro man Named Jack provided that he Pay to my Daughter Martha Maccubin Ten Pounds current money and the Sum of Ten Pounds to my daughter Alice Woodward also I give and Bequeath to my Son John Ridgely and his Heirs forever all my Right Title Interest and Estate Whatever which I now have or may hereafter have to that Part of a Tract of Land Called Abbington whereon I now Dwell

"Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Martha Maccubin one Feather Bed and furniture.

"Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Alice Woodward one Feather Bed and furniture

"Item I Will and Bequeath all my other Remaining Part of my Personal Estate of What Nature and Kind soever to be equally divided between my Daughter Sarah my Son John my Daughter Martha and my Daughter Alice

"Lastly I constitute and appoint my Son John Ridgley whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament

Jane Ridgley (her mark)

⁹⁷Ibid.

⁹⁸F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 29.

⁹⁹Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 157.

¹⁰⁰F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 2.

¹⁰¹Ibid., p. 17.

¹⁰²Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 154.

Signed Sealed Published declared and Pronounced by the said Jane Ridgely to to [sic] be her last Will and Testament the above Day and Year in the Presence of us

James Cadle
John Wilmoth
John Wilmoth Jr

"On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written ...

"On the 11th day of March 1748 James Cadle John Wilmoth and John Wilmoth Junior the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being Duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Severally Deposed and Said that they saw the Testator Jane Ridgely sign and Seal the said Will and heard her Publish and Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament that at the Time of her so doing she was as to the Best of their Judgment and apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they the said James Cadle, John Wilmoth and John Wilmoth Junior Subscribed their respective names as witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testatrix and at her Request. Sworn to me Wm. Rogers D Commy of Annl County.¹⁰³

10. JAMES⁴ ORRICK (*James*, #20) was born circa 1687 in Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁰⁴ He married Priscilla Ruley (see #11), daughter of Anthony Ruley, on 23 Mar 1709 in Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁰⁵ He died on 1 Apr 1715 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁰⁶

"James Orrick Jr. b. 1687 m. before 1710 Priscilla, dau. of Anthony Ruley of South River. Anthony Ruly conveyed to his da. Priscilla on Mar. 13, 1710/11 the tract of "Beetensons Adventure" and named her therein as the wife of Jas. Orrick. (AA Co. deeds Lib P K Fol. 359)."¹⁰⁷

James Orrick left a will on 25 Mar 1715.

"In the Name of God Amen I James Orrick of this Province & County being Sick and weak but in [?]fect sence & memory doe make this my last will & Testment. in manner & forme following (vizt)

I committ my Soul to God who gave it hoping thru[?] the merits of my blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ to obtain remission of all my Sins & a happy Resurrection to Life Everlasting & my Body I comitt to the Dust from whence it was taken to be decently buried at the discretion of my Exex: hereafter mentioned, and as to what it has pleased God to bestow upon me of worldly Estate (after all my just debts are pay'd) my will & desire is that it be equally divided between my Dear and Loving wife Priscilla Orrick & my two children viz my Daughter Mary Orrick & my son Ezekiell Orrik & that my Loving wife Priscilla have the use & occupation of my Childrens parts of my Estate towards the help of bringing them up that is my Daughter Marys part untill my sd. Daughter arrive at the age of sixteen years & then my wife to deliver my sd. Daughter Mary one third part of soe much as my Estate amounts to at my Decease and also my will is that my wife have the use & occupation of my Son Ezekiell Orricks part of my Estate untill my sd. son arrive at the age of eighteen years & then my wife to deliver unto my sd. Son Ezekiell one third part of soe much as my Estate amounts to at my decease

my will is that my afforementioned Daughter & Son be at their own Liberty at the ages afsd. when they are to receive there parts of my Estate as afsd. I make my Dear & Loving wife Priscilla Orrick my whole & sole Exex. of this my last will and Testamt: revoking all others as wittness my hand & Seale this 25th day of March Anno 1715

James Orrick [SEAL]

Signed, Sealed & delivered
in the p.[?]sence of
Signum
Rebecka RR Ruley

¹⁰³Jane Ridgely will (20 Dec 1746), Will of Jane Ridgely Film SR4420, Book 26, folio 132f, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of Jane Ridgely.

¹⁰⁴He was said to be age 3 in his father's will of 1790.

¹⁰⁵Robert W. Barnes, *Maryland Marriages, 1634 - 1777* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1975), p. 132. This refers to AA Co. Marriages, Book 4, p. 379. The Barnes book is reproduced on Broderbund Software's Family Archive CD #195 (Family History: Maryland Marriages and Genealogies, 1634 - 1820). Hereinafter cited as *Maryland Marriages, 1634 - 1777*.

¹⁰⁶F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 71.

¹⁰⁷Letter from Julian H. Jacob (Jenkintown, Pa.) to Dan W. Olds, 20 June 1963; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC).

Sarah SS Stevens
Henry Hill

Annap: 2d May 1715

Then came Rebecka Ruley one of the Subscribing Evidences to the above Instrumt: of writing & made oath upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that she saw & heard the above Testatr: James Orrick Seal and deliver the above Instrumt: of writing as his last will & Testamt: & at the time of his so doing to the best of her apprehention he was of a p.fect sence and memory and at the same time came Henry Hill one of other Subscribing Evidence & being one of the People called Quakers Solemnly attested in the Presence of allmighty God that he saw & heard the above Testatr: Signe and deliver the w:thin Instrumt: of writing as his last will and Testamt:

Sworne before me Benja: Tasker Depty: Comr. ¹⁰⁸

Children of James⁴ Orrick and Priscilla Ruley (see #11) were as follows:

5. i. MARY³.
- ii. EZEKIEL¹⁰⁹ was born on 21 Feb 1714. Ezekial Orrick, son of James and Priscilla Orrick, was baptized 31 March 1714.¹¹⁰

11. PRISCILLA⁴ RULEY (*Anthony*, #22) was born circa 1690 in MD. She married James Orrick (see #10), son of James Orrick and Mary Slade, on 23 Mar 1709 in Anne Arundel County, MD.¹¹¹ Abraham Woodward m. Priscilla Orr [sic], 25 (?) 1715, so the month is unknown. Her first husband had died 1 April 1715.¹¹²

12. CHARLES⁴ GRIFFITH (*William*, #24) was born on 20 Jan 1693 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹¹³ He married Mary Wolden (see #13) on 29 Aug 1717 in Anne Arundel County, MD.¹¹⁴ He married Catherine Baldwin before 1728. He died on 6 Oct 1771 in Anne Arundel County, MD, at age 78.

His first wife was Mary (Wolden) Mercer, widow of Jacob Mercer whom she had married on 17 June 1713.¹¹⁵ Capt. Charles married (2nd), in 1727, Catherine Baldwin who was born in 1705 and was a granddaughter of John Baldwin.

Newman quotes from Capt. Charles Griffith's "remarkable 'pocket book' which fortunately has been handed down to the present generation:

"Charles Griffith was married to Mary Mercer, the widow of Jacob, In the year of our Lord on August the 29th 1717.

My son, William Griffith, was born of Mary his mother the fifteenth day [Newman omits the month, but Stevenson says Aug.] 1718, On a Saturday at 4 a Clock in the Morning.

My son, Charles Griffith, was born of Mary his mother the fifth day of March 1719/20. On a Saturday at 6 a Clock at night.

My dafter, Mary Griffith, was born of Mary her mother ye sixteenth day of Janeuary 1721. On a Tuesday about 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

Memorandum. That my wife Mary Griffith Departed this life on the 18 of February 1721. And I give my dafter Mary to my brotheare Orlando wife Catherine to nurse, who was about a month and 2 days old, and I give her nine pounds a year per agreement for 2 years which I pade and my brother told me, If I

¹⁰⁸James Orrick will (25 March 1715), Anne Arundel County Wills Liber 14 folio 38: from a photocopy supplied to me by the Maryland Hall of Records, Archivist, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of James Orrick.

¹⁰⁹Ibid., from a photocopy supplied me by the Maryland Hall of Records.

¹¹⁰F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 72.

¹¹¹Barnes, *Maryland Marriages, 1634 - 1777*, p. 132. This refers to AA Co. Marriages, Book 4, p. 379. The Barnes book is reproduced on Broderbund Software's Family Archive CD #195 (Family History: Maryland Marriages and Genealogies, 1634 - 1820).

¹¹²F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, pp. 71, 75.

¹¹³Ibid., p. 65 -- lists 4 children of William and Sarah Griffieth.

¹¹⁴Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry, 1933*.

¹¹⁵Ibid., p. 179f. No further reference is known to me.

would lett her continear longer I should pay no more, only find her clothes which I agreed to, and so she continued.

Charles Griffith

John Griffith son to Charles and Catherine his Wife was borne on a Monday night about 9 a clock. In Ye year of Our Lord One thousand sevven Hundred and twenty eight 1728.

Sarah Griffith dafter to Ditos was borne Ye Thirty-first day of May on a Wednesday at 4 a clock on ye afternoon, in ye Year of our Lord one thousand sevven hundred and thirty-two.

My dear Wife Catherine Griffith, Departed this life on Whitsunday at night about Tenn a clock being the 13 day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand and thirty three, in the twenty-eight year of her age. The Lord of heaven Receive her Soule.

Captain Charles Griffith departed this life on Sunday the 6 day of October 1771 about three quarters of an hour after five o clock in the Afternoon, 38 years 4 months, and 24 days, after the death of his last wife, in the 78 year of his age.

March ye 23 1777, Mr. Benjamin Williams departed this life and on the 25 of Aprill 1772, John Griffith married the Widow of the said Benjamin, May ye 24 on Tuesday 1774, Mr. John Griffith departed this life aged 45 years 5 months 8 days (by a fall from his horse) and on the 10 September 1774, Thomas Rutland married the widow of the said John.¹¹⁶

Capt. Charles Griffith lived in Middle Neck Hundred, on the north side of South River, about 6 miles from Annapolis. He was a vestryman of St. Ann's Parish in 1737, 1738, 1739, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1750, 1758, 1759, and 1760.¹¹⁷ He left a will on 10 Apr 1767. It was proved in Anne Arundel County 17 Oct. 1771. Among the bequests were: five shillings to son William; *Richardson's Joy*, of 50 acres, *James Inheritance*, of 50 acres, *Narrow Creek*, of 41 acres, the island on the Severn, and all lands at the head of the Severn called *Narrow Neck* and negroes went to son Charles; daughter Mary White received personalty; son John was bequeathed the dwelling and plantation called *Griffith's Lot*. This was to go to the children of Nicholas Worthington if John left no issue.¹¹⁸

Children of Charles⁴ Griffith and Mary Wolden (see #13) were as follows:

- i. WILLIAM³¹¹⁹ was born on 15 Aug 1718 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹²⁰ He married Priscilla Ridgely, daughter of William Ridgely III and Mary Orrick.¹²¹ He died in Sep 1793 at age 75.¹²²
6. ii. CHARLES.
- iii. MARY¹²³ was born on 16 Jan 1721.¹²⁴ She married Joseph White on 4 Mar 1738.¹²⁵ She died in Anne Arundel County, MD.¹²⁶

13. MARY⁴ WOLDEN married Jacob Mercer on 17 Jun 1713.¹²⁷ She married Charles Griffith (see #12), son of William Griffith and Sarah MacCubbin, on 29 Aug 1717 in Anne Arundel County, MD.¹²⁸ She died on 18 Feb 1721 in Anne Arundel County, MD.¹²⁹

¹¹⁶Ibid., p. 180.

¹¹⁷Ibid., p. 179.

¹¹⁸Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933.

¹¹⁹F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 83.

¹²⁰Ibid.

¹²¹Letter, Bernice Bushfield to Olds, 15 March 1962, Priscilla was a daughter of William Ridgely III.

¹²²Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933, p. 181.

¹²³Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933.

¹²⁴Ibid.

¹²⁵Ibid., p. 179.

¹²⁶Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933.

¹²⁷Ibid., pp. 179f.

¹²⁸Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933.

¹²⁹Ibid.

14. ROBERT⁴ DAVIDGE (*John*, #28) was born say 1705 in Anne Arundel County, MD. This is an estimated date since his birth is not recorded in the St. Anne's Parish records, although those of siblings are. He married Rachel Warfield (see #15), daughter of Richard Warfield and Ruth Cruchley, on 12 May 1726 in St. Anne's Church, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹³⁰ He died in Jun 1769 in Anne Arundel County, MD.¹³¹

He left a will on 3 Jun 1769 in Anne Arundel County, MD. "In the Name of God Amen I Robert Davidge of Ann Arundel County being weak of Body but of a sound Disposing mind and Memory do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament

"Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my son John Davidge during his natural Life my Dwelling Plantation with all my Lands Joining and his Heirs forever in fee Simple after the Death of my Son John Davidge all that Tract or Parcel of Land being part of three Tracts called Smith's Rest, Ruly's Search, and Edward's Neck Beginning at a marked post standing near the Side of a Creek called poets Creek & running across my Land to another Marked post standing near the Road that leads to the lower end of the Neck and from thence to the head of Fishing Creek and from thence with the sd Creek & south River to the beginning Post, also all that other Tract or parcel of Land called Davidges Purches, Beginning at a place called Thomas's Point and Runing up the Bay Side to fishing Creek thence with the said Creek and South River to the Beginning. Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson Robert Davidge and his heirs forever in fee Simple after the Death of my Said Son John Davidge all the remaining part of my Lands contiguous to my Dwelling Plantation. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Griffith one Negro Woman named little Phillis and her two Sons one named Harry and the other named Paul. Also I give unto my sd Daughter one feather Bed and furniture belonging thereto. Item I give and bequeath unto Joshua Yates the son of Elenor Yates during his Natural Live one Negro Woman named Moll and her Daughter named Fanny but in case the said Joshua Yates should die without Lawful issue, my Will is that the said two Negroes with all their issue shall be the property of my Son John Davidge and his heirs

"Lastly I constitute and appoint my Son John Davidge my whole and Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament revoking all Wills made by me before the Date hereof I give and bequeath unto my said Son John Davidge all the Residue of my Estate both real and personal In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this third day of June in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine.

Robert Davidg (Seal)

Signed Sealed published pronounced & Declared by the said Robert Davidge as his last Will and Testament in presence of us the Subscibers

Will Thomas

Rob Johnson

William Lovell

"At the foot of the aforegoing will was thus written Vizt

"Anne Arundel County ??? June the 28th 1769 Came William Thomas & being one of the People called Quakers on his solemn affirmation declared & Robert Johnson & William Lovell the 3 subscribing Evidences to the within Will made Oath that they saw Robert Davidge the Testator herein named Sign and Seal and heard him publish pronounce and declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the Time of so doing he was to the best of their Several Apprehensions of a Sound mind Memory and Understanding and that they Severally Signed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before Elie Vallette D Commy AA Cty."¹³²

Children of Robert⁴ Davidge and Rachel Warfield (see #15) were as follows:

7. i. ANNE³.
- ii. JOHN¹³³ was born on 31 Oct 1727 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹³⁴

15. RACHEL⁴ WARFIELD (*Richard*, #30) was born in Anne Arundel County, MD. She married Robert Davidge (see #14), son of John Davidge and Elizabeth Hudson, on 12 May 1726 in St. Anne's Church,

¹³⁰F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 93.

¹³¹Letter from Sara Ellen Stubbs (5618 Teakwood, Galveston, TX) to Dan W. Olds, 15 July 1979; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC), saying his will was dated and probated in June 1769.

¹³²Will of Robert Davidge (1769) Md. Prerogative Court, Wills, Book 37 folio 209ff: from a photo copy obtained at the Maryland State Archives, April 2005.

¹³³F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 94.

¹³⁴*Ibid.*

Anne Arundel County, MD.¹³⁵

Although a Rachel Warfield and a Lydia Warfield were baptized together on 26 Feb. 1713 in St. Anne's Parish, their parents are not identified and Newman does not claim this date for the children of Richard. Neither he nor Hurley provided any identity for this Rachel and Lydia.¹³⁶

Generation Five

16. WILLIAM⁵ RIDGELY I (??), #32) was born in England. He married Elizabeth (--?--) (see #17). He died in 1716 in Anne Arundel County, MD.

"William Ridgely emigrated to the Province of Maryland, that is, he financed his own passage, and therefore was entitled to 50 acres of land as the following will prove:

27 June 1672 Came William Ridgely of Anne Arundel County and proved his Right to 50 acres of land for Transporting himself into the Province to Inhabit [Patents, Liber 16, folio 553]

"He was a brother to Colonel Henry Ridgely, but unlike his brother he lived a quiet life and acquired no great wealth. He was literate, however, and in his inventory were several books. He outlived his brother who bequeathed him his wearing apparel. His only known activity in the service of the Lord Proprietary was in 1678 when he received 240 lbs. tob. for participating in the Nanticoke Indian War." [Archives of Md., vol. 7, p. 96]

"In 1679 he with twelve other gentlemen met at the home of Richard Rawlings and testified that John Vennell died seized of 50 acres of land then possessed lawfully by Richard Rawlings."

"His early dwelling was at 'Ridgely's Beginning', but in 1700 he purchased a portion of "Abingdon" from James Finley where he later established his seat."^{137 138}

"On August 8, 1710, William Ridgely with his wife, Elizabeth, joining him as grantor conveyed to Amos Garrett, Merchant, a portion of "Vennell's Inheritance, of 50 acres, which had been granted to John Vennell, late of Anne Arundel County, deceased. At the same time he deeded to Amos Garrett "Ridgely's Beginning" of 40 acres which had been granted by His Lordship. William Ridgely signed the conveyance. [Anne Arundel Deeds, Liber PE, filio 231] [The 40 acres called Ridgely's had been patented to William Ridgely on 18 May 1679 and was on the north side of the South River in a neck called Hogg Neck.¹³⁹]

"On October 3, 1712, William Ridgely Sr. and Elizabeth his wife and William Ridgely, Jr., 'son of ye said William Ridgely' and Jane is [sic] wife deeded to Mary Ridgely, Widow, of Prince George's County, 200 acres of 'Abingdon' for a consideration of £200. The grantee was the widow of Colonel Henry Ridgely who died in 1710. William Ridgely and his son signed the deed, while their respective wives made their marks." [Anne Arundel County Deeds, Liber IB No. 2, folio 10] [If the grantees paid 100 pounds to Mary Ridgely within five years, the deed would be void.¹⁴⁰ (Thus, a mortgage.)]

"He died intestate. On November 16, 1716, letters of administration were granted to his widow, with bond placed at £60. Thomas Reynolds and John Rawlings were her sureties. William Ridgely and Jehosaphat Ridgely approved as next of kin, while Benjamin Warfield and John Gaither approved as the greatest creditors." [Inventories and Accounts, Liber 38a, folio 61].¹⁴¹

William Ridgely I is on the ancestor roster for the Colonial Dames XVIIth Century. According to the listing, William Ridgely I migrated to MD. William Ridgely I was born in 1645 and died in 1716. He married Elizabeth _____ and was a landowner in Maryland in 1676. He is incorrectly listed as William Ridgely, Jr.¹⁴² "Elizabeth Ridgely adm--- of the Goods and Chattles of William Ridgely late of Ann

¹³⁵Ibid., p. 93.

¹³⁶Ibid., p. 74.

¹³⁷The deed was dated 12 Nov 1700 and was for 200 acres. See Dodd and Bausell, Vol, II, p. 19.

¹³⁸On 14 June 1705, at the request of James Finley, William Ridgely testified that he had, in 1702 and 1703 paid some of the debts of Gabriel Parrott.

¹³⁹Rosemary B. Dodd and Patricia M. Bausell, *Abstracts of Land Records, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Vol. III* (Pasadena, Maryland: The Anne Arundel Genealogical Society, 1994), p. 25. Hereinafter cited as *Abstracts of Land Records, AA Co. MD*.

¹⁴⁰Ibid., p. 68.

¹⁴¹Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry, Vol. 3*, p. 152f.

¹⁴²National Society, *Ancestor Roster, CDXVIIth Cent.*

Arundel County Deceased" filed one account of her expenses on 30 June 1718, including funeral charges, some payments for serving citations and for "passing" the report.¹⁴³

Children of William⁵ Ridgely I and Elizabeth (--?--) (see #17) were as follows:

- i. MARGARET⁴.¹⁴⁴ Newman says this Margaret Ridgely married Nicholas Saunders in All Hallow's Parish, 24 Dec. 1727.¹⁴⁵
- ii. ANNE.¹⁴⁶ Newman lists Anne Ridgely without references or other informaton.¹⁴⁷
- iii. ELIZABETH.¹⁴⁸ Newman says Elizabeth married Thomas Macauley. She is named as Elizabeth Macauley in a deed made by her mother, Elizabeth Ridgely.¹⁴⁹
- iv. ELEANOR.¹⁵⁰ Newman says Eleanor "married [John Rawlings]" with no explanation of the brackets. He also gives John Rawlings as one of the sureties for the bond of widow Elizabeth Ridgely when administering her husband's estate.¹⁵¹
- v. SARAH.¹⁵² Newmans says Sarah married John Barry in All Hallow's Parish on 19 June 1712.¹⁵³
- vi. JEHOSEPHAT¹⁵⁴ married Frances Ruley, daughter of Anthony Ruley, on 16 Nov 1721 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁵⁵
8. vii. WILLIAM.
- viii. JEHOSEPHAT¹⁵⁶ was born in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁵⁷
Newman says Jehosephat married Frances Ruley in St. Anne's Parish on 16 Nov. 1721 and gives further detail.¹⁵⁸

17. ELIZABETH⁵ (--?--) was born circa 1658. She married William Ridgely I (see #16), son of (--?--) Ridgely. She died after 1733; William Ridgely's "widow was living as late as May 3, 1733, when by deed she gave her daughter, Elizabeth Maccauley, and her granddaughter, Elizabeth Maccauley Jr. all her wearing apparel and to her said granddaughter the residue of her estate. She apparently died soon there after. [A. A. Co. Deeds, Liber JHTJ no. 1, folio 537].¹⁵⁹

Richard Foote published an abstract of some depositions taken in 1727. These are used in proving the identity of two wives in the Colonel Henry Ridgely family, but incidentally provide information on the wife of William Ridgely. Newman became aware of this information only after the publication of the third volume of Anne Arundel Gentry in 1979. Saunders has provided a more complete abstract of Elizabeth Ridgely's statement.

¹⁴³William I Ridgely, Account of Elizabeth, adm. of William Ridgely Film titled "Roll 45" (Maryland Prerogative Court, Accounts), Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD, folio 237-238. Hereinafter cited as Ridgely, William, account.

¹⁴⁴Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 152.

¹⁴⁵Ibid.

¹⁴⁶Ibid.

¹⁴⁷Ibid.

¹⁴⁸Ibid., pp. 152-53.

¹⁴⁹Ibid., p. 152-3.

¹⁵⁰Ibid., p. 152.

¹⁵¹Ibid., p. 152-3.

¹⁵²Ibid., p. 152.

¹⁵³Ibid.

¹⁵⁴Ibid., pp. 152-155.

¹⁵⁵F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 88.

¹⁵⁶Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 152, 154.

¹⁵⁷Ibid.

¹⁵⁸Ibid., p. 152-4.

¹⁵⁹Ibid., p. 153.

Elizabeth Ridgely, aged sixty five, widow of William Ridgely, stated that "ever since she can Remember she had heard of one Alice SKINNER Coming Over Sea from the West of England, and that the said Alice SKINNER was a Relation of a Certain Jane PUDDINGTON wife of George PUDDINGTON of Ann Arundell County, and that the said Alice SKINNER after her arrival into Maryland lived some time with the sd PUDDINGTON after which she the said Alice was Married to a Certain Henry RIDGELY of the aforesaid County, all which this Deponent hath heard her Mother say, and as this Depont. grew in years being a near Neighbour to the said Henry RIDGELY, got acquainted with the aforesaid Alice the wife of the said Henry RIDGELY and that they the said Henry & Alice were always Reported man & wife & lived together as such, And after they had been married for some four? (faded, starts with a f, but I think four not five -Saunders) Years this Deponents Mother was sent for as a Midwife by the sd. Henry RIDGELY to his wife, and at her Return the Deponent understood she had Delivered her the said Alice of a Son who was after Named Charles who this Deponent was very well acquainted with dureing Sworn to 26 August 1927" "The parts I [Saunders] left out towards the end of her deposition are pretty much as stated in the abstracts." Foose shows these further statements to say that the son, Charles, went to England and came back with a wife, and had had daughters (unnamed) and a son Henry who was now about 24 years old. Elizabeth added that she had heard Alice speak of an uncle "Cornish" in the West of England.

These depositions were taken in support of Henry Ridgely's claim to land his father, Charles, had inherited through Alice Skinner and were discovered in the records of the Baptist Church of Tiverton (Devonshire) which was later built on the Skinner land. Foose comments: "The records of this case in the Provincial Court of Chancery did not survive, nor any record of Alice Skinner's marriage or her death, and no one seems to have claimed headright for her transportation to Maryland. She was remembered only in an old book in a small English town, a book that referred to documents that survived only because, unlike other early records of Tiverton, they were not sent away during World War II 'for safekeeping', only to be destroyed by German bombing."

Saunders points out that if the present purpose is to identify the wife of William Ridgely, it is important to include the section saying that "ever since she can Remember" Elizabeth, the sixty-five year old widow of William Ridgely, had heard of Alice Skinner coming from England and marrying Henry Ridgely and that she had heard these things from her mother. Elizabeth's mother was the midwife at the birth of Henry Ridgely, son of Charles, about 1703. This means that Elizabeth's mother was a resident of the neighborhood of Col. Henry Ridgely and had known of the family since Elizabeth was young. The fact that Elizabeth "grew up with" this information at least suggests there was some connection between this mother (or her husband) and the Henry Ridgely family or its near connections. This may well have been through Alice Skinner who had connections with both George Puddington and Edward Robins of the area.

Another deposition of the same group, as reported by Foose, is that of Rachel Freeborne, aged eighty years or thereabouts, who said that Alice and Mary Skinner had come from Devon, England about fifty-six years ago and lived with Rachel's grandmother, Jane, who as the widow of Edward Roberts had married George Puddington. Rachel's grandmother told her that Alice Skinner had married Henry Ridgely while living with her [Alice's?] aunt, Jane Puddington. Rachel herself had been the midwife at the birth of Henry, son of Charles and grandson of Henry and Alice (Skinner) Ridgely.

Rachel, bap. 20 Nov. 1631, a daughter of Edward and Jane (Cornish) Robins, married Richard Beard who made his will in 1675 (and may not have died until 1681), and named his daughter Rachel Clarke. This Rachel married successively, Neal Clark (whose executrix she was, for his will dated 1675), John Stinson, Robert Proctor, Richard Killburne, and Thomas Freeborne (list and evidences provided by Frederic Saunders, by e-mail). Among the other children of Edward and Jane (Cornish) was Elizabeth Robins who married William Burgess, also an early resident of South River, Anne Arundel County.

Thus, Rachel Freeborne has the family connections, presence in the neighborhood, and midwife experience to qualify as the "missing" mother of the widow Elizabeth Ridgely. If so, Elizabeth would have been the daughter of Neal and Rachel (Beard) Clark(e). Positive identification is, nevertheless, still lacking.

Frederic Saunders has provided well documented detail on the Cornish and Robins ancestries and the Henry Ridgely family at <http://home.netcom.com/~fzsaund>. See also

18. GEORGE⁵ WESTALL (*George*, #36) married Sarah Wade (see #19), daughter of Robert Wade, circa 1678.¹⁶³ He was buried on 17 Mar 1701 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD. He was Housekeeper of the parish.¹⁶⁴

He left a will on 1 Apr 1701 in Anne Arundel County, MD.

"In the name of God Amen The first day of April in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and one I George Westal of the County of Annarundall In the Province of Maryland Planter being Sick and weak in body but of Sound and perfect memory thanks be to almighty God for the same and calling to mind the uncertain Estate of this humane life and that all men must yield unto death when it shall please God to call do make constitute, and ordain appoint and declare this to be my last will and testament, Revoaking annulling and making voyd by these presents all other and former will and wills Testament and Testaments by me here to fore made and done either by word or writing and this only to be taken for my last will and testament and none other and first being humbly Penitent for my sins past and hoping to obtain forgiveness for the same and through the Merritts of my blessed Savior to be eternally Saved in hopes of which I Comitt my Soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I comitt to the Earth to be decently Intered by Executrix hereafter named and as for that Temporall Estate wherewith it hath pleased God far above my deserts to bestow upon me I give and bequeath the same to be disposed of in manner and form following, that first I will request that those debts and dues within right and conscience I owe to any person or persons and discharged in sume (?) Convenient time after my decease by my Executrix hereafter named

Item: I give and bequeath unto my deare and Loving wife Sarah Westall all that plantation whereon I now dwell Situation Lying and being in Annardall County Aforesaid together with the land belonging to it during the term of her naturall life and after her decease I give and bequeath the same unto my youngest Son John Westall to him and to his heirs forever but in default of Such issue Lawfully begotten then I give and bequeath the same to Equally divided between my daughters Alice Westall and Rachell Westall and to my son John Westall I leave my negro Child

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Sons Richard Westall and George Westal all that ____ Parcel or Tract of Land called Jackons (?) Venture Lying in Baltimore County on a Creek called Cuppotts Creek containing three hundred and fifty acres of Land more or less to be Equally divided between them Share and Share alike to Enjoy the same for them and their heirs forever but in Default of _____ of Heirs of their bodys Lawfully Begotten I will that the part and Share shall fall to the survivor of them and their heirs Lawfully Begotten but if both of my said sons Richard Westall and George Westall shall happen to die without Issue as aforesaid then I give and bequeath the Same to my Said Son John Westall and his heirs forever

Item: I give and bequeath unto the two children of Thomas Cheney begotten of my daughter Sarah Cheoney called Elizabeth Cheony and Thomas Cheoney each of them an horse

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Cheony the [wife of Thomas Cheony the sum of five pounds --- money money to be paid immediately after my decease by my Executrix hereafter]¹⁶⁵ named and

¹⁶⁰Richard T. Foose, "Alice Skinner and Elizabeth Read: Two Ridgely Wives Identified," *Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin* Vol. 29 #1 pp. 60ff (Winter 1998). Hereinafter cited as "Two Ridgely Wives Identified."

¹⁶¹Frederic Z. Saunders, "1727 deposition of Elizabeth Ridgely Re: Alice Skinner," e-mail message from fzsaund@ix.netcom.com (unknown address) to Dan W. Olds, 12 March 2004. Hereinafter cited as "Re: Elizabeth Ridgely deposition, 1727."

¹⁶²Family History Library, Tiverton, Devon, Baptist Church Records 1687 - 1845: Not seen. Reference provided by Fredric Z. Saunders; 1,526,426, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, UT. Hereinafter cited as Tiverton, Devon, Baptist Church Records.

¹⁶³Letter, Julian H. Jacob to Olds, 20 June 1963.

¹⁶⁴F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 14.

¹⁶⁵Letter from Mrs. Wilson S. Garey (Fresno, California) to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1968; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, SC) . which supplies Mrs. Miller's transcript. This section is not visible on my copy from the microfilm.

to my afore named Sons Richard and George Westall each of them a Gun to be delivered as aforesaid

Item: Lastly I give and bequeath after my debts Legacies? and funeral charges shall be paid all the remainder of my Estate either of cattle hoggs sheep horses mares or other of my personall estate to be Equally divided my said wife and my said children Jane Westall Richard Westall George Westall Alice Westall Rachell Westall and John Westall Share and Share alike to be equally divided between them and of this my last will and testament contained in one sheet of paper I leave my said wife my whole Sole and full Executrix and in Case of her mortality I desire my two friends Mr. Leonard Wayman and my Son in Law Thomas Cheony to be Trustees of this my last will.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and attached my Seal the day and year above written

GEO: WESTALL (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, published, & declared in the presence to be the last will and testament of the above named George Westall in the presence of us

Richard Duckett

Christopher (his mark) Waters

Walter Phelps Jun.

On the back side of the foregoing will was Endorsed vizt: May ye 14th 1702 then came Richard Duckett and Walter Phelps two of the within witnesses and make Oath that they saw George Westall _____ the within Testament Sign Seal publish and Declare the within written to be his Last will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of Sound perfect mind and Memory."^{166,167}

Children of George⁵ Westall and Sarah Wade (see #19) were as follows:

- i. SARAH⁴ was born on 31 Aug 1680 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁶⁸ She married Thomas Cheney on 19 Aug 1697 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁶⁹
9. ii. JANE.
- iii. RICHARD¹⁷⁰ was born on 24 Apr 1689 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁷¹ He was buried on 15 Jan 1710 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁷²
- iv. GEORGE¹⁷³ was born on 1 Mar 1690.¹⁷⁴ He married Anne Jacob on 23 Oct 1711 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁷⁵ He died in 1718. His will was written 23 June 1718 and probated 6 Oct 1718.¹⁷⁶
- v. ALICE¹⁷⁷ was born on 21 Sep 1693 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁷⁸ She married Benjamin Jacob on 1 May 1711 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne

¹⁶⁶Ibid., Mrs. Garey sent some typed material from Mrs. I. F. Miller, Mason, Mo. Her transcription of the will of George Westall was an aid in interpreting the copy I now have.

¹⁶⁷George Westall will (1 April 1701), Last Will and Testament of George Westall film 4405 from Book 11, Liber TB, f. 191, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of George Westall.

¹⁶⁸F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 2. For each recorded child, both parents are named.

¹⁶⁹Ibid., p. 7.

¹⁷⁰Ibid., p. 2.

¹⁷¹Ibid.

¹⁷²Ibid., p. 28.

¹⁷³Letter, Julian H. Jacob to Olds, 20 June 1963.

¹⁷⁴F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 2.

¹⁷⁵Ibid., p. 25.

¹⁷⁶Jane Baldwin, *The Maryland Calendar of Wills* (Baltimore, Maryland: Kohn and Pollock, 1904 --), Vol. IV, p. 185. Hereinafter cited as *The Maryland Calendar of Wills*.

¹⁷⁷F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 2.

¹⁷⁸Ibid.

- Arundel County, MD.¹⁷⁹
- vi. RACHEL was born on 20 Jan 1695 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁸⁰
 - vii. JOHN¹⁸¹ was born on 14 Jun 1699 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁸²
 - viii. JOSHUA¹⁸³ was born on 7 Nov 1701 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁸⁴ He was buried on 4 Nov 1702.¹⁸⁵

19. SARAH⁵ WADE (*Robert*, #38) married George Westall (see #18), son of George Westall, circa 1678.¹⁸⁶

20. JAMES⁵ ORRICK (*James*, #40) was born say 1655. He married Mary Slade (see #21), daughter of William Slade. He died between 9 Apr 1690 and 11 Nov 1690, which are the date of his will and the date of his probate.

He is on the ancestor roster for the Colonial Dames XVIIth Century. According to the listing, James Orrick migrated to MD. James Orrick He married Mary Slade, was an original land patentee in 1683, and died in 1690.¹⁸⁷ On 12 June 1677, James Orrick bought 100 acres of land called Flushing from Paul Dorrell. This land was between the Ann Arundel and "Maggaty" rivers. James and Mary Orrick (by their marks) sold this 100 acres on the north side of the Severn River to John Hammond on 22 Jan. 1689.¹⁸⁸

"The origin of this Md. family has been ascribed (but unproved) to the ancient Scottish family of Orrock in county Fife, on the east coast of Scotland, records of some of the name exist as early as the 13th century. The name is unusual and the source limited. Burke's Gen'l Armory contains only two or three entries under "Orrock", one listed as of Scotland but all bearing the same arms. The comparative infrequency of the name renders it logical to believe that ones bearing such a surname in the 17th century were probably of some branch of this Scottish family.

"Patents were issued to Jas. "Ourrouck" or "Ourrick" on Nov. 30. 1665 for 190 acres on the "Bayside", A. A. Co. called "Orrwick" or "Orroick" and on May 1, 1688 for 150 acres on the north side of the Severn A. A. Co. called "Orricks Fancy". He m. (according to one source) Mary Slade with issue of the following named in his will.¹⁸⁹ He left a will; as James Orouck, he wrote the will on 9 Apr 1690 and it was probated 11 Nov. 1690. His wife, Mary, was named executrix and was given 1/3 of the estate, both real and personal. To his three sons, William, age 10, John, age 5, and James, age 3, he gave the residue of the estate including 270 acres which came by heirs of Wm. Slade and 249 acres of "Ourrocks Fancy" on the north side of Severn River. His overseers were Capt. Humphrey Boone and Wm. Slade.^{190,191}

Puzzlingly, the Maryland Calendar of Wills has an entry for "James Ohrouck" of Anne Arundel County for a will made 23rd Apr 1693 (no probate date) which left unnamed land to his wife Mary, the executrix,

¹⁷⁹Ibid., p. 25.

¹⁸⁰Ibid., p. 2. The first five children are recorded together, perhaps when Alice was born as she was the first child born after the parish was established in 1692. Rachel and Joshua are recorded separately.

¹⁸¹Ibid., p. 5. John was baptized 20 July 1699.

¹⁸²Ibid.

¹⁸³Ibid., p. 12. Joshua was baptized 7 December.

¹⁸⁴Ibid.

¹⁸⁵Ibid., p. 14.

¹⁸⁶Letter, Julian H. Jacob to Olds, 20 June 1963.

¹⁸⁷National Society, *Ancestor Roster, CDXVIIth Cent.*

¹⁸⁸Rosemary B. Dodd and Patricia M. Bausell, *Abstracts of Land Records, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Vol. I* (Pasadena, Maryland: The Anne Arundel Genealogical Society, n. d.), pp. 25-26. Hereinafter cited as *Abstracts of Land Records, AA Co. MD.*

¹⁸⁹Letter, Julian H. Jacob to Olds, 20 June 1963.

¹⁹⁰Ibid.

¹⁹¹Baldwin, *The Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol. II, p. 45.

who was supposed to dispose of the land to the child (unnamed). Also unnamed land on the Eastern Shore was given to son William. Richard Moss was a witness.¹⁹²

Children of James⁵ Orrick and Mary Slade (see #21) were as follows:

- i. WILLIAM⁴¹⁹³ was born circa 1680.¹⁹⁴ He married Catherine Duvall on 22 Oct 1700 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁹⁵
"William Orrick, b. 1680 m. Oct 22, 1700 Catherine Duvall, da. of Mareen Duvall the Immigrant and sister of Mareen Duvall the Younger who m. Eliz. Jacob dau. of John & Anne (Cheney) Jacob. This Wm. Orrick had issue of one son Chas. b. 1703 d. 1708. After death of 1st w. he m. Hannah (Greeniffe?) with issue of 3 sons. (no data on these)."¹⁹⁶
- ii. JOHN¹⁹⁷ was born in 1685.¹⁹⁸ He married Susannah Hammond on 15 Dec 1719 in St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.¹⁹⁹
"John Orrick b. 1685, m. Dec 15, 1719 Susannah Hammond da. of Col. Thomas Hammond and grandda. of Gen. John Hammond. John Orrick left issue among others of Capt. Nicholas Orrick - b. 1725 who m. Hannah Cromwell. John Orrick's will pro. Oct 20, 1749."²⁰⁰
10. iii. JAMES.

21. MARY⁵ SLADE (*William*, #42)²⁰¹ was born circa 1670. Although two depositions support this date for her birth, it does not fit well with the estimated dates for her marriages and her Orrick children. whose ages are known from their father's will. She married James Orrick (see #20), son of James Orrick and Elizabeth (--?--).

The will of William Slade, written in 1675 and probated in 1676, left his daughter Mary "my plantation whereon I live and to her heires forever". He also gave her 100 acres called Wolfe Neck. It is the record of the land that ties together the Mary Slade, daughter of William Slade, and Mary, wife of James Orrick and others.²⁰²

"Mary (Slade) Riggs Daughter of William Slade married 1st a Riggs. Then in 1677 she married James Orrick and after the death of James she married Richard Moses. Mary Slade (Riggs, Orrick, Moses) did not remain a widow nor did she remain inactive in matters of land as her name appears in many land sales and wills. In 1707 Mary Eagle was in possession of 100 a. called Wolfe Neck on northside of Severn River and 50 a. called Slade Additions in A.A. Co. Md. She was also in possession of 75 a. called Broad Neck and Orrick Fancy 150 a. which was surveyed in 1683 for James Orrick whose sons William and James are party to the 1735 sale. Mary Slade (Riggs, Orrick, Moses, Preed, Eagle) was 75 years old in 1735. She inherited land from her father William Slade's Estate."²⁰³

"Mary, married (1) James Orrick[q.v.], and (2) Robert Eagle who held the land in 1707. On 2 June 1701 Robert Eagle bound himself to William Orrick of Prince George's Co., the condition being that Robert Eagle and his now wife Mary consent and agree that each may manage their own affairs without any molestation of the other, if Robert Eagle shall quit all right in the estate of James Orrick and Jacob

¹⁹²Ibid., Vol. II.

¹⁹³Letter, Julian H. Jacob to Olds, 20 June 1963.

¹⁹⁴Ibid.

¹⁹⁵F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 13.

¹⁹⁶Letter, Julian H. Jacob to Olds, 20 June 1963.

¹⁹⁷Ibid.

¹⁹⁸Ibid.

¹⁹⁹F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 131.

²⁰⁰Letter, Julian H. Jacob to Olds, 20 June 1963.

²⁰¹Stammbaum der Familie Blotenberg, online www.angelfire.com/folk/blotenberg/pafg1139.html. Hereinafter cited as Stammbaum der Familie Blotenberg.

²⁰²Will of William Slade of Anne Arundel Co. dtd. 10 June 1676, online www.rootsweb.com/~mdbaltim/wills/will004.htm. Hereinafter cited as Will of Wm. Slade, 1676.

²⁰³Stammbaum der Familie Blotenberg, online www.angelfire.com/folk/blotenberg/pafg1139.html.

[Pred?] deceased, and to any part of these estates that may belong to Mary either by right of dower or bequeathed by the will of her deceased husband. Witnessed by John Athy, Jonathan Neall, Ralph Moss. [AALR, CW1:470-71].¹²⁰⁴

In a deposition made 13 May 1731 concerning land called Hopkin's Forbearance and Piny Neck Mary Eagle of Anne Arundel County who was about 71 years old stated that her husband, James Orrick, had purchased John Jobson and Mary Cook and that they were servants to her (Mary Eagle).²⁰⁵

22. ANTHONY⁵ RULEY died in South River, Anne Arundel County, MD.

Anthony Ruley of South River conveyed to his daughter Priscilla on 13 March 1710/11 the tract of "Beetensons Adventure" and named her as the wife of James Orrick.[Anne Arundel County, Maryland, deeds, Lib. P. K., Fol. 357].²⁰⁶

Children of Anthony⁵ Ruley include:

- i. FRANCES²⁰⁷ married Jehoshaphat Ridgely, son of William Ridgely I and Elizabeth (--?--), on 16 Nov 1721 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁰⁸
11. ii. PRISCILLA.

24. WILLIAM⁵ GRIFFITH married Sarah MacCubbin (see #25), daughter of John MacCubbin and Elinor (--?--), circa 1687. He died circa Oct 1699 in Anne Arundel County, MD. His will was written on 31 Aug. 1699 and probated 23 Oct. 1699.²⁰⁹

Writers on the Griffith family of Anne Arundel County, Maryland have claimed the family descends from Llewelyn ap Griffith (killed 1282), last native prince of Wales. The surname certainly must be of Welsh origin, but the connection has not been made. Stevenson²¹⁰ says "The Coat of Arms borne by William Griffith and his descendants in Maryland is that of Sir Henry Griffith, of Burton-Agnes, York County, England, whose daughter and eventual heiress was Frances, wife of Sir Matthew Boynton of Boynton and Barnston. The same arms are also borne by the Somersetshire Griffiths, viz.:

Arms: Gules on fesse dancette argent between six lions rampant or, three marlets sa. Crest: A lion rampant, ore Motto: Gryf-f-fydd (Great Faith)"

William Griffith came from London, England, in June 1675 in a vessel owned by Michael Stuppel and Stephen Bernard, mariners, who on 18 June applied for a grant of 1,750 acres of land for transporting thirty five people, including William Griffith, to the Province of Maryland to inhabit. Newman²¹¹ suggests that William Griffith must have been a minor since he did not marry until about 1687 and obtained his first grant of land in 1694. This grant, 4 Nov 1694, was for "Griffith's Lot", 197 acres between the South and Severn Rivers. He also bought "Clark's Luck" at Hogg Neck on the north side of South River from Neale Clark.

In (or about) 1687, he married Sarah Maccubbin, daughter of John and Elinor Maccubbin. Skordas lists the immigration of a William Griffith in 1675.²¹² "William Griffith came to Maryland in 1675.

²⁰⁴Donna Valley Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 1649-1658, Volume 2: Headrights* (New Market, Maryland: Catoctin Press, 2002), p. 130. Hereinafter cited as *First Families of Anne Arundel County, Vol. 2*.

²⁰⁵Debbie Hooper, *Abstracts of Chancery Records of Maryland, 1669 - 1782* (Westminster, MD: Willow Bend Books, 2000). Hereinafter cited as *Abstracts of Chancery Records of Maryland, 1669 - 1782*.

²⁰⁶Letter, Julian H. Jacob to Olds, 20 June 1963.

²⁰⁷F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 88.

²⁰⁸Ibid.

²⁰⁹Baldwin, *The Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol. II, p. 185.

²¹⁰Howard G. Stevenson, *Griffith Family, A few of the descendants of William and Sarah Muccubbin Griffith* (San Francisco, California: Isaac Upham Co., 1927), ;p. 24ff. Hereinafter cited as *Griffith Family*.

²¹¹Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry, 1933*, p. 153ff.

²¹²Gust Skordas, *The Early Settlers of Maryland, An Index to Names of Immigrants Compiled from Records of Land Patents, 1663 - 1680, in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1986), p. 196 referring to Patents, Liber 18, p. 329 (using the pagination of the 1726 copy). Hereinafter cited as *Early Settlers of Maryland*.

[Here Warfield has a paragraph alluding to Griffith, prince of Wales]

"William Griffith took for his wife a daughter of another distinguished house in Scotland. She was Sarah Mackubin, daughter of John Mackubin, who came from the Lowlands, and claimed descent from the MacAlpines, of the Highlands, who go back to Kenneth II., the first king of Scotland.

The issue of that marriage were Orlando, Captain Charles, William and Sophia -- Benjamin Duvall, youngest son of Maren, the Huguenot."²¹³ On 30 Jan. 1687, William Griffith, planter of Anne Arundel County, bought 60 acres on the north side of South River called Clark's Luck from Neale Clarke. Later, Thomas Reynolds, in right of his wife, relict and legatee of William Griffith, late of Anne Arundel County, had this deed re-registered.²¹⁴ Stevenson quotes the following will:

"In the name of God, Amen.

The last will and testament of William Griffith of the County of Anne Arundel in the Province of Maryland, Planter, made the 31st day of August in the year of our Lord God 1699, in manner and form following, being weak of body but of perfect memory

First, I bequeath my soul to God, that gives it to me, in hopes of a joyful resurrection, in and through the merits of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in Whom I trust to have remission of all my sins, and as for my body, I commit it to the ground to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as for my worldly goods, I dispose of them in manner and form following:

I give and bequeath to my wife, Sarah Griffith, my home plantation and personal estate to her and her disposal. I give and bequeath to my son Charles and Sofiey, my daughter, the land lying at ____ called "Griffith's Lot" to be equally divided between them. I give to my son Orlando, one horse.

"William Maccubbin, William Ridgley, Jr. and Thomas Macaley were witnesses to the will, which was proved at Annapolis, Maryland, October 23rd, 1699, and recorded in Book H, folio 302."

After William's death, his widow married Thomas Reynolds, High Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and died 22 April 1716, having had issue.²¹⁵ I have compared Stevenson's transcript with a photocopy obtained from the Maryland State Archives. I believe the missing place name is "Huntonton".²¹⁶ Of Orlando Griffith, Stevenson says "His homestead at Huntingtown, bordering on Snowden's 'Summer Hill,' and surrounded by the homes of his friends, Colonel Ridgely, Nicholas Dorsey and John Worthington, was a Griffith home of historic importance. It is now know as the 'White Place' situated just north of the present Annapolis Junction on the west of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad."²¹⁷

Children of William⁵ Griffith and Sarah MacCubbin (see #25) all born in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD, were as follows:

- i. ORLANDO⁴²¹⁸ was born on 17 Oct 1688.²¹⁹ He died on 17 Mar 1757 at age 68. He left a will quoted by Stevenson.²²⁰
Orlando Griffith married, at thirty, Katharine, only daughter of Capt. John Howard by Katherine, widow of Henry Ridgely, and daughter of Colonel Nicholas Greenberry.²²¹

²¹³J. D. Warfield, *The Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland* (Baltimore, Maryland: Regional Publishing Company, 1905. repr. 1973), p. 347-48. Hereinafter cited as *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*

²¹⁴Dodd and Bausell, *Abstracts of Land Records, AA Co. MD*, p. 13.

²¹⁵Stevenson, *Griffith Family*, p. 24ff.

²¹⁶Stevenson, *Griffith Family*.

²¹⁷*Ibid.*, p. 35f.

²¹⁸F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 65 -- lists 4 children of William and Sarah Griffieth.

²¹⁹*Ibid.*

²²⁰Stevenson, *Griffith Family*, p. 35.

²²¹Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 348.

- 12. ii. SOPHIA²²² was born on 27 Apr 1691.²²³ She married Benjamin Duvall in 1713.²²⁴
- iii. CHARLES.
- iv. WILLIAM²²⁵ was born on 15 Apr 1697.²²⁶
William Griffith, youngest son of William and Sarah Mackubin, removed to the Catoctin Mountains and became Commissioner and Justice of Frederick County. He married Comfort Duvall, daughter of Captain John and Elizabeth (Jones) Duvall, of Anne Arundel, and granddaughter of Mareen Duvall.²²⁷

25. SARAH⁵ MACCUBBIN (*John*, #50) was born say 1668.²²⁸ She married William Griffith (see #24) circa 1687. She married Thomas Reynolds on 30 Nov 1699 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²²⁹ She died on 22 Apr 1716 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²³⁰

She is not named in her father's will but is named, as Sarah Reynolds, in her mother's will and was made executrix.

28. JOHN⁵ DAVIDGE (*Robert*, #56) was born say 1680. According to his father's will, he was under age 20 in 1681.²³¹ He married Elizabeth Hudson (see #29), daughter of John Hudson, in 1704 in St. Anne's Church, Anne Arundel County, MD.^{232,233,234} He married Mary Docwray on 7 Nov 1723 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²³⁵ He died on 5 May 1764 in Anne Arundel County, MD.²³⁶

"According to St. Anne's Parish Records he married Elizabeth Hudson in 1704. She died 1721 A. A. Co. Md. She was the mother of his eight children according to the autobiography of Summerfield Baldwin in the Linage[sic] Books of the National Society of the American Colonists page 69. He died intestate. His second wife was Mary Docwra m. 7 Nov. 1723 at St. Anne's."^{237,238}

I have not yet included, in the list of John's children, the Dinah Davidge who married Alexander Warfield on 3 Dec. 1723. She would make the 8th child, but her birth, as well as Robert's, is not recorded

²²²F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 65 -- lists 4 children of William and Sarah Griffieth.

²²³*Ibid.*

²²⁴Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 105. "Benjamin Duvall, of the Huguenot, married Sophia Griffith, in 1713, daughter of William and Sarah (Macfubbin) Griffith."

²²⁵F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 65 -- lists 4 children of William and Sarah Griffieth.

²²⁶*Ibid.*

²²⁷Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 348.

²²⁸Rudolph Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County," *Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin* Volume 40 No. 2 (Spring 1999): This is Loeser's estimate of the date. Hereinafter cited as "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County."

²²⁹F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 65.

²³⁰*Ibid.*, p. 72 -- Sarah Reynolds, wife of Thomas.

²³¹The Maryland Calendar of Wills (web version), online www.usgennet.org/usa/md/state/wills/01/096.html. Hereinafter cited as The Maryland Calendar of Wills (web version).

²³²Letter, Sara Ellen Stubbs to Olds, 15 July 1979.

²³³F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, which does not include this marriage of John Davidge and I have no adequate reference for the date of marriage. The recording of their children begins with Hudson David, born in 1707. The births of Bettie, Sarah and Azel are also included in this entry.

²³⁴Harry Wright Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry, Volume Two* (Annapolis, Maryland: the author, 1971). Hereinafter cited as *Anne Arundel Gentry, Vol. 2*.

²³⁵F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 91.

²³⁶I cannot now find any support for this date which was transferred from my PAF file.

²³⁷Letter, Sara Ellen Stubbs to Olds, 15 July 1979.

²³⁸F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, Wright does not include this marriage.

in St. Anne's Parish records with the other children.²³⁹ "On December 6, 1743, Samuel Howard was deeded a portion of 'Lancaster Plains' by 'Robert Davidge of Anne Arundel County Planter, son and heir of Elizabeth Davidge, the late wife of John Davidge, who was heir to John Hudson, deceased.'²⁴⁰

Children of John⁵ Davidge and Elizabeth Hudson (see #29) were as follows:

14. i. ROBERT⁴.
- ii. HUDSON was born in 1707 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁴¹
- iii. BETTIE was born on 3 Feb 1709 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁴²
- iv. SARAH was born on 1 Jul 1710 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁴³
- v. AZEL was born on 31 Oct 1712 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁴⁴
- vi. JOHN was born say 1714 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁴⁵
- vii. DELILLAH²⁴⁶ was born on 20 Mar 1719 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁴⁷

29. ELIZABETH⁵ HUDSON (*John*, #58) married John Davidge (see #28), son of Robert Davidge and Providence (--?--), in 1704 in St. Anne's Church, Anne Arundel County, MD.^{248,249,250} She died in 1721 in Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁵¹

"On December 6, 1743, Samuel Howard bought of Robert Davidge, of Anne Arundel, the son and heir of Elizabeth, the late wife of John Davidge, who was heir to John Hudson, deceased, the plantation "Lancaster's Plain". On July 7, 1744, he conveyed the plantation to Richard Warfield, Jr. for £70. Patience Howard, wife, waived her dower rights."²⁵²

30. RICHARD⁵ WARFIELD (*Richard*, #60) was born circa 1676.²⁵³ He married Ruth Cruchley (see #31), daughter of Thomas Cruchley and Margaret Baldwin, circa 1698.²⁵⁴ He died on 23 Feb 1755 in Anne Arundel County, MD; Newman (perhaps following J. D. Warfield) quotes an issue of the Maryland Gazette from 1755, without giving the exact date:

²³⁹F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*.

²⁴⁰Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, 1933, p. 249.

²⁴¹F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 72.

²⁴²*Ibid.*

²⁴³*Ibid.*

²⁴⁴*Ibid.*

²⁴⁵*Ibid.*, "John Davidg (of John) bapt. 18 Nov. (?). Godfathers were Anthony Ruley and John Davidg, godmother _____ Ruley." p. 76. This is in a series of records in which the year was not given or is illegible. John Davidge was not the godfather of his own son, was he?

²⁴⁶*Ibid.*, p. 84.

²⁴⁷*Ibid.*

²⁴⁸Letter, Sara Ellen Stubbs to Olds, 15 July 1979.

²⁴⁹F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, which does not include this marriage of John Davidge and I have no adequate reference for the date of marriage. The recording of their children begins with Hudson Davidg, born in 1707. The births of Bettie, Sarah and Azel are also included in this entry.

²⁵⁰Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 2.

²⁵¹Letter, Sara Ellen Stubbs to Olds, 15 July 1979, in which she gave no source.

²⁵²Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 2, p. 239.

²⁵³Harry Wright Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry, Volume One, Revised and Augmented* (Annapolis, Maryland: the author, 1970), p. 415. Hereinafter cited as *Anne Arundel Gentry, Vol. 1*.

²⁵⁴William Neal, Jr. Hurley, *Our Maryland Heritage: Book Fifteen The Warfield Famiies* (Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, 1999), p. 97. Hereinafter cited as *Our Maryland Heritage: Book Fifteen The Warfield Famiies*.

"Sunday last, died of Pleursey, at his plantation about nine miles from town on the Patapsco Road, Mr. Richard Warfield in the 79th year of his age who formally [sic] was one of the Representatives in many Assemblies of the County, and for many years one of our Magistrates. A gentleman of an upright and unblemished character."

Barnes states that the issue was dated 27 Feb. 1755 which makes the date of death 23 Feb. 1755.^{255,256}

In 1729 he gave a deposition regarding the history of 150 acres called "Crouchfield" which had been surveyed for William Crouch. Warfield gave his age as 53.²⁵⁷

"Richard Warfield entered the Lower House of the Legislature as a delegate from Anne Arundel County and served continuously until 1739. [Archives of Maryland, vols. 30, 34, 37, 39] He was on a commission to organize the public school system in Anne Arundel and for a number of years served on the vestry of St. Anne's Parish."²⁵⁸

Newman gives an abstract of Richard Warfield's will as follows:

"His last will and testament in which he was styled 'Gent.' was dated October 28, 1753, and probated in Anne Arundel County on March 12, 1755, with William Woodward, John Warfield, Jr. and Edward Baldwin as the witnesses. [Wills, Liber 29, folio 332].

To daughter Ruth Hall, wife of Joseph, 200 acres of 'Warfield's Contrivance' where Joseph Hall was then living.

To his niece, Elizabeth, the daughter of his brother Benjamin, then the widow of Henry Ridgely, he devised his share of 'Wincopin Neck' which he and his deceased brother patented.

To grandchildren John Davidge, Ann Griffith, Basil Warfield personalty.

To children of his daughter, Lydia Ridgely, that is Lucy Ridgely, Samuel Stringer, Anne Coale and Richard Stringer personalty.

To his cousin Richard Yate of Joshua personalty.

Residue to son Alexander, daughters Ruth Hall and Lydia Ridgely.

Executor -- son Alexander Warfield."²⁵⁹

Children of Richard⁷ Warfield and Ruth Cruchley (see #31) were as follows:

i. LYDIA⁴²⁶⁰ married Samuel Stringer.²⁶¹ She married Charles Ridgely.²⁶²

ii. RUTH²⁶³ married Joseph Hall.²⁶⁴

iii. ALEXANDER²⁶⁵ married Dinah Davidge on 3 Dec 1723 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁶⁶ He died in 1773 in Anne Arundel County, MD.²⁶⁷

15. iv. RACHEL.

31. RUTH⁵ CRUCHLEY (*Thomas*, #62) was born in Anne Arundel County, MD. She married Richard Warfield (see #30), son of Richard Warfield and Elinor Browne, circa 1698.²⁶⁸ She died circa 1713 in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD; Newman says that the death of the wife of Richard Warfield was recorded in the register of St. Anne's parish in 1713. Wright lists "wife of Richard Warfill d. (?)"

²⁵⁵Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 1, p. 416.

²⁵⁶Robert William Barnes, *Marriages and deaths from the Maryland Gazette, 1727 - 1839* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1973). Hereinafter cited as *Marriages and deaths from the Maryland Gazette*.

²⁵⁷Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 1, p. 415.

²⁵⁸Ibid.

²⁵⁹Ibid., p. 416.

²⁶⁰Ibid., p. 415.

²⁶¹Ibid.

²⁶²Ibid.

²⁶³Ibid.

²⁶⁴Ibid., p. 415-416. Joseph Hall is named in his father-in-law's will.

²⁶⁵Ibid., p. 415, 417.

²⁶⁶Ibid., p. 417.

²⁶⁷Ibid., p. 415, 417.

²⁶⁸Hurley, *Our Maryland Heritage: Book Fifteen The Warfield Families*, p. 97.

1713" so the record gives neither her name nor the full date. Both Rachel Warfield and Lydia Warfield are listed as having been baptised there on 26 Feb 1713.^{269,270}

Generation Six

32. (---)⁶ RIDGELY. "The Ridgeley or Ridgely family in Maryland is composed of three branches -- Robert, Henry and William. The latter two are definitely proved as brothers, but no relationship either near or remote has been established with Robert Ridgeley's branch which first settled at St. Inigoes, St. Mary's county. Robert Ridgeley became one of the leading early attorneys-at-law in the Province and was the progenitor of the branch which built Hampton House. This branch was conscious of its rights to display the parental coat-of-arms as is now evidence at Hampton House and also confirmed by the Maryland State Legislature after the Revolution." ...

"As to the English background, although the writer is of Ridgely descent, he has been unsuccessful in his English research in proving the parents of the Maryland settlers. The ancient orthography was Rudgeley, a family seated early in Warwickshire, with a cadet branch in Staffordshire about the temp of Henry VII (1485-1509). The arms used by the Rudgeley of Warwickshire and the Ridgeley had similar heraldic charges. The arms used by the Hampton branch were: "Argent, on a chevron sable three mullets pierced, of the first". Crest: A buck's head erased or."²⁷¹

Children of (---)⁶ Ridgely include:

- i. HENRY⁵. "Henry Ridgely emigrated to Maryland in June 1659. He had spent certainly a brief period in Virginia, where he courted Elizabeth Howard, usually stated to be a daughter of Matthew Howard, Sr., who was in Lower Norfolk County before coming up to the Severn with the non-Conformists around 1649. ... Henry Ridgely was of sufficient affluence to finance his passage and at the same time to cover the costs for four servants as well as his betrothed. In 1660 he received 5 lbs tob. by vote of the Assembly for some undisclosed public service. It was not until September 19, 1664, that he demanded land for his transportation into the Province and the transporting of his wife, Elizabeth Howard."

"Henry Ridley [sic] Demands Land for Transporting himself which is entered in Burle's book and Elizabeth Howard now his wife, John Hull, Steven Gill, Richard Ravens and Jane his servants transported June 1659."^{272,273} He left a will on 30 Apr 1705; it was not probated until 13 July 1710 in Prince George's county. One bequest was to his brother, William Ridgeley, of wearing apparell.²⁷⁴

16. ii. WILLIAM.

36. GEORGE⁶ WESTALL.

"A grant of 800 acres was issued to George Westill (Westall) under date of May 2, 1659 for the transportation of 'himself and George his son and six persons more' into the Province of Maryland. The tract was on the south side of the South River and was called 'Scorton'. The proprietor of "Scorton" apparently died intestate and nothing further is known concerning him."²⁷⁵

The name a colonial settler gives his property sometimes provides a clue to his previous place of origin. The place name "Scorton" appears in Lancashire and the North Riding of Yorkshire, England.

Colonel William Burgess who lived near South River in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, died 24 Jan. 1686. He devised many tracts of land to his children including "I give to my sonne William my message land where I now dwell, near South River, together with eighteen hundred acres adjoining, which I purchased of George Westall, and one part of is a Town appointed called London, provided my wife

²⁶⁹Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 1, p. 415.

²⁷⁰F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, pp. 68, 74.

²⁷¹Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, pp. 90 - 91.

²⁷²*Ibid.*, p. 122.

²⁷³Skordas, *Early Settlers of Maryland*, referring to patent series Liber 7, folio 461.

²⁷⁴Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 124.

²⁷⁵Letter, Julian H. Jacob to Olds, 20 June 1963, Mr. Jacob was a descendant of the Westall family and other early Maryland families.

Ursula, shall live there until my son is of age."²⁷⁶

Children of George⁶ Westall include:

18. i. GEORGE⁵.

38. ROBERT⁶ WADE died in 1694 in Anne Arundel County, MD.

Robert Wade was a planter of South River, Anne Arundel Co., MD, who died in 1694. He named his "son" George Westall and granddaughter Jane Westall in his will.²⁷⁷ He left a will on 28 Sep 1694 in Anne Arundel County, MD; it was probated 13 Nov 1694 and gave 100 acres to son Robert and (failing issue) to grandson Robert Bayly and heirs. He gave a plantation to daughter Jane and heirs. This plantation was to go to daughter Temperance if Jane died without issue. He gave personalty to Thomas Bayly and daughter Perserverance Bayly and to grandchild Jane Westall. His son Robert and daughter Jane were the executors, with son George Westall and William Bateman as overseers. The witnesses were Robert Hopper, George Westall, Sarah Westall, and William Bateman.²⁷⁸

Children of Robert⁶ Wade include:

19. i. SARAH⁵.
- ii. ROBERT.
- iii. JANE.
- iv. TEMPERANCE.
- v. PERSEVERANCE.

40. JAMES⁶ ORRICK²⁷⁹ married Elizabeth (--?--) (see #41).

"Birth: [say 1620]. Death. by 1659. Marriages: Elizabeth who m. (2) Richard Moss [q.v.] Arrival: Immigrated 1650 with Mathew Clark, Richard Wood and Henry [-?]; record says he d. 1659 leaving orphan James. [Patents, 4:69. A James Oroke was at Lancaster, Va. by 1652. Nugent, 276.]"²⁸⁰ Skordas may be referring to the same record when he says: Oroneck, James, Immigrated 1650, died prior to 1659, leaving an orphan. (Liber 4, folio 69).²⁸¹

James Orrick is on the ancestor roster for the Colonial Dames XVIIth Century. According to the listing, James Orrick migrated to MD before 1659. James Orrick married Elizabeth _____ and was a landowner in Anne Arundel County, Maryland in 1650.²⁸²

In three generations of James Orricks, the three wives have been given nine husbands. In the first generation, the husbands of Elizabeth were James Orrick and Richard Moss.

In the second generation, the husbands of Mary Slade are given as John Riggs, James Orrick, Richard Moses, Jacob Preed, and Robert Eagle. I'm still seeking evidence for John Riggs and it seems probable that Richard Moses is a confusion with Richard Moss or Moose of the previous generation. Also, I have nothing on Jacob Preed. Barnes, of Mrs. Mary Orrick, widow of John Riggs, even cautions "poss. heir of Wm. Slade" (emphasis added).²⁸³

In the third generation, the husbands of Priscilla Ruley are given as James Orrick and Anthony Woodward and this is well supported.

Children of James⁶ Orrick and Elizabeth (--?--) (see #41) were:

20. i. JAMES⁵.

²⁷⁶Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 52.

²⁷⁷Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 153.

²⁷⁸Baldwin, *The Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Volume II, p. 78.

²⁷⁹Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County*, Vol. 2, p. 101.

²⁸⁰Ibid.

²⁸¹Skordas, *Early Settlers of Maryland*, p. 343.

²⁸²National Society, *Ancestor Roster, CDXVIIth Cent.*

²⁸³Robert W. Barnes, *Baltimore County Families, 1659 - 1759* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1989), p. 482. Hereinafter cited as *Baltimore County Families, 1659 - 1759*.

41. ELIZABETH⁶ (--?--)²⁸⁴ married James Orrick (see #40). She married Richard Moss.²⁸⁵

Richard Moss, with wife Elizabeth, appears in the re-recorded land records of Anne Arundel County. They appear together in 1664 and 1668 and he sold land as late as 1669.²⁸⁶ Under Richard Moss, Russell says that Moss arrived in 1649 and "In 1661 he demanded land on behalf of the orphans of James Orrick for transporting himself into the province in 1650.[Patents, 6:105, 108; 4:69].²⁸⁷

Richard Moss of Ann Arundel County, Maryland, made his will 1 May 1675, with an addition written 7 Nov 1675 and it was probated 5 July 1676. He made his wife Elizabeth the full and sole Executor. One provision was: "Item I give & bequeath unto James Orrurke my wives son all my wearing clothes" and he also made "the said James Orrurke my loving cosen Ralph Hawkins & my loving friend William Hawkins Overseers of this my last will after my wife's decease or widowhood". This indicates that James was "of age" at the time. The children of Richard and Elizabeth (named as Richard, Ralph, Elizabeth, Alice and Ellen) were minors. Moss specified "And further my will is that my wife or James Orrurke or whoseover else shall have the Possession of my soun Ralph his Estate shall keep the housing in good repair the orchard wel ----ed and replenish it with trees as any that shall -- add to the Number every year four bearing trees untill my said soun Ralph shall come to the age of eighteene". The phrase from the codocil, "And further my will is that my Land at the mountains in Clarkmore be sold towards the Payment of James Orrucke's Portion & the remainder to be paid out of the rest of my estate" indicates that James was to get some amount of cash not explained here.²⁸⁸

42. WILLIAM⁶ SLADE died circa 1676.

Gerd Blotenburg says the wife of William Slade was Elizabeth Barker and that she died in 1709 in Baltimore County, Maryland. Barnes, however, gives no wife for William Slade.^{289,290}

"Arrival: Transported 1649, service 1663.

"Land: Surveyed 50 acre *Slayd's Hope* on north side of Severn River on 20 Feb. 1662; on 2 June 1662 100 acre *Wolf's Neck* in same area; and 50 acre *Slade's Addition* at head of Slade's Branch on 3 July 1671. On 15 May 1674 he bought from Quentin Parker for 25,000 lbs. tobacco a patent granted to Parker on 20 Feb. 1673, which Daniel Stansbury rerecorded. [AALR, IT5:134].

²⁹¹ He is on the ancestor roster for the Colonial Dames XVIIth Century. According to the listing, William Slade lived in Maryland and died in 1675.²⁹²

Will of William Slade of Anne Arundel Co. dtd. 10 June 1676
Prerogative Court (Wills) 5, pp 45-48 William SLADE 10 June 1676 ²⁹³

The last will and testament of William Slade of Anarundell River being in perfect health of body and of sound memory, Praised be to the Almighty, but knowing of our sudden departure out of this Clay, have thought good to make this my last will and testamnt in manner and form following.

Imprimis:

²⁸⁴Stella Pickett Hardy, *Colonial Families of the Southern States of America, A History and Genealogy of Colonial Families who Settled in the Colonies prior to the Revolution, Second Edition with Additions and Corrections by the Author* (Baltimore, Maryland: Southern Book Company, 1958). Hereinafter cited as *Colonial Families of the Southern States*.

²⁸⁵Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County, Vol. 2*.

²⁸⁶Dodd and Bausell, *Abstracts of Land Records, AA Co. MD*.

²⁸⁷Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County, Vol. 2*, p. 96-7.

²⁸⁸Richard Moss will (1 May 1675), Will of Richard Moss Md. Wills Book 5 Liber A, f. 143ff. (film SR4401), Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of Richard Moss.

²⁸⁹Stammbaum der Familie Blotenberg, online www.angelfire.com/folk/blotenberg/pafg1139.html.

²⁹⁰Barnes, *Baltimore County Families, 1659 - 1759*.

²⁹¹Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County, Vol. 2*, pp. 129-130.

²⁹²National Society, *Ancestor Roster, CDXVIIth Cent*.

²⁹³This is the date of probate.

I Bequeath to my sonne William SLADE, two hundred acres of land lying on the South side of petapscoe, formerly bought of Quinton Parker, deceased, and the cattle that may be called myn there, the land and cattle and their increase, to be his and his heires forever, and what else is there of myn, upon the said plantation, and a great gunne muskett, fore [meaning?? -- DWO] which is lent to Rowland [Vance? Nance?] and Robertt [Grime?]. I bequeath to him two gunns more, a Basturd muskett, and a gunne for squerrills, and a small brass pestill. Also I give him the feather bed I use to lye upon with the furniture belonging and a new suite damix curtains and a vallance never yett used, my Blackman and a gelding which goes by the name of nanies foale, and all my hoggs, excepting one barrow about three or four years old, which said barrow I give to Doctor Henry Lewis. I give unto my said sonne William my best saddle, with a snaffle and new curb bitt, and my small writing trunk, and a chest of elm standing in the outward Roome, and a trunk standing in the inward Roome, a case of tooth pickers, and what money may be found of myne, and one pair of slate buttons for breeches, likewise all my wearing cloths, both linnen and wollen, a iron pott new, and a brasse kettle:

Secondly I bequeath to my daughter Mary my plantation whereon I live and to her heires forever, only excepted my sonne to live upon it for the term of five years, without any lott [meaning?? -- DWO] or molestation, but to have the full power of it for the terms above said. I give likewise my daughter Mary one hundred [acres -- DWO] of land, more Called Wolfe Neck. I give her likewise my gray mare, to her heires forever, with her increase, a chest that stands in the milk house, a small trunk being marked I.K., also I give her my spice box, I give her one silver bodkin with the marke M.S. one silver tooth picker which was formerly her mothers, and a gold ring. I give her all my wifes wearing cloths, both linnen and wollen.

Thirdly I bequeath to Doctor Lewis one mare foale, about two years old, and to his sonne Henry and her increase forever, the young mare, being the foale of the gray mare.

Fourthly I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth a parcell of land lyeing between Richard [Mossa?] and Thomas [Turners?], called the Square, I give her my sorrell mare named nany, a feather bed that lyeth, under my lodging bed -- and what is thereunto belonging one chest which I use to carry in my boat and one silver bodkin marked M.S.

Fifthly I bequeath to my daughter anne, one feather bed which lies in the trundle bedstead and what belongeth to it, with a pare of sheets, and a chest, which stands in the inward Roome and a small white Box which stands in the inward Roome.

Sixthly I do desire that all my cattle, that I have at Severn, may [be -- DWO] Equally divided between my Sonne William and my daughter Elizabeth, and anne, and my Sonne to enjoy them at my decease.

Seventhly I do dispose of my daughter Elizabeth to be brought up with Mr John homewood untill she be sixteen years of age, and to be ffree at that age.

8thly my daughter Anne I do dispose to my daughter Mary, untill she shall come to be sixteen years, and then to be ffree.

Ninthly the Rest of my estate, after my debts is paid to be Equally divided between my Sonne William, Elizabeth, and anne my daughters, and if my sonne William Should decease without issue then what is his my desire is shall fall to my daughter anne, and if my daughter Mary should decease without issue, then hers to fall to my daughter Elizabeth.

Tenthly I do leave my trusty and loving friends Doctor Henry Lewis and John [Rix? Price?] to be my adm. over this my will and testament. Lord have mercy on my soule. In wittness to this my last will and testament I doe interchangeably sett my hand and seale this 15 day of May 1675. William Slade

Signed Sealed in presence of Henry Lewis Mary Lewis

I leave my Sonne William to be at the tuition of John [Rix? Price?] untill he comes to the age of Seventeen years to be instructed in learning as wittness my hand this 5th of June 1675.

William Slade

Testis

Hen: Lewis

William Sutton

Contributed by Wally Garchow.²⁹⁴

The abstract supplied by Russell differs somewhat from this version. She says the small trunk given to Mary was marked "Margaret" as was the silver bodkin given to Margaret. These mentions cause Russell to suggest that the name of William Slade's wife may have been Margaret.²⁹⁵ I have a photocopy of this will, made from the microfilm of the clerk's copy. I can not read it as well as the abstract provided by Wally Garchow, but where Russell has seen items marked "Margaret", I see items "marked as per *margent*" and the clerk has placed the initials I. K. and M. S. in the margin of his entry book. Thus, I see no evidence for the given name of Mrs. William Slade.

On 19 May 1676, this will was ordered for probate and on 10 June 1676, Dr. Henry Lewis and William Sutton appeared before the court to do so.²⁹⁶

"The inventory of his estate was valued at 38,994 lbs. tobacco by Robert Davidge and Ralph Hawkins on 25 June 1675 and mentioned *Slade's Addition, Slade's Hope, Wolfs Neck* bought of Quentin Parker, and servants Christopher Cox, Edward Ridling, Sarah Humphreys.[I&A: 2:271. 4:358].²⁹⁷

Children of William^o Slade include:

- i. ANNE.^{5,298} Anne was not yet 16 when her father wrote his will in 1675.
- ii. WILLIAM.²⁹⁹ William was not yet seventeen when his father wrote the codicil to his will in 1675.
- iii. ELIZABETH.³⁰⁰ Elizabeth was not yet 16 when her father wrote his will in 1675. Although there is some doubt about the connection of Mary, daughter of William Slade, to Richard Moss, the following shows a Moss connection for his daughter Elizabeth.

Slade's Hope, 50 acres on the north side of the Severn River, was patented to William Slade on 3 Aug 1664. He willed it to his daughter Elizabeth who became the wife of Richard Moss. Richard and Elizabeth Moss sold the tract to Richard Bayley on 7 Feb. 1681/2. Bayley then sold to Richard Bennison on 12 Aug 1684. Bennison bequeathed the tract to Mary Ball, his wife's daughter by a former husband. Mary Ball married Edward Peake and bequeathed the land to him. On 12 March 1705/6, Edward Peake and Katherine his wife sold this land to Amos Garrett.³⁰¹

Note that this Elizabeth was wife of a Richard Moss living in 1681 which identifies her as the wife of Richard Moss, Jr., who is given the maiden name of Hammond by both Newman³⁰² and Russell³⁰³. That now appears to be incorrect.

21. iv. MARY.

²⁹⁴Will of Wm. Slade, 1676, online www.rootsweb.com/~mdbaltim/wills/will004.htm.

²⁹⁵Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County*, Vol. 2, pp. 129-130.

²⁹⁶William Slade will (15 May 1675), Will of William Slade Maryland Prerogative Court, Willis, Book 5, Liver A, f. 45ff (on film SR 4401), Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of William Slade.

²⁹⁷Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County*, Vol. 2, pp. 129-130.

²⁹⁸Stammbaum der Familie Blotenberg, online www.angelfire.com/folk/blotenberg/pafg1139.html.

²⁹⁹Ibid.

³⁰⁰Ibid.

³⁰¹Rosemary B. Dodd and Patricia M. Bausell, *Abstracts of Land Records, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Vol. II* (Pasadena, Maryland: The Anne Arundel Genealogical Society, n. d.), p. 137, from Anne Arundel County Land Records, Book WT 2, p. 335. Hereinafter cited as *Abstracts of Land Records, AA Co. MD*.

³⁰²Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 3, p. 5.

³⁰³Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County*, Vol. 2, p. 97-98.

50. JOHN⁶ MACCUBBIN was born say 1630. Loeser finds nothing to prove the connection of this John Maccubbin to a John Maccubbin of Knockdolian, Scotland, as has often been suggested.³⁰⁴ He married Elinor (--?--) (see #51). The claim that John Maccubbin married Susan, daughter of Samuel Howard, as made by Warfield³⁰⁵, cannot be supported. In fact, there is no evidence that he married any Howard woman or, in fact, had a wife other than Eleanor. The will of Samuel Howard, made 28 Feb. 1702/3 and probated 9 Nov. 1703, does mention grandchildren John, Samuel and Elizabeth Maccubbins but Elizabeth was still single and John and Samuel were not yet 18, much younger than the like-named sons of John Maccubbin, Sr. They were, in fact, sons of John Maccubbin, Jr.³⁰⁶ Confusion may also have resulted from the fact that Eleanor, widow of John Maccubbin, married John Howard, Sr., a brother of this Samuel Howard.

Ellis Browne claimed three hundred acres of land for transporting himself, Edward Stone and John Maccubbin to Maryland in 1649.[Patents 5:462-3].³⁰⁷

"Genealogy of the Welsh and Hyatt Families

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JOHN MACCUBBIN, IMMIGRANT.

Maccubbin--Howard--(Elinor--).

I. Jn. Maccubbin, the writer's Scotch ancestor, prob. came to Md. in 1659 (or 1659-60), the yr. in wh. he took up "Timber Rock" in A. A. Co. His marriage, not until 6 yrs later (1665), indicates that he was then a young man, b. prob. c1640.

His will, dated 9.21.1685, proved 7.31.1686 (doubtless the year he died), names his wf. Ellenor, exec.; four sons (Sam, Wm., Zachariah and Moses, who were under 18 yrs. of age, that is, b. after July 1667), to each of whom he left 50a. of "Wordrape" on the north side of South R.; and his son John (clearly his eldest son, b. before July, 1667), to whom he bequeathed, without age restriction, 140 acres, "Brampton," on the n. side of South R. (Annap. 4.207, as given in Md. Cal., v. 2). No das. are given in the will, although he had at least 2 das. then living, viz., Eliz. (See Sec. 1, Sam Howard's will, 1702-1703), and Sarah (Sec. 1, will of Jn. Hwd., Sr., 1695-96, and will of Elinor Hwd., 1705-11, below).

"Old Kent," 50 yrs. ago, wrote (p. 150) of Nicholas Maccubbin (gd. son of Jn. 1) that he was "a Scotchman (called Maccubbin in the Lowlands, but whose name in his native Highlands was MacAlpine), who claimed descent from Kenneth II, surnamed MacAlpine, who died in 858, and who, having united the Scots and Picts under one sceptre, was the first King of all Scotland." This claim of descent from the royal line of Scotland's Kings, who reigned for 25 generations, seems to have been accepted as authentic by Md. genealogists (See "Founders," 177; Miss Lantz, B. Sun, 6.10.1906; "Marylanders of Royal Blood," B. Sun, 9.23.1906; Col. Fams. IV, Maccubbin). Mr. R. R. Griffith, whose genealogy is composed entirely of descs. of Jn. Maccubbin1 through his da. Sarah, contented himself with saying that his Maccubbin forbear was "a scion of an ancient Scottish family."

It is rather strange that the published "genealogies" are exceptionally erroneous concerning Jn. Maccubbin's marriage and children. Thus, "Founder's," p. 177: "Jn. Mccbn. m.1 Susan Howard of Sam, and m. Elinor, who was, as I believe, of the fam. of Dr. Chs. Carroll and Jas. Cll. of A. H. Par., both of whom were wss. to her will in 1711" (1705). Miss Lantz, B. Sun, 6.10.1906: "Jn. Mccbn., Colonist, m.1 Sarah Hwd. of Sam and had Jn., Zach., Wm., Sam and Moses; m.2 Eleanor, believed to be Carroll. and had Sarah., thought by descs. of Jn. to have been the only child by his 2d wife, as the other chn. are named in the will of their gd. fa. Saml. Howard" (only 3 Macubbin chn. are named in this will). Comes now Col. Fams. IV with the same or similar errors: "Jn. Mccbn. m.?? Susan Hwd., da. of Saml. Hwd. and Cath. Warner, and had Jn., Sam., Wm., Zach., Moses and Eliz.; m.2 Elinor Carroll (conjecture now given as fact), and had Sarah, only child by 2d wf." "Abridged compend of American Genealogy" [published 1925] has the faults of the above, or worse (See pp. 50, 192, 381). The facts, with proofs, are as follows:

(1st). Jn. Maccubbin m.1 a da. of Saml. Hwd., by whom he had 3 chn. only, Jn., Saml., and Eliz. (will of Saml. Hwd. Sec. 1). (2d). The above sons, Jn. Jr. and Saml., are named in their father's will above: Jn. as

³⁰⁴Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County", which is a careful study of John Maccubbin and his family, with more than 300 footnotes, and quotes many of the relevant documents.

³⁰⁵Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 177.

³⁰⁶Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County", p. 170.

³⁰⁷Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County."

the chief beneficiary, over 18 when the will was made, 9.21.1685; and Saml., as under 18. This proves that Jn. was b. prior to Sep. 21, 1667 (c1666), that Saml., the 2d son, was b. after Sep. 21, 1667 (c1668), and that Eliz., as the 3d and last child by 1st wf., was b. about 1669 or 1670 (confirmed by date of birth of Sarah, the next child, below). (3d). These facts established, others follow, viz.: That Jn. McC. m. his 1st wife in 1665 (possibly earlier, but not later); That she, if not over 15 or 16 at marriage, was b. not later than 1650 (c1649), and that her mother (wife of Saml. Hwd.) must have been at least 16 yrs. older, that is, b. c1633 (See Sec. 1, Saml. Hwd.).

Note--There is no reason to believe that Jn. McCubbin's 1st wf. did not d. before her husband remarried. Hence, unless Sam. Hwd. had 2 das. of the name Susan, Jn. McC.1 did not m. Susan Howard, as Susan was living in 1702, and is named in her father, Saml. Howard's, will of that date. Nor was Jn. McC.'s 1st wf. Sarah Howard of Saml., if "Founders," p. 70. is correct in stating that Sarah m. Peter Porter. It is probable that a. da. of Saml. Howard, whose name is unknown, older than Sarah and Susan, was Jn. Maccubbin's 1st wf. She d. soon after the birth of her only da., Eliz., who, in such case, may well have been given the mother's name.

Jn. Maccubbin m.2 Elinor(???), who survived him and m., as her 2d husband, Jn. Howard, Sr. (See wills of her husbands). Sarah Mcbn. was the da. of Jn. and Elinor, and m.1 Wm. Griffith, immigrant, and m.2 Th. Reynolds (See will of Jn. Hwd., Sr., 1695, in Sec. 1; will of Wm. Gth., 1699, Annap., Book H. fol. 302; will of Elinor Hwd., 1705, below). Sarah's 2d m.--to Th. Reynolds--occurred 11.30.1699 (St. Anne .372). Her 1st m.--to Wm. Gth.--was in 1687, not later than Jan. 1687-8, as her eldest child, Orlando Gth., was b. 10.21.1688 (See Gth. Gen., p. 2). Thus, only 17 yrs. intervened between the birth of Eliz. (c1670), Jn. Mcbn.'s da. by his 1st wf., and the marriage of Sarah (1687), his da. by his 2d wf. This means that Jn. Mcbn.'s Howard wife d. c1670 (the year her last ch. was born), that he m. his 2d wf. Elinor c1670-71 (prob. 1671), and had Sarah, b. 1671 or 1672, and only 15 or 16 yrs. old when she m. Wm, Griffith in 1687. Sarah was thus, unmistakably, the eldest ch. of Jn. Mcbu. and his 2d wf. Elinor, and his other chn., Wm., Zach. and Moses were b. after Sarah, chn. of Elinor, not of the Howard wife.³⁰⁸

John MacCubbin is on the ancestor roster for the Colonial Dames XVIIth Century. According to the listing, John MacCubbin migrated to America in 1659. John MacCubbin was born ca. 1630 and married Elinor who was deceased by 1685. He was a landowner in Maryland about 1660.³⁰⁹

John Maccubbin appears to have already held some land when he obtained his oldest known land patent, in 1665, for Timber Neck.³¹⁰ In 1665, he patented 40 acres called Timber Neck. On 13 Nov. 1666, he bought Brampton, 100 acres, from Richard and Rachel Beard. On 14 March 1675 he bought Wardrope, 200 acres, from Mary Gardner.³¹¹ He left a will on 21 Sep 1685 in Anne Arundel County, MD. It was probated on July 31, 1686. His widow, Eleanor, was named the executrix and willed her dower rights. His sons Samuel, William, Zacharias and Moses got the 200 acres of Wordrape on the north side of the South River, equally. These sons were not yet 18. Son John got the 140 acres of Bramton, also on the north side of the South River.^{312,313}

Children of John⁶ MacCubbin and Elinor (--?--) (see #51) were as follows:

³⁰⁸John Mccubbin of Anne Arundel Co., Maryland by Erin, online <http://genforum.genealogy.com/mccubbin/messages/452.html>, posted on 15 Jan 2002; apparently all taken from Luther W. Welsh. The long quote from Welsh serves to show the major players who have previously discussed the possible Howard wife of John Maccubbin, but the conclusion that Maccubbin had a first wife with maiden name Howard is based on the will of Samuel Howard whose Maccubbin grandchildren were children of John Maccubbin, Jr., as shown by Loeser. Hereinafter cited as John Mccubbin of Anne Arundel Co., Maryland by Erin.

³⁰⁹National Society, *Ancestor Roster, CDXVIIth Cent.*

³¹⁰Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County."

³¹¹Ibid.

³¹²Baldwin, *The Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Volume II, p. 3.

³¹³Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County", Loeser quotes the entire will and then states: "This will, once it gets down to business, is elegantly terse. It specifies mainly those matters which the laws, left to themselves, would have arranged differently. I presume that Sarah and Eleanor are not mentioned because they got no land. John, Jr., apparently was over 21 years old. Maccubbin evidently thought of Timber Neck and Brampton as a single plantation, though officially they remained separate tracts. John Maccubbin's estate was appraised on 2 Aug. 1686 and valued at £ 117/19/10 (or £ 172/14/10) plus 4116 lb. tobacco." (The inventory was copied into the book twice, Inv.& Acc. (9:154 & 179).

- i. JOHN³¹⁴ was born in 1663/64.³¹⁵ He died on 2 May 1752 in Anne Arundel County, MD; John Mackubbin "was buried here last Saturday, age 88. He was born in this county and died of old age. (issue of May 7, 1752). The prior Saturday was 2 May 1752. I place this notice here because the calculated birth year matches the estimated one for John, son of John."³¹⁶

John Maccubin requested the re-recording of a deed from Richard Beard to John Maccubbin dated 3 Nov. 1666 and originally recorded on 13 Nov. 1666. This was 100 acres on the north side of South River and east of Broad Creek and was called "Brampton". Such re-recordings were made sometime after the State House fire of 18 Oct. 1704.³¹⁷

- 25. ii. SARAH.
- iii. SAMUEL³¹⁸ was born in 1673.³¹⁹
- iv. WILLIAM³²⁰ was born say 1675.³²¹
- v. ELEANOR was born in 1677?³²²
- vi. ZACHARIAH was born circa 1679.^{323,324}

Zach Macubins was age about 41 years when he made a deposition in connection with the re-recording of Anne Arundel County deeds after the statehouse fire in 1704. The date of this deposition is not given. The re-recording process continued from 1705-1754. The record is in Land Records Book IT, p. 29.³²⁵

- vii. MOSES³²⁶ was born say 1683/84.³²⁷ He died in Apr 1733; His will was written 17 April 1733 and probated 243 April 1733.³²⁸

Moses Maccubin requested the recording of a patent granted on 26 June 1663 to James Wardner for 200 acres called "Wardropp" which James Warner had then assigned to Patrick Duncan on 19 Aug 1663. He had assigned it to Mary Gibbs, who as the widow of Alexander Garder had deeded it to John Mccubbin, father of the Moses now claiming the land.³²⁹

51. ELINOR⁶ (--?--) married John MacCubbin (see #50). The claim that John Maccubbin married Susan, daughter of Samuel Howard, as made by Warfield³³⁰, cannot be supported. In fact, there is no evidence that he married any Howard woman or, in fact, had a wife other than Eleanor. The will of Samuel Howard, made 28 Feb. 1702/3 and probated 9 Nov. 1703, does mention grandchildren John, Samuel and

³¹⁴He was apparently the oldest son and age 18 or over when his father wrote his will on 21 Sept 1685.

³¹⁵Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County", Loeser has given the estimated birth date as 1663-64.

³¹⁶Barnes, *Marriages and deaths from the Maryland Gazette*, p. 119.

³¹⁷Dodd and Bausell, *Abstracts of Land Records, AA Co. MD*, p. 145.

³¹⁸He was still under age 18 when his father wrote his will on 21 Sept. 1685.

³¹⁹Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County", in which Loeser estimates "Summer 1673."

³²⁰He was still under age 18 when his father wrote his will on 21 Sept. 1685.

³²¹Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County", which gives Loeser's estimate of the date.

³²²Ibid., This is Loeser's estimate of the date. He says the evidence for Eleanor is strong but circumstantial. She is not named in either her mother's or her father's will. but William Maccubbin, in two deeds, mentioned his dear and well beloved sister Elinor Rummy. Eleanor witnessed a deed for Sarah and for Samuel, William and Zachariah.

³²³He was still under age 18 when his father wrote his will on 21 Sept. 1685.

³²⁴Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County", This is Loeser's estimate of the date.

³²⁵Dodd and Bausell, *Abstracts of Land Records, AA Co. MD*, p. 154.

³²⁶He was still under age 18 when his father wrote his will on 21 Sept. 1685.

³²⁷Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County", which gives Loeser's estimate of the date.

³²⁸Baldwin, *The Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol. VII, p. 7.

³²⁹Dodd and Bausell, *Abstracts of Land Records, AA Co. MD*, p. 125-126.

³³⁰Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 177.

Elizabeth Maccubbins but Elizabeth was still single and John and Samuel were not yet 18, much younger than the like-named sons of John Maccubbin, Sr. They were, in fact, sons of John Maccubbin, Jr.³³¹ Confusion may also have resulted from the fact that Eleanor, widow of John Maccubbin, married John Howard, Sr., a brother of this Samuel Howard. She married John Howard after 1685.³³² She died in Jul 1711 in Anne Arundel County, MD. She was buried on 11 Jul 1711.³³³

She is on the ancestor roster for the Colonial Dames XVIIth Century. According to the listing, Elinor was born before 1649 and died 1771 [sic]. She is listed as Elinor Carroll Howard who married John MacCubbin and was a landowner.³³⁴

"Mrs. Elinor Maccubin, widow of John, was, as I believe, of the family of Dr. Charles, and James Carroll, of "All Hallows" Parish; both of whom were witnesses to her will, in 1711. Her daughter, Sarah Maccubin, became the wife of William Griffith, and the mother of Orlando and Captain Charles Griffith, of Anne Arundel."³³⁵ This, of course, does not prove the connection to the Carroll family. The suggestion, published in 1905, appears not to have gained documented support. The following analysis, posted by "Erin" on genforum, presents the warning against accepting the weakly supported suggestion that Elinor was a Carroll.

"The will of Elinor Howard (11.10.1705--8.4.1711, Annap. 13.205, Md. Cal. 3) leaves to her gd. chn., Orlando, Sophia, Chs. and Wm. Griffith all her prs. est.; and to Wm. Maccubbin, "Howard's Thicket," where he lives--he to release to his other bro. certain land devised him by his father. The will appoints Elinor's "da., Sarah Reynolds," executrix, and is witnessed by Mary Carroll, Jas. Carroll, Chs. Carroll, Jr., and Chs. Carroll. Following is from the Rent Roll of A. A. Co., p. 67: "Good Mother's Endeavor, 285 acres, surveyed 4.23.1698, for Elinor Hwd.--50 acres part thereof being Howard's Thicket entered, and 50 acres more entered by the name of The Woodyard--the remainder is surplus. Poss., Wm. Maccubbin in right of Elinor Howard"--his mother.

"Note.--The above witnesses to Elinor Howard's will of 1705 were beyond doubt: Mary Carroll (d. 1742). wf. of Atty. Gen. Charles Carroll; Jas. Carroll (d. 1729) and his bro. Chs. Cll. (will 1724), nephews of the Atty. Gen. (Chs, evidently signing his name "Junior" to distinguish himself from his uncle); and lastly Chs. Carroll, the Atty. Gen. himself, Agt. and Receiver Gen. of Chs., Lord Baltimore. Chs. Carroll, Atty. Gen. b. 1660, d. 1720; was admitted to the Inner Temple, London, in 1685; arrived in Md. 10.1.1688 and m. (w.2) Mary Darnall, da. of Col. Hy. Darnall (Secretary and kinsman of Lord Baltimore) and his wf. Eleanor (Hatton) Brooke. They had 10 chn., 4 of whom survived the Atty. Gen., viz., Chs. (1702-1782, father of Chs. Carroll of Carrollton), Daniel, Mary and Eleanor. His will, dated 12.1.1718, proved 7.28.1720 (Annap. 16.176), names, with other "Kinsmen," Jas. and Chs. Carroll, who were sons of his bro. Anthony (Col. Fams. II, Carroll). Dr. Chs. Carroll of Annapolis--of another branch of the illustrious Carroll family--was not a witness of Elinor Howard's will of 1705. He was then only 14 yrs. old (b. 1691, d. 9.19.1755), had his medical education to secure, and did not come to Md. until "about 1715" (Scharf's Hist., v. 2, p. 215). Thus when Elinor Howard made her will (1705), the only known Chs. Carrolls in this country were the Atty. Gen., his 3-yr.-old son Chs., and his nephew Chs. (d. 1724), bro. of Jas. When Jas. Carroll made his will (2.12. 1728-9, Annap. 19.791) his uncle Chs. and his bro. Chs. were dead; his "cousin Chs." (son of the Atty. Gen.) and his "cousin Dr. Chs. Carroll" were appointed his executors. The codicil of his will was witnessed by Jn. Welsh (2d), father of Henry O'Neale Welsh, who later m. Mary Higgins, niece of Jas. Carroll and named in his will (See Part I, Sec. 4).

"Much as the writer would be pleased to enroll in the list of his ancestors a member of the "Great House of Ely O'Carroll," the proof is not forthcoming that Elinor Maccubbin-Howard was Elinor Carroll of that family. She was in Md. 18 yrs. or more before Atty. Gen. Carroll came, or any others of that fam. (so far as records disclose). That the 4 Carrolls signed her will as witnesses is not proof of relationship: 4 Warfields witnessed the will of Maj. Chs. Hammond (1713), who was in no way related to them or their wives. Nor is the fact that Atty. Gen. Chs. named his da. Elinor, any evidence of relationship to Elinor Mcbn. Howard--the da. was evidently named for her gd. mo. Elinor Darnall. The future may prove that Elinor Howard was a Carroll, but it is not genealogy to state as an actual fact what is now merely a

³³¹Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County", p. 170.

³³²Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 2, p. 250.

³³³F. Edward Wright, *AA Co. Church Records*, p. 68. "Ellinor Howard (widow) bur. 11 Jul 1711."

³³⁴National Society, *Ancestor Roster, CDXVIIIth Cent.*

³³⁵Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 178.

surmise. That most trustworthy genealogist, Mr. R. R. Griffith, says in the Introduction of his genealogy: 'A long and patient search of the Colonial Records has failed to reveal to us the maiden name of and parentage of Elinor.' She d. 7.10.1711.³³⁶

"[John Howard's] second wife was Eleanor, the widow of John Maccubin, of South River, the progenitor of that Scottish family in the Province.

Howard's will, written on 30 Dec. 1695 and probated in Anne Arundel County on 13 May 1696, gave "To grandson [step-grandson] Orlando Griffith residue of the tract on Little Falls, in event of his death to pass to his mother, Sarah Griffith."³³⁷

"[John Howard's] widow, Eleanor Howard, wrote her will on November 10, 1705, but it was not probated in Anne Arundel County until August 4, 1711. She appointed her daughter, Sarah Reynolds, the executrix and bequeathed personalty to her grandchildren -- Orlando, Sophia, Charles and William Griffith. She further more devised William Maccubin "Howard's Thicket" where he was seated in consideration that he release to his brother his interest in certain lands devised him by his father.[Wills, Liiber 13, folio 235].³³⁸

Elinor (--?--) left a will on 10 Nov 1705 in Anne Arundel County, MD. It was not probated until 1711. She made her daughter, Sarah Reynolds, her executrix, provided for the payment of any debts, pointed out that she had already tried to provide for her children and then said "and considering the Low destitute condition my four Grandchildren Orlando, Sophia, Charles and William Griffith are left in by their father doe hereby give and bequeath unto them equally to be divided all the residue of such personall Estate as I shall dye possessed of, or have a right to possess, and if any of them should dye before they are of age to dispose of their Share, the same to goe among the Survivor."³³⁹ She and John Howard had no children.³⁴⁰

56. ROBERT⁶ DAVIDGE married Providence (--?--) (see #57).³⁴¹ He died in 1681/82.

Skordas lists a Robert Davidge who immigrated in 1670 and had married Sarah Tanney before 1669. His references are Liber 12, folio 471 and Liber 16, folio 73. The Robert Davidge referred to by Skordas may be a different man.³⁴² Under Thomas Tenny, Russell says "immigrated 1649 with wife Mary and daughter Sarah who married Robert Davidge of Anne Arundel County. She says Sarah married Robert Davidge by 1669. "A carpenter, he demanded the 300 acres due him by marriage to [sole heir] Sarah, for her father's rights. [Archives, 10:138] But based on the wording of his will, she was not the mother of his only son, so she must have died ca. 1670 or a little later and he m. (2) Providence.³⁴³ He left a will on 28 Sep 1681 in Anne Arundel County, MD.

Davidge, Robert, Anne Arundel Co., 28th Sept., 1681; 24th Apr., 1681. To wife Providence, exec., 1/3 of plantation and 200 A. on n. side Patapsco R. To son John, residue of plantaiton at 20 yrs. of age, and to inherit entire plantation at death of mother. Test: Arthur Hide, Chas. Crow, Jas. Offord. 2. 194.³⁴⁴

Note the illogical date sequence with the will written after the probate. Because of this I obtained a photocopy and have attempted my own transcription.

"28th Day of ye 7th br Called September in ye year 1681 I Robt Davidge of Ann Arundl County in ye Province of Maryland Carpenter finding my self not well in ... but of pिरfect Sense & Memory do from my own freedom make ... to be my Last will & Testament in Manner & form following

³³⁶John Mccubbin of Anne Arundel Co., Maryland by Erin, online <http://genforum.genealogy.com/mccubbin/messages/452.html>, posted on 15 Jan 2002.

³³⁷Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 2, p. 250-251.

³³⁸Ibid., p. 251.

³³⁹Loeser, "John Maccubbin of Anne Arundel County", p. 169.

³⁴⁰Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 69.

³⁴¹Maryland Indexes, Marriage References by Robert Barnes, online www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/stagser/s1500/s1527/html/ssi1527r.html. Hereinafter cited as Maryland Indexes, Marriage References, online.

³⁴²Skordas, *Early Settlers of Maryland*.

³⁴³Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County*, Vol. 2, pp. 145-46.

³⁴⁴The Maryland Calendar of Wills (web version), online www.usgennet.org/usa/md/state/wills/01/096.html.

"[Firstly?] my will is that my just debts of wever [sic] kind soever be paid by my Excx hereafter named
"2dly I give & beque... unto my wife Providence Davidge one third part of my Plantation I now Live on &
one third part of ye housing during her naturall Life

"3rdly I Give & bequeath unto my Sonn Jno Davidge my [whole?] plantation I now Live On two thirds
parts to be [...] att 25 yeares old the other part at the **decease of his mother** ... Land I give unto my Sonn
Jno Davidge to have & hold for Ever

"4thly as for my ... my will & order .. after my Debts are paid att ... my as Equall as they can .. my
wife Providence Davidge have her first choice & my Sonn Jno Davidge the other half

"5thly my will & order ... chattels & hoggs falls to my part on ye plantation of Wm Davis Decd be sold &
... to ye payment of my debts

"6thly my will & order is .. debts shall be found due from ye Estate of ye deceased Wm Davis my Excx
hereafter named shall pay the one half of them

"7thly as for my part of ye Plantation whereon ye deceased Wm. Davis Lived I have alienated all my ...
from me and my ... to Jno H... of Ann Arundell County to have & hold to him and his heirs for Ever for a
Vallu already recd which value is his part of two hundred acres of Land lying on ye north side of Patapsco
River it being formerly ye aforsed decd Wm. Davis all which parcell of Land & the appurtenances I give
unto my wife Providence Davidge to have & to hold for Ever & do make order & appoint my Loving wife
Providence Davidge to be my & ye Sol Execx of this my Last will & Testament In witness whereof I have
hereunto Sett my hand & Seal ye day & year first above written 1681.

Robt Davidge (Seal)

Signed Sealed & delivered to .. my Last will & Testament in ye presence of
Arthur Hid

Charles Crowe (his mark)

James offord (his mark)

And on ye back sid. was ... written By virtue of a ... from ye Hon .. Philip Calvin Esqr. Chief Judge or ...
for probate ... dated ye 24th day of aprill anno 1682."³⁴⁵

Children of Robert⁶ Davidge and Providence (--?--) (see #57) were:

28. i. JOHN⁵.

57. PROVIDENCE⁶ (--?--) married Robert Davidge (see #56).³⁴⁶

Providence is named as wife in the 1681 will of Robert Davidge. This will clearly implies that she was
the mother of their son John Davidge. As his widow, she married John Reynolds of Anne Arundel County
as shown by the following two entries

RENNAL(L)S

(N), m. by 20 April 1683, Providence, extx. of Robert Davidge of AA Co. (INAC 8:45).

REYNOLDS

John, of AA Co., m. by 11 March 1684/5 Providence, widow of Robert Davidge (BALR RM#HS:127,
470).

INAC refers to Inventories and Accounts

BALR refers to Baltimore Land Records

The Maryland State Archives holds these records.³⁴⁷

58. JOHN⁶ HUDSON.³⁴⁸

Children of John⁶ Hudson include:

29. i. ELIZABETH⁵.

³⁴⁵Robert Davidge will (28 Sept 1680), Md. Prerogative Court, Wills, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel
County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of Robert Davidge (1680).

³⁴⁶Maryland Indexes, Marriage References, online, online
www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/stagser/s1500/s1527/html/ssi1527r.html.

³⁴⁷Ibid.

³⁴⁸Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 2, p. 239. Newman only says that Elizabeth was the heir of John Hudson.

60. RICHARD⁶ WARFIELD (*John*, #120) was christened on 27 Aug 1646 in St. Dunstan's West, Fleet Street, London, England.³⁴⁹ He married Elinor Browne (see #61), daughter of John Browne. He died in 1704 in Anne Arundel County, MD.³⁵⁰

He is on the ancestor roster for the Colonial Dames XVIIth Century. According to the listing, Richard Warfield married Elinor Browne, was a landowner in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in 1669 and served in the military. He died in 1703.³⁵¹

In the "Conclusions" of his detailed article, Foose says: "The evidence that Richard Warfield, the son of John Warfield of Fleet Street, and Richard Warfield, the Maryland immigrant of 1659 were the same person is circumstantial but persuasive:" and lists several arguments for this conclusion.³⁵²

J. D. Warfield mentions a "Warfield record" that Richard Warfield settled near Annapolis in 1639, but discounts this as being before the existence of such a settlement.³⁵³

He was transported to Maryland about 1659 by John Sisson according to the land office record quoted by Newman: "11 November 1662. Came John Sissons and demands Land of the Lord prpty for transporting unto this province himself and Wife ffrances Sisson, Nathaniel Brown in the year 1659 ... Richard Warfield ... Anno 1662 in all six hundred acres." [Liber 5, folio 484, Land Office, Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis].

He came to Maryland as a "redemptioner", meaning he was to pay for his passage by a period of service after arrival. Newman quotes Sisson's will which shows the status of Richard Warfield: "Although John Sisson at the time of application for land-rights did not state that Richard Warfield was transported as a redemptioner, later conditions prove he actually came into the Province in that capacity. John Sisson, his benefactor, died shortly thereafter. His undated will was probated on March 16, 1663/4, by which he bequeathed his servant-boy, Richard Warfield, to Cornelius Howard." [Wills, Liber 1, folio 197]

"He had completed his service by 1669, when he and Edward Gardner were granted jointly a tract of land which they called "Gardner's Warfield". It was not until 1674/5 that he applied for land-rights.

"February 13, 1674/5. Came Richard Warfield of Ann Arundel County and proved his Right to fifty acres of land for Serving his time to Cornelius Howard 1660" "Warrant then Granted to the said Warfield for fifty acres of Land it being due to him for his time of service performed as aforesaid".[Liber 18, folio 165, Land Office].³⁵⁴

In 1675, Richard and Elinor Warfield were summoned as witnesses in the Chancery contest over the will of Nicholas Wyatt, an immediate neighbor. In 1689, Richard Warfield signed, as a military officer, the address to King William. He was known as Capt. Richard Warfield and his descendants are eligible for membership in the Society of Colonial Wars.

In 1696 Richard Warfield's name was returned as one of the vestrymen of St. Ann's Church, before the first building was completed. In his old age, he began the first westward movement of the early settlements to the unexplored frontier of Howard County.

Richard Warfield's will was probated³⁵⁵ on 11 Feb. 1703/4 and Newman gives the following abstract.

To son John "Warfield's Plains" and "Warfield's Forest"

To son Richard the plantation on which he was then living and 59 acres of "The Addition"; also the parental dwelling-plantation at the marriage or death of daughter Elinor.

To son Alexander "Brandy"

To son Benjamin 240 acres of "Warfield's Range" at the Patuxent

To daughter Rachel Yate 150 acres of "Warfield's Range", in event of her death without issue then to son

³⁴⁹Richard T. Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland," *Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin* Vol. 32 #4 and Vol. 33 #1 (Fall 1991 and Winter 1992). Hereinafter cited as "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

³⁵⁰Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 1, p. 346.

³⁵¹National Society, *Ancestor Roster, CDXVIIth Cent.*

³⁵²Foos, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland", Vol. 31, p. 75.

³⁵³Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*

³⁵⁴Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 1, pp. 346ff.

³⁵⁵Richard Warfield will (10 Jan 1703/4), Maryland State Archives, Prerogative Court (wills), Liber 11, folio 409ff and film SR 4405: which includes the will date, 10 Jan 1703/4, omitted by Newman, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of Richard Warfield.

Richard³⁵⁶; personalty to her and her children at 21 years; to Rachel's daughter Elinor silver spoons.

To daughter Elinor use of dwelling plantation while she remained unmarried, and part of "Warfield's Range", in case of her death without issue then to son Benjamin.

To sons John Warfield, Richard Warfield, Alexander Warfield and Benjamin Warfield and daughter Elinor Warfield residue of estate.

Executors -- sons John and Richard

Overseers -- sons Alexander and Benjamin.

In listing the children, I have followed Newman's ordering who uses the order in the will. He adds Mary who predeceased her father and is not named in the will (Vol. II, pp. 251-252).³⁵⁷

Children of Richard⁶ Warfield and Elinor Browne (see #61) were as follows:

- i. JOHN³⁵⁸ married Ruth Gaither on 16 Feb 1696/97.³⁵⁹ He died in 1718.³⁶⁰
30. ii. RICHARD.
- iii. ALEXANDER³⁶¹ was born circa 1677.³⁶² He married Sarah Pierpont.³⁶³ He died before 11 Jun 1740.³⁶⁴
- iv. BENJAMIN³⁶⁵ married Elizabeth Duvall.³⁶⁶ He died in 1718.³⁶⁷
- v. RACHEL³⁶⁸ married George Yate.³⁶⁹
- vi. ELINOR³⁷⁰ married Caleb Dorsey.³⁷¹
- vii. MARY³⁷² married John Howard.³⁷³

61. ELINOR⁶ BROWNE (*John*, #122) married Richard Warfield (see #60), son of John Warfield and Rachell Clarke.

In 1670, Richard Warfield married Elinor, apparently an heiress and possibly a daughter of Capt. John Browne. She inherited the adjoining tracts Hope and Increase and J. D. Warfield gives the following: "They were taken up by Henry Sewall; transferred by him to John Minter; willed by him to his daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Henry Winchester. These two joined in deeding them, in 1673, to Capt. John Browne, mariner, of London. No further transactions are to be found, but in 1705, Richard Warfield appeared before the commission to restore the burnt record of 1704 and requested a record of the above history."³⁷⁴

62. THOMAS⁶ CRUCHLEY married Margaret Baldwin (see #63), daughter of John Baldwin. He died

³⁵⁶Ibid., gives this as "and for want of such issue to go to my said son Benja."

³⁵⁷Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 1, pp. 346ff.

³⁵⁸Ibid., p. 349.

³⁵⁹Ibid.

³⁶⁰Ibid.

³⁶¹Ibid.

³⁶²Ibid.

³⁶³Ibid.

³⁶⁴Ibid., p. 445.

³⁶⁵Ibid., p. 349.

³⁶⁶Ibid., p. 347.

³⁶⁷Ibid., p. 460.

³⁶⁸Ibid., p. 349.

³⁶⁹Ibid., p. 347.

³⁷⁰Ibid., p. 349.

³⁷¹Ibid., p. 347.

³⁷²Ibid.

³⁷³Ibid.

³⁷⁴Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 83.

circa 1710.³⁷⁵

He left a will on 22 Nov 1709 in Anne Arundel County, MD. It was probated on 8 Apr 1710. His daughters Lydia Metcalf and Ruth Warfield jointly received 116 acres of 'Theodora's Chance' and 75 acres of 'Baldwin's Addition'. Ruth also received personalty at Richard Warfield's. Daughters Beteros (also given as Betros) and Elizabeth, apparently unmarried, received personalty. Son Thomas was given the rest of the personal property and 200 acres of 'Crutchley's Choice'. If Thomas died without issue, the lands were to pass to Beteros and Elizabeth.³⁷⁶

Children of Thomas⁶ Cruchley and Margaret Baldwin (see #63) were as follows:

31. i. RUTH⁵.
- ii. LYDIA was born before 1684.³⁷⁷
- iii. BETEROS was born before 1709. Named in her father's 1709 will, she was apparently still single.
- iv. ELIZABETH was born before 1709. Named last in her father's 1709 will, she was apparently still single.

63. MARGARET⁶ BALDWIN (*John*, #126) married Thomas Cruchley (see #62).

"He [Richard Warfield] married, about 1700, Ruth, daughter of Thomas Cruchley, an attorney of Annapolis. Her mother was Margaret Baldwin, daughter of John and Elizabeth Baldwin."³⁷⁸

Generation Seven

120. JOHN⁷ WARFIELD (*Richard*, #240) was christened on 28 Nov 1613 in Dry Drayton, Cambridge, England.³⁷⁹ He married Abigall Normington, daughter of Alexander Normington, circa 1639. "John Warfield, a young Watchmaker in Fleet Street, was married first to Abigall, a daughter of Alexander Normington, a 'Cutler,' and his wife, Elizabeth, who lived in the same street. No Marriage Allegation was made before the Bishop, the Vicar or the Faculties; they must have been married 'by banns.' The 1640 allegation at his second marriage gives his age as 'about 26' (he was in fact eight months past his twenty-sixth birthday), so when he married Abigall he would have been about 25. She was baptized at St. Dunstan's in the West on November 12, 1620. Her name was not "Abigail" though that spelling was also used at the time."³⁸⁰ He married Rachell Clarke (see #121), daughter of Robert Clarke and Rachell (--?--), on 2 Jul 1640 in St. Dunstan's West, Fleet Street, London, England. "Widowed only a few months, and left with an infant son, John Warfield took a second wife (and began what would become the Maryland line) when, on July 2, 1640, he and Rachel Clarke were married at St. Dunstan's 'by license from Mr. Hunts Register.' She was the second identified daughter of Robert Clarke and his wife, Rachell, who may have been the daughter of that name of Richard Wotton (or Wooton), a 'Scrivener' of Fleet Street (his house valued at 30 lbs.), and his wife Elizabeth Comins (?Cummings). If so, she became a mother at the age of sixteen."³⁸¹ He was buried on 16 Nov 1665 in St. Dunstan's West, Fleet Street, London, England.³⁸²

Children of John⁷ Warfield and Rachell Clarke (see #121) were as follows:

- i. JOHN⁶.³⁸³
- ii. ELIZABETH³⁸⁴ was baptized on 9 Jun 1642 in St. Dunstan's in the West, London,

³⁷⁵Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Vol. 1, p. 415. Crutchley's will was probated in Anne Arundel County, 8 April 1710.

³⁷⁶Baldwin, *The Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol. III, p. 165.

³⁷⁷The Maryland Calendar of Wills (ancestry.com version), online search.ancestry.com, mentioned in the will of her grandfather, John Baldwin. Hereinafter cited as *The Maryland Calendar of Wills* (ancestry.com version).

³⁷⁸Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 85.

³⁷⁹Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

³⁸⁰*Ibid.*, p. 403-4.

³⁸¹*Ibid.*, pp. 410-411.

³⁸²*Ibid.*, p. 415.

³⁸³*Ibid.*

³⁸⁴*Ibid.*

- England.³⁸⁵ She was buried on 10 Apr 1643 in St. Dunstan's in the West, London, England.³⁸⁶
60. iii. RICHARD.
- iv. ELIZABETH³⁸⁷ was baptized on 30 May 1648 in St. Dunstan's in the West, London, England.³⁸⁸ She was buried on 20 May 1655 in St. Dunstan's in the West, London, England.³⁸⁹
- v. JOHN³⁹⁰ was baptized on 20 Apr 1651 in St. Dunstan's in the West, London, England.³⁹¹ He was buried on 11 Aug 1652 in St. Dunstan's in the West, London, England.³⁹²
- vi. MARY³⁹³ was baptized on 28 Mar 1654 in St. Dunstan's in the West, London, England.³⁹⁴ She was buried on 3 Jan 1657 in St. Dunstan's in the West, London, England.³⁹⁵

121. RACHELL⁷ CLARKE (*Robert, #242*) was christened on 17 Jul 1619 in St. Dunstan's West, Fleet Street, London, England.³⁹⁶ She married John Warfield (see #120), son of Richard Warfield and Elizabeth Carter, on 2 Jul 1640 in St. Dunstan's West, Fleet Street, London, England. "Widowed only a few months, and left with an infant son, John Warfield took a second wife (and began what would become the Maryland line) when, on July 2, 1640, he and Rachel Clarke were married at St. Dunstan's 'by license from Mr. Hunts Register.' She was the second identified daughter of Robert Clarke and his wife, Rachell, who may have been the daughter of that name of Richard Wotton (or Wooton), a 'Scrivener' of Fleet Street (his house valued at 30 lbs.), and his wife Elizabeth Comins (?Cummings). If so, she became a mother at the age of sixteen."³⁹⁷ She died in 1665.³⁹⁸

122. JOHN⁷ BROWNE. "In 1673, 'John Browne, mariner, of London,' bought two tracts "Hope" and "Increase" near Round Bay. These tracts, showing the history of their purchase are to be seen in our Record Office, in the name of Richard Warfield and at his request, were so recorded among the restored records after the burning of the State House. As no transfers attended the record, the inference is clear they came into Warfield's possession through his wife, Elinor Browne, the heiress of Captain John Browne, of London."³⁹⁹

Children of John⁷ Browne include:

61. i. ELINOR⁶.

³⁸⁵Ibid.

³⁸⁶Ibid.

³⁸⁷Ibid.

³⁸⁸Ibid.

³⁸⁹Ibid.

³⁹⁰Ibid.

³⁹¹Ibid.

³⁹²Ibid.

³⁹³Ibid.

³⁹⁴Ibid.

³⁹⁵Ibid.

³⁹⁶Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

³⁹⁷Ibid., pp. 410-411.

³⁹⁸Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

³⁹⁹Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, ;p. 164.

126. JOHN⁷ BALDWIN⁴⁰⁰ married Elizabeth (--?--) before 1653.^{401,402}

He is on the ancestor roster for the Colonial Dames XVIIth Century. According to the listing, John Baldwin was born in 1622 and died 1682-84, having settled in Maryland. He married (1) Mary Wilkins and (2) Elizabeth Lusby. He owned "Baldwin's Neck" and "Baldwin's Addition" in Ann Arundel Co., MD.⁴⁰³ In 1650 John Baldwin lived in or at the head of the South River, on the north side, Anne Arundel County, MD.⁴⁰⁴ He had a patent for land in 1660 in South River, Anne Arundel County, MD.⁴⁰⁵ "This Virginia descendant of John Baldwin, the hero of 1622, became a Quaker convert of the South River settlement. His will of 1684, named his wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Margaret, wife of Thomas Cruchley, the Annapolis attorney; his daughter Lydia, widow of Thomas Watkins and mother of Thomas Watkins, Jr.; his daughter, Ruth, wife of Captain Philip Howard; his son, John heir and executor. The testator also names his grandchildren, viz: Hannah Howard, Lydia Cruchley (sister of Ruth Warfield), and Thomas Watkins, Jr."⁴⁰⁶

Stevenson uses almost the same wording but neither author explains the "hero of 1622" nor traces the Baldwin family earlier than this John.⁴⁰⁷ John Baldwin left a will on 12 Jun 1682 in Anne Arundel County, MD. "Baldwin, John, South River, Anne Arundel Co., 12th June, 1682; 16th June, 1684. To wife Eliza:, 1/3 of estate. To dau. Margaret, wife of Thomas Cruchley, and hrs. 70 A., "Baldwin's Addition." To son John, sd. land in event of death of dau. Margaret without issue. To grandson Thomas Watkins, 210 A., "Lydia's Rest." To dau. Lydia Bittison, sd. land in event of death of her son, Thomas Watkins, afsd. To grandchild. Lydia Cruchley, Hanna Howard, dau. of Philip and Ruth Howard, to Nathaniel Stinchcomb at age, and for the use of the Quaker ministry, personalty. Son John and hrs. exs. and residuary legatees of estate, real and personal. Overseers: Richd. Hill, Henry Ridgely. Test: Richd. Hill, Edward Burgess, Andrew Whiteroft, Robt. Rigsbee. 4. 43."⁴⁰⁸ To this abstract I would add a few notes. The bequest to wife Elizabeth was during her widowhood. The surname of his daughter was spelled Crouchley and her 70 acre bequest was to go "to my son John Baldwin" if she had no heirs of her body lawfully begotten, and if he had no such heirs then "to my daughters Lydia Bittison and Ruth Howard". "Item I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Margaret Crouchley one cow called Cherry the said cow being already in her husband Crouchley's possession. Item I give unto my grandchild Lydia Crouchley one cow calf together with her increase to be delivered to her at age or the day of marriage the said cow calf being already in the possession of her father Thomas Crouchley. ... Item I give unto my grandchild Thomas Watkins one cow calf to be delivered to his use immediately after my decease.... Item I give to my grandchild Hannah Howard daughter of Philip and Ruth Howard ... Item I give my grandchild Thomas Watkins all that parcell of Land called Lydia's Rest according to the pattent of conformacon to me granted by certificate of survey two hundred and two acres more or less together with all profitts to him and his heirs forever but if the said Thomas Watkins should die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten then the said pcell of land to descend and come to the next heyre lawfully begotten of the body of my daughter Lydia Bittison mother of my said grandchild and to their heyres for ever." The personal estate remaining after settling debts, funeral expenses and not other wise "by me given or disposed be equally divided between my son John Baldwin and my daughter Lydia Bittison and my daughter Ruth Howard they to have equall shares thereof." ... "my loving son John Baldwin my sole executor... my loving friends Richard Hill and Henry Ridgely both of the County of Ann Arundell aforesaid to be supervisors of this my last Will and Testament requiring their friends advice and assistance to my said Executor for the better executing and fulling this my last Will and Testament ... "

⁴⁰⁰Ibid., p. 158.

⁴⁰¹Ibid.

⁴⁰²Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County, Vol. 2*, p. 4, where she gives the date as "by 1663". According to her listing of the Baldwin children (with no James), John was the last and b. 1655. The death of Elizabeth's first husband, George Dorrell, is given as "by June 1659" (p. 38) and he was certainly alive in 1653 when he and Elizabeth were transported by Thomas Turner (p. 150).

⁴⁰³National Society, *Ancestor Roster, CDXVIIth Cent.*, I have seen no documentation for the marriage to Elizabeth Lusby who is sometimes given as a daughter of Robert and Dorothy Lusby.

⁴⁰⁴Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 12.

⁴⁰⁵Ibid., p. 30.

⁴⁰⁶Ibid., p. 158.

⁴⁰⁷Stevenson, *Griffith Family*, p. 252.

⁴⁰⁸The Maryland Calendar of Wills (ancestry.com version), online search.ancestry.com.

The will is signed by mark, IB, and the clerk has written the name as John Balding.⁴⁰⁹

"There is a will at Annapolis, which shows that John Baldwin, the Quaker, must have had another son not named in his will, viz: James Baldwin, the testator of 1727. He names his sons John, James, Thomas, Tyler; and daughters Susanna and Mary Baldwin. 'To son James, the homestead of my father, John Baldwin, by his last will and testament."^{410,411}

Boddie, under BALDWIN of ISLE of WIGHT, gives what seems to be a description of a possible "hero of 1622". He tells of a William Baldwin living in Isle of Wight County, Virginia at the time "of the massacre of 1622". Indians attacked the house of George Harrison, half a mile from Baldwin's.

Twenty-three members of the Harrison household were forced to flee to Baldwin's which was successfully defended. Further details of this William Baldwin are given, but Boddie mentions only his son William and his only son William.^{412,413}

The ancestry of John Baldwin much be considered unproven, although some people have identified this John Baldwin with a John Baldwin of the Eastern Shore in Virginia who does have at least some connection with the 1622 massacre.⁴¹⁴

An extensive study of the records of John Wilkins, (b. ca. 1592 - 1596), who was falsely reported killed in the 1622 massacre shows that his daughter Mary had married a John Baldwin by 1649. By the chronology given, this Mary would have been a daughter of the first Mrs. Wilkins, a Mary Craft. John Baldwin is mentioned until 1660 and his children are mentioned (not named) until 1671. There were no Baldwins mentioned in the 1687 will of Ann Voss (who had been the second Mrs. John Wilkins).⁴¹⁵

To make the connection to the Maryland John Baldwin, it must be presumed that John of Virginia lost his first wife, Mary Wilkins Baldwin, and became John of Maryland who married the widow Mrs. Elizabeth Dorrell. Russell concludes that all of John Baldwin's children must have been by his unknown first wife, pointing out that the only Baldwin child mentioned in Elizabeth's will is Ruth who is not called a daughter in that will.⁴¹⁶

Children of John⁷ Baldwin include:

63. i. MARGARET⁶.
- ii. LYDIA⁴¹⁷ married Thomas Watkins.⁴¹⁸
- iii. RUTH⁴¹⁹ married Capt. Philip Howard.⁴²⁰

He [Philip Howard] married Ruth Baldwin, daughter of John Baldwin and Elizabeth, his wife. She was a sister of John Baldwin, who married Hester (Larkin) Nicholson, and also a sister of Mrs. Thomas Cruchley, of Annapolis.⁴²¹

⁴⁰⁹John Baldwin will (12 June 1682), Maryland Prerogative Court, Book 4 Liber G, f. 43f (also film SR 4400), Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD. Hereinafter cited as Will of John Baldwin.

⁴¹⁰Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 159.

⁴¹¹The Maryland Calendar of Wills (ancestry.com version), online search.ancestry.com. Hereinafter cited as The Maryland Calendar of Wills (ancestry.com version).

⁴¹²John Bennett Boddie, *Historical Southern Families* (Redwood City, California: n.pub., 1957). Hereinafter cited as *Historical Southern Families*.

⁴¹³Ibid.

⁴¹⁴Wilkins Family (John Wilkins & Bridget Craft to Mary Wilkins Baldwin), online homepages.rootsweb.com/~marshall/esmd314.htm. Hereinafter cited as Wilkins Family (John and Bridget).

⁴¹⁵Wilkins -- Records (Deeds 'n' Stuff), online www.esva.net/ghotes/wilkins/records.htm. Hereinafter cited as Wilkins -- Records (Deeds 'n' Stuff).

⁴¹⁶Russell, *First Families of Anne Arundel County, Vol. 2*, p. 5.

⁴¹⁷Warfield, *Founders of AA & Howard Cos.*, p. 158.

⁴¹⁸Ibid.

⁴¹⁹Ibid.

⁴²⁰Ibid.

⁴²¹Ibid., p. 74.

- iv. JOHN.⁴²²
- v. JAMES.⁴²³

Generation Eight

240. RICHARD⁸ WARFIELD (*Roger*, #480) was christened on 1 Dec 1558 in St. Stephen's, Walbrook, London, England.⁴²⁴ He married Elizabeth Carter (see #241), daughter of William Carter and Mary Ansell. He was buried on 28 Mar 1620 in Dry Drayton, Cambridge, England.⁴²⁵

This Richard Warfield was the rector of the church at Dry Drayton, Cambridge, England.⁴²⁶ He left a will on 1 Jun 1619 in Dry Drayton, Cambridge, England. This will, probated 20 May 1620 in the Prerogative Court in Canterbury [P.C.C. 45 Soame, 1620] is quoted in full by Foose.⁴²⁷

Children of Richard⁸ Warfield and Elizabeth Carter (see #241) were:

- 120. i. JOHN⁷.

241. ELIZABETH⁸ CARTER (*William*, #482)⁴²⁸ was christened on 14 May 1573 in Great Barford, Bedfordshire, England. She married Richard Warfield (see #240), son of Roger Warfield and Elizabeth Pinson. She was buried on 27 May 1619 in Dry Drayton, Cambridge, England.⁴²⁹

242. ROBERT⁸ CLARKE married Rachell (--?--) (see #243).⁴³⁰ He was buried in 1653 in St. Dunstan's West, Fleet Street, London, England.⁴³¹

Children of Robert⁸ Clarke and Rachell (--?--) (see #243) were:

- 121. i. RACHELL⁷.

243. RACHELL⁸ (--?--) married Robert Clarke (see #242).⁴³² She died in 1652.⁴³³

Generation Nine

480. ROGER⁹ WARFIELD⁴³⁴ married Elizabeth Pinson (see #481). He died in 1591.

Children of Roger⁹ Warfield and Elizabeth Pinson (see #481) were:

- 240. i. RICHARD⁸.

481. ELIZABETH⁹ PINSON⁴³⁵ married Roger Warfield (see #480). She died in 1602.

⁴²²Ibid., p. 158.

⁴²³Ibid., p. 159.

⁴²⁴Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

⁴²⁵Ibid.

⁴²⁶Ibid., p. 432.

⁴²⁷Ibid., p. 432-435.

⁴²⁸Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

⁴²⁹Ibid., p. 435.

⁴³⁰Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

⁴³¹Ibid.

⁴³²Ibid.

⁴³³Ibid.

⁴³⁴Ibid.

⁴³⁵Ibid.

482. WILLIAM⁹ CARTER (*William*, #964) married Mary Ansell (see #483), daughter of Thomas Ansell and Elizabeth Wheatley, circa 1571.⁴³⁶ He died on 1 Sep 1605 in Kempston, Bedfordshire, England.⁴³⁷

He left a will on 24 Jan 1603 in Kempston, Bedford, England. This will is quoted in full by Foose. It mentions "my loving son in law Mr. Richard Warfyld, in whom I have and do repose especial trust". One of the witnesses was Richard Warfild.⁴³⁸

Children of William⁹ Carter and Mary Ansell (see #483) were:

241. i. ELIZABETH⁸.

483. MARY⁹ ANSCCELL (*Thomas*, #966)⁴³⁹ married William Carter (see #482), son of William Carter and Elizabeth Cranfield, circa 1571.⁴⁴⁰ She was buried on 4 Mar 1620 in Kempston, Bedfordshire, England.⁴⁴¹

Generation Ten

964. WILLIAM¹⁰ CARTER⁴⁴² married Elizabeth Cranfield (see #965), daughter of William Cranfield and Katherine (--?--).⁴⁴³ He died in 1561.

Children of William¹⁰ Carter and Elizabeth Cranfield (see #965) were:

482. i. WILLIAM⁹.

965. ELIZABETH¹⁰ CRANFIELD (*William*, #1930) married William Carter (see #964).⁴⁴⁴

966. THOMAS¹⁰ ANSCCELL (*Edward*, #1932)⁴⁴⁵ was born in 1520. He married Elizabeth Wheatley (see #967), daughter of Robert Wheatley and Katherine Fisher. He was buried on 29 Apr 1591 in Great Barford, Bedfordshire, England.

He left a will on 27 Apr 1591 in Barford, Bedford, England. This will and a codicil are quoted in full by Foose.⁴⁴⁶ The monument to Thomas and Elizabeth Ansell, at the church of Great Barford, Bedfordshire, is described as: "The Great Barford memorial has kneeling figures of Thomas Ansell and his wife, Elizabeth (Wheatley) face to face, under a cornice carried by Corinthian columns, behind him the kneeling figures of four sons and behind her those of seven daughters. Above, the Arms: Bules, a saltire or between four bezants, for Ansell, and by the head of Thomas is Ansell impaling, sable, two hands joined, supporting a heart, for Wheatley, and by the head of Elizabeth, the hands and heart of Wheatly, alone."

The inscription reads: "Here lyeth the body of Thomas Ansell son and heir to Edward Ansell of West Mounton in the County of Somerset, Gent., who had to wife Elizabeth Whetley, daughter and coheir of Robert Whetley of Joneby in the County of Cumberland, Gent. by whom he had issue sonnes Whetley, Oliver, THomas and Nicholas and left Thomas living, and daughters Agnes, Rose, Mary, Temperance, Elizabeth, Elizabeth and Anne, whereof he bestowed six in marriage and left five of them living, and being of the age of 71 years deceased in the Fayth of Christ the 29th day of April Anno Dni 1591."⁴⁴⁷

⁴³⁶Ibid.

⁴³⁷Ibid.

⁴³⁸Ibid., p. p. 58-61.

⁴³⁹Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

⁴⁴⁰Ibid.

⁴⁴¹Ibid.

⁴⁴²Ibid.

⁴⁴³Ibid.

⁴⁴⁴Ibid.

⁴⁴⁵Ibid.

⁴⁴⁶Ibid., pp. 50-53.

⁴⁴⁷Ibid., pp. 48 - 49.

Children of Thomas¹⁰ Ansell and Elizabeth Wheatley (see #967) were:
483. i. MARY⁹.

967. ELIZABETH¹⁰ WHEATLEY (*Robert*, #1934)⁴⁴⁸ married Thomas Ansell (see #966), son of Edward Ansell. She was buried on 7 Nov 1597 in Great Barford, Bedfordshire, England.

Generation Eleven

1930. WILLIAM¹¹ CRANFIELD⁴⁴⁹ married Katherine (--?--) (see #1931). He died circa 1536 in Barford, Bedfordshire, England.

Children of William¹¹ Cranfield and Katherine (--?--) (see #1931) were:
965. i. ELIZABETH¹⁰.

1931. KATHERINE¹¹ (--?--)⁴⁵⁰ married William Cranfield (see #1930).

1932. EDWARD¹¹ ANSCCELL (*John*, #3864)⁴⁵¹ married Welthlyan Appowell;
The pedigree chart prepared for Foose's article shows the mother of Thomas Ansell as "Welthlyan Appowel, of Wales (?Monmouth)."⁴⁵²

The pedigree chart prepared for Foose's article shows the father of Thomas Ansell as "Edward Ansell of Westmorton & Taunton in co Somerset."⁴⁵³

Children of Edward¹¹ Ansell include:
966. i. THOMAS¹⁰.

1934. ROBERT¹¹ WHEATLEY⁴⁵⁴ married Katherine Fisher (see #1935), daughter of Richard Fisher. He was also known as Quitlaw and Quitele, variations which differ more in spelling than in the pronunciation they represent.⁴⁵⁵ He was described as "of Joneby in the County of Cumberland" on his daughter's memorial.⁴⁵⁶

Children of Robert¹¹ Wheatley and Katherine Fisher (see #1935) were:
967. i. ELIZABETH¹⁰.

1935. KATHERINE¹¹ FISHER (*Richard*, #3870)⁴⁵⁷ married Robert Wheatley (see #1934).

Generation Twelve

3864. JOHN¹² ANSCCELL.⁴⁵⁸

The pedigree chart prepared for Foose's article shows the father of Edward Ansell as "John Ansell

⁴⁴⁸Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

⁴⁴⁹Ibid.

⁴⁵⁰Ibid.

⁴⁵¹Ibid.

⁴⁵²Ibid., Vol. 33, p. 81.

⁴⁵³Ibid.

⁴⁵⁴Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

⁴⁵⁵Ibid., p. 49.

⁴⁵⁶Ibid.

⁴⁵⁷Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

⁴⁵⁸Ibid., Vol. 33, p. 81.

alias Anstel, Exeter co Devon.⁴⁵⁹

Children of John¹² Anscell include:

1932. i. EDWARD¹¹.

3870. RICHARD¹² FISHER⁴⁶⁰ married Agnes (--?--).⁴⁶¹ He died before 1532.⁴⁶²

Children of Richard¹² Fisher include:

1935. i. KATHERINE¹¹.

⁴⁵⁹Ibid.

⁴⁶⁰Foose, "The English Ancestry of the Warfields of Maryland."

⁴⁶¹Ibid., Vol. 32, p. 438 and Vol. 33, p. 81 shows a pedgree chart made for this article which lists "? Agnes, d. 1532" as wife of "Richard Fysher, gent. of Pavensham, Beds. deceased by 1531.", the parents of Katherine Fisher who married Robert Wheatley.

⁴⁶²Ibid., Vol. 32, p. 438 and Vol. 33, p. 81 shows a pedgree chart made for this article which lists "? Agnes, d. 1532" as wife of "Richard Fysher, gent. of Pavensham, Beds. deceased by 1531.", the parents of Katherine Fisher who married Robert Wheatley.

Section II: Descendants of William Henry Ridgely

Generation One

1. WILLIAM HENRY¹ **RIDGELY** was born on 25 Jul 1786 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.^{463,464,465} He married Hannah Reed **Simmons**, daughter of Stephen **Simmons** and Mabel **Hunt**, on 20 Nov 1810 in Scioto County, Ohio.^{466,467} He died on 26 Nov 1859 in Wabash County, Illinois, at age 73. He (as Wm. H. Ridgely) is listed in the 1860 mortality schedule of Wabash County, Illinois, as a married male who had died in Nov. at age 73. He was born in Illinois [sic], died of Rheumatism which he had had for 2 years. Interestingly, his occupation was listed as ship carpenter.^{468,469} He was buried in Ridgely Family Cemetery, Wabash County, Illinois.

William Henry Ridgely was presumably one of the young males enumerated with his father's family in the 1790 census of Anne Arundel County, MD, and in the family of his widowed mother, Rachel, in 1800. He is not *named* in these records, of course. His name (first?) appears in existing records on 8 April 1800 when his mother applied to be guardian for eight of her young children. He was one of ten surviving children, of whom the youngest eight were legally orphaned by the death of their father and placed under the guardianship of their mother.⁴⁷⁰

On 28 Dec. 1799, the "heirs of Henry Ridgely deceased of Anurandel County, State of Maryland" purchased land from Beal and Elizabeth Pumphrey in what is now Brooke County, W. Va. (then Virginia).⁴⁷¹ "On 27 Feb. 1815, William Ridgely and Hannah his wife of Brooke County in the state of Virginia" sold their undivided tenth part of this 206 acres to Elizah Williams

⁴⁶³Tombstone, William H. Ridgely Cemetery, on former Ridgely farm, Wabash County, Illinois. The tombstone of William Henry Ridgely and his wife Hannah Reed Ridgely displays the full birth and death dates for each of them. This cemetery is on the property on which they lived. The tombstone was erected in 1929. The dates probably come from family records such as those that Lloyd Ridgely preserved.

⁴⁶⁴Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates, ca. 1855. personal files, Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. This record, preserved by several members of the family, is traceable, at least in part, to Lloyd Ridgely.

⁴⁶⁵The birthplace is an assumption based on knowledge of his parents' family.

⁴⁶⁶Caryn R. Shoemaker and Betty J. Rudity, *Marriage Records of Scioto County, Ohio, 1803 - 1860* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1987), p. 111 from Marriage Returns, Book A, p. 307. Hereinafter cited as *Marriage Records of Scioto County, Ohio*.

⁴⁶⁷Simmons, *Stephen Simmons Family Bible* (No. 122 Market Street: Mathew Carey, 1804); Armon H. Miller (owner in 1973), Philadelphia. Hereinafter cited as *Stephen Simmons Family Bible*.

⁴⁶⁸Tombstone, William H. Ridgely Cemetery. where the tombstone has the full dates.

⁴⁶⁹Richland County Genealogical Society, *Mortality schedule for Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, and Wayne Cos., 1860-1880* (Olney, Richland County, Illinois: Richland County Genealogical Society, [March 1978]). Hereinafter cited as *Mortality Schedules, 1860-1880*.

⁴⁷⁰William Henry Ridgely, Guardian bond, folder 37 (Box 47), Archivist, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Hereinafter cited as *Guardian bond*.

⁴⁷¹Pumphrey Deed to Henry Ridgely estate. 28 Dec. 1799, Deed Book 2, p. 51, Brooke County, West Virginia. Hereinafter cited as *Pumphrey Deed -- 1799*.

of Ann Arundel County, MD. The deed also says "and whereas the said Henry Ridgely Decd did at the time of his death leave the following children to wit Achsah Ridgley, Charles Ridgley, Ann Ridgley, Eleanor Ridgley, Henrietta Ridgley, Rachel Ridgley, Sally Ridgley, Nicholas Ridgley, William Ridgley and David Ridgley his heirs at law, now this Indenture witnesseth that the aforesaid William Ridgley, and Hannah his wife, (and which said William is one of the heirs of the aforesaid Henry Ridgley Decd) for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars current money of the United States to them in hand paid by the before mentioned Elizah Williams ...". The record does not indicate that either William or Hannah signed by mark.⁴⁷² This shows that our ancestors lived in Virginia for a time after their 1810 marriage in Scioto County, OH, and supports the census reports that some of their children were born in Virginia.

On 20 May 1802, when Charles Waters filed a complaint against the estate of Henry Ridgely, who had died intestate about 1799, William Ridgely was one of the minor children of Henry Ridgely who were living in Anne Arundel County.⁴⁷³

On 1803, as a partial distribution of their father's estate, each of the ten children, including William, received 39 pounds, 11-6/10 pence.⁴⁷⁴ On 4 Feb. 1805 each of the ten children received 10 pounds, 16 shilling, 8 pence in the final distribution of the estate.^{475 476}

According to a biography of Abel Ridgely⁴⁷⁷, William Henry Ridgely became a ship carpenter at Baltimore. He did have relatives in Baltimore, at least in 1840, as shown by a petition filed there by heirs of his uncle, John Griffith⁴⁷⁸. In this petition, William Ridgely of Illinois is named as one of the children of Rachel Ridgley, sister of the deceased John Griffith. Perhaps he did work in Baltimore for a time, but, if so, this must have been before his marriage, since his first three children were born (1811 - 1816) in Virginia, now West Virginia. It should be noted that census records are not completely consistent. According to the 1860 and 1870 censuses of Wabash County, Ill., the oldest son was born in Ohio. William Henry Ridgely did have relatives in Ohio and may have lived there for a time.

He assisted Stephen Simmons in building "the first vessel ever constructed in Portsmouth, Ohio". The family came to Illinois in March, 1817 on a keel-boat, landing at old Palmyra.⁴⁷⁹ This was where Crawfish Creek put into the Wabash River.⁴⁸⁰

The 1818 state census of Edwards County is no longer extant, but a William Ridgely is listed in

⁴⁷²Deed from Wm. Henry and Hannah Ridgely, 27 Feb. 1815, Deeds, Book 5, p. 350, Brooke County, West Virginia. Hereinafter cited as Deed, 1815, Wm. H. Ridgely.

⁴⁷³*Charles Waters v. estate of Henry Ridgely*, Chancery Papers, #5541, Archivist, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

⁴⁷⁴*Charles Waters v. estate of Henry Ridgely*, Chancery Papers, #5541, Archivist.

⁴⁷⁵Henry Ridgely, final account, folder 70 (Box 41), Archivist, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Hereinafter cited as Ridgely, Henry, final account.

⁴⁷⁶Henry Ridgely, Balance and Distribution folder 1 (Box 71), Archivist, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Hereinafter cited as Henry Ridgely, final distribution.

⁴⁷⁷Lake Publishing Company, *Portrait and Biographical Record of Effingham, Jasper and Richland Counties, Illinois* (Chicago, Illinois: Lake Publishing Company, 1893). Hereinafter cited as *Effingham, Jasper, Richland Counties; Abel Ridgely*.

⁴⁷⁸Griffith -- John, Equity Court petition, 1 Oct 1840, Maryland Hall of Records, Chancery, Liber 157, folio 326-327, copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

⁴⁷⁹Lake Publishing Company, *Effingham, Jasper, Richland Counties; Abel Ridgely*.

⁴⁸⁰Theo. Risley, *Wabash County History* (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.). Hereinafter cited as *Wabash County History*.

the 1820 federal census of that county. The listing (incorrectly) shows that William and Hannah were both over age 45 and (correctly) that there were five boys under ten (who would have been William Simmons, Henry Davidge, Lloyd Griffith, Orrick and Abel). In 1827, Wabash County was formed from Edwards County. The 1830 census of Wabash County, Ill., lists the following:⁴⁸¹

William H. Ridgely:		
	2 males under 5	(Charles and Nicholas)
	1 male 5-10	(Absalom)
	3 males 10-15	(Lloyd, Orrick, Abel)
	2 males 15-20	(Wm. S. and Henry D.)
	1 male 40-50	(William Henry)
	1 female 5-10	(Eliza Lodema)
	1 female 30-40	(Hannah Reed Ridgely)

The 1840 census of Wabash County, Illinois, shows the family as follows:

William Henry Ridgely:⁴⁸²

2 males under 5	[Medad and Samuel]
2 males 10-15	[Charles and Nicholas]
1 male 15-20	[Absalom]
2 males 20-30	[any two of -- Lloyd, Orrick (already married but not located elsewhere) and Abel]
1 male 50-60	[William H.]
2 females 5-10	[Emily and Henrietta]
1 female 15-20	[Eliza Lodema]
1 female 40-50	[Hannah Reed]

The names in parentheses are not in the census record, of course, but have been added from data that will be presented later. By 1840, sons William S. and Henry D. Ridgely had started their own families and are recorded in Wabash County.

The 1850 census of Wabash County lists the family as follows:⁴⁸³

William H. Ridgely,	64	farmer	b. Md.
Hannah,	55	b.	N. Y.
Lloyd,	34	b.	Va.
Abel,	30	b.	Ill.
Absalom,	28	b.	Ill.
Eliza,	26	b.	Ill.
Charles,	24	b.	Ill.
Nicholas,	24	b.	Ill.
Emily,	19	b.	Ill.
Henrietta,	17	b.	Ill.
Medad,	13	b.	Ill.
Samuel,	10	b.	Ill.

The Ridgelys lived in section 1, town 1N, range 13W. A William Ridgely first appears in the remaining land records of Wabash County on 5 Sept. 1839 when he purchased 40 acres in this section. On 31 Oct. 1849, Wm. H. Ridgely purchased the S1/2 W1/2 W1/4 of section 35, T2N, R13W from James McMillen and wife. In 1851, Wm. Ridgely made two additional purchases (76 acres) in section 1, T1N, R13W. I have not made a complete search of the deeds. Except for the 1849 record, these purchases may have been made by William S. Ridgely.

William Henry Ridgely's will, dated 24 May 1858, shows careful consideration of his children's welfare. Three of his children were unable to live independently and he provided for them. The following records are among the materials at the Wabash County Court House, Mt. Carmel, Illinois which relate to his estate.⁴⁸⁴

⁴⁸¹ 1830 Federal Census of Wabash County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁴⁸² 1840 federal census of Wabash County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁴⁸³ 1850 federal census of Wabash County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁴⁸⁴ Homer E. Ridgely's papers, collected about 1932, copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina, He had a typed copy of these estate documents made for Ulla Ridgely Schreck when she visited Wabash County in the summer of 1930.

"I, William H. Ridgely of the county of Wabash, in the State of Illinois, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following that is to-say:

FIRST--it is my Will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be fully paid.

SECOND--I give and bequeath to my sons William S., Henry D., Orrick and Abel Ridgely and my daughter Orenda E. Harrison all the proceeds arising from the sale of all my property in the state of Ohio, Muskingum County, willed to me by my brother Charles Ridgely also the proceeds arising from the sale of one half of that tract of land bought of George Moore to be equally divided among them.

THIRD--I give and bequeath to my son Medad R. Ridgely the other half of the said Moore tract of land. I want my Executor to choose three disinterested men to divide said land to the best advantage for all parties and for my son Medad to have his choice.

FOURTH--I give and bequeath one acre of land for a buring ground whare the old buring yard is now; also the privilege of getting to it from the laid out road, the above buring ground is for the use of all my posterity.

FIFTH--I give, devise and bequeath to my son Loyd G. Ridgely the farm I now live on including the timber lot bought of James McMillen in all about or near two hundred acres; also all of my stock of every kind and description and all my farming utensils also all moneys, notes due, and all demands, in fact all I possesses not above disposed of by this will now this last I give, devise and bequeath to Loyd G. Ridgely is on the following conditions. The conditions are these he shall let my two daughters Lodema E. and Henrietta Ridgely each have their bed and bedding and each one have their cow I have allready given them and when they leave or get married he shall pay them two hundred and fifty dollars a piece the above money shall be paid within one year from the time it is called for; also all my debts and expenses; also conditioned that the said Loyd G. Ridgely take care of and support my sons Nicholas, Charles and Samuel G. Ridgely then and in that case I want a sufficient portion of my estate to go for their support and my son Orrick Ridgely to take care and charge of and manage it for their support as long as they live. Conditioned further that my two daughters may live on the place as long as they plase and live single and shall have their support, but they must help support the family the above named legacies are to go to Loyd G. Ridgely his heirs and assigns forever after complying with the above named conditions; also Medad R. Ridgely above mentioned legacy is to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons William S. and Loyd G. Ridgely to be the executors for this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and ratisfying and conforming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

My executors are to sell my property in Ohio and also the part of the Moore tract that is to be sold and after taking out the expenses pay it over according to my will.

In testamony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fourth day of May in the year of one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

William H. Ridgely [SEAL]

Signed, published and declared by the above named William H. Ridgely as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of us who at his request have signed as witnesses to the same.

Hiram Cusick,
William Hazelton,
Adam Harness

State of Illinois
Wabash County, SS

On this day comes William S. Ridgely and Loyd G. Ridgely of said County and produced to the court here for probate, the will of William H. Ridgely, late of the said county, deceased, purporting to be attested by Hiram Cusick, William Hazelton, and Adam Harness being first duly sworn, say respectively that they were well acquainted with William H. Ridgely of Wabash County, in the State of Illinois, in his lifetime, that he resided in said County at the time of his death, that he died on the 26th day of November A. D. 1859. The instrument in writing so produced by said William S. Ridgely and Loyd G. Ridgely, purporting to be the Will of William H. Ridgely being here shown them, they further respectively say that there were each present when the same was executed by William H. Ridgely, and saw him sign it on the day of the date thereof, and they acknowledged the same then and there to be his act and deed that each of them believes that the said William H. Ridgely was at that time of sound mind and memory, that each of them signed the same as attesting witnesses at the request of said Wm. H. Ridgely, in his presences and in the presence of each other.

Hiram Cusick
Adam Harness

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of December, A. D. 1859.

James S. Johnston, Clerk.

Filed December 15th 1859 in the Records of Wills, page 89-92, of Wabash County, Illinois. James S. Johnston, Clerk.

AFFADAVIT OF DECEASE AND NAMES OF HEIRS
State of Illinois
SS
County of Wabash

William S. Ridgely, being duly sworn deposes and says that William H. Ridgely late of the County of Wabash, and State of Illinois is dead, and that he died on or about the 26th day of November A. D. 1859 after having duly made and published his Last Will and Testament and his real and personal Estate will probably amount to \$4,000.00 that said William H. Ridgely left at the time of his decease no widow, and William S. Ridgely, Henry D. Ridgely, Loyd G. Ridgely, Orrick Ridgely, Abel Ridgely, Medad R. Ridgely, Charles Ridgely, Nicholas Ridgely, Samuel Ridgely, Eliza Lodema Ridgely, Emily Orenda Ridgely, Henrietta Ridgely, Samuel under 21 years.

William S. Ridgely

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 22nd day of December A. D. 1859

James S. Johnston, Clerk

A careful inventory of his estate, which follows, gives an indication of the style of life of our rural ancestors one hundred and fifty years ago.

The inventory of the Estate of Wm. H. Ridgely, deceased, this February 21st, A. D. 1860.

Cash	\$ 1.09
One note on H. Gunn and int.	\$424.00
" " Wm. S. Ridgely	\$ 8.40
" " Wm. Orsborn, doubtful	\$ 25.65
" " Edith Litherland	\$ 17.00
" " Levi Couch	\$ 47.05
" " Jonathan Ingram, doubtful	\$ 35.00

1 mule five years old	2 salt barrels
1 old horse	1 skillet and lid
3 cows	2 jars
2 three old steers	1, 2 gal jug

4 steers 2 year old	2, 1 gal jugs
3 steers 1 year old	1 1/4 gal jug
1 calf	4 1 gal jug
17 head of hogs	4, 1 gal crocks
6 pigs	2 tin pans
21 sheep	5 old buckets
1 old waggon	1 old wash tub and board
1 old buggy and harness	2 candle sticks and lamps
1 hay rake	3 flat irons
2 set of harrow teeth	2 pr. hand irons
1 colter plow	68 bu. wheat
1-2 horse plow	20 cents money
3 old plows	5 tons fine hay
3 hoes	250 bu. corn
5 old axes	1 claw hammer
1 old Adds	1 old pair gears
5 old augers	1 tar bucket
4 old chisels	1 grapling iron
1 old hand saw	1 old loom and reel
1 old hatchet	1 little wheel
2 iron wedges	1 large wheel
1 maul rings	1 safe
2 pitchforks	1 fall leaf table
2 manure forks	1 square table
1 shovel	1 stand
1 scoop shovel	2 old chests
1 old mathook	1 trunk
2 old gimlets	2 homade bed stids
2 log chairs	14 old chairs
2 old Bells and clappers	3 beds and bedding
2 old belts and collar straps	1 tea pot
3 hand rakes	1 sugar bowl
1 old set of waggon gears	16 plates
2 collars	18 tea cups and saucers
1 pair trace chains	5 bowls
2 old saddles	2 sets knife and forks
3 old meat tules	2 carving knives
1 old barrel	4 glass tumblers
5 old keggs	1, 2 quart measure
8 old boxes	7 tin cups
1 old cutting box	1 tin straner
1 old cradle scythe	1 dipper
1 old bush sythe	1 old sive
1 stretcher	lot of old medacin bottles and viols
1 double tree and 3 single trees	3 tea and table spoons
1 stove and cooking utensils	1 tin tea canister
1 old iron kettle	1 tin molasses
1 oven and lid	1 looking glass
2 old brass kettles	1 old pr. sheep shears
1 tea kettle	4 baskets
1 pot and lid	18 old barrels
1 old half bu.	1 picher
1 pr. stilliards	8 lbs nails
\$5.00 worth of leather	21 old sacks
yarn for 20 yards jeans	yarn for 20 yard of lincy
1 ox yoke and steeple	5 7/12 dozen chickens
1 old gun and shoutpouch and horn	15 lbs. tallow
2 razors and one strap	1 strap and brush and 1 shaven cup
a bible	1 hym book
1 geography and atlas	1 farm book
70 ft. old lumber	400 ft. cullings wether boarding
1 ground auger	1 numbrella
Cr. by Crossen's Estate \$18.00 cash	
1 biography of the Revolutionary Soldiers	1 pr. tounges
1 shovel	
The east half of the W half Section 1, Town number 1 North Range 14 West	
	71 60/100 acres

N half of the S. W. half [of what?] 71 60/100 acres

S. W. S. W. section 35, town 2 North Range 12 West
40 acres

N half End W of the Boundry line Section 1 Town 1 Range 14 W.
1.46 50/100 acres.

[These land records require re-examination in the original]

W. S. Ridgely
Lloyd G. Ridgely
Executors

Filed May 19th, A. D. 1862, Recorded in Record A of Inventory and Appraisalment Book, pages 619 and 620.

J. S. Johnston, Clerk

"\$8.00 received of Wm. S. Ridgely, eight dollars in full for one coffin
executor of the estate of Wm. H. Ridgely, deceased, this the 15th day of January 1861
Joel Berringer"

Claim of Isaac Hershey

		Dr.	Cr.
1858	to Wh. H. Ridgely		
July 9	1 lb tea by Wm. Jr.	85	
" "	3 " coffee	50	
Oct. 11	1/4 pound tea	25	
Nov. 18	3 pound tea	60	
1859	coffee	50	
March 14	tea	30	
June 15	3 can soda and matches	30	
Oct. 15	3 barlow knives by Lloyd	30	
Oct. 19	1 nails	49	
Oct. 22	1 "	7	
Oct. 26	3 coffee and nails	57	
Oct. 29	1 cap	1.87 1/2	
Nov. 26	6 3/4 yards shrouding	2.70	
Nov. 28	by 1 yard shrouding returned	.40	

		\$10.80	

Henry Herschey
per I. Berninger

Wm. Ridgely to H. Cusick

1858	to making 3 pairs of shoes	1.80	
"	" mending shoes	.30	
1859	to mending shoes	.25	
June 8th	to half soling shoes	.25	
July 25	to making shoes	.67 1/2	
Aug. 28	to mending shoes (Greenhood)	.20	
Sept. 3rd	to making shoes (for Greenhood)	.62 1/2	
Sept. 21	to making shoes for Lodema	.62 1/2	
Oct. 14	to making shoes for Sam	.62 1/2	
Dec.	to making shoes for Charles	.62 1/2	
"	to attendance at Mt. Carmel	.62 1/2	5.92 1/2
	to prove will, claimant asks		.50

			6.42 1/2

Proven by oath of open court before me this 20th day of March A. D. 1860

William R. Wilkinson C. J.

Ordered that this claim be allowed on 4th class of claims

Filed March 20th A. D. 1860 J. S. Johnston, Clerk

"March 6, 1873 Received of W. S. and Loyd G. Ridgely executors of W. H. Ridgely, the
sum of \$165.60 in full of the money coming to me from the P. Moore tract of land in accordance

with father's will. Abel Ridgely"

Other receipts were signed by H. D. Ridgely, Emily O. Harrison, and Orrick Ridgely.

William Henry Ridgely is buried with his wife and other members of the family in the family plot mentioned in his will. This is on the farm where Mrs. Charles Abel, formerly Ethel Ridgely, a great-granddaughter, was living in 1932 and later. Jean Cullen wrote me (in 1997) that the farm had passed down to Ethel's children and "is being worked" by her son, Leo Carey.⁴⁸⁵ The inscription on the tombstone, which was erected in 1929, is as follows:⁴⁸⁶

Wm H
RIDGELY
July 25, 1786⁴⁸⁷
Nov 26, 1859

HANNAH
REED
his wife
Jan. 20, 1793
June 13, 1853

Blessed are the dead
Which die in the Lord

RIDGELY

"The cemetery at the old farm was in fairly good condition. It had three markers on the east half (low, with no dates) Orrick, infant son⁴⁸⁸, Medad and Charles.

"On the west half, Loyd, Samuel and the large monument for Wm. H. and Hannah Reed. It was about 4 or 5 feet high and had only been erected the year before (1929) so of course was a modern gray marble. The plot was enclosed by woven wire and had room for many more graves, but I could find no other markers."⁴⁸⁹

Some of the traditions which have been discovered in earlier family materials are:

"Mrs. [Minnie Harrison] Reid remembers the family and neighbors talking of how hard it must have been for her grandmother who was 'raised a lady, and had slaves to do the work, to work so hard when they came west.' Also that her father (Col. Simmons?) did not think it right to keep them and freed his before the general emancipation." Note that Hannah's parents, Stephen and Hannah (Reed) Simmons, both died well before the general emancipation I have found no records of slaves in their families, but certainly William Henry Ridgely's Maryland ancestors held slaves. Bernice Bushfield, studying Upper Ohio Valley Regional History, including families of the West Virginia Panhandle, wrote: "A good many of the Marylanders of course being planters in Maryland brought slaves with them expecting to set up the same economical system they had had

⁴⁸⁵Letter from Jean Cullen (Portage, Indiana) to Dan W. Olds, 27 Sep 1997; copy in my files (Spartanburg, South Carolina).

⁴⁸⁶Letter from Ulla (Ridgely) Schreck (DeKalb, Illinois) to Homer E. Ridgely, 2 Feb. 1932; copy in my files (Spartanburg, South Carolina).

⁴⁸⁷Mrs. Schreck's drawing says 1776 and she comments that her notes also say 1776 but that she believes that her notes are wrong and the date is 1786 as she has it from other sources.

⁴⁸⁸This Orrick was a son of Henry D. Ridgely. Medad and Charles were sons of William Henry Ridgely.

⁴⁸⁹Letter, Ulla (Ridgely) Schreck to Ridgely, 2 Feb. 1932, with which she also enclosed her drawing of the large tombstone.

in Maryland but it didn't work since in order for it to be feasible you had to plant large acreage of some crop such as cotton or tobacco. After the woods were cleared it was corn and wheat which didn't need large labor forces to plant and harvest so most of them manumitted slaves long before 1850 except for house workers. Our winters were too cold to keep slaves well and comfortable in cabins. The planter thus had to turn to either trade or business so we find the younger generations the organizers of our industries such as tanning, mills, etc. All a matter of climate plus economics."⁴⁹⁰

"Mrs. Reid recalls hearing her Aunt Etta Parker (that would be Henrietta) saying her ancestors gave the ground for the first cemetery in New York City."⁴⁹¹ This tradition has been taken as applying to the Ridgely family, although it almost certainly does not. In 1932, when contacted for Homer E. Ridgely, the New York Historical Society was unable to find any support for the statement.

"I think I wrote you last winter that Uncle Lloyd had told me that one of his uncles was a sailor and sailed around the world (I don't know how big the world was)."⁴⁹²

"Mrs. Reld talked to Uncle Loyd and he thought no Ridgelys fought in the Revolution."⁴⁹³

Charles, Nicholas and Samuel Ridgely were mentally retarded, although I do not know how severely. Samuel is remembered as having the mind of a child. This was the reason that their father's will required Loyd to take care of them. Dow Ridgely has preserved for us the traditional explanation of their condition. The story is that when their mother was pregnant with one of them (that would have to have been both Charles and Nicholas), she was badly frightened by a bull and this caused the deficiency. She was so worried about a repeat performance during the next pregnancy that the child was also retarded (Note, however, that Samuel was not the next pregnancy.)

It has somehow become a part of family tradition that William Henry Ridgely was born in Boston, Mass., but according to the 1850 census of Wabash County, Ill., he was born in Maryland. (However, in the 1880 census, Lloyd listed himself and both his parents as born in New York!) William's will mentioned a deceased brother, Charles of Ohio. The will of Charles H. Ridgely of Muskingum County, Ohio, (made 10 Dec. 1853) names his wife Anne and two brothers, William Ridgely of Illinois and Nicholas Ridgely of Baltimore, Maryland, as his sole heirs after his decease. The list Lloyd Ridgely sent his sister, Emily Harrison, included Charles H. Ridgely, b. 16 Feb. 1779, and another brother, Davidge G. Ridgely, b. 14 Feb. 1794. These records and the given names in the family were the major clues on which to begin a search for the ancestry of William Henry Ridgely.

It is well known that the Ridgely family was numerous in Maryland, so the search was continued there. (Several published records included the family of a William Ridgely and wife Mary ORRICK, of Anne Arundel County, Md.) The Hall of Records at Annapolis is a fine place for genealogical research on local families and the notes in this book outline only a fraction of the papers there which pertain to our ancestors. One of the first records located there was the guardian bond for Davidge Griffith Ridgely, dated 8 April 1800. When bonds were located for his brothers William and Nicholas and an older brother Charles was found, the genealogical search had a firm starting point. This eventually led to the ancestry known today.

⁴⁹⁰Letter from Bernice Bushfield (Toronto, Ohio) to Dan W. Olds, 15 March 1962; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁴⁹¹Letter, Ulla (Ridgely) Schreck to Ridgely, 2 Feb. 1932.

⁴⁹²Letter from Minnie (Harrison) Reid (Albion, Illinois) to Homer E. Ridgely, 8 Sept. 1932; copy in my files (Spartanburg, South Carolina).

⁴⁹³Letter, Ulla (Ridgely) Schreck to Ridgely, 2 Feb. 1932.

In addition to the census records and estate records which name the children in this family, three other references have been useful in constructing a complete listing with full names and dates. These are:

Ref. 1. A list of names and dates sent to Emily O. Harrison by her brother, Loyd Ridgely about 1855. "When my oldest brother was a baby of perhaps 1 or 2 yrs old my father had a sick attack and the Doctor told him the only thing for him to do was to travel in a wagon so they went to Wisconsin in a covered wagon, and while there, Uncle Loyd sent this in a letter to my mother, part of it was cut off before I got it, and in looking at it yesterday I see that there must be a record of two of Grandfathers brothers so I will send it to you to see, I would like it returned some time.⁴⁹⁴ I do not have a photocopy of this record but Homer Ridgely and Ulla Ridgely Schreck transcribed this list into their records. It was later the property of Lorena and Emily Reid who sent me a transcript, saying "We have this on very old paper--possibly from an old Bible."⁴⁹⁵

Charles H. Ridgely	February 16, 1779
Davidge G. Ridgely	" 14, 1794
Hannah Reed Simmons	January 20, 1793
The ages of the children of William and Hannah Ridgely	
William Simmons Ridgely	July 7, 1811
Henry Davidge Ridgely	May 8, 1818 (or 13)
Lloyd Griffith Ridgely	August 5, 1816
Orrick Ridgely	September 18 (or 13) 1817
Abel Ridgely	February 16, 1820
Henrietta Ridgely	March 2, 1833
Medad Reed Ridgely	December 23, 1835
Samuel Gunn Ridgely	March 9, 1840

Emily Reid also sent me a transcript of another list she had, in her mother's handwriting. This one differs slightly: it includes William H. Ridgely, July 25, 1786; it has Davidge G. b. Feb. 11; it has Henry Davidge, May 8; it has Orrick, Sept. 13; it has Emily O., Apr. 12, 1831; and it has Medad, Dec. 5. Also, added at the side in Minnie Reid's handwriting were the names Charles, Nicholas, Absalom, Hannah and Eliza Lodema with no dates. Mrs. Shreck's list ("I got from Mrs. Reid (mostly)") does include Wm. H, shows 1813 for Henry D., Sept. 13 for Orrick, has Orenda Emily born Apr. 12, 1831, shows Lodema E. next with no date, Dec. 25 for Medad Reed, March 3 for Samuel Gunn and ends with Nicholas and Charles with no dates.

Ref. 2. A biography of Abel Ridgely⁴⁹⁶ names the Ridgely family as William H.[sic], Henry D., Loyd G., Orrick, Abel, Absalom, Mrs. Eliza L. Greenwood, Mrs. Orenda Harrison, Mrs. Henrietta Parker, Charles and Nicholas (twins), Medad, Samuel, Maria and one who died at birth.

Ref. 3. I have notes made by Dow A. Ridgely which say:

"The following information was given to me by Lloyd Ridgely a few days before his death.

William Ridgely Sr. born in Scotland? Blacksmith, minister, and soldier

William Ridgely Jr. born in Scotland or America July 25 1786

married Hannah Simmons who was born in 1794 and died June 13, 1853

William Jr. was a soldier in the war of 1812-1814 Died Nov. 16, 1859

Their children

William born July 7 1811?

Henry D. born May 8 1813

Lloyd " Aug 5, 1816

Orrick " Sep 1817

Abel " 1820

⁴⁹⁴Letter, Ulla (Ridgely) Schreck to Ridgely, 2 Feb. 1932.

⁴⁹⁵Letter from Emily Reid (Albion, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Dec. 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁴⁹⁶Lake Publishing Company, *Effingham, Jasper, Richland Counties; Abel Ridgely*, p. 315.

Absolem " 1822 [marked out] died 1855
Little girl 1828 died at 5 years
Eliza -----
LaDema --- [The names Eliza and LaDema are bracketed and marked with a ?]
Orenda ----- 1831
Henrietta ----- 1833
Medad ----- 1835
Samuel ----- 1840
Charles and Nicholas 1826 - twins"⁴⁹⁷

Only a small portion of the notes from Lloyd Ridgely has been verified. The National Archives, Washington, D. C., could provide no evidence of the service in the war of 1812. This paper was sent to me by Stephanie Polzin, Dec. 1969, writing for her grandfather Dow. She says "Grandpa also said the paper he's sending you was the nucleous of the whole thing. The things Lloyd told him started him off."

"Uncle Ridgely took dinner with us yesterday. He says that he has been unable to work much this summer."⁴⁹⁸

In 1854, Congress passed the Kansas-Nebraska Act (introduced by Stephen Douglas of Illinois) which created the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska. In contrast to the provisions of the 1820 Missouri Compromise (which allowed new states into the Union in pairs, one free, one slave) the new act provided for "local sovereignty" under which the settlers of the new territories would determine for themselves whether their Territory would become a free state or a slave state. This created a situation which spawned many battles, both political and physical. The resultant conflicts were not confined to the new territories and were among the many origins of the Civil War. In Wabash County, William H. Ridgely was one of the supporters of making Nebraska a Free State.

"ANTI-NEBRASKA MEETING OF THE PEOPLE. All who are opposed to the Extension of Slavery into Free Territory and of restoring the Federal Government to the principles of Washington and Jefferson, are invited to attend a Mass Meeting, to be held at the Court House, in Mount Carmel, on Saturday, August 16th, 1856, at 10 o'clock A. M. Public speakers from abroad are expected. Freemen, turn out! -- Hear for yourselves!, July 28, 1856

...Joseph Ballard, William Higgins, William H. Ridgely, Justice Gard, Jr. "⁴⁹⁹

"Uncle Rigley has not been able to go off the farm but a few times in the past year owing to general debility and rheumatism."⁵⁰⁰

"I heard that Uncle Ridgely is dead. He was buried last Saturday."⁵⁰¹

HANNAH REED SIMMONS was born on 20 Jan 1793 in New York.^{502,503} She died on 13 Jun

⁴⁹⁷Interview with Lloyd Ridgely (Wabash County, Ill.), by Dow A. Ridgely, 1911.

⁴⁹⁸Leda Knight, *Letters of Knight, Buchanan & Gunn* (Omaha, Illinois: Leda Knight, 2002), p. 69. Letter from S. S. Knight, Mt. Carmel, Illinois, to "Dear Brother" (Geo. B. Knight), 18 July 1856. Hereinafter cited as *Letters of Knight, Buchanan & Gunn*.

⁴⁹⁹Anti-Nebraska Meeting of the People, *Mt. Carmel Register*, Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois, 6 Aug 1856. Hereinafter cited as *Mt. Carmel Register*.

⁵⁰⁰Knight, *Letters of Knight, Buchanan & Gunn*, p. 90. Letter from S. S. Knight to "Only Brother" (Geo. B. Knight), 6 Nov 1859.

⁵⁰¹Knight, *Letters of Knight, Buchanan & Gunn*, p. 92. Letter from Martha (Knight) Buchanan to "Dear Brother" (Geo. B. Knight), 30 Nov 1859.

⁵⁰²Letter from Emily Reid (Albion, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Nov. 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁵⁰³Tombstone, William H. Ridgely Cemetery.

1853 in Wabash County, Illinois, at age 60.^{504,505} She was buried in the family cemetery, Wabash County, Illinois.⁵⁰⁶ She was the "daughter of Stephen Simmons, who when a small boy emigrated from his native England to America. At the age of fifteen, he entered the Colonial Army and for meritorious conduct in the struggle for independence was promoted to the rank of Colonel." Stephen Simmons laid out the town of Mt. Pleasant, Ill., about 1820. He had a horse mill of some importance there. The place was later known as Clark's Corners. Col. Simmons with a family of four children, Stephen, Medad and two daughters, settled on the west half of the northwest quarter of section 1 [town IN, range 13W].⁵⁰⁷ Mrs. Minnie (Harrison) Reid, who collected several items on our family history, left a note naming Mable Hunt as the wife of Col. Stephen Simmons. This has now been supported by the information located in the Simmons Bible. Stephen Simmons and his wife, both age 60-70, are listed in the 1830 census of Wabash County. His son Medad was born about 1796 in Virginia and Stephen [Jr.] was born about 1797 in Ohio. Hannah Ridgely was accepted into membership by the Wabash Presbyterian Church at Orio "about 2 Sept. 1837". This same transcription shows her death as 13 June 1855.⁵⁰⁸

Children of William Henry¹ **Ridgely** and Hannah Reed **Simmons** were as follows:

- + 2. i. WILLIAM SIMMONS² **RIDGELY** was born on 7 Jul 1811 in Muskingum County, Ohio. He married Ann Eliza **Crowell**.
- + 3. ii. HENRY DAVIDGE **RIDGELY** was born on 8 May 1813 in Virginia. He married Irena **Harrison**, daughter of John **Harrison** and Nancy **Higgins**, on 16 Aug 1839.
- 4. iii. LLOYD GRIFFITH **RIDGELY** was born on 5 Aug 1816.⁵⁰⁹ He died on 24 Oct 1911 at age 95.⁵¹⁰ He was buried in Ridgely Family Cemetery, Wabash County, Illinois.

Lloyd is mentioned in all three reference lists described under William Henry Ridgely. His full name and birth date are given in Ref. 1. In the 1860 census of Wabash County, Ill., he is listed as age 46, b. Ohio, head of the family including Eliza, Charles, Nicholas, and Samuel, of whom the last three are "Idiotic" and all four were born in Wabash County.⁵¹¹ He was born in Virginia, Ohio or New York according to the 1860, 1870 or 1880 census, respectively. His obituary gives his birth place as Lawrence County, Ill. He never married and his old age was spent with his nephew, George William Ridgely, Medad's son. At the time of his death, he was visiting his nephew, William Harrison, near West Salem., Ill. He had just visited Dow A. Ridgely who then took the notes mentioned in Ref. 3. The petition for the probate of his will was filed in Wabash County on 3 July 1912. He is buried in his father's cemetery. There are no dates on his marker.

⁵⁰⁴Tombstone, William H. Ridgely Cemetery. Her tombstone there was erected in 1929 and has full date for birth and death.

⁵⁰⁵Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates.

⁵⁰⁶Tombstone, William H. Ridgely Cemetery.

⁵⁰⁷J. L. McDonough & Co., *Combined History of Edwards, Lawrence and Wabash Counties, Illinois ...* (Philadelphia, Penn.: J. L. McDonough & Co., 1883). Hereinafter cited as *Edwards, Lawrence, Wabash Co. History*.

⁵⁰⁸Ridgely names, Wabash Presbyterian Church records as noted by Helen Reed, , copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Hereinafter cited as Wabash Presbyterian Church records.

⁵⁰⁹Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates. Note that his birthdate is given as 30 Aug. in his obituary.

⁵¹⁰Mr. Lloyd Ridgely, aged 95, *Mt. Carmel Morning Register*, Mt. Carmel, Illinois, 24 Oct 1911. Hereinafter cited as *Mt. Carmel Morning Register*.

⁵¹¹1860 federal census of Wabash County, Illinois. Microfilm image. Used at National Archives.

The 1870 census shows:⁵¹²
Ridgely, Loyd, 53 b. VA
 , Henni~~e~~tt~~a~~, 35 b. Ill.
 , Charles, 43 b. Ill. Idiotic
 , Nicholas, 43 b. Ill. Idiotic
 , Samuel, 30 b. Ill. Idiotic
Parker, John B., 24 b. Ill.

The 1880 census listing of Wabash County shows:⁵¹³
Ridgely, Loid, 68 b. NY parents b. NY
 Samuel, 40[?] brother b. Ill. parents b. NY
 George W., 20 nephew b. Ill. parents b. Ill.

In 1900, Loyd Ridgely, b. 1816 in Virginia, and Samuel Ridgely, b. 1840 in Illinois, were living in the family of John and Henrietta Parker in Lukin Township, Lawrence County, Illinois. In 1910, Loyd G. Ridgely, b. in Virginia, and Samuel Ridgely, b. in Illinois, were uncles living in the family of George W. Ridgely in Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County, Illinois.

"Your letter of Oct. 24 just rec'd today (via Girard) announcing the death of our dear old Uncle Lloyd Ridgely that morning at your Bro. Willies, West Salem. I thank you for the kind thoughtful letter ... I have thought of Uncle Lloyd scores of times the last year promising myself to go to visit him ere long. Yes, I always loved and revered him. He was always kind and sympathetic, so seldom complained of anything or anybody, tho suffering very poor health for so many years, his living to almost his 96th year is indeed surprising and proves that careful dieting and habits will ensure the long life for even frail constitutions.⁵¹⁴ Lloyd Ridgely is the source of much on the information on the William Henry Ridgely family. This is true even in death, since his estate records include a list of heirs which names many of the children and grandchildren of his brothers and sisters. The petition for the probate of his estate gives his death date as April, 1912, but this is clearly incorrect. His obituary gives his birthdate as 30 August and may be correct.

Lloyd is frequently spelled Loyd in our family records.
He left a will on 6 May 1910;

"The Last Will and Testament of Lloyd G. Ridgely of the Precinct of Friendsville in the county of Wabash and State of Illinois made and published the Sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten

"In the name of God, Amen, I Lloyd G. Ridgely, of the Precinct of Friendsville, in the county of Wabash and State of Illinois, of the age of Ninety-three years and being of sound mind and memory do hereby make, publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say:

"First -- It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts shall be fully paid.

⁵¹²1870 federal census of Wabash County, Ill. Microfilm image. Used at National Archives.

⁵¹³1880 federal census of Wabash County, Ill. Microfilm image. Used at National Archives.

⁵¹⁴Letter from Edwin Reed Ridgely (Girard, Kansas) to Minnie Harrison Reid, 8 Nov. 1911; a partial transcript, personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) . This letter belonged to Emily and Lorena Reid who sent a transcript of this portion.

"Second -- I give and devise to my nephew George Ridgely and to his wife jointly, the east half of the northwest quarter of section One (1) all in township One (1) north, range thirteen west (13), West, Wabash county, Illinois, and containing in all one hundred forty-nine (149) acres more or less, subject to the following conditions and impositions to be fully Kept, and observed by my said nephew, to wit: He, my said nephew, is to provide for me and my brother, Samuel G. Ridgely, a suitable home in the house upon the above described lands, furnish the same with the proper comforts and to provide sufficient and proper food, prepared and served to us, to provide proper and suitable clothing for myself and brother aforesaid, to furnish all medical treatment and medicine that may be necessary in an illness from which I may suffer or any illness from which my said brother shall suffer; said care and providing for as above stated shall be for and during the natural life of myself and my said brother.

"It is also my will that the devisees herein named shall erect and maintain a good and sufficient fence around the graves of my brothers and parents, said fence to inclose all the graves now in the graveyard on said land, said fence to be a substantial iron fence; they are also to place head stones at the grave of my two brothers buried in the graveyard, and also at the graves of myself and my brother, Samuel G. Ridgely aforesaid within a reasonable time after our decease.

"The devisees herein are to pay all taxes assessed and levied against me from this date.

"It is expressly my will that the aforesaid devisees shall use special care in keeping clean and clothing my said brother, Samuel G. Ridgely on account of his unfortunate condition and my said devisees are to use only kind words and treatment towards him at all times and that they, at all times, keep me posted upon the occurrences of the neighborhood and community.

"This devise is made to George Ridgely and Emma Ridgely each jointly so long as their natural lives, then to George's children so long as [some words missing from my photocopy] shall attend to any and all business [words missing] all rents and pay over to me the proceeds therefrom, to sell and deliver all crops and rents I may have or that may be due me.

"It is my will that should these devisees fail or refuse to carry out the conditions and impositions herein contained then the devisees to them herein contained shall be null and void.

"It is my will that the devisees herein shall be in full of all the rights of George Ridgely aforesaid in my estate and the remainder of my estate both real and personal shall go to my other heirs equally among them, except my nephew Charlie Ridgely who is to have \$25.00 - in full of his share.

"Lastly -- I hereby nominate and appoint George Couch of West Salem, Illinois, to be the executor of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

"In witness whereof, I have set hereunto my hand and seal the 6th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

Lloyd G. X his mark Ridgely

(seal)

"The above instrument, consisting of One double sheet, was now here subscribed by Lloyd G. Ridgely, the Testator, in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his last Will and Testament and we at his request sign our names hereto in his presence as attesting witnesses.

Sarah G. Stelzer of Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Locindia Ritchey of " " "

"Probate of Will State of Illinois Wabash County

"In the County Court of said county, In Probate October Term A. D. 1912
"Personally appeared in open court Sarah G. Stelzer and Lucindia Ritchey, subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Lloyd G. Ridgely, late of Wabash county, deceased, who being duly sworn according to law, do depose and say, each for himself, that the foregoing is the last Will and Testament of the said Lloyd G. Rigely, deceased: that they subscribed their names thereto as the attesting witnesses at the request of the said Testator, and in his presence and in the presence of each other on the 6th day of May A. D. 1910.

"That he there subscribed his name therto [sic] in our presence and declared the same to be his last Will and Testament; and that the said Testator at the time of executing the same as aforesaid was of full age of sound mind and memory and under no constraint.⁵¹⁵

Obituary of Lloyd Ridgely, Mount Carmel Morning Register, Mount Carmel, Ill.
Tuesday, 24 Oct. 1911.

COUNTY'S OLDEST RESIDENT DIES

Mr. Lloyd Ridgley[sic], aged 95,
passed away at home of relatives
IN WEST SALEM THIS MORNING

Had lived a bachelor all his life
and was one of the old pioneers.

"Mr. Lloyd Ridgley, who was claimed to be the oldest resident of the county at the time of his death, and one of the most prominent and well known pioneers of this section of the State, died at the home of a relative in West Salem this morning at 3:45, after a few days illness, of bronchial pneumonia.

"Mr. Ridgley was 95 years old on the 30th of last August. He was born in Lawrence county, but for the greater portion of his life lived on a farm between Lancaster and Orio. He was never married, and for the greater portion of his life lived alone on his farm, until a few years ago, when he became unable to care for the duties of his home, at which time he went to live with a nephew.

"He made frequent trips here and there among his relatives on visits and it was on one of these visits that death overtook him. He had gone to Parkersburg and other points to the west and returned as far as West Salem, where he was visiting with a nephew, when he was taken ill for the last time.

"He was well known throughout the county and particularly so in the north and northwest part, where he lived. He was respected and known as one of the best men in the county.

"Of this immediate family there remains surviving him only one brother, Samuel.

"The funeral will be held in the Christian church at West Salem, Wednesday afternoon, and burial will be made in the old family graveyard on the farm."⁵¹⁶ On 3 July 1912, in Wabash County, Illinois, George Couch filed a petition for the probate of the will of Lloyd Ridgely, stating

⁵¹⁵Wabash County Estate Records, Book A: item 4, Book B, p. 161, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah. Hereinafter cited as Wabash County Estate Records, Book A.

⁵¹⁶Mr. Lloyd Ridgely, aged 95, *Mt. Carmel Morning Register*, 24 Oct 1911.

that Lloyd Ridgely had died at William Harrison's in Edwards County in April 1912 [sic]. Although Lloyd's will had appointed George Couch as executor, he now "resigns said trust in favor of George W. Ridgely, a nephew at whose place in Wabash County, Illinois, Lloyd Ridgely aforesaid, lived, unmarried and with no descendants. Lloyd left real property evaluated at about \$10,000 and personal property evaluated at about \$600 and "said deceased left surviving him no widow or children, and the following named persons as his only heirs at law and legatees; and their respective places of residence as far as known are as follows:

[Lloyd's brother]
Samuel Ridgely, Lancaster Illinois
[children of Lloyd's deceased brother, Medad Ridgely]
Charles Ridgely, Mound Valley, Kansas
George W. Ridgely, Lancaster, Illinois
[children of Lloyd's deceased sister, Emily Harrison]
Henry Harrison, Lancaster, Illinois
Dow Harrison, West Salem, Illinois
William Harrison, West Salem, Illinois
Geor. Harrison, West Salem, Illinois
Minnie Reed, Albion, Illinois
[grandchildren of Lloyd's sister, Emily through her deceased dau.,
Angeline Harrison Brines]
Fred Brines, Belmont, Illinois
Orman Brines, Belmont, Illinois
Cora Brines, Belmont, Illinois
Ola Brines, Belmont, Illinois
Myrtle Brines, Belmont, Illinois
Glydes [sic] Brines, Belmont, Illinois
[children of Lloyd's deceased brother, Henry D. Ridgely]
Sarah Finley, Parkersburgh, Illinois
Mary Parker, Parkersburgh, Illinois
Ellen Talley, Parkersburgh, Illinois
Hannah Michaels, Parkersburgh, Illinois
Nancy A. Smith, Parkersburgh, Illinois
Jno. H. Ridgely, Parkersburgh, Illinois
[grandchildren of Henry D. thru his deceased son, Robert Ridgely]
Orman Ridgely, Eureka, Illinois
Ollie Ridgely, Eureka, Illinois
Irene Sealock, Petersburg, Illinois
[grandchildren of Henry D. thru his deceased dau., Elsie Jane Ridgely
Stanninger]
Ralph Stanager, West Salem, Illinois
Rolla Stanager, West Salem, Illinois
Robert Stanager, West Salem, Illinois
Bessie S. Gentz, West Salem, Illinois
Mary S. Goodson, Atwood, Illinois
Bertha S. Doty, Delphi, Indiana
[children of Lloyd's deceased brother, Orrick Ridgely]
James S. Ridgely, Calhoun, Illinois
Russel Ridgely, Parkersburgh, Illinois
[grandchildren of Orrick thru his deceased son, George W. Ridgely]
Oscar Ridgely, Parkersburgh, Illinois
Sarah Higgins, Sumner, Illinois
Zella Moore, Bridgeport, Illinois [Lora Traylor was not named]
[grandchildren of Orrick thru his deceased son, Ira Ridgely]
Dow Ridgely, Parkersburgh, Illinois

Willie (possibly Willis) Ridgely, Parkersburg, Illinois
 [grandchildren of Lloyd's deceased brother, Abel Ridgely, thru his
 deceased son, Edwin Ridgely]
 Joy Ridgely, Olney, Illinois
 Dale Ridgely, Olney, Illinois
 [grandchildren of Lloyd's deceased brother, Orrick, thru his deceased
 dau., Lucinda Ridgely Hedrick]
 Arthur Hedrick, 1018 E. Leonard St., St. Louis, Mo.
 Ira Hedrick, Walhalla, Illinois
 Bertha Hedrick, Seattle, Washington
 Jersey Cunningham, Heyworth, Illinois
 [children of Lloyd's deceased brother, Abel Ridgely]
 Wm. S. Ridgely, Olney, Illinois
 George A. Ridgely, Olney, Illinois
 Alice Martin, Olney, Illinois
 Elizabeth Vandever, West Salem, Illinois
 [children of Lloyd's deceased brother, William S. Ridgely]
 Stephen Ridgely, 1331 Jersey Ave., Kansas City, Kans.
 Edwin Ridgely, Girard, Kan.
 Lizzie R. Root, Girard, Kans.
 Etta R. Green, 822 Santa Fe St. Alva, Okla.
 [grandchild of William S. Ridgely, thru his deceased son, William H.
 Ridgely]
 Edna Ward, Pittsburg, Kans."

This record was sent to me in Sept. 1966 by Dow A. Ridgely. He told me that he thought he got about \$2 from the estate. This record does not indicate the relationships to the testator. Fortunately, the order is a partial guide to these relationships and I have, after much study, added bracketed information as a key to the family groups.⁵¹⁷

- + 5. iv. ORRICK **RIDGELY** was born on 13 Sep 1817 in Wabash County, Illinois. He married Nancy **Harrison**, daughter of John **Harrison** and Nancy **Higgins**, on 2 Jan 1840 in Richland County, Illinois.
- + 6. v. ABEL **RIDGELY** was born on 16 Feb 1820. He married Elizabeth L. **Clodfelter** on 20 Jan 1852 in Edwards County, Illinois. He married Phoebe A. **Ades** on 28 Aug 1862 in Wabash County, Illinois. He married Mary E. **Reynolds**, daughter of William **Reynolds** and Mary **Harris**, on 29 Oct 1882 in Richland County, Illinois.
- 7. vi. ABSALOM **RIDGELY** was born circa 1822. He died circa 1855.
 Absalom is mentioned in Ref. 2 and Ref. 3 and in the 1850 census of Wabash County. His birthdate is estimated from the census record and his death date is in Ref. 3. No tombstone is known. He is thought to have died unmarried.
- 8. vii. ELIZA LODEMA **RIDGELY** was born in 1825. She married Charles **Greenhood** on 26 Sep 1860 in Wabash County, Illinois.⁵¹⁸ She died on 7 Mar 1902.⁵¹⁹ She was buried in Wabash Presbyterian Church Cemetery,

⁵¹⁷Lloyd Ridgely, Probate record, unknown file number, copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Hereinafter cited as Probate record.

⁵¹⁸Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, Illinois Marriages online, Illinois Secretary of State, State Marriage Index, online Statewide data bases, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as Illinois Marriage Index online.

⁵¹⁹Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery, Wabash County, Illinois. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt>.

Orio, Wabash County, Illinois.⁵²⁰

Eliza Lodema is named in the 1850 and 1860 census records of Wabash County, in her father's will (as Lodema E.) and the list of heirs, in Ref. 2 (as Mrs. Eliza L. Greenwood), and in Ref. 3. In the 1850 census, at the age of 26, she is listed as having attended school within the year. Family members recall that she married twice, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Greenwood. Something of her life may be surmised from the following tombstone inscriptions which may be seen in the cemetery of the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Orio, Wabash County, Ill.

Eliza L., wife of Edward Andrews, formerly wife of Charles Greenwood, died March 7, 1902, aged 76 years, 10 m's, 22 d's.

Charles Greenwood, died Aug. 18, 1899, aged 71 years.

(Eliza and Charles are recorded on the same stone)

Sarah A., wife of Charles Greenwood, died Aug. 1859, aged 22 years

Millard, son of Charles Greenwood, Dec. 6, 1872, aged 13 ys 8 ms

10d's

The following three are on the a single stone:

Edward Andrews, died 7 May 1908, aged 73 years, 11 m's 21 d's

Sarah, wife of Edward Andrews, died March 19, 1900, aged 63 y's 1 m

17 d

Job, son of E. & S. Andrews, d. Oct [?] 1868, aged 2 y's 11 m 9ds.

Eliza Lodema Ridgely had no children. None of the references give her exact birth date, although it may be estimated from her tombstone.

According to the 1880 census of Lukin Twp., Lawrence County, Ill., page 129, Charles Greenwood was age 53 and was born in England. Eliza L. Greenwood was age 55, born in Illinois, father born in Maryland, mother born in NY. They had an adopted daughter, Clara, age 8. Eliza's sister, Henrietta Parker was living in the next house listed. Eliza Lodema Ridgely was accepted by exam into the membership of the Wabash Presbyterian Church at Orio on 15 Oct. 1843.⁵²¹

"Lodema Ridgeley's Beau is married."⁵²²

"Lodema has married a widower by the name of greenwood [sic] and moved on Ruark Prairie."⁵²³

9. viii. CHARLES **RIDGELY** was born circa 1826.

He and Nicholas **Ridgely** were twins. Charles and Nicholas are listed in the 1860 census but have not been found in 1870.

10. ix. NICHOLAS **RIDGELY** was born circa 1826.

Charles and Nicholas were twins. He and Charles **Ridgely** were twins. Charles and Nicholas are listed in the 1860 census but have not been found in 1870.

11. x. (--?--) **RIDGELY** was born circa 1828. She died circa 1833.

This child is recorded in Ref. 3, but note that she does not appear in the 1830 census although said to have died at age 5. Ref. 2 mentions a child named Maria, with no dates, which might be this one.

⁵²⁰Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt> Eliza L. Greenwood, wife of Edward.

⁵²¹Ridgely names, Wabash Presbyterian Church records.

⁵²²Knight, *Letters of Knight, Buchanan & Gunn*, p. 30. Letter from S. S. Knight to "Dear Brother" (George B. Knight), 17 May 1850.

⁵²³Knight, *Letters of Knight, Buchanan & Gunn*, p. 106. Letter from S. S. Knight to Geo. B. Knight, 20 July 1862.

- + 12. xi. EMILY ORENDA **RIDGELY** was born on 12 Apr 1831. She married George Nelson **Harrison**, son of John **Harrison** and Nancy **Higgins**, on 4 Nov 1852.
13. xii. HENRIETTA **RIDGELY** was born on 2 Mar 1833.⁵²⁴ She married Charles A. **Duncan** on 29 Mar 1860 in Wabash County, Illinois. Helen Reed⁵²⁵ reports that the Orio church records list the marriage of Henrietta Ridgely to a Duncan without first name or date. The memory of this Duncan appears to have been lost in our family and Henrietta again used the name Ridgely when she re-married.⁵²⁶ She married John B. **Parker** on 9 Feb 1870 in Wabash County, Illinois.⁵²⁷ She died on 16 Sep 1910 at age 77.⁵²⁸ She was buried in Wabash Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Orio, Wabash County, Illinois.^{529,530}

Henrietta Ridgely is named in her father's will and list of heirs, in the 1850 census record of Wabash County, in Ref. 1 (b. 2 March 1833), in Ref. 2 as Mrs. Henrietta Parker, and in Ref. 3 (b. 1833).

Henrietta **Ridgely** and Charles A. **Duncan** appeared on the census of 1860 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois, in which the record shows that they had been married within the year. He was age 29 and she was 27. He is probably the Charles Duncan, age 19, b. OH, listed in the family of Alexander Duncan, age 60, b. PA, and Catherine Duncan, age 46, b. Ireland (1850 census, Richland County, Illinois).⁵³¹

"Henryetta has left her Douken(?) And come home to live."⁵³²

Henrietta **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1870 in Wabash County, Illinois.⁵³³

Henrietta **Ridgely** and John B. **Parker** appeared on the census of 1880 in the John B. Parker household, Lukin Township, Lawrence County, Illinois. John B. Parker, age 31, was born in England, and his wife Henrietta, age 47, was born in Illinois, her father in Maryland and her mother in NY. Her sister Eliza L. Greenhood lived in the household listed just before this couple.⁵³⁴

Henrietta **Ridgely** and John B. **Parker** appeared on the census of 1900 in the John Parker household, Lukin Township, Lawrence County, Illinois.

⁵²⁴Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates.

⁵²⁵Ridgely names, Wabash Presbyterian Church records.

⁵²⁶Illinois Marriage Index online.

⁵²⁷Illinois Marriage Index online.

⁵²⁸Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt>.

⁵²⁹Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt> Henrietta, his [John B. Parker's] wife.

⁵³⁰Letter from Carie Richardson (Mt. Carmel, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 19 Dec. 2005; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), including a photograph of their tombstone.

⁵³¹1860 federal census of Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁵³²Knight, *Letters of Knight, Buchanan & Gunn*, p. 106. Letter from S. S. Knight to Geo. B. Knight, 20 July 1862.

⁵³³1870 federal census of Wabash County, Ill. Microfilm image.

⁵³⁴microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

He was age 53, b. Sep 1856, and she, his wife, was age 67, b. Mar 1837. They had been married thirty years. Loyd Ridgely, age 85, b. Aug. 1816 and Samuel Ridgely, b. Nov 1840, age 60, were both single and boarders in the family.⁵³⁵

Henrietta **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1910 in the Levan Fornoff household, Lukin Township, Lawrence County, Illinois. at age 77, Henrietta Parker was a boarder in the home of Levan Fornoff and wife Della.⁵³⁶

CHARLES A. DUNCAN. One Charles A. Duncan served in Company A of the 123rd Illinois infantry during the Civil War. His residence was Charleston, Coles County, Illinois. He is not on the Illinois Civil War Pension list. He held the rank of 1st Sergeant. (<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/regiments.htm>).

JOHN B. PARKER was born on 24 Sep 1845. He died on 25 Mar 1909 at age 63. He was buried in Wabash Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Orio, Wabash County, Illinois.^{537,538} John Parker was an employee of the Southern Illinois Railroad. He owned a gold "hunting case" watch manufactured by the Illinois Watch Company. [A hunting case watch is one with a metal cover which closes to protect the glass face.] This watch was apparently produced shortly after the Civil War since it contains works designed for key winding operation. These works had been made before the War and after the War were put into cases as stemwinders. The watch is also of a size discontinued about this time.

Not long before Mr. Parker's death, he was visited by his nephew George W. Ridgely and Parker gave the watch to him. (The Parkers had no children.) Shortly thereafter, George W. Ridgely also died and the watch passed to his son, Oscar Ridgely. Later, when Oscar's son, Homer Ridgely, began teaching school, he used this watch and it was eventually transferred to his keeping.

In the summer of 1970, Homer Ridgely passed this family heirloom and this story to his nephew, Dan W. Olds. The watch had just been cleaned and adjusted and still kept good time.⁵³⁹

- + 14. xiii. **MEDAD REED RIDGELY** was born on 25 Dec 1835. He married Louisa **Collins** on 10 Feb 1859 in Wabash County, Illinois. He married Mary E. **Knowles** on 17 Dec 1896 in Wabash County, Illinois.
- 15. xiv. **SAMUEL GUNN RIDGELY** was born on 9 Mar 1840.⁵⁴⁰ He died on 21 Jul 1915 at age 75. He was buried in Ridgely Family Cemetery, Wabash County, Illinois.⁵⁴¹

Samuel is named in his father's will and list of heirs, in Ref. 1 (from which the full name and date of birth are taken), Ref. 2 and Ref. 3, in the 1850-1880 census records of Wabash County, and in the estate records of Lloyd Ridgely. He is listed as "idiotic" in the 1860-1880 census reports

⁵³⁵microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁵³⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁵³⁷Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt>.

⁵³⁸Letter, Carie Richardson to Olds, 19 Dec. 2005, including a photograph of their tombstone.

⁵³⁹These are notes I made at the time Uncle Homer gave me the watch. I typed them up and sent them to Homer for review, but did not receive further comment.

⁵⁴⁰Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates.

⁵⁴¹Tombstone, William H. Ridgely Cemetery. "Samuel Ridgely". No dates.

and lived with Lloyd Ridgely. "Samuel was extremely deficient mentally. When Uncle Lloyd visited us, he brought Samuel along and looked after him like a child. Mother used to say that Grandma (Emily Orenda) used to say that her father mistreated her mother and that there were several children who did not live.⁵⁴² Samuel was the only member of his generation mentioned in Lloyd's estate and was the last surviving member of this family.

Samuel Gunn **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1900 in the John Parker household, Lukin Township, Lawrence County, Illinois, as follows: Loyd, b. Aug 1816, age 85, and Samuel, b. (month not legible) 1840, age 60, were boarders with their sister, Henrietta Ridgely Parker.⁵⁴³ Wabash County Estate file 289 shows a petition of 6 Dec 1913 to appoint a conservator of the estate of Samuel Ridgely. Samuel was summoned on 6 Dec to be in court on 13 Dec. On 13 Dec 1913, a jury decided that a conservator of the estate was needed.

George W. Ridgely was appointed conservator Samuel Ridgely by the Wabash County Court. George W. Ridgely, George Harrison and Frank Storkman were bondsmen.⁵⁴⁴

A notice of his estate appeared in the Mt. Carmel Register of 5 June 1916. His inventory of 30 Aug 1916 showed no real estate but included an amount received from the estate of Henrietta Parker and the partition sale of the lands of Lloyd Ridgely's estate (\$619.85) and from the personal estate of Lloyd Ridgely. Witnesses were George W. Ridgely, George Harrison and Frank Starckman. The record shows that "he was a man over seventy years of age, and had during his whole life time been a man of unsound mind, distracted and feeble minded and wholly incapable of managing or caring for any property whatever, and his mind was so bereft that he was not fit or capable of understanding the value of money or other value on property and caring for same." In Aug., 1916, a charge from George W. Ridgely was made to the estate of Samuel Ridgely "for services rendered ... in care attention, board & clothing and medical attention Sept. 1908 to death, July 21, 1915."⁵⁴⁵

16. xv. **MARIA RIDGELY.** Maria Ridgely is mentioned only in Ref. 2. Perhaps she is the same as the unnamed girl who died young mentioned in Ref. 3.
17. xvi. **HANNAH RIDGELY.** Hannah Ridgely is named in some of Homer E. Ridgely's notes, with no dates.
18. xvii. **(--?--) RIDGELY.** "one who died at birth" is mentiond in Ref. 2. These last three and the unnamed child who was born about 1828 may represent no more than the two mentioned in Ref. 2 or perhaps never existed. None appear in estate or census records, but see the notes under their brother, Samuel Ridgely, which indicate that there were several children who did not live.

Generation Two

⁵⁴²Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

⁵⁴³microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁵⁴⁴Samuel Ridgely entry, Wabash County Court Guardian Bonds Book E, p. 3 (13 Dec 1913), Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah.

⁵⁴⁵Samuel Ridgely entry, Wabash County Court Estate file no. 289 (1916), Wabash County Records, Wabash County Clerk, Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois.

2. WILLIAM SIMMONS² RIDGELY (*William Henry*¹) was born on 7 Jul 1811 in Muskingum County, Ohio.^{546,547} He married Ann Eliza Crowell.⁵⁴⁸ He died on 1 Aug 1878 in Wabash County, Illinois, at age 67.⁵⁴⁹

He was born before his parents came to Illinois, either in Virginia (per 1850 census of Wabash County, IL) or Ohio (per 1860 and 1870 census of Wabash County, IL). He served in the Black Hawk War, enlisting from Wabash County on 19 June 1832 and serving in the Company of Capt. John Arnold, 2nd regiment, Illinois Volunteers. It is family tradition that "on his way home from the war, riding horseback, he was offered a large tract of land where Chicago now stands in exchange for his horse. He wouldn't consider possessing such swampland."⁵⁵⁰

Ann Eliza was born about 1821 in Indiana. (census, Wabash Co., Ill., 1850-1870). The family is listed in the 1840 census of Wabash County, Illinois. William S. was age 20-30, his wife was age 15-20 and the one son was under five years old.⁵⁵¹ William S. and Anne Ridgely were listed among the charter members of the Church of Christ at Lancaster, Ill. which was formed in Oct. 1842.⁵⁵² The family is listed in the census records for Wabash County, Ill. for 1850, 1860, and 1870. Death dates and tombstones have not been located for them and it is possible that they moved further west. The record in the 1860 census is as follows:⁵⁵³

William S. Ridgely, 49 m. b. Ohio
Anna, 39 f. b. Ind.
Stephen, 20 m. b. Wabash
Anna E., 18 f. b. Wabash
Edwin, 15 m. b. Wabash
Henrietta, 7 f. b. Wabash
William H., 4 m. b. Wabash

The 1870 census of Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County, Ill. (p. 440) shows:⁵⁵⁴

Ridgely, William, 59 b. Ohio
Anne E., 50 b. Ind
Henrietta, 18 b. Ill.
William H., 15 b. Ill.

Neither William nor Anne appear in the nationwide index to the 1880 census.

Further information on this family is contained in two letters from Edwin Reed Ridgely. The first is to Mrs. Minnie H. Reid and dated Nov. 8, 9 p. m. 1911. It came from Mulberry, Kansas on stationery with the printed heading "Ozark Divide Thoroughbred Stock Dairy Farm, E. Ridgely, Owner and Manager, Crawford County. The following is a quotation from this letter, taken from a copy supplied by Emily and Lorena Reid of Albion, Ill.

"Dear Cousin -- Your letter of Oct. 24 just rec'd today (via Girard) announcing the death of our dear old Uncle Lloyd Ridgely that morning at your Bro. Willie's, West Salem. I thank you for the kind thoughtful letter and have already written Bro. Stephen, 1231 Jersey Ave., Kansas City,

⁵⁴⁶Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates.

⁵⁴⁷Letter from Edwin Reed Ridgely (Kansas) to C. V. Ridgely; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) . Copy provided by Margaret Dalby Ridgely.

⁵⁴⁸Edwin Reed Ridgely, online www.rootsweb.com/~ilcivilw/photos/ridgelyer.html. Hereinafter cited as Edwin R. Ridgely.

⁵⁴⁹Wabash County Estate Records, Book A: item 3, p. 219.

⁵⁵⁰Letter, Ulla (Ridgely) Schreck to Ridgely, 2 Feb. 1932.

⁵⁵¹microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁵⁵²J. L. McDonough & Co., *Edwards, Lawrence, Wabash Co. History*, p. 188.

⁵⁵³1860 federal census of Wabash County, Illinois. Microfilm image.

⁵⁵⁴microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

Kan., and sister Etta R. Green, S-22 Santa Fe St., Alva, Okla. asking her to send your letter on to Sister Lizzies 3600 Gladstone Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. That is her daughter Alice Bullock's address. I think Sister Lizzie is there at present tho her and Mr. Root have their home in Girard.

...
The other letter was written to C. V. Ridgely, Gary, Indiana and I have a copy from Mrs. Margaret (Ridgely) Dalby. It is on printed stationery of Farmers Alliance Insurance Company and identifies E. R. Ridgely, R. F. D. 1, Mulberry, Kansas as Member of the Board of Directors, Farmers Alliance Insurance Co., and also mentions Ozark Thoroughbred Stock Farm, Registered Cattle.

"Dear Cousin -- The enclosed type[d] letter was hastily dictated at Girard. On getting home I find it only partly answers your enquiry of Oct. 22, 19--.

"My Grandmother Ridgely's maiden name was Simmons. My fathers name Wm. Simmons Ridgely. He often stated that his father moved from Baltimore, Md. to Muskingum County, Ohio, where my father was born. From there the family moved to Wabash County, Il. when my father was six years old. I remember my father made some two or three trips to Baltimore on Estate business when I was quite small. ... There were six children of my fathers family 4 boys and two girls -- the 2nd youngest boy Henry died at 4 years old. The youngest, William H., died some 15 years ago, leaving a wife and two children. My oldest brother Stephen Simmons Ridgely died 4 years ago leaving a wife and one son the latter is serving in the General Offices of the CB&O RR Co in Chicago and lives in LaGrange, Ill."

Surely the typed letter mentioned here would be of great interest to the family if it could be located.

The list of heirs of Lloyd Ridgely, Wabash County, 1912, includes Stephen Ridgely, 1231 Jersey Avenue, Kansas City; Edwin Ridgely, Girard, Kansas; Lizzie R. Root, Girard, Kansas; and Etta R. Green, 822 Santa Fe St., Alva, Okla.⁵⁵⁵

William Simmons **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1850 in Wabash County, Illinois, as follows:

"William S. Ridgely, 34

Ann E., 38

Stephen S., 11

Ann E., 8

Edwin R., 6

Jacob Geisler, 19."⁵⁵⁶

"William S. Ridgely was the administrator of the estate of Alexander Knight in Wabash County, Illinois, in 1854 and 1855.⁵⁵⁷

William Simmons **Ridgely** and Ann Eliza (--?--) appeared on the census of 7 Jul 1870 in Friendsville, Wabash County, Illinois, as follows: The listing shows:

Ridgely, William, age 59, b. Ohio

, Anna E., age 50, b. Ind

, Henrietta, age 18, b. Ills.

, William H., age 15, b. Ills.⁵⁵⁸

On 30 Aug 1878, letters of administration were given to Rebecca C. Ridgely, his widow. The heirs named were Stephen S. Ridgely, Edwin R. Ridgely, Annie E. Root, Henrietta Parish, and William H. Ridgely. The inventory, appraisal and appraisal of the award to the widow were filed 16 Sep 1878. The name of the widow is a surprise. I find no relevant marriage record or census record for her.⁵⁵⁹

⁵⁵⁵Homer E. Ridgely's papers, collected about 1932 copy in my files.

⁵⁵⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁵⁵⁷Judith A. Hempel, *Probate Notices from the Mt. Carmel Register, Vol. I* (Kingwood, Texas: J. A. S. H. Enterprises, 1985), p. 59. Hereinafter cited as *Probate Notices from the Mt. Carmel Register*.

⁵⁵⁸1870 federal census of Wabash County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁵⁵⁹Wabash County Estate Records, Book A: item 3, p. 219.

ANN ELIZA **CROWELL**⁵⁶⁰ was born circa 1820 in Indiana.⁵⁶¹

Children of William Simmons² **Ridgely** and Ann Eliza **Crowell** were as follows:

- + 19. i. STEPHEN SIMMONS³ **RIDGELY** was born in Mar 1839 in Wabash County, Illinois. He married Louella (--?--) circa 1870. She is shown in the 1880 census as age 31. He married Mary T(?) (--?--) circa 1890.
- + 20. ii. ANN ELIZABETH **RIDGELY** was born circa 1841 in Wabash County, Illinois. She married Tenny **Root**.
- 21. iii. EDWIN REED **RIDGELY** was born on 9 May 1844 in Wabash County, Illinois.^{562,563} He married Elizabeth **Frazer** circa 1894.⁵⁶⁴ He died on 23 Apr 1927 at age 82.⁵⁶⁵ He was buried in Girard Cemetery, Girard, Crawford County, Kansas.⁵⁶⁶

8 Oct. 1862

letter from Capt. David Williams of Co. C, 115th Regt. Ill. Volunteers, under Col. J. H. Moore. Only two of our company were rejected -- Heman Brines of Wabash co. and Jacob Clodfelter of Edwards co. -- G. L. Utter, 2nd Lt., Edwin Utter, 4th Sargt., **Edwin Ridgely, 3rd corpl.**, Richard Utter, 8th corpl. Franklin Brines, Geo. H. Higgins, John Higgins, Geo. W. Litherland, Wm. J. Litherland, were privates (all these from Wabash Co.) Privates Allen Clodfelter and Emanuel Clodfelter were from Edwards co. Letter dated 18 Sept. 1862 at Camp Butler, Ill.⁵⁶⁷ The 1870 census of Girard, Crawford Twp., Crawford County, Kansas, shows:

Ridgely, Edwin R., 24 Grocer
Stephen S., 28
Lizzie, 26

"a Representative from Kansas; born near Lancaster, Wabash County, Ill., May 9, 1844; attended district school in the winter months; during the Civil War enlisted as a private in Company C, One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in 1862; promoted to sergeant and served until the end of the war; moved to Girard, Kansas in 1869 and engaged in general merchandising and in agricultural and in agricultural pursuits; left the Republican Party in 1876 because of its financial policy; lived in Odgen, Utah from 1889 to 1893 and then returned to Kansas; elected by the People's and Democratic Parties to the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Congresses, (March 4, 1897 - March 3, 1901); was not a candidate for renomination in 1900; resumed agricultural pursuits in Mulberry, Crawford Co., Kansas; died in Girard, Kansas, April 23, 1927; interment in Girard Cemetery." ⁵⁶⁸

⁵⁶⁰Edwin R. Ridgely, online www.rootsweb.com/~ilcivilw/photos/ridgelyer.html, which gives her full name.

⁵⁶¹census microfilm,, She is listed from 1850 through 1870.

⁵⁶²census microfilm , see the 1850 record of his father's family.

⁵⁶³United States Congress, *Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774 - 1961* (Washington, D. C.: United State Printing Office, 1961), gives the full date.

⁵⁶⁴The 1910 census says they had been married for six years.

⁵⁶⁵United States Congress, *Biographical Directory of American*, The death date has also been given as 23 Jan.

⁵⁶⁶United States Congress, *Biographical Directory of American*.

⁵⁶⁷letter from Capt. David Williams, *Mt. Carmel Register*, Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois, 8 Oct 1862. Hereinafter cited as Mt. Carmel Register.

⁵⁶⁸United States Congress, *Biographical Directory of American*.

HON. EDWIN REED RIDGELY, son of William S. Ridgely and Ann Eliza Crowell Ridgely, was born May 9, 1844, near Lancaster, Wabash County, ILL. His parents were farmers, and he shared the lot of a pioneer farmer's son; helping to clear away the timber, enlarging the farm, replacing the log cabin in which he was born with a brick dwelling, and constructing barns. His education was acquired during the few weeks of winter weather at the district school in the village of Lancaster. At the age of eighteen, August 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company C as a private, immediately going with his company into active service, sharing its fate and that of the regiment without asking or receiving furlough or leave of absence to the end of the war; in the meantime he was promoted to sergeant. During the entire three years his company was never under the enemy's fire without his presence, rifle in hand, doing his share of the fighting. Sergeant Ridgely had a thrilling experience at the battle of Nashville. While the Union lines were charging the enemy's works and a Confederate battery immediately in front of the 115th was pouring shot and shell into its ranks, a shell struck in front of his position, throwing much earth against him, knocking him down and leaving him for a time unconscious. After some minutes he proceeded to rejoin his regiment, which had continued the charge, and was then halted about 400 feet in advance. As he crawled forward to his company his comrades expressed astonishment, as they supposed the shell had cut his body in two. After leaving the army he spent a short time with his parents, then participated with others in a contract to build a large school house at Olney, learning the brick mason's trade while thus engaged. Later he attended school at Batavia, Ill., but his health failing, he removed to Girard, Kan., and with his brother Stephen R.[sic] Ridgely, engaged in general mercantile business, which they have pursued almost to the present time. In the meantime he carried on the cattle business, making several trips over the trail to and from Texas, California, Oregon and Washington. In 1896 he was unanimously nominated by the People's party as its candidate for Congress for the 3d Kansas District, and was also nominated by the Democratic party, and after a heated campaign, elected by 4,500 majority. He was nominated and re-elected in 1898, and is now, in 1900, serving in the 56th Congress. At the time of the Civil War he was an abolition Republican, but joined the Greenback party in 1876, because of the financial question, and has continued with its successor, the People's party, and steadily grown more and more positive and favorable to its policy. His present residence is at Pittsburg, Kan. ⁵⁶⁹

He was discharged from service 11 June 1865 (enlisted 8 Aug. 1862) at Nashville, Tenn. ⁵⁷⁰

Relatives in Illinois recall that he made at least one trip from Kansas to visit them. [Miss Arna Michael recalled one such visit.] He married but had no children. ⁵⁷¹

"I have some additional information on Edwin R. Ridgely. During his

⁵⁶⁹Edwin R. Ridgely, online www.rootsweb.com/~ilcivilw/photos/ridgelyer.html, Submitted by William Baran. This contains a photo of E. R. Ridgely.

⁵⁷⁰Letter, Ulla (Ridgely) Schreck to Ridgely, 2 Feb. 1932.

⁵⁷¹Letter from E. M. Anderson (Pittsburg, Kansas) to Dan W. Olds, 17 May 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

term in the 55th Congress, my grandmother Alice Root served as his secretary. She insists that Edwin did not run for reelection in 1898. After his term, Edwin became involved in various financial speculations, and eventually lost a great deal of money. He visited the Panama Canal shortly after it was filled with water. (I have seen a letter Edwin wrote which was published in an Erie, Kansas, newspaper, but I have been unable to locate this letter recently.) My grandmother remembers very little about Edwin's wife, except that her maiden name was Frazer, and she had been a journalist."⁵⁷²

Congressman Edwin Reed Ridgely, whose home is in Crawford county, Kansas, was born near Lancaster, in this county, and lived there until in 1869. He served during the war in Company C, 115th Illinois Infantry, a company that was entirely made up in this county. Mr. idgely is a free silver man, and was elected in 1896 by a fusion of the Democratic and People's Party votes. He has a number of relatives in this county.⁵⁷³

Edwin Reed **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1900 in the Edwin R. Ridgely household, Washington Township, Crawford County, Kansas, Edwin was age 66, born in Illinois, father born in Ohio and mother born in NY. Elizabeth F., his wife, was age 41, b. in PA, father b. in VA, mother b. in Ohio. They had each been married one time, for 6 years.⁵⁷⁴

Edwin Reed **Ridgely** and Elizabeth **Frazer** appeared on the census of 1910 in Crawford County, Kansas, as follows:

"Ridgely, Edwin R., age 66, married once, for 6 years, b. Illinois, father b. Ohio, m. b. New York

Elizabeth F., 42, married once for 6 years, b. Penn."⁵⁷⁵

ELIZABETH **FRAZER**^{576,577} was born circa 1868.⁵⁷⁸

Elizabeth **Frazer** appeared on the census of 1930 in Crawford County, Kansas, as follows: She was a 62 year old widow who had been married 35 years, was born in PA, her father in VA and mother in OH. She had a niece, Margaret Beadnell, age 45 and single.⁵⁷⁹

- + 22. iv. HENRIETTA **RIDGELY** was born in Sep 1853 in Wabash County, Illinois. She married Marcellus V. **Parish** on 20 Aug 1874 in Crawford County, Kansas. She married David C. **Green** on 9 Jun 1887.
- 23. v. HENRY **RIDGELY** was born circa 1851. My presumption is that he was born and died between census years and before his brother William Henry was born. He died circa 1856.⁵⁸⁰

There is a possible reference to this child in the Knight letters: "Mr.

⁵⁷²Letter from Arthur M., Jr. Bullock to Dan W. Olds, 16 July 1970; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁵⁷³Congressman Edwin Reed Ridgely, *Mt. Carmel Register*, Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois, 25 March 1897. Hereinafter cited as Mt. Carmel Register.

⁵⁷⁴microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁵⁷⁵microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁵⁷⁶Letter, Arthur M. Bullock to Olds, 16 July 1970, " My grandmother remembers very little about Edwin's wife, except that her maiden name was Frazer, and she had been a journalist."

⁵⁷⁷Her first name is from the 1900 census, where she is listed as Elizabeth F. Ridgely.

⁵⁷⁸estimated from the 1910 census.

⁵⁷⁹1930 federal census of Crawford County, Kansas. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁵⁸⁰Letter, Edwin Reed Ridgely to Ridgely, "the 2nd youngest boy died at 4 years old."

- Ridgely's twin Henry died of worms April 28th.⁵⁸¹
- + 24. vi. WILLIAM HENRY **RIDGELY** was born circa 1856 in Wabash County, Illinois, The date is estimated from the 1850 census. He married Irene E. **Chittenden** on 28 Oct 1875.

3. HENRY DAVIDGE² **RIDGELY** (*William Henry*¹) was born on 8 May 1813 in Virginia.^{582,583} He married Irena **Harrison**, daughter of John **Harrison** and Nancy **Higgins**, on 16 Aug 1839.⁵⁸⁴ He died on 21 Feb 1885 in Richland County, Illinois, at age 71.⁵⁸⁵ He was buried on 23 Feb 1885 in the Ridgely Family Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.⁵⁸⁶

Henry and Irena **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1880 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.

Ridgely, Henry D.	67, paralysis, b. Ill., f. b. Md., mother b. NY
, Irena	58, wife, b. Ill, parents b. NY
, Sarah	36, dau., b. Ill., parents b. Ill.
, Mary	40, dau., b. Ill., parents b. Ill.
, John H.	20, son, b. Ill., parents b. Ill. ⁵⁸⁷

"Uncle Henry D. was a money maker. Your grandfather Oscar told me one time that when the carpenters began building his (Henry's) barn uncle H D began making barrels at the same time. When the carpenters were through uncle H D had earned enough money to pay them. It was a good sized barn. I saw it many times as I passed by going to school.

"I was told one time that once a man came to our grandfather Orrick and wanted to borrow money and give a mortgage (on his home I think). Grandfather told the man that he did not take mortgages but for him to go to Henry he would.⁵⁸⁸ A biographical sketch of Henry D. Ridgely⁵⁸⁹ says:

"HENRY D. RIDGELY was born May 8, 1813, in Virginia. When a child he came to Wabash County, Ill., with his parents, and was raised there on a farm, assisting his father until the age of twenty-one. He then took up the cooper's trade, which he followed for several years, after which he purchased 240 acres of land, selling it afterwards, and in 1838 coming to this section. On his arrival here he bought 160 acres of land, and during the war he owned over 1600 acres. He has probably handled more land than any other man in the county. In 1839, he was married to Irena Harrison, who was born in Wabash County, in 1822. Ten children, eight of whom are living, have

⁵⁸¹Knight, *Letters of Knight, Buchanan & Gunn*, p. 59. Letter from S. S. Knight, Meier, Illinois, to "Dear Brother" (Geo. B. Knight), 18 May 1855.

⁵⁸²Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates.

⁵⁸³The census records agree in listing his birthplace as Virginia. His death record says he was born in Wheeling, W. VA. This was part of Virginia until 1863.

⁵⁸⁴Homer E. Ridgely's papers, collected about 1932 copy in my files.

⁵⁸⁵Henry D. Ridgely entry, Death Record, Richland County, Ill., Book 1, p.73, Book 1, p. 73, This record gives his birthplace as Wheeling, W. Va., and states that he died Feb. 21, 1885, age 71 years, 9 months, 13 days, an Ill. resident for 69 years, and was buried 23 Feb. 1885 in a private graveyard on his brother's farm, Richland County Records, Richland County Clerk, 103 West Main, Olney, Richland County, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as Death record.

⁵⁸⁶Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois. Inscription: Henry D., Husband of Irene Ridgely, died Feb. 21, 1885, aged 71 yrs. 9 Ms. & 13 Da. RIDGELY.

⁵⁸⁷ 1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, Illinois State Archives.

⁵⁸⁸Letter from Dow A. Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 28 Oct 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁵⁸⁹F. A. Battey & Co., *Counties of Cumberland, Jasper, Richland, Illinois, Historical and Biographical* (Chicago, Illinois: F. A. Battey & Co., 1884), , p. 821, in the Bonpas twp. section of Richland County. Hereinafter cited as *Cumberland, Jasper, Richland History*.

been born to them -- two sons and six daughters -- as follows, to wit: Robert (now a merchant at Parkersburg, this county); John (an assistant on the farm); Sarah E., Mary (now Mrs. James Parker); Ellen (now Mrs. Talley); Hannah (now Mrs. Michaels); Nancy Ann (now Mrs. Smith); Elsie J. (now Mrs. Staninger). He and Mrs. Ridgely are members of the Christian Church."

The young family is listed in the 1840 census of Wabash County, Ill. He was age 20-30, she was 15 -20.⁵⁹⁰

This family appears in the 1850 census of Richland County as follows:

Henry D. Ridgely,	37	m.	b. Va
Irena	27	f.	b. Illis.
William	9	m.	"
Sarah E.	5	f.	"
Robert	3	m.	"
Mary	5/12	f.	"
Russel Harrison	16	m.	"
George N. Harrison	24	m.	"

The two Harrisons were brothers of Irena. Their father was dead.

Henry D. Ridgely had several land grants in Richland County. Among there were the SW1/4SE1/4 Section 30 Town 2 North Range 12 West (16 Sept. 1853), SW1/4Sw1/4 (23 Aug. 1853) and NW1/4SW1/4 (3 Dec. 1881) of Section 30 T2N R14W.⁵⁹¹

The wills of Henry D. and Irene Ridgely are recorded in Will Book B, Richland County, Ill.

IRENA **HARRISON** was born on 11 Mar 1822 in Illinois. She died on 15 Apr 1896 at age 74. She was buried in the Ridgely Family Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.⁵⁹²

Children of Henry Davidge² **Ridgely** and Irena **Harrison** were as follows:

25. i. **WILLIAM³ RIDGELY⁵⁹³** was born on 8 Jul 1841.⁵⁹⁴ He died on 13 Jan 1861 at age 19.⁵⁹⁵ He was buried in the Ridgely Family Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.⁵⁹⁶
26. ii. **ORRICK N. RIDGELY** was born on 17 Jun 1843.⁵⁹⁷ He died on 8 Feb 1846 at age 2.⁵⁹⁸ He was buried in Ridgely Family Cemetery, Wabash County, Illinois.⁵⁹⁹

⁵⁹⁰microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁵⁹¹Original Land Records, Richland County, Olney, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as Original Land Records, Richland County, Ill.

⁵⁹²Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. Her tombstone is beside that of her husband. Inscription: Irene, wife of Henry D. Ridgely, born March 31, 1822, died, Apr. 15, 1896. RIDGELY.

⁵⁹³Letter from Mary E. Marshall and Arna Michael (West Salem, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) . Mrs. Marshall has the Bible of her grandfather, Henry D. Ridgely, and this letter includes births, deaths and marriages for his children.

⁵⁹⁴Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁵⁹⁵Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁵⁹⁶Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. Inscription: "William Ridgely son of H. D. and I. Ridgely" with the full dates of birth and death.

⁵⁹⁷Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁵⁹⁸Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁵⁹⁹Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. Inscription: Orrick N., son of H. D. and I. Ridgely.

27. iii. SARAH ELIZABETH **RIDGELY** was born on 12 Nov 1845.⁶⁰⁰ She married James Michael **Findley**, son of Hugh **Findley** and Phebe **Dunn**, on 6 Nov 1900 in Richland County, Illinois.^{601,602} She died on 28 Mar 1925 at age 79.⁶⁰³ She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁶⁰⁴
 They had no children. (per Miss Arna Michael and Mrs. Mary Marshall.)
 JAMES MICHAEL **FINDLEY**^{605,606} was born on 17 Oct 1846.⁶⁰⁷ He died on 7 Feb 1914 at age 67.⁶⁰⁸ He was buried in Decker Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.⁶⁰⁹
 "Mike Findley died at his home in Parkersburg, February 7, 1914, aged 70 years. He is survived by his wife, two brothers. Hugh of the Richland Farm and J. W. of Decker Twp. Burial in the Decker cemetery."⁶¹⁰
- + 28. iv. ROBERT **RIDGELY** was born on 7 Nov 1847. He married Mary M. **Talley** on 5 Oct 1871.
29. v. MARY **RIDGELY**⁶¹¹ was born on 14 Dec 1849.⁶¹² She married James Harrison **Parker**, son of James H. **Parker** and Mary **Mason**, on 13 Dec 1882 in Richland County, Illinois.^{613,614} She died on 4 Apr 1924 at age

⁶⁰⁰Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁶⁰¹Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁶⁰²Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, compiler, *Richland County Marriages, Grooms Book* (Olney, Illinois: Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, 15 Nov 1993), James M. Findley and Sarah E. Ridgely, 11/06/00, license 166, Book 3, p. 94. His parents were Hugh Findley and _____ Dunn. Her parents were Henry Ridgely and _____ Harrison. Hereinafter cited as *Richland County Marriages*.

⁶⁰³Sandy Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery* (Sheridan, Illinois: n.pub., n.d.), p. 19, where she is named as a daughter of Henry Ridgely and Irene Harrison, referring to Richland County Death Record Book 4, p. 167. Hereinafter cited as *Parkersburg Cemetery*.

⁶⁰⁴Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 19.

⁶⁰⁵Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, where his name is James M. Findley.

⁶⁰⁶Audrey (Mewes) Lynn, "Descendants of William Henry Ridgely" (A pdf document by e-mail, 24 April 2006), He was called "Uncle Mike". Audrey Lynn found his full name as James Michael Findley from worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm?op=GET&db=rosaleesquest&id=I72903 by Rosa Lee Trupp. Hereinafter cited as "Descendants of William Henry Ridgely."

⁶⁰⁷Barbara J. Craddock, compiler, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland County, Illinois* (Flora, Illinois: n.pub., 1969), p. 300, tombstone at Decker Cemetery. Hereinafter cited as *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*.

⁶⁰⁸Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 300, tombstone at Decker Cemetery.

⁶⁰⁹Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 300, tombstone, with full dates, at Decker Cemetery.

⁶¹⁰Lola B. Taylor, *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Ill.* (Olney, Illinois: n.pub., n.d.), p. 215. Hereinafter cited as *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Ill*.

⁶¹¹Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁶¹²Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁶¹³Richland County, Illinois, marriage records at the court house, Richland County Records.

⁶¹⁴Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, James H. Parker and Mary Ridgely, 12/13/82, license 164, Book 2. His parents were J. H. Parker and Mary Mason. Hers were Henry D. Ridgely and _____ Harrison.

74.⁶¹⁵ She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁶¹⁶

They had no children.⁶¹⁷

JAMES HARRISON **PARKER**⁶¹⁸ was born on 25 Aug 1844.^{619,620} He died on 25 Oct 1927 at age 83.^{621,622} He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁶²³ She was his third wife. They had no children on 13 Mar 1882.⁶²⁴

- + 30. vi. ELIZA ELLEN **RIDGELY** was born on 20 Nov 1851. She married Gideon A. **Talley** on 22 Feb 1872 in Richland County, Illinois.
- + 31. vii. HANNAH REED **RIDGELY** was born on 8 Jan 1854. She married Albert **Michael**, son of Aaron **Michael** and Martha **Blough**, on 30 Oct 1878 in Richland County, Illinois.
- + 32. viii. NANCY ANN **RIDGELY** was born on 18 Apr 1856. She married William Albert **Smith**, son of Ransella **Smith** and Nancy Ann **Pixley**, on 24 Aug 1876 in Richland County, Illinois.
- + 33. ix. ELSIE JANE **RIDGELY** was born on 23 Jun 1858. She married Stephen Miles **Staninger** on 3 Aug 1876 in Richland County, Illinois.
- 34. x. JOHN HENRY **RIDGELY** was born on 2 Aug 1860.⁶²⁵ He died on 11 Jan 1924 at age 63.⁶²⁶ He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁶²⁷

In the biography of his father, it is stated that he was then an assistant on the farm.⁶²⁸

He never married, did not speak clearly and was somewhat retarded.

5. ORRICK² **RIDGELY** (*William Henry*^l) was born on 13 Sep 1817 in Wabash County, Illinois. He married Nancy **Harrison**, daughter of John **Harrison** and Nancy **Higgins**, on 2 Jan 1840 in

⁶¹⁵Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁶¹⁶Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Illinois.

⁶¹⁷Letter from Lura H. Bailey (Olney, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 11 March 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) . Mrs. Bailey was a granddaughter of James Parker.

⁶¹⁸Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 42, where the record gives his full name, referring to Richland County Death Record Book 4, p. 371.

⁶¹⁹Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery.

⁶²⁰Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 42 gives his full dates, the names of his parents and spouse, referring to Richland County Death Record Book 4, p. 371.

⁶²¹Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery.

⁶²²Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 42 gives his full dates, the names of his parents and spouse, referring to Richland County Death Record Book 4, p. 371.

⁶²³Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The years are on his marker.

⁶²⁴Letter, Lura H. Bailey to Dan W. Olds, 11 March 1967, also from Clara Belle Moore and Mrs. Mary Marshall.

⁶²⁵Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁶²⁶Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁶²⁷Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p 27, which gives his birth date as Aug. 1860 and death date as 1924.

⁶²⁸F. A. Battey & Co., *Cumberland, Jasper, Richland History*.

Richland County, Illinois.⁶²⁹ He died on 8 Mar 1884 in Richland County, Illinois, at age 66.⁶³⁰ He was buried in the Ridgely Family Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.⁶³¹

Orrick Ridgely was accepted into the membership of the Wabash Presbyterian Church at Orio by exam on 26 April 1849. Mrs. Orrick Ridgely was baptized into this church on the same date.⁶³²

Orrick Ridgely was a farmer. The few notes I have from the Richland County land records show that he obtained the NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 29, T2N, R14W (40 acres) on 19 Sept. 1848 and the E1/2 SE 1/4 Section 30, T2N R14W (80 acres) on 25 Aug. 1853. He had other land as well. His homestead was in Bonpas Township near the Ridgely Family Cemetery in which he is buried. (Section 29 T2N Range 14W).

The family is listed in the 1850 census of Richland County as follows:

Orrick Ridgely	31	farmer	b. Illis.	\$800 in real estate
Nancy Ridgely	26		"	
George W. H.	6		"	
James Ridgely	5/12		"	

In the 1880 census of Bonpas Township the listing is:

Orrick Ridgely	69	b. Ill.	father b. Md.	mother b. N. Y.
Nancy Ridgely	56	wife b. Ill.	father b. N. Y.	mother b. N. Y.

"I do not have a Bible that belonged to Orrick Ridgely. ... Grandfather Orrick gave each of his sons and daughter a Bible 10 inches by 12 inches. I have the one he gave to my father and mother. And at the present time I have in my possession the one he gave to James Ridgely. On the memorandum page are words stating from whom to whom and price \$7.50.

In my fathers record in my Bible it is stated that Orrick Ridgely was born september 13, 1817; departed this life March 8, 1884."⁶³³

Orrick **Ridgely** and Nancy **Harrison** appeared on the census of 1880 as follows:

Ridgely, Orrick 69, b. Ill, f. b. Md, m. b. NY

, Nancy 56, wife, b. Ill, parents by N.Y.⁶³⁴ He left a will on 22 Oct 1883 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.

"The last will and testament of Orrick Ridgely of the Township of Bonpas in the county of Richland and the State of Illinois made and published the Twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Three IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Orrick Ridgely of the Township of Bonpas in the County of Richland and State of Illinois of the age of sixty six years, and being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make,

⁶²⁹Dow Ridgely supplied this date from the Bible of his father, Ira Ridgely. It was also given by Mrs. Lucinda Carl from the Bible of Lucinda Ridgely Hedrick.

⁶³⁰Orrick Ridgely entry, Death Record, Richland County, Ill., Book 1, p. 69, Records differ in the calculation of his age. His death record says he died March 8, 1884, at 12 M, age 66 yr., 5 m., 20 d., in Bonpas Township. His tombstone in the Ridgely cemetery reads "Born Sep. 13, 1817, Died March 8, 1884, aged 66 y., 5 m. 21 d. His work is oer, his toil is done and he God's crown has won". The Bible records of both Ira Ridgely and Lucinda Hedrick state that Orrick was born 13 Sept. 1817 and d. 8 March 1884. This is also the birthdate given by Lloyd Ridgely's list. On this basis, his age would be 66 y. 5 m. 24 d. (using 1884 as a leap year, which was apparently not done for the tombstone record), Richland County Records, Richland County Clerk, 103 West Main, Olney, Richland County, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as Orrick Ridgely, Death Record.

⁶³¹Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery.

⁶³²Ridgely names, Wabash Presbyterian Church records.

⁶³³Letter from Dow A. Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 24 Sept 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁶³⁴1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

publish and declare this my LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT in the manner following, that is to say:

FIRST -- It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be fully paid.

SECOND -- I give and bequeath to my son Ira Ridgely at my demise, the west half of the south west quarter and north half of the south east quarter and north east fourth of the north west quarter of section Twenty nine (29) Township Two (2) North Range fourteen west (14).

THIRD -- I give and bequeath to beloved wife Nancy Ridgely all the personal estate owned at my demise, notes, moneys and chattle property belonging to me at my death to have and to hold the same unto her and her heirs as her own individual property to will and dispose of at her pleasure.

I also give and bequeath to my said wife Nancy Ridgely for and during her natural life the north east fourth of south west quarter of section Twenty nine (29) Township Two (2) north Range fourteen (14) west and at her demise I give the title in fee simple to my son Ira Ridgely to said land last described. To have & to hold the same unto him and his heirs forever. In explanation of the foregoing written bequests, it is proper to say that I have before this period of time made advancements to my other children. Viz. George W. Ridgely, James Ridgely, Russel Ridgely and Lucinda Ridgely now Lucinda Hedrick wife of A. L. Hedrick in both personal and real property.

LASTLY -- I hereby nominate and appoint George W. Ridgely my son (without bond as such Executor) to be the Executor of my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the 22nd day of October in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty three.

(signed) Orrick Ridgely

The above Instrument, consisting of one whole sheets, was now here subscribed by Orrick Ridgely the Testator in the presence of each of us; and was at the same time declared by him to be his Last Will and Testament, and we, at his request, sign our names hereto in our presence as attesting witnesses.

Thos. Tippet of the City of Olney
John Kuster of the City of Olney"

Estate of Orrick Ridgely, deceased. Letters Testamentary.

State of Illinois
Richland County

In County Court, March Term, 1884

The People of the State of Illinois, to all to whom these presents shall come --- GREETING:

KNOW YE that Whereas Orrick Ridgely late of the County of Richland and State of Illinois, died, on or about the 8th day of March A. D. 1884, as it is said, after having duly made and published his last Will and Testament, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed, leaving, at the time of his death, property in this State, which may be lost, destroyed or diminished in value, if speedy care be not taken of the same; and inasmuch as it appears that George W. Ridgely has been appointed executor in and by the last Will and Testament, to execute the same.

Now, to the end that the said property may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein; and that the said Will may be executed according to the request of the said testator we do hereby authorize the said George W. Ridgely as such executor, to collect and secure all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said Orrick Ridgely at the time of his decease, in whosoever hands or possession the same may be found in this State; and well and truly to perform and fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined upon him by the said Will, so fare as there shall be property, and the law charge him; and in general to do and perform all other acts which now are or hereafter may be required of him by law.

Witness: John van Gunten Jr. Clerk of the said County of Richland and the seal of said Court, this 18th day of March 1884.

John van Gunten Jr.
Clerk of County Court

Seal of the County Clerk of
Richland County, Ill.⁶³⁵

NANCY HARRISON was born on 17 Jan 1824 in Wabash County, Illinois. She died on 24 Feb 1900 in Richland County, Illinois, at age 76. She was buried in the Ridgely Family Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois. Nancy Ridgely joined the Wabash Presbyterian Church at Orio, Wabash County, Illinois, by examination, on 25 Sept. 1842.⁶³⁶ She left a will on 7 Jul 1894 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.

Her will and codicil thereto follow:

Nancy Ridgely, deceased
County Court of May 8, 1900

I Nancy Ridgely of the town of Bonpas in the County of Richland and State of Illinois of the age of Seventy years and being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last will and Testament in the manner following that is to say.

First: -- I desire that all my just debts be paid.

Second: -- I give and devise unto my beloved sons George W., James, Russel and the heirs of Ira (Deceased) the several amounts they have already received.

Third: -- I give and devise the notes of A. L. Hedrick to the heirs of my beloved daughter Lucinda (Deceased) Arthur, Jersey, Ira, and Bertha Hedrick.

Fourth: -- I give and devise unto my grandsons, sons of Ira, Ten dollars each.

Fifth: -- I give and devise all the rest residue and remainder of my effects, both real and personal of every name whatsoever unto my sons George W. James and Russell and the heirs of my daughter Lucinda (Deceased) to be divided into 4 equal parts.

I hereby appoint Robert Ridgely the sole executor of my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of July in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four.

(Signed) Nancy Ridgely

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was at the date thereof signed sealed and published and declared by the said Nancy Ridgely [sic] as and for her last will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereof consisting of one sheet

Sarah E. Ridgely Residence at Parkersburg
H. Mullins Residence at Parkersburg

I Nancy Ridgely [sic] being of sound mind and memory do declare this to be a codocil to my last will and testament to which same is attached.

First: -- After my death I wish all my just debts paid as stated in said Will.

Second, after the payment of all my just debts I will and bequeath to George W. Ridgely, Russel Ridgely and James Ridgely each Three Hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars in money the same to be paid out of my estate after said debts are all paid. This bequest is made for the care and attention and expense furnished me by said Legatees. dated this 27th day of March A. D. 1896

Nancy Ridgely (seal)

State of Illinois
Richland County S. S.

We the undersigned witnesses to the above codocile hereby certify that we witnessed the signing of the same by Nancy Ridgely who was of sound mind and memory at the time she signed it and we further certify that we signed it as witnesses at her request and in her presence & in the presence of each other. Witness our hands and seals this 27th day of March A. D. 1896.

Lewis E. Ruby (seal)

⁶³⁵Homer E. Ridgely's papers, collected about 1932 copy in my files, See also Richland County, Ill. Will Book B.

⁶³⁶Ridgely names, Wabash Presbyterian Church records.

Hugh M. Findley (seal).⁶³⁷

Children of Orrick² **Ridgely** and Nancy **Harrison** were as follows:

35. i. **WILLIAM H.**³ **RIDGELY** was born on 30 Sep 1840.⁶³⁸ He died on 27 Nov 1840. He was buried in the Ridgely Family Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.⁶³⁹
- + 36. ii. **GEORGE WILLIS RIDGELY** was born on 29 Mar 1844 in Richland County, Illinois. He married Susan **Woods**, daughter of George W. **Woods** and Rebecca **Gray**, on 20 Dec 1865 in Richland County, Illinois.
37. iii. **HANNAH RIDGELY** was born on 30 May 1848.⁶⁴⁰ She died on 20 Mar 1849. She is listed in the 1850 mortality census of Richland County as having died in March at the age of 10M of Scarlet Fever.^{641,642} She was buried in the Ridgely Family Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.⁶⁴³
- + 38. iv. **JAMES RIDGELY** was born on 21 Jan 1850. He married Emma Louise **Hedrick**, daughter of George **Hedrick**, on 23 Dec 1868. They were married by the pastor of the German Moravian Church of West Salem.
- + 39. v. **LUCINDA RIDGELY** was born on 19 Jan 1851. She married Andrew Lafayette **Hedrick**, son of George **Hedrick** and Fannie M. (---), on 13 Apr 1870 in Richland County, Illinois.
- + 40. vi. **RUSSEL R. RIDGELY** was born on 26 Mar 1854. He married Margaret Jane **Keen**, daughter of George Washington **Keen** and Jane **Campbell**, on 7 May 1876.
- + 41. vii. **IRA RIDGELY** was born on 28 Jun 1859. He married Nancy Ellen **Jones** on 12 Feb 1879 in Richland County, Illinois.

6. **ABEL**² **RIDGELY** (*William Henry*⁴) was born on 16 Feb 1820.⁶⁴⁴ He married Elizabeth L. **Clodfelter** on 20 Jan 1852 in Edwards County, Illinois.⁶⁴⁵ He married Phoebe A. **Ades** on 28 Aug 1862 in Wabash County, Illinois.⁶⁴⁶ He married Mary E. **Reynolds**, daughter of William **Reynolds** and Mary **Harris**, on 29 Oct 1882 in Richland County, Illinois.^{647,648} He died on 18

⁶³⁷Homer E. Ridgely's papers, collected about 1932 copy in my files, See also Richland County, Ill. Will Book C, p. 40.

⁶³⁸Hedrick Family, *Hedrick, Lucinda -- family Bible record (transcript)*, transcript sent by Lucinda Carl, 1967 (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.); unknown present owner, unknown location. Hereinafter cited as Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

⁶³⁹Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. His tombstone has the inscription "William H. son of O. and N. Ridgely" with these dates.

⁶⁴⁰Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

⁶⁴¹Helen Reed, 1850 mortality schedule index, 1988, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

⁶⁴²Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

⁶⁴³Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. Inscription: "Hannah, dau. of O. and N. Ridgely" with these dates.

⁶⁴⁴Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates.

⁶⁴⁵Edwards County, Ill., Marriage Records n.pub., Edwards County Records.

⁶⁴⁶Wabash County, Illinois, marriages: Book A, p. 227 "Abel Ridgely m. Phebe A. Ades, 28 Aug. 1862", Wabash County Records, Wabash County Clerk, Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as Wabash County Marriages.

⁶⁴⁷Claude Vernon Ridgely, manuscript autobiography, undated. personal files, Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Copy from Mrs. Margaret (Ridgely) Dalby.

⁶⁴⁸Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Abel Ridgely and Mrs. Mary E. Bland, 10/29/82, license 137, Book 2. His parents were William H. Ridgely and Hannah R. Reed. Hers

Mar 1896 at age 76.⁶⁴⁹ He was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.

A published biographical sketch of Abel Ridgely⁶⁵⁰ says:

"Abel Ridgely, a well-known farmer and stock-raiser, residing in Richland County, claims Illinois as the State of his nativity.

"He was born in Wabash County, February 16, 1820, and is the eldest [sic] of fifteen children whose parents were William H. and Hannah H. (Simmons) Ridgely. The father was a native of Maryland, and probably was of Scotch descent. At a very early age he was left an orphan. He became a ship carpenter at Baltimore, but in March, 1817, came to Illinois and settled near Mt. Carmel, a pioneer of that locality. His wife was born in the Empire State, and was a daughter of Stephen Simmons, who when a small boy emigrated from his native England to America. At the age of fifteen, he entered the Colonial army, and for meritorious conduct in the struggle for independence was promoted to the rank of Colonel. William Ridgely assisted Stephen Simmons to build the first vessel ever constructed in Portsmouth, Ohio. The parents of our subject came to Illinois on a keel-boat, landing at Palmyra, a place not now in existence. The members of the Ridgely family were William H., Henry D., Lloyd G., Orrick, Abel, Absalom, Mrs. Eliza L. Greenhood, Mrs. Orenda Harrison, Mrs. Henrietta Parker, Charles and Nicholas (twins), Medad, Samuel, Maria and one who died at birth.

The subject of this sketch received but limited educational privileges. At the age of twenty-six he [Abel] left home [however, the 1850 census of Wabash County, Ill., lists him with his father's family at the age of 30] and began working at the carpenter's trade. In January, 1852, he married Lizzie L. Clodfelter, of Edwards Co., Ill., and they became the parents of four children: George A., William S., Alice L. (wife of William Martin) and Edwin A. The mother of this family died about 1862, and later Mr. Ridgely wedded Phoebe Ades, by whom he had a daughter, Lizzie L. The second wife died in 1873. On the 18th of October, 1882, he married Mrs. Mary C. Bland, of Edwards Co. By her first husband, L. H. Bland, she had five children: Mrs. Eva Wyatt, Lloyd, Bessie, Wade and Mary.

"In 1864, Mr. Ridgely arrived in this county [Richland]. Locating in Olney, he built a hardware store, which he carried on for a few years. About 1865, he bought his present farm, and it has since been his home. At one time he owned seven hundred acres of land, but much of this he has given to his children. For many years he raised the largest and best crops of wheat grown by any farmer in this part of the county, but as he has disposed of much of his land, his crops are consequently smaller, but none the less excellent in quality. His farm is well equipped with good buildings and other improvements, and comprises some of the best land in the county. In December, 1892, his fine home was destroyed by fire, but with characteristic energy, he has begun to rebuild. For several years after coming to this county, Mr. Ridgely also dealt in farming implements, and before his arrival he traveled for several years selling fanning mills.

"In politics, Mr. Ridgely is a Republican, but has never been an office-seeker. He and most of his family are members of the Christian Church. The cause of education finds in him a friend, and he takes active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community and its upbuilding. We see in our subject a self-made man, who began life empty-handed, yet has worked his way upward, until he is now one of the most prosperous citizens of the county. Before he was ten years old, he earned a half-shilling by chopping wood for his grandfather, and to this little nucleus he kept adding until he had \$200 when he became of age. His indefatigable industry and good management have been the factors in his success. He has never undertaken any business enterprise in which he did not succeed. Although he has carried on business amounting to many thousand dollars annually, he has never owed any man a dollar for which he was not prepared to pay on demand, a fact of which he may well be proud. His whole career has been marked by the strictest integrity and honor, and he has won universal confidence and high regard."

were William Reynolds and Mary Harris.

⁶⁴⁹Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois. His tombstone in the Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois, has the inscription "Abel Ridgely, born 16 Feb. 1820, died March 18, 1896, aged 76 y. 1 m. 2 d."

⁶⁵⁰Lake Publishing Company, *Effingham, Jasper, Richland Counties; Abel Ridgely*, pp. 315-316.

According to an autobiographical sketch by Claude Vernon Ridgely⁶⁵¹

"... my grandmother was Elizabeth Clodfelter (German) who was born on June 1, 1834 and died on Feb. 5, 1862. She was buried in the cemetery at West Salem, Illinois and the dates are taken from her tombstone. ... I was 14 years of age when my grandfather, Abel Ridgely, died. I remember him quite distinctly. He lived in the age when men wore full beards and he was no exception." He mentions owning a tintype of Abel Ridgely and a letter written by him. "At a later time my grandfather entered into a partnership with one Gunn for the purpose of manufacturing one of these [fanning] mills, which they did for several years. I remember my father had one of them, and I was much impressed by the painting of the name 'Gunn and Ridgely' on the same. The business was carried on at Olney, Illinois where the family then lived.

"In the 1850's he gave up this business and moved to the south end of Richland County, acquiring a farm on which he lived until he died. He was of the determined, dominant type. He wanted his family to follow his footsteps, and wanted them around him. To effect that purpose he insisted that the boys be farmers and that his girls marry farmers and settle near him. To that end he gave each of them (5) 100 acres of land and set them up in business ... His first wife, my great grandmother [sic], Elizabeth Clodfelter, died following the birth of the fourth child [Edwin Ridgely] by reason of an attack of measles, resulting in fever, the resultant complications resulting in death. My father seldom spoke of her and I have not been able to find a picture of her."

Abel **Ridgely** and Elizabeth L. (---) appeared on the census of 11 Sep 1860 in Christy Township, Lawrence County, Illinois, as follows:

Abel Ridgely, 40, farmer, b. Ill
Elizabeth L. Ridgely, 26, b. NC
Albert G., 4, b. Ill (age appears to be 4 although listed first and attended school)
Wm. S., 6, b. Ill
Alice L., 3, b. Ill
Andrew Kingery(?), 14, farm laborer, b. Penn.
Chas A. Reed, 20, farm laborer, b. Ill
Keling Clodfelter, 50, Milller, b. NC
John , 18, Miller, b. Ill
Abigal, 15, domestic, b. Ill.⁶⁵²

Abel and Phoebe A. **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1880 in Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois.

Ridgley, Able, 60, b. Ill., father b. MD, mother b. NY
, Phebe A., 41, wife, b. Ohio, p. b. Ohio
, Alice L., 23, dau., b. Ill, f. b. Ill, m. b. NC
, Edwin A., 18, son. b. Ill., f. b. Ill, m. b. NC
, Elisabeth L., 16, dau., b. Ill., f. b. Ill., m. b. Ohio
Screech?, Henry, 26, b. Ill., widower, farm laborer.⁶⁵³

A marriage record for Abel Ridgely and Sophronia Sutterfield is listed in Edwards County for May 1882.⁶⁵⁴

ELIZABETH L. **CLODFELTER** was born on 1 Jun 1834.⁶⁵⁵ She died on 5 Feb 1862 at age 27. She was buried in West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois. There is a close match in the records of the Moravian Church Cemeter at West Salem, which contain a listing for an Elizabeth Ridgely (maiden name Clodfelter), born in Salem Precinct of Edwards County on 28 Feb. 1834, died of measles on 3 Feb 1862 at the age of 27 years, 11 months and 5 days, and was buried 6 Feb. 1862.

⁶⁵¹Claude Vernon Ridgely, manuscript autobiography.

⁶⁵²1860 federal census of Lawrence County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on Post Office, Sumner.

⁶⁵³1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

⁶⁵⁴Illinois Marriage Index online.

⁶⁵⁵Claude Vernon Ridgely, manuscript autobiography. ""My grandmother was Elizabeth Clodfelter (German) who was born on June 1, 1834 and died on Feb. 5, 1862. She was buried in the cemetery at West Salem, Illinois and the above dates are taken from her tombstone.""

She was a married female whose husband was *Abraham*. This is burial number 123.⁶⁵⁶ The will of Kelen Clodfelter of Richland County, Illinois, made 10 Jan 1874, mentions his grandchildren Albert Ridgley, William Ridgley, Edward Ridgley, and Alice Ridgley, children of my deceased daughter Elizabeth Ridgley and left them one dollar each.

Children of Abel² **Ridgely** and Elizabeth L. **Clodfelter** were as follows:

- + 42. i. GEORGE ALBERT³ **RIDGELY** was born on 16 Oct 1852. He married Martha Ann **Madding** on 18 Apr 1878 in Edwards County, Illinois.
- + 43. ii. WILLIAM S. **RIDGELY** was born on 1 Mar 1854. He married Cora Mary **Blood**, daughter of John M. **Blood** and Sarah (--?--), on 27 Dec 1877.
- + 44. iii. ALICE L. **RIDGELY** was born on 8 Jan 1857. She married William W. **Martin** on 4 Apr 1884.
- + 45. iv. EDWIN A. **RIDGELY** was born on 24 Jul 1861. He married Mattie **Bowly**.

PHOEBE A. **ADES** was born on 22 Jul 1838.⁶⁵⁷ She died on 30 May 1881 at age 42.⁶⁵⁸ She was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.⁶⁵⁹

Children of Abel² **Ridgely** and Phoebe A. **Ades** were:

- 46. i. ELIZABETH L.³ **RIDGELY** was born in 1863.⁶⁶⁰ She married James M. **Fryatt** on 27 Jun 1898 in Edwards County, Illinois.^{661,662} She married Henry **Vandever**. She died on 25 Mar 1949 in Edwards County, Illinois.⁶⁶³ She was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.⁶⁶⁴

She had no children.

Elizabeth L. **Ridgely** and James M. **Fryatt** appeared on the census of Jun 1900 in Shelby Precinct, Edwards County, Illinois. The record lists:

James ___ Fryatt, b. Sept. 1848, age 51, married twice?, b. WVa, parents b. WVa

Elizabeth Fryatt, wife, b. July 1862, age 37, married twice, 1 child, 1 living, b. Ill, father b. Ill, mother b. Ill

Flora Fryatt, dau., b. Dec 1883, age 16, b. Ill, father b. WVa, mother b. Ill.

It is unclear whether the "married twice" label really applies because it is also shown for the single daughter. Nevertheless, it appears to show that

⁶⁵⁶West Salem, Ill. Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

⁶⁵⁷Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. Calculated from her tombstone in the Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois, which has the inscription "Pheba A., wife of A. Ridgely, Died May 30, 1881, Aged 42 yr. 10 m. 8 da."

⁶⁵⁸Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. Her tombstone in the Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois, has the inscription "Pheba A., wife of A. Ridgely, Died May 30, 1881, Aged 42 yr. 10 m. 8 da."

⁶⁵⁹Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. Her tombstone in the Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois, has the inscription "Pheba A., wife of A. Ridgely, Died May 30, 1881, Aged 42 yr. 10 m. 8 da."

⁶⁶⁰Letter from Wallace Hanson (Rt. 1, Olney, Ill.) to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), in which the birth year as 1866 and death date as 25 March 1949.

⁶⁶¹Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

⁶⁶²Illinois Marriage Index online: which refers to Edwards County Marriage Book D, p. 160.

⁶⁶³Death record, Illinois Death Records online, Illinois Secretary of State, State Death Index, online Statewide data bases, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, which refers to certificate no. 0010122 in Edwards County. Hereinafter cited as Illinois Death Records.

⁶⁶⁴Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. Marion Church Cemetery. The dates on the stone are 1863 - 1949.

Elizabeth was the mother of a living child, in contrast to the 1910 record. However, Flora appears to have been born prior to the 1898 marriage to Elizabeth Ridgely.⁶⁶⁵

Elizabeth L. **Ridgely** and Henry **Vandever** appeared on the census of 1910 in Salem Precinct, Edwards County, Illinois. The record shows:

Henry Vandever, age 49, married twice
Lizzie L., wife, 45, married twice, she had no children, was born in Ill., father b. Ill., mother b. Ohio

Frank A. son, age 19, b. in Ill., parents b. in Ill.

Joe B., son, age 17, b. in Ill., parents b. in Ill.⁶⁶⁶

Elizabeth L. **Ridgely** and Henry **Vandever** appeared on the census of 27 Feb 1920 in West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois. The record shows:

Vandever, Henry, 50, b. Ill, f. b. Ky m. b. KY

Elizabeth, wife, 50, b. Ill., f. b. Ill, m. b. Ohio

Frank, son, 29, b. Ill, parents b. Ill.⁶⁶⁷

Elizabeth L. **Ridgely** and Henry **Vandever** appeared on the census of 5 Apr 1930 in West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois. The record shows:

Vandever, Henry, 69, b. Ill., first married at age 26, parents b. Ky

Elizabeth, wife, 66, b. Ill, first married age 30, b. Ill, parents b. Ill.

Sallie, sister, 56, b. Ill., parents b. KY.⁶⁶⁸

JAMES M. **FRYATT**⁶⁶⁹ was born in 1848.⁶⁷⁰ He died in 1908.⁶⁷¹ He was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.⁶⁷²

HENRY **VANDEVER**⁶⁷³ died on 31 Mar 1935.^{674,675,676}

MARY E. **REYNOLDS**^{677,678} was born on 15 Jan 1844 in Bloomfield, Indiana.⁶⁷⁹ She married LeRoy Hastings **Bland**.⁶⁸⁰ She married John **Ibbotson** on 9 Sep 1899 in Edwards County,

⁶⁶⁵microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁶⁶⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁶⁶⁷microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁶⁶⁸microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁶⁶⁹Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

⁶⁷⁰Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

⁶⁷¹Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

⁶⁷²Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The dates on the stone are 1848 - 1908.

⁶⁷³Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

⁶⁷⁴Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

⁶⁷⁵He is said to be buried at Ebenezer Church east of Samsville, Illinois, but I did not find his stone. An earlier Henry Vandever is buried there.

⁶⁷⁶Illinois Death Records, which refers to certificate no. 0011213 in Edwards County. He was 75 years old.

⁶⁷⁷Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, This gives her name as Mrs. Mary E. Bland, daughter of William Reynolds and Mary Harris.

⁶⁷⁸Lynn, "Descendants of William Henry Ridgely", giving the full name as Mary Elizabeth Reynolds.

⁶⁷⁹Edwards County Historical Society, *A History of Edwards County, Illinois, Volume One, 1980* (Albion, Illinois: Edwards County Historical Society, 1980), p. 142. Hereinafter cited as *A History of Edwards Co., Ill., Vol. One*.

⁶⁸⁰Edwards County Historical Society, *A History of Edwards Co., Ill., Vol. One*, p. 142.

Illinois.⁶⁸¹ She died on 31 May 1924 in Edwards County, Illinois, at age 80.⁶⁸²

Mary E. **Bland** appeared on the census of 1880 in Shelby Precinct, Edwards County, Illinois. This record shows:

Mary Bland, age 36

Lloyd W., age 14

Bessie, age 12

Wade, age 8

Louella, age 3

The parents of these children and the children themselves were born in Indiana.⁶⁸³

There were no children of Abel² **Ridgely** and Mary E. **Reynolds**.

12. EMILY ORENDA² RIDGELY (*William Henry*¹) was born on 12 Apr 1831.^{684,685} She married George Nelson **Harrison**, son of John **Harrison** and Nancy **Higgins**, on 4 Nov 1852.⁶⁸⁶ She died on 13 Jan 1908 in Wabash County, Illinois, at age 76.^{687,688,689,690} She was buried in Christian Church Cemetery, Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.⁶⁹¹

Her name may have been Emily Orenda or Orenda Emily and appears in the records both ways. The usage adopted here appears in her signature, in her family Bible, on her tombstone and in the records of her daughter, Minnie (Harrison) Reid, and thus must be what she preferred as an adult. She is named in her father's will as "my daughter Orenda E. Harrison" but signed an 1873 receipt as Emily O. Harrison. The name Orenda is from the Iroquois Indian and means magic power.⁶⁹²

"G. H. Harrison is paying his compliment to Orenda Ridgely."⁶⁹³

GEORGE NELSON **HARRISON** was born on 28 Jun 1826.⁶⁹⁴ He died on 7 Apr 1903 at age 76.

⁶⁸¹marriage record Edwards County Records, Book D, p. 168.

⁶⁸²Edwards County Historical Society, *A History of Edwards Co., Ill., Vol. One*, p. 142.

⁶⁸³microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁶⁸⁴Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates.

⁶⁸⁵This date is in many family records including the George Nelson Harrison Bible (copied by Mrs. Gladys Sutton), the Minnie H. Reid Bible (copied by Miss Emily Reid) and the tombstone.

⁶⁸⁶Date is from the Harrison Bible and the Reid Bible. Mrs. Henrietta Carey listed the date as 4 May.

⁶⁸⁷Wabash County, Illinois, Death Records, died 13 Jan. 1908 about 9 p.m. of pneumonia, age 76 y, 9 m. 1 d, Wabash County Records, Wabash County Clerk, Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois.

⁶⁸⁸Harrison family, *George N. Harrison Bible* (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.); unknown present owner, transcript sent by Gladys Sutton, gives the death as 12 Jan 1908. Hereinafter cited as Family Bible of George N. Harrison.

⁶⁸⁹Reid family data, *Minnie H. Reid Bible*, transcript sent by Emily Reid (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.); unknown present owner, copy in my files. Hereinafter cited as Family Bible of Minnie H. Reid.

⁶⁹⁰Tombstone, Harrison (or new Lancaster) Cemetery, north Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.

⁶⁹¹Tombstone, Harrison (or new Lancaster) Cemetery. Inscription: "Emily O. Harrison, his [George Nelson Harrison's] wife, born Apr. 12, 1831, died Jan. 13, 1908."

⁶⁹²baby-names-world.com, online <http://www.baby-names-world.com/profile.php?seostats=1&name=Orenda>. Hereinafter cited as baby-names-world.com.

⁶⁹³Knight, *Letters of Knight, Buchanan & Gunn*, p. 30. Letter from S. S. Knight to "Dear Brother" (George B. Knight), 17 May 1850.

⁶⁹⁴This date is in the Harrison Bible and the Reid Bible.

He was buried in Christian Church Cemetery, Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.^{695,696} Their cemetery is just north of Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois. In the interest of preserving graves already there, he donated this land to the Christian Church as a cemetery.⁶⁹⁷ The cemetery is known as the Harrison Cemetery or the Christian Church Cemetery.

The names and dates for their children are given by both Miss Emily Reid (from her mother's Bible) and Mrs. Gladys Sutton (from George N. Harrison's Bible). The two middle names are from Mrs. Sutton's list, given only as initials in Miss Reid's list.

Children of Emily Orenda² **Ridgely** and George Nelson **Harrison** were as follows:

- + 47. i. HENRY MONROE³ **HARRISON** was born on 1 Dec 1853. He married Henrietta Louise **Dorney** on 21 Aug 1879.
- + 48. ii. ANGELINE **HARRISON** was born on 4 Dec 1856. She married George Washington **Brines** on 3 Apr 1879.
- + 49. iii. JOHN WILLIAM **HARRISON** was born on 10 Jul 1859. He married Sarah Dulcena **Hill** on 31 Mar 1889.
- 50. iv. DOW **HARRISON** was born on 18 Jan 1862. He married Mary Ellen (--?--) circa 1905.⁶⁹⁸ He died on 24 May 1930 at age 68. He was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois.
He and Mary Ellen (--?--) appeared on the census of 1910 in Salem Precinct, Edwards County, Illinois.⁶⁹⁹ He had no children.⁷⁰⁰
- 51. v. MARY **HARRISON** was born on 7 Oct 1864. She died on 19 Oct 1865 at age 1. She was buried in Harrison Cemetery, Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.⁷⁰¹
- + 52. vi. MINNIE **HARRISON** was born on 14 Jan 1869. She married George William **Reid** on 1 Jul 1888.
- 53. vii. GEORGE **HARRISON** was born on 16 Aug 1871.⁷⁰² He married Della **Walters** on 31 Aug 1910. She was Mrs. Della (Walters) George at the time of her marriage to George Harrison.⁷⁰³ He died on 9 Apr 1949 at age 77.⁷⁰⁴

George **Harrison** and Della **Walters** appeared on the census of 1920 in Wabash County, Illinois, as follows:

She is listed as age 36, thus born about 1884. There is a step-son, Verne R. Walter, in the family, age 16. This implies that Della had a son before

⁶⁹⁵From the George Nelson Harrison Bible, the Minnie H. Reid Bible, and the tombstone.

⁶⁹⁶Tombstone, Harrison (or new Lancaster) Cemetery. Inscription: "George N. Harrison died Apr. 1, 1903, aged 76 years, 9 mos. 3d's."

⁶⁹⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

⁶⁹⁸Letter from Gladys Sutton (Avon Park, FL) to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), saying she was Mrs. Ellen Sutton, the mother of Noble Sutton who married Gladys Brines. The marriage date is estimated from the 1910 census record.

⁶⁹⁹microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com, in which she is listed as Mary Ellen, age 46, married twice with four(?) children, one living. They had been married five years.

⁷⁰⁰Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

⁷⁰¹Tombstone, Harrison (or new Lancaster) Cemetery. Inscription: Mary, dau. of G. N. and E. O. Harrison, born Oct. 7, 1864, died Oct. 19, 1865.

⁷⁰²Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

⁷⁰³Letter from Henrietta Carey (Mt. Carmel, Ill.) to Dan W. Olds, 11 Sep 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁷⁰⁴Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

her marriage to George Harrison.⁷⁰⁵ He and Della **Walters** had no children.⁷⁰⁶

DELLA **WALTERS**⁷⁰⁷ appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Aug 1973 with the last place of residence listed as Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois. Della's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 31 Dec 1883.⁷⁰⁸

14. MEDAD REED² RIDGELY (*William Henry*^l) was born on 25 Dec 1835.⁷⁰⁹ He married Louisa **Collins** on 10 Feb 1859 in Wabash County, Illinois.⁷¹⁰ He married Mary E. **Knowles** on 17 Dec 1896 in Wabash County, Illinois.⁷¹¹ He died on 2 Nov 1898 in Wabash County, Illinois, at age 62.⁷¹² He was buried in Ridgely Family Cemetery, Wabash County, Illinois.⁷¹³

Medad is listed with his parents in the 1850 census of Wabash County, Ill., and was named in his father's will. He was a lifetime resident of Illinois and lived in Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County. He was buried in the family cemetery mentioned in his father's will, which was by this time known as Lloyd Ridgely's family cemetery.

The family is listed in the 1860 census of Wabash County as follows:⁷¹⁴

Medad Ridgely	24	b. Wabash
Louisa	19	b. Ill.
George W.	6/12	b. Wabash

The 1870 listing from Girard, Crawford Twp., Crawford County, Kansas is:

Ridgely, Medad	34	farmer
Louise	29	
George	10	
Clara	7	
Charles	2	

The family is listed in the 1880 census of Montana Township, Labette Co., Kansas as follows:⁷¹⁵

Medad R. Ridgely	40	Huckster	b. Ill, parents b. in England
Louisa	39		
Clara E.	17	dau	
Charley H.	12	son	
Henry Hinderliter	47	boarder	

⁷⁰⁵microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁰⁶Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, 11 Sep 1966.

⁷⁰⁷Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, 11 Sep 1966.

⁷⁰⁸microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁰⁹Lloyd Ridgely, transcript of list of Ridgely family names and dates.

⁷¹⁰Wabash County Marriages: Book A, p. 88.

⁷¹¹Wabash County Marriages: Book 1, p. 210, Medad R. Ridgely, age 61, son of Wm. H. Ridgely and Hannah Simmons, was married, for his second time, to Mary E. Knowles, age 27, her first marriage, on 17 Dec. 1896.

⁷¹²Wabash County, Illinois, Death, Book 1, p. 135, There is no year given on his death record which says he died after four days of pneumonia on 2 Nov. at the age of 52 years, 10 mos., 7 days. His death was reported 14 June 1899.

⁷¹³Tombstone, William H. Ridgely Cemetery. There are no dates on the tombstone of "Meadad Ridgely."

⁷¹⁴1860 federal census of Wabash County, Illinois. Microfilm image.

⁷¹⁵microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com, viewed 17 Dec. 2003.

Dow Ridgely had a letter⁷¹⁶ stating that Medad Ridgely was reported to have served in the Civil War, but that no record of service had been established.

"Medad Ridgely is married to a woman I never saw. He has bought the land over the creek where Lambert used to live but he now lives in a house he built by his father's."⁷¹⁷

LOUISA COLLINS was born circa 1840.⁷¹⁸ She is named in the will of her father, William Collins of Lawrence Co., Ill., made 31 Dec. 1870.

Children of Medad Reed² **Ridgely** and Louisa **Collins** were as follows:

- + 54. i. GEORGE WILLIAM³ **RIDGELY** was born on 28 Nov 1859 in Lawrence County, Illinois. Although the death record gives 28 Nov 1860, the 1860 census shows that he was age 6 months in June of that year and the 1900 census show his birth date as Nov. 1859. He married Ellen (--?--) on 21 Jun. He married Susan Emma **Cotton**, daughter of Peter **Cotton** and Dorcas **Riggs**, on 4 Apr 1901. According to Lawrence County, Illinois, marriage records, George Wm. Ridgely married Mrs. Emma Stone, daughter of Peter Cotton, on 4 April 1901.
- 55. ii. CLARA E. **RIDGELY**⁷¹⁹ was born circa 1863.⁷²⁰ She died after 1880.⁷²¹
Besides being listed in her father's family in the 1880 census, she may also have been the Clara Ridgely, age 17, listed as servant in the house of Joe Updegraff, Fairview Twp., Labette Co., Kansas. This record shows she was born in Ill. but the birthplaces of both her parents are "unknown."
- 56. iii. ELIZABETH **RIDGELY** was born circa 1866.⁷²² She died young.⁷²³
- + 57. iv. CHARLEY HENRY **RIDGELY** was born on 3 Feb 1868. He married Matilda **Edson** on 17 Oct 1906.

MARY E. **KNOWLES** was born circa 1869.

Children of Medad Reed² **Ridgely** and Mary E. **Knowles** were:

- + 58. i. OLIVE L.³ **RIDGELY** was born circa 1896. She married Thomas Benton **Walling** on 30 Jul 1913 in Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois.

Generation Three

19. STEPHEN SIMMONS³ RIDGELY (*William Simmons², William Henry¹*)⁷²⁴ was born in Mar 1839 in Wabash County, Illinois.^{725,726} He married Louella (--?--) circa 1870. She is shown in the 1880

⁷¹⁶Letter from B. J., Walter (Dept. of Military Records, Graves Registration, American Legion, Wabash Post No. 423, Mt. Carmel, Illinois) to Dow A. Ridgely, 10 Aug. 1934; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁷¹⁷Knight, *Letters of Knight, Buchanan & Gunn*, p. 90. Letter from S. S. Knight to "Only Brother" (Geo. B. Knight), 6 Nov 1859.

⁷¹⁸census microfilm, estimated from the 1850 census.

⁷¹⁹Her middle initial is from the 1880 census listing of her father's family.

⁷²⁰1870 federal census of Girard Co., Kansas. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁷²¹Letter from Henrietta Carey (Mt. Carmel, Ill.) to Dan W. Olds, 22 Sep 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), , saying she died young.

⁷²²Lynn, "Descendants of William Henry Ridgely."

⁷²³Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, 22 Sep 1966.

⁷²⁴Letter, Edwin Reed Ridgely to Ridgely, This letter gives the full name.

⁷²⁵census microfilm, birthdate estimated from the 1850-1860 census records.

⁷²⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com, The month is listed in the 1900 census.

census as age 31. He married Mary T(?) (--?--) circa 1890.⁷²⁷ He died circa 1915.⁷²⁸

Stephen Simmons **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1870 in Crawford County, Kansas. He is listed as living with his brother, Edwin, at age 28 and married although no wife is shown.⁷²⁹

Stephen Simmons **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1880 in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas. This record lists:

Ridgely, S. S.	40	retired merchant	b. Ill.	father b. Ohio	mother b. Ind.
, Louella	31	wife	b. Kans	father b. Va.	mother b. Ky
, Elmo	9	son	b. Ind.	father b. Ill.	mother b. Ill. ⁷³⁰

Stephen Simmons **Ridgely** and Mary T(?) (--?--) appeared on the census of 1900 in Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas. In one 1900 listing, the family of Steven Ridgely is listed as:

Steven Ridgely b. Mar 1839, age 61, married for 31 years, Landlord, b. Ill. parents b. in NY
Mary T., wife, b. Nov. 1852, age 47, marr. for 30 yrs., mother of one child, not living, b. in Penn.,
parents b. in Penn.⁷³¹

In a second 1900 listing, Stephen Simmons **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 19 Jun 1900 in the David Green household, Washington Township, Crawford County, Kansas. He is listed as a brother-in-law (David's wife Henrietta was a sister of Stephen), b. March 1839, age 61. Although he is listed as having been married ten years, his wife is not shown.⁷³²

Stephen Simmons **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 20 Apr 1910 in the Stephen S. Ridgely household, Kansas City, Wyandote County, Kansas. He is shown as age 71, b. in Illinois, father b. in Md., mother b. in NY. They had been married 20 years, his second marriage and her first. Mary T(?), his wife, is shown as age 51, b. in PA, and had had no children.⁷³³

"An old issue of the Mt. Carmel [Ill.] paper" lists Stephen S. Ridgely as having served in the Civil War.⁷³⁴

In 1911, his address was 1231 Jersey Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. according to the list of heirs of Lloyd Ridgely.⁷³⁵

I have not constructed a record of his marriages that is fully consistent with all the data gathered. Presumably Louella and Mary are different people because of the difference in their census ages and reported birthplaces for them and their parents. If Louella was his first wife, they must have been married about 1870. In 1900 he is reported as having been married both ten and thirty years. Perhaps he married Mary T. as early as 1870 (30 years earlier) or as late as 1890 (ten years earlier) or perhaps one refers to his first marriage and one refers to his second marriage. In 1910, Mary T. is reported as age 51 and having been married once, 20 years earlier (ca. 1890). There is also a conflicting report on the number of children for Mary T. She, rather than Louella, may have been the mother of Alta.

LOUELLA (--?--)⁷³⁶ was born circa 1849.⁷³⁷

Children of Stephen Simmons³ **Ridgely** and Louella (--?--) were as follows:

59. i. ELMO E.⁴ **RIDGELY**. "Elmo E. Ridgely, the son of Stephen S. Ridgely was

⁷²⁷Taken from the 1910 census listing.

⁷²⁸Letter, Edwin Reed Ridgely to Ridgely, "died 4 years ago."

⁷²⁹microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷³⁰microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷³¹microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷³²microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷³³microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷³⁴Letter, B. J. Walter to Ridgely, 10 Aug. 1934.

⁷³⁵Homer E. Ridgely's papers, collected about 1932 copy in my files.

⁷³⁶She is shown in the 1880 census record at age 31.

⁷³⁷Estimated from the 1880 census.

an executive with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. All we know of his mother is her first name, Mary, and the fact that she lived in Kansas City, Kansas. When Elmo retired from the railroad, he moved to Denver, Colorado (having lived in Chicago and elsewhere), where he owned a local trucking company. We have no reliable information about him after this. He may have had a family, and we believe he died in the 1940's."⁷³⁸

60. ii. ALTA **RIDGELY** died young.

"Stephen Ridgely had one other child, a daughter named Alta Ridgely who died at an early age."⁷³⁹

There is an obituary for an Alta Ridgely in the Pittsburg, Kansas, newspaper.⁷⁴⁰

MARY T(?) (--?--)⁷⁴¹ was born in Nov 1852 in Pennsylvania.⁷⁴²

There were no children of Stephen Simmons³ **Ridgely** and Mary T(?) (--?--).

20. ANN ELIZABETH³ RIDGELY (*William Simmons², William Henry¹*) was born circa 1841 in Wabash County, Illinois.⁷⁴³ She married Tenny **Root**. She was buried in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas.⁷⁴⁴

In 1911 she was living in Girard, Kansas.⁷⁴⁵

"The husband of Ann Elizabeth Ridgely was Tenny Root. He was born in Canada of French-speaking parents. When he came to this county (living first in Illinois, moving to Girard, Kansas in the early 1870's) he translated his surname from the French Racine to its equivalent in English. His move to this country was motivated primarily by his dislike for Catholicism, which was the dominant religion in his French-Canadian community. Tenny Root died around 1917/18 in Girard, and his wife Ann Ridgely died in Kansas City, Mo., around 1920. Both are buried in Girard."⁷⁴⁶

TENNY **ROOT** was born in Canada. He died between 1917 and 1918 in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas. He was buried in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas.

Tenny **Root** appeared on the census of 1 Jun 1880 in Crawford Township, Crawford County, Kansas. The family is listed as:

Tenny Root, 38, farmer, b. Canada E., father b. France, m. b. Canada
Lizzie, wife, 36, housekeeper, b. Ill., father b. Ohio, mother b. Indiana
Alice H., dau., 4
M. M. E., dau., 2

The next "family" listed is widow E. R. Ridgely, age 59, "mother", housekeeper, born in Indiana, father born in New York, and mother born in.⁷⁴⁷

Tenny **Root** appeared on the census of Jun 1900 in Crawford Township, Crawford County, Kansas. Tenny Root is listed twice in the 1900 census. He is listed as household 140 by census taker Albert Cuthbertson on 16 June 1900 at the bottom of sheet 7B, Supervisors District 3,

⁷³⁸Letter, Arthur M. Bullock to Olds, 16 July 1970.

⁷³⁹Letter, Arthur M. Bullock to Olds, 16 July 1970.

⁷⁴⁰Ella Buzzard, "Ridgely Research in Crawford County, Kansas," e-mail message from (e-mail address withheld) (Crawford, Kansas) to Dan W. Olds, 18 Oct 2005. Hereinafter cited as "Ridgely Research in Crawford County, Kansas."

⁷⁴¹Taken from the 1910 census listing.

⁷⁴²Taken from the 1900 census listing.

⁷⁴³census microfilm, where she is mentioned in 1850 and 1860 census of Wabash County, Ill.

⁷⁴⁴Letter, Arthur M. Bullock to Olds, 16 July 1970.

⁷⁴⁵Letter, Edwin Reed Ridgely to Reid, 8 Nov. 1911.

⁷⁴⁶Letter, Arthur M. Bullock to Olds, 16 July 1970.

⁷⁴⁷microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

Enumeration District 86 as:

Root, Tenny, age 49, m. 25 yr, farmer, b. Vermont, father b. France, mother b. Canada E.
He is also listed as household 152 (changed to 154) by census taker Lewis Stock on 16 June on
the bottom two lines of Sheet 8A, SD 3, ED 75 and the top two lines of Sheet 8B on 18 June as:

Root, T., b. 1850, age 50, m 26 yrs, b. Vermont, father b. France, mother b. Massachusetts

Root, Elizabeth, wife, b. May 1852[?], age 50 b. Ill., 3 children, 3 living

Root, Martha, dau., b. March 1880, age 20, single, school teacher, b. Kansas

Root, Edwin, son, b. Oct. 1882, age 17, single, b. Kansas.⁷⁴⁸

Tenny **Root** appeared on the census of 1910 in Crawford Township, Crawford County, Kansas,
as follows: He is listed alone, age ??, having been married once for 30 years, b. VT, father b.
France, mother b. Canada ??⁷⁴⁹

Children of Ann Elizabeth³ **Ridgely** and Tenny **Root** were as follows:

61. i. ALICE⁴ **ROOT** was born on 22 Sep 1875 in Girard, Crawford County,
Kansas.⁷⁵⁰ She married William Philip **Bullock** in 1900.

WILLIAM PHILIP **BULLOCK**⁷⁵¹ was born on 9 Apr 1871 in Bullock,
Granville County, North Carolina. He died on 23 Apr 1955 in Los
Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, at age 84. "W. P. Bullock was a
civil engineer, who spent most of his life in Kansas City, Mo. Their
children were Arthur M. Bullock, Sr., and Gerald Bullock. W. P. Bullock
died in Los Angeles in 1955."⁷⁵²

The online California Death Record Index shows:⁷⁵³

William Philip Bullock, b. April 9, 1871, died April 23, 1955 in Los
Angeles, California, at age 84.

62. ii. MARTHA **ROOT** was born on 3 Mar 1878 in Girard, Crawford County,
Kansas. She married P. W. **Geer**. She died circa 1952.

"Martha Root was born March 3, 1878, in Girard. She married P. W.
Geer. They had one son, Ridgely Geer, born some time around 1910. As
a young man, Ridgely Geer, who had quarreled with his parents, left home.
His parents made a considerable effort to find him, but they never had any
success, and nothing is known about him after his disappearance. Martha
Root Geer died around 1952, in Boston. Her husband had died some time
previously."⁷⁵⁴

Martha **Root** appeared on the census of 21 Apr 1910 in Haworth, Bergen
County, New Jersey, as follows:

Geer, "Perl W." age 36, married twice, b. Oregon, par. b. N.Y.

, Martha E., age 27, no children, b. Kansas, f. b. Vt., mother b. MD.⁷⁵⁵

Martha **Root** appeared on the census of 1930 in Englishtown, Monmouth
County, New Jersey, as follows: The listing shows:

Philip Geer, head, age 56, married at age 36, b. Oregon, father b. OH,
mother b. NY

Martha, wife, age 46, married at age 26, b. KS, father b. _____, mother b.
Ill.

⁷⁴⁸microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁴⁹1910 federal census of Crawford County, Kansas. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁵⁰Letter, Arthur M. Bullock to Olds, 16 July 1970, " Alice Root was born Sept. 22, 1875, in Girard."

⁷⁵¹Middle name added from the death record.

⁷⁵²Letter, Arthur M. Bullock to Olds, 16 July 1970.

⁷⁵³California Death Record Index, online, online <http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death>. Hereinafter cited as California Death Record Index.

⁷⁵⁴Letter, Arthur M. Bullock to Olds, 16 July 1970.

⁷⁵⁵1910 federal census of Bergen County, New Jersey. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

Edwin, son, age 16, b. NY, f. b. Oregon, m. b. Kansas

If this is the correct family it suggests that the son might have been named after Edwin Ridgely. I have not found another census record of them.⁷⁵⁶

63. iii. JOSEPH EDWIN **ROOT** was born on 24 Oct 1881. His death certificate gives his father's name as unknown and his mother as Ann Elizabeth Ridgely.⁷⁵⁷ He married Addie (--?--). He died on 19 Sep 1967 in Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Highlands, Macon County, North Carolina, at age 85.⁷⁵⁸ He was buried on 22 Sep 1967 in Sharon Memorial Park, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.⁷⁵⁹

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 13 Sep 1918 in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas. He described himself as living on R4, Girard, Crawford County, Kansas, age 37, born 24 Oct 1881, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with blue eyes and had black hair. His closest relative was Mrs. Addie Root also of Route 4, Girard.⁷⁶⁰

Joseph Edwin **Root** and Addie (--?--) appeared on the census of 1920 in Crawford, Crawford County, Kansas, as follows: The listing shows:

Joseph E. Root, age 38, b. KS, father b. NH, mother b. Ill.

Addie, age 36, b. SC, father b. SC, mother b. NC

Roy, son, age 16, b. SC, father b. KS, mother b. SC.⁷⁶¹

Joseph Edwin **Root** and Addie (--?--) appeared on the census of 1930 in Highlands, Macon County, North Carolina, as follows: The listing shows:

Joseph Root, Civil Engineer, age 48, 1st marr. at age 33, b. Kansas, father b. VT, mother b. Ill.

Addie Root, age 48, 1st marr. at age 20, b. SC, father b. SC, mother b. SC

The implication of these records is that Joseph Root was not the father of Roy and that Addie had been married previously.⁷⁶² "J. E. Root was born in 1881 in Girard. He spent most of his life in Highlands, North Carolina, where he was the engineer for the Highlands Golf Course. He married a widow, Addie McEachern. They had no children. Joseph Edwin Root died in the summer of 1967, several years after the death of his wife."⁷⁶³

22. HENRIETTA³ **RIDGELY** (*William Simmons*², *William Henry*¹) was born in Sep 1853 in Wabash

⁷⁵⁶1930 federal census of Monmouth County, NJ. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁵⁷Joseph Edwin Root entry, Macon County, NC, Death Records, Book 40, p. 49, Macon County Records, Macon County Court House, Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina. Hereinafter cited as Macon County Death Record.

⁷⁵⁸Macon County Death Record, Book 40, p. 49, Book 40, p. 49 " b. 24 Oct. 1881, d. 19 Sept. 1967." He was born 24 Oct. 1881, in Kansas, married Addie M., was a civil engineer, died 19 Sept. 1967 at Highlands, N. C., and was buried in Sharon Memorial Park, Charlotte, N. C. He died of arteriosclerotic cardio vascular disease.

⁷⁵⁹Macon County Death Record, Book 40, p. 49.

⁷⁶⁰Ancestry.com, registration card images, 1917-1918, www.ancestry.com. used in Nov. 2005.

⁷⁶¹1920 federal census of Crawford County, Kansas. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁶²1930 federal census of Macon County, North Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁶³Letter, Arthur M. Bullock to Olds, 16 July 1970.

County, Illinois.⁷⁶⁴ She married Marcellus V. **Parish** on 20 Aug 1874 in Crawford County, Kansas.⁷⁶⁵ She married David C. **Green** on 9 Jun 1887.^{766,767}

In 1911 she was living in Alva, Oklahoma.⁷⁶⁸ She is on Lloyd Ridgely's list of heirs as Etta R. Green.

Henrietta **Parish** appeared on the census of 1 Jun 1880 in Crawford Township, Crawford County, Kansas, as follows: The listing immediately follows that of Tenny and Lizzie Root, and shows: Ridgely, E. R., age 59, widow, mother, b. Illinois, father b. New York, mother b. Massachusetts Parish, Henrietta, age 26, widow, boarder, b. Illinois, mother father b. Ohio, mother b. Illinois.⁷⁶⁹

Henrietta **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 19 Jun 1900 in the David Green household, Washington Township, Crawford County, Kansas. David Green was born in Nov. 1847, in Ohio, age 43, and married for 13 years. Henrietta, his wife, was born Sept. 1853, in Illinois, age 47 and also married for 13 years. Her father was born in Ohio and her mother in Indiana. She was the mother of one living child who was not listed in the household. Stephen S. Ridgely, brother-in-law, b. Mar. 1839, age 61, married ten years, was also listed in this family.⁷⁷⁰

Henrietta **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1910 in Alva, Woods County, Oklahoma, as follows: The listing shows:

David C. Green, age 63, married twice, this time for 22 years

Henretta R. Green, wife, age 56, married twice, this time for 22 years.⁷⁷¹

Henrietta **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1920 in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas, as follows: The listing shows:

David C. Green, age 73, b. Ohio, parents b. Ohio

Henrietta, age 66, b. Illinois, father b. Ohio, mother b. Ind.⁷⁷²

Although the biographical listing quoted for David C. Green states that he married *Miss* Henrietta Ridgely, the 1910 census says that had been married twice and the 1900 census shows that she had one child who was still living. Henrietta has not been located in the 1880 census unless she is the 26 year old widow, Henrietta Parrish, born in Illinois, father born in Ohio and mother born in Indiana that is listed in the 1890 census of Girard, Crawford County, Kansas. She was living with her widowed mother, "E. R.[possibly E. A.] Ridgely", age 59, b. in Indiana, father b. in NY, mother b. in Massachusetts. I have not yet identified these two in another record unless they are "our" Henrietta Ridgely and her mother.

MARCELLUS V. **PARISH** died before 1 Jun 1880.⁷⁷³

Children of Henrietta³ **Ridgely** and Marcellus V. **Parish** were:

64. i. (--?--)⁴ **PARISH**.⁷⁷⁴

⁷⁶⁴See the 1850 listing of her father's family. The month of birth is from the 1900 census listing.

⁷⁶⁵Buzzard, "Ridgely Research in Crawford County, Kansas," e-mail to Dan W. Olds, 18 Oct 2005, "Etta Ridgely and Marcellus V. Parish, 20 Aug. 1874, Marriage Book A, page 207". This fits with my previous speculation about her first marriage.

⁷⁶⁶Letter, Edwin Reed Ridgely to Reid, 8 Nov. 1911.

⁷⁶⁷David Carrey Green biography quoted from A Standard History of Oklahoma by Joseph B. Thoburn (Chicago, 1916), online www.rootsweb.com/~okgenweb/books/thoburn/bios3/green_david.txt. Hereinafter cited as A Standard History of Oklahoma.

⁷⁶⁸Letter, Edwin Reed Ridgely to Reid, 8 Nov. 1911.

⁷⁶⁹unknown household, 1880 census, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁷⁰microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁷¹1910 federal census of Ward County, ND. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁷²1920 federal census of Crawford County, Kansas. Microfilm image online.

⁷⁷³1880 census, internet URL.

⁷⁷⁴The 1900 census listing for the David Green family shows that Henrietta had had one child and it was still living.

DAVID C. GREEN^{775,776} was born on 19 Nov 1846 in a log cabin, on a farm, Clinton County, Ohio.⁷⁷⁷ He was the son of John and Rhoda (Carrey) Green. When the Civil War began, he enlisted in Company F, Eighty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry on 5 April 1864. He was mustered out on 3 July 1865. From 1868 to 1879, he lived in Hamilton County, Indiana, then moved back to his father's homestead in Clinton county, Ohio. He moved to Kansas City, Missouri in 1879 and worked as a locomotive fireman and then an engineer. In 1902 he began farming on a tract of government land in Woods County ten miles from Alva. In 1909, he retired and moved to the county seat. "On January 30, 1868, Mr. Green was married to Miss Laura B. Hildebrandt, who died in 1879, leaving one child: Ambia Marie, born December 9, 1868, who died in 1884. Mr. Green was again married, June 9, 1887, to Miss Henrietta Ridgely, who was born September 12, 1855 [sic], in Wabash County, Illinois. They have had no children."⁷⁷⁸

There were no children of Henrietta³ **Ridgely** and David C. **Green**.

24. WILLIAM HENRY³ RIDGELY (*William Simmons², William Henry¹*) was born circa 1856 in Wabash County, Illinois, The date is estimated from the 1850 census.⁷⁷⁹ He married Irene E. **Chittenden** on 28 Oct 1875.^{780,781} He died on 7 Jun 1895.⁷⁸² He died circa 1904.⁷⁸³

William Henry **Ridgely** and Irene E. **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1880 in Crawford County, Kansas, as follows: The family is listed as:

Ridgely, Wm.	24	clerk in store	b. Ill.	father b. _____	mother b. N. Y.
Irene E.	23	wife	b. Ill.	father b. OH	mother b. Ind.
Edna	3	dau.	b. Kansas	father b. Ill.	mother b. Ill. ⁷⁸⁴

IRENE E. **CHITTENDEN** was born in Dec 1857.⁷⁸⁵

Irene E. **Chittenden** appeared on the census of 1900 in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas. She was born in Dec. 1857, age 42, a widow, the mother of two children, both living. She was a dressmaker, b. in Ill., father b. in Ky, mother b. in Ind.⁷⁸⁶

Irene E. **Chittenden** appeared on the census of 1910 in Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas. She living on N. Broadway living with many other people but listed as the head (and only member) of her own family. She was age 40 and widowed and had had two children, one of whom was living.

⁷⁷⁵Letter, Edwin Reed Ridgely to Reid, 8 Nov. 1911.

⁷⁷⁶His name is from the 1900 census listing.

⁷⁷⁷A Standard History of Oklahoma, online
www.rootsweb.com/~okgenweb/books/thoburn/bios3/green_david.txt.

⁷⁷⁸A Standard History of Oklahoma, online
www.rootsweb.com/~okgenweb/books/thoburn/bios3/green_david.txt.

⁷⁷⁹census microfilm.

⁷⁸⁰The 1875 part can be estimated from the 1930 census.

⁷⁸¹Buzzard, "Ridgely Research in Crawford County, Kansas," e-mail to Dan W. Olds, 18 Oct 2005, "William H. Ridgely and E. J. Chittendon, 28 Oct 1875, Marriage Book A, page 252." I cannot explain the initials given for her other than to say they may have been E. I. in the original and it would not be so unusual for an Irene E. to have also been recorded as E. I.

⁷⁸²Death Notices of Fraternal Orders, online
www.kshs.org/genealogists/individuals/fraternalnecrologiesresults.php, in which he must be the William H. Ridgely, d. 7 June 1895, a member of AOUW Lodge No. 10 (Girard, Crawford County). Hereinafter cited as Death Notice of Wm. H. Ridgely.

⁷⁸³Letter, Edwin Reed Ridgely to Ridgely, "The youngest Wm. H., died some 15 years ago."

⁷⁸⁴microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁸⁵From the 1900 census listing.

⁷⁸⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

She was born in Illinois, her father was born in Kentucky and her mother in Indiana. Irene E. **Chittenden** appeared on the census of 1930 in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas. She was age 70, a widow first married at age 18. b, KY, father b. Ky., mother b. Ind., and had been a nurse in a private family.⁷⁸⁷

Children of William Henry³ **Ridgely** and Irene E. **Chittenden** were as follows:

65. i. EDNA G.⁴ **RIDGELY**^{788,789} was born circa 1877.⁷⁹⁰ She married James L. **Ward** on 23 Apr 1896 in Crawford County, Kansas.⁷⁹¹

Edna G. **Ridgely** and James L. **Ward** appeared on the census of 1900 in household of Dennis J. Stower, Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas. James L. Ward was a step-son, b. Ark. in Feb. 1874, age 26 and married for four years. He was a R. R. watchman. Edna Ward is listed as a boarder, age 22, b. Sept. 1877, married for four years and as the mother of one child. Although the child was still living, it was not with the family and I have not located him in 1900.⁷⁹²

Edna G. **Ridgely** and James L. **Ward** appeared on the census of 1910 in Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas. James L. Ward, age 34, was a machinist for the K. C. Southern. He and Edna had each been married one time, for 14 years. She was age 32, had one child that one was still living. She was born in Kansas. Their son Lewis J. was age 13, b. in Kansas.⁷⁹³ Edna Ward, Pittsburg, Kansas, is listed as one of the heirs of Lloyd Ridgely.⁷⁹⁴

Edna G. **Ridgely** and James L. **Ward** appeared on the census of 1920 in Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas, as follows: She was age 42, b. in Kansas, and he was age 45, b. Arkansas. Their son Lewis was age 22, b. in Kansas.⁷⁹⁵

Edna G. **Ridgely** and James L. **Ward** appeared on the census of 1930 in Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas. She is listed as Edna G. Ward, age 51, born in Kansas, parents born in Ill., and, at age 18, had married James L. Ward, when he was 21. He is listed as age 54. Louis is not listed with the family and the mostly likely 1930 record I have found for him in the census of Hildago, Texas which shows a Lewis J. Ward, age 32, first married at age 25, born in Kansas, father born in Kansas, mother born in Arkansas. His wife was Ida M., age 36, first married at age 29, b. in Kansas. Also in this family were two sons, Robert L., age 1 (?) and Paul D., age 5, both born in Kansas. Emma E. Fogelberg, age 64, was the widowed mother-in-law, born in Illinois.⁷⁹⁶

⁷⁸⁷1930 federal census of Crawford County, Kansas. Microfilm image online.

⁷⁸⁸Letter from J. E. Root (Highlands, North Carolina) to Dan W. Olds, Apr. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), containing a reply to my question about the identity of Edna Ward in which he stated "She was a daughter of William H. Ridgely, had no children."

⁷⁸⁹The middle initial is added from the 1930 census record.

⁷⁹⁰estimated from the 1880 census listing.

⁷⁹¹Buzzard, "Ridgely Research in Crawford County, Kansas," e-mail to Dan W. Olds, 18 Oct 2005, "Edna G. Ridgely and James L. Ward, 23 Apr 1896, Marriage Book K, page 300."

⁷⁹²microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁹³microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁹⁴Homer E. Ridgely's papers, collected about 1932 copy in my files.

⁷⁹⁵microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁹⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

66. ii. JAMES L. **WARD**⁷⁹⁷ was born in Feb 1874.⁷⁹⁸
GUY **RIDGELY**⁷⁹⁹ died between 1900 and 1910.⁸⁰⁰

Guy **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1900 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Kansas, as follows: He may be mentioned twice in this census, in fact. There are two listings for a Guy Ridgely in Kansas City. According to one listing, he was a Lodger, born June 1878, age 21, single, born in Kansas and employed as a Hotel Keeper. His father's birth place is not given but his mother was born in Illinois. In the other listing, a Guy Ridgely was age 16, born April 1884, a Bell Boy, living with the Hotel Proprietor and was born in Missouri as were his parents. I have no subsequent listing for Guy Ridgely.⁸⁰¹

28. ROBERT³ **RIDGELY** (*Henry Davidge*², *William Henry*¹) was born on 7 Nov 1847.⁸⁰² He married Mary M. **Talley** on 5 Oct 1871.⁸⁰³ He died on 26 Feb 1906 at age 58.⁸⁰⁴ He was buried in Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois.⁸⁰⁵

Robert **Ridgely** and Mary M. **Talley** appeared on the census of 10 Jun 1880 in Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows:

Ridgely, Robert, 32, Dry goods store, b. Ill, father b. Va., m. b. Ill.
, Mary M., 29, b. Ill., parents b. Tenn.
, Orman, 6, son, b. Ill., parents b. Ill
, Olie, 5, dau., b. Ill., parents b. Ill.
, Irene, 1, dau., b. Ill., parents b. Ill.⁸⁰⁶

"Members of the Parkersburg Christian Church will be celebrating the 100th year anniversary of their church Sunday, August 15 beginning with their regular service at 9:30 a.m. The all white church building is the original structure built there in 1883. The building was constructed one year after its official founding in August 1882. The church was started by Robert Ridgely, Harvey Mullins, and David Yeager who were among the 51 charter members of the church. During the first anniversary celebration held there in 1883, nearly 2000 people attended the dedication service."⁸⁰⁷

"ROB. RIDGLEY IS DEAD. Former Parkersburg Citizen Dies at Home in Eureka.

"Robert Ridgley [sic], a former well-known citizen of Parkersburg, died at his home in Eureka Monday as the result of a severe attack of typhoid fever.

"The funeral was held at the home Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. H. Rose, of Mt.

⁷⁹⁷From the 1900 census listing.

⁷⁹⁸Added from the 1900 census listing.

⁷⁹⁹Letter, J. E. Root to Dan W. Olds, Apr. 1967, "Guy Ridgely was a cousin[,] a son of William H. Ridgely."

⁸⁰⁰According to the 1900 and 1910 census listings, Irene had a child die between these dates but Guy has not been found.

⁸⁰¹microfilm online, unknown repository address, www.HeritageQuest.com.

⁸⁰²Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁸⁰³Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁸⁰⁴Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁸⁰⁵Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery, Main Street, Eureka, Illinois. The full dates are on his tombstone.

⁸⁰⁶1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

⁸⁰⁷100th anniversary celebration at Parkersburg church, *unknown newspaper title*, unknown location.

Vernon, who was an old friend.

BORN IN COUNTY

"Mr. Ridgley was born on a farm near Parkersburg Nov. 7, 1842[sic]. He lived there until he was 17 years of age and then began to learn the blacksmith trade at Parkersburg.

"In 1868 he went to Lancaster to look after his father's interest in the store of Couch and Ridgley, but they moved the entire stock to Parkersburg a few years later.

"In 1872 he and his brother-in-law C. A. Talley, bought out this store and later Mr. Talley retired leaving Mr. Ridgley the sole proprietor. This business engaged him until 1892 when he moved to Eureka.

"He was married in 1871 to Mary M. Talley, who survives him. Three children survive. They are Mrs. B. H. Sealock, of Polo; Ola Ridgley and Orman Ridgely, an attorney, both of Eureka.

Mr. Ridgley was one of the organizers of the Christian church at Parkersburg in 1882.⁸⁰⁸

MARY M. TALLEY was born on 22 Apr 1851.⁸⁰⁹ She died on 2 May 1922 at age 71.⁸¹⁰ She was buried in Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois.⁸¹¹

Children of Robert³ **Ridgely** and Mary M. **Talley** were as follows:

67. i. ORMAN⁴ **RIDGELY** was born on 24 Oct 1873.^{812,813} He married Bertha Rutilia **Hoyt** on 5 Nov 1902 in Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois.⁸¹⁴ He died on 21 Jan 1939 at age 65.^{815,816} He was buried in Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois.⁸¹⁷

"Orman Ridgely attended Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois. While there, he met Bertha Rutilia Hoyt, whom he later married. Bertha, or "Bird", was the daughter of Francis Marion Hoyt (a Civil War veteran from New York) and Emily Josephine (Hale) Hoyt.

"For a short time after their marriage, Orman and Bird resided in Marshall County, Illinois. However, they soon moved back to Eureka. ...

"Still an active lawyer at age 65, Orman Ridgely died in 1939 of a heart attack while attending the memorial service for a judge in Pontiac. Bertha Rutilia (Hoyt) Ridgely had a stroke and died while on a train bound for Kansas City, Missouri, where she was going to visit some relatives. This was in 1940."⁸¹⁸

Orman **Ridgely** registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Woodford County, Illinois. He described himself as living at Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois, age 44, born 23 Oct 1873, and his occupation was self-employed lawyer in Eureka. He was medium in height, medium in build, with gray eyes and had brown hair. His closest

⁸⁰⁸An unidentified newspaper clipping in my collection, perhaps from the Olney Daily Mail.

⁸⁰⁹Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery.

⁸¹⁰Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery.

⁸¹¹Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery. The full dates are on her tombstone. Viewed 6 June 1968.

⁸¹²This month and year are in the 1900 census.

⁸¹³Letter from Carrie Klaus (Greencastle, Indiana) to Dan W. Olds, Aug 1989; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁸¹⁴Letter, Carrie Klaus to Dan W. Olds, Aug 1989.

⁸¹⁵Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery. which shows only the year.

⁸¹⁶Letter, Carrie Klaus to Dan W. Olds, Aug 1989.

⁸¹⁷Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery. The marker, which is in the Hoyt-Linsner plot, has the birth year and death year.

⁸¹⁸Letter, Carrie Klaus to Dan W. Olds, Aug 1989.

relative was Mrs. Bertha R. Ridgely, his wife.⁸¹⁹

Orman **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1930 as follows:

Ridgely, Orman Head 54 1st marr. at 25 b. Ill p. b. Ill Lawyer
 , Bertha Wife-H 53 1st marr. at 24 f. b. NY m. b. Wisc.
 , Francis dau. 26 single
 , Rutilia dau. 24 single Lawyer
 , Robert son 22 single Travelling Salesman, Multigraph Co.
 , Mary E. dau. 21 single.⁸²⁰

"The following history is copied from the record of the memorial service for Orman Ridgely which was held in the Circuit Court of Woodford County on February 25, 1939. Orman Ridgely had been the president of the Woodford County Bar Association.

"LIFE's Record closed for Orman Ridgely on Saturday, Jan. 21, 1939"

"He was born in Wabash County, Illinois, on October 24, 1873. When but a young man his parents established their home in Eureka and here he spent the rest of his life. He attended the grade and high school at Eureka and graduated from Eureka College in 1895. When but a boy, living at Olney, Illinois, he had determined that he would be a lawyer and that ambition followed him all through his school years. He was admitted to the Bar of this State in 1900 and at once opened an office in Eureka which he maintained until the day of his death.

"He entered into the practice of law with limited finances and his success in his profession was the result of his own efforts. The true success and measure of a man's powers is his ability to stand alone and build his own career. This, Mr. Ridgely, did without aid or favor from others.

"It was not long before he rose to the top in his profession and for many years prior to his death he ranked as one of the leading lawyers in Central Illinois. He had a very wide practice that gave him valuable training and experience in nearly every field of law. He had a quick, alert mind and was able to diagnose the weakness in the case of his adversary with speed and clarity. He was at his best in trial work and contested matters. He fought for his clients with such zeal and energy that he established a reputation second to none for his loyalty and devotion for the cause he represented. In the office, as well as in the Court room, he was studious and painstaking in his work in behalf of his clients. He loved his work and spent many hours in his library searching for authorities to support his cases. He had marked ability in being able to analyze and distinguish the decisions of Courts on close questions of law.

"Too much cannot be said of his unselfish devotion to his friends and clients. He was always more concerned about giving counsel and aid and help to those who entrusted him with their welfare than to any monetary gain he might receive. No lawyer worked harder for the interests of his clients than Orman Ridgely, and this was true, irrespective of whether he ever expected to receive compensation for his services or not. He merited and earned the respect and confidence of his clients and was especially held in high esteem by the Court and his fellow attorneys. For a number of years he was President of the Woodford County Bar Association and carried with honor the duties of the position. His desire and effort to maintain a high and honest respect for the law and the courts was one of his constant endeavors. It was one of his main every day objectives to develop and keep the legal profession on a superior plane so that the layman regarded the profession with respect and honor. He

⁸¹⁹Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

⁸²⁰1930 federal census of Vanderburgh County, Indiana. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

personally believed in keeping the ethics of the profession on a high and exalted basis. Despite his faithful and burning desire to serve his clients with all the zeal and ability at his command, he was always able to take an adverse decision from the Court with gentlemanly grace and without anger or disrespect.

"Orman Ridgely was not only in the front rank of his profession but he was a public spirited citizen, being ever ready to aid in all enterprises which bid fair to benefit the community. He was a leader outside as well as within his profession and his advice was often sought, as a layman, on various progressive measures, and such aid he gave freely both to friend and foe.

"He had a strong and persuasive personality that made him a leader of men in and out of the courtroom. He was admired by his fellow lawyers, his friends, clients, and neighbors. As a friend and neighbor there was none truer or more faithful or loyal. In his home he was always kind, considerate, and indulgent.

"In his death, this community has lost an able and outstanding lawyer, the county and State a citizen of unsullied character, and the home and ideal husband and father."⁸²¹ An unidentified newspaper clipping (property of Emily and Lorena Reid) says:

"Bloomington, Ill. Jan. 22 (Special) Funeral services for Orman Ridgely, 65 years old, president of the Woodford County Bar Association will be held tomorrow in Eureka. Mr. Ridgely died yesterday in Pontiac, where he had gone to attend a memorial service for the late Circuit Judge Clyde H. Thompson of Livingston County. He was born in Lancaster, Illinois and went to Eureka in 1891. He was graduated from Eureka College in 1895 and was admitted to the bar in 1898. He was a Republican leader in the county for many years."⁸²²

BERTHA RUTILIA HOYT⁸²³ was born in 1874.^{824,825} She died in 1940.^{826,827}

68. ii. OLA RIDGELY was born on 13 Mar 1875.⁸²⁸ She died on 11 Jul 1940 at age 65.⁸²⁹ She was buried after 11 Jul 1940 in Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois.⁸³⁰

⁸²¹Letter, Carrie Klaus to Dan W. Olds, Aug 1989.

⁸²²Letter from Emily Reid (Albion, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Sept 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁸²³Letter, Carrie Klaus to Dan W. Olds, Aug 1989.

⁸²⁴Date from the stone.

⁸²⁵Woodford County, Illinois, Prairie District Library, Obituaries, 1887 to Present Record, online www.ancestry.com, Bertha Rutilia Ridgely, b. 29 Oct 1876, d. 7 July 1940, Metamora Herald, 12 Jul 1940, p. 1, Col. 2. Hereinafter cited as Woodford County Illinois obituaries at ancestry.com.

⁸²⁶Letter from Mary Elizabeth (Ridgely) Klaus (Eureka, Illinois) to Dow A. Ridgely, n.d. (Christmas, 1967); personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), saying "I am Orman Ridgely's youngest daughter and the only member of the family still living in Eureka -- in fact we live in my home place into which we moved after my parents deaths -- Dad back in 1939 and mother in 1940."

⁸²⁷Woodford County Illinois obituaries at ancestry.com, online www.ancestry.com, Bertha Rutilia Ridgely, b. 29 Oct 1876, d. 7 July 1940, Metmamora Herald, 12 Jul 1940, p. 1, Col. 2.

⁸²⁸Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery. The full dates are on her stone.

⁸²⁹Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery. The full dates are on her stone.

⁸³⁰Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery. Viewed 6 June 1968. The dates are from her tombstone. She was apparently unmarried.

69. iii. IRENE **RIDGELY** was born on 7 May 1879 in Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.^{831,832,833} She married Burl Hamilton **Sealock** on 22 Aug 1905 in Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois.^{834,835} She died on 26 Jun 1953 at age 74.^{836,837} She was buried in Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois.⁸³⁸

Irene **Ridgely** and Burl Hamilton **Sealock** appeared on the census of 1910 in Menard County, Illinois, as follows: The 1910 census shows that Irene had had four children with three of them still living. Burl was a minister in the Christian Church.⁸³⁹

Irene **Ridgely** and Burl Hamilton **Sealock** appeared on the census of 14 Jan 1920 in the household of Burl H. Sealock, South Second Street, Vandalia, Audrain County, Missouri, as follows:

Sealock, Burl H.	48	Head
, Irene	40	wife
, Robert R.	12	son
, Burl, jr.	12	son
, John Howard	10	son. ⁸⁴⁰

Irene **Ridgely** and Burl Hamilton **Sealock** appeared on the census of 10 Apr 1930 in Normal, McLean County, Illinois, as follows:

Sealock, B. H.	Head	58	b. Ind.	Salesman for Insurance Company
, Irene	wife-H	50	b. Ill	p. b. Ill
, Robert R.	ab son	22	b. Ill	
, Richard B.	ab son	22	b. Ind	
, John H.	son	20	b. Ind.	
, W. Paul	son	10	b. Missouri	

The "H" marks Irene as the homemaker and the "ab" on the two oldest sons probably means they were absent from home.⁸⁴¹

⁸³¹The month and year of birth are in the 1900 census.

⁸³²Sealock (by Joan Hackett on ancestry.com), online awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm?op=GET&db=sealock&id=14152, "Birth: 07 May 1879 in Parkersburg, IL". Hereinafter cited as Sealock by Joan Hackett.

⁸³³Doris R. Olds, annotations by Doris R. Olds in her copy of the William Henry Ridgely book by Dan W. Olds, 1979, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, in which she quotes from [Richland County] Birth record, book 1, #677, a female, born 7 May 1879, the 4th child of Robert Ridgely, age 31, and Nancy [sic] M. Talley, age 28.

⁸³⁴Interview with Arna Michael (West Salem, Illinois), by Dan W. Olds, June 1967.

⁸³⁵Sealock by Joan Hackett, online awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm?op=GET&db=sealock&id=14152, Added the date and place.

⁸³⁶Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery. The year is on the tombstone.

⁸³⁷Sealock by Joan Hackett, online awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm?op=GET&db=sealock&id=14152, "Death: 26 June 1953."

⁸³⁸Tombstone, Eureka Cemetery. The marker has the years of birth and death.

⁸³⁹microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁸⁴⁰1920 federal census of Audrain County, Missouri. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁸⁴¹1930 federal census of McLean County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

BURL HAMILTON **SEALOCK**^{842,843} was born on 20 Feb 1871 in Starke County, Indiana.⁸⁴⁴ He died on 19 May 1959 in Talullah, Illinois, at age 88.⁸⁴⁵

30. ELIZA ELLEN³ RIDGELY (*Henry Davidge², William Henry¹*) was born on 20 Nov 1851.⁸⁴⁶ She married Gideon A. **Talley** on 22 Feb 1872 in Richland County, Illinois.^{847,848,849} She died on 5 Feb 1936 at age 84.⁸⁵⁰ She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.^{851,852}

Eliza Ellen **Talley** and Gideon A. **Talley** appeared on the census of 1880 in Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows: This family is listed next to that of Robert Ridgely.

Talley, Gideon	31	dry goods merchant	b. Tenn.	parent bp. not listed
, Ellen	28	wife	b. Ill.	father b. Ill. mother b. Ill.
, Bertie	7	son	b. Ill.	father b. Tenn. mother b. Ill.
, Henry	4	son	b. Ill.	father b. Tenn. mother b. Ill. ⁸⁵³

"Mrs. Ellen Talley passed away at her home Wednesday night at the age of 84 years. Her husband, Gideon Talley died six years ago. Funeral services were held with Rev. E. L. Robinson in charge. Interment in Oak Hill Cemetery."⁸⁵⁴

GIDEON A. **TALLEY** was born on 8 May 1849.⁸⁵⁵ He died on 5 Jan 1930 at age 80.⁸⁵⁶ His will, made 29 Sept. 1924, was probated in Richland County on 10 March 1930.

Children of Eliza Ellen³ **Ridgely** and Gideon A. **Talley** were as follows:

⁸⁴²Interview, Arna Michael, June 1967, in which she gave his name as Berle H. Sealock. (but the spelling was mine, I suppose.).

⁸⁴³Sealock by Joan Hackett, online awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm?op=GET&db=sealock&id=14152, Gives full name, birth, marriage and death dates and places.

⁸⁴⁴Sealock by Joan Hackett, online awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm?op=GET&db=sealock&id=14152.

⁸⁴⁵Sealock by Joan Hackett, online awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm?op=GET&db=sealock&id=14152.

⁸⁴⁶Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁸⁴⁷Letter from Mary E, Marshall (West Salem, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 28 June 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) , She has the Gideon Talley family Bible.

⁸⁴⁸Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁸⁴⁹Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Gideon A. Talley and Ellen E. Ridgely, 02/22/72, license 393, Book 2. Her father was Henry D. Ridgely.

⁸⁵⁰Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966, giving the date as 5 Feb 1937. However, 1936 is consistent with the age in the obituary and the fact that she died on a Wednesday night.

⁸⁵¹Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The dates on her stone, however, are 1851 - 1936.

⁸⁵²Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p 54, supplies her full dates and the names of parents, referring to Richland County Death Records, Book 6, p. 2. However, this reference gives her name as Ellen Eliza Talley and her death date as 6 Feb 1936.

⁸⁵³microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com, 1880 census, Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois.

⁸⁵⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings, family clippings, estate of Clara Belle Moore, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.

⁸⁵⁵Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 28 June 1967, She had the Gideon Talley family Bible.

⁸⁵⁶Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p 55, supplies the full death date and names of parents, referring ro Richland County Death Records, Book 5, p. 37.

70. i. **BERT R.⁴ TALLEY** was born on 24 Jan 1873.⁸⁵⁷ He married Minnie C. **Parker**, daughter of Charles **Parker** and Mary E. **Agnew**, on 5 Sep 1894 in Richland County, Illinois.⁸⁵⁸ He died on 9 Dec 1952 at age 79.⁸⁵⁹ He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁸⁶⁰
- He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living at Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, age 45, born 24 Jan 1873, and his occupation was in Real Estate, self employed. He was medium in height, medium in build, with blue eyes and had light brown (slightly bald) hair. His closest relative was Mrs. Minnie Talley, also of Parkersburg.⁸⁶¹
- Bert R. **Talley** appeared on the census of 1920 in Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows:
The listing shows:
Talley, B. R. age 46
Minne age 44
Howard age 16, son
Robert age 12, son.⁸⁶²
- Bert R. **Talley** and Minnie C. **Talley** appeared on the census of 1930 as follows: The listing shows:
Talley, Bert R. age 57, married at 21
Minnie C. age 54, married at 18.⁸⁶³
- "Bert Talley, age 75, well known retired Parkersburg real estate agent, passed away at his home in Parkersburg yesterday. He had been in poor health for some time.
- "Mr. Talley is survived by his wife, two sons, Howard Talley, Postmaster of Parkersburg, and Robert Talley of Sparta, and one sister, Blanche, of Huntington, West Virginia.
- "Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Christian church in Parkersburg with Bro. Esco Robinson, Jr., in charge. Burial will be in the Parkersburg cemetery.
- "The body will lie in state at the Christian church in Parkersburg from 11 a. m. Thursday until time for the services."⁸⁶⁴
- MINNIE C. PARKER**⁸⁶⁵ was born on 27 Nov 1875.⁸⁶⁶ She died on 27

⁸⁵⁷Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 28 June 1967, in which she gives the name and birth date. She has the Gideon Talley Bible.

⁸⁵⁸Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, B. R. Talley and Minnie C. Parker, 08/05/94, license 00095. Book 4 p.8, his parents were G. A. Talley and Ellen Ridgely and hers were William Parker and Mary C Agnew.

⁸⁵⁹Interview with Kell Hanson (Richland County, Ill.), by Dan W. Olds, June 1967.

⁸⁶⁰Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The tombstone has "1873 - 1952". The full death date was supplied by Kell Hanson.

⁸⁶¹Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

⁸⁶²microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁸⁶³microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁸⁶⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Bert Talley.

⁸⁶⁵Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967.

⁸⁶⁶Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p 55 has the full death date and names of parents, referring to Richland County Death Records, Book 10, p. 519.

Sep 1959 at age 83.⁸⁶⁷ She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁸⁶⁸

"Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Talley, 84, of Parkersburg, will be held at the Parkersburg Christian Church at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday with Bro. Dick Mason in charge. Burial will be in the Parkersburg Cemetery. The body will be taken to the church from the King Funeral Home in West Salem at 1:30 Wednesday."⁸⁶⁹

"Mrs. Minnie Talley, 84, widow of Bert Talley of Parkersburg, died Sunday evening at the Burgin Nursing Home No. 2 in Olney.

"Survivors include two sons, Howard Talley of Parkersburg, and Robert Talley of Sparta.

"Arrangements are incomplete. The body is at the King Funeral Home in West Salem."⁸⁷⁰

71. ii. HENRY D. TALLEY was born on 2 Jan 1876.⁸⁷¹ He married May **Yager**, daughter of John W. **Yager** and Mary A. **Fritschle**, on 18 Mar 1899 in Richland County, Illinois.^{872,873} He died on 9 May 1951 at age 75.^{874,875} He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁸⁷⁶

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living at Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, age 42, born 2 Jan 1876, and his occupation was Post Master at Parkersburg, for the U. S. Government. He was medium in height, medium in build, with grey eyes and had light brown (partly bald) hair. His closest relative was May Talley, also of Parkersburg.⁸⁷⁷

Henry D. **Talley** appeared on the census of 1920 in Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows:

Talley, Henry Head 43 b. Ill f. b. TN m. b. Ill Postmaster

, Mae wife 38 b. Ill. f. b. Mo m. b. Ill.

, Irene dau. 15

, Verdien dau 4 9/12.⁸⁷⁸ He, as President of the School Board, presented the diploma to Daniel John **Ridgely** on 26 May 1943 in

⁸⁶⁷Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967, in which he supplied the death date.

⁸⁶⁸Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The years of birth and death are on the stone.

⁸⁶⁹Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Minnie Talley.

⁸⁷⁰Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Minnie Talley.

⁸⁷¹Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 28 June 1967, which gives the name and birthdate. Mrs. Marshall has the Gideon Talley Bible.

⁸⁷²Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967.

⁸⁷³Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Henry D. Talley and May Yager, 03/18/99, license 43, Book 3, p. 68. His parents were G. A. Talley and Ellen Ridgely. Hers were John Yager and Mary Fritchley.

⁸⁷⁴Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967.

⁸⁷⁵Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p 55, supplies the full death date.

⁸⁷⁶Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The marker at Oak Hill Cemetery has "1876 - 1951."

⁸⁷⁷Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

⁸⁷⁸1920 census, Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

Parkersburg High School, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁸⁷⁹

MAY YAGER^{880,881} was born in 1881.⁸⁸² She died on 19 Mar 1967 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.⁸⁸³ She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁸⁸⁴

"May Talley, 86 dies on Sunday. Mrs. May Talley, 86, formerly of Parkersburg, died Sunday at Stevens Point, Wisc.

"Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lerdine [sic] Moldenhauser of Stevens Point, Wisc., and Mrs. Irene Hornbeck of Phoenix, Ariz.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

"Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Edna Williams of Leavenworth, Kansas.

"Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the King & Ingram Funeral Home in West Salem, with Bro. Richard Mason officiating. Interment will be in the Parkersburg Cemetery.

"Friends may call after 6 p. m. today."^{885,886}

72. iii. "OUR BABE, A GIRL" **TALLEY** was born on 3 Jan 1888.⁸⁸⁷ She died in 1888. She was buried in the Ridgely Family Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.⁸⁸⁸
73. iv. **BLANCHE BEATRICE TALLEY** was born on 9 Jun 1891.⁸⁸⁹ She married Collin French **Bailey**, son of Collin C. **Bailey** and Margaret J. **Fritschle**, on 27 Jan 1910.⁸⁹⁰ She died on 16 Nov 1961 at age 70.^{891,892} She was buried after 16 Nov 1961 in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland

⁸⁷⁹Daniel Ridgely, Graduation Program, 26 May 1943. personal files, Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

⁸⁸⁰Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967.

⁸⁸¹One of Clara Belle Moore's newspaper clippings notes the death of Mrs. H. H. Williams of Leavenworth, Kan. She was formerly Edna Rabe of the Parkersburg community and a sister of the late May Talley of Parkersburg. Her son was Dr. Melvin Rabe of Leavenworth.

⁸⁸²Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p 55.

⁸⁸³May Talley, 86, Dies on Sunday, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 21 March 1967. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

⁸⁸⁴Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery.

⁸⁸⁵May Talley, 86, Dies on Sunday, *Olney Daily Mail*, 21 March 1967, Dow Ridgely sent me this clipping with his letter of 23 March 1967.

⁸⁸⁶Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p 55, supplies the birth year and names of parents, possibly from another obituary.

⁸⁸⁷Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 28 June 1967, Name and birth date from Mrs. Marshall who has the Gideon Talley Bible.

⁸⁸⁸Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. This infant is buried in the Ridgely cemetery along with her grandparents. The inscription on her stone is simply "Talley 1888."

⁸⁸⁹Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 28 June 1967, Name and birth date from Mrs. Marshall who has the Gideon Talley Bible.

⁸⁹⁰Obituary of Collin French Bailey, *unknown newspaper*, Among the papers of Clara Belle Moore, copied by Doris R. Olds, Oct. 1937, son of C. C. and Maggie Bailey; b. 18 Feb. 1886, d. 10 Oct. 1937, m. 27 Jan. 1910, survived by wife Blanche and son Paul. Hereinafter cited as unknown newspaper.

⁸⁹¹Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The years of birth and death are on her stone.

⁸⁹²Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 3, adding the day and month.

County, Illinois.⁸⁹³

"Mrs. Blanche Bailey, 70, of Huntingdon, W. Va., passed away Wednesday there. Mrs. Bailey is a former Parkersburg resident and a widow of the late Colin Bailey. She is survived by one son, Paul of Dayton, Ohio and two grandchildren. Mrs. Mae Talley of Parkersburg is a sister-in-law.

"Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Parkersburg Christian Church with Bro. Richard Mason officiating. Burial will be in the Parkersburg cemetery. Friends may call at the King Funeral Home after 6 p.m. Friday."⁸⁹⁴

COLLIN FRENCH **BAILEY**⁸⁹⁵ was born on 13 Feb 1886.^{896,897} He died on 10 Oct 1937 at age 51.^{898,899} He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁹⁰⁰

Collin French **Bailey** appeared on the census of 1920 as follows:

Bailey, Collin F. 32 mail clerk, Railway Post Office

, Blanche 28.⁹⁰¹

"Collin F. Bailey, son of C. C. and Maggie Bailey, was born near Parkersburg, Feb. 13, 1886 and died Oct. 10, 1937.

"He was married to Blanch B. Talley, Jan. 27, 1910. He was a member and an active supporter of the Christian Church and a member of Parkersburg Lodge No. 509 A. F. & A. M. His father passed in the land beyond in 1923.

"He leaves surviving, his wife, Blanch, whose love and devotion thruout their lives won the admiration and praise of their legion of friends.

"Their son, Paul, who was the pride and joy of his daddy, who helped brighten his hours during his later life.

"His mother, Maggie Bailey, of Parkersburg, who tho advanced in years has never ceased in motherly love and devotion to her son during his years of illness.

"His brothers, Henry Bailey of Bald Knob, Ark., Aaron Bailey, of Lenoke, Ark., and Ernest Bailey of Cabbot, Ark., and his sisters Pearl Bailey Jennings of Olney, Ill., and Zella Young, of Vincennes, Ind.

"Collins [slc] early life was the life of the average boy in the community in which he was raised. Upon arriving at school age he showed a peculiarity above average, from the fact that he was a pupil who always wanted to know. This charactersitic trait followed him thruout life, and whatever enterprise he was engaged in he always wanted to know all about

⁸⁹³Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. "1891 - 1961."

⁸⁹⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings.

⁸⁹⁵Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The years of death and birth are on his tombstone.

⁸⁹⁶Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The years of death and birth are on his tombstone.

⁸⁹⁷Obituary of Collin French Bailey, *unknown newspaper*, Oct. 1937, son of C. C. and Maggie Bailey; b. 18 Feb. 1886, d. 10 Oct. 1937, m. 27 Jan. 1910, survived by wife Blanche and son Paul.

⁸⁹⁸Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The years of death and birth are on his tombstone.

⁸⁹⁹Obituary of Collin French Bailey, *unknown newspaper*, Oct. 1937, son of C. C. and Maggie Bailey; b. 18 Feb. 1886, d. 10 Oct. 1937, m. 27 Jan. 1910, survived by wife Blanche and son Paul.

⁹⁰⁰Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery.

⁹⁰¹1920 federal census of Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on Madison Township.

it. His earnest application during his early life rewarded him by his being admitted to the railway mail service in 1907, when he was 21 years of age. He retired from this service in 1935 on account of sickness.

"He was seriously stricken in 1934 and at the suggestion of his brothers, he and his wife and Paul went with them to Arkansas where his last days were spent, under the loving care of his brothers, nieces and nephews, who helped to brighten his last days.

"As the Scripture says, "By their works you shall know them, " was truly applicable to the life of the deceased. His many deeds of kindness and mercy, done without ostentation found for him a host of true friends in the community where he lived, and who will truly say, "his life was a live of service."

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their kindly assistance and sympathy during our recent bereavement, and also for the beautiful floral offerings[.] Mrs. C. F. Bailey and Son, Paul, Mothers, Brothers and Sisters."⁹⁰²

31. HANNAH REED³ RIDGELY (*Henry Davidge², William Henry¹*) was born on 8 Jan 1854.⁹⁰³ She married Albert **Michael**, son of Aaron **Michael** and Martha **Blough**, on 30 Oct 1878 in Richland County, Illinois.^{904,905} She died on 11 Mar 1931 at age 77.⁹⁰⁶ She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.⁹⁰⁷

ALBERT **MICHAEL** was born on 6 Aug 1853 in Pennsylvania.^{908,909} He died on 3 Jun 1917 at age 63.⁹¹⁰

Albert **Michael** appeared on the census of 1880 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows:

Michael, Albert, 26, b. Penn., parents b. Penn.

, Hannah, 26, b. Ill., parents b. Ill.

, Edgar, 11/12, July, b. Ill., parents b. Ill.⁹¹¹

Children of Hannah Reed³ **Ridgely** and Albert **Michael** were as follows:

74. i. EDGAR LEE⁴ **MICHAEL**⁹¹² was born on 26 Oct 1879.⁹¹³ He married Ethel

⁹⁰²Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Collin F. Bailey.

⁹⁰³Letter from Mary E. Marshall (West Salem, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁹⁰⁴Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁰⁵Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Albert Michael and Hannah R. Ridgely, 10/30/78, license 160, Book 3, p. 13. Parents not listed.

⁹⁰⁶Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁰⁷Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois. The full dates are on the stone.

⁹⁰⁸Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

⁹⁰⁹1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, which provides the place.

⁹¹⁰Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

⁹¹¹1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

⁹¹²Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹¹³Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

Klinker on 17 Mar 1919.⁹¹⁴ He died on 10 Dec 1938 at age 59.⁹¹⁵

Edgar Lee **Michael** appeared on the census of 1910 in Ridgway, Ouray County, Colorado, as follows:

Edgar L. Michael, age 30, is listed as a single male, a boarder. He was born in Ill., his father was born in Penn. and his mother was born in Ill.⁹¹⁶ He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918. He described himself as living in Edgewater, Jefferson County, Colorado, age 38, born 26 Oct 1879, and his occupation was in the Rail Road Mail Service for the U. S. Government. He was short in height, slender in build, with brown eyes and had light brown hair. His closest relative was Ethel K. Michael, also of Edgewater. He noted that after 1 Oct his address would be Arvada, Colorado.⁹¹⁷

Edgar Lee **Michael** and Ethel **Klinker** appeared on the census of 1920 in Jefferson County, Colorado, as follows:

Michael, Edgar L. Head 40 b. Ill f. b. PA m. b. Ill, mail clerk on RR
, Ethel K. wife 27, b. Iowa, p. b. Ohio
, Margaret I. dau. 1 11/12, b. CO.⁹¹⁸

Edgar Lee **Michael** appeared on the census of 1930 as follows:

Michael, Edgar L. 50 first married at age 37
, Ethel K. 48 wife, first married at age 35
, Margaret I. 12, b. Col.
, Barbara K. 9, b. Col.⁹¹⁹

ETHEL **KLINKER**⁹²⁰ was born on 2 Apr 1882.⁹²¹ She died on 6 Mar 1963 at age 80.⁹²²

75. ii. OLIN ROBERT **MICHAEL**⁹²³ was born on 3 May 1881 in Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.^{924,925} He married Ruby M. **Richards**, daughter of Jim Jasper **Richards** and Charlotte Delilah **Bunting**, on 7 Aug 1907 in

⁹¹⁴Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967, Perhaps the date should be 1917.

⁹¹⁵Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹¹⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁹¹⁷Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

⁹¹⁸Edgar Lee Michael, 1920 microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁹¹⁹1930 census, Jefferson County, Colorado. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁹²⁰Letter from Mary E. Marshall (West Salem, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 30 Dec 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

⁹²¹Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 30 Dec 1967.

⁹²²Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 30 Dec 1967.

⁹²³Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹²⁴Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹²⁵Letter from Margaret Ann Weesner (Pasadena, Texas) to Dan W. Olds, 21 Nov 2005; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), which added the place.

the bride's home, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.^{926,927,928} He died on 17 Mar 1923 in his home, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, at age 41.^{929,930} He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.⁹³¹

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living on RR 1, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, age 37, born 2 May 1881, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with grey eyes and had black hair. His closest relative was Ruby M. Michael, also of RR 1, Parkersburg.⁹³²

RUBY M. **RICHARDS**^{933,934} was born on 13 Aug 1884 in the Parkersburg area, Richland County, Illinois.^{935,936} She died on 13 May 1977 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois, at age 92.^{937,938,939} She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.⁹⁴⁰

"Services for Ruby Michael well be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Elm Street Christian Church, with Rev. R. E. Dowden officiating.

"Burial will be in the Walnut Grove cemetery, east of Parkersburg. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 Sunday at the Summers Funeral Home."⁹⁴¹

"Mrs. Ruby Michael, of 213 Esmeralda Street, Olney, passed away early this morning at the Richland Memorial Hospital.

"Funeral arrangements are being completed at the Summers Funeral Home.

"Mrs. Michael was a lifelong resident of the county, and was born near Parkersburg the daughter of James R. Richards and Delilah Bunting Richards. She was united in marriage to Olin R. Michael on August 7,

⁹²⁶Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 30 Dec 1967.

⁹²⁷Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Olin Robert Michael and Ruby Richards, 08/07/07, license 101, Book 3, p. 109. His parents were Albert Michael and Hanna Ridgely. Hers were James Richards and Deliah Bunting.

⁹²⁸Letter, Margaret Ann Weesner to Olds, 21 Nov 2005, which added the specific location.

⁹²⁹Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹³⁰Letter, Margaret Ann Weesner to Olds, 21 Nov 2005, which added the specific location.

⁹³¹Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery. The full dates are on the stone.

⁹³²Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

⁹³³Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 30 Dec 1967.

⁹³⁴Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005, which provided the middle initial.

⁹³⁵Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 30 Dec 1967.

⁹³⁶Letter, Margaret Ann Weesner to Olds, 21 Nov 2005, which added "Parkersburg area."

⁹³⁷Death report, Social Security Death Index, *internet file* (n.p.: ssi.rootsweb.com), Ruby Michael, b. 13 Aug. 1884, d. May 1977, last place of residence was Olney, Richland Co., IL. Hereinafter cited as SSDI.

⁹³⁸Olds, annotations by Doris R. Olds in her copy of the William Henry Ridgely book by Dan W. Olds, 1979 Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, in which she notes "d. 13 May 1977, age 92, Olney Daily Mail - 13 May 1977."

⁹³⁹Letter, Margaret Ann Weesner to Olds, 21 Nov 2005, adding the place.

⁹⁴⁰Letter, Margaret Ann Weesner to Olds, 21 Nov 2005.

⁹⁴¹Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, Michael services.

1907 and he preceded her in death in 1923.

"She was a faithful member of the Elm Street Christian Church.

"Surviving are a son and four daughter[s]: Harold R. Michael, Mrs. Venus Weesner, and Miss Leah Michael, all of Olney, and Mrs. Gwen Kraushaar of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, and Mrs. Verlyn Higgins of Clinton. There are six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Alta Van Arsdall of Lake Alfred, Fla.⁹⁴²

76. iii. HARRY **MICHAEL** was born on 9 Feb 1883.⁹⁴³ He died on 19 Jul 1883.^{944,945}
77. iv. MADGE **MICHAEL** was born on 9 Feb 1883.⁹⁴⁶ She died on 19 Jul 1883.^{947,948}
78. v. ELSIE IRENE **MICHAEL**⁹⁴⁹ was born on 22 Feb 1884.⁹⁵⁰ She died on 30 Mar 1944 at age 60.⁹⁵¹ She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.
She never married.⁹⁵²
79. vi. ARNA IONA **MICHAEL**⁹⁵³ was born on 3 Mar 1886.⁹⁵⁴ She died on 29 Jan 1973 at age 86.⁹⁵⁵ She was buried on 31 Jan 1973 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois. Her casket bearers were Robert Marshall, Chris Weesner, Ray Schnauz, Harold Michael, Sr., Harold Michael, Jr., and Bert Roby.⁹⁵⁶

I visited her to discuss family history in June, 1967, when she was living at Golden Acres (retirement home) in West Salem, Ill. "Miss Arna Michael was born in Richland County, on a farm 2 1/2 miles south-east of Parkersburg, on March 3, 1886.

"When she was a young girl her parents moved to Parkersburg where her father operated a general store together with Albert Smith, his

⁹⁴²Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Ruby Michael.

⁹⁴³Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967, saying Harry and Madge were twins and Mrs. Marshall's chart lists one birth date and one death date for both.

⁹⁴⁴Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, Harry d. 21 July 1883, age 5y 12 d.

⁹⁴⁵Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967, saying Harry and Madge were twins and Mrs. Marshall's chart lists one death date for both.

⁹⁴⁶Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁴⁷Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, Madge d. July 1885, age 5 m. 10 d.

⁹⁴⁸Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967, saying Harry and Madge were twins and Mrs. Marshall's chart lists one birth date and one death date for both.

⁹⁴⁹Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁵⁰Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁵¹Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁵²Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁵³Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁵⁴Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁵⁵Arne Ione Michael, obit., *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 30 Jan. 1973. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

⁹⁵⁶Arna I. Michael, funeral card, 31 Jan 1873. personal files, Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

brother-in-law until the year 1907 when they moved back to the farm.

"She attended Normal school at (Bloomington marked out) Normal, Illinois to prepare herself for the teaching profession. She taught in the rural schools of Richland and Edwards County from 1907 to spring of 1918.

"Soon after she went to _____ Tenn to study and train for photography work. She persued this occupation, retouching of negatives, in studios at St. Louis, Mo., Evansville, Ind., Indianapolis, Ind., and at Champaign-Urbana, Ill.

"She for several years from 1919 until [page break here -- page missing?] from the middle of September until the next May or June, then home to help with the summer work of gardening, canning, housecleaning, etc.

"In 1941 they (sold marked out), she and Elsie, left the farm soon after Henry's marriage, after having a public sale.

"After Elsie's death in 1944 Arna lived mostly in Olney, Ill. She rented room or apartment from Lucy Fildes, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Ella Findley on North Fair. She lived at Mrs. Woods twice, also lived at Mrs. Carrolls.

"She left Olney to live with her sister, Mary Marshall on farm south of Parkersburg and from there went to the Golden Acres Care Home of West Salem, where she passed away."

[Magaret Ann King King found these pages, in the handwriting of Venus Weesner, in the memory book from the funeral of Arna Michael. It may have been intended as an obituary. The last paragraph is in a different hand.].

"Miss Arna Ione Michael, age 86, a former resident of 311 N. Fair Street passed away last evening at Golden Acres Sheltered Care Home in West Salem.

"Miss Michael was born near Parkersburg the daughter of Albert Michael and Hannah Ridgley[sic] Michael. She had worked as a photographer for many years and was considered highly proficient in her work. She was a member of the Elm Street Christian Church in Olney.

"She leaves the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. Venus Weesner, Miss Leah Michael and Harold Robert Michael, all of Olney, Robert Marshall of West Salem, Mrs. Verlyn Higgins of Clinton, Mrs. Gwen Kraushaar of Kansas City, Kansas, Mrs. Margaret Knight of Boulder, Colo., and Mrs Barbara McEwen of Grand Junction, Colo. Seven brothers and sisters have preceded her in death.

"Funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Memorial Chapel of the Summers-Marshall Funeral Home with Rev. R. E. Dowden officiating. Interment will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery East of Parkersburg.

"Friends may call at the funeral home from 6:00 to 9:00 P. M. today."⁹⁵⁸

80. vii. MARY ELLEN **MICHAEL** was born on 31 Jan 1888.⁹⁵⁹ She married Chester Coulton **Marshall** on 4 Jun 1920.⁹⁶⁰ She died circa 1969. I had a letter from her, 7 Oct. 1968 and in June 1969 I received word of her death.

⁹⁵⁷Letter, Margaret Ann Weesner to Olds, 21 Nov 2005.

⁹⁵⁸Arne Ione Michael, obit., *Olney Daily Mail*, 30 Jan. 1973.

⁹⁵⁹Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁶⁰Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

Mary Ellen **Marshall** and Chester Coulton **Marshall** appeared on the census of 1930 in Shelby, Edwards County, Illinois, as follows:

Marshall, Chet C., head, age 46, first married at age 28

Mary E., wife 42, first married at age 32

Venus R., dau., age 17

Robert C., son, age 6

They were all born in Illinois. The family had a radio.⁹⁶¹

"Mrs. Mary Marshall, 81, of West Salem, passed away Saturday morning at the Richland Memorial Hospital.

"Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the King-Ingram Funeral Home at West Salem with Bro. Harold Kast in charge. Burial will be at Oak Hill cemetery, Parkersburg. Friends may call after 4 p.m. today.

"The deceased is survived by a son, Robert, a daughter, Mrs. Venus Hoskinson, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and a sister Miss Anna [sic] Marshall."⁹⁶²

CHESTER COULTON **MARSHALL**^{963,964} was born on 15 Sep 1883.⁹⁶⁵ He died on 20 Jul 1964 at age 80.⁹⁶⁶ He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois. The years of birth and death are on his tombstone. He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918. He described himself as living on Route 3, West Salem, Illinois, age 34, born 15 Sep 1883, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with brown eyes and had brown hair. His closest relative was Venus Ruth Marshall, also of Route 3, West Salem.⁹⁶⁷

Chester Coulton **Marshall** appeared on the census of 1920 in Shelby, Edwards County, Illinois, as follows:

Marshall, Charley H., head, age 71, widowed

Chester, son, age 36, widowed

Venus, granddaughter, age 7.⁹⁶⁸

"Chester Marshall, 80, of West Salem passed away Monday evening at the Richland Memorial Hospital.

"He is survived by his wife Mary, one son Robert of West Salem and one daughter Mrs. Zenia Hoskinson of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

"Funeral services will be held at the Parkersburg Christian Church at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Brother Esco Robinson officiating. Interment will be in the Parkersburg Cemetery.

"Friends may call at the King Funeral Home in West Salem after 6 p.m.

⁹⁶¹1930 federal census of Edwards County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on #191, Shelby.

⁹⁶²Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Mary Marshall.

⁹⁶³Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁶⁴Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005, from which I changed his middle name from C. to Coulton.

⁹⁶⁵Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 30 Dec 1967.

⁹⁶⁶Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 30 Dec 1967.

⁹⁶⁷Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

⁹⁶⁸1920 federal census of Edwards County, Ill.. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on #211, Shelby.

81. viii. today."⁹⁶⁹
ALBERT HENRY **MICHAEL**⁹⁷⁰ was born on 9 Jan 1890.⁹⁷¹ He married E. Lorraine **Shannon**, daughter of Roy **Shannon** and Mabel **Blood**, in Nov 1941.^{972,973,974} He died on 1 May 1954 at age 64.⁹⁷⁵ He was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Illinois.⁹⁷⁶
He and E. Lorraine **Shannon** had no children.⁹⁷⁷ He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 5 Jun 1917. He described himself as living on a R. R., Parkersburg, Illinois, age 27, born 9 Jan 1890 in Bonpas, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, slender in build, with gray eyes and had dark hair.⁹⁷⁸
"Albert Henry Michael, 64, a long-time resident of Madison township, passed away at 6:30 this morning at the Richland Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

"He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, two sisters, Arna of Olney and Mrs. Chet C. Marshall of West Salem and several nieces and nephews.

"The body was removed to the King Funeral Home in West Salem. Funeral arrangements are incomplete."⁹⁷⁹

E. LORRAINE **SHANNON**^{980,981} was born on 30 Aug 1905.⁹⁸² She married George **Kinkade** in 1955.⁹⁸³ She died on 5 Aug 2006 in Richland Memorial Hospital, Olney, Richland County, Illinois, at age 100.⁹⁸⁴ She was buried on 8 Aug 2006 in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland

⁹⁶⁹Grant Bogard, 69, Dies in Decatur, *unknown newspaper title*, unknown location.

⁹⁷⁰Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁷¹Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁷²Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 30 Dec 1967, She remarried to a Kinkade and was still living at Christmas time, 2003.

⁹⁷³Letter from Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Bertha (Ridgely) Swank, 23 Nov. 1941; Library and papers of Doris R. Olds (Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), "Henry Michael and Lorraine Shannon were married last week. She is teaching No. 5 school."

⁹⁷⁴Lorraine's obituary says they were married in 1949.

⁹⁷⁵Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁷⁶Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The full dates are on the tombstone.

⁹⁷⁷Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁷⁸Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

⁹⁷⁹Albert Michael of Madison Dies, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 1 May 1954. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

⁹⁸⁰Her initial was added from Albert Henry Michael's tombstone.

⁹⁸¹Letter, Mary E. Marshall to Dan W. Olds, 12 Apr 1967.

⁹⁸²In a letter to Doris Olds from Shirley Bissey, she tells that Lorraine's 100th birthday will be 30 Aug 2005 but that the celebration will be on the previous Sunday, 28 Aug.

⁹⁸³Lorraine Kinkade, 100, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 7 Aug 2006, <http://www.olneydailymail.com/articles/2006/08/07/obituaries/obit02.prt>. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

⁹⁸⁴Lorraine Kinkade, 100, *Olney Daily Mail*, 7 Aug 2006, <http://www.olneydailymail.com/articles/2006/08/07/obituaries/obit02.prt>.

County, Illinois.⁹⁸⁵

"Lorraine Kinkade, 100

Lorraine Kinkade, 100, of Olney, died at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, August 5, 2006, at Richland Memorial Hospital in Olney.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Summers-Kistler Funeral Home in Olney. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Minister Larry Weber officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in Parkersburg.

Mrs. Kinkade was born on August 30, 1905, in Mt. Erie, Wayne County, the daughter of Roy and Mabel (Blood) Shannon. She married Henry Michael in 1949. He preceded her in death in 1954. She married George Kinkade in 1955. He preceded her in death on April 17, 1991.

She was a retired teacher, having taught in Richland County elementary schools. She was a member of Elm Street Christian Church in Olney. She was a 1925 graduate of Olney Township High School. She was a member of Richland County Home Extension, State Retired Teachers Association, Richland County Retired Teachers Association and Golden Friendship Club.

Mrs. Kinkade is survived by her son, Albert Kinkade and his wife, Beth, of Olney; grandson, Seth Kinkade and his wife, Christine, of Carmel, Calif.; granddaughter, Rachel Egleston and her husband, Chance, of Fort Knox, Ky.; grandson, James Kinkade, of Fort Bragg, N.C.; two great-grandchildren, Levi and Elijah Egleston; several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren; nephew, Ronnie Shannon and his wife, Marilyn, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two nieces, Gail Meyer and her husband, Rich, of Michigan, and Brenda Barton and her husband, Paul, of Swansea; nephew, Dale Shannon and his wife, Debbie, of St. Charles, Mo.; and several great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; two brothers, William Henry and Harry Ellis; and three stepsons.

Memorials may be made to Elm Street Christian Church or Hospice of Southeastern Illinois.⁹⁸⁶

32. NANCY ANN³ RIDGELY (*Henry Davidge², William Henry¹*) was born on 18 Apr 1856.⁹⁸⁷ She married William Albert **Smith**, son of Ransella **Smith** and Nancy Ann **Pixley**, on 24 Aug 1876 in Richland County, Illinois.^{988,989,990} She died on 7 Apr 1925 at age 68.⁹⁹¹ She was buried in Oak

⁹⁸⁵Lorraine's obituary says they were married in 1949.

⁹⁸⁶Lorraine Kinkade, 100, *Olney Daily Mail*, 7 Aug 2006, <http://www.olneydailymail.com/articles/2006/08/07/obituaries/obit02.prt>.

⁹⁸⁷Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁹⁸⁸Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The full dates are on the stone.

⁹⁸⁹Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

⁹⁹⁰Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, William A. Smith and Nancy A. Ridgeley, 08/24/76, license 74, Book 2. Parents not shown.

⁹⁹¹Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.^{992,993}

Nancy Ann **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1880 in Richland County, Illinois. This family listed as:

Smith, Albert 25 b. Ill., parents b. Ill.
Nancy 24 b. Ill., parents b. Ill.
Maud 1 b. Ill., parents b. Ill.⁹⁹⁴

WILLIAM ALBERT **SMITH**⁹⁹⁵ was born on 27 Aug 1854.⁹⁹⁶ He died on 31 Oct 1919 at age 65.⁹⁹⁷ He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.⁹⁹⁸

Children of Nancy Ann³ **Ridgely** and William Albert **Smith** were as follows:

82. i. MAUDE⁴ **SMITH** was born circa 1879.⁹⁹⁹ She married Charles Arch **Mason** on 12 Sep 1900 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1000,1001} She died on 3 Nov 1956.¹⁰⁰² She was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, southwest of Parkersburg, Illinois.¹⁰⁰³

Maude **Smith** appeared on the census of 4 May 1910 in Bone Gap Precinct, Edwards County, Illinois, as follows:

Mason, Arch C., age 33, married 9 years
 , Maude, age 31, 2 children, 2 living
 , Malcom E., age 4
 , Anna M., age 2.¹⁰⁰⁴

CHARLES ARCH **MASON**^{1005,1006} was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, southwest of Parkersburg, Illinois. n.v.¹⁰⁰⁷

⁹⁹²Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery.

⁹⁹³Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 52, giving the dates as 18 April 1857 -- 27 Feb 1925 but her age as 68 y 9 m 9 d, referring to Edwards County Death Certificate.

⁹⁹⁴microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

⁹⁹⁵Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery.

⁹⁹⁶Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The full dates are on the stone.

⁹⁹⁷Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The full dates are on the stone.

⁹⁹⁸Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 52.

⁹⁹⁹Dates supplied by Kell Hanson who gave her age at death as 77.

¹⁰⁰⁰Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967, in which he gave the name as Arch Mason and no date.

¹⁰⁰¹Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Charles A. Mason and Maude Smith, 09/12/00, license 125, Book 3, p. 91. His parents were Jacob Mason and _____ Smith. Her parents were Albert Smith and _____ Ridgley.

¹⁰⁰²Dates supplied by Kell Hanson who gave her age at death as 77.

¹⁰⁰³Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967, n. v.

¹⁰⁰⁴1910 federal census of Edwards County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁰⁰⁵Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967, in which he gave the name as Arch Mason.

¹⁰⁰⁶Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Charles A. Mason and Maude Smith, 09/12/00, license 125, Book 3, p. 91. His parents were Jacob Mason and _____ Smith. Her parents were Albert Smith and _____ Ridgley.

¹⁰⁰⁷Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967, n. v.

83. ii. MIRA SMITH was born on 2 Jan 1881.^{1008,1009} She married Everett W. Rose on 8 Apr 1903 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1010,1011} She died on 3 Nov 1958 at age 77.^{1012,1013}

"Mrs. Myra Smith Rose, age 77, wife of Everette Rose of Parkersburg, passed away Monday at the Richland Memorial Hospital.

"Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the EUB Church in Parkersburg, with Rev. LaVerl Cook officiating. Burial will be in the Parkersburg cemetery.

"The body is at the King Funeral Home in West Salem.

"She is survived by her husband; three sons, Walton of Atlanta, Ga.; Gilbert of Wilson, N. C., and Wendell of Parkersburg; a daughter, Mrs. Marjory Swinson of Frankfort, Ill.; and a sister, Mrs. Lucy Fildes of Olney, Marjory.¹⁰¹⁴

EVERETT W. ROSE¹⁰¹⁵ was born on 7 Nov 1881.^{1016,1017}

Everett W. Rose appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Jun 1976 with the last place of residence listed as Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois. Everett W.'s SSN was issued in Illinois and his birth date is given as 7 Nov 1881.¹⁰¹⁸ He died on 15 Jun 1976 at age 94.¹⁰¹⁹

The ages of the children can be estimated from this 1930 census listing.

Rose, Everett W. age 48, first married at age 22, b. Illinois, a farmer
, Myra, wife, age 49, first married at age 23, b. Illinois
, Walton, son, age 24, b. Illinois
, Gilbert, son, age 18, b. Illinois
, Wendell, son, age 13, b. Illinois
, Marjory, dau., age 10, b. Illinois.¹⁰²⁰

Everett Rose, 94, died 13 June, survived by daughter Marjorie Swinson, 2 sons Wendell and Walton, 15 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren.¹⁰²¹

¹⁰⁰⁸Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The years (only) are on the tombstone.

¹⁰⁰⁹Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 12, giving her full dates, spouse and marriage information. referring to Richland County Death Record Book 10, p. 379.

¹⁰¹⁰Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967, without the date.

¹⁰¹¹Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Everett Rose and Mira Smith, 04/08/03, License 54, Book 3, p. 120. His parents were Peter Rose and Emma Wood. Hers were William A. Smith and Nancy Ridgely.

¹⁰¹²Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The years (only) are on the tombstone.

¹⁰¹³Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 12, giving her full dates, spouse and marriage information. referring to Richland County Death Record Book 10, p. 379.

¹⁰¹⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, obituary of Myra Rose.

¹⁰¹⁵Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967.

¹⁰¹⁶Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967, Gave the year of birth.

¹⁰¹⁷Death report, SSDI, *internet file*, which gives the full date of birth.

¹⁰¹⁸Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁰¹⁹Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 12, giving his full death date, names of parents, spouse and marriage information. without reference.

¹⁰²⁰1930 federal census of Richland Co., Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁰²¹Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, which included the obituary of Everett Rose.

84. iii. LUCILLE SMITH¹⁰²² was born on 16 Aug 1882.¹⁰²³ She married Vernon S. Fildes, son of Sally (--?--), circa 1907.¹⁰²⁴ She died on 15 Aug 1967 at age 84.¹⁰²⁵ She was buried in Section J, Haven Hill Cemetery, Olney, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁰²⁶

"Mrs. Lucy Fildes, 85, lifelong resident of Richland County, and widow of the late Dr. Vernon S. Fildes, died early this morning at 502 South Fair Street following an illness of several months.

"Mrs. Fildes was born near Parkersburg on August 16, 1882, daughter of the late Albert and Nancy Ridgeley [sic] Smith. Dr. Fildes practiced medicine in the Parkersburg area for several years, then moved to Olney to set up practice. Mrs. Fildes was a very faithful member of the Elm St. Christian Church, serving her church whenever needed. She attended the Cincinnati College of Music and taught piano lessons in this area for many years. Dr. Fildes died February 4, 1939.

"Her survivors include one son, Vernon S. "Doc" Fildes, of Richland, Washington, two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Cathryn) Fee of Olney and Mrs. A. A. (Bessie) Englert, of Colorado Springs. There are also seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren surviving.

"Funeral services for Mrs. Fildes will be held at 3:30 p. m. Saturday in the Chapel of Schaub Funeral Home with the Rev. R. E. Dowden officiating. Interment will be in Haven Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p. m. today."

She is called Lucy in family correspondence.¹⁰²⁷

VERNON S. FILDES was born in 1881.¹⁰²⁸ He died on 4 Feb 1939 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1029,1030} He was buried in Section J, Haven Hill Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁰³¹

This family is listed in the 1930 census, living on Elliott Street in Olney, Illinois. They were:

Fildes, Vernon S., age 49, first married at age 26, born in Ill., a Physician, General Practitioner

, Lucy, wife, age 47, first married at age 24, born in Ill.

, Vernon S., Jr., son, age 21, first married at age 19, b. in Ill.

¹⁰²²Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, The name Lucille is taken from the obituary of Vernon S. Fildes.

¹⁰²³Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, Obituary of Lucille Smith Fildes.

¹⁰²⁴1930 federal census of Richland Co., Illinois. Microfilm image online.

¹⁰²⁵Letter from Dow A. Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 22 Sept. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁰²⁶Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 95, Section J, Haven Hill Cemetery, Olney, Ill. "Fildes, Lucy -- 1882 - 1967."

¹⁰²⁷Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, a clipping of the obituary entitled "Mrs. Lucy Fildes Passes Away."

¹⁰²⁸Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 95, Section J, Haven Hill Cemetery, Olney, Ill. "Fildes, V. S., Dr. -- 1881 - 1939."

¹⁰²⁹Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 95, Section J, Haven Hill Cemetery, Olney, Ill. "Fildes, V. S., Dr. -- 1881 - 1939."

¹⁰³⁰Illinois Death Records, citing certificate 0000028.

¹⁰³¹Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, p. 95, Section J, Haven Hill Cemetery, Olney, Ill. "Fildes, V. S., Dr. -- 1881 - 1939."

, Alberta, Daughter-in-law, age 20, first married at age 18, b. in Ill.
, Bessie, Daughter, age 18, single. b. in Ill.
, Kathryn, Daughter, age 16, b. in Ill.¹⁰³²

"Dr. V. S. Fildes, widely known Olney physician, is at the Olney Sanitarium in a very critical condition following a stroke suffered at his office on Market street Tuesday.

"It was indicated today that little hope is held for his recovery."¹⁰³³

"Dr. Vernon S. Fildes, age 57, widely known Olney physician, passed away at the Olney Sanitarium Saturday afternoon. He had been in a coma since being taken to the Sanitarium last Tuesday noon, after suffering a stroke of apoplexy.

"Dr. Fildes, who was born in Edwards county, had been a practicing physician in Olney for about 17 years. He was a member of the Olney Moose lodge, of which he was a trustee, and also a member of the Olney Masonic lodge.

"Funeral services were conducted at the Porter-Schaub chapel Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Enoch C. Smith, pastor of the Elm Street Christian church, in charge. Many friends of Dr. Fildes crowded the chapel for the services to pay their final respects to the popular physician. Interment was at Haven Hill Cemetery, with George A. Shipley, Edward Nicholas, Alva Peters, Carl Fee, Robert Murray and Howard Brown as pallbearers.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille, one son, Vernon S., Jr., of Olney, two daughters, Mrs. Catherine Fee of Olney, and Mrs. Bessie Englert, of Colorado Springs, Colo., his aged mother Mrs. Sally Fildes of Edwards county, and one brother, Charles Fildes, of Olney."¹⁰³⁴

85. iv. ROSS CLEVELAND SMITH^{1035,1036} was born on 5 Oct 1884.¹⁰³⁷ He married Metta Mildred **Ensor**, daughter of George **Ensor** and Susan **Ellingsworth**, on 10 Jun 1908 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1038,1039} He died on 6 Mar 1943 at age 58.^{1040,1041}

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living in Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, age 33, born 5 Oct 1884, and his occupation was General Merchandiser, self employed. He was medium in height, stout in build, with blue eyes and had brown hair. His closest relative was NMettie Mildred Smith, also of Parkersburg. He signed Ross

¹⁰³²1930 federal census of Richland Co., Illinois. Microfilm image online.

¹⁰³³Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings.

¹⁰³⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Dr. V. S. Fildes.

¹⁰³⁵Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery.

¹⁰³⁶Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005, which adds his middle name.

¹⁰³⁷Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery.

¹⁰³⁸Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967, Mattie was still living at the time of the conversation in 1967.

¹⁰³⁹Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Ross C. Smith and Metta M. Ensor, 06/10/08, License 77, Book 3. His parents were W. A. Smith and Nancy Ridgely. Hers were George Ensor and Susan Ellingsworth.

¹⁰⁴⁰Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery.

¹⁰⁴¹Martin, *Parkersburg Cemetery*, p. 52, giving his full dates and the names of his parents, referring to Richland County Death Book 7, p. 94.

Cleveland Smith.¹⁰⁴²

Ross Cleveland **Smith** appeared on the census of 19 Jan 1920 as follows:

Smith, Ross, age 35
, Metta, age 30
, Leona, daughter, age 10
, Albert, son, 9
, Vivian, daughter, age 7
, Ellis, son, age 5.¹⁰⁴³

METTA MILDRED **ENSOR**^{1044,1045,1046} was born on 14 Jul 1889.¹⁰⁴⁷ She died on 9 May 1986 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, at age 96.¹⁰⁴⁸ She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁰⁴⁹

86. v. FLORENCE **SMITH** was born on 18 Dec 1886.¹⁰⁵⁰ She died on 7 Feb 1896 at age 9.¹⁰⁵¹
87. vi. NANNIE **SMITH**¹⁰⁵² was born on 25 Nov 1893.¹⁰⁵³ She died on 6 Oct 1894.¹⁰⁵⁴

33. ELSIE JANE³ **RIDGELY** (*Henry Davidge*², *William Henry*)¹⁰⁵⁵ was born on 23 Jun

¹⁰⁴²Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁰⁴³1920 census, Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

¹⁰⁴⁴Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967.

¹⁰⁴⁵Helen M. Reed, compiler, *Cemetery Analysis, 1986-1990, Richland County, Illinois* (Olney, Illinois: self published, 1991), which corrects the spelling from Mattie to Metta. Hereinafter cited as *Cemetery Analysis, Richland County, Ill.*

¹⁰⁴⁶Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005, which adds her middle name.

¹⁰⁴⁷Interview, Kell Hanson, June 1967, saying Mattie was still living at the time of the conversation in 1967.

¹⁰⁴⁸Reed, *Cemetery Analysis, Richland County, Ill.*

¹⁰⁴⁹Reed, *Cemetery Analysis, Richland County, Ill.*

¹⁰⁵⁰Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, Craddock reports this inscription from Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Ill.

"Smith, Florence -- Dec. 18, 1886--Feb. 7, 1896."

¹⁰⁵¹Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, Craddock reports this inscription from Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Ill.

"Smith, Florence -- Dec. 18, 1886--Feb. 7, 1896."

¹⁰⁵²Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, Craddock reports this inscription from Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Ill.

"Smith, Nannie --25 Nov. 1893 -- 6 Oct. 1894."

¹⁰⁵³Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, Craddock reports this inscription from Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Ill.

"Smith, Nannie --25 Nov. 1893 -- 6 Oct. 1894."

¹⁰⁵⁴Craddock, *Cemetery Inscriptions, Richland Co., ILL*, Craddock reports this inscription from Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Ill.

"Smith, Nannie --25 Nov. 1893 -- 6 Oct. 1894."

¹⁰⁵⁵Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

1858.^{1056,1057} She married Stephen Miles **Staninger** on 3 Aug 1876 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1058,1059} She died on 18 Oct 1891 at age 33.¹⁰⁶⁰ She was buried in United Brethren Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois. The full dates are on her stone.

Elsie Jane **Staninger** and Stephen Miles **Staninger** appeared on the census of 1880 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows:

Stephen Stanninger 24 b. Ill. father b. Va. mother b. Ill
Elicie 21 wife b. Ill. father b. Va., mother b. Ill
Robert 2 son b. Ill. parents b. Ill
Bessie 1 dau. b. Ill. parents b. Ill.¹⁰⁶¹

STEPHEN MILES **STANINGER**¹⁰⁶² was born on 22 Oct 1855.¹⁰⁶³ He married Ida (--?--) circa 1893.¹⁰⁶⁴ He died in Illinois.¹⁰⁶⁵

Stephen Miles **Staninger** appeared on the census of 1900 in Garrett Township, Douglas County, Illinois, as follows:

"Staninger, Stephen, b. Oct. 1855, age 44, m. 7 years, Hotel Keeper
 , Ida, wife, b. Feb. 1865, age 35, m. 7 years, a child, none living
 , Robert, son, b. Aug. 1877, age 22, Grocery
 , Bertha, dau., b. Feb. 1882, age 18, servant
 , Rolla, son, b. Feb. 1884, age 16, At school

Jones, Grant, boarder, b. Aug 1867, age 32, jeweler?"¹⁰⁶⁶

Children of Elsie Jane³ **Ridgely** and Stephen Miles **Staninger** were as follows:

88. i. ROBERT M.⁴ **STANINGER**¹⁰⁶⁷ was born on 5 Aug 1877.¹⁰⁶⁸ He married an unknown person . Robert was married but his wife died early and they had no children.¹⁰⁶⁹ He died in 1934 in Decatur, Illinois.¹⁰⁷⁰

A legal notice appearing in the Decatur Weekly News for 21 April 1938, contains a legal notice from the Millikin Trust Company, trustee of the Last Will of Robert M. Staninger, deceased, to the defendants in the case of a "Bill to Construe Will No. 37152". The named defendants were Mark

¹⁰⁵⁶Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

¹⁰⁵⁷Letter from Vera (Goodson) Taecker (La Jolla, California) to Dan W. Olds, 18 Oct. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) , which gives the birth year as 1857.

¹⁰⁵⁸Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967, Using her mother's Bible.

¹⁰⁵⁹Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, Book 2, p. 66 as reported on <http://www.sos.state.il.us/GenealogyMWeb/marrsrch.html> 24 Jan. 2004.

¹⁰⁶⁰Letter, Mary Marshall and Arna Michael to Dan W. Olds, 7 Dec. 1966.

¹⁰⁶¹1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

¹⁰⁶²Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967, in which she was using her mother's Bible.

¹⁰⁶³Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967, Using her mother's Bible.

¹⁰⁶⁴as indicated by the 1900 census.

¹⁰⁶⁵Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967, Mrs. Taeker was using her mother's Bible.

¹⁰⁶⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁰⁶⁷Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁶⁸Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁶⁹Letter from E. H. Staninger (Lawrenceville, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 12 Aug. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁰⁷⁰Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

Staninger, Marie D. Weaver, Betty Lee Weaver, Nettie May Staninger, Mary I. Goodson, Vera Goodson Taecker, William Staninger, Ralph Staninger, Maxine Staninger Lepore, Virginia Staninger, Verneta Gentz and Cloyd Gentz. They were notified to appear in court on 16 May 1938.

Since Robert died without children, his heirs were his living brothers and sisters and their heirs. I have not identified Mark Staninger, Marie D. Weaver and Betty Lee Weaver. Mary I. Goodson was the only surviving sister and Vera was her daughter but it is not clear why both are named. William, Ralph and Virginia Staninger were children of a deceased brother, Ralph D. Staninger, suggesting that Maxine Staninger Lepore might be the child called "Weda" in Ralph's obituary. Verneta Gentz was a daughter of the deceased sister, Bessie Ann, and perhaps Cloyd is the child elsewhere called Clarence.¹⁰⁷¹

89. ii. BESSIE ANN STANINGER was born on 7 Feb 1879.¹⁰⁷² She married Arthur R. **Gentz**, son of William **Gentz** and Anna **Reckling**, on 4 Jul 1898 in White County, Illinois. Her name is given as Bessie "Saninger" in the Illinois marriage index.^{1073,1074} She died circa 1921.¹⁰⁷⁵

Bessie Ann **Staninger** and Arthur R. **Gentz** appeared on the census of 1910 in Salem Precinct, Edwards County, Illinois, as follows:

Gentz, Arthur R., age 35, first marriage, 12 years ago

Bessie A., age 31, first marriage, 12 years ago, had two children, both living

Vernita, age 11

Cloyd, age 9.¹⁰⁷⁶

Bessie Gentz, age 40, a divorced woman, was living in the family of Timothy C. Weber (no relation) in West Salem.¹⁰⁷⁷

ARTHUR R. **GENTZ**¹⁰⁷⁸ was born on 12 Jun 1874 in near West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁰⁷⁹ He died on 17 Jan 1940 in near Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois, at age 65.¹⁰⁸⁰ He was buried on 20 Jan 1940 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁰⁸¹

Arthur R. **Gentz** appeared on the census of 3 Jan 1920 in Holbrook,

¹⁰⁷¹Notice of Pendency of Suit, *Decatur Weekly News*, Decatur, Illinois, 21 April 1938. Hereinafter cited as Decatur Weekly News.

¹⁰⁷²Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁷³Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁷⁴Illinois Marriage Index online.

¹⁰⁷⁵Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967, saying "If I remember correctly she died in West Salem Ill. when I was 8 years old). However, according to my notes, there is a tombstone in the Moravian Cemetery at West Salem, Illinois, for Bessie A. Gentz, 1879 - 1932.

¹⁰⁷⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁰⁷⁷1920 federal census of Edwards County, Ill.. Microfilm image online.

¹⁰⁷⁸Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967, but I have added his middle initial from the 1910 census.

¹⁰⁷⁹Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds.

¹⁰⁸⁰Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds.

¹⁰⁸¹Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1359. Arthur Gentz, born 12 June 1874 near West Salem, Illinois, a married man, died 17 Jan 1940, aged 65 years, 7 months, and 5 days. He was buried 20 Jan 1940. Minnie was his second wife and Cloyd was his son.

Navajo County, Arizona, as follows: Arthur Gentz, age 41, divorced, b. Ill., was living in a hotel in Holbrook, Navajo County, AZ. He is the only Arthur Gentz born in Ill. that I could find in the ancestry.com 1920 census index.¹⁰⁸²

Arthur R. **Gentz** appeared on the census of 5 Apr 1930 in Charles Street, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois, as follows:

Gentz, Arthur, age 55, 1st marr. at age 25, born in Illinois, parents born in Illinois

, Minnie, wife, age 56, 1st marr. at age 19, born in Illinois, parents born in Illinois.¹⁰⁸³

90. iii. RALPH D. **STANINGER** was born on 29 Sep 1880. He married Nettie Van (--?--).¹⁰⁸⁴ He died on 2 Feb 1929 at age 48.^{1085, 1086}

They had four children, two girls and two boys.¹⁰⁸⁷ He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois. He described himself as living at Maroa, Macon County, Illinois, age 37, born 24 Sep 1880, and his occupation was a self-employed grocer merchant. He was medium in height, slender in build, with blue eyes and had brown hair. His closest relative was Netti May Staninger, also of Maroa.¹⁰⁸⁸

Ralph D. **Staninger** appeared on the census of 1920 in Maroa, Macon County, Illinois, as follows:

Staninger, Ralph D.	Head	39	b. Ill.
, Nettie	wife	35	
, William	son	11	
, Ralph	son	9	
, Weto	dau	8	10/ 12 [??]. ¹⁰⁸⁹

His obituary states:

"R. D. Staninger for years in the grocery business in Maroa, died in San Diego, Cal., Feb. 2, according to word received here. His death was caused by neuralgia of the heart brought on by an attack of influenza several months ago.

"Ralph D. Staninger was born in Southern Illinois in 1881. He went to Atwood in 1899, living there until he move to Maroa in 1916. He owned and conducted a grocery store in Maroa for several years, leaving there in 1925 for California, where he made his home until his death.

"He is survived by his wife and four children, Ralph, William, Weda and Virginia, all at home, and one brother, R. M. Staninger, of Decatur.

"Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in San Diego."¹⁰⁹⁰

¹⁰⁸²microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁰⁸³1930 federal census of Edwards County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

¹⁰⁸⁴Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁸⁵Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967, saying "Ralph Staninger died when I was about 16 years old. He is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, San Diego, California.

¹⁰⁸⁶Ralph D. Staninger, Once Maroa Grocer, Dies in California, *Decatur Evening Herald*, Decatur, Illinois, 10 Feb. 1929. Hereinafter cited as Decatur Evening Herald.

¹⁰⁸⁷Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁸⁸Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁰⁸⁹microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁰⁹⁰Ralph D. Staninger, Once Maroa Grocer, Dies in California, *Decatur Evening Herald*, 10 Feb. 1929.

91. iv. **BERTHA STANINGER**¹⁰⁹¹ was born on 20 Feb 1882.¹⁰⁹² She married Walter **Doty** circa Feb 1908.^{1093,1094} She died before 1913.¹⁰⁹⁵
92. v. **RALEIGH STANINGER**¹⁰⁹⁶ was born on 25 Feb 1884.¹⁰⁹⁷ He died on 5 May 1919 in Atwood, Piatt County, Illinois, at age 35.^{1098,1099}
 He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918. He described himself as living in Atwood, Douglas County, Illinois, age 34, born 25 Feb 1884. He was medium in height, slender build in build, with brown eyes and had dark brown hair. His closest relative was Robert Staninger of 722 Wait Building, Decatur, Macon County, Illinois. He was physically unable to work and claimed exemption from the draft because of creeping paralysis.¹¹⁰⁰
93. vi. **MARY IRENE STANINGER** was born on 4 Nov 1887.^{1101,1102} She married Walter William **Goodson**.¹¹⁰³ She died on 30 Jun 1959 in San Diego, California, at age 71.¹¹⁰⁴ She was buried in El Centro Cemetery, California.¹¹⁰⁵

Mary Irene **Staninger** and Walter William **Goodson** appeared on the census of 2 Jan 1920 in Imperial County, California, as follows:

Goodson, William W. head 34 b. Ill
 , Mary I. wife 32 b. Ill
 , Vera dau. 6 b. Ill.¹¹⁰⁶

WALTER WILLIAM GOODSON¹¹⁰⁷ died in 1940.¹¹⁰⁸ He was buried in El

¹⁰⁹¹Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁹²Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁹³Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967, saying "she married a Doty and had a daughter Mary Doty. Bertha died before I was born."

¹⁰⁹⁴Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Walter Doty and Bertha Stanninger, 01/29/08, license 13, Book 3. His parents were Joseph Doty and Elizabeth Dick. Hers were Stephen Stanninger and Elsie Ridgley.

¹⁰⁹⁵Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁹⁶Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁹⁷Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹⁰⁹⁸Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967, saying he did not marry and giving the year of death.

¹⁰⁹⁹Illinois Death Records, which gives full date and place of death but lists him as "Ralla" Staninger.

¹¹⁰⁰Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹¹⁰¹Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹¹⁰²California Death Record Index, online <http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death>, which gives the birth date as 2 Nov. 1887.

¹¹⁰³Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹¹⁰⁴California Death Record Index, online <http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death>, which gives her birthdate as 11/02/1887.

¹¹⁰⁵Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹¹⁰⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹¹⁰⁷Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹¹⁰⁸Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

36. GEORGE WILLIS³ RIDGELY (*Orrick², William Henry¹*)¹¹¹⁰ was born on 29 Mar 1844 in Richland County, Illinois.¹¹¹¹ He married Susan **Woods**, daughter of George W. **Woods** and Rebecca **Gray**, on 20 Dec 1865 in Richland County, Illinois.¹¹¹² He died on 26 May 1909 in Richland County, Illinois, at age 65.¹¹¹³ He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.¹¹¹⁴

Most records do not show the middle name for George Willis Ridgely and because the 1850 census shows him as George W. H. Ridgely, I wondered if he might not be George William Henry Ridgely, named after his grandfather. When I asked Dow Ridgely about it, he replied "Your great grandfather's name was George Willis (No "H"). One of my brothers was named for him and received a dress pattern from him. In those days little boys wore dresses quite awhile. There is a history connected with the dress. Willis kept it until near the end of his life and then gave it to Jennie Slunaker to take care of. I do not know what she did with it."¹¹¹⁵ From the Bible of George W. Ridgely:

A present to George W. Ridgely By his Father Orrick Ridgely.

MARRIAGES

George W. Ridgely and Susan Woods Was Married December the 20th 1865 by Samuel Forney

Oscar Ridgely and Randa Bowers were married the 19th day of September 1889 by

BIRTHS

George W Ridgely Born March 29th 1844

Susan Ridgely Born February 22th 1846

Oscar I Ridgely Born December 13th 1866

Arthur O Ridgely Born April 5th 1868

Lora May Ridgely Born December 28th 1873

Sarah Nancy Ridgely Born October 25th 1877

Zella G. Ridgely Born June 17th 1884

DEATHS

Arthur O Ridgely died October 25th 1874.¹¹¹⁶

George Willis **Ridgely** and Susan (*--?--*) appeared on the census of 1880 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows:

George W. Ridgely, age 36, b. Ill., parents b. Ill.

Susan , age 34, wife, b. Ill., f. b. Ind., m. b. KY

Oscar , age 13, son, b. Ill

¹¹⁰⁹Letter, Vera (Goodson) Taecker to Olds, 18 Oct. 1967.

¹¹¹⁰Lucinda Hedrick family Bible, His middle initial, but not middle name, is listed in the Hedrick Bible.

¹¹¹¹Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

¹¹¹²Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, George W. Ridgely and Susan Wood, 12/20/65, license 17. Book 2. Parents not named.

¹¹¹³Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

¹¹¹⁴Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery. These dates are on his stone.

¹¹¹⁵Letter from Dow A. Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 23 Dec. 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹¹¹⁶Ridgely (George Willis), *Ridgely, George W. -- family Bible record*, photocopy made 1967 (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.); unknown present owner, copy in my files. Hereinafter cited as George W. Ridgely family Bible.

Lora , age 6, dau., b. Ill
Sarah , age 3, dau., b. Ill.¹¹¹⁷

George Willis **Ridgely** and Susan (---?) appeared on the census of 26 Jun 1900 in Lukin Township, Lawrence County, Illinois, as follows: The listing shows that he was age 56, born in March 1844, and had been married for 35 years. Susan was age 54, born in Feb. 1846, had had 5 children of whom 4 were living. Zella C (?), a daughter, age 17, and born in June 1883 (!) was the only one still living at home.¹¹¹⁸

George Willis **Ridgely** left a will on 14 Jan 1909 in Lukin Township, Lawrence County, Illinois.

" I George W. Ridgely of the Township of Lukin in the County of Lawrence and State of Illinois being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefor make, ordain Publish and declare this to be may last will and testament.

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

"Second: After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath Susan Ridgley, my wife, all my real estate and all of my personal property of every name and character.

"Lastly: I nominate and appoint Susan Ridgley my wife without bond to be executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

"I hereby revoke all former wills and codicils by me made.

"In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this Fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine Hundred and Nine (A. D. 1909)

George W. Ridgley (Seal)

"This instrument was on the day of the date thereof signed, published and declared by the said testator Geo. W. Ridgley to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other here subscribe our names hereto as witnesses.

O. E. _____
J. A. Barekman"

This will was probated in Lawrence County, Illinois, on 5 July 1909. This is the from the recorded copy, not the original, and may not reflect the name spelling used by George W. Ridgely.¹¹¹⁹

"George W. Ridgely was born March 29, 1844, near Parkersburg, Ill., and died at his home six miles south east of Sumner, May 26, 1909, after a short illness, aged sixty-five years, one month and twenty-seven days. He was married to Susan Woods, Dec. 20 1865. To this union were born five children, one of whom died in infancy.

"He departed this life leaving a wife, one son, Oscar, of Parkersburg, three daughters, Mrs. Lora Traylor, of Claremont, Mrs. Sarah Higgins of Parkersburg, and Mrs. Zella Moore, of Bridgeport, two brothers, Russell, of Parkersburg and James, of Calhoun, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

"He united with the M. E. church in early manhood, of which he was a member for four years. After moving to Parkersburg he united with the U. B. church of which he was a member until death.

"He was a man who always put his his [sic] church and his God before everything else.

"He was a splendid christian man, a good father and a good husband. He was highly respected in his community, being a man of careful and serious reflection, refined and unobtrusive in his conduct and possessed of great moral excellence.

"The funeral services were held Friday morning, May 28, three miles east of Parkersburg by

¹¹¹⁷1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

¹¹¹⁸1900 federal census of Lawrence County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹¹¹⁹George W. Ridgely, Will, 14 Jan 1909, copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Rev. I. S. McIver, pastor of the U. B. Church."¹¹²⁰

SUSAN **WOODS** was born on 22 Feb 1846 in Richland County, Illinois. She died on 1 Feb 1924 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois, at age 77; she died of cancer of the rectum.¹¹²¹ She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois. On 8 July 1909, Susan Ridgely, a widow, executed a quit-claim deed to Oscar Ridgely for 40 acres in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois described as the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 S 22 T 2 N R 14 W of the second principal meridian. Her obituary follows:

"Susan Ridgely, daughter of George and Rebecca Woods, was born in Richland county, Illinois, February 22, 1846, and departed this life February 1, 1924, aged 77 years, 11 months and 9 days.

"She was married to George W. Ridgely December 20, 1865. To this union were born five children, one of whom died in infancy. Her husband died May 26, 1909.

"She leaves to mourn their loss one son, Oscar Ridgely, of Parkersburg, three daughters, Mrs. Lora Traylor, of Casper, Wyo.; Mrs. Asa Higgins, of Parkersburg; and Mrs. Zella Moore of Kansas; one sister, Mrs. Alice Dillon, of Greenup, two brothers, George of La Verne, Calif., and John of Prosser, Wash.; sixteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a large circle of other relatives and friends.

"At the age of 14 she united with the United Brethren church of Parkersburg and she has always lived a Christian life. She loved to worship and serve her Master.

"Sister Ridgely was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a good neighbor and friend. No sacrifice was too great for her to make for her family and she was always ready to help anyone in need of her services.

"During the past few years she lived alone in Berryville, with the exception of one winter spent in the west visiting her daughters and other relatives. Her health has been failing for about one year.

"Four months ago a physical examination revealed the fact that she was a victim of cancer of the stomach. She was removed to the home of her son where the death angel found her.

"She bore her suffering with extraordinary fortitude, patiently and anxiously looking forward to the end.

"Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10:30, conducted by Rev. Stine, pastor of the U. B. church, services being held at the Church of the Brethren, burial in the adjoining cemetery by the side of her husband.

"But the sun is sloping westward,
Troubles come and cares increase,
Looking backward on happy childhood
Sighing for its hours of peace.

"Now the sun is sinking, sinking -- Gone.
Its tints fade in the west,
And old age lays down its burdens,
Dust to dust, at peace, at rest."

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help during the sickness and death of our dear mother; also for the beautiful flowers given.

Oscar Ridgely
Lora Traylor
Mrs. Asa Higgins
Mrs. Zella Moore.¹¹²²

Children of George Willis³ **Ridgely** and Susan **Woods** were as follows:

¹¹²⁰Obituary, George W. Ridgely, from an unknown paper, 1909.

¹¹²¹Susan (Woods) Ridgely, Certificate of Death 3685 (2 Feb 1924), copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Hereinafter cited as Certificate of Death for Susan (Woods) Ridgely.

¹¹²²Obituary, Susan Ridgely, *unknown newspaper title*, unknown location, 1924.

94. i. IRA OSCAR⁴ **RIDGELY**¹¹²³ was born on 13 Dec 1866 in the family home, Olney Township, Richland County, Illinois. He married Maranda **Bowers**, daughter of Peter **Bowers** and Mary **Brown**, on 19 Sep 1888 in Richland County, Illinois. 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.^{1124,1125,1126} He died about 12:15 in the morning on 2 Jan 1941 in Inglewood Farm, Richland County, Illinois, at age 74.^{1127,1128} He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, near Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.¹¹²⁹

He used the name OSCAR. He was born on his father's farm northwest of Calhoun, Ill. [Mrs. Doris R. Olds, Dec. 1960] and attended Bird School. One of his school mates there was Howard Nicholas who recalls a boyhood scrap between them at school time during which one of them had his ear cut by a piece of cornbread that was thrown. [Howard Nicholas told the story to Doris Olds not long before Dec. 1960.] Oscar attended country schools in Richland and Edwards Counties. He was a farmer in Richland County, first with his father until 1889, then in the same county until his health failed in 1940.¹¹³⁰

Oscar and Maranda established their home on what became "Inglewood Farm" in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois, on March 4, 1889 and lived there the remainder of their lives. He joined the Church of the Brethren after their marriage. In their later years, a small house was built for them in the same yard as their former home which they sold to their oldest son. Doris Ridgely Olds has a pair of vases that Oscar bought for Maranda before they were married. He showed them to his grandmother Ridgely before he gave them to his girl friend.

Ira Oscar **Ridgely** and Maranda **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 18 Jun 1900 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows: 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.
, Bertha, daughter, b. Jan. 1890, age 10
, Howard, son, b. Aug 1893, age 6

¹¹²³Although his name is given as Oscar I. Ridgely in his father's Bible, it is Ira Oscar in his own Bible and marriage record. He was known as Oscar. This may have been used to avoid confusion with his uncle Ira Ridgely.

¹¹²⁴Ridgely (Oscar) family, *Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely* (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.); Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Hereinafter cited as Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely.

¹¹²⁵Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records.

¹¹²⁶George W. Ridgely family Bible, the date given here is 19 Sept 1889 (not 1888).

¹¹²⁷Oscar Ridgely Bible record, recorded by Maranda.

¹¹²⁸Oscar Ridgely, Certificate of Death 3648 (4 Jan 1941), copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina, he died of coronary sclerosis with degerative myocarditis. Hereinafter cited as Certificate of Death for Oscar Ridgely.

¹¹²⁹Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

¹¹³⁰"Oscar Ridgely Biographical Form (as filled in by Maranda Ridgely)," ; copy in my files; Spartanburg, South Carolina. Hereinafter cited as "Oscar Ridgely Biographical Form."

, Homer, son, b. Sep 1897, age 2.¹¹³¹

For the 1913 school term, three of the Ridgely children were attending Red Head School (District No. 69). They were Homer Ridgely, grade 8, Lois Ridgely, grade 3, and Leah Ridgely, primary. The teacher was Belle Williams, for a six month term. Among the others in attendance were Evelyn Bowers, 8th grade, and Max Bowers, 2nd grade, each of whom attended 22 days. In 1914, a six-month term, students included Leah Ridgely, primary, and Lois Ridgely, grade 3. In 1915-1916, Golda Byram was the teacher and had what was apparently the first seven-month term. Her pupils included Lois Ridgely in 4th grade and Homer Ridgely in "advanced". Golda taught again for the 1916-1917 term. In 1917-18, Bertha Ridgely, age 27, was the teacher, hired with no experience and a 3rd grade certificate. In 1918-19, Fern Provines, age 18, was the teacher with an enrollment of 30. "[But became ill after a month and Golda Byram finished the term, I believe.]"

In 1919-20, Dale Wolfe, age 18 was teacher, hired with no experience and paid \$50/month. Doris Ridgely was one of the nine first graders.

In 1920-21, Doris Ridgely was in grade three and her teacher was Roby Libkie who had had one year of experience. In 1921-22, Doras Ridgely was in grade 4 and Lois and Leah were also in attendance. This lists gives birthdates for the pupils. In 1927, teacher Belle Williams had 29 children, including Doris Ridgely in what was her last year at Red Head. For the Fall of 1928, Belle Williams was age 48. In 1929-1930, Vernon Jones was the teacher and this was the first of the eight month terms. In 1931 and 1932, Flo Ridgely was the teacher at Red Head.

In 1916-17, Home Ridgely, age 18, with no experience, was hired to teach at Oak Grove School for \$40/month. He had an enrollment of 22. In 1918-19, he was hired with 2 years of experience and paid \$65.¹¹³²

Oscar registered the name "Inglewood Farm" on 12 Sept. 1925. The name applied to the farm where he lived, the S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 21, Town 2 North, Range 14 West and the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 22, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, a total of 120 acres. Medad H. Simmons (a cousin of Orrick Ridgely) had purchased the SE 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 21 in 1853. After several intervening transactions, George W. Ridgely obtained this 80 acres, with a mortgage held by George N. Harrison. In 1894, George W. and Susan Ridgely sold this land to their son Ira Oscar Ridgely although the mortgage was not released until 1902.¹¹³³ The other 40 acres does not appear in the public land sales.¹¹³⁴

The following is from a newspaper clipping with the hand-written date "Nov. 1937".

"Thanksgiving Dinner.

"A very enjoyable Thanksgiving day was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ridgely.

"Thirty-one of the relatives ate dinner together. Tables were arranged so

¹¹³¹1900 federal census of Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹¹³²Richland County School Notes taken by Doris Olds at the Educational Superintendent's Office, Olney, Richland County, Illinois, June 1981.

¹¹³³Letter from Catherine (Shirley) Ransom (Route 1, Minonk Illinois 61760) to Doris R. Olds, Dec 1990; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹¹³⁴Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales Database, online www.sos.state.il.us/GenealogyMWeb. Hereinafter cited as Illinois Public Land Sale.

all could be seated at one time. The dinner was somewhat like our foreparents ate. Anyway, it consisted of turkey (not wild though), and venison, with other things to round out the menu. The venison was furnished by Ray Traylor, from Wyoming.

"The day was spent visiting, feasting and hunting. But we found time to thank the Great Provider and Preserver for His goodness to us all.

"The three sisters and one brother had not all been together for almost fourteen years.

"Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Milo Traylor, of Casper, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moore, of Newellton, La.; Mrs. Asa Higgins, Miss Edith Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Traylor, of Casper, Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Higgins and family, Ira Higgins, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ridgely, Helen and Esther, of Olney; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ridgely and Mrs. R. B. Murphy, of Chicago; Miss Leah Ridgely, of Forrest, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ridgely."

In 1938, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary and the event was announced in the newspaper as follows (including a picture of the couple):

"CELEBRATE:

"Parkersburg, Ill. Sept 17. -- (Special) --

Mrs. and Mrs. Oscar Ridgely, of this city, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary tomorrow at their home with a basket dinner and open house.

They were married Sept. 18[sic], 1888, at the home of Mrs. Ridgely, formerly Miss Randa Bowers. Mr. and Mrs. Ridgely have lived their entire married life in Parkersburg.

Their six children are Mrs. Glenn Swank, Ill.[sic]; George Ridgely and Mrs. Ray Murphy, Chicago. Homer Ridgely, Olney, Ill.; Miss Leah Ridgely, Forest, Ill., and Mrs. Robert Olds, Arizona."¹¹³⁵

"Funeral Services were held Saturday for Oscar Ridgely, who died at his home near Parkersburg Jan. 2, 1941, at the age of 74 years and 20 days. The services were held at the Bonpas township Walnut Grove church with Rev. Dearing in charge and interment was made in the nearby cemetery. Pall bearers were Clifton Clodfelter, William Hill, Charles Matthes, Charles Rothrock, Frank Rothrock and Raul Dunaway.

"Mr. Ridgely was born near Olney Dec. 13, 1866, the son of George Willis and Susan Woods Ridgely. On Sept. 19, 1888, he was married to Maranda Bowers, also of Richland county. On March 4, 1889 they established a home on the farm where they had lived ever since. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary there in 1938.

"He became a member of the Walnut Grove church of the Brethren about 45 years ago and was a regular and faithful attendant at the church services.

"For about a year he had been afflicted with a heart ailment. Complications caused him much distress during the last week, but a sudden heart attack brought an end to his suffering.

"He is survived by his wife, six children, Bertha Swank, of Montana, Howard, of Parkersburg, Homer, of Olney, Lois Murphy, of Olney, Leah Ridgely, of Alton, Doris Olds of Arizona; eight grandchildren, and three sisters, Lora Traylor, of Casper, Wyo., Sarah Higgins of Parkersburg, and

¹¹³⁵This is from an unidentified newspaper clipping owned by Doris Olds.

Zella Moore, of Newellton, La."¹¹³⁶

MARANDA BOWERS was born on 3 Oct 1867 near Sulphur Springs, Henry County, Indiana.^{1137,1138,1139} She died about 5:20 a. m. Thursday morning on 23 Jun 1960 in her Inglewood Farm home, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois, at age 92.¹¹⁴⁰ She was buried on 25 Jun 1960 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹¹⁴¹

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 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

¹¹³⁶Oscar Ridgely, Bonpas Farmer, Dies January 2, *West Salem Advocate*, West Salem, Illinois, 9 Jan 1941, page 1, The quoted version is from the *West Salem Advocate*, Thursday, January 9, 1941. Another version, possibly from the *Olney Daily Mail* says he "passed away shortly after midnight this morning at his home in Bonpas township following a long illness." It also says "Mr. Ridgely, altho holding no public offices, had been one of the most active citizens of the community, and was respected by all who knew him". This version calls Lora Traylor "Mrs. M. L. Traylor". Hereinafter cited as *West Salem Advocate*.

¹¹³⁷Letter from Maranda Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 16 March 1953; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹¹³⁸Bowers (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, with the notation "in the evening". Her father's Bible does not record the place of birth. Hereinafter cited as *Holy Bible of Peter and Mary Bowers*.

¹¹³⁹Family Bible of Oscar and Maranda Ridgely, which does add the place of birth.

¹¹⁴⁰Letter from Doris (Ridgely) Olds (Calhoun, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 29 June 1960; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹¹⁴¹Letter, Doris (Ridgely) Olds to Olds, 29 June 1960.

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."¹¹⁴²

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.

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

¹¹⁴²The early years as told by Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely and written for the 1979 Bowers book by her daughter, Doris (Ridgely) Olds.

The weather is warm tomato vines are still green. Nov. 10 1915."¹¹⁴³

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

"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 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

¹¹⁴³Letter from Evelyn McAleece (Santa Rosa, California) to Doris R. Olds, 5 Feb 1991; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) , enclosing the card from her mother's things.

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 \$11.55.¹¹⁴⁴

"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."¹¹⁴⁵

"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."¹¹⁴⁶

95. ii. ARTHUR O. **RIDGELY** was born on 5 Apr 1868 in Richland County, Illinois. He died on 25 Oct 1874 at age 6. He was buried in Richland Cemetery, Calhoun, Richland County, Illinois.¹¹⁴⁷

96. iii. LORA MAY **RIDGELY** was born on 28 Dec 1873.¹¹⁴⁹ She married Milo M. **Traylor** on 10 Aug 1892.¹¹⁵⁰ She died on 21 Apr 1959 in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, at age 85.¹¹⁵¹ She was buried in Walnut

¹¹⁴⁴This 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.

¹¹⁴⁵Mrs. Maranda Ridgely Dies, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, June 1960. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

¹¹⁴⁶Ridgely, Maranda Bowers, *Gospel Messenger*, Elgin, Illinois, 17 Sep 1960. Hereinafter cited as *Gospel Messenger*.

¹¹⁴⁷Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. This cemetery is about 1 mile west of Calhoun, Illinois, not far from where the family lived at the time. The stone has the inscription "Arthur O., son of G. W. and S. Ridgely" with these dates.

¹¹⁴⁸George W. Ridgely family Bible.

¹¹⁴⁹George W. Ridgely family Bible, The birth date is from her father's Bible and Homer Ridgely's notes although her tombstone says 1874 - 1959.

¹¹⁵⁰Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Milo Traylor and Lora M. Ridgely, 08/10/92, license 101, Book 3, p. 109. His parents were Jacob A. Traylor and Sarah J. Houts. Hers were George W. Ridgely and Susan Woods.

¹¹⁵¹Supplied by Ray O. Traylor.

Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹¹⁵²

She spent her last years in Long Beach, California.¹¹⁵³

"Mrs. Lora M. Ridgely Traylor, 85, widow of Milo Traylor, died Tuesday at Long Beach, Calif.

"The body is being returned to the King Funeral Home in West Salem.

"Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the West Salem Church of the Brethren, with burial in the Church of the Brethren cemetery.

"She is survived by a son, Ray of Hamond, Ind."¹¹⁵⁴

MILO M. TRAYLOR¹¹⁵⁵ was born on 12 Jan 1871.¹¹⁵⁶ He died on 18 May 1941 in Caspar, Wyoming, at age 70.¹¹⁵⁷ He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹¹⁵⁸ Milo was born near Washington, Indiana, the son of Jacob A. and Sarah Traylor and was a long time resident of Bonpas township, Richland County, Ill. and Lukin township, Lawrence County, Ill. He had lived in Wyoming since 1922.[from an obituary clipping].¹¹⁵⁹

97. iv. SARAH NANCY RIDGELY was born on 25 Oct 1877 in near Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.¹¹⁶⁰ She married Asa Higgins Jr., son of Asa Higgins, on 22 Oct 1896 in Richland County, Illinois. He was 21, she was 19.^{1161,1162} She died on 29 Nov 1957 at age 80.^{1163,1164} She was buried on 1 Dec 1957 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.^{1165,1166}

¹¹⁵²Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

¹¹⁵³from Ray O. Traylor.

¹¹⁵⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Lora Traylor.

¹¹⁵⁵The name and dates of birth and death are from Ray O. Traylor.

¹¹⁵⁶The dates of birth and death are from Ray O. Traylor. Milo was born near Washington, Indiana, the son of Jacob A. and Sarah Traylor and was a long time resident of Bonpas township, Richland County, Ill. and Lukin township, Lawrence County, Ill. He had lived in Wyoming since 1922.

¹¹⁵⁷Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, family clippings and notes, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

¹¹⁵⁸Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

¹¹⁵⁹Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, family clippings and notes, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds.

¹¹⁶⁰The birth date is from her father's Bible and the place is stated in her obituary.

¹¹⁶¹Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records.

¹¹⁶²Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Asa Higgins and Sarah Ridgely, 10/22/96, license 126, Book 3. His parents were Asa Higgins and Hettie Stanninger. Her father was George Ridgely.

¹¹⁶³Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, family clippings and notes, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, from a manuscript obituary written by Maranda Ridgely.

¹¹⁶⁴unidentified newspaper clipping: "In loving memory of our mother, Mrs. Sarah Ridgely Higgins who passed away Nov. 29, 1957. ... Sadly missed and often remembered by her children and families, grandchildren and families."

¹¹⁶⁵Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois. The full dates are on the stone.

¹¹⁶⁶Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1783. Sarah Higgins, a married woman of West Salem, was born in Parkersburg on (a smudged date consistent with 25, 1877) and died 29 Nov. 1957 of cardiac failure at the age of 80 years 1 month and 4 days. She was buried 1

"Mrs. Sarah Higgins Rites Held Sunday. Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah N. Higgins, wife of Asa Higgins, were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the King Funeral Home here with Rev. K. V. Hanley and Bro. John Walser officiating. Burial was in the Moravian cemetery.

"Mrs. Higgins, who was aged 80 years, 1 month and 4 days, died Nov. 29. Early in life she joined the Oak Grove E. U. B. church.

"Sarah Nancy, daughter of George W. and Susan (Woods) Ridgely, was born in their home near Parkersburg, Oct. 25, 1877. She was married to Asa Higgins, Jr., Oct. 22, 1896, and their 60th wedding anniversary [was celebrated?] Oct. 22, 1956.

"She leaves her husband, five sons, Ellis of Stickney, So. Dak.; Willie of Calhoun, Ill.; Ira of Chicago; Dow of Dayton, Ohio; and Glenn of West Salem; two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Slunaker, of Parkersburg; and Mrs. Edith Fiscus of Sumner. One son, Earl, preceded her in his early years."¹¹⁶⁷

ASA HIGGINS JR. was born on 11 Oct 1875.¹¹⁶⁸ He died on 1 Mar 1964 at age 88;

"In loving memory of our Dad, Asa Higgins, who passed away three years ago March 1, 1964. ... Sadly missed and often remembered by his children and families, grandchildren and families."¹¹⁶⁹ He was buried on 3 Mar 1964 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.^{1170,1171} He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918. He described himself as living at Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, age 42, born 11 Oct 1875, and his occupation was farming. He was medium in height, medium in build, with brown eyes and had brown hair. His closest relative was Sarah Higgins, also of Parkersburg.¹¹⁷²

"Mr. Asa Higgins and Mrs. Sarah Ridgely Higgins, living east of West Salem, in the Texas community, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday Oct. 21, in their home.

At noon, there will be a family dinner. Open house will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

They have 7 children as follows: Ellis of Stickney, South Dakota; Willis of Berryville; Ira of Chicago; Dow of Dayton, Ohio; Allen of West Salem; Mrs. Jennie Slunaker of Parkersburg and Mrs. Edith Fiscus of Sumner.

"Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have 18 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. They were married October 22, 1896. and have spent their entire life in the same community.

"Everyone is welcome."

Dec. 1957. Her husband was Asa.

¹¹⁶⁷Mrs. Sarah Higgins Rites Held Sunday, *unknown newspaper title*, unknown location, 1957.

¹¹⁶⁸Letter from Edith Fiscus (Sumner, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 28 Nov 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹¹⁶⁹In Memory, *Olney Daily Mail?*, Olney, Illinois, 1967, from a clipping sent by Dow A. Ridgely, March 23 1967. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail?*

¹¹⁷⁰Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery. The full dates are on the stone.

¹¹⁷¹Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1971. Asa Higgins, a widower of Wabash County, Illinois, was born in Wabash County and died 1 March 1964 at the age of 88 years, 4 months and 20 days. He was buried 3 March 1964. Ellis, Willie, and Glen were his sons.

¹¹⁷²Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

[The article has a large picture.].¹¹⁷³

"Asa Higgins, 88, of Berryville, passed away early Sunday morning at his home.

"Surviving are five sons, Ellis of Stickney, S. D., Willie of Berryville, Ira of Phoenixville, Pa., Dow of Dayton, Ohio, and Glenn of Mt. Carmel; two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Slunaker of Berryville and Mrs. Edith Fiscus of Sumner; 17 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

"Also a sister, Mrs. Julia Dollahan of Mahomet.

"Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the King Funeral Home in West Salem, with Bro. Homer Longbons, Bro. J. J. Walser, and Bro. Duane Aslyn officiating.

"Burial will be in the Moravianj Cemetery."¹¹⁷⁴

98. v. ZELLA GRACE **RIDGELY** was born on 17 Jun 1884.¹¹⁷⁵ She married Arthur J. **Moore** on 15 May 1905.¹¹⁷⁶ She died on 19 Mar 1963 at age 78.¹¹⁷⁷ She was buried in Legion Cemetery, Tensas Parish, Louisiana.¹¹⁷⁸

Her name and birth date are in her father's Bible.

Her obituary appears in the Tensas [St. Joseph, Louisiana] Gazette, 5 April 1963, p. 1.

"Funeral services for Mrs. Zella Moore, who passed away at the St. Charles Legion Memorial Hospital Tuesday, March 19, were held on Thursday March 21, at the Newellton Methodist Church.

"Rites were conducted by the Rev. Paul Snellgrove, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Foster. Interment followed in the Legion Memorial Cemetery at Newellton.

"Mrs. Moore was 78 years of age. A native of Bridgeport, Illinois, she had resided in Tensas Parish for 47 years. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

"She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Genelle McDonald and Mrs. D. H. Netterville, Sr., both of Newellton, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

"Serving as pallbearers were Ed Grace, Ed McDonald, Jr., James Doyle, Ed Hawkins, Odell Kifer and Frank Burnside."

She and her husband Arthur J. Moore, are buried in the Legion Cemetery, Tensas Parish, LA

Her tombstone reads: Zella Ridgely [sic] Moore 1884 - 1963

His reads: Arthur J. Moore, 1882 - 1956.

"George W. Ridgely of Lukin Township, Lawrence county was in the city Wednesday morning to mett [sic] his daughter Miss Zella who returned from a two week visit with relatives in Greenup."¹¹⁷⁹

¹¹⁷³Sixtieth Anniversary, *unknown newspaper title*, unknown location, 18 Oct 1956.

¹¹⁷⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Asa Higgins.

¹¹⁷⁵Letter from Pauline (Moore) Netterville (Newellton, Louisiana) to Dan W. Olds, 31 Oct. 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹¹⁷⁶Letter, Pauline Moore Netterville to Dan W. Olds, 31 Oct. 1966.

¹¹⁷⁷Letter, Pauline Moore Netterville to Dan W. Olds, 31 Oct. 1966.

¹¹⁷⁸Tombstone, Legion Memorial Cemetery, Newellton, LA.

¹¹⁷⁹Ridgely, *Olney Advocate*, Olney, Illinois, 30 September 1904, typed copy made by Helen Reed. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Advocate*.

ARTHUR J. **MOORE** was born on 9 Apr 1882.¹¹⁸⁰ He died on 11 Dec 1956 at age 74.^{1181,1182} He was buried in Legion Memorial Cemetery, Newellton, Tensas Parish, Louisiana.¹¹⁸³ Arthur J. **Moore** appeared on the census of 15 Apr 1910 in Bridgeport City, Lawrence County, Illinois, as follows:

Moore, Arthur, Head, age 28, married one time for 4 years, b. Ill., parents b. Ill, Asst. cashier in bank
, Zella, age 25, married one time for 4 years, b. Ill., parents b. Ill.¹¹⁸⁴
He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in St. Joseph, Parish of Tensas, Louisiana. He described himself as age 36, born 9 April 1881, and his occupation was farming. He was medium in height, stout in build, with blue eyes and had brown hair. His closest relative was Mrs. Arthur J. Moore, wife, of Newellton, Tensas Parish.¹¹⁸⁵ His obituary appeared in the Tensas Gazette for Fri., Dec. 21, 1956

"Mr. ARTHUR J. MOORE. In the passing of Mr. Moore, aged seventy-four, on Tuesday, December 11, the people of Newellton and Tensas Parish lost a kind friend and highly respected associate.

"Mr. Moore, originally from Sumner, Illinois where he was born, had been a resident of Newellton since 1916 and since that time has been engaged in farming. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, a member of the Masonic Order and at the time of his sudden death, he was serving as a member of the Tensas Police Jury from Ward 2.

"Funeral services conducted by Reverend C. E. Pickens assisted by Reverend J. F. McGraw were held in Newellton Union Church at 2:00 p. m. on Wednesday. Interment followed in the Legion Memorial Cemetery.

"The deep and sincere sympathy of the many friends of long-standing go to the devoted wife of more than fifty years; two daughters, Pauline, Mrs. D. H. Netterville, Genelle, Mrs. McDonald; four grandchildren, Mrs. John Ensminger, Fort Deming, Georgia; Douglas, Jr., Wade Netterville, and John Arthur McDonald, Newellton; one grandson, John Ensminger, Jr., Fort Deming, Georgia; two brothers, Mr. Alva Moore, Newellton, and Mr. L. E. Moore, Monahans, Texas and one sister, Mrs. E. S. Jones, Marshall, Oklahoma."

38. JAMES³ RIDGELY (*Orrick², William Henry¹*) was born on 21 Jan 1850.¹¹⁸⁶ He married Emma Louise **Hedrick**, daughter of George **Hedrick**, on 23 Dec 1868. They were married by the pastor of the German Moravian Church of West Salem.^{1187,1188} He died on 12 Jul 1928 at age 78. He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.¹¹⁸⁹

¹¹⁸⁰Letter, Pauline Moore Netterville to Dan W. Olds, 31 Oct. 1966.

¹¹⁸¹*The Tensas Gazette*, St Joseph, LA, Fri., Dec. 21, 1956.

¹¹⁸²Letter, Pauline Moore Netterville to Dan W. Olds, 31 Oct. 1966.

¹¹⁸³Tombstone, Legion Memorial Cemetery.

¹¹⁸⁴1910 federal census of Lawrence County, Ill.. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on Enumeration District, 121, sheet 19A, line 13/14, 15 April 1910.

¹¹⁸⁵Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹¹⁸⁶Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

¹¹⁸⁷Data collected by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹¹⁸⁸marriage record Edwards County Records, Book C, p. 484.

¹¹⁸⁹Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery. The dates are on his stone.

He is named in the wills of both his parents.

James **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 21 Jun 1880 in District 168, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows:

Ridgely, James 30 b. Ill. parents b. Ill.
, Emma 28 b. Ill. parents b. NC
, Gideon 9 b. Ill.
, Stella 7 b. Ill.
, Minnie 11/12 b. July b. Ill.¹¹⁹⁰

"James Ridgely moved Monday to the farm he recently purchased near Olney from J. B. Porter. During their stay with us have made many friends who regret their leaving this community."¹¹⁹¹

EMMA LOUISE **HEDRICK**^{1192,1193} was born on 4 Aug 1851.¹¹⁹⁴ She died on 28 May 1948 at age 96.¹¹⁹⁵ She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹¹⁹⁶

Children of James³ **Ridgely** and Emma Louise **Hedrick** were as follows:

99. i. GIDEON WILLIS⁴ **RIDGELY**¹¹⁹⁷ was born on 7 Jan 1871.¹¹⁹⁸ He married Luella May **Shirley** on 26 Dec 1906 in Norcatur, Decatur County, Kansas.¹¹⁹⁹ He married Nancy Catherine **Clodfelter** after 1930.^{1200,1201} He married an unknown person in O'Fallon, Illinois.¹²⁰² He died on 16 Nov 1961 at age 90.¹²⁰³ He appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Dec 1975 with the last place of residence listed as Waukesha, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Gideon Willis' SSN was issued in Wisconsin.¹²⁰⁴

Gideon Willis **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1930 in District 401, West Allis, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as follows:

Ridgely, Gideon Head 59 m. at age 35

¹¹⁹⁰1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

¹¹⁹¹Calhoun News Item: James Ridgely, *Olney Advocate*, Olney, Illinois, 3 March 1911. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Advocate*.

¹¹⁹²Data collected by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹¹⁹³Lynn, "Descendants of William Henry Ridgely", who gives the middle name as Louise from worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin?op=ctullous&id-I0567.

¹¹⁹⁴Data collected by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹¹⁹⁵Data collected by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹¹⁹⁶Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

¹¹⁹⁷Middle name added by Mrs. Mildred E. Willey.

¹¹⁹⁸Mrs. Florence Hervey corrected the birth date (from 17 Jan.).

¹¹⁹⁹Letter from Mildred E. Willey to Dan W. Olds; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹²⁰⁰Letter, Mildred E. Willey to Olds, She was Mrs. Nancy James at the time of this marriage.

¹²⁰¹1930 federal census of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on In 1930, his wife was still Luella.

¹²⁰²Letter, Mildred E. Willey to Olds, Name not given.

¹²⁰³death date added by Mrs. Mildred E. Willey.

¹²⁰⁴Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

, Louella wife 47 m. at age 23
, Ethel Mildred dau. 20 b. Iowa
, Emma dau. 17 b. Ill.
, Mary dau. 13 b. Minnesota
, Florence dau. 11 b. Minnesota.¹²⁰⁵

LUELLA MAY SHIRLEY^{1206,1207} was born on 1 Aug 1884.¹²⁰⁸ She died on 2 Feb 1932.¹²⁰⁹

NANCY CATHERINE CLODFELTER^{1210,1211} was born on 11 Jun 1890 in Illinois.¹²¹² She died on 29 Oct 1952 in Belleville, St. Clair, Illinois, at age 62; Nancy Catherine Ridgely, daughter of Manuel Clodfelter and _____ Harrison (she was therefore a granddaughter of John Harrison.) , was born 11 June 1890 in Ill. and died 29 Oct. 1952 in Belleville, Illinois. She was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Claremont, Richland County, Illinois.¹²¹³

100. ii. STELLA MAE RIDGELY¹²¹⁴ was born on 15 May 1873.¹²¹⁵ She married Grant (nmn) **Bogard** on 18 Feb 1900 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1216,1217} She died on 17 Mar 1959 at age 85.¹²¹⁸ She was buried on 20 Mar 1959 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.^{1219,1220}

"Mrs. Stella Bogard, age 85, the widow of Grant Bogard passed away early this morning at the St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur where she had been a patient for the past few days. She had made her home in Decatur with her daughter Mrs. Iris Jacobus since 1955.

"She leaves two daughters: Mrs. Iris Jacobus of Decatur and Mrs. Ana Marbry of Robinson. There are 3 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Minnie Weesner of Olney and a brother Gideon

¹²⁰⁵1930 federal census of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Microfilm image online.

¹²⁰⁶Letter, Mildred E. Willey to Olds.

¹²⁰⁷Letter from Florence Hervey to Dan W. Olds, July 1967, July 1969; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) , Full name added by Mrs. Hervey.

¹²⁰⁸Letter, Mildred E. Willey to Olds.

¹²⁰⁹Letter, Mildred E. Willey to Olds.

¹²¹⁰Letter, Mildred E. Willey to Olds, giving the name as Mrs. Nancy James at the time of this marriage.

¹²¹¹Illinois Death Records, adding the middle name.

¹²¹²Illinois Death Records.

¹²¹³Illinois Death Records.

¹²¹⁴Letter from Ana Marbry (Robinson, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 2 Feb. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹²¹⁵Full name and dates from Mrs. Ana Mabry.

¹²¹⁶Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, He was 34, she was 26.

¹²¹⁷Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Grant Bogard and Stella Mae Ridgely, 02/18/00, license 23, Book 3, p. 83. His parents were Alfred Bogard and Mary Clark. Hers were James Ridgely and Emma Hedrick.

¹²¹⁸Letter, Ana Marbry to Olds, 2 Feb. 1967.

¹²¹⁹Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery. The tombstone gives the years of birth and death.

¹²²⁰Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1822. Stella M. Bogard, a widow of West Salem, Illinois, was born in Decatur, Illinois and died 17 March 1959 of coronary occlusion at the age of 85 years. She was buried 20 March 1959. Iris Jacobs [sic] was her daughter.

Ridgely of Milwaukee, Wis.

"The body of Mrs. Bogard has been returned to Olney and taken to the Summers Funeral Home where arrangements for funeral services will be announced later. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon on Wednesday."¹²²¹

GRANT (NMN) **BOGARD**¹²²² was born on 13 Jan 1866.¹²²³ He died on 11 Jun 1955 at age 89.¹²²⁴ He was buried on 14 Jun 1955 in the Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.^{1225,1226}

"Grant Bogard, age 89, a former resident of Olney passed away on Saturday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Jacobus in Decatur. He had been failing in health for some time.

"Mr. Bogard was a native of Edwards county and operated a farm in Richland county for many years prior to his retirement. The family residence while in Olney was on South Whittle Ave.

"Mr. Bogard's survivors are his wife Stella and two daughters, Mrs. Ana Marbry of Lawrenceville and Mrs. Iris Jacobus of Decatur.

"There are three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mrs. Victoria Mercer of West Salem and Mrs. Vora Hodler of Zion are sisters.

"Funeral services for Mr. Bogard will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock in Memorial Chapel of the Summers-Wilson Funeral Home with the Rev. C. L. Riske officiating. Interment will be in the Moravian Cemetery.

"The family respectfully requests that flowers please be omitted."¹²²⁷

101. iii. **GEORGE ORRICK RIDGELY** was born on 24 Sep 1875.¹²²⁸ He died on 12 Jan 1876.¹²²⁹ He was buried in Ridgely Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois. These dates are from his tombstone which also bears the inscription "George O., son of J. and E. L. Ridgely."¹²³⁰
102. iv. **MINNIE RIDGELY**¹²³¹ was born on 19 Jul 1879.¹²³² She married John Henry **Weesner** on 22 Mar 1899; She was 19, he was 28.¹²³³ She died on

¹²²¹Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Mrs. Stella Bogard.

¹²²²Letter, Ana Marbry to Olds, 2 Feb. 1967, in which she supplied the full names and dates for the parents and birth dates for the children.

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¹²²⁴Letter, Ana Marbry to Olds, 2 Feb. 1967.

¹²²⁵Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery. The tombstone gives the years of birth and death.

¹²²⁶Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1726. Grant Bogard, a married man of Decatur, Illinois, died 11 June 1955 of pneumonia. He was buried 14 June 1955. His wife was Stella.

¹²²⁷Grant Bogard, 69, Dies in Decatur, *unknown short newspaper title*.

¹²²⁸Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery.

¹²²⁹Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery.

¹²³⁰Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery.

¹²³¹Data collected by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹²³²Data collected by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹²³³Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records.

2 Jun 1970 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois, at age 90.¹²³⁴ She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois. The marker gives the year of birth and death.¹²³⁵

"Mrs. Minnie Weesner, 90, of 413 E. North Avenue, passed away early this morning at the Burgin Nursing Home where she had been a patient for the past 3 months.

"A native of Edwards County, Mrs. Weesner was born the daughter of James and Emma Hedrick Ridgely. She was married to John H. Weesner and he passed away on September 10, 1949. She and her husband operated a farm in the Walnut Grove community for many years. She was a member of the Olney Church of Christ.

"She leaves a sister-in-law, Mrs. Chloe Weesner of Olney, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and infant son, one sister and three brothers: Mrs. Stella Bogard, Gid Ridgely, Lee Ridgely and Orlie Ridgely.

"Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock in the Walnut Grove Church with Bro. William Read officiating. Interment will be in the Church cemetery.

"Friends may call at the Summers-Rainey Funeral Home after 3 p.m. Wednesday."¹²³⁶

JOHN HENRY **WEESNER**¹²³⁷ was born on 27 Feb 1871. He died on 10 Sep 1949 at age 78. He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois. Birth and death dates are on the tombstone.¹²³⁸

103. v. **LEE D. RIDGELY** was born on 7 Sep 1887.¹²³⁹ He died on 26 Dec 1895 at age 8.¹²⁴⁰

39. LUCINDA³ RIDGELY (*Orrick², William Henry¹*) was born on 19 Jan 1851.¹²⁴¹ She married Andrew Lafayette **Hedrick**, son of George **Hedrick** and Fannie M. (*--?--*), on 13 Apr 1870 in

¹²³⁴Minnie Weesner, Age 90, of Olney Dies This Morning, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 2 June 1970, I also have a funeral card for her. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

¹²³⁵Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

¹²³⁶Minnie Weesner, Age 90, of Olney Dies This Morning, *Olney Daily Mail*, 2 June 1970.

¹²³⁷John Henry Weesner, funeral card, 10 Sept 1949. Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. This card adds his middle name and confirms the dates.

¹²³⁸Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

¹²³⁹He is buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery and these dates are from his tombstone which also bears the inscription "Lee D., son of J. and E. Ridgely."

¹²⁴⁰He is buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery and these dates are from his tombstone which also bears the inscription "Lee D., son of J. and E. Ridgely."

¹²⁴¹Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

Richland County, Illinois.^{1242,1243} She died on 5 Jan 1890 at age 38.^{1244,1245} She was buried in the Ridgely Family Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.¹²⁴⁶

On 27 Sept 1957, Lucinda Carl of Colorado Springs, Colorado, sent me the following transcript from the family Bible of her grandmother, Lucinda Ridgely Hedrick.

MARRIAGES

January 1st, 1872

New Year Present to Lucinda Hedrick From my Father Orrick Ridgely. Retail Price \$7.50

Orrick Ridgely and Nancy Harrison married Jan 2nd 1840

Andrew L. Hedrick married Lucinda Ridgely April 13, 1870

BIRTHS

My Father Orrick Ridgely was Borne Sept 13th 1817

Mother Nancy Ridgely was Born Jan 17th 1822

William H. Ridgely was Born Sept. 30 1840

George W. Ridgely was Born Mar 29th 1844

Hannah Ridgely was Born May 30th 1848

James Ridgely was Born Jan 21st 1850

Lucinda Ridgely was Born Dec 19th 1851

Russil Ridgely was Born June 28th 1859

The above is a Record of my Fathers Family

DEATHS

William H. Ridgley Departed this life Nov 27th 1840

Hannah Ridgley Departed this life March 20th 1849

Orrick Ridgley Departed this life Mar. 8th 1884

MEMORANDA

Andrew L. Hedrick was born Oct. 14th 1846

Lucinda Hedrick was born Dec 19th 1851

Arthur W. Hedrick was born January 28th 1871

Jersey Bell Hedrick was born February 28th 1873

Ira Orrick Hedrick was born August 28 1875

Bertha Albertine Hedrick was born Sept 29th 1883

The above are the things that my grandmother Lucinda Ridgely Hedrick wrote in the Bible I have. She also has a record of A. L. Hedrick's family. Notice she spelt Russil which I feel should be Russell.¹²⁴⁷ She is named as the wife of A. L. Hedrick in her father's will and as a deceased daughter in her mother's will. She is buried in the Ridgely Cemetery in Richland County and the

¹²⁴²Illinois Marriage Index online: Andrew L. Hedrick and Lucinda Ridgely, 04/13/1970. Richland County, Book 2, p. 91.

¹²⁴³Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Andrew L. Hedrick and Lucinda Ridgely, 04/13/70, license 77, Book 2, p. 91. Parents not listed.

¹²⁴⁴Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

¹²⁴⁵Death Record, Edwards County, Ill., She died 5 Jan. 1890 at 1 a.m., age 38 y, 18 d., of pneumonia, Edwards County Records, Albion, Edwards County, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as Edwards County Death Records.

¹²⁴⁶Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. Inscription: "Lucinda Hedrick, dau. of O. & N. Ridgely" with these dates.

¹²⁴⁷Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

dates of birth and death are on her tombstone.

ANDREW LAFAYETTE **HEDRICK** was born on 14 Oct 1846.¹²⁴⁸ He married Fannie (--?--).¹²⁴⁹ He died on 24 Nov 1944 at age 98.¹²⁵⁰ He was buried on 26 Nov 1944 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois. The inscription is "A. Lafe Hedrick, 1846 - 1944, Co. F, 152 Reg. Ill."^{1251,1252}

Children of Lucinda³ **Ridgely** and Andrew Lafayette **Hedrick** were as follows:

104. i. ARTHUR W.⁴ **HEDRICK**¹²⁵³ was born on 28 Jan 1871.¹²⁵⁴ He married Ophelia **Rash** on 6 Nov 1895 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1255,1256} He died on 19 May 1965 in Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois, at age 94.^{1257,1258} He was buried on 22 May 1965 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.^{1259,1260}

He and Ophelia **Rash** appeared on the census of 1930 in Salem Precinct, Edwards County, Illinois. He was age 59, first married at age 24, born in Illinois of parents born in Illinois. She was age 57, first married at age 23, born in Illinois of parents born in Kentucky. Their son, Troy C., at age 19 is listed but marked (ab)[absent].¹²⁶¹

"Arthur W. Hedrick 94, formerly of West Salem, passed away Wednesday afternoon at the Illinois Research Hospital in Galesburg.

¹²⁴⁸Letter from Lucinda Carl (Colorado Springs, Colorado) to Dow A. Ridgely, 3 Dec 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) . She copied the names and birth dates of the children of A. L. and Lucinda Hedrick from Lucinda Hedrick's Bible.

¹²⁴⁹He married a second time (per Mrs. Doris R. Olds). His wife's name is Fannie in the 1930 census of District 11, Salem Township, Edwards County, Ill.

¹²⁵⁰Dates and full name form Mrs. Lucinda Carl to Dow Ridgely, 3 Dec. 1966.

¹²⁵¹Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery.

¹²⁵²Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1456. Andrew L. Hedrick of West Salem, a married man, born in West Salem, Ill., 14 Oct 1846, died 24 Nov. 1944 of kidney poisoning, at the age of 98 years, 1 month and ten days. He was buried 26 Nov. 1944. Added notes say he was the last Civil War Veteran of Edwards County, that his 2nd wife was Fannie and also list the name Arthur [Hedrick, his son].

¹²⁵³Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

¹²⁵⁴Letter from Lucinda Carl (Colorado Springs, Colorado) to Dow A. Ridgely, Sept. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) . She copied the names and birth dates of the children of A. L. and Lucinda Hedrick from Lucinda Hedrick's Bible., Recorded in his mother's Bible.

¹²⁵⁵Illinois Marriage Index online: Arthur W. Hedrick and Ophelia Rash, 11/06/1895, from Richland County, Ill., Book 3, p. 26.

¹²⁵⁶Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Arthur W. Hedrick and Ophelia Rash, 11/06/95, license 147, Book 3, p. 26. His parents were A. L. Hedrick and Lucinda Ridgely. Hers were F. M. Rash and M. F. Devoid.

¹²⁵⁷His death date is on a chart sent to Dow A. Ridgely by Arthur Lee Hedrick.

¹²⁵⁸Arthur W. Hedrick, 94, Passes, *Olney Daily Mail?*, Olney, Illinois, May 1966. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail?*

¹²⁵⁹Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery. The years of birth and death are on the tombstone.

¹²⁶⁰Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1997. Arthur W. Hedrick, a widower of Galesburg, Illinois, was born 28 Jan 1871 at West Salem, Illinois, and died 19 May 1965 at the age of 94 years, 3 months and 13 days [a number, which should have been 22, has been marked out and replaced by 13]. He died of pneumonia. Lee and Tracy Hedrick were sons, Thelma Modrow was a daughter.

¹²⁶¹1930 federal census of Edwards County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

"Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Harold Modrow of Galesburg; two sons, Lee of Henderson, Ky., and Troy of Springfield; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

"Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the King-Ingram Funeral Home in West Salem, with Rev. Allen Lenius officiating. Burial will be in the Moravian Cemetery.

"Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. Friday."¹²⁶²

OPHELIA **RASH** was born on 10 Jul 1872. She died on 5 May 1937 at age 84. She was buried on 7 May 1937 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.¹²⁶³

105. ii. JERSEY BELL **HEDRICK**¹²⁶⁴ was born on 28 Feb 1873.^{1265,1266} She married George W. **Cunningham** on 24 Dec 1899.^{1267,1268} She died on 16 Jan 1938 at age 64.^{1269,1270}

Aunt Jessie got an early start making her own way in life after her mother died in 1890.¹²⁷¹ "You know she did not like her name and changed it to Jessie."¹²⁷²

GEORGE W. **CUNNINGHAM**^{1273,1274} was born on 30 Jul 1869.¹²⁷⁵ He died on 30 Nov 1947 at age 78.¹²⁷⁶ He was the son of Francis and Charity Cunningham.¹²⁷⁷

106. iii. IRA ORRICK **HEDRICK**¹²⁷⁸ was born on 28 Aug 1875.¹²⁷⁹ He married Sarah

¹²⁶²Arthur W. Hedrick, 94, Passes, *Olney Daily Mail?*, May 1966.

¹²⁶³Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1767. Ophelia Rash, a married woman of West Saliem, Illinois, was born 10 July 1872 in Oakland City, Indiana, and died 5 May 1937 of "attack" at the age of 84 years, 9 months, and 23 days. She was buried 7 May 1937. Her husband was Arthur and son was Lee.

¹²⁶⁴Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁶⁵Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁶⁶Letter from Anita (Hedrick) Mouser to Dow A. Ridgely, Dec. 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹²⁶⁷Illinois Marriage Index online: George W. Cunningham and Jessie Bell Hedrick, 12/24/1899, DeWitt County, Book D, p. 285.

¹²⁶⁸Letter from Evalyn Cunningham and Warren Cunningham (Waterloo, Iowa) to Dan W. Olds, July 1967; copy in my files (Spartanburg, South Carolina), They added the marriage date as 25 Dec. 1899.

¹²⁶⁹Letter, Anita (Hedrick) Mouser to Ridgely, Dec. 1966.

¹²⁷⁰Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967, "on Sunday at 5:45 a. m. in Wisc."

¹²⁷¹Letter, Anita (Hedrick) Mouser to Ridgely, Dec. 1966.

¹²⁷²Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, 23 Dec. 1966.

¹²⁷³Letter, Anita (Hedrick) Mouser to Ridgely, Dec. 1966.

¹²⁷⁴Illinois Marriage Index online: His middle initial is from the marriage index.

¹²⁷⁵Letter, Evalyn and Warren Cunningham to Olds, July 1967.

¹²⁷⁶Letter, Anita (Hedrick) Mouser to Ridgely, Dec. 1966.

¹²⁷⁷Letter, Evalyn and Warren Cunningham to Olds, July 1967.

¹²⁷⁸Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁷⁹Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

Ellen **Hubbell** on 7 Oct 1901 in Dewitt County, Illinois.^{1280,1281} He died on 28 Oct 1954 at age 79.¹²⁸² He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois.¹²⁸³

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Clinton, Illinois. He described himself as living on RFD 2, Wapella, Dewitt County, Illinois, age 43, born 28 Aug 1875, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with light blue eyes and had light brown hair. His closest relative was Sarah Ellen Hedrick, also of Wapella.¹²⁸⁴

SARAH ELLEN **HUBBELL**¹²⁸⁵ was born on 17 Jun 1874.¹²⁸⁶ She died on 14 Jun 1965.¹²⁸⁷ She was buried.¹²⁸⁸

107. iv. BERTHA ALBERTINE **HEDRICK**¹²⁸⁹ was born on 29 Sep 1884.^{1290,1291} She married John **Tracy** on 17 Jan 1905 in Seattle, King County, Washington.¹²⁹² She died on 28 Oct 1954 at age 70.¹²⁹³

JOHN **TRACY**¹²⁹⁴ was born on 21 Feb 1882 in Crystal Springs, Missouri.¹²⁹⁵

40. RUSSEL R.³ RIDGELY (Orrick², William Henry¹)¹²⁹⁶ was born on 26 Mar 1854.¹²⁹⁷ He married Margaret Jane **Keen**, daughter of George Washington **Keen** and Jane **Campbell**, on 7

¹²⁸⁰Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁸¹Illinois Marriage Index online: Ira Orrick Hedrick and Sarah Ellen Hubbell, 10/07/1901, Dewitt County, Book D, p. 312. This is the source of the marriage place.

¹²⁸²Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁸³Letter from Lucinda Carl (Colorado Springs, Colorado) to Dan W. Olds, Sept. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) . She copied the names and birth dates of the children of A. L. and Lucinca Hedrick from Lucinda Hedrick's Bible.

¹²⁸⁴Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹²⁸⁵Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁸⁶Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁸⁷Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁸⁸Letter, Lucinda Carl to Olds, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁸⁹Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁹⁰Letter from Pearl (Tracy) Marshall (Honolulu, Hawaii) to Dan W. Olds, Jan. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹²⁹¹Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967, She gave the birth date as 29 Sep. 1883, using Lucinda (Ridgely) Hedrick's Bible.

¹²⁹²Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁹³Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁹⁴Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁹⁵Letter, Lucinda Carl to Ridgely, Sept. 1967.

¹²⁹⁶He is mentioned in the wills of both of his parents. I added the middle initial from the WWI draft registration of his son, Ralph.

¹²⁹⁷Lucinda Hedrick family Bible.

May 1876.^{1298,1299} He died on 15 Feb 1928 at age 73. He was born at the family homestead and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Koertge, having lived entire life in Richland County, Ill.¹³⁰⁰ He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.¹³⁰¹

"Russel Ridgely, son of Orrick and Nancy Ridgely, was born at the family homestead, March 26, 1854, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Koertge, February 15, 1928, age 73 years, 10 months and 20 days, having lived his entire life in Richland county.

"He was married to Margaret Keen May 7, 1876, who preceded him to the great beyond January 3, 1923.

"To this union was born seven children: Nancy, having died in infancy; Hattie Rabe and Arthur E., both of Lamar, Colo.; Della Koertge, Dora Clodfelter, Ira D. and Ralph W., all of Parkersburg, Ill.

"He was converted in young manhood at Oak Grove. Then after he and his young wife established a home, he united with the Church of Christ at Berryville and since that time led a life of Christian activity and usefulness, never failing to lend a hand to his friends and neighbors in time of sickness, sorrow and need.

"He was afflicted with a complication of diseases for a number of years, and for the past few weeks had been confined to the homes of his children. February 7 he was confined to his bed and in one week quietly slipped away.

"He leaves to mourn his departure six children, fourteen grandchildren, one brother, a host of other relatives and friends.

"Heaven now retains our treasure

Earth her lonely vigil keeps

"And the sunshine loves to linger

Where our dear parents sleep."¹³⁰²

Russel R. **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1880 as follows:

Ridgely, Russel 25 b. Ill parents b. Ill

, Margaret 22 wife b. Ill. p. b. Ky.¹³⁰³

MARGARET JANE **KEEN**^{1304,1305} was born on 10 Oct 1857. The birth is given as 1856 in the 1900 census.^{1306,1307} She died on 3 Jan 1923 at age 65.^{1308,1309} She was buried on 6 Jan 1923 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹³¹⁰

Children of Russel R.³ **Ridgely** and Margaret Jane **Keen** were as follows:

¹²⁹⁸Homer E. Ridgely's papers, collected about 1932 copy in my files.

¹²⁹⁹Illinois Marriage Index online: This index gives the date of the license as 05/05/1876 from Wabash County Marriages Records, Vol. E, p. 7, No. 210.

¹³⁰⁰Obituary [Russel Ridgely], *Russel Ridgely obit*, Olney, Illinois, 1928. Hereinafter cited as The Olney Advocate.

¹³⁰¹Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery. These dates are on his stone.

¹³⁰²Obituary [Russel Ridgely], *The Olney Advocate*, 1928.

¹³⁰³1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

¹³⁰⁴Homer E. Ridgely's papers, collected about 1932 copy in my files.

¹³⁰⁵Margaret Jane Ridgely, Certificate of Death 2821, copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina, providing the full name. Hereinafter cited as Certificate of Death for Margaret Jane Ridgely.

¹³⁰⁶Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

¹³⁰⁷Margaret Jane Ridgely, Certificate of Death for Margaret Jane Ridgely.

¹³⁰⁸Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

¹³⁰⁹Margaret Jane Ridgely, Certificate of Death for Margaret Jane Ridgely.

¹³¹⁰Margaret Jane Ridgely, Certificate of Death for Margaret Jane Ridgely.

108. i. NANCY J.⁴ **RIDGELY**¹³¹¹ was born on 18 Nov 1878.¹³¹² She died on 23 May 1880 in Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois, at age 1. She is listed in the 1880 mortality census of Richland County, Illinois, as a female, age 1, b. Illinois, died in May of malarial fever which she had had for a month.¹³¹³
109. ii. HATTIE BELLE **RIDGELY**¹³¹⁴ was born on 23 Feb 1881 in Illinois. Her birth place is from the 1930 census.¹³¹⁵ She married Edward M. **Rabe** on 1 Sep 1903 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1316,1317,1318}

Hattie Belle **Ridgely** and Edward M. **Rabe** appeared on the census of 1930 in S. Main Street, Lamar, Prowers County, Colorado, as follows: Edward M. Rabe, age 54, and wife Hattie B., age 49. He was first married at age 27 and she was 22. He was born in Illinois, his father in Germany and his mother in Illinois. She and her parents were born in Illinois.¹³¹⁹ As of 1966, Hattie Belle **Ridgely** and Edward M. **Rabe** lived at Lamar, Prowers County, Colorado.¹³²⁰

- EDWARD M. **RABE**^{1321,1322} was born circa 1876.¹³²³
110. iii. ARTHUR EDWARD **RIDGELY**¹³²⁴ was born on 26 Sep 1883.^{1325,1326,1327} He

¹³¹¹Letter from Dow A. Ridgely and Flo Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Sept. 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹³¹²Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³¹³Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. Her stone reads: "Nancy J., daughter of R. R. and M. M. Ridgely' died 23 May 1880, aged 1 yr -?-". This indicates that Russell Ridgely had a middle initial R.

¹³¹⁴Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³¹⁵Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³¹⁶Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³¹⁷Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Edward M. Rabe and Hattie B. Ridgely, 09/01/03, license 99, Book 3, p. 131. His parents were August Rabe and _____ Hedrick. Hers were Russell Ridgely and _____ Keen. The same reference shows that August Rabe married Johanna Hedrick on 3 March 1870.

¹³¹⁸Taylor, *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Il.*, p. 249. Edward M. Rabe, 27, m. Miss Hattie Ridgely, 22, both of Parkersburg.

¹³¹⁹microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹³²⁰Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³²¹Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966, listed as Ed Rabe.

¹³²²microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com, listed as Edward M. Rabe.

¹³²³1930 federal census of Prowers County, Colorado. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on Listed as Edward M. Rabe.

¹³²⁴Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³²⁵Letter from Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 7 May 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), in which birth date is Sept. 25, 1883.

¹³²⁶Letter from Dow A. Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Sept 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), in which a form compiled by Dow A. Ridgely and Flo Ridgely gives the birth date as Sept 26, 1883.

¹³²⁷Letter from Christine (Ridgely) Warren (St. Paul, Minnesota) to Dan W. Olds, 25 July 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), in which she, also, corrected the birth date

married Lenora **Gaddey** before 1909.^{1328,1329} He and Lenora were divorced.¹³³⁰ He married Fern **Ward** on 5 Sep 1923.¹³³¹ He died on 8 May 1948 at age 64.^{1332,1333}

"On Friday evening, Sept. 26, a number of friends gathered at the home of Arthur Ridgely, on the Morgan farm, three-fourths of a mile north of Gates, and gave him a surprise the occasion of which being his thirtieth birthday. Thirty-four guests being present, the evening was spent as a pleasant one. The guests were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koertge
Mr. and Mrs. Clem Cunningham
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bunting
Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Cook
Mrs. Eichorst and family
Mr. and Mrs. Will Ulrich
Mrs. Gaddy, Charles and Lena
Mr. and Mrs. Dodds

Forest Baker.¹³³⁴ He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918. He described himself as living at Lamar, Prowers County, Colorado, age 34, born 26 Sept 1883, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with blue eyes and had dark hair. His closest relative was Margaret Ridgely of Parkersburg, Illinois. He signed as Arthur Edward Ridgely.¹³³⁵

LENORA **GADDEY**¹³³⁶ was born on 4 Jul 1886.¹³³⁷
FERN **WARD**¹³³⁸ was born on 27 Jul 1891.¹³³⁹

from 25 to 26 Sept."

¹³²⁸Letter, Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter to Olds, 7 May 1967.

¹³²⁹What is my source for the name Lenora rather than Nora?

¹³³⁰Letter, Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter to Olds, 7 May 1967.

¹³³¹Letter, Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter to Olds, 7 May 1967.

¹³³²Letter, Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter to Olds, 7 May 1967.

¹³³³Letter from Geneva Mewes (Bone Gap, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Aug. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) . She returned my typed form with several additions and corrections., who added the day for the death date.

¹³³⁴A Surprise, *Olney Advocate*, Olney, Illinois, 9 Oct 1913, typed copy made by Helen Reed. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Advocate*.

¹³³⁵Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹³³⁶Letter, Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter to Olds, 7 May 1967, and her name is given as Lenora (rather than Nora) in the Richland Co. birth record of her first child.

¹³³⁷Letter, Christine (Ridgely) Warren to Olds, 25 July 1967, "My Mother's birth date was July 4, 1886 and she is still living. Her maiden name is spelled "Gaddey". [I had Gaddy in the material I sent to Christine.]

¹³³⁸Letter, Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter to Olds, 7 May 1967.

¹³³⁹Letter, Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter to Olds, 7 May 1967.

111. iv. DELLA ANN **RIDGELY**¹³⁴⁰ was born on 25 Feb 1888.^{1341,1342} She married (1) George Paul **Koertge**, son of Peter Christian August **Koertge** and Sarah **Koehler**, on 23 Oct 1907 in Richland County, Illinois. He was 24, she was 20.^{1343,1344,1345} She died on 6 Jan 1947 at age 58.¹³⁴⁶ She was buried on 8 Jan 1947 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.^{1347,1348}

"Mrs. Della Koertge, age 58, the wife of George Koertge, passed away yesterday afternoon at the family home in Bonpas township following a short illness.

"Mrs. Koertge is survived by her husband, five daughters and three sons. Also surviving is one sister, Mrs. Clark Clodfelter of Bonpas township, and two brothers, Arthur Ridgeley [sic] and Ralph Ridgeley of Bonpas township.

"Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at the West Salem Evangelical United Brethren church with Rev. Hall in charge and interment will be in the Moravian cemetery in West Salem.

"The body was removed this afternoon from the King Funeral Home in West Salem to the Koertge home in Bonpas township, where it will remain until time for the services."¹³⁴⁹

GEORGE PAUL **KOERTGE**¹³⁵⁰ was born on 2 Jul 1883.¹³⁵¹ He married (2) Mary Blanche **Schmidt**, daughter of Henry **Schmidt** and Olga **Overfield**, in 1950.¹³⁵² He married (3) Ruth M. **Lynch**, daughter of Charles **Lynch** and Mary E. **Paullins**, on 24 Dec 1961.¹³⁵³ He died on 28 Feb 1963 at age 79.¹³⁵⁴ He was buried on 2 Mar 1963 in Moravian

¹³⁴⁰Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁴¹Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁴²Letter, Geneva Mewes to Olds, Aug. 1967.

¹³⁴³Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁴⁴Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records.

¹³⁴⁵Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, George Koertge and Della Ridgely, 10/23/07, license 144, Book 3, p. 193. His parents were August Koertge and Sarah Kohler. Hers were R. R. Ridgley and Margaret Keen.

¹³⁴⁶Letter, Geneva Mewes to Olds, Aug. 1967, changing the death date from 5 Jan in the material I sent to her.

¹³⁴⁷Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery. The full dates are on the tombstone.

¹³⁴⁸Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1514. Della Koertge, a married woman, maiden name Ridgely, born in Parkersburg, Illinois, 26 Feb. 1888, died 6 Jan 1947, age 58 years, 10 months, 11 days, of high blood pressure. Her husband was George P. Koertge. She was buried 8 Jan 1947.

¹³⁴⁹Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Mrs. George Koertge.

¹³⁵⁰Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁵¹Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁵²Obituary, George P. Koertge, *Olney Daily Mail?*, Olney, Illinois, March 1963. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail?*

¹³⁵³Ruth M. Koertge, 77, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 3 Oct 1981. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

¹³⁵⁴Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.^{1355,1356} He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living on RR 1, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, age 35, born 2 July 1883, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with gray eyes and had dark hair. His closest relative was Della Koertge, also of RR1, Parkerburg.¹³⁵⁷

"George P. Koertge, 79, Olney, died last night at his home at 230 N. Lincoln. He is survived by his wife, Ruth.

"Also surviving are three sons, Russell of West Salem, Robert of Bone Gap, and George Jr., of Parkersburg; five daughters, Mrs. Katherine White of Normal, Mrs. Geneva Mewes of Bone Gap, Mrs. Neomi Fishel of West Salem, Mrs. Irene Kollack of Albion, and Mrs. Winnie Dorney of Sumner; three sisters, Mrs. Ola Rothrock of West Salem, and Mrs. Ella Findley and Dora Koertge, both of Olney, twenty-four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

"Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Oak Grove EUB church, Rev. Buford Helm officiating. Burial will be in the Moravian cemetery, West Salem. Friends may call at the King Funeral Home in West Salem after 4 p.m. today."¹³⁵⁸

"George P. Koertge was born July 2, 1883 and departed this life Feb. 28, 1963, 7:30 at his home, 220 N. Lincoln, Olney, Illinois at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 26 days. He was the son of August Koertge and Sarah Koehle Koertge.

"On Oct. 23, 1907, he was united in marriage to Della Ridgley. To this union 8 children were born: 3 sons, Russell August, West Salem, Ill., Robert Allen, Bone Gap, Ill. and George Paul, Jr., Parkersburg, Ill.; 5 daughters; Katherine (Mrs. Gordon B. White) Normal, Ill., Geneva (Mrs. Fred R. Mewes) Bone Gap, Ill., Neomi (Mrs. Walter Fishel) West Salem, Ill., Irene (Mrs. Ernie Kollach), Albion, Ill., Winnie (Mrs. Wayne Dorney), Sumner, Ill. Three sisters survive, Mrs. Ola Rothrock, West Salem, Ill., Mrs. Ella Finley and Dora Koertge, both of Olney, Ill. Also 24 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

"After the death of his first wife Jan. 6, 1947, George married Blanche Ridgley, in 1950. Their union continued to Feb. 7, 1961, when Blanche passed away. After this George was married to Ruth Walden who survives him.

"George was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Alma Welford, Dec. 27, 1962. Also 2 grandchildren, Jack and Patricia Koertge.

"At an early age George confessed Christ as his Saviour at Oak Grove Church, near Parkersburg, Ill. This church continued to be the family's place of worship and Christian service while the children were being raised and continued to be for George until his passing. George was a devoted worker in the church and will be greatly missed by his friends as well as his children, wife and relatives.

"He was devoted to his family first for their spiritual welfare and also for

¹³⁵⁵Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery. The full dates are on the tombstone.

¹³⁵⁶Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1933. George P. Koertge, a married man of Olney, Illinois, was born in Richland County. He died 28 Feb. 1963 of myocardial infarction at the age of 79 years 7 months and 26 days. Russell was his son and Neoma Fishel his daughter.

¹³⁵⁷Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹³⁵⁸Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obit for George P. Koertge.

their temporal well-being. He was generous in giving, but very conscientious not willing for anything to be wasted. He was kind and generous to his pastor and we are blessed in our hearts and life by having come to know George and his family whom we shall always remember with tenderness and Christian love.

"Funeral services were held at the Oak Grove EUB church Saturday at 1:30. Rev. Buford Helm officiating. Burial was in the Moravian cemetery, West Salem, Ill.

"Pall bearers were Kenneth Mewes, Ivan Case, James White, L. D. Rothrock, Frank Rothrock, and Joe Rothrock. Grandchildren assisted with the flowers.

"CARD OF THANKS.

"We want to express our thanks and appreciation for the kindness and many expressions of sympathy extended in the loss of our husband and father, George P. Koertge. May God bless your for your thoughtfulness.

The Family."¹³⁵⁹

112. v. DORA MAY RIDGELY¹³⁶⁰ was born on 25 Jun 1890 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1361,1362} She married Clark Osman **Clodfelter**, son of Edwin **Clodfelter** and Mary **Yonaka**, on 28 Jan 1914 in Richland County, Illinois; "Miss Dora Ridgley & Clark Clodfelter m. Jan. 28 1914 at bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ridgley. The groom is son of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Clodfelter" (Taylor, *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Il.*, p. 309.).^{1363,1364} She died on 28 Dec 1948 in Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, at age 58.^{1365,1366} She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹³⁶⁷ CLARK OSMAN **CLODFELTER**¹³⁶⁸ was born on 20 Feb 1891.¹³⁶⁹ He died on 20 Oct 1953 in Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois, at age 62.^{1370,1371} He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹³⁷² He registered with the World War I Selective Service

¹³⁵⁹Obituary, George P. Koertge, *Olney Daily Mail?*, March 1963.

¹³⁶⁰Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁶¹Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966, although the 1900 census shows her birth year as 1891.

¹³⁶²Descendants of Dora May Ridgely comp. by Donald Stevens, computer printout, 10 Aug 2005, personal files, Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, which adds the place of birth.

¹³⁶³Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹³⁶⁴Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Clark O. Clodfelter and Dora Ridgley, 01/28/14, license 10, Book 4, p. 205. His parents were Edwin Clodfelter and Lucy Yonake. Hers were Russell Ridgley and M. Kemp? [sic].

¹³⁶⁵Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁶⁶Descendants of Dora May Ridgely comp. by Donald Stevens, computer printout, 10 Aug 2005 personal files, which adds the place of death.

¹³⁶⁷The full dates are on the tombstone.

¹³⁶⁸Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹³⁶⁹Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹³⁷⁰Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹³⁷¹Descendants of Dora May Ridgely comp. by Donald Stevens, computer printout, 10 Aug 2005 personal files, which adds the place of death.

¹³⁷²Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery. The full dates are on the tombstone.

113. vi. IRA DENNIS **RIDGELY**^{1374,1375} was born on 24 Jan 1894.¹³⁷⁶ He married Mary Blanche **Schmidt**, daughter of Henry **Schmidt** and Olga **Overfield**, on 29 Feb 1916.¹³⁷⁷ He died on 6 Jan 1935 in Olney Sanatorium, Olney, Richland County, Illinois, at age 40.^{1378,1379} He was buried on 8 Jan 1935 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹³⁸⁰ He was buried on 26 Aug 1961 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.^{1381,1382}

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 5 Jun 1917 in Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living on RR#1, Parkersburg, Illinois, age 23, born 24 Jan 1894 at Parkersburg, and his occupation was farming for himself in Bonpas [township]. He was short in height, medium in build, with gray eyes and had brown hair. He had a wife and baby on the basis of which he claimed exemption from the draft.¹³⁸³

MARY BLANCHE **SCHMIDT**^{1384,1385} was born on 30 Dec 1896.¹³⁸⁶ She married George Paul **Koertge**, son of Peter Christian August **Koertge** and Sarah **Koehler**, in 1950.¹³⁸⁷ She died on 7 Feb 1961.¹³⁸⁸ She was buried on 10 Feb 1961 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County,

¹³⁷³Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹³⁷⁴Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁷⁵His middle name was added by Mrs. Verity Clodfelter, May 1967.

¹³⁷⁶Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966, giving 24 Feb. 1894 although his draft registration card gives 24 Jan 1894 and so does his burial record.

¹³⁷⁷Letter, Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter to Olds, 7 May 1967.

¹³⁷⁸Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁷⁹Maranda (Bowers) Ridgely, family clippings and notes, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, in which an obituary says he died of acute diabetes at the Olney sanitarium.

¹³⁸⁰Ira D. Ridgely, Certificate of Death 3429 (6 Jan 1935), copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Hereinafter cited as Certificate of Death for Ira D. Ridgely.

¹³⁸¹Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery.

¹³⁸²Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1893. Ira Ridgely, a married man of Richland County, was born in Richland County, Illinois, on "1-24-1894" and died 6 Jan 1935 of acute diabetes at the age of 40 years 11 months and 12 days. He was buried 26 Aug 1961. His wife was M. Blanche and his daughter was Imogene Fishel. This is listed among burials during the year 1961 and thus must represent a re-burial after the death of his wife.

¹³⁸³Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹³⁸⁴Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹³⁸⁵Schmidt family, Computer printout labelled "SCHMIDT from N. Lynn brought by Carol Rose", 28 Aug 1985, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, from which I added her first name, Mary.

¹³⁸⁶Letter, Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter to Olds, 7 May 1967.

¹³⁸⁷Obituary, George P. Koertge, *Olney Daily Mail?*, March 1963.

¹³⁸⁸Letter, Mrs. Raymond Clodfelter to Olds, 7 May 1967.

Illinois.^{1389,1390}

"BLANCH KOERTGE, OAK GROVE, DIES"

"Mrs. Blanch [sic] Ridgley [sic] Koertge, 64, of the Oak Grove community, passed away last night at Richland Memorial Hospital.

"Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Oak Grove EUB Church, with burial in the Moravian Cemetery of West Salem.

"Friends may call after Thursday noon at the King Funeral Home in West Salem

"She is survived by her husband, George; a daughter, Mrs. Imogene Fishel of West Salem; eight stepchilddren, Mrs. Katherine White of Champaign, Mrs. Geneva Mewes, Mrs. Irene Kollak and Robert Koertge, all of Bone Gap, Mrs. Naomi Fishel and Russell Koertge, both of West Salem, Mrs. Minnie Dorney of Sumner and George Koertge, Jr., of Parkersburg; and several grandchildren.

"Also her mother, Mrs. Olga Schmidt of West Salem; and two sisters Mrs. Florence Berlin of Sumner rural route, and Mrs. Dora Markman of West Salem."¹³⁹¹

114. vii. RALPH WALLACE **RIDGELY**¹³⁹² was born on 24 Dec 1898.¹³⁹³ He married Addie **Koertge**, daughter of Herman **Koertge** and Josephine **Summerfield**, on 1 Mar 1919.¹³⁹⁴ He and Addie were divorced in 1931.¹³⁹⁵ He married Flo Amanda **Reckling**, daughter of Ezra **Reckling** and Elizabeth **Boewe**, on 25 May 1931.^{1396,1397} He died on 8 Jul 1950 at age 51.¹³⁹⁸ He was buried on 10 Jul 1950 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.^{1399,1400}

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living on RR#1, Parkersburg, Illinois, age 19, born 24 Dec 1898, and his occupation was farming for himself and Russell R. Ridgely. He was medium in height, medium in build, with brown eyes and had black hair. His closest relative was Russell R. Ridgely, also of RR#1, Parkersburg. He signed as Ralph W.

¹³⁸⁹Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery.

¹³⁹⁰Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1875. Mary Blanche Koertge, a married woman of Parkersburg, Illinois, maiden name Schmidt, was born in Parkersburg and died 7 Feb 1961 of a blood clot at the age of 64 years, 1 month, 8 days. She was buried 10 Feb. 1961. Her first husband was Ira Ridgely and her second was George Koertge. Imogene Fishel was a daughter.

¹³⁹¹Blanch Koertge, Oak Grove, Dies, *Olney Daily Mail?*, Olney, Illinois, Feb. 1961. Hereinafter cited as Olney Daily Mail?

¹³⁹²Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁹³Letter, Dow and Flo Ridgely to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹³⁹⁴Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹³⁹⁵Among the notes made by Doris Olds.

¹³⁹⁶Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹³⁹⁷Flo Ridgely, 93, *unknown newspaper title*, unknown location, from which I added the marriage date.

¹³⁹⁸Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹³⁹⁹Tombstone, Moravian Cemetery. The full dates are on the tombstone.

¹⁴⁰⁰Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1591. Ralph W. Ridgely, of Richland County, Ill., a married man, born 24 Dec. 1898, in Richland County, Illinois, died 8 July 1950 at the age of 51 years, 6 months, 15 days, of a heart attack. He was buried 10 July 1950. His wife was Flo.

Ridgley.¹⁴⁰¹

By 1930, this family appears to have broken up. Addie K. Ridgley, age 32, first married at age 21, b. Illinois, was listed as a servant in the household of Max R. Hill in Vincennes, Knox County, IN. Ralph Ridgley, age 30, b. Ill, first married at age 20, was listed as a servant in the household of Leslie Calhoun in McLean County, Ill. M. Josephine Ridgely, age 9, was listed in the household of Harmon C. and M. Josephine Koertge of Bonpas Township, Richland Co., Ill. as a granddaughter. Lee M. Ridgley, age 8, was listed as a nephew in the family of Ira D. and Blanch M. Ridgely, also in Bonpas Township. Doris Olds, among her notes, has one that says Ralph was divorced in 1931.

ADDIE **KOERTGE**¹⁴⁰² married (--?--) **Ziegler** after 1931.¹⁴⁰³

FLO AMANDA **RECKLING**¹⁴⁰⁴ was born on 16 Mar 1901.¹⁴⁰⁵ She died on 7 Mar 1995 at age 93.¹⁴⁰⁶ "Flo Ridgely, 93

"Services for Flo Ridgely, 93, of Parkersburg, were held at 2 p.m., Friday, at Zion United Methodist Church in West Salem.

"Mrs. Ridgely died at 6:10 a.m., Tuesday, March 7, 1995 at Burgin Manor in Olney.

"Surviving are 3 daughters, Marie McDowell of Calhoun, Mrs. Don (Mildred) Sams of Freemont, Calif. and Mrs. Robert (Juanita) Judge of Sycamore, Ill.; one son Lee Ridgely of Jasonville, Ind., 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

"Mrs. Ridgely was a retired school teacher and a member of the Zion United Methodist Church of West Salem.

"Born March 16, 1901 in Richland County, her parents were Ezra and Elizabeth Boewe Reckling. She was married May 25, 1931 to Ralph W. Ridgely, who died July 8, 1950.

"She was also preceded by her parents, four brothers, Stuart, Conrad, Herbert and Havilla Reckling; three sisters, Lucy Baker, Bernice Reckling, Tressie Clodfelter, one grand daughter and one son-in-law.

"Rev. Loretta Cummins and Rev. Leroy Allison officiated with burial in Moravian Cemetery at West Salem. Ingram Funeral Home of West Salem was in charge of the arrangements."¹⁴⁰⁷

41. IRA³ RIDGELY (*Orrick², William Henry¹*) was born on 28 Jun 1859.¹⁴⁰⁸ He married Nancy

¹⁴⁰¹Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁴⁰²Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹⁴⁰³Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Josephine Koertge.

¹⁴⁰⁴Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹⁴⁰⁵Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹⁴⁰⁶Flo Ridgely, 93, *unknown short newspaper title*, from a copy sent by Marie Patterson, 6 June 2005.

¹⁴⁰⁷Flo Ridgely, 93, *unknown short newspaper title*, from a copy sent by Marie Patterson, 6 June 2005. We are not sure how the count of 22 great-grandchildren is achieved. In a letter of 12 July 2005, Marie said: "On Mother's great grandchildren I can only come up with 21 at the time of her death. That is counting Wallace's step children and a son, Val Joe that Joe Smith had before he and Doris were married. I am thinking that one of Wallace's step children was married and had a baby. Maybe that is the way we got 22 great grandchildren. When Daddy and Addie were divorced Daddy took Lee and she took Margaret Josephine. Margaret Josephine and Lee [saw] very little of each other after that."

¹⁴⁰⁸Data supplied by Dow A. Ridgely.

Ellen **Jones** on 12 Feb 1879 in Richland County, Illinois.¹⁴⁰⁹ He died on 15 Dec 1893 at age 34.¹⁴¹⁰ He was buried in the Ridgely Family Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁴¹¹

Ira **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1880 as follows:

Ridgely, Ira 20 b. Ill, parents b. NY[?]

, Ellen 17 wife b. Ill. parents b. KY

, Dow 6/12 son b.Ill. parents b. Ill.¹⁴¹² Ira Ridgely was a kind, generous man and good

to his family. He had a tinner make an ice cream freezer and some Sunday afternoons made ice cream for his family. This was a very special treat, because ice cream was not yet a common food. On the Saturday preceding his death (a cold winter day) he had a heavy chest cold and should have remained in the house. Instead, he hitched the team to the open express wagon and took his two sons to West Salem to buy them more winter clothing. He contracted fatal pneumonia. He had never been a very strong man and tired easily.

He kept good horses (a pure Clydesdale team, for example) and good farm machinery. Novelty appealed to him. Once he had two matched teams of oxen -- a red pair (Tom and Jerry) and a roan pair (Buck and Bessy). They were used for farm labor, of course.

At one time, he formed a live stock shipping company together with A. L. Hedrick and _____, but his financial ventures were not successful. Although he did not aspire to public office, he was both a district school board member and district road overseer when he died. He did not use liquor or tobacco in any form. [Biographical paragraphs written for me by Dow A. Ridgely].¹⁴¹³

NANCY ELLEN **JONES**¹⁴¹⁴ was born on 14 Jun 1862. She died on 28 Jun 1932 at age 70.¹⁴¹⁵ She was buried in Ridgely Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁴¹⁶

Children of Ira³ **Ridgely** and Nancy Ellen **Jones** were as follows:

115. i. DOW A.⁴ **RIDGELY**¹⁴¹⁷ was born on 30 Nov 1879.¹⁴¹⁸ He married Pearl C. **Forney**, daughter of John M. **Forney** and Delila (--?--), on 6 Nov 1907 in

¹⁴⁰⁹Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Ira Ridgely and Nancy E. Jones, 02/12/79, license 21, Book 2 p. 168. His parents were "Orich" Ridgely and Nancy Harrison. Hers were Henry D. Jones and Nancy Anderson.

¹⁴¹⁰Data supplied by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹⁴¹¹Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. These dates are from Dow Ridgely. His former stone in the Ridgely cemetery was inscribed "Ira Ridgely, d. Dec. 15, 1893, aged 34 yr. 5 m. 17 d.". The current stone gives the dates as 1859 - 1893.

¹⁴¹²1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

¹⁴¹³Letter from Dow A. Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 30 Jan 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina) . A statement about Ira Ridgely that Dow wrote for me.

¹⁴¹⁴Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, Book 2, p. 168: Ira Ridgely and Nancy E. Jones.

¹⁴¹⁵Illinois Death Records, where the date is given as 25 June 1932. However, I have a correction from Dow Ridgely in which he changed a typed 25 June to a 28 June.

¹⁴¹⁶Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery.

¹⁴¹⁷Data supplied by Dow A. Ridgely. He wrote that he had no middle name, only the initial.

¹⁴¹⁸Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

Richland County, Illinois.^{1419,1420} He died on 31 Dec 1975 at age 96.¹⁴²¹ He was buried on 2 Jan 1976 in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.^{1422,1423}

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living on RR1, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, age 38, born 30 Nov 1879, and his occupation was minister and farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with blue eyes and had dark hair. His closest relative was Pearl C. Ridgely also of RR 1, Parkersburg.¹⁴²⁴ Dow was a school teacher and an active leader in the Church of the Brethren. He was my school teacher for a year at Kimmel School. His beard, black Brethren dress and strong moral code created a lasting memory. He was a very conscientious man who paid careful attention to detail and spent his life in unassuming service to the community.

In Sept. 1966 as I began collecting material on all descendants of William Henry Ridgely, I found that he had already prepared material on most of the descendants of Orrick Ridgely. This material and his continuing interest, encouragement and aid kept the project alive. As a family patriarch by this time, he was able to locate and make contact with representatives in the various branches of the family who were willing to help by providing further data.

"Dow A. Ridgely, 96, of Parkersburg, passed away Wednesday at his home.

Surviving are two daughter [sic], Ilene Ridgely of Parkersburg and Mrs. Russell Polzin of Saginaw, Mich.; three sons, Claybourne Ridgely of Schererville, Ind.[,] Kenneth Ridgely and Daniel Ridgely, both of Parkersburg; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 1:30 this afternoon at the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren, with burial in the church cemetery.

The Ingram Funeral Home, West Salem, was in charge.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl Forney Ridgely, in 1966, and two daughters Carroll[sic] and Irene.

Mr. Ridgely was an elder and minister of the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren, Martin Creek, and LaMotte Prairie churches.

He was Secretary of the Church of the Brethren in Southern Illinois, and a member of the Historical Committee for seven years.

He was a farmer and taught school in rural schools for 27 years.

Mr. Ridgely was born in Bonpas Township Nov. 30, 1879.

The greater part of his life was spent in Richland County.

Those wishing to make contributions in his memory are asked to do so in the form of donations to CROP."¹⁴²⁵

¹⁴¹⁹Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹⁴²⁰Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Dow A. Ridgely and Pearl C. Forney, 6 Nov 1907, license 155, Book 3, p. 193. His parents were Ira Ridgely and Nancy E. Jones. Hers were John M. Forney and Delilah F. Berg.

¹⁴²¹Dow A. Ridgely, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 2 Jan 1976. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

¹⁴²²Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

¹⁴²³Dow A. Ridgely, funeral card, 2 Jan 1976. copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

¹⁴²⁴Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁴²⁵Dow A. Ridgely, *Olney Daily Mail*, 2 Jan 1976.

PEARL C. **FORNEY**¹⁴²⁶ was born on 5 Jan 1886.¹⁴²⁷ She died on 13 Mar 1966.¹⁴²⁸ She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁴²⁹

"Mrs. Pearl Ridgely, 80, of Parkersburg, passed away Sunday at Richland Memorial Hospital.

"Surviving are her husband, Dow; three sons, Clayburn, of Sherville [sic], Ind.; and Kenneth and Daniel, both of Parkersburg; two daughters, Mrs. Russel Polyin [sic] of Saginaw, Mich., and Ilene Ridgely of Parkersburg; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"Services will be at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren, with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Sister Harriet Bright will officiate.

"Friends may call after 4 o'clock this evening at the King & Ingram Funeral Home in West Salem."¹⁴³⁰

116. ii. WILLIS E. (NMN) **RIDGELY**¹⁴³¹ was born on 26 Jul 1882.¹⁴³² He married Effie S. **Hill**, daughter of Basil **Hill** and Sophia **Brash**, on 29 Nov 1922 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁴³³ He died on 6 May 1958 at age 75.¹⁴³⁴ He was buried in Ridgely Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁴³⁵

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918. He described himself as living on RR1, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois, age 36, born 26 July 1882, and his occupation was raising cattle and hogs and farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with blue eyes and had dark hair. His closest relative was Mrs. Nancy Ellen Ridgely, also of RR1, Parkersburg.¹⁴³⁶ They had no children.

EFFIE S. HILL¹⁴³⁷ was born on 27 Sep 1889.¹⁴³⁸ She died on 30 Mar

¹⁴²⁶Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹⁴²⁷Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹⁴²⁸Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, Sept 1966.

¹⁴²⁹Tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery.

¹⁴³⁰Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Pearl Ridgely.

¹⁴³¹Data supplied by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹⁴³²Data supplied by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹⁴³³Letter from Dow A. Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 21 May 1968; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), enclosing an old record made on a piece of lined writing tablet paper which says "At Olney, Ill. on Wed. Nov. 29th, 1922 at 3 o'clock p.m. R. B. Witcher County Judge of Richland County said the words that united Willis E. Ridgely [sic] and Miss Effie S. Hill of Lawrence Co. in holy matrimony."

¹⁴³⁴Data supplied by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹⁴³⁵Data from Dow A. Ridgely.

¹⁴³⁶Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁴³⁷Data from Dow Ridgely, using death and marriage records. Her father, Basil Hill, was born in England and her mother, Sophia Brash, was born in Germany.

¹⁴³⁸Letter from Dow A. Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 9 Oct 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), in which he reported information from (Lawrence County?) Death Records, Book 7. Effie S. Ridgely, born Sept. 27, 1889, died March 30, 1947, age 57 years, 6 months 3 days. Her father, Basil Hill, was born in England and her mother Sophia Brash was born in Germany. She was

1947 at age 57.¹⁴³⁹ She was buried in Chapel Cemetery, Lawrence County, Illinois.¹⁴⁴⁰

"Mrs. Effie Hill Ridgely, daughter of Basil and Lottie Hill, was born September 27, 1889 and departed this life at her home March 30, 1947, after a brief illness. She had been in poor health the past few years yet her death was a shock to the community. She was a patient sufferer and during her illness told her relatives and friends as they gathered around her bedside that she was going to the "Beautiful Place" and that she was ready to go. She was a member of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church which she attended when the church was in existence.

"In November 1921, she was united marriage to Willis Ridgely, who with two sisters, Mrs. Dena Hughes and Mrs. Elma Cloud, and one brother, Marion, and a number of relatives and friends mour[n] her departure. Her father preceded her in death many years ago and her mother nearly five years ago. Effie was her mother's constant attendant the twenty-three years she made her home with them. One brother, Dave, and one sister, Cora, also preceded her in death.

"She was a faithful companion and quoting a neighbor who said "Effie was a good neighbor and never too busy to help when we had sickness."¹⁴⁴¹

117. iii. ORRICK NELSON **RIDGELY**¹⁴⁴² was born on 17 Aug 1886.¹⁴⁴³ He died on 30 Sep 1890 at age 4.¹⁴⁴⁴ He was buried in Ridgely Cemetery, Bonpas Township, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁴⁴⁵

42. GEORGE ALBERT³ RIDGELY (*Abel², William Henry¹*)¹⁴⁴⁶ was born on 16 Oct 1852.^{1447,1448} He married Martha Ann **Madding** on 18 Apr 1878 in Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁴⁴⁹ He died on 14

buried in Chapel Cemetery, Lawrence County, Illinois.

¹⁴³⁹Letter, Dow A. Ridgely to Olds, 9 Oct 1967, in which he reported information from (Lawrence County?) Death Records, Book 7. Effie S. Ridgely, born Sept. 27, 1889, died March 30, 1947, age 57 years, 6 months 3 days. Her father, Basil Hill, was born in England and her mother Sophia Brash was born in Germany. She was buried in Chapel Cemetery, Lawrence County, Illinois.

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¹⁴⁴¹Letter from Dow A. Ridgely (Parkersburg, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 2 Jan 1968; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), which included a typed copy of this obituary.

¹⁴⁴²Data supplied by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹⁴⁴³Data supplied by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹⁴⁴⁴Data supplied by Dow A. Ridgely.

¹⁴⁴⁵Tombstone, Ridgely Cemetery. His stone is inscribed "Orrick Ridgely 1886 - 1890."

¹⁴⁴⁶Letter from Margaret Dalby (Gary, Indiana) to Dan W. Olds, 8 Jan 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), in which she supplied the name of George Albert, his wife and children.

¹⁴⁴⁷Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The dates are on the tombstone.

¹⁴⁴⁸According to the 1900 census of Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois, he was born in Nov. 1852.

¹⁴⁴⁹Loose marriage certificates, Edwards County (Xerox Copy).

Apr 1927 at age 74.¹⁴⁵⁰ He was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁴⁵¹

He completed 8th grade in a country school and was a tireless reader. He raised his family near Center School, Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois, where he lived until his death.¹⁴⁵²

George Albert **Ridgely** and Martha Ann (--?--) appeared on the census of 1880 in Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows:

Ridgely, George 27 b. in Illinois, father b. in Ill., mother b. in N. C.

, Martha A. 23 wife b. Illinois, father b. Ill., mother b. Ky.
, Edgar 10/12 b. July.¹⁴⁵³

George Albert **Ridgely** and Martha Ann (--?--) appeared on the census of 16 Jun 1900 in Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows:

Ridgely, George A., b. Nov. 1853, 47, married 22 years, b. Ill, farmer

, Martha, wife, b. Jun 1854, 45, married 22 years, b. Ill.

, Edgar A., son, b. July 1879, age 20

, Claud V, son, b. Jan 1881, age 19

, Ulla, dau., b. Jan. 1883, age 17

, Lulu, dau., b. Nov. 1884, age 15.¹⁴⁵⁴

MARTHA ANN **MADDING** was born on 3 Jun 1856.¹⁴⁵⁵ She died on 3 Jun 1932 at age 76.^{1456,1457} She was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁴⁵⁸

Children of George Albert³ **Ridgely** and Martha Ann **Madding** were as follows:

118. i. EDGAR ALVA⁴ **RIDGELY**¹⁴⁵⁹ was born in Jul 1879.¹⁴⁶⁰ He married Iva Blanche **Huddleston**.¹⁴⁶¹ He died circa 1935.¹⁴⁶²

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 10 Sep 1918 in Gary, Lake County, Indiana. He described himself as living at 428? Van Buren, Gary, Indiana, age 39, born 19 July 1879, and his occupation was as a self employed druggist in Gary. He was tall in height, slender in build, with blue eyes and had light brown hair. His closest relative was his wife Iva Blanche.¹⁴⁶³

Edgar Alva **Ridgely** appeared on the census of Feb 1920 in West 6th Avenue, Gary, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Ridgely, Edgar Alva, age 43

, Iva Blanche, age 36

, Bonnie Mae, age 13, daughter

¹⁴⁵⁰Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The dates are on the tombstone.

¹⁴⁵¹Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The dates are on the tombstone as well as on a chart sent by Wallace Hanson, Jan. 1967.

¹⁴⁵²Claude Vernon Ridgely, manuscript autobiography.

¹⁴⁵³1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

¹⁴⁵⁴1900 federal census of Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

¹⁴⁵⁵Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. Dates are on the tombstone.

¹⁴⁵⁶Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. Dates are on the tombstone.

¹⁴⁵⁷Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967, in which he has the death date as 1952.

¹⁴⁵⁸Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. Dates are on the tombstone.

¹⁴⁵⁹Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁶⁰1880 census microfilm, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

¹⁴⁶¹Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁶²Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967, her estimate.

¹⁴⁶³Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

- , Martha, age 11, daughter.¹⁴⁶⁴
 Edgar Alva **Ridgely** and Iva Blanche **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 10 Apr 1930 in West 6th Avenue, Gary, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:
 Ridgely, Edgar A., age 50, 1st marr. at age 26
 , Iva B, age 46, 1st marr. at age 22
 , Jean, age 7, daughter
 , Martha A, mother, age 78, 1st marr. at age 22.¹⁴⁶⁵
 IVA BLANCHE **HUDDLESTON**^{1466,1467} was born circa 1884.¹⁴⁶⁸
 119. ii. CLAUDE VERNON **RIDGELY**¹⁴⁶⁹ was born on 29 Jan 1881.¹⁴⁷⁰ He married Bessie **Maguire**.¹⁴⁷¹ He died on 11 Sep 1963 at age 82.¹⁴⁷²
 In 1917 Claude Vernon **Ridgely** and Bessie **Ridgely** lived in Gary, Lake County, Indiana.¹⁴⁷³ He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 7 Sep 1918 in Gary, Lake County, Indiana. He described himself as living at 560 Monroe Street, Gary, Indiana, age 37, born 29 Jan 1881, and his occupation was attorney at 609 Broadway in Gary. He was medium in height, slender in build, with blue eyes and had black hair. His closest relative was Bessie M. Ridgely also of 560 Monroe Street.¹⁴⁷⁴
 Claude Vernon **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 7 Jan 1920 in 560 Monroe Street, Gary, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:
 Ridgely, Claud, head, 39, b. Ill, parents b. Ill., Lawyer
 , Bessie, wife, 32, b. South Dakota, parents b. in Ireland
 , Margaret, dau., 5, b. Indiana
 , Mary, dau., 4, b. Indiana
 , William, son, 2, b. Indiana
 , Helen, dau., 1 ?, b. Indiana.¹⁴⁷⁵ He registered with the Selective Service in 1942, among men born on or after 28 April 1877 and on or before Feb. 16, 1897. He said he was born in iRichland County, Illinois on 29 Jan 1881 and gave his address as 532 Johnson Street, Gary, Lake County, Indiana. He was employed at Hodges Ridgely & Davis and his contact person was Mary Ridgely at 532 Johnson Street. He was described as (an unknown value).¹⁴⁷⁶

¹⁴⁶⁴1920 federal census of Lake County, Indiana. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁶⁵1930 federal census of Lake County, Indiana. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁶⁶Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁶⁷"WWI draft registration, Edgar Alva Ridgely"; copy in my files; Spartanburg, South Carolina, adds her middle name. Hereinafter cited as "WWI draft registration, Edgar Alva Ridgely."

¹⁴⁶⁸1920 federal census of Lake County, Indiana. Microfilm image online.

¹⁴⁶⁹Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁷⁰Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁷¹Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁷²Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁷³"WWI draft registration, Claude V. Ridgely"; copy in my files; Spartanburg, South Carolina. Hereinafter cited as "WWI draft registration, Claude V. Ridgely."

¹⁴⁷⁴"WWI draft registration, Claude V. Ridgely."

¹⁴⁷⁵1920 federal census of Lake County, Indiana. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on 14 Sep 2006.

¹⁴⁷⁶Selective Service System United States, WWII registration card images, 1942, www.ancestry.com.

- BESSIE **MAGUIRE**¹⁴⁷⁷ was born on 7 Feb 1887.¹⁴⁷⁸ She died on 9 Mar 1964 at age 77.¹⁴⁷⁹
120. iii. ULLA MAE **RIDGELY**¹⁴⁸⁰ was born in Jan 1883.¹⁴⁸¹ She married H. Clay **Schreck** on 23 Apr 1913 in Lake County, Indiana.^{1482,1483,1484} She died on 3 Jan 1957.¹⁴⁸⁵

Ulla Mae **Ridgely** and H. Clay **Schreck** appeared on the census of 1930 in Dekalb, Dekalb County, Illinois, as follows:

The listing shows:

- Schreck, Clay, age 42, b. Ohio, first m. at 25, osteopathic physician
Ulla, wife, age 47, b. Ill., first married at 30
, Anneta, dau, age 16, b. Ill.¹⁴⁸⁶
- H. CLAY **SCHRECK**¹⁴⁸⁷ died on 29 Nov 1966.¹⁴⁸⁸
121. iv. LULU **RIDGELY**¹⁴⁸⁹ was born on 29 Nov 1884.¹⁴⁹⁰ She married Wylie L. **Kell** on 8 Oct 1908.^{1491,1492,1493} She died on 26 Nov 1911 at age 26.¹⁴⁹⁴ She was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁴⁹⁵ She and Wylie L. **Kell** had no children.¹⁴⁹⁶

¹⁴⁷⁷Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁷⁸Letter from Bob Dalby (Indiana) to Dan W. Olds, 30 June 1970; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁴⁷⁹Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁸⁰Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁸¹1900 federal census of Richland County, Illinois. Microfilm image online.

¹⁴⁸²Letter from Kell Hanson (Olney, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Nov. 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁴⁸³Schreck (Clay) -- Ridgely (Ulla) marriage, Indiana Marriage Collection, online search.ancestry.com, Lake County, Indiana, Book U, p. 287 (from CD, Indiana Marriages, 1845 - 1920). Adds date and place. Hereinafter cited as Schreck - Ridgely marriage.

¹⁴⁸⁴Taylor, *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Il.*, p. 305. "Miss Ulla May Ridgley, dau. of Mrs. and Mrs. G. A. Ridgley of Olney was married in Gary, Ind. to Dr. H. Clay Schreck of DeKalb, Ill. April 26, 1913. They will reside in DeKalb."

¹⁴⁸⁵Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

¹⁴⁸⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁸⁷Letter, Kell Hanson to Dan W. Olds, Nov. 1967.

¹⁴⁸⁸Letter, Kell Hanson to Dan W. Olds, Nov. 1967.

¹⁴⁸⁹Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁹⁰Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The dates are on the tombstone.

¹⁴⁹¹Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

¹⁴⁹²Obituaries, *clipping from unknown newspaper*, unknown location, adds the date of marriage. Hereinafter cited as clipping from unknown newspaper.

¹⁴⁹³Taylor, *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Il.*, p. 280. "Miss Lulu Ridgley of Olney and Dr. Wiley Kell of Mt. Carmel were married last Oct. [Oct. 1908]."

¹⁴⁹⁴Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The dates are on the tombstone.

¹⁴⁹⁵Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The full dates are on her tombstone.

¹⁴⁹⁶Letter, Margaret Dalby to Olds, 8 Jan 1967.

"Mrs. Lulu Ridgley Kell was born near Parkersburg, Illinois, November 29th, 1884 died at St. Johns hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Wednesday 26th, 1911, and was burried [sic] November 29th at Marion church, in Edwards county, Illinois, the day she would have been 27 years [old]. At the age of nine and one-half [years] she confessed her faith in Christ [and] united with the Christian church [at] Parkersburg. On October 8th, 1908, she was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Dr. Wylie L. Kell, who [in] the deepest sorrow mourns her departure, and waits lovingly for the reunion in the life beyond. Deceased leaves also, under the dark cloud of a hopeful sorrow, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ridgley, of Parkersburg; two brothers, Edgar and Claud, of Gary, Indiana; one sister, Miss Ulla, of De Kalb, Illinois.

"She was a devoted and affectionate [wife,] a loving [----and dutiful] daughter and sister and a most sincere and faithful christian.

"She was taken ill at her home in Bridgeport November 15th, and after undergoing a severe operation in St. Louis on November 20th, she fell asleep in Jesus Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock, November 26th.

Her immediate relatives, including her husband, are devoted believers in Jesus, and under the great burden of their irreparable loss, are bearing their great grief with a fortitude worthy of their profession. May the author of hope sustain them.

Rev. J. S. Rose"

[I have filled in a few places, in brackets, where my copy is not legible.].¹⁴⁹⁷

43. WILLIAM S.³ RIDGELY (*Abel², William Henry¹*) was born on 1 Mar 1854.¹⁴⁹⁸ He married Cora Mary **Blood**, daughter of John M. **Blood** and Sarah (---?), on 27 Dec 1877.¹⁴⁹⁹ He died on 5 Jul 1926 at age 72.^{1500,1501} He was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁵⁰²

William S. **Ridgely** and Cora Mary **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1880 in Madison Township, Richland County, Illinois, as follows:

William Ridgely	26	b. Ill.	father b. Ill	mother b. N. C.
Cora	22	b. Ill	father b. Vermont	mother b. England
Effie	2	b. Ill.	father b. Ill.	mother b. Ill.

William S. **Ridgely** left a will in 1926 in Richland County, Illinois.¹⁵⁰³

CORA MARY **BLOOD** was born on 18 Sep 1858.^{1504,1505} She died on 31 Aug 1951 at age

¹⁴⁹⁷Obituaries, *clipping from unknown newspaper*.

¹⁴⁹⁸William S. Ridgely entry, Death Record, Richland County, Ill., Richland County Records, Richland County Clerk, 103 West Main, Olney, Richland County, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as Death record.

¹⁴⁹⁹Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, William S. Ridgely and Miss Cora Blood. License 200, Book 2. Parents not listed.

¹⁵⁰⁰Death record, William S. Ridgely, son of Abel Ridgely and Elizabeth Clodfelter, was born 1 March 1854 and died 5 July 1926.

¹⁵⁰¹Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The years of birth and death are on the stone.

¹⁵⁰²Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery.

¹⁵⁰³Will Book, Richland County, Ill.: probated in 1926, recorded in Book E, Richland County Records, Richland County Clerk, 103 West Main, Olney, Richland County, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as Richland County Wills.

¹⁵⁰⁴Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. where the tombstone has only the year.

¹⁵⁰⁵Lynn, "Descendants of William Henry Ridgely", which gives the full dates for birth and death.

92.^{1506,1507} She was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁵⁰⁸ The biographical sketch of John M. Blood (deceased), names his daughter as Mary C. Ridgeley who married W. S. Ridgeley on 27 Dec 1877.¹⁵⁰⁹

Children of William S.³ **Ridgely** and Cora Mary **Blood** were as follows:

122. i. EFFIE⁴ **RIDGELY**¹⁵¹⁰ was born on 6 Dec 1878.¹⁵¹¹ She married W. Howard **Hanson**, son of Hamilton **Hanson** and (--?--) **Garrett**, on 16 Mar 1897 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1512,1513,1514} She died on 17 Jun 1969 in Richland Memorial Hospital, Olney, Richland County, Illinois, at age 90.^{1515,1516} She was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁵¹⁷

"Mrs. Effie Hanson, 90, life-long resident of the Seminary neighborhood, died early this morning in the Richland Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Hanson was born on December 6, 1878, just across the county line in Edwards county, daughter of the late William and Cora Blood Ridgely. Her husband, Howard preceded her in death in 1911. She was associated with the Marion Christian church.

"Mrs. Hanson is survived by two sons, Kell Hanson and Wallace Hanson, both of Rural Route 1, Olney, and a foster-brother, Arch Ridgely, also of Route 1, Olney. There are also thre[e] grandchildren and eight great grandchildren surviving.

"She was preceded in death by one son, Ellis.

"Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Thursday in the Chapel of the Schaub Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Marion Church Cemetery.

"Friends may call at the funeral home after 2:00 p.m. Wednesday."¹⁵¹⁸

W. HOWARD **HANSON**¹⁵¹⁹ was born on 3 Apr 1874.¹⁵²⁰ He died on 17 Nov 1911 at age 37.¹⁵²¹ He was buried in Marion Church Cemetery,

¹⁵⁰⁶Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery.

¹⁵⁰⁷Lynn, "Descendants of William Henry Ridgely", which gives the full dates for birth and death.

¹⁵⁰⁸Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery.

¹⁵⁰⁹J. L. McDonough & Co., *Edwards, Lawrence, Wabash Co. History*.

¹⁵¹⁰Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967, See also the obituary in the Olney Daily Mail.

¹⁵¹¹Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967, See also the obituary in the Olney Daily Mail.

¹⁵¹²Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

¹⁵¹³Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, Howard Hanson, age 23, married Miss Effie Ridgely, age 18, 16 March 1897.

¹⁵¹⁴Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Howard Hanson and Effie Ridgely, 03/15/97, license 39, Book 4, p. 43. His parents were Hamilton Hanson and _____ Garrett. Her parents were William Ridgely and _____ Blood.

¹⁵¹⁵Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

¹⁵¹⁶Effie Hanson, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 17 June 1969. Hereinafter cited as Olney Daily Mail.

¹⁵¹⁷Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The full dates are on her tombstone.

¹⁵¹⁸Effie Hanson, *Olney Daily Mail*, 17 June 1969.

¹⁵¹⁹Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

¹⁵²⁰Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

¹⁵²¹Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

123. ii. Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁵²² ARCHIE **RIDGELY**¹⁵²³ was born on 27 Jan 1893.¹⁵²⁴ He appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Jun 1969 with the last place of residence listed as Olney, Richland County, Illinois. Archie's SSN was issued in Illinois and his birth date is given as 2 Mar 1893. He died on 27 Jun 1969 at age 76. He never married.¹⁵²⁵

W. S. Ridgely petitioned to be guardian of Archie Ridgely, a foundling with no father, supposed to be age 2 on 15 Feb. 1895. "No one claims the child left at the residence of Abel Ridgely and nothing was found to indicate to whom it belonged. The petitioner has had care and custody since April 1893."¹⁵²⁶ He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 5 Jun 1917. He described himself as living on R. D. #1, Olney, Illinois, age 24, born 27 Jan 1893 at R. 1, Olney, and his occupation was farming for W. S. Ridgely. He was medium in height, medium in build, with brown eyes and had dark hair.¹⁵²⁷

"Arch Ridgely, 76, lifelong resident of the Seminary neighborhood, died Friday noon at the Burgin Nursing Home.

"Mr. Ridgely was born January 27, 1893, in St. Louis, son of the late William S. and Cora Blood Ridgely. He was a member of the Marion Christian Church. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mrs. Effie Hanson who died this past June 17th.

"His only survivors include two nephews, Kell and Wallace Hanson, both of Rt. 1, Olney.

"Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Chapel of the Schaub Funeral Home with the Rev. Glen Leathers officiating. Interment will be in the Marion cemetery.

"Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 p.m. today."¹⁵²⁸

44. ALICE L.³ **RIDGELY** (*Abel^p, William Henry^v*) was born on 8 Jan 1857.^{1529,1530} She married William W. **Martin** on 4 Apr 1884.¹⁵³¹ She died on 4 Apr 1931 at age 74.¹⁵³² She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁵³³

¹⁵²²Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The full dates are on his tombstone.

¹⁵²³Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967, See also the obituary in the Olney Daily Mail.

¹⁵²⁴Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967, See also the obituary in the Olney Daily Mail.

¹⁵²⁵Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967, See also the obituary in the Olney Daily Mail.

¹⁵²⁶file box 70, probate records, Richland County, Ill.

¹⁵²⁷Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁵²⁸Funeral Services Set for Arch Ridgely of Seminary, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois. Hereinafter cited as Olney Daily Mail.

¹⁵²⁹Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967, which has full dates of birth and death.

¹⁵³⁰Martin family, *Alice Martin's Bible* (n.p.: n.pub., n.d.); Mrs. Martin Ritter, unknown location, giving the names and birthdates of herself, husband and three children as well as the death dates up to and including her own. Hereinafter cited as Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵³¹Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵³²Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵³³Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. "1858 - 1931."

WILLIAM W. MARTIN¹⁵³⁴ was born on 15 Jun 1846.¹⁵³⁵ He died on 26 Jun 1928 at age 82.^{1536,1537} He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Richland County, Illinois.¹⁵³⁸

Children of Alice L.³ **Ridgely** and William W. **Martin** were as follows:

124. i. ZUA⁴ MARTIN¹⁵³⁹ was born on 14 Feb 1885.¹⁵⁴⁰ She married James D. Ritter on 8 Feb 1908 in Richland County, Illinois.^{1541,1542} She died on 3 Mar 1958 at age 73.¹⁵⁴³

JAMES D. RITTER^{1544,1545} was born on 3 Jan 1884.¹⁵⁴⁶ He died on 29 Feb 1956 at age 72.¹⁵⁴⁷ He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living on Route 1, Olney, Richland County, Illinois, age 34, born 3 June 1884, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, stout in build, with blue eyes and had dark brown hair. His closest relative was Zua Martin Ritter, also of Route 1, Olney. He signed the form James Dugan Ritter.¹⁵⁴⁸

"James D. Ritter, 71, a well known resident and famer of Madison township, passed away at noon today at the Richland Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient for approximately a week.

"He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ritter.

"Mr. Ritter is survived by his wife, Zua, and a son Martin Ritter of Olney Route 1, three sisters, Miss Mary Ritter of New Jersey, Miss Louise Ritter of Union County, Ill., and Mrs. Jane Kurtz of Olney. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

"Funeral arrangements for Mr. Ritter are incomplete at this time and will be announced later. The body is at the Schaub Funeral Home."¹⁵⁴⁹

125. ii. MINNIE MAE MARTIN¹⁵⁵⁰ was born on 27 May 1887.¹⁵⁵¹ She married Clarence Everett **Barter** in May 1917 in Haiku, Maui, Territory of

¹⁵³⁴Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵³⁵Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵³⁶Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵³⁷My notes from the Martin Bible show this date as 6 June 1928.

¹⁵³⁸Tombstone, Oak Hill Cemetery. The dates on the stone are 1846 - 1928.

¹⁵³⁹Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵⁴⁰Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵⁴¹Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

¹⁵⁴²Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, James Ritter and Zua Martin, 02/08/08, license 18, Book 3. His parents were Aaron Ritter and Isabel Dugan. Hers were William Martin and Alice Ridgely.

¹⁵⁴³Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

¹⁵⁴⁴Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

¹⁵⁴⁵Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005, which adds the middle name.

¹⁵⁴⁶Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

¹⁵⁴⁷Letter, Wallace Hanson to Dan W. Olds, 1 Feb. 1967.

¹⁵⁴⁸Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁵⁴⁹Grant Bogard, 69, Dies in Decatur, *unknown short newspaper title*.

¹⁵⁵⁰Alice Martin's Bible, with her middle name added from her obituary.

¹⁵⁵¹Alice Martin's Bible.

Hawaii.¹⁵⁵² She died on 5 Nov 1967 at age 80.^{1553,1554}

She had been educated in Richland County, Illinois and Eastern Illinois University and then moved to Richland County, Montana where she homesteaded and taught school. Having the urge to travel, she stayed on her tract of land for the required length of time and then headed west, finally landing in Hawaii. She first met her future husband when he rescued her from the ocean surf after she fell from a horse.¹⁵⁵⁵

Minnie Mae **Martin** and Clarence Everett **Barter** appeared on the census in Honolulu, Honolulu County, Hawaii, as follows: The listing shows

Barter, Clarence E., 45, b. NY, father b. Eng., m. born Ireland
May M., wife, 43
Elaine A., dau. 11, b. Hawaii
Clarence E., Jr., son 3 9/12, b. Hawaii
Otaguro, Kinne, servant, 22, b. Hawaii, parents b. Japan.¹⁵⁵⁶

"Mrs. Minnie Mae Martin Barter, of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, passed away last week at her home in Honolulu, according to word received by her nephew, Martin Ritter of Olney rt.1.

"She was the daughter of the late William and Alice Ridgely Martin, and was born and reared a half mile north of Seminary in Madison Township.

"After teaching in the rural schools of the county, she moved to Montana with the late Eva Flock, where they homesteaded a claim and she taught school.

"Later she went to the Hawaiian Islands and was later married to Clarence E. Barter of New York City. They continued to live in Hawaii after his retirement as president of the Del Monte Pineapple Co. operations.

"She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Elaine Stevenson, Hawaii, and a son, Clarence of Lawrenceville. She is also survived by five grandchildren and a cousin, Mrs. Cordelia Hull of Olney."¹⁵⁵⁷

CLARENCE EVERETT **BARTER**¹⁵⁵⁸ was born on 5 May 1882 in Hermon, New York.¹⁵⁵⁹ He died on 21 Jun 1939 in Honolulu, Honolulu County, Hawaii, at age 57.¹⁵⁶⁰ He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 26 Oct 1918 in Hawaii. He described himself as living in Haiku, Maui, Hawaii, age 36, born 5 May 1882, and his occupation was canning superintendent for Haiku Fruit and Packing Company. He was medium in height, medium in build, with brown eyes and had brown hair. His closest relative was Mae M. Barter, also of Haiku.¹⁵⁶¹

¹⁵⁵²Letter from Clarence E. Barter (Lawrenceville, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Dec. 1968; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁵⁵³Letter, Clarence L. Barter to Olds, Dec. 1968.

¹⁵⁵⁴Minnie Barter, *Olney Daily Mail*, Olney, Illinois, 13 Nov 1967. Hereinafter cited as *Olney Daily Mail*.

¹⁵⁵⁵Letter, Clarence L. Barter to Olds, Dec. 1968.

¹⁵⁵⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁵⁵⁷Minnie Barter, *Olney Daily Mail*, 13 Nov 1967.

¹⁵⁵⁸Letter, Clarence L. Barter to Olds, Dec. 1968, with his middle name added from his WWI registration.

¹⁵⁵⁹Letter, Clarence L. Barter to Olds, Dec. 1968.

¹⁵⁶⁰Letter, Clarence L. Barter to Olds, Dec. 1968.

¹⁵⁶¹Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

126. iii. UNA **MARTIN**¹⁵⁶² was born on 20 Nov 1889.¹⁵⁶³ She died on 2 Oct 1890.¹⁵⁶⁴

45. EDWIN A.³ **RIDGELY** (*Abel², William Henry¹*)¹⁵⁶⁵ was born on 24 Jul 1861.¹⁵⁶⁶ He married Mattie **Bowlby**. He died on 30 Oct 1900 at age 39.¹⁵⁶⁷ He was buried in Marion Church Cemetery, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁵⁶⁸

"Edwina Ridgley [sic] of Parkersburg died October 30, 1900 aged 39 years, 3 months and 6 days."¹⁵⁶⁹

MATTIE **BOWLBY** was born on 4 Mar 1874. She married Addison B. **Pennycuff** on 9 Dec 1914 in Richland County, Illinois;

"Addison B. Pennycuff, age 40, of Kansas City & Mrs. Mattie Ridgley, age 40, of Olney --- Dec. 10 1914" (Taylor, *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Il.*, p. 312.).^{1570,1571} She died on 23 Jan 1957 at age 82.¹⁵⁷²

Children of Edwin A.³ **Ridgely** and Mattie **Bowlby** were as follows:

127. i. JOY⁴ **RIDGELY**¹⁵⁷³ was born on 29 Sep 1896.¹⁵⁷⁴ She married William F. **Campbell** on 16 Aug 1917.^{1575,1576} She died in 1948.¹⁵⁷⁷

WILLIAM F. **CAMPBELL**¹⁵⁷⁸ died in 1964.¹⁵⁷⁹ He was a Brigadier General in the U. S. Army.¹⁵⁸⁰

¹⁵⁶²Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵⁶³Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵⁶⁴Alice Martin's Bible.

¹⁵⁶⁵Letter from Dale B. Ridgely (San Antonio, Texas) to Dan W. Olds, 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), including a chart giving the names and dates for Edwin, his wife and children.

¹⁵⁶⁶Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The full dates are on his tombstone.

¹⁵⁶⁷Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The full dates are on his tombstone.

¹⁵⁶⁸Tombstone, Marion Church Cemetery. The full dates are on his tombstone.

¹⁵⁶⁹Taylor, *Gleanings from Old Newspapers, Clay and Richland Counties, Il.*, p. 155.

¹⁵⁷⁰Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, showing both as age 40.

¹⁵⁷¹Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Mattie Ridgley and Addison B. Pennycuff, 12/09/14, license 165, Book 5, p. 2. His parents were Joel Pennycuff and Nancy Ragan. Hers were Samuel Bowlby and Elizabeth Sultz.

¹⁵⁷²Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, Mrs. Mattie Pennycuff, widow of A. B. Pennycuff, died at the home of her son, Gen. Dale B. Ridgely, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Buried at the Sunset Memorial Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

¹⁵⁷³Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁷⁴Letter from Dale B. Ridgely (San Antonio, Texas) to Dan W. Olds, Oct. 1970; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁵⁷⁵Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁷⁶Richland County Marriage records Richland County Records, He was 25, she was 21.

¹⁵⁷⁷Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁷⁸Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁷⁹Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁸⁰Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

128. ii. DALE BOWLBY **RIDGELY**¹⁵⁸¹ was born on 8 Mar 1900.¹⁵⁸² He married Lily Anne **Wallace**.¹⁵⁸³ He appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died 17 Jun 1992 with the last place of residence listed as San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. Dale Bowlby's SSN was issued in Illinois and his birth date is given as 8 March 1900.¹⁵⁸⁴ He was buried in Plot: A-C, 630, Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.¹⁵⁸⁵

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living on R. 1, Olney, Illinois, age 18, born 8 Mar 1900, and his occupation was farming for Addison B. Pennycuff of Route 1, Olney. He was medium in height, medium in build, with gray eyes and had black hair. His closest relative was Martha Pennycuff of R1, Olney.¹⁵⁸⁶ He was a Brigadier General (Retired) in the U. S. Army.¹⁵⁸⁷ As of 1967, Dale Bowlby **Ridgely** lived at 442 E. Hathaway Drive, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.¹⁵⁸⁸ As of Oct 1970, Dale Bowlby **Ridgely** lived at 5033 N. New Braunsfels, Apt. 300D, San Antonio, Texas.¹⁵⁸⁹

LILY ANNE **WALLACE**¹⁵⁹⁰ was born on 16 Apr 1906.¹⁵⁹¹

47. HENRY MONROE³ **HARRISON** (*Emily Orenda² Ridgely, William Henry¹*)¹⁵⁹² was born on 1 Dec 1853.¹⁵⁹³ He married Henrietta Louise **Dorney** on 21 Aug 1879.^{1594,1595} He died on 7 Jul 1928 at age 74.¹⁵⁹⁶

HENRIETTA LOUISE **DORNEY**¹⁵⁹⁷ was born on 6 Jul 1855.¹⁵⁹⁸ She died on 8 Oct 1921 at age

¹⁵⁸¹Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁸²Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁸³Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁸⁴Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁵⁸⁵Find A Grave Cemetery Records, online www.findagrave.com, showing Dale Bowlby Ridgely, born March 8, 1900, died Jun 17, 1992. Hereinafter cited as Find A Grave.

¹⁵⁸⁶Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁵⁸⁷Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁸⁸Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁸⁹Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, Oct. 1970.

¹⁵⁹⁰Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁹¹Letter, Dale B. Ridgely to Dan W. Olds, 1967.

¹⁵⁹²Letter from Emily Reid (Albion, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Sept. 1966; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁵⁹³Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967, including a typed sheet which gives the year as 1852 but Emily's letter of Dec. 1966 shows 1853 as does the tombstone.

¹⁵⁹⁴Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁵⁹⁵Wabash County marriages, groom index: FHL film 1416802, item 3, gives the date, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah. Hereinafter cited as Wabash County marriages, groom index.

¹⁵⁹⁶Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁵⁹⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁵⁹⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

66.¹⁵⁹⁹ She was buried in Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁶⁰⁰

Children of Henry Monroe³ **Harrison** and Henrietta Louise **Dorney** were as follows:

129. i. LENA BELLE⁴ **HARRISON**¹⁶⁰¹ was born on 3 Apr 1880.¹⁶⁰² She died on 29 Aug 1924 at age 44.¹⁶⁰³ She was buried in Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁶⁰⁴
She never married.¹⁶⁰⁵

130. ii. ELMER IVAN **HARRISON**¹⁶⁰⁶ was born on 27 Aug 1881.¹⁶⁰⁷ He married Kathryn Lucetta **Provines** in Richland County, Illinois.^{1608,1609} He died on 24 May 1955 at age 73.¹⁶¹⁰ He was buried on 26 May 1955 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁶¹¹
He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Olney, Richland County, Illinois. He described himself as living on RR1, Calhoun, Richland County, Illinois, age 37, born 27 Aug 1881, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with brown eyes and had light hair. His closest relative was Kate L. Harrison, also of Calhoun.¹⁶¹²

KATHRYN LUCETTA **PROVINES**¹⁶¹³ was born on 1 Mar 1889.¹⁶¹⁴ She died on 18 Oct 1961 at age 72.¹⁶¹⁵ She was buried on 20 Oct 1961 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁶¹⁶

¹⁵⁹⁹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶⁰⁰Tombstone, Lancaster Cemetery, west of Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois. The full dates are on the stone.

¹⁶⁰¹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶⁰²Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶⁰³Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶⁰⁴Tombstone, Lancaster Cemetery. She is buried near her parents. The tombstone inscription is "Lena B., dau. of H. M. and H. L. Harrison, 1880 - 1924."

¹⁶⁰⁵Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶⁰⁶Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶⁰⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶⁰⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967, Date and place not given.

¹⁶⁰⁹Richland County Genealogical and Historical Society, *Richland County Marriages*, Elmer I. Harrison and Katherine Provine, 09/09/08, license 118, Book 3. His parents were Henry Harrison and H. Dorney. Hers were William Provine and C. Higgins.

¹⁶¹⁰Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶¹¹Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1725. Elmer Harrison, a married man of West Salem, Illinois, was born 27 Aug 1881 in Lawrence County, Illinois. He died 24 May 1955 at the age of 73 years, 8 months and 27 days of a stroke and was buried 26 May 1955. His wife was Kathryn.

¹⁶¹²Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁶¹³Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶¹⁴Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶¹⁵Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶¹⁶Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1897. Kathryn Harrison, a widow of West Salem, Illinois, was born in West Salem and died 18 Oct 1961 of cancer at the age of 78. She was buried 20 Oct 1961. "Raymond (Ruby) Reisinger" was a daughter.

131. iii. ORA MABLE **HARRISON**¹⁶¹⁷ was born on 8 Jul 1884.¹⁶¹⁸ She married Noble John **Hershey** on 28 Jul 1903.^{1619,1620} She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died 15 May 1974 with the last place of residence listed as Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois. Ora Mable's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 8 July 1884.¹⁶²¹
 NOBLE JOHN **HERSHEY**¹⁶²² was born on 9 Nov 1882.¹⁶²³ He died on 12 Feb 1944 at age 61.¹⁶²⁴ He was an employee of the U. S. Postal Service in Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁶²⁵ He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 10 Sep 1918 in Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois. He described himself as living at 1230 Main, Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois, age 36, born 9 Nov 1881, and his occupation was U. S. P. O. Clerk. He was medium in height, medium in build, with brown eyes and had brown hair. His closest relative was Ora Mable Hershey, also of 1230 Main.¹⁶²⁶
132. iv. CLARA ELLEN **HARRISON**¹⁶²⁷ was born on 20 Jan 1888.¹⁶²⁸ She married Eugene Paul **Miller**.¹⁶²⁹ She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died 15 Aug 1969 with the last place of residence listed as Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois. Clara Ellen's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 20 Jan 1888.¹⁶³⁰
 She and Eugene Paul **Miller** had no children.¹⁶³¹
 EUGENE PAUL **MILLER**¹⁶³² was born on 13 May 1876.¹⁶³³
 A computer printout listing the family of Johann Peter Mueller (Miller) and Amelia Emily Lydia Kurtze (Kurtz), possibly obtained in Salt Lake City and apparently from material prepared for "Palatines in America", shows this Eugene Paul Miller as a son. According to this document, he was born 12 May 1865 at West Salem, IL, and died there 23 Jan 1946. He married (1) on 20 Nov 1890, Rosa Charlotte Feldman (1869 - 1922) and

¹⁶¹⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶¹⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967, in which she gave the birthdate as 3 April 1880, the same date as for Ora's sister, Lena Belle Harrison, and that is probably an error here.

¹⁶¹⁹Hershey - Harrison marriage, *Mt. Carmel Republican Register*, Mt. Carmel, Illinois, 6 July 1903. Hereinafter cited as *Mt. Carmel Republican Register*.

¹⁶²⁰Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶²¹Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁶²²Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶²³Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶²⁴Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶²⁵Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶²⁶Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁶²⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶²⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶²⁹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶³⁰Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁶³¹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶³²Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶³³Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

(2) Clara Ellen Harrison on 8 July 1924 at Vincennes, IN.

This birth date shown is significantly different from what I otherwise had.¹⁶³⁴

133. v. NORA **HARRISON**¹⁶³⁵ was born on 8 Jan 1892.¹⁶³⁶ She died on 8 Apr 1892.¹⁶³⁷ She was buried in Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁶³⁸

48. ANGELINE³ **HARRISON** (*Emily Orenda² Ridgely, William Henry¹*) was born on 4 Dec 1856.¹⁶³⁹ She married George Washington **Brines** on 3 Apr 1879.¹⁶⁴⁰ She died on 11 Aug 1903 at age 46.¹⁶⁴¹

Children of Angeline³ **Harrison** and George Washington **Brines** were as follows:

134. i. FRED HARRISON⁴ **BRINES**¹⁶⁴² was born on 14 Aug 1880.¹⁶⁴³ He married Cora **Thompson** in Nov 1910. He died on 9 Dec 1931 at age 51.¹⁶⁴⁴

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois. He described himself as living at Belle Prairie, Hamilton County, Illinois, age 38, born 14 Aug 1880, and his occupation was a physician and surgeon, self employed. He was medium in height, slender in build, with blue eyes and had brown hair. His closest relative was Cora E. Brines, also of Bell Prairie.¹⁶⁴⁵

Fred Harrison **Brines** and Cora **Thompson** appeared on the census of 2 Jan 1920 as follows: The listing is:

Brines, Fred H. , head, 39

Cora E., wife, 33

Evelyn G., dau. 8

Stanley G., son, 6

Imogene S., dau., 3

Olin, son, 3/12

Kelley, Ethel j., servant, 18.¹⁶⁴⁶

CORA **THOMPSON** died on 30 Jun 1969.¹⁶⁴⁷

¹⁶³⁴Mueller/Miller family, computer printout, 2 Sept 1991, Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

¹⁶³⁵Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶³⁶Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶³⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁶³⁸Tombstone, Lancaster Cemetery. She is buried near her parents. "Nora C., dau. of H. M. and H. L. Harrison."

¹⁶³⁹Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁴⁰Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁴¹Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁴²Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁴³Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁴⁴Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁴⁵Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁶⁴⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁶⁴⁷Letter from Emily Reid (Albion, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Oct 1969; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

135. ii. CORA BELLE **BRINES**¹⁶⁴⁸ was born on 30 Oct 1882.¹⁶⁴⁹ She died on 24 Mar 1972 at age 89.¹⁶⁵⁰
As of 1960, Cora Belle **Brines** lived at Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida.¹⁶⁵¹
136. iii. OLA ANGELINE **BRINES**¹⁶⁵² was born on 18 Feb 1888.¹⁶⁵³ She married John **Slater** in Mar 1918.¹⁶⁵⁴ She died on 10 Nov 1969 at age 81.¹⁶⁵⁵
She and John **Slater** had no children.
JOHN **SLATER**¹⁶⁵⁶ died on 2 Nov 1966.¹⁶⁵⁷
137. iv. ORMAN NELSON **BRINES**¹⁶⁵⁸ was born on 18 Feb 1888.¹⁶⁵⁹ He married Fern **Higgins** in Oct 1917.¹⁶⁶⁰ He and Fern were divorced.¹⁶⁶¹ He died on 29 Jan 1952 at age 63.¹⁶⁶²
He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 5 Jun 1917 in Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois. He described himself as living at Lancaster, Illinois, age 29, born 18 Feb 1888 at Lancaster, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was short in height, slender in build, with blue eyes and had light hair.
Orman Nelson **Brines** and Fern **Higgins** appeared on the census of 1920 in Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.¹⁶⁶³
Orman Nelson **Brines** and Fern **Higgins** appeared on the census of 1930 in Morton Street, Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois.¹⁶⁶⁴ "Orman and Fern

¹⁶⁴⁸Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁴⁹Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁵⁰Letter from Gladys Sutton (Avon Park, FL) to Dan W. Olds, Dec. 1972; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), saying, "Did you know my sister Cora passed away March 24? She was 89 years old. She fell and broke her hip in Aug. 1971 and she never fully recovered."

¹⁶⁵¹Letter from Gladys Sutton (Avon Park, FL) to Dan W. Olds, 1 Dec 1960; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), Cora never married.

¹⁶⁵²Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁵³Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁵⁴Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁵⁵Letter from Gladys Sutton (Avon Park, FL) to Dan W. Olds, 27 Apr 1970; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), saying "We lost our sister Ola Slater Nov 10 - 1969, leaving just the two of us."

¹⁶⁵⁶Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁵⁷Letter from Gladys Sutton (Avon Park, FL) to Dan W. Olds, 17 Apr 1971; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁶⁵⁸Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁵⁹Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁶⁰Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁶¹Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁶²Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁶³unknown household, 1920 census film, internet URL, www.ancestry.com, Orman, age 32, was a medical student. Fern, his wife, was age 24 and son George was age 1 -1/12.

¹⁶⁶⁴1930 federal census of Tazewell County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on Orman N. Brines was age 42 and a physician. His wife, who is listed as Clara F., was age 35. They had been married about 13 years and their son George R. was listed as age 11.

are divorced and since Orman is gone we don't know much about his family but if it is important to you we will try to get them. They live in Chula Vista California. Cora and I expect to be in Los Angeles the week of Sept. 20.¹⁶⁶⁵

FERN **HIGGINS**¹⁶⁶⁶ was born on 16 Feb 1895.¹⁶⁶⁷ She died on 29 Dec 1978 at age 83.¹⁶⁶⁸ She was buried in Allendale Cemetery, Allendale, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁶⁶⁹

Clara Fern Higgins was a daughter of Ransom Higgins and granddaughter of William Higgins, Jr., great-great-great of George Higgins and Patience Mapes.¹⁶⁷⁰

138. v. MYRTLE ORENDA **BRINES**¹⁶⁷¹ was born on 17 Jan 1890.¹⁶⁷² She married Melvin **Smith** in Dec 1911.¹⁶⁷³ She died on 2 Feb 1968 at age 78.¹⁶⁷⁴
139. vi. ALTA **BRINES**¹⁶⁷⁵ was born on 7 May 1897.¹⁶⁷⁶ She died on 18 Dec 1897.¹⁶⁷⁷ She was buried in Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁶⁷⁸
140. vii. GLADYS OPAL **BRINES**¹⁶⁷⁹ was born on 1 Mar 1900.¹⁶⁸⁰ She married Noble **Sutton** in Nov 1945.¹⁶⁸¹ She married (--?--) **Pummill** before 1988.¹⁶⁸² She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Apr 1992 with the last place of residence listed as Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida. Gladys Opal's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 1

¹⁶⁶⁵Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁶⁶Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁶⁷Allendale Cemetery, Wabash County, Illinois, online <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/allendle.txt>. Hereinafter cited as Allendale Cemetery, Wabash County, ill.

¹⁶⁶⁸Allendale Cemetery, Wabash County, ill., online <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/allendle.txt>.

¹⁶⁶⁹Allendale Cemetery, Wabash County, ill., online <ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/allendle.txt>, The name is the same and the dates are reasonable. This appears to be the right person.

¹⁶⁷⁰Bill P. Currie, *George Higgins, Connecticut, New York & Illinois, His Ancestry and Lineage, and his Descendants (- 1900)* (Lander, Wyoming: Bill P. Currie, Dec. 2000). Hereinafter cited as *George Higgins, Ancestry and Descendants*.

¹⁶⁷¹Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁷²Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁷³Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁷⁴Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 17 Apr 1971.

¹⁶⁷⁵Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁷⁶Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁷⁷Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁷⁸Tombstone, Lancaster Cemetery. buried near her parents. These dates are on her tombstone.

¹⁶⁷⁹Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁸⁰Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁸¹Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁸²Letter from Gladys Pummill (Sullivan, Illinois) to Doris R. Olds, 24 April 1988; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

March 1900.¹⁶⁸³

She was an early and very helpful correspondent in the process of collecting data for my Ridgely book of 1970. She remembered going each year to a Simmons-Ridgely reunion and had an old picture taken on one such occasion. She and Noble **Sutton** had no children.¹⁶⁸⁴ Gladys Opal **Brines** lived at Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan, Illinois. In 1988 and 1989, she wrote to my mother from Illinois.

NOBLE **SUTTON**¹⁶⁸⁵ died on 11 Dec 1965. "Shortly after I received your letter in 1960 Noble found out to our grief he had cataracts in both eyes after taking treatments they steadily became worse he had an operation on both eyes We found he had hardening of the arteries of the brain so while he saw to get around he never fully recovered and he passed away Dec 11 - 1965. We took him back to Mt. Carmel Illinois for burial."¹⁶⁸⁶

49. JOHN WILLIAM³ **HARRISON** (*Emily Orenda² Ridgely, William Henry¹*) was born on 10 Jul 1859.¹⁶⁸⁷ He married Sarah Dulcena **Hill** on 31 Mar 1889.^{1688,1689} He died on 26 Mar 1942 at age 82.¹⁶⁹⁰ He was buried in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁶⁹¹

He attended elementary school at Lancaster, Ill. and college at Friendsville, Illinois. He was a school teacher, live stock dealer, farmer and banker. She attended school in Lawrence County, Ill. and was also a school teacher. They were Methodists. They are buried in the Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Ill.¹⁶⁹²

SARAH DULCENA **HILL**¹⁶⁹³ was born on 14 Aug 1866.¹⁶⁹⁴ She died on 6 Nov 1947 at age 81.¹⁶⁹⁵ She was buried on 8 Nov 1948 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.^{1696,1697}

Children of John William³ **Harrison** and Sarah Dulcena **Hill** were as follows:

141. i. INEZ LUCILLE⁴ **HARRISON**¹⁶⁹⁸ was born on 4 Nov 1890.¹⁶⁹⁹ She died on 30

¹⁶⁸³Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁶⁸⁴Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁸⁵Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁸⁶Letter, Gladys Sutton to Dan W. Olds, 9 Sept 1966.

¹⁶⁸⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁶⁸⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁶⁸⁹Illinois Marriage Index online: J. William Harrison and Sarah D. Hill, 03/31/1889, Lawrence County, Ill., Book 2 p. 139.

¹⁶⁹⁰Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁶⁹¹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁶⁹²Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁶⁹³Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁶⁹⁴Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁶⁹⁵Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁶⁹⁶Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁶⁹⁷Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1537. Sarah Dell Harrison, maiden name Hill, widow, of West Salem, Illinois, was born 14 Aug 1866 and died of "old age" on 6 November 1947 at the age of 81 years, 2 months and 22 days. Harvey was her son.

¹⁶⁹⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁶⁹⁹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

Jul 1967 at age 76.¹⁷⁰⁰ She was buried on 1 Aug 1967 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois. The tombstone inscription is: "Inez L. Harrison, 1890 - 1967."^{1701,1702}

She attended West Salem High School, McKendree College, and Eastern Illinois State Teacher's College at Charleston, Ill., and was a school teacher. She did not marry.¹⁷⁰³ "Inez Harrison, age 76, of West Salem, passed away Sunday at the Richland Memorial Hospital in Olney.

"She is survived by two sisters, Lois Harrison and Edith Busefink of West Salem, and one brother, Kendall of Indianapolis.

"Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the King and Ingram Funeral Home in West Salem. Rev. Fred Schwarzlose will be officiating. Interment will be in the Moravian Cemetery.

"Friends may call after 6:30 p.m. today."¹⁷⁰⁴

142. ii. HARVEY RAYMOND **HARRISON**¹⁷⁰⁵ was born on 25 Apr 1893.¹⁷⁰⁶ He married Ila **Butler** on 1 Mar 1927.¹⁷⁰⁷ He died on 24 Apr 1952 at age 58.¹⁷⁰⁸ He was buried on 26 Apr 1952 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁷⁰⁹

He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 5 Jun 1917 in Edwards County, Illinois. He described himself as living at West Salem, Illinois, age 24, born 25 April 1893 at West Salem, and his occupation was as a Proprietor of a Garage, self employed. He was medium in height, medium in build, with brown eyes and had dark brown hair.¹⁷¹⁰ He attended West Salem (Ill.) High School and Eastern Illinois State Teacher's College. He served in World War I. Later he owned and operated Harrison Motor Car Company, selling cars and auto accessories.¹⁷¹¹ He and Ila **Butler** had no children.¹⁷¹²

"Harvey R. Harrison, age 56, of West Salem, passed away quite suddenly at his West Salem home this morning.

¹⁷⁰⁰Letter from Emily Reid (Albion, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, Aug 1969; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁷⁰¹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷⁰²Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 2041. Inez Harrison, of West Salem, Illinois, was born 4 Nov 1890 in West Salem, Illinois, and died 30 Jul 1967 of arteriosclerosis at the age of 76 years, 8 months, and 26 days. She was buried 1 Aug. 1967. She had a brother Kendall H. and sisters Edythe and Lois.

¹⁷⁰³Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷⁰⁴Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, The unidentified clipping is now in my files.

¹⁷⁰⁵Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷⁰⁶Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷⁰⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷⁰⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷⁰⁹Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial No. 1634. Harvey R. Harrison, of West Salem, a married man, born 26 April 1893, in West Salem, Illinois, died of heart trouble on 24 April 1952 at the age of 58 years, 11 months, 29 days. He was buried 26 April 1952. He was a veteran of WWI and his wife was Ila.

¹⁷¹⁰Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁷¹¹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷¹²Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

"Mr. Harrison had been in business in West Salem for a number of years, operating an auto parts and appliance business.

"He is survived by his wife, three sisters, Mrs. Edith Busefink, Miss Lois Harrison and Miss Inez Harrison, all of West Salem, and one brother, Kendall Harrison of Indianapolis, Ind.

"Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later.

"The body was removed to the King Funeral Home in West Salem, where it will remain until time for the services."¹⁷¹³

ILA **BUTLER**¹⁷¹⁴ may be the Ila M. Harrison (one of 13 Ila Harrisons, but the only one of Illinois) who appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died on 21 May 1997 with the last place of residence listed as West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois. Ila's SSN was issued in Illinois, and her birthdate is given as 13 Dec. 1901.¹⁷¹⁵

143. iii. EDYTHE ANGELINE **HARRISON**¹⁷¹⁶ was born on 25 May 1899.¹⁷¹⁷ She married Henry John **Busefink**, son of William A. **Busefink** and Kate **Meisenheimer**, on 16 Dec 1919.¹⁷¹⁸ She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Oct 1984 with the last place of residence listed as West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois. Edythe Angeline's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 25 May 1899.¹⁷¹⁹

"Edythe Busefink, 85, of West Salem, died Tuesday, October 30, at the Olney Care Center in Olney. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 1, at the Ingram Funeral Home in West Salem with the Rev. Chris Tate presiding. Burial was in the Moravian Cemetery.

"She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Toole of Evansville; one sister, Mrs. Lois Harrison of West Salem; two grandsons, John and Robert Toole of Evansville and one granddaughter, Georgeanne Toole, also of Evansville.

"She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Inez Harrison and her brothers, Harvey and Kendall.

"She was born on May 25, 1899, in West Salem to John William and Sarah Della (Hill) Harrison. She married Henry John Busefink in December of 1919, and he died in May of 1944.

"She was a member of the Zion United Methodist Church."¹⁷²⁰

HENRY JOHN **BUSEFINK**^{1721,1722} was born on 12 Sep 1895 in West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁷²³ He died on 28 May 1944 in near New

¹⁷¹³Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, obituary of Harvey R. Harrison.

¹⁷¹⁴Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷¹⁵Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁷¹⁶Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966, but I have changed the spelling from Edith to Edythe as used in the SSDI and elsewhere.

¹⁷¹⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷¹⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷¹⁹Death report, SSDI, *internet file*, Illinois.

¹⁷²⁰Edythe Busefink, 85, *Independent Times*, West Salem, Illinois, 7 Nov 1984, page 2. Hereinafter cited as *Independent Times*.

¹⁷²¹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷²²Edythe Busefink, 85, *Independent Times*, 7 Nov 1984, page 2, from which his middle name is added.

¹⁷²³Henry J. Busefink Dies Suddenly on Bus near New Harmony, *unknown newspaper title*, unknown location.

Harmony, Indiana, at age 48.¹⁷²⁴ He was buried on 31 May 1944 in Moravian Cemetery, West Salem, Edwards County, Illinois.¹⁷²⁵

"Henry J. Busefink, former West Salem business man, postmaster and at the time of his death employed as a state auditor for the territory, died suddenly Sunday morning near New Harmony, Ind., while enroute to his home here from Evansville.

"Henry J. Busefink was born in West Salem, Sept. 12, 1895, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Busefink. He grew to manhood here, where he assisted his father in the furniture and undertaking business. He graduated from the local High School in the class of 1911 and graduated from Worsham School of Embalming in Chicago in 1917, receiving his license and continuing to renew it each year.

"At the outbreak of World War I he went to Washington D. C. to enlist in the Purple Cross but this was not then ready for volunteers so he entered Ambulance Co. No. 29, Fifth Division and was sent overseas, where he served for almost two years. Having had active duty in the thick of the fight, with those horrible experiences so fresh in his mind, he could not see fit to continue as funeral director.

"After disposing of the furniture and undertaking business, he traveled for Klamer Furniture Co. of Evansville, then accepted a position on the Service Recognition Board at Springfield. He resigned this position in the fall of 1923. Having passed the Civil Service exam, he was appointed postmaster of this place and served the community in that capacity in a more than satisfactory manner for 13 years and three months.

"He was in business in Albion and West Salem again for a short time before setting up the Old Age assistance system in Edwards County. In July 1941, he went to New York City, where he was employed as accountant for Sperry Gyroscope Co. until his resignation last fall, when he returned to Illinois and the community he loved to serve as State Auditor in this territory.

"He was a member of the American Legion, Past Commander of McCormack Post, a member of the local A. F. & M. lodge and was active in politics.

"Enroute home from a weekend visit with his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Toole and sister, Mrs. Erma Campbell in Evansville, he suffered a heart attack on the bus near New Harmony, was removed and medical aid summoned but passed away about 8 o'clock, May 28, at the age of 48 years and 8 months.

"The body was cared for at the Perry Shoultz Funeral Home in New Harmony, life long friends of the family, and later brought to the King Funeral Home here. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the Emmett Kaericher residence on North Main, Mrs. Kaericher being his sister whose home he had been sharing. Services were in charge of McDormack Post, assisted by members from Albion and Mt. Carmel Posts, and Rev. Ira B. Wilson, pastor of the Evangelical church, and burial was made in the family lot in the Moravian cemetery."¹⁷²⁶

¹⁷²⁴Henry J. Busefink Dies Suddenly on Bus near New Harmony, *unknown short newspaper title*, the year of death is surmised from birthdate and age.

¹⁷²⁵Moravian Cemetery, tabular manuscript Library and papers of Doris R. Olds, Burial 1452. Henry J. Busefink, a married man of West Salem, Illinois, was born 12 September 1895 in West Salem and died of a stroke on 28 May 1944 at the age of 48 years 8 months and 16 days. Catherine was his mother. He was a postmaster. He was buried 31 May 1944.

¹⁷²⁶Henry J. Busefink Dies Suddenly on Bus near New Harmony, *unknown short newspaper title*.

144. iv. KENDALL ALLEN **HARRISON**¹⁷²⁷ was born on 19 Oct 1906.¹⁷²⁸ He married Helen **Copeland** on 1 Jan 1938.¹⁷²⁹ He appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Feb 1980 with the last place of residence listed as Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana. Kendall Allen's SSN was issued in Indiana and his birth date is given as 19 Oct 1906.¹⁷³⁰

He attended High School in West Salem, Illinois, obtained his bachelor's degree at the University of Illinois, and (in 1966) was a car salesman and State Insurance Adjustor.¹⁷³¹

Kendall Harrison, 73

"Word was received in West Salem by relatives and friends of the death of Kendall Harrison, 73, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

"Services for Mr. Harrison were held at the United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, yesterday afternoon, Tuesday, February 26.

"He is survived by his wife, Helen; two daughters, Jane Cuneo of Gaithersburg, Maryland, and Nancy Long of Hilton Island, South Carolina; six grandchildren; two sisters, Edythe Busefink, Lois Harrison and sister-in-law Ila Harrison, all of West Salem, also a niece Margaret Toole of Evansville.

"Kendall, a retired insurance adjuster and Indianapolis businessman, will be remembered by area residents as the son of the late William and Della Harrison. He was an alumni [sic] of West Salem High School and the University of Illinois at Champaign."¹⁷³²

145. v. LOIS MAURINE **HARRISON**¹⁷³³ was born on 17 Sep 1909.¹⁷³⁴ She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died 28 Oct 1990. Lois Maurine's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 17 Sep 1909.¹⁷³⁵

She attended High School in West Salem, Illinois, and obtained her bachelor's degree at Eastern Illinois State Teacher's College. In 1966 she was single and teaching school.¹⁷³⁶

52. MINNIE³ HARRISON (*Emily Orenda² Ridgely, William Henry¹*) was born on 14 Jan 1869. She married George William **Reid** on 1 Jul 1888.^{1737,1738} She died on 26 Nov 1954 at age 85. She was buried in Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁷³⁹

¹⁷²⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷²⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷²⁹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷³⁰Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁷³¹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷³²Moore (Clara Belle) -- family records, clippings family clippings, an undated newspaper clipping, obituary of Kendall Harrison.

¹⁷³³Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷³⁴Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷³⁵Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁷³⁶Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Dec. 1966.

¹⁷³⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷³⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967, saying they were married at the bride's parents' home by Rev. William N. Johnson.

¹⁷³⁹Tombstone, Lancaster Cemetery. The dates are on the stone.

GEORGE WILLIAM **REID**¹⁷⁴⁰ was born on 4 Aug 1860.¹⁷⁴¹ He died on 9 Sep 1925 at age 65.¹⁷⁴² He was buried in Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁷⁴³ He was a physician and surgeon.¹⁷⁴⁴

Children of Minnie³ **Harrison** and George William **Reid** were as follows:

146. i. **HERSCHEL HARRISON⁴ REID**¹⁷⁴⁵ was born on 1 Nov 1890.^{1746,1747} He died on 26 Jan 1891.^{1748,1749}
147. ii. **EMILY CLEDA REID**¹⁷⁵⁰ was born on 25 Jan 1892.¹⁷⁵¹ She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Sep 1977 with the last place of residence listed as Albion, Edwards County, Illinois. Emily Cleda's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 25 Jan 1892.¹⁷⁵² She died on 27 Sep 1977 in Meadowood Nursing Home, Albion, Edwards County, Illinois, at age 85.¹⁷⁵³

She received her A. B. at the University of Michigan in 1930-'31. By 1967 she had retired from a 43 year teaching career, including 27 years at Proviso Township High School, Maywood, Ill. and 11 years at Johnston City, Ill. She and her sister lived in Albion, Illinois, and were among the most helpful of my correspondents while I was preparing my Ridgely book published in 1970.¹⁷⁵⁴

"Miss Emily Cleda Reid died Tuesday evening at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville, where she had been a resident since returning from Richland Memorial Hospital July 22.

"Final rites for Miss Reid will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Ingram Funeral Home. Friends may call after 5 p.m. Thursday.

"A retired English and Dramatics teacher, Miss Reid had taught in Mt. Carmel, Albion, Bone Gap, Belmont, Johnston City and at Proviso Township High School in Maywood.

"Her teaching career covered a period of 42 years, the last 27 years at Proviso.

"Surviving are a sister, Miss Lorena G. Reid of Albion; three nephews, Donald E. Reid of Indianapolis, Ind.; William N. of Valparaiso, Ind. and George N. of Oblong; 2 great nephews, 3 great great nephews and one

¹⁷⁴⁰Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁴¹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁴²Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁴³Tombstone, Lancaster Cemetery. The dates are on the stone.

¹⁷⁴⁴Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁷⁴⁵Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁴⁶Tombstone, Lancaster Cemetery. He is buried near his parents. The dates are on the stone.

¹⁷⁴⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁴⁸Tombstone, Lancaster Cemetery. He is buried near his parents. The dates are on the stone.

¹⁷⁴⁹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁵⁰Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁵¹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁵²Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁷⁵³Miss Emil Reid services Friday, *Albion Journal-Register*, Albion, Illinois, 28 Sep. 1977. Hereinafter cited as *Albion Journal Register*.

¹⁷⁵⁴Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

great great niece.

"She was a member of the First Christian Church of Albion, White Shrine, National Retired Teachers Assn., American Legion Auxillary, Homemakers Extension and a 50 year member of the Eastern Star.

"Born Jan. 25, 1892 at Lancaster, her parents were Dr. George W. and Minnie Harrison Reid.

"She was educated in the Lancaster Public School, attended Southern Collegiate Institute in Albion and graduated from Eastern Illinois University of Charleston in 1913.

"She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois in 1924 and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1933.

"While attending Eastern Illinois University and the University of Michigan she performed in many of the dramatic productions.

"Rev. John Ray will officiate at the services with burial at Lancaster Cemetery."

148. iii. WILLIAM NELSON **REID**¹⁷⁵⁶ was born on 30 Jun 1894.¹⁷⁵⁷ He married Ina **Smith**.¹⁷⁵⁸ He died on 20 Nov 1952 at age 58.¹⁷⁵⁹
He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 5 Jun 1917 in Albion, Edwards County, Illinois. He described himself as living at Albion, Illinois, age 22, born 30 June 1894 in Lancaster, Illinois, and his occupation was a self-employed chaffeur. He was medium in height, medium in build, with _____? black eyes and had light _____? hair. He signed as Nelson Reid.¹⁷⁶⁰ He served in a chemical warfare unit in World War I.¹⁷⁶¹
149. iv. INA **SMITH**¹⁷⁶² was born on 11 Aug 1895.¹⁷⁶³ She died in 1970?¹⁷⁶⁴
(--?--) **REID**¹⁷⁶⁵ was born on 3 Feb 1899.¹⁷⁶⁶ She died on 7 Feb 1899.¹⁷⁶⁷
She was buried.¹⁷⁶⁸

¹⁷⁵⁵Miss Emil Reid services Friday, *Albion Journal Register*, 28 Sep. 1977.

¹⁷⁵⁶Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁵⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁷⁵⁸Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁷⁵⁹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁷⁶⁰Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁷⁶¹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁷⁶²Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁷⁶³Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁷⁶⁴Olds, annotations by Doris R. Olds in her copy of the William Henry Ridgely book by Dan W. Olds, 1979 Library and papers of Doris R. Olds.

¹⁷⁶⁵Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁶⁶Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁶⁷Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁶⁸Tombstone, Harrison (or new Lancaster) Cemetery. an infant daughter, buried near her parents. The dates are on the stone.

150. v. LORENA GRACE **REID**¹⁷⁶⁹ was born on 14 Jun 1900.¹⁷⁷⁰ She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Apr 1987 with the last place of residence listed as Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois. Lorena Grace's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 14 June 1900.¹⁷⁷¹

She earned a B. S. degree from the University of Ill. in 1924 and an M. A. degree from Columbia University in 1940. She retired from a career of Home Economics teaching, including 7 years at Johnston City (Ill.) Township High School and Junior College at LaGrange, Ill. In 1967 she was living in Albion, Ill. with her sister Emily.¹⁷⁷²

54. GEORGE WILLIAM³ RIDGELY (*Medad Reed², William Henry¹*) was born on 28 Nov 1859 in Lawrence County, Illinois. Although the death record gives 28 Nov 1860, the 1860 census shows that he was age 6 months in June of that year and the 1900 census show his birth date as Nov. 1859.¹⁷⁷³ He married Ellen (--?--) on 21 Jun.^{1774,1775} He married Susan Emma **Cotton**, daughter of Peter **Cotton** and Dorcas **Riggs**, on 4 Apr 1901. According to Lawrence County, Illinois, marriage records, George Wm. Ridgely married Mrs. Emma Stone, daughter of Peter Cotton, on 4 April 1901.¹⁷⁷⁶ He died on 21 Jun 1928 at age 68.¹⁷⁷⁷ He was buried in Lancaster, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁷⁷⁸

He and Ellen (--?--) had no children.

George William **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1880 in Wabash County, Illinois, as follows: He is listed at age 20, living with Lloyd Ridgely.¹⁷⁷⁹

George William **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 11 Jun 1900 in Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County, Illinois, as follows: This record shows he was age 40, born in Nov. 1859. He was widowed. James E. Swift, a cousin, b. Sept. 1881, was living with him.¹⁷⁸⁰

George William **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 27 Apr 1910 in Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County, Illinois, as follows: The listing shows:

Ridgely, George W., head, 50, married twice, this time for 9 yrs, b. Ill., parents b. Ill
, Emma S., wife, 40, married twice, this time for 9 years, 5 children, 5 living
, Henrietta, dau. 6

¹⁷⁶⁹Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁷⁰Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept. 1966.

¹⁷⁷¹Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁷⁷²Letter, Emily Reid to Olds, Sept 1967.

¹⁷⁷³George William Ridgely, Death record 28581 (1928), copy in my files, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Hereinafter cited as George William Ridgely, death record.

¹⁷⁷⁴Carie Richardson, "answers to family questions," e-mail message from (e-mail address withheld) (Mt. Carmel, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 6 June 2005, who got the name and date from an old family Bible, but with no year or last name. Hereinafter cited as "answers to family questions."

¹⁷⁷⁵A George William Ridgely and Ella Bowman were married in Lawrence County, Illinois on 6 Oct 1881 according to the Illinois on-line marriage index at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/GenealogyMWeb/MarriageSearchServlet>. Although not in exact agreement with the Bible record, this may be the relevant marriage especially since the Bible record is strangely incomplete.

¹⁷⁷⁶Letter from Mary Blakeman (344 N. Fairway Ave., Decatur, Ill.) to Dan W. Olds, 26 Feb. 1971; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁷⁷⁷Ridgely, George William Ridgely, death record, He died of heart failure.

¹⁷⁷⁸Tombstone, Harrison (or new Lancaster) Cemetery. The years (only) are on his tombstone. Mrs. Henrietta Carey sent the middle name and full birth date.

¹⁷⁷⁹microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁷⁸⁰1900 federal census of Wabash County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

, Ethel May, dau., 5
 Stone, Fred, stepson, age 10
 Ridgely, Lloyd G., uncle, age 92, single, b. Va., parents b. Va.
 , Samuel, uncle, 70, single, b. Ill, parents b. VA.¹⁷⁸¹
 George William **Ridgely** appeared on the census of 1920 in Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County, Illinois, as follows: George was age 60, wife Emma was age 49, and their daughters Henrietta, age 16, and Ethel M., age 15, were also listed.¹⁷⁸²

ELLEN (--?--) was born circa 1853.¹⁷⁸³ She died on 31 Oct 1899.¹⁷⁸⁴

There were no children of George William³ **Ridgely** and Ellen (--?--).

SUSAN EMMA **COTTON** was born on 23 Apr 1872.^{1785,1786} She died on 3 Apr 1930 in Wabash County, Illinois, at age 57.^{1787,1788} She was buried in Orio Cemetery, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁷⁸⁹ Susan appeared on the census of 1 Apr 1930 in Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County, Illinois. She was recorded as living on Oreo and Lancaster Road and the family is listed as:

Ridgely, Emma	59	widow, born Missouri, father b. Illinois, mother b. Illinois
Hussey, Ozro	29	son-in-law, married at 29, b. Ind, parents b. Ind.
, Ethel	25	dau. married at age 17, born Ill., father b. Ill, mother b. Missouri
, Randar	6	son, b. Ill., f. b. Ind., m. b. Ill.
, Mary	3	dau, b. Ill., f. b. Ind, m. b. Ill.
, Donald	1	son, b. Ill., f. b. Ind., m. b. Ill.

The Hussey family has a bracket drawn around it in the record and this may be intended to draw attention to the fact that the relationships for the Hussey children are given to their parents, rather than the head of household. Emma Ridgely was dead by the time the census was recorded, 16-17 April 1930, but was properly recorded as living as of the official census date, 1 April 1930.¹⁷⁹⁰

Children of George William³ **Ridgely** and Susan Emma **Cotton** were as follows:

¹⁷⁸¹1910 federal census of Ward County, ND. Microfilm image online.

¹⁷⁸²microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁷⁸³Tombstone, Lancaster Cemetery. Inscription: "Ellen, wife of George W. Ridgely, died 13 Oct. 1899, aged 46 years, 4 days."

¹⁷⁸⁴Tombstone, Lancaster Cemetery. Inscription: "Ellen, wife of George W. Ridgely, died 13 Oct. 1899, aged 46 years, 4 days."

¹⁷⁸⁵Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt> Inscription: Emma Ridgely, Apr. 23 1872 -- Apr. 3 1930.

¹⁷⁸⁶Letter, Carie Richardson to Olds, 19 Dec. 2005, including a photograph of the tombstone.

¹⁷⁸⁷Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt>.

¹⁷⁸⁸Carie Richardson, "Descendants of George William Ridgely," e-mail message from (email address withheld) (Mt. Carmel, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 27 June 2005, in which she added the place of death. Hereinafter cited as "Desc. of George W. Ridgely."

¹⁷⁸⁹Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt> where the inscription is Emma Ridgely, Apr. 23 1872 -- Apr. 3 1930.

¹⁷⁹⁰1930 federal census of Wabash County, Illinois. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com on 22 Feb. 2005.

151. i. HENRIETTA⁴ **RIDGELY**¹⁷⁹¹ was born on 23 Apr 1903.^{1792,1793} She married Albert William **Carey** on 26 Oct 1925.¹⁷⁹⁴ She died on 28 Sep 1991 at age 88. An SSDI entry also shows these birth and death dates.¹⁷⁹⁵ She was buried in Orio Cemetery, Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County, Illinois.^{1796,1797}
- ALBERT WILLIAM **CAREY**¹⁷⁹⁸ was born on 21 Dec 1892.^{1799,1800,1801} He died on 21 May 1958 at age 65.¹⁸⁰² He was buried in Orio Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County, Illinois.^{1803,1804} He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 5 Jun 1917 in Wabash Precinct, Wabash County, Illinois. He described himself as living Allendale, Illinois, age 23, born 22 Dec 1894 in Princeton, Indiana, and his occupation was "tent dresser" (?) in Bridgeport, Illinois. He was medium in height, medium in build, with dark brown eyes and had dark hair.¹⁸⁰⁵
152. ii. ETHEL MAY **RIDGELY**¹⁸⁰⁶ was born on 10 Jan 1905 in Wabash County, Illinois.^{1807,1808} She married Ozro Joseph **Hussey**, son of Edward **Hussey** and Mary **Rusheville**, on 19 Jan 1921.¹⁸⁰⁹ She married Charles Franklin

¹⁷⁹¹Letter from Henrietta Carey (Mt. Carmel, Ill.) to Dan W. Olds, Jan 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina).

¹⁷⁹²Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967.

¹⁷⁹³Birth Record, Henrietta Ridgely, b. 23 April 1903, Friendsville Precinct. fourth child. father: George W. Ridgely, age 43, b. Ill. mother: Susan Emma Cotton, age 33, b. Missouri, Wabash County Records, Wabash County Clerk, Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois.

¹⁷⁹⁴Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967.

¹⁷⁹⁵Richardson, "Desc. of George W. Ridgely," e-mail to Olds, 27 June 2005.

¹⁷⁹⁶Letter, Carie Richardson to Olds, 19 Dec. 2005, including a photograph of their tombstone.

¹⁷⁹⁷Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt>.

¹⁷⁹⁸Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967.

¹⁷⁹⁹Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967, which gives the birth year as 1894.

¹⁸⁰⁰Richardson, "Desc. of George W. Ridgely," e-mail to Olds, 27 June 2005, who changed the year from 1894 to 1892, based on the headstone in Orio Church Cemetery.

¹⁸⁰¹Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt> which confirms the full dates.

¹⁸⁰²Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967.

¹⁸⁰³Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt>.

¹⁸⁰⁴Letter, Carie Richardson to Olds, 19 Dec. 2005, including a photograph of their tombstone.

¹⁸⁰⁵Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁸⁰⁶Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967.

¹⁸⁰⁷Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967.

¹⁸⁰⁸Birth Record Wabash County Clerk, Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois, Ethel May Ridgely, b. 10 Jan. 1905. parents: George W. Ridgely and Susan Emma Cotton.

¹⁸⁰⁹Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967.

Abell on 15 Aug 1936.^{1810,1811} She died on 12 Aug 1988 at age 83.¹⁸¹² She appears in the Social Security Death Index with the last place of residence listed as Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois. Ethel May's SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 10 Jan 1905.¹⁸¹³ She was buried in Orio Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁸¹⁴

OZRO JOSEPH **HUSSEY**¹⁸¹⁵ was born on 18 Sep 1902.¹⁸¹⁶ He died on 19 Feb 1936 at age 33.^{1817,1818,1819} He was buried in Orio Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁸²⁰

CHARLES FRANKLIN **ABELL**^{1821,1822} was born on 27 Feb 1896.^{1823,1824} He died on 13 Feb 1983 at age 86.^{1825,1826} He registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 5 Jun 1917 in Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois. He described himself as living in Mt. Carmel, age 21, born 28 Feb 1896 in Dubois County, Indiana, and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with brown eyes and

¹⁸¹⁰Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967, who listed the date as 15 Aug 1936 in two different letters.

¹⁸¹¹Carie Richardson, "From the beginning," e-mail message from (e-mail address withheld) (Mt. Carmel, Illinois) to Dan W. Olds, 27 Jun 2005, "After Ozro died, Ethel Mae married Charles Franklin Abell on 15 Aug 1936. He was born February 28, 1903. He died on Feb. 13, 1983. He is buried in the Harrison Cemetery in Lancaster, Wabash Co., IL". Hereinafter cited as "From the beginning."

¹⁸¹²Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁸¹³Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁸¹⁴Tombstone, Orio (or Wabash Presbyterian Church) Cemetery. Listed at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/il/wabash/cemeteries/friendsville/oreo.txt>.

¹⁸¹⁵Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967.

¹⁸¹⁶Letter, Carie Richardson to Olds, 19 Dec. 2005, including a photograph of the tombstone of Ozro Hussey, Sept. 18, 1902 - Feb. 19, 1936 at the Orio Cemetery, Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County.

¹⁸¹⁷Richardson, "From the beginning," e-mail to Olds, 27 Jun 2005, "of pneumonia while Ethel was pregnant with my grandmother."

¹⁸¹⁸Letter, Carie Richardson to Olds, 19 Dec. 2005, including a photograph of the tombstone of Ozro Hussey, Sept. 18, 1902 - Feb. 19, 1936 at the Orio Cemetery, Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County.

¹⁸¹⁹Wanda Lee Hussey (?), "Family of Ethel Mae Ridgely Hussey Abell" (manuscript, sent by Carie Richardson in Dec. 2005, probably written between 1998 and 2000), which gives the date as Feb. 18, 1936. Hereinafter cited as "Family of Ethel Mae Ridgely Hussey Abell."

¹⁸²⁰Letter, Carie Richardson to Olds, 19 Dec. 2005, including a photograph of the tombstone of Ozro Hussey, Sept. 18, 1902 - Feb. 19, 1936 at the Orio Cemetery, Friendsville Precinct, Wabash County.

¹⁸²¹Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, Jan 1967.

¹⁸²²Richardson, "From the beginning," e-mail to Olds, 27 Jun 2005, in which she added the middle name.

¹⁸²³Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁸²⁴Richardson, "Desc. of George W. Ridgely," e-mail to Olds, 27 June 2005.

¹⁸²⁵Death report, SSDI, *internet file*, in which his death date is given only as Feb. 1983, although the full birth date is given and his last place of residence was Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois.

¹⁸²⁶Richardson, "From the beginning," e-mail to Olds, 27 Jun 2005, from which I have added the day of death. "After Ozro died, Ethel Mae married Charles Franklin Abell on 15 Aug 1936. He was born February 28, 1903. He died on Feb. 13, 1983. He is buried in the Harrison Cemetery in Lancaster, Wabash Co., IL."

had dark brown hair.¹⁸²⁷

57. CHARLEY HENRY³ RIDGELY (*Medad Reed², William Henry¹*) was born on 3 Feb 1868.^{1828,1829} He married Matilda **Edson** on 17 Oct 1906.¹⁸³⁰ He died on 7 Nov 1939 in Mound Valley, Labette County, Kansas, at age 71.¹⁸³¹ He was buried in Mound Valley Cemetery, Labette County, Kansas. Charley H. Ridgely, 1868 - 1949 (note the discrepancy).¹⁸³²

MATILDA EDSON¹⁸³³ was born on 11 Apr 1880.¹⁸³⁴ She died on 25 Mar 1963 in Parsons, Labette County, Kansas, at age 82.¹⁸³⁵ She was buried in Mound Valley Cemetery, Mound Valley, Labette County, Kansas.¹⁸³⁶

Children of Charley Henry³ **Ridgely** and Matilda **Edson** were as follows:

153. i. **RAY ARNAL⁷ RIDGELY¹⁸³⁷** was born on 18 Mar 1908 in Mound Valley, Labette County, Kansas.^{1838,1839} He married Edna May **Gwartney** on 20 Apr 1943 in Reno, Nevada.^{1840,1841} He appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died 22 Nov 1988 with the last place of residence listed as Parsons, Labette County, Kansas. Ray Arnal's SSN was issued in Kansas and his birth date is given as 18 Mar 1908.¹⁸⁴²

He and Edna May **Gwartney** had no children.¹⁸⁴³ As of 1966, Ray Arnal **Ridgely** lived at 1429 Main Street, Parsons, Kansas.¹⁸⁴⁴

¹⁸²⁷Ancestry.com, registration card images, used in Nov. 2005.

¹⁸²⁸Letter from Henrietta Carey (Mt. Carmel, Ill.) to Dan W. Olds, n. d.; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸²⁹Letter from Leona V. Hopper (Trinidad, W. I.) to Dan W. Olds, 5 Oct 1967; personal files (Dan W. Olds, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina), in which she gives the birth date as 13 Feb 1868.

¹⁸³⁰Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, n. d., relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸³¹Letter, Charley Henry Ridgely to Olds, 5 Oct 1967.

¹⁸³²Mound Valley Cemetery, Labette Co., Kansas, online
freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~flebbe/Cemeteries/kansas/labette/moundvalleyms.htm. Hereinafter cited as Mound Valley Cemetery.

¹⁸³³Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, n. d., relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸³⁴Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, n. d., relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸³⁵Letter, Charley Henry Ridgely to Olds, 5 Oct 1967.

¹⁸³⁶Mound Valley Cemetery, online
freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~flebbe/Cemeteries/kansas/labette/moundvalleyms.htm, Matilda E. Ridgely
1880 -- 1963.

¹⁸³⁷Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, n. d., relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸³⁸Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, n. d., relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸³⁹Letter, Charley Henry Ridgely to Olds, 5 Oct 1967, adds the birth place.

¹⁸⁴⁰Letter, Charley Henry Ridgely to Olds, 5 Oct 1967.

¹⁸⁴¹Carroll Andrew (ed.) Edson, *Edson Family History and Genealogy* (Ann Arbor, Michigan: Edwards Brothers, Inc., n. d.), which has her middle name and the date and place of marriage. Hereinafter cited as *Edson Family History and Genealogy*.

¹⁸⁴²Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁸⁴³Letter, Charley Henry Ridgely to Olds, 5 Oct 1967.

¹⁸⁴⁴Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, 22 Sep 1966.

- EDNA MAY **GWARTNEY**^{1845,1846} was born on 25 May 1915.¹⁸⁴⁷ She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Apr 1986 with the last place of residence listed as Parsons, Labette County, Kansas. Edna May's SSN was issued in Kansas and her birth date is given as 25 May 1915.¹⁸⁴⁸
154. ii. LEONE VALNETTE **RIDGELY**¹⁸⁴⁹ was born on 18 Oct 1910 in Mound Valley, Labette County, Kansas.^{1850,1851} She married Charles Orrin **Hopper** on 27 Apr 1952 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.¹⁸⁵² She appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died 30 Nov 2002 with the last place of residence listed as Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. Leone Valnette's SSN was issued in Kansas and her birth date is given as 18 Oct 1910.¹⁸⁵³ She had no children.¹⁸⁵⁴
- CHARLES ORRIN **HOPPER**¹⁸⁵⁵ was born on 2 Aug 1914.¹⁸⁵⁶ He appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Jun 1970. Charles Orrin's SSN was issued in Oklahoma and his birth date is given as 2 Aug 1914.¹⁸⁵⁷
155. iii. DOROTHY EILENE **RIDGELY**¹⁸⁵⁸ was born on 22 May 1918.¹⁸⁵⁹ She died on 3 Jul 1919 at age 1.¹⁸⁶⁰ She was buried in Mound Valley Cemetery, Mound Valley, Labette County, Kansas.¹⁸⁶¹

58. OLIVE L.³ RIDGELY (*Medad Reed^p, William Henry^v*)¹⁸⁶² was born circa 1896. She married Thomas Benton **Walling** on 30 Jul 1913 in Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois.¹⁸⁶³ She appears

¹⁸⁴⁵Letter, Charley Henry Ridgely to Olds, 5 Oct 1967.

¹⁸⁴⁶Edson, *Edson Family History and Genealogy*, which has her middle name and the date and place of marriage.

¹⁸⁴⁷Edson, *Edson Family History and Genealogy*.

¹⁸⁴⁸Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁸⁴⁹Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, n. d., relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸⁵⁰Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, n. d., relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸⁵¹Letter, Charley Henry Ridgely to Olds, 5 Oct 1967, adds the birth place.

¹⁸⁵²Letter, Charley Henry Ridgely to Olds, 5 Oct 1967.

¹⁸⁵³Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁸⁵⁴Letter, Charley Henry Ridgely to Olds, 5 Oct 1967.

¹⁸⁵⁵Letter, Charley Henry Ridgely to Olds, 5 Oct 1967.

¹⁸⁵⁶Edson, *Edson Family History and Genealogy*.

¹⁸⁵⁷Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁸⁵⁸Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, n. d., relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸⁵⁹Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, n. d., relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸⁶⁰Letter, Henrietta Carey to Olds, n. d., relaying information from Arnal Ridgely.

¹⁸⁶¹Mound Valley Cemetery, online freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~flebbe/Cemeteries/kansas/labette/moundvalleymys.htm, Dorothy E. Ridgely, 1918 - 1919. Also listed in the reference is an infant son Ridgely with no dates. He is not mentioned in my family lists from Arnal Ridgely nor Leone Hopper.

¹⁸⁶²Her middle initial is from the 1920 census listing.

¹⁸⁶³Wabash County Marriages: Book 2, p. 129 " On 30 July 1913, Olive Ridgely, age 19, of Gibson Co., Ind., dau. of Manuel [sic] Ridgley and Mary Knowles, m. Thomas Benton Walling at Mt. Carmel."

in the Social Security Death Index as having died Sep 1983 with the last place of residence listed as Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Olive L.'s SSN was issued in Illinois and her birth date is given as 3 Nov 1895.¹⁸⁶⁴

Olive L. **Ridgely** and Thomas Benton **Walling** appeared on the census of 1920 in Hamilton Street, Lockport Township, Will County, Illinois, as follows: Walling, Thomas B. 30 b. Ind.
Olive L. 24 wife b. Ill. parents b. Ill.
William E. 5 son b. Ind.
Harold K. 1 3/12 son b. Ind

The Social Security Death Index shows an Olive Walling, b. 3 Nov. 1895, d. Sept. 1983, whose last residence was in Joliet, Will Co., Ill. Perhaps the most likely Thomas Walling from this index was the one born 30 July 1889, d. Aug. 1962, last residence in Illinois.¹⁸⁶⁵

Olive L. **Ridgely** and Thomas Benton **Walling** appeared on the census of 1930 in Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois, as follows: The listing shows:

Walling, Thomas, age 39, m. at age 24
, Olive, 34, wife, m. at age 18
, Eugene W., age 15, son
, Harold K., age 11, son
, Robert W., age 8, son.¹⁸⁶⁶

THOMAS BENTON **WALLING** was born circa 1890.¹⁸⁶⁷ He may be the Thomas Walling who appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died in Aug 1974 with the last place of residence listed as Carrollton, Greene County, Illinois. Thomas Benton's SSN was issued in Illinois, and his birthdate is given as 5 Aug 1891.¹⁸⁶⁸

Children of Olive L.³ **Ridgely** and Thomas Benton **Walling** were as follows:

156. i. WILLIAM E.⁴ **WALLING** was born circa 1915.¹⁸⁶⁹ He appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died on 24 Jun 1992 with the last place of residence listed as Joliet, Will County, Illinois. William E.'s SSN was issued in Illinois and his birthdate is given as 10 May 1914.
The Social Security Death Index shows a William E. Walling, born 10 May 1914, died Oct. 1992, with last residence in Joliet, Ill.
157. ii. HAROLD K. **WALLING** was born circa 1918.¹⁸⁷⁰ He may be the Harold K. Walling who appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died on 30 Nov 2005 with the last place of residence listed as Joliet, Will County, Illinois., and his birthdate is given as 18 Sep 1918.¹⁸⁷¹
My letters to a Mr. Harold Walling of 1210 Oakland Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, in 2003 and 2004 were neither returned nor answered.
158. iii. ROBERT W. **WALLING** was born circa 1922.¹⁸⁷²

¹⁸⁶⁴Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁸⁶⁵microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com, SD 3, ED 190, Sh8, Line 71.

¹⁸⁶⁶microfilm image online, internet URL, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁸⁶⁷Estimated from the census records, 1920 - 1930.

¹⁸⁶⁸Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

¹⁸⁶⁹age estimate from 1920-1930 census records. Name also given as Eugene W.

¹⁸⁷⁰age estimated from the 1920-1930 census records.

¹⁸⁷¹Death report, SSDI, *internet file*.

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