

EDWARDIAN RIGGSES OF AMERICA IX:
JAMES RIGGS (C1662–C1744)
OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY,
MARYLAND,
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ABBREVIATIONS

BLM	U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Cem.	Cemetery
DAR	National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution
dw.	dwelling (U.S. census)
ED	Enumeration District (U.S. census)
FHL	LDS Family History Library US/CAN microfilm, referenced by roll number, or book, referenced by call number
fam.	family (U.S. census)
GLO	General Land Office of the BLM
GMNJ	<i>The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey</i>
IGI	International Genealogical Index (LDS)
JP	Justice of the Peace
LDS	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons)
MG	Minister of the Gospel
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
NEA	<i>New England Ancestors</i> (NEHGS)
NEHGS	New England Historic Genealogical Society
NGSQ	<i>National Genealogical Society Quarterly</i>
NJ Archives	Archives of the State of New Jersey, 1st series
NJHS	New Jersey Historical Society
NYGBS	New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
Pct.	Precinct (U.S. census)
PO	Post Office (U.S. census)
Record	<i>New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i> (New York, 1870-) (NYGBS)
Register	<i>New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i> (Boston, 1847-) (NEHGS)
r.	roll (U.S. census)
RG	Record Group (NARA)
RLDS	Reorganized LDS
sh.	sheet (U.S. census)
SSDI	Social Security Death Index
SSN	Social Security Number
SWNE, etc.	Southwest quadrant of northeast quadrant (GLO, 40 acres)
Sx TyN RzW	Section x, Township y North, Range z West (GLO)
TAG	<i>The American Genealogist</i>
Terr.	Territory

A NOTE ON THE SERIES TITLE

The expression “Edwardian Riggs,” coined by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, describes a descendant of Edward Riggs, immigrant in 1633 to Roxbury, Mass., as distinct from descendants of other early Riggs immigrants to America, presumed to be genetically distinct lines. But here, in a slight expansion of the definition, an Edwardian Riggs is a Riggs male who carries the same Y chromosome as Edward of Roxbury. Female progeny of Edwardian Riggs males are also Edwardian Riggses.

Another way to state the extended meaning is this: An Edwardian Riggs is a descendant of Edward Riggs of Roxbury *or of any of his male Riggs ancestors*. So an Edwardian Riggs male has the same Y chromosome as Edward of Roxbury, but may not necessarily descend from him. He might descend, for example, from Edward’s father or grandfather via a brother or cousin who immigrated to America separately.

As will be argued in detail, any Riggs in this work is an Edwardian Riggs by the extended definition. Possibly each is an Edwardian Riggs in the restricted, original meaning of the term, but I have been unable to prove it as of this writing. For example, Bethuel Riggs has been proved Edwardian by Y-chromosome DNA analysis, as will be explained, but it is not yet known if he descended from Edward of Roxbury. It is known, however, that he descended either from Edward or from one of Edward’s male ancestors.

Technical note: Two males are said to share the “same” Y chromosome if they have the same Y chromosome to within a few mutations. Minor mutations are expected during a passage of time on the order of centuries.

LINEAGE LIST NOTATION

To facilitate stepping “backward” through the genealogy, I utilize one small addition to standard (actually “modified”) *Register* format. A leading subscript to a person in a lineage list is the person number for that individual in this work. For (fictitious) example, Abimilech⁴ Riggs (₂₃Jonathan³, John², Thomas¹) was son of person 23, Jonathan³ Riggs (₈John², Thomas¹), who in turn was son of person 8, John² Riggs, and so forth. This technique may be applied to any person in a lineage list. However, to reduce visual clutter, I will use it here for at most one person per lineage list, usually the first.

A superscript asterisk (*) indicates the first person in a lineage list who is not genetically related to the next older person in the list. For example, Ida N.^{8*} Riggs was an adopted daughter of George W.⁷ Riggs (₁₂₈Elias G.⁶, Gowen⁵, Aaron⁴, Moses³, Thomas², Thomas¹).

N.B. The National Genealogical Society has now carefully codified modified *Register* format, mentioned above, so it is often called NGSQ format. Whatever the nomenclature, the above paragraphs describe departures from it.

METHODOLOGY AND STYLE NOTES

Unsourced material. Some claims without accompanying sources are important to preserve, as hints to future researchers or simply to indicate that I am aware of commonly claimed dates, names, or places, but am not certain of them. I enter these in footnotes and not in the main text. I do not always explicitly flag these claims as unsourced, but they should be understood as such by their presence in the footnotes only. This type of information often comes from compiled, but unfortunately unsourced, genealogies that have the appearance, to me at least, of being well researched and based on solid evidence. The footnote hint might inspire a future researcher to find the elusive evidence, whereas I had not done so by the time this book went to press.

Census litany. Rather than trying to be creative on each of hundreds of census readings, I have chosen to state them with a common “litany.” To make census litanies easy to spot, I usually introduce each one with the year. For example, a reading from the U.S. census for 1900 will begin “In 1900 . . .” This is particularly important in the fourth generation. To fit this book into one bound volume, I abbreviate all census items in generation 4 to the phrase, “In [year number], [name].^[footnote number]” The full census analysis for this generation is available on the book’s website <alvyray.com/riggs/vol1>, or the reader can find and read the actual census record, as sourced completely in the corresponding footnote.

Online sources. I have made much use of online sources, usually secondary, such as the listing of gravestones in a particular cemetery. The problem with this practice is the supposed ephemeral nature of the web. Many online sources may simply disappear from the web over time, or change addresses at least. I have therefore made a copy of every webpage used in this work and archived it for future reference. Very notable exceptions are the many databases available from major servers, such as <Ancestry.com>, which I assume, with some trepidation, will be perma-

nently available by some means. The URL for a website is identified by enclosing < > brackets. When a URL needs to wrap at the end of a line for good visual appearance, I have inserted a hyphen in an appropriate location. This line-breaking hyphen should be omitted, of course, when the URL is used as an internet address.

Abbreviations. To fit this book into one bound volume, I have resorted to abbreviations. With one exception, I always abbreviate state names and month names. I do not abbreviate state names in the main text that stand alone. However, state names in footnotes are always abbreviated, even in the titles of books.

I do not abbreviate anything in a quotation. An abbreviation in a quotation is present in the original.

I use succinct forms for the sources in footnotes. The bibliography should be consulted for full expansion of a source reference. See the abbreviations section of the front matter for the full list of abbreviations used in the census references. In all cases, the census was read from <Ancestry.com>, or from <www.NewEnglandAncestors.com> using HeritageQuest Online, and the roll numbers correspond to the microfilm series used by these organizations.

Verb tenses. Past tense is normally used, but a record is described in the present—e.g., Joe Riggs was born in 1836, but a death certificate for Joe Riggs states that he was born in 1836.

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I want to pay my particular respects to James Wallace⁸ Riggs, who has contributed wonderfully detailed family sources to this effort. See for example the Lydia Riggs family Bible in appendix B and Figure 7–Figure 9. These contributions are the fundamental “stuff” of which a good genealogy is formed. I thank Jim for his care as well, helping me to catch errors before they made their way into the future.

I also want to single out Bruce Thomas Varner, of Olathe, Kans., for detailed source work which has assisted me greatly. Further acknowledgments of his contributions are sprinkled throughout the Edmond⁴ Riggs subfamily, which is probably the one he descends from, his DNA being James Riggs DNA, matching at 67 for 67 markers.

SPECIAL FOREWORD

After nine years of intense genealogical research, the last six devoted to the Riggs family, I have decided that I must bring the effort to a close. So this volume and seven others from my *Edwardian Riggses of America* series are contributed to the public in an incomplete state, as there are thousands of proved results in these volumes of benefit to Riggs family researchers. I have chosen to electronically publish the eight volumes (ten actually, as vol. 3 has three parts) to make them widely available promptly. The format is Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format which preserves the thousands of hyperlinks I have embedded in the documents for my own benefit during the years of editorial work, and which I believe the user will find equally useful. Electronic publishing makes it possible for me to update the volumes at will. I do intend for my work to be cited even though it is incomplete, so I suggest users of the data here always insert the version number of the particular volume in their bibliographical references to it.

The list of unfinished things in this manuscript contains at least these:

Incomplete bibliography.

Broken internet links; they worked when I first referenced them.

Unresolved items, often flagged with red font, but not necessarily so.

General proofreading.

The lower quality illustrations should be culled.

Some permissions have not been formally granted.

Some family lines should be taken further.

On the other hand, much of the information in this book (of several hundred pages) is correct and carefully documented. I would like to see the accurate information used, and the problems solved.

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PREFACE

Seven of the nine volumes in my *Edwardian Riggsses in America* series are devoted to the immigrant Edward¹ Riggs and his descendants. My friend, colleague, and mentor Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, expert on the Great Migration from England to New England between 1620 and 1640, urged me to investigate the immigrant Thomas¹ Riggs to ensure that I was not confusing the two families, as both immigrants had come to Massachusetts in the 17th century. In fact, the plan was to show that the Thomas¹ Riggs males had a different Y chromosome than did the Edward¹ Riggs males. In this I failed. Both families have essentially the same Y chromosome. But that fact forced me to include the Thomas Riggs family in my naïve attempt at complete coverage of the Riggs family in America. Although I do not know the exact relationship of the two families, the DNA tests have proved that they are members of one clan of Riggsses.

Recent DNA tests have suggested (see evidence in the following section) that there is yet another Riggs family in America in the same clan as the Edward¹ Riggs family and the Thomas¹ Riggs family but probably descending from a third early immigrant, who may or may not be the James¹ Riggs of this book. So my primary motivation here is to find that third immigrant. I am fairly certain that he is not either Edward¹ or Thomas¹ because his genetic signature (as evidenced by living descendants) differs in several locations from the signatures of either Edward¹ or Thomas¹, yet is sufficiently close to show that they all three must have had a common ancestor in England way back in time, probably in Hawkshead Parish, Lancashire (now in Cumbria).

John Beverley Riggs wrote a well-known 1939 genealogy of the Riggsses of Maryland, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, including the family detailed here. Although it is an excellent source of hints about this family, I have found in it too many errors or unsubstantiated claims to trust it. The

exceptions are those items which he explicitly footnoted with references, and which I report here.

The DNA evidence also suggests that the elusive William Riggs family of western Pennsylvania might also be descendants of the third immigrant. This family was centered in Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., near Amwell Twp., the latter a locus of many descendants of Edward¹ Riggs, who moved from Morris Co., N.J. Since only about 20 miles separate these two loci, it has long been thought that the William Riggs family was therefore also descended from Edward¹. For example Wallace's 1901 *Genealogy of the Riggs Family* has William's family listed in an appendix and suggests such a connection. But none has ever been found. William's family's tradition is that they came from Maryland, and the DNA suggests that that is probably exactly what happened, matching the DNA of putative descendants of James¹ Riggs.

THE DNA EVIDENCE

At least four living Riggs males, who are proven descendants of James¹ Riggs in this book, have contributed DNA to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group that I have managed for many years, using FamilyTreeDNA as our testing firm. Here are their genetic signatures, where red markers indicate a mismatch:

Byron Lawrence¹⁰ Riggs Jr. (*Byron L.*⁸, *John Andrew*⁷, *Elbridge M.*⁶, *Stephen*⁵, *Samuel*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹):

lXnknplllmmCsijkkkyosBopqqkjswonqrKMll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkl.

Michael Don¹⁰ Riggs (*Edwin Howard*⁹, *Edwin Harold*⁸, *Edwin Harvey*⁷, *Porter*⁶, *Isaac*⁵, *Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹):

lXnknplllmmCsijkkkyosCopqqkjswonqrKMll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkl.

Luman Shirley⁸ Riggs (*Luman Cecil*⁷, *Lee Price*⁶, *Erasmus Columbus*⁵, *John William*⁴, *Erasmus*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹):

lXnknplllmmCsijkkkyosCopqqkjswonqsKMll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkl.

Bruce Thomas⁹ Varner (*Edwin Dale*⁸ Varner, *Bert L.*⁷ Varner, *John L.*⁶ Varner, *?Edmond*⁵, *Edmond*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹):

lXnknplllmmCsijkkkyosCopqqkjswonqrKMll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkl.

Justification for inclusion of Bruce Varner's signature, with a ? in his descent, is required: The ? is circumscribed to a son or grandson of Edmond⁴ by a strong circumstantial case built (principally by Bruce himself) in the following document. Briefly it goes like this: John L.⁶ Varner's mother, Nancy Ann Varner, a single woman, lived and worked in Miller Co., Mo., settled by three sons of Edmond [Edmund]⁴ Riggs, namely Calvin⁵, Owen⁵, and Edmond⁵. Probate of Edmond⁵'s estate contains a claim for back pay by Nancy Ann Varner. So Edmond⁵ was likely the

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father of John L.⁶ Varner, but it could have been one of the other two brothers in the vicinity (which contained no other Riggs families, by the way).^[3] Or he could have been, with less likelihood, one of their sons. Regardless of the details, Edmond⁴ was surely progenitor.

Now for the main argument: The MRCA (Most Recent Common Ancestor) for Byron and Michael (also Bruce) is James³. The MRCA for all four is Edmond². The maximum parsimony argument that I've used elsewhere^[4] establishes the genetic signature (on 67 markers) of James³ to be:

IxnknplllmmCsijkkynosCoppqkjswonqrKMll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmIkmmkkl.

Comparing this to Luman establishes the genetic signature of Edmond² (and hence James¹) to be ({rs} represents r or s):

IxnknplllmmCsijkkynosCoppqkjswonq{rs}KMll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmIkmmkkl.

James¹ probably does not descend from Edward¹ or Thomas¹

I have established in a pair of papers that the following is the genetic signature of the 1633 immigrant to America, Edward¹ Riggs, at 67 genetic markers on the Y chromosome.^[5]

IxnknplllmmCsijkkynosCooqqkjswooqrKLll:kiophjjhkjjluwpjllohlwtmIkmmkkl.

3. This is not quite true. Arthur P.⁶ Riggs (*Isaac⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was in Miller Co., Mo., for the one census 1870, otherwise in W.Va. He married in W.Va. in 1865, then had a first child 30 Dec. 1867, Washington Twp., Pleasants Co., W.Va. This was *after* the birth of John L. Varner in Miller Co., Mo., in 1866 so apparently Arthur moved there after 1867 and before the 1870 census. He apparently had two children in Mo., in 1870 and 1872, then returned to W.Va. for birth of his fourth in 1875.

4. Smith, "The Probable Genetic Signature of Thomas¹ Riggs," and "The Probable Genetic Signature of Edward¹ Riggs," *Register* 164 (2010):85–103. For full details on sources, see the bibliography. The signatures are actually returned as a sequence of 67 numbers. For ease of presentation, I have coded the numbers as follows: **a** = 1, **b** = 2, . . . , **z** = 26, **A** = 27, **B** = 28, . . . , **Z** = 52. And I use the notational device {BC} to mean "B or C" when the evidence does not support one over the other.

5. Smith, "The Probable Genetic Signature of Thomas¹ Riggs," and "The Probable Genetic Signature of Edward¹ Riggs," *Register* 164 (2010):85–103.

This is known as the *Edward¹ Riggs modal signature*.

I also established with these two papers the genetic signature of the c1656 immigrant to America, Thomas¹ Riggs. So this is the *Thomas¹ Riggs modal signature*:

lxnknplllmmCsijkkysCoppqkjswoqrKLll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkl.

It differs from that of Edward¹ in two markers (nos. 23 and 46, shown in blue), which serve as flags distinguishing these two Riggs subfamilies.

Since we have no historical records that suggest James³ or his immediate ancestors came to Maryland from any of the American locales associated with the two immigrants Edward¹ and Thomas¹, the suggestion is strong that James¹ must be, or descend from, a third immigrant (whom we have tentatively identified as James¹ himself, the proved ancestor of both Byron and Michael). This is supported by the genetic distances between James³ and the two established immigrants, which in both cases implies a passage of a sufficient number of generations between them to push any probable common predecessor back into England. So this third implied immigrant, James¹, was related to the other two, Edward¹ and Thomas¹, but distantly so, with an MRCA in England.

I point out now that, by genetic distance, if either Edward¹ or Thomas¹ was a potential ancestor of James¹, then it was most probably Thomas¹. To put it another way, Edward¹ Riggs of Massachusetts is highly unlikely to have been the ancestor of James¹ Riggs of Maryland. I state this strongly because many online “genealogies” of the James Riggs family of Maryland simply assign his descent to Edward¹ Riggs, via a poorly established James Riggs of New Jersey.^[6] How this James might have got to Maryland is never established.

For what it’s worth, the first James Riggs descending from Thomas¹ Riggs was born in 1726, the next one in 1733, and the next one in 1750.

6. In Anderson and Smith, “The Genealogy of Edward¹ Riggs Revisited,” *The Genealogist*. (See bibliography for expansion of source details.), Robert Charles Anderson and I show that there is some evidence of a James⁴ Riggs, born say 1679 in New Jersey, who might have descended from Edward¹ Riggs of Massachusetts, but the descent is not well-established. The records for him are scanty. His children are not established, and there is not a shred of evidence that he went to Maryland.

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But James¹ Riggs in Maryland is known to have been in Prince George's Co., Md., in 1698. James Riggs born say 1679 in New Jersey, probably a descendant of Edward¹ Riggs, fits more-or-less timewise but not DNA-wise nor locationwise.

William³ probably descends from James¹ not Edward¹

Now I present the following two genetic signatures from the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group, both from proved descendants of William³ of western Pennsylvania:

James Wallace⁸ Riggs (*James Vernon⁷, Oliver Sansom⁶, John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*):

lxnknplllmmCsijkkysCoppkjswonqrKLl:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkl.

Walter Sherman¹⁰ Riggs III (*Walter Sherman⁹ II, Walter Sherman⁸, Wiley Morton⁷, William J.⁶, Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*):

lxnknplllmmCsijkkysCoppqkjswonqpKLl:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkl.

David Ray¹⁰ Riggs (*David Ronald⁹, Fredrick Orr⁸, William Herbert⁷, Wesley Perry⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*):

lxnknplllmmCsijkkysCoppqkjswonqrKLl.

From these we derive a tentative signature for William³, their MRCA:

lxnknplllmmCsijkkysCoppqkjswonqrKLl:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkl.

Here is James³'s signature as developed above, for convenience:

lxnknplllmmCsijkkysCoppqkjswonqrKMl:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkl.

There is a fourth descendant of William³ (**unfortunately there is a ? in his lineage**) who matches the James³ modal signature on 66 of 67 markers (red indicates the one mismatched marker):

Charles Lynn⁹ Riggs (*Charlie William*⁸, *Merle Leslie*⁷, *George Washington*⁶, *James*⁵, *?James*⁴, *William*³, *?James*², *James*¹):

lxnknplllmmCsijkkkyosEopqqkjswonqrKMll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkll

Charles claims to be descended from William Riggs who was in western Pennsylvania c1775 and was born near Harper's Ferry, W.Va. (and he is proved so descended in this book to within the ? at James⁴). If so, this would explain the origins of the heretofore uncertainly placed William Riggs family in western Pennsylvania. This family has long been thought to be related to the Edward¹ Riggs descendants in western Pennsylvania, who lived in the same county, but no connection has ever been found. The DNA analysis promises to show that the William Riggs family descended from James¹ of Maryland, not Edward¹ (or Thomas¹) of Massachusetts.

Since Charles also has (putatively) William³ as the MRCA with James and Walter, then William³'s signature would resolve to:

lxnknplllmmCsijkkkyosCopqqkjswonqrKLll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkll.

That is, Charles does not add to the DNA argument. Here is James³'s signature as developed above, for convenience:

lxnknplllmmCsijkkkyosCopqqkjswonqrKMll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkll.

William³ and James³ are close enough that they must have a MRCA, with high probability in genealogical time. He is tentatively James¹ with this signature:^[7]

lxnknplllmmCsijkkkyosCopqqkjswonqrK{LM}ll:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkll.

Note that this signature is only distance 1 (perhaps 2) from that of Thomas¹ Riggs, but distance 3 (perhaps 4) from that of Edward¹ Riggs.

7. To see how this works, consider marker 21. William³ has {CE} on this marker, and James³ has {BC}, ignoring contributor C. By the maximum parsimony algorithm James¹ has C or E coming in from one branch and B or C from another, and gives C for marker 21 in James¹ because that minimizes the mutation probabilities. It is more likely that C was mutated into E (a distance of 2) down one line and to B down another than that B mutated to E (a distance of 3) and to C (a distance of 1) down one line and to C *independently* down another line.

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The following is a **placeholder** that I put in this book only because the line traces back to colonial Maryland, but to Charles Co., not Prince George's Co. The rest of this section may be skipped if only James¹ is of interest:

David Lee⁹ Rigg (*Elmer Ellsworth*⁸, *Charles Reuben*⁷, *William Victor*⁶, *Charles L.*⁵, *Samuel*⁴, *Charles*³, *Thomas*², *John*¹) :

lXnknqllmmCsijkkysCoppqqkjswoqrKLl:kiophjjhjjluwpjllohlwtmkmkkl.

This signature differs from the Thomas¹ Riggs modal signature in only one marker (the red one), and from the Edward¹ Riggs modal signature in three markers (red and blue). Note that it differs by three from the James³ modal signature just derived. This indicates, I believe, that another immigrant came (or a descendant came) to Charles Co., distinct from the one who came (or whose descendant came) to Prince George's Co.

N.B. I have not validated this pedigree at all, but take it on the word of David who contributed his YDNA to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group. He states the following from his own research:

David Lee Rigg (b. 26 Aug 1948, Hustisford, Dodge County, Wisconsin), son of
Elmer Ellsworth Rigg (b. 13 Jul 1906, Belmont, Wabash County, Illinois; d. 15 Oct 2009, Waupun, Dodge County, Wisconsin), son of

Charles Reuben Rigg (b. 20 Feb 1873, Belmont, Wabash County, Illinois; d. 25 Nov 1948, near Bone Gap, Edwards County, Illinois), son of

William Victor Rigg (b. 27 Jan 1840, Wabash County, Illinois; d. 20 Jun 1903, Belmont, Wabash County, Illinois), son of

Charles L Rigg (b. 3 Dec 1814, Wood County, Virginia; d. 29 Jun 1887, Belmont, Wabash County, Illinois), son of

Samuel Rigg (b. 14 Aug 1791, Henry County, Virginia; d. 1 Apr 1850, Wabash County, Illinois), son of

*Charles Rigg (b. 8 Jun 1756, Charles County, Maryland; d. 24 Feb 1839, Wabash County, Illinois), son of

**Thomas Rigg (d. 1761, Charles County, Maryland), son of

***Susanna Posey (b. 1 Jun 1691, Charles County, Maryland)

* Charles Rigg received a pension for his service in the Maryland Line in the Rev. War. Aside from the war, his pension file documents his time in Charles County, Greenup County, Kentucky, and Wabash County, Illinois. After the war, he and his brother, Thomas, moved to Henry County, Virginia, then on to Stokes County, North Carolina, where Thomas died. They remained there until Thomas's widow (Sarah) died in 1804 then moved on. Charles moved briefly to Gallia County, Ohio (paid personal property tax, sons received bounty for wolf scalps, 1 son married), then on to Greenup County. While in Gallia County, Samuel helped farm the estate of William Beauchamp across the river near what is now Elizabeth, West Virginia and married Beauchamp's daughter, Rachel. Beauchamp's son, also named William, was involved in the founding of Mount Carmel, Illinois and some of the Riggs and Beauchamps moved there in 1817 (including Samuel and Robert Rigg). Several others moved there over the next 10 years. In 1836, Charles and sons George and James moved there joining the others.

** Thomas Rigg died in 1761 in Charles County, Maryland. Inventories and accounts of his estate exist. The accounts list 8 children including Thomas (with whom Charles moved to Henry County and Stokes County, buying adjacent farms), Susanna (whose son, Townley, was raised by her brother Thomas), John (moved to Fairfax County, Virginia), Townley (moved to Fairfax County, Virginia. His widow, Benedicta, and children then moved first to Wood County, Virginia, then to Edwards County, Illinois (now Wabash County, Illinois), Charles, Benjamin (moved to Fairfax County, Virginia then on to Wood County, Virginia. Two of his children moved on to Wabash County, Illinois), Mary (I have no information), and James (remained in Charles County).

*** Susannah Posey married secondly Cleborn Lomax. She appears in numerous documents with Thomas Rigg, the earliest of which (registering a cattle mark) identifies him as her son. She is almost certainly the widow Susanna Rigg identified in the ac-

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count of John Rigg (d. 1711, Charles County, Maryland).^[8] I don't find any other widow Susannah Rigg in Charles County in that time frame. I don't find another Rigg who died in Charles County in that time frame. BUT, I don't have a paper trail that shows the widow Susannah (Posey) Rigg is the same person as Susannah, widow of John Rigg.

Susannah Posey was 19 years old when John Rigg died. Based on his inventory, I would say John was just getting started . . . early 20s . . . mid-20s tops.

In that time frame (1710s) there was also a Thomas Rigg in Charles County (d. 1740). The Thomas Rigg (d. 1740) seems to a son of Thomas Rigg (d. 1688) for whom a cattle mark was registered in 1686 (based on the ages of the others who received cattle marks at the same time. My speculation has been that Thomas Rigg (d. 1740) was a brother of John Rigg (d. 1711) and that both were sons of Thomas Rigg (d. 1688). The picture isn't altered significantly if I include George Rigg of Saint Mary's County. Many of the names that appear on documents related to George are familiar. The James Riggs (d. 1744) of Prince George's County is less clear. At this point I don't have a more specific location in Prince George's County. Thomas Rigg (d. 1688) patented land on the south side of Mattawoman Creek, which runs East-West in the northern part of Charles County. I also don't recognize most of the names that appear on documents related to James Riggs. "Pocy" might be interesting as a variation of "Posey" but that's it.

Regarding documentation, <www.number-one.org/~rigg/dlr0001.htm> covers Thomas Rigg (d. 1761) and <www.number-one.org/~rigg/dlr0079.htm> covers Charles Rigg (d. 1839). Clicking on an image will often bring up more detailed information. This was much easier than it might have otherwise been given the Rev. War pension file and 6 generations staying put in a community of 400 people (Bellmont, Illinois).

8. Dave⁹ Rigg has as evidence here a digital photocopy of a record from Charles Co., Md., records: "The Acct of Susanna[h] Rigg Adm* of all & Singular Goods Chattles & Credits of John Rigg late of Charles County Dec^d . . ." It is from a report dated 18 May 1712 on John Rigg's account from its administratrix Susannah Rigg. He also shows in digital photocopy an inventory of the John Rigg estate "late of Charles County Decd" taken on 1[7?] Sept. 1711 (p. 300 of Charles Co., Md., inventories).

I (Alvy) have inspected these websites and they contain good work, featuring digital photocopies of original documents. I have not vetted the work myself, however.

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FIRST GENERATION

1. JAMES¹ RIGGS was born about 1662, in England, **if he was indeed** the James Riggs, 22, indentured 6 Aug. 1684, London, for service in Maryland, who is discussed next. James Riggs died after he signed his will 21 Aug. 1744 in Prince George's Co., Md., and before it was proved there 4 Mar. 1744/5.^[9] If James were he indentured in 1684, then he would have been about 82 or 83 at death. He married, according to his will, **ELIZABETH** —, who outlived her husband and was alive on 29 Jan. 1746/7 when she made a formal accounting of his estate a second time in Prince George's Co. The James who signed his will in 1744 in Prince George's Co., Md., and married Elizabeth I am sure of. **I am not sure that he is the same as the indentured servant born about 1662.**

James Riggs, 22, was indentured 6 Aug. 1684 for four years to Thomas Tench of London, Merchant.^[10] He agreed to accompany him to Mar-

9. See body of this sketch for a full transcription of the will.

10. *Wikipedia*, "Thomas Tench was the 9th Royal Governor of Maryland from 1702 to 1704, appointed by his predecessor, Nathaniel Blakiston, and was succeeded by Colonel John Seymour"; *History of Loudon Co., Va.*, "In 1697, Thomas Tench and John Addison of the Maryland Council had visited the Piscataway to persuade their chief to return to Maryland. The tribe had been valued as fishermen"; *Maryland Loyalists, 1699*, "22 July 1699 | An Association to defend His Majesty's most sacred person and Government against the late King James and all his adherents. | N. Blakiston | Henry Jowles | Thomas Tench | John Addison, Judge of the Prerogative Court | . . . [and several dozen more]," cites "Headlam, Cecil, ed., *Calender of State Papers, Colonial Series* (Volume 17), *America and West Indies, 1699*. Also *Addenda, 1621–1698, Preserved in the Public Record Office* (Vaduz: Kraus Reprint Ltd., 1964) First Published London: HMSO, 1908. Pp. 393–394"; Griffith, *Sketches of the Early History of Maryland*, 35, "In 1691, colonel Lionel Copley was appointed captain-general, and Henry Jowles, Nehemiah Blakiston, Nicholas Greenbury, . . . , Thomas Tench, John Addison, . . . , esquires, were his councillors"; *Archives of Md.*, Vol. 8, mentions Thomas Tench many times for the period 1691–1693, nearly always in context as their Majesties council consisting typically of Nehemiah Blakiston, Henry Jowles, George Robotham, Nicholas Greenbury, Robert King, John Brookes, Nicholas Gassaway, John Edmondson, Capt. John Addison, Robert Mason,

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ylant. The indenture was signed by James and by Thomas Barrisford, and witnessed by Abraham Bayly.^[11] The DNA Evidence suggests that there probably was an immigrant—I call him James¹—from whom the Riggses in this book descend. The indenture record offers the only known candidate for such a person consistent in time and place. A circumstantial case is built for this immigrant below, **but so far it is missing a crucial link between the indentured James Riggs of 1684–1688 and the James Riggs, a Ranger in Prince George’s Co. in 1698.**

I start with the 1939 genealogy of the Maryland Riggses by John Beverley Riggs (JBR), who covers the James Riggs family late in his book. I use only the section of the book called, “Other Riggs Families in Maryland,” beginning on p. 487:^[12]

James Riggs, who appears to have been the progenitor of a separate family of the name, was in Prince George’s County at an early date. He married Elizabeth —.

John Courts, and Thomas Brooke, for example, 352 (K:39) has a letter of 16 Aug. 1692 from “William & Mary etc. King & Queen of England etc. To Thomas Tench of Ann Arundell County Esq^r Greeting,” and 284, in a list dated “7ber 17. 1691” of “Maryland Gentlemen” who “are good honest Substantiall Protestants” is “M^r Thomas Tench in Anne Arrundell County.”

11. Tepper, *New World Immigrants*, 1:381, “(a) [type of printed form] (A special form) [serial no. on document] 699. [name, town, occupation] James Riggs. [age] 22. [“Signs” if he signed indenture, “X” if he signed with a mark] Signs. | (b) [name, address, and occupation of person to whom apprentice is bound: Note: Often this is the master of the ship on which he was to sail] Thomas Tench of London. Merchant. | (c) [place to which apprentice was going] Maryland. [no. of years of the indenture, name of the ship, name of ship’s master] 4. | (d) [date indenture was signed] 6th. August 1684. [name of witnesses] X mark of Thomas Barrisford. ([name of magistrate] Abra. Bayly),” Abraham Bayly was JP of Middlesex Co., 1:324–420 of this work were derived from “Some Early Emigrants to America, by Cregoe D. P. Nicholson, *Genealogists’ Magazine*, XII, Nos. 1–16 (1955–1958); XIII, Nos. 1–8 (1959–1961);” London Metropolitan Archives hold the record, their title, “James Riggs, aged 22 years, agrees to go with Thomas Tench of London, merchant, to Maryland,” reference code MR/E/441, parent reference MR/E-1, former reference 699, microfilm reference X066/008. Thanks to Mike Riggs for these sources. In Tepper, 405, Tench signed up two more on the same day as James Riggs, and 382, he signed up two more on 9 Aug. 1684.

12. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 487ff.

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I have formed an opinion about the quality of JBR's genealogy. As opposed to many published genealogies his does cite records for many of its claims. However, after doublechecking many of his cited records, I've come to the conclusion that his book must be used carefully and all his records checked. For example, consider JBR's first citation for James:

The earliest reference to James Riggs in Prince George's County is found in a letter [sic] written by Colonel John Addison, dated May 19, 1698. In it, James Riggs is mentioned as a "ranger."^[13]

The footnote provided for this item by JBR is "Maryland Historical Magazine (Vol. XI, p. 169)." However, when I checked that source, I found no reference to the letter nor any mention of a Riggs.^[14] However, an article in the book *Records of the Columbia Historical Society of Washington, D.C., 1963–1965*, contains this item where I have boldfaced Riggses:

The Maryland Rangers of the Garrison at the Falls of Potomac were reorganized in 1698 under the command of Colonel Ninian Beall and Captain Richard Owen.¹⁵ Their Lieutenants were respectively James Taylor and **James Riggs**.

In a letter¹⁶ to Governor Francis Nicholson dated May 19th 1698 Colonel John Addison reported:

The Rangers (y^t is) Col Beale,¹⁷ Th^{os} Orton, Jas Taylor, Jo^s Walker, James Draine & J^o Teares assembled at y^e head of y^e Eastern Branch. Capt Ri Owen, W^m Smith, Morgan Faitell, **Ja Rigs**, Th^{os} Fletchal and W^m Marshall at ye plantation where Ja Lile¹⁸ was killed at y^e mouth of Goose Creek¹⁹—and they ranged out there of each company every week their turns.

Cap Owen hath been up at y^e Sugar-Loaf-Mountain on this side his last time out: but met with no Indians; only the woods there were newly burned—Col Beale and his party last week ranged up y^e Eastern Branch, and so to Mr Snowden's quarter,²⁰ and headed Rock Creek, and so

13. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 487, footnote here is "Maryland Historical Magazine (Vol. XI, p. 169)."

14. *Maryland History Magazine*, 11(1916):169 [FHL 599524, item 2].

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down Potomoke, but discovered nothing: which is what offers as to y^r af-fair—

All my Family as my Neighbors remain very sickly.^{15]}

[The footnotes for this excerpt are these:]

¹⁵ Rangers who served under them for various periods included James Taylor, **James Riggs**, Thomas Orton, Thomas Fletchall, John Teare, Joseph Walker, William Smith, James Draine, Morgan Serrall, Henry Duke, Lawrence Russell, John Rouls, **John Riggs**, Morgan Faitell, William Marshall, James Leyler, William Thompson, Theophilis Bishop, Godfrey Barnes, John Jones, William Cutler, Humphrey Beckett, John Banks, Thomas Ryley, William Semon, John Neuby, Henry Emerson, John Withers, Francis Bettelley, Joseph King, Nathaniel Bignall, William Sewell, John Beall and John Harris.

¹⁶ Public Record Office, London, B. T. Maryland Vol. 3 B43.

¹⁷ Colonel Ninian Beall.

¹⁸ James Lyle, killed supposedly by the Anacostian King.

¹⁹ Also called Tiber Creek.

²⁰ One of several owned by Richard Snowden in different areas. This was probably his Patuxent Quarter.

It is the “head of y^e Eastern Branch,” referring to the head of the Anacostia River, which lies in Prince George’s Co. of that time that establishes James there in 1698 (Figure 1). Notice that in footnote 15 of this excerpt there is a John Riggs listed as well as a James Riggs. This suggests that there might have been either two immigrant brothers, or perhaps two sons of a single earlier unknown immigrant, or as I have taken it so far, John was a son of James. The “Eastern Branch” terminology shows up frequently.

So it appears that JBR got the content right for the earliest known record of James Riggs but made an error in his citation for the record, interchanging two historical societies in Maryland. As will be seen below,

15. Castle, “The Washington area between 1608 and 1708,” *Records of the Columbia Historical Society of Washington*, 11–12.

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this is a repeating pattern with JBR: His factual content is often (not always) trustworthy, but his citations are often (not always) flawed.

Now back to JBR's book:

At the January Court term, in 1704, Prince George's County, there was entered the case of Adam Colhone *vs.* James Riggs as follows:

James Riggs of Prince George's County, Merchant, was attached to answer unto Adam Colhone, Merchant in London, of a plea of trepass upon the case . . . And whereupon the said Adam by Joshua Cecill, his attorney, complaineth whereas the 21 September, 1703, at Charles Town in the jurisdiction of this Court, the said James Riggs for a valuable consideration to him, the said James, at his instance and request before the time by him, the said Adam, paid according to the use of merchants, delivering unto him, the said Adam, three bills of exchange; that is to say, the first, second, the third bills, with the proper name of him, the said James, written and subscribed; and to one Mr. John Warnock, Merchant in London, for payment thereof—in the first of which Bills of Exchange the said James Riggs did require the said John Warnock to pay, or cause to be paid unto the said Adam Colhoun (*sic*), Merchant in London, or order, the sum of £74 8. 10 of England at 30 days sight, his second and third bills of the same tenor not being paid . . . and said James Riggs, in consideration of the premises did assume upon himself, if said Warnock did not pay . . . ^[16]

The testimony further stated that the bills were repudiated by Warnock and protested in London. James Riggs also repudiated them, return “non est,” and levy was ordered against his estate.

At the March Court of 1704, there was entered the suit of Captain Samuel Pocy (or Posey ?) *vs.* James Riggs. James Riggs, **late of** Prince George's County, planter, was attached to answer unto Samuel Pocy for an indebtedness of date, July 30, 1703, in the sum of £4 sterling. The suit was

16. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 488, footnote here is “Liber B, folio 346, *Land Records*, Prince George's County, Maryland.” Liber B is missing from FHL (the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, my principal research venue). FHL 14247 leaps from Liber A, 1696–1702, to Libers C–E, 1702–1716, so **I have not yet been able to check this reference.**

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defended by James Riggs through his attorney, James Haddock, and the case was decided against the defendant.^[17]

On March 19, 1707–8, James Riggs desired that the following paper to be recorded, “these are to satisfy [certify ?] all persons whom it may concern, that I have let a house to the inhabitants of the Eastern Branch for Mr. Nathaniel Taylor to preach in until they can get a meeting-house built for the purpose as witness my hand” (signed) Ja. Riggs.^[18]

Nathaniel Taylor is described in the following item, remarkably similar to the one just quoted above, but again from the *Records of the Columbia Society of Washington, D.C.*:

In the March Court of 1706 (Prince George’s County Court Records Liber C folio 59) an interesting notice was recorded as follows:–

Att ye Request of Mr William Tanyhill and by the Consent of Mr Tho:
Addison ye ffollowing Noate was Desired to be put on ye Record Mr
Willett

I Desier you to record Mr Thomas Addison’s Old house att ye
Easterne Branch as a place appoynted for ye worshipp of God for ye
People of the Easterne Branch that shall joyne with Mr Nathaniell Tay-
lor Minister of the Gospell

Will Tanyhill

Taylor was a Presbyterian Minister from Scotland with his main congregation on the Patuxent where he lived. Addison was a firm pillar of the Established Church of England and succeeded his father as Foreman of the Vestry of Broad Creek Church.^[19]

17. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 488, footnote here is “Liber B, folio 291, *Land Records*.” I also have not been able to check this reference.

18. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 488, footnote here is “Liber C, part II, folio 209, *Land Records*.” There was no Liber C, part II in the FHL, but there was an index for it on FHL 14247 at the end of Liber C (presumably its part I): “Riggs James House Apr for a [interlined? “[Ines?]”] indbt [page] 210.” So at the very least the folio 209 cited by JBR should be 210 (unless the index has it wrong).

19. Castle, “The Washington area between 1608 and 1708,” *Records of the Columbia Historical Society of Washington*, 14.

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This is strong evidence that James Riggs was a Protestant, despite his dealings (see below) with Charles Carroll, a leading Catholic in Maryland.

At this point I shall start entering items in my own style. If I've taken the item from JBR, I say so, and show what JBR recorded (usually) incorrectly. But it should be noted that I do use his book for inspiration.

On 23 Dec. 1703 James Riggs witnessed a lease of 100 acres in Prince George's Co., Md., by Richard Jarrell of Prince George's Co. from Elizabeth Elliott [sic], widow and executrix of Dall Elliott [sic], late of Prince George's Co. Thomas Fletchall was another witness.^[20]

From Castle's paper about early Prince George's Co. again (where I include all names listed because they show up in many of the James Riggs records):

The New Scotland part of the Frontier had long had its local officials appointed for internal security, defense emergency procurement and public work. These were the Constables to perform police duties; the Pressmasters to press the people for the Militia's various requirements in event of danger; and, the Overseers to be in charge of highway and pathway maintenance.

The Constables served one at a time for the term of a year as did the Pressmasters while the Overseers served mostly two at a time. Some terms were not completed. The years given beside their names in footnote²¹ indicate when they took office in such cases as I found in the records.^[21]

[The footnote of this excerpt follows:]

20. Jourdan, *Land Records of Prince George's Co., Md., 1702 to 1709*, 16, Jan. Court 1703, held at Charles Towne 25 Jan. 1703, "folio 74a - Indenture, 23 Dec 1703 | From: Elizabeth Elliott, widow, execx. of Dall Elliott, late of Prince George's County | To: Richard Jarrell of Prince George's County | 100 acre part of a tract called Denn [sic, Dann] near the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River bounded by Francis Prissley's land called Forgot and land owned by Ninian Beall | Signed: Elizabeth Elliott (mark) | Witnessed: Tho's Fletchall, Andrew Hamblelon [sic, Hamilton] and James Riggs | Acknowledgement: Elizabeth Elliott examined by John Addison and Wm. Tannyhill | Alienation: 18 Mar 1703 the sum of 4s paid by Richard Jarrell."

21. Castle, "The Washington area between 1608 and 1708," *Records of the Columbia Historical Society of Washington*, 15.

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²¹ Constables: William Tannehill (1689), John Swalwell (1693), Daniel Elliott (1696), George Miller (1696), Walter Evans (1697), Andrew Hamilton (1698), Daniel Elliott (1699), Ralph Wornall (1700), William Smith (1701), William Morgan (1702), Thomas Johnson (1703), Thomas Fletchall (1705), John Jones (1706), John Norris (1707) and **James Riggs** (1708). *Pressmasters*:—Charles Beall (1696) (1697), Gawen Hamilton (1698), Ralph Wornall (1698) (1700), and Walter Evans (1707). *Overseers*:—Walter Evans (1690), Charles Beall (1694), Francis Presley (1696), Gawen Hamilton & James Stoddert (1696), John Thickpenny & Thomas Locker (1698), William Smith & Walter Evans (1699), James Butler & Michael Ashford (1700), Thomas Johnson & Richard Garrett (1701), James Butler & James Beall (1702), William Smith & Walter Evans (1703), **James Riggs** & John Cash (1704), Nicholas Rhodes & Thomas Miller (1705), William Thompson & John Chittam (1706), William Scott & Thomas Fletchall (1707) and Charles Beall & William Smith (1708).

On 4 Aug. 1706 James Riggs witnessed a letter of attorney from James Wallace, of Prince George's Co., to Andrew Hambleton.^[22]

On 17 July 1717 James Riggs witnessed a will signed in Prince George's Co., Md., by Thomas Fletchell, a planter from that county.^[23] Thomas Fletchell or Fletchall is frequently mentioned in the same context as James Riggs.

In 1719 James Riggs is listed as a taxable in Prince George Co., Md., in the New Scotland Hundred. Col. Addison is listed just before him.^[24]

22. Jourdan, *Land Records of Prince George's Co., Md., 1702 to 1709*, 49, "folio 174 - Letter of Attorney, 4 Aug 1706 | From: James Wallace, merchant late of London in the Kingdom of England now of Prince George's County | To: Andrew Hambleton [sic, Hamilton] | Hambleton appointed to handle all debt collection of James Wallace in Maryland | Signed: Ja. Wallace | Witnessed: David Small and James Riggs."

23. *Md. Calendar of Wills, Vol. 4, 1713-1720*, 110, "Fletchell, Thos., planter, Prince George's Co. [signed] 17th July, 1717; [proved] 2nd Aug., 1717. | . . . | Test: John Bradford, James Riggs, Wm. Renshaw. | 14. 389."

24. *Calendar of Md. State Papers No. 1: The Black Books*, 21-22, "1719 [Prince George's County.] List of taxables in New Scotland Hundred, taken by William Scott, Constable. | Personal names occurring in list: James Beall, . . . , Col. Addison, James Riggs, | Total number of taxables: 161. || 157 | X, 7." Thanks to Mike Riggs for this reference.

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In 1733 James Riggs is listed as a taxable in Prince George Co., Md., in the New Scotland Hundred, along with Edm(un)d Riggs, John Riggs, and “Jams” Riggs Jr.^[25]

The following description helps us locate the New Scotland Hundred:

On the 12th of April, 1712, it was ordered by the vestry of St. John’s Parish that the Rev. J. Frazer preach in the East Branch Hundred once a month on Sunday. This was the hundred west of the Eastern Branch of the Potomac, and extended to the Paint Branch. This appears to have been the beginning of what was afterwards known as Rock Creek Church. . . . In 1726 St. John’s Parish was divided: Piscataway and New Scotland Hundreds, containing 791 taxables, yielding 31,640 pounds of tobacco, were constituted St. John’s Parish, and the Eastern Branch, Rock Creek, and Potomac Hundreds, having 791 taxables, yielding 21,800 pounds of tobacco, were constituted a new parish, named Prince George Parish, and the chapel at Rock Creek was made the parish church for the new parish. . . . The parish embraced all the country northwest of a line “beginning with the mouth of the Eastern Branch of the Potomac, and running up therewith to the fork thereof, and thence continuing the course of the East Branch to its head, and by a straight line until it strikes the Patuxent River.”^[26]

Here’s another description I obtained from the internet, **but haven’t vetted**:

New Scotland Hundred was created in 1683 and at its creation was part of Charles County. In 1695 Charles County was divided to form Prince Georges County and then New Scotland Hundred was part of Prince Georges County. New Scotland Hundred was the westernmost settlement at its creation and it remained that way into the 1700’s because of a fear of the Iroquois indians who dwelled farther west. Some of Mary-

25. *Calendar of Md. State Papers No. 1: The Black Books*, 43–44, “1733 [Prince George Co., List of Taxables in New Scotland Hundred, taken by Thomas Wilson, Constable. | Personal names in list: Madam Addison, . . . , James Riggs, Edm[un]d Riggs, John Riggs, Robert Robinson, Jams Riggs, Jr., . . . | 275 | II, 123.” Thanks to Mike Riggs for this reference.

26. Sharf and Long, *History of Western Md.*, 742.

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land's most prominent citizens made their homes in New Scotland Hundred including Col. Ninian Beall, the Edmonstons, the Belts, the Thompsons, etc. Many of these people were from Scotland and were Presbyterians, thus they named their settlement New Scotland Hundred. Col. Ninian was the leading citizen in New Scotland Hundred and most certainly settled many of the 200 people he transported to Maryland in that area where he had acquired so much land. The area that New Scotland Hundred covered included the land where Washington D.C. is situated today

On 3 Dec. 1734 Charles Carroll, Esq., of Annapolis, leased a farm to James Riggs, planter, of Prince George's Co., and to his heirs and assigns, for 21 years, being a 100-acre portion of the tract "Concord." The annual rent was 800 lbs. of "clean merchantable Tobacco clear of trash & ground leaves" to be delivered to the "Eastern branch landing in convenient casque to contain the same." He was also required, among other things, to plant within three years 150 apple trees in an orchard. The transaction was recorded 24 May 1735, at the request of James Riggs.^[27] See appendix D for a full transcription of this typical lease of that time and place and see Figure 4 and Figure 5 for images of its beautiful calligraphy.

The following from a western Maryland history book explains Concord:

"Concord" was granted to Daniel Dulany, April 26, 1721, for one thousand one hundred and six acres, which was located one mile above "Brightwell's Hunting Quarter," on the Potomac River, and one hundred yards above the mouth of Broad Run, where the line begins, and extends up the Potomac to some distance above White's Ferry, taking in

27. Prince George's Co., Md., Deeds, T:268-69 [FHL 14249], signed 3 Dec. 1734, witnessed by George Allwood and John Flint, acknowledged 17 Dec. 173[4?]; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland* [i.e., JBR], 488, has footnote, "Liber T, folio 268, *Land Records*," but mistakenly records the date of the lease as 3 Oct. 1734.

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most of the bottom-lands through which runs the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.^[28]

Figure 3 shows the locations along the Potomac that matter here, the Riggs loci. The green path in this map is the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Broad Run is located at about mile 32 (red numerals) on this map and White's Ferry at about mile 35. At the lower right is Washington, D.C., and the main channel of the Potomac. The Eastern Branch of the Potomac (Anacostia River) is seen entering the main river just across from Alexandria. As we have seen, the Riggses moved from the Eastern Branch up the Potomac to the Concord region between Broad Run and White's Ferry. The Monocacy River enters at about mile 42. Harper's Ferry is at about mile 61, and Antietam Creek enters the Potomac at about mile 69. At about mile 71 or 72 near Sharpsburg is another point of Riggs interest, as will be seen. This entire area was originally Prince George's Co. Modern Washington Co. and Frederick Co., Md., share a border just across from Harper's Ferry, where Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia come to a point. James's putative grandson, William³ Riggs, was born in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry, and his wife was born apparently near Antietam. **However, I still have yet to connect the families of James² and William³.**

Placeholder:

In Feb. 1768, the Carrolls sold Concord and Outlet to Prince George's County planter Jeremiah Berry for £2,602.10.0 sterling. As a result of this transaction, it fell to Charley to settle accounts with the Carrolls' former tenants.^[29]

Placeholder:

Papa's organization of Doohoragen Manor^[30] reflected the importance he attached to the details of proper management, and his letters to Charley

28. Sharf and Long, *History of Western Md.*, 651.

29. Hoffman, *Princes of Ireland, Planters of Md.: A Carroll Saga, 1500–1782*, 229.

30. Doughoregan Manor is located in Howard Co., Md., near Ellicott City. It is said that in one of the rooms of the manor, George Washington sat for his portrait by Gilbert Stuart.

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demonstrate his exacting involvement in all aspects of production and life on his lands. By the 1770s Doohoragen was divided into ten operating quarters, four of which were run by white overseers. James Riggs administered the manor's largest quarter (the home quarter), where 130 slaves lived, and he "overlooked" the six quarters headed by slaves—Sukey's, Moses', Jacob's, Mayara James's, Sam's, and Glen and Organer's, each with approximately twenty slaves. After Papa, James Riggs [this turns out to be a different James Riggs] exercised the greatest control on Doohoragen, and his handsome annual salary of forty-five pounds sterling attested his employer's regard for his competence. The elder Carroll found Riggs "a thinking active Man" and particularly applauded his hard-driving style: "He proposes the saw mil shall work by Day & the Grist Mil by Night, by wh Method they may both work Constantly & Have a Sufficient Supply of Water." Charley once pointed out that the overseer could "scarce read & write, & must consequently want method," but his father prized Riggs for his loyalty and thoroughness. Nonetheless, even Papa occasionally found Riggs's dedication to his job excessive: "Riggs was Married last thursday," he reported to Charley one Monday in March 1774.^[31] "I did not know it untill Saturday, He stayed that night wth His wife, unless He is gone to Her this Day I do not know that He has seen Her Since Friday Morning, He is a strange Cur."³

Despite Rigg's idiosyncrasies, Papa remained pleased with his performance until he left the Carroll employ in the fall of 1778, perhaps to devote more time to his own agricultural enterprises, or perhaps, given his death two years later, . . .^[32]

On 21 Aug. 1744 James Riggs signed his will (see full transcription below) in Prince George's Co., Md., and it was proved 4 Mar. 1744/5. To his wife, Elizabeth, he bequeathed personalty (i.e., personal movable

31. There were four Mondays in March 1774[/5], making the preceding Thursday 2, 9, 16, or 23 Mar.

32. Hoffman, *Princes of Ireland, Planters of Md.: A Carroll Saga, 1500–1782*, 237, where footnote 3 is "CCA to CCC, June 9, 1772, Mar. 21, 1774, CCC to CCA, Aug. 27, 1777, *ibid.*" I think CCA is Charles Carroll of Anapolis, and CCC is Charles Carroll of Carrollton. I don't know which James Riggs this refers to. All we know from this is that he married Mar. 1774, joined Carroll as overseer in 1771 and left Carroll in 1778, and died 1780.

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property). He named his children, James, John, Edmond, Sarah Riggs, and Jane Cramphin, as his heirs. His wife was named as the executrix. Witnesses to the will were Samuel Riley, Matthew Sparrow, and Thomas Lucas, Jr.^[33]

On 18 Apr. 1745 Elizabeth Riggs, the executrix, filed the testamentary bond and widow's election for the estate, with Michael Jones and John Riggs, of Prince George's Co., her sureties with £150 sterling.^[34]

On 22 Apr. 1745 an inventory of the estate was taken and appraised at £74 13s. 2d., by Thomas Lucas and Eliphaz[e] Reily, with John Riggs and Edmund Riggs listed as "kin," and sworn to by Elizabeth Riggs on 10 July 1745.^[35] An account of the estate was filed on 2 Dec. 1746, by the widow,^[36] and again on 29 Jan. 1746/7 in the sum of £78 16s. 9d.^[37]

Following is a timeline for James¹ as understood so far:

33. Gibb, *Abstracts of Wills* (abstracted from Prerogative Court), 24:10, 21 Aug. 1744, James Riggs Sr., Prince George's Co.; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 488, footnote here is "Liber XXIV, folio 10, Colonial Maryland Wills, Annapolis, Maryland," which is correct.

34. Md. Prerogative Court, Testamentary Proceedings, 31:575, "[1745] [April] [18th] The following Proceedings were Exhibited from Prince Georges County by Peter Dent . . . | James Riggs his Test^y Bond [& wid^s election [interlined]] in common form by Elizabeth Riggs his Executrix with Michael Jones & John Riggs of Prince Georges County her Suretys in one hundred and fifty pounds Ster^e — Dated 2^d April 1745." [FHL 12937]; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 489, footnote here is "Liber XXXI, folio 575, Testamentary Proceedings, Annapolis," which is correct but the date in the main text is stated incorrectly as 12 Apr. 1745.

35. Md. Prerogative Court, Inventories of estates, 31:199–200, [FHL 12873]; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 489, footnote here is "Liber XXI, folio 199, Colonial Maryland Inventories, Annapolis," which is incorrect: Liber XXI should be XXXI, and the main text contains several errors: the appraised amount was stated incorrectly as £74 18s 2d, Thomas Lucas and Edmond Riggs were listed as the appraisers, and the kin were omitted.

36. Md. Prerogative Court, Testamentary Proceedings, 32:36, "[1746] [Decem^r] 2^d The following Proceedings were Exhibited from Prince Georges County By Peter Dent . . . | James Riggs his Account By Elizth Riggs his Executrix." [FHL 12937]; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 489, footnote here is "Liber XXXI, folio 36, Testamentary Proceedings (*op. cit.*)," which is incorrect: Liber XXXI should be XXXII.

37. Md. Prerogative Court, Accounts of estates, 33:41–42, as reported but dated "January 29th 1746" [FHL 12906]; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 489, footnote here is "Liber XXIII, folio 41, Colonial Maryland Accounts, Annapolis," which is incorrect: Liber XXIII should be XXXIII, and the main text has the date nonsensically given as 29 July 1746/7.

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c1662	England	Birth
6 Aug. 1684	London	Signed indenture
1684-1688	Maryland	Indentured servant
19 May 1698	Head, Eastern Branch	Ranger
30 July 1703	Prince George's Co.	Indebtedness
21 Sept. 1703	Charles Town	Indebtedness
23 Dec. 1703	Prince George's Co	Witnessed lease
1704	New Scotland part	Overseer
Jan. 1704[/5?]	Prince George's Co.	Calhoun v Riggs
Mar. 1704[/5?]	Prince George's Co.	Pocy v Riggs
4 Aug. 1706	Prince George's Co.	Witnessed letter
19 Mar. 1707/8	Eastern Branch	Let house to preacher
1708	New Scotland part	Constable
17 July 1717	Prince George's Co.	Witnessed will
1719	New Scotland 100	Listed as a taxable
1733	New Scotland 100	Listed as a taxable
3 Dec. 1734	Concord tract	Leased from Carroll
24 May 1735	Concord tract	Recorded lease
21 Aug. 1744	Prince George's Co.	Signed will
4 Mar. 1744/5	Prince George's Co.	Will proved
18 Apr. 1745	Prince George's Co.	Widow's election
22 Apr. 1745	Prince George's Co.	Inventory of estate
10 July 1745	Prince George's Co.	Sworn to by widow
2 Dec. 1746	Prince George's Co.	Estate accounted
29 Jan. 1746/7	Prince George's Co.	Estate accounted

Here is the full will as I transcribed it from a Maryland State Archive image file:^[38]

38. *Maryland State Archive S538*, Wills, 1744-1746, 24:10 (liber 24, folio 10), contains a digital image of the original.

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Maryland Prince Georges County [?] In the name of God Amen, the twenty first day of August in the year of Our Lord God one thousand Seven Hundred and forty four, I James Riggs Sen^r in the County afore-said being in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, I do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth that is to say Item. I leave to my dear and beloved wife Elizabeth Riggs all my Goods Chattles Moveables, horses, and Everything as I do Claim as my own Excepting a feather bed and furniture and a Brindle Cow heifer which I shall dispose as followeth: to her during her naturall Life and after her Decease to be Equally divided amongst my Children, and their heirs forever, James Riggs John Riggs Edmond Riggs Sarah Riggs and Jane Cramphin, Secondly, I give to my beloved Daughter Sarah Riggs a feather Bed, furniture and Brindle Cow heifer, to her and her heirs forever, Thirdly after my wifes Decease, I give to my Son Edmond Riggs a molatto [sic] Boy, named Samuel Redbun to him and his heirs forever will that my Son Edmond shall have his Equal part Notwithstanding I give this molatto Boy, over and above his Equal part with the rest of his Brothers and Sisters Fourthly, I do make my wife Elizabeth Riggs my Exc^r and administratrix In Witness whereof, I have set my hand, and seal, this day and year above written

James Riggs [Seal]

Signed Sealed in the presence of [Mr.?!]

Sam^l Riley Matt [his | M | mark] Sparrow, Thom Lucas Jun^r

On the back of the foregoing will was this written Viz

March 4th 1744, Then Came Samuel Riley, and Thomas Lucas Jun^r two subscribing Evidences to the foregoing will and being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God declare and say they saw James Riggs late of Prince Georges County deceased signe the foregoing will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of serine [sic] and Disposing memory to the best of their apprehension and in his presence and at his request they subscribed the same as Evidences and they believe the Other subscribing Evidence saw and heard the same as they did Sworn Before Pet Dent Deputy Commissary of P^r Georges County

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Children in will order:^[39]

- + 2 i JAMES² RIGGS, born say 1699–1712, perhaps in England but more likely in Maryland, married MARY ELLIS, and had eight children.
- 3 ii JOHN² RIGGS.^[40] He is listed in his father's will of 21 Aug. 1744, Prince George's Co., Md.

On 22 Apr. 1745 an inventory of the estate of James¹ was taken, with John Riggs and Edmund Riggs listed as "kin."^[41]

On 17 Mar. 1746[/7?] John Riggs served as surety for an estate administration bond in Prince George's Co., and the bond was exhibited there on 28 July 1747.

"[1747] [July] 28th Was Exhibited from Prince Georges County – | John Beatty his administration Bond in common form By [Henr?]ica Beatty his Administratrix with John Riggs and John Middagh of Prince Georges County her Suretys in Three Hundred pounds Sterling Dated 17th March 1746."^[42]
- + 4 iii EDMOND [EDMUND]² RIGGS, born 17– say 1715, married (1) MARY BROOKE, and had at least one child, married (2) RUTH SUMMERS, and had eight children.
- 5 iv SARAH² RIGGS, "who, it is believed, was identical with Sarah Riggs, born in 1726, and living in Lower Potomac Hundred, Frederick County, Maryland, in 1776, when a census was taken."^[43] 1726 seems to be out of range for the children here, especially if she is older than Jane, as the will order implies.
- 6 v JANE² RIGGS, married^[44] JOHN CRAMPHIN. There is a Jeane Cramphin, 66, in the 1776 census of the Lower Potomac Hundred, Frederick Co., Md., who would thus have been born about 1710.^[45]

39. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 488.

40. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 487.

41. Md. Prerogative Court, Inventories of estates, 31:199–200, [FHL 12873].

42. Md. Prerogative Court, Testamentary Proceedings, 32:111, [FHL 12937].

43. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 487, with this footnote: "Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, Maryland Records: Colonial, Revolutionary, County, and Church from Original Sources. (Baltimore, 1915; Lancaster, Pa., 1928, 2 vols.)"

44. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 488.

45. *Maryland Record*, Vol. 1, 1776 census of Frederick Co., Lower Potomack Hundred, 1:187,

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If so, she is out of birth order (cf. Sarah). There was a John Cramphin who immigrated to Maryland in 1742.^[46]

The March Court of 1751-1752, Frederick Co., Md., records this case:

Thomas Dobbs in his petition to the Court states “that your petitioner was servant to John Cramphin (deceased) for the space of seven years before the expiration of which time the said John Cramphin died. Your petitioner served the remainder of his time to Jane, the wife of the said John Cramphin. As she did not administer her husband’s estate, she refuses to give your petitioner any freedom dues. Your petitioner therefore humbly prays Your Worships as he conceives these is freedom dues due him to order who is to give them, the administrators or wife, and he in duty bound will pray, &c.”

The Court ordered the petition referred to the next County Court.^[47]

Also, in the June Court of 1749:

John Cramphin [today: Crampton] petitions the Court for a license to keep a public house in Frederick Town, and the Court grants him permission.^[48]

“Cramphin, Jeane . . . [years] 66.”

46. *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s–1900s*, John Cramphin, 1742, Md., cites “Coldham, Peter Wilson. *Settlers of Maryland 1679–1783*. Consolidated Edition. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2002,” 152.

47. Rice, *This Was the Life, Excerpts from the Judgment Records of Frederick Co., Md., 1748–1765*, 94, Mar. Court of 1751–52. This case is rejoined on p. 163, but nothing further was done. John Cramphin or Crampton is mentioned on 10, 11, 17, 45, 50, 94, and 163 [but not all these pages appear in Google Book].

48. Rice, *This Was the Life, Excerpts from the Judgment Records of Frederick Co., Md., 1748–1765*, 10, June Court of 1749.

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2. JAMES² RIGGS (₁James¹) was born say 1699–1712,^[49] perhaps in England but more likely in Maryland,^[50] and died after he signed his will 2 Aug. 1769, in Frederick Co., Md.,^[51] and before it was proved 12 Jan. 1770.^[52] He married say 1737 MARY ELLIS,^[53] and had nine (possibly only eight) children according to his will (which does not name them, except for son John, the administrator). Mary's first name comes from James's will.

The following is from John Beverly Riggs's genealogy of the Maryland Riggsses but is not yet vetted by me:

James Riggs, son of James and Elizabeth Riggs, was probably born in Prince George's County, Maryland. He married Mary —, by whom he had eight [probably nine] children.^[54] . . .

49. There is no James Jr. in the 1719 taxables list of Prince George's Co. (see sketch of father), and there is a James Jr. in the 1733 taxables list. This brackets James Jr.'s coming of age to 1720–1733, implying the given birth range. This is consistent with James Sr. being freed from indenture about 1693, at which point he could marry and have children.

50. In Mahlon's letter (appendix A), he states, "My grandfather, Riggs, was of English descent, and my father was American born." This is ambiguous but I take it to mean that James² was born in England and hence immigrated with his father James¹. This is inconsistent, however, with his father having come over as an indentured servant.

51. Frederick Co., Md., was formed partially from Prince George's Co. in 1748, so the Riggsses might not have moved when their records began saying Frederick Co. The lower part of Frederick Co. separated in 1776 to form Montgomery Co. In 1791 D.C. was separated from Montgomery and Prince George's Cos. Frederick Co. was formed in 1748 partially also from non-county land including that just across the Potomac from Harpers Ferry. So the fact that William was born there suggests that the Riggsses, or some of them, had moved to the non-Prince George's part of Md. In 1776 when Montgomery was formed from Frederick. Washington Co., Md., was also formed from it and its lowest corner was across the Potomac from Harpers Ferry (so both Washington and Frederick Cos. were near Harpers Ferry then).

52. Maryland Wills, 37:365–66 [FHL 12856], signed 2 Aug. 1769, Frederick Co., Md., proved 12 Jan. 1770. See transcription in body of sketch.

53. I have seen no evidence for her maiden name. It does not come from Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*.

54. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 489. Mary and the eight children are from the will, however the will actually says "other eight" children, meaning probably that there were nine: John, who is explicitly named, and the other eight who are not.

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James Riggs was living in Frederick County in 1756. In that year, he and his son, James, signed a petition, presented to Governor Sharpe, for a division of All Saint's Parish, Frederick County. He signed as "James Rigs, Senr."^[55] The subsequent history of James Riggs is quite vague.

I break JBR's treatment here for a moment. A history of western Maryland helps us understand the geography:

By an act of the Provincial Assembly, adopted and approved in 1692, the English Church was made the established religion in Maryland. Frederick County with the rest of Western Maryland was included at first in St. John's Parish, Prince George's County, but in 1722 all of St. John's Parish north of the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River was made Prince George's Parish, and the Rev. George Murdock became its rector.

All Saints' Parish.—During the pastorate of Mr. Murdock (in 1742) all of his parish north of the Great Seneca Run was made into All Saints' Parish on the petition of its inhabitants.^[56]

And now return to JBR's treatment:

He [sic] served in the French and Indian War (1757–58) as a private. A record in the Maryland Historical Magazine (vol. IX, p. 271) shows that he received £1 4s. 10d. [sic] as pay.^[57]

I checked this reference and found that on one page, under one captain, Capt. William Luckett, are listed John Riggs (for 30 days service), Edmund

55. *Calendar of Md. State Papers No. 1: The Black Books*, 125–26, "[1756] All Saints Parish, Frederick County. Petition of freeholders and freemen to Gov. Horatio Sharpe and the Assembly. | Copy of 862 with different signatures. [description of 862 is this, p. 125: 'The parish is so vast that it is impracticable for any one clergyman to discharge his function fully; the petitioners therefore pray that an act may pass to divide the parish upon the death of Rev. Samuel Hunter, the present incumbent.'] | . . . | Signers: Samuel Ellis, . . . , James Rigs, Sen., James Rigs, Jr., | On verso: 'by the Upper House of Assembly, March 1756, read and rejected. Signed, J[ohn] Ross, clerk.' | Printed in Arch. of Md., LII, 670–672. || 864 | X, 48"; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 489, footnote here is "*Ibid.*," the previous one is "*op. cit.*, Archives of Maryland. Vol. LII. Proceedings and Acts of the Assembly, 1766–56)," and previous to that is "*Liber XXIII*, folio 41, Colonial Maryland Accounts, Annapolis."

56. Sharf and Long, *History of Western Md.*, 506.

57. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 490

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Riggs (for 24 days service), and James Riggs Jr. (for 24 days service). They appear to be three sons of the current James Riggs. Also listed in the same company is Zachariah Ellis (for 13 days service).^[58]

On 30 Nov. 1744 James Riggs leased from Daniel Carroll 100 acres in Prince George's Co., Md., called Hillmain [sic, Killmain].^[59] The lease was for the natural life of James Riggs, Mary Riggs, his wife, and Edmund Riggs, his son. The annual rent was 500 lbs. of clean, merchantable tobacco to be delivered each 25 Mar. to Rock Creek Landing. Within three years he was to plant an orchard of 150 good apple trees.^[60] Since James Riggs Sr. died between Aug. 1744 and Mar. 1744/5, and since he had leased land from Charles Carroll, this new lease might have been between the sons of the parties of the older lease (of 1734).^[61]

A description of Killmain:

Killmain was granted to Daniel Carroll in 1735, and contains three thousand acres. It lies on the Conrad's Ferry road, and includes the lands of Ludowick Young's heirs and others.^[62]

An interesting tidbit about Charles and Daniel Carroll details their actual relationship:

58. French and Indian War, *Md. Historical Magazine* 9(1914):260-280 [FHL 928398]. The original document is undated but contains two dated items, in 1757 and 1758. Capt. William Luckett's Muster Roll begins on p. 269. On p. 271 is "To John Riggs ditto [for 30 days service] 240 [apparently the number of hours served at 8 hrs. per day] 1..10..0 [apparently paid 1s per 8 hr. day | . . . | To Zachariah Ellis 13 ditto [i.e., for 13 days service] 104 0..13..0 | . . . | To Edmund Riggs 24 ditto 192 1..4..0 | . . . | To James Riggs Jr. 24 ditto 192 1..4..0." In particular James Riggs Jr. received £1 4s 0d. Samuel Ellis is also listed in the company, but I didn't record his service.

59. Sharf and Long, *History of Western Md.*, 652, "Killmain was granted to Daniel Carroll in 1735, and contains three thousand acres. It lies on the Conrad's Ferry road, and includes the lands of Ludowick Young's heirs and others."

60. *Prince George's Co., Md., Land Records, 1743-1746*, 74, abstracted from Prince George's Co., Md., Land Records, BB1:274, recorded 29 Mar. 1745.

61. *Prince George's Co., Md., Land Records, 1743-1746*, 42, abstracted from Prince George's Co., Md., Land Records, BB1:168, recorded 28 July 1744, relates three of these: On 25 Mar. 1744 John Soper leased 100 acres from Charles Carroll in Prince George's Co., consisting of two tracts, called Concord and Out Let, "which is bounded by a line of James Riggs," witnessed by Dan^l Carroll.

62. Sharf and Long, *History of Western Md.*, 652.

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Daniel Carroll, cousin of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, was born in Maryland, and died at Washington, D.C., in 1849, at a great age. He was a delegate to Congress from 1780 to 1784, and was a delegate from Maryland to the convention which framed the Constitution of the United States. He was a member of Congress in 1789–91, and was, in the latter year, appointed one of the commissioners for laying out the District of Columbia. His farm formed the site of the present city of Washington. His father, Daniel Carroll, died at Upper Marlboro', Feb. 27, 1751. In November, 1770, Charles Carroll, barrister, conveyed by deed of trust to H. Rozier, Notley Young, and Daniel Carroll one hundred and sixty acres of land, lying near the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, for the purpose of laying out a town to be called Carrollsburg, now a part of Washington City.^[63]

Presumably it was this Daniel's father, who died 27 Feb. 1751, who made the deal with James Riggs in 1744.

Of further interest is the fact that Charles Carroll of Annapolis, from whom James Riggs leased his part of Concord, was the wealthiest person in Maryland. His son, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, was the longest surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence and the only Catholic one.

On 4 Aug. 1746 James "Rigs" witnessed three transactions between Richard Sprigg of Prince George's Co., Md. He signed all three with his mark "R." All three were co-witnessed by Robert Wickham, Thomas Owen, and James Edmonston. The three transactions were sales of three apparently adjoining or nearby properties, parts of Bedelem Green and Piles Delight, located in Prince George's Co.^[64] The next transaction in the Prince George's Land Records was another sale by Richard Sprigg of Prince George's, Gentleman, of tracts also parts of Piles Delight. I include here the description of their locations, with the thought that James Riggs might have been located in the vicinity:

63. Sharf and Long, *History of Western Md.*, 679.

64. *Prince George's Co., Md., Land Records, 1746–1749*, 24, abstracted from Prince George's Co., Md., Land Records, 116, 118, 120, all three dated 4 Aug. 1746, all recorded on 3 Dec. 1746.

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The following tracts of land (viz) part of Piles Delight, to wit, 500 acres on Potowmack River about 3 miles above the mouth of Antiatam Cr; a tract of land called Piles Hall, containing 360 acres lying near Israel Friend's Millroad & near where the sd Road crosses a hill called Kit-tawkin [sic, Catoclin]; a tract of land called Danby, containing 125 acres; and also a tract of land called Diamond, containing 200 acres, each lying on the Piney Branch, being a draught of the Eastern Branch of Potowmack River and adjoining a tract of land called Vintersells Range.^[65]

From the above it appears that Piles Delight was probably located in what is modern Washington Co., Md., formed from Frederick Co. in 1776, which was formed from Prince George's Co. in 1756. Antietam Creek and Sharpsburg, Washington Co., Md., are famous for the Civil War battle fought there 17 Sept. 1862. Note also that Washington Co. abuts southern Pennsylvania, but not so far west as to include so-called western Pennsylvania (e.g, Washington Co., Pa.).

On 26 Apr. 1764 James Riggs of Frederick Co., Md., advertised a runaway Daniel Boot, "plays drum & flute."^[66]

My transcription of James's will of 2 Aug. 1769 (proved 12 Jan. 1770), preserving the orthography:^[67]

In the name of God Amen I James Riggs of Frederick County being weak in Body but of Sound mind & Memory . . . And first I give my well beloved Wife Mary Riggs my hole Estate during her Life after my just Debts are paid and at her Deth to be Equally devided amongst the other Eight of my Children and I give to my Son John Riggs whom I likewise Constitute and mak and ordain the sol Executor of this my last Will &

65. *Prince George's Co., Md., Land Records, 1746–1749*, 24, abstracted from Prince George's Co., Md., Land Records, ? :122, 1 Dec. 1746, recorded 6 Dec. 1746.

66. Coldham, *The King's Passengers to Maryland and Virginia*, "Felon Runaways 1734–1788," 268, "Boot, Daniel, plays drum & flute. From James Riggs, FR Co Md. (MG 26 Apr 1764)."

67. Maryland Wills, 37:565–66 [FHL 12856], signed 2 Aug. 1769, Frederick Co., Md., proved 12 Jan. 1770; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 490, footnote here is "Liber XXXVII, folio 565, Colonial Maryland Wills, Annapolis, Maryland," but JBR gives the proof date only as 1770, in Annapolis, but the document does not mention Annapolis, and he mentions eight children rather than "other eight" children, and does not mention the two young sisters.

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Testament my own Dwelling Plantation by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed, he keeping his Mother and two young Sisters together. . . . Confirming this and nother to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have unto Set my hand and Seal this Second Day of August One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine.

[signed] James †R [his mark] Riggs [seal]

[witnessed] John † [his mark] Owen | George Hoskinson | Zachariah Ellis

[attested] On the back of the foregoing Will was this written Viz. On the 12th Day of January 1770 Came John Owen and Zachariah Ellis two of the Subscribing Witnesses . . .

On 22 July 1770 an inventory of the estate of James Riggs, deceased, late of Frederick Co., Md., was taken in Frederick Co., and sworn to by John Riggs, the executor. “Nearest kin” were listed as “Jeremiah †R [his mark] Riggs | Mary mR [her mark] Riggs.”^[68]

Placeholder: There are Revolutionary War Pension Files for both Nathan Ellis and his brother Jesse Ellis, both claiming to have been born in Frederick Co., Md., then moved with and lived with their father (unnamed) in Washington Co., Pa. Nathan’s application was rejected because he did not serve long enough (six months), but Jesse’s was admitted. I include these items because of the Nathaniel Ellis who owned land next to Jeremiah Ellis Riggs in Fallowfield Twp., Washington Co., Pa. I suspect there is a story here involving the Ellises—perhaps migrating together from Frederick Co., Md., to Washington Co., Pa.—but have not yet fathomed it. Notice that James himself was said to have married an Ellis (unproved). Notice also that the Horn figure (Figure 14) shows James Ellis next to Jeremiah Ellis Riggs. And Zachariah Ellis shows up frequently in Riggs records in Maryland. An online unsourced genealogy has James Ellis married Mary Veatch, father of Nathan, Samuel, Jeremi-

68. Frederick Co., Md., Inventories, B2:531–33, creditors were “Robert Peters for Jn^o Glasford | Geo: Scotts”; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 490, footnote here is “Liber B, No. 2, folio 531, Frederick County Inventories, Frederick, Maryland,” all of which is correct.

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ah, James, Jesse and Hezekiah Ellis, with Jesse, son of Nathan Ellis, born in Fallowfield, Washington Co., Pa. Crumrine has the following statement (in his section “Allen Twp.,” pp. 643–651):

From the assessment-roll of 1788 for Fallowfield are taken the following persons taxable in that township, and resident in that part of it which is now included in Allen, viz. Joseph Alen, Eli Allen, John Allen, Joseph Chester, Lawrence Crow, Samuel Dixon, Joshua Dixon, Henry Dixon, Edward Earl, **Nathan Ellis, James Ellis, Jesse Ellis, Hezekiah Ellis**, David England, John Nixon, John Sprowls, John Finney, William Jackman, Joh Justice, **Jeremiah Riggs, William Riggs, Edmund Riggs, Clement Riggs**, Henry Speers. Mr. **Mahlon Riggs**, now (November, 1881) living in Allen at the age of eighty-four years, recollects that many of those above named were still living there at the commencement of the war of 1812 against Great Britain.

The 1788 tax roll for Fallowfield (later East Pike Run) Twp., Washington Co., Pa., included Jeremiah, William, Edmund, and Clement Riggs (cf. children’s list below).

[Note added 17 Nov. 2012: Clement Rigg has been proved son of Robert Rigg of Chester Co., Pa. It is just coincidence that he lived in Washington Co., Pa., with descendants of James Riggs. Linda Merlino has sent me documentary proof of this, and it is convincing:

(1) “Rob^t Rigg” of Uwchland Twp., Chester Co., Pa., signed his will 14 Mar. 1747/8 and it was proved 5 May 1748. It mentions “Eliz^a My beloved Wife”; “My three Yongest Children To Witt Rich^d Ann and Mary” with Richard not of age, and unmarried; “My Son Clement”; “My Doughter Sarah”; “My Doughter Ann,” under 18; “My Doughter Mary,” under 18; “My Grand Son Robt Rigg,” under 21, and his father (unnamed); “Mrs Debroa Norris,” for a mortgage; and his executors, “Eliz^a My Wife My Son Clemt Rigg and My Brother in law Rich^d Richison.”^[69]

69. I am in possession of images of this will, and three estate papers, all clearly legible, courtesy of Linda Merlino.

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The grandson Robert must be son of Clement since son Richard is not married (and under age).

(2) Clement Rigg was probably born about 1722–1725, as he was of age and had a son, Robert, at the signing of the will in 1748.

(3) Clement Rigg is listed in the tax records of Uwchlan[d] Twp., Chester Co., Pa., in 1747, 1749, 1751, 1753, and 1754. He is listed in Charlestown Twp., Chester Co., from 1758 to 1764 and 1767. He is listed in West Whiteland, Chester Co., from 1770 to 1772. He is listed in Newberry Twp., York Co., Pa., from 1779 to 1781. In 1781 he's listed in Bethlehem Twp., Washington Co., Pa. [This is all research of Linda Merlino.]

(4) Clement Rigg married Rachel [possibly Owen] and had 10 children. There is a record of Clement Rigg for the digging of his wife's grave in 1769 in Chester Co., Pa. [Linda Merlino research.]

(4) There is a record in Nantmeal, Chester Co., Pa., in 1781 that Sarah Rigg, formerly Sarah Clark, was leaving a Quaker meeting. On 7 Jan. 1782 Sarah Rigg was received from the Warrington, York Co., Pa., meeting at the Hopewell, Frederick Co., Va., [now in West Virginia, below Washington Co., Pa.] meeting.^[70] [Linda Merlino research.]

(5) Clement Rigg witnessed a marriage 2 Feb. 1783 at the Westland, Washington Co., Pa., meeting.^[71] In 1785 a request from Clement Rigg was received at the Westland meeting for his children Ephraim, Sarah, Clement, Abigail, Jesse, Priscilla, and Miriam. [Linda Merlino research.]

(6) Clement Rigg was in Washington Co., Pa., in the 1790 tax list (see sketch below for further details). He was listed as a representative to the Westland meeting in 1792. [Linda Merlino research.]]

Known children, of at least eight:^[72]

70. Hopewell certificate of membership, Sarah Rigg, 7 Jan. 1782, from Warrington, *Hopewell Friends History*, 419.

71. Clement Rigg was one of many witnesses who signed the marriage certificate of John Reley [Raley] to Mary Hutton, *Hopewell Friends History*, 281.

72. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 489, names only James, John, Greenberry, and Jeremiah,

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- 7 i **EDMOND [EDMUND]³ RIGGS**. He was the only son listed in the lease agreement of his father James on 30 Nov. 1744.
- On 26 Mar. 1788 the court of Yohogania Co., Va., ordered that Edmund Riggs and nine others be recommended to “his Excellency as proper persons to serve” as Ensigns of Militia.^[73]
- In 1790 “Ed.” Riggs, over 16 [so born before 1774], resided in Washington Co., Pa., with one other male over 16, one male under 16, six females, and one slave. Listed next to him is James Riggs.^[74]
- 8 ii **JAMES³ RIGGS**, “whose name appears on a petition for the division of All Saint’s Parish, Frederick County, Maryland, in 1756. He signed his name, ‘James Rigs Juner.’”^[75] If he were 18 in 1756, then he was born about 1738. If he were 21 in 1756, then he was born about 1735.
- In 1790 James Riggs, over 16 [so born before 1774], resided in Washington Co., Pa., with one male under 16, and one female. Listed next to him is “Ed.” Riggs.^[76]
- + 9 iii **JOHN³ RIGGS**, born in 1740, Prince George’s Co., Md. married (1) CATHARINE BOYER, and had one child, married (2) CLOE MASTERS. John was the only child explicitly named in his father’s will of 1769. I think there is a problem with this person.
- 10 iv ?GREENBERRY³ RIGGS.^[77] I don’t know why JBR lists him.
- + 11 v **JEREMIAH ELLIS³ RIGGS**, born 1747, Frederick (now Montgomery) Co., Md., married **MARY MASTERS**.
- + 12 vi ?WILLIAM³ RIGGS, born 12 Mar. 1750, near Harper’s Ferry, married (1) **MARY DOWDEN**, and had 13 children, married (2) **ELIZABETH (—) HOWE**. William and the next two, Edmond and Clement, are listed as potential sons because they all show up

with “(?)” after the last two.

73. Crumrine, *Va. Court Records in Southwestern Pa., 1775–1780*, 2:139, Yohogania Co., Va., court meeting 26 Mar. 1778, also ordered that John Minter and Nathan Ellis, among others be recommended as Captains of Militia, and 15 others were recommended as Lieutenants of Militia. Also Crumrine, *Minute book of the Va. court held for Yohogania Co.*, 2:139.

74. U.S. census, 1790, Washington Co., Pa., r. 9, p. 195.

75. *Calendar of Md. State Papers No. 1: The Black Books*, 126, see father’s sketch for details.

76. U.S. census, 1790, Washington Co., Pa., r. 9, p. 195.

77. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 489.

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together with Jeremiah in western Pennsylvania, and Jeremiah is thought to be a son from the putative father's will where he is a nearest of kin. But see next for argument that Clement was not a son.

- + 13 vii **No! CLEMENT² RIGG**, born about 1722–1725, married (1) **RACHEL [OWEN]**, and had 10 children, married (2) **SARAH CLARK**, and had seven children. **Clement Rigg is not a child of James² Riggs. See extensive note above. I include him here temporarily only as a placeholder for his information. Clement is son of Robert Rigg. Clement's second family was a Quaker family.**
- 14 viii **[DAUGHTER]³ RIGGS**, one of two “young Sisters” of son John mentioned in his father's 1769 will, implying they were probably underage and hence born sometime after about 1751.
- 15 ix **[DAUGHTER]³ RIGGS**, the other of the two young sisters.

4. EDMOND [EDMUND]² RIGGS (_{James¹}) was born 17– **say 1715**, died after he signed his will on 24 Nov. 1783 and its proof on 11 Apr. 1784, Montgomery Co., Md.^[78] He married (1) **say 1741** before 29 Nov. 1749 when “Mary wife of the s^d Edm^d” is mentioned in a lease agreement^[79] **MARY BROOKE**. He married (2) before 9 Oct. 1769, when John Summers's will mentions child Ruth Riggs, **RUTH SUMMERS**, daughter of John Summers.^[80]

The following is from John Beverly Riggs's (JBR's) genealogy of the Maryland Riggses:

Edmond Riggs, son of James and Elizabeth Riggs, was probably born in Prince George's County, Maryland. He married Mary **Brooke**, who was

78. Maryland Orphan's Court, Montgomery Co., Md., B:132–33, will of Edmund Riggs [FHL 14230].

79. Frederick Co., Md., Deeds, B:155–56 [FHL 13936], lease of 29 Nov. 1749.

80. *Md. Calendar of Wills, Vol. 14, 1767–1772*, 100, “Summers, John, Sr., Prince George's Co. [signed] Aug, 1763 [proved] 9 Oct, 1769 | Wife: Mary. | Children: Dent, Benj., Rebecca King, John, George, Wm., Thos., Joseph, Mary Wheat, Rachel Johnson, **Ruth Riggs** and Jemima Caton. | Extx: Wife Mary. | Wit: Nath. Magruder, James Moore, son of Benj., John King, Jr. | 37. 334.”

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likely a member of the prominent Brooke family of Southern Maryland.^[81]

As before the following items are inspired by JBR but inspection of the sources he cited resulted in differences with his report:

On 29 Nov. 1749 Edmund “Rigg,” planter of Frederick Co., Md., leased a 100-acre portion of the tract called “Dann” in Frederick Co. from Lucy Brooke, widow of Prince George’s Co., for an annual rent of 700 lbs. of tobacco. He was also required to plant 250 apple trees within three years. The term of the lease was the natural lives of Edmund, his wife Mary, and his son James. The lease was recorded 3 Apr. 1750.^[82]

A history of Western Maryland describes the property:

On the west side of Rock Creek, north of “Lecke Forest” and west of “Hermitage,” is a tract called Dan, granted to Thomas Brooke, Sept. 6, 1694, for three thousand six hundred and ninety-seven acres, extending from Rock Creek one and one-half miles west, and up the creek north two and seven-eighths of a mile. The Georgetown turnpike passes over it from Mr. Codwise’s farm to that of the late Samuel Perry.^[83]

This of course lends some credence to the claim that Edmund married Mary Brooke.

On 22 Apr. 1745 an inventory of the estate of James¹ was taken, with John Riggs and Edmund Riggs listed as “kin.”^[84]

81. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 492. I have found no proof of his marriage to Mary Brooke but he did marry a Mary and he did lease land from Lucy Brooke, the widow presumably of Thomas Brooke.

82. Frederick Co., Md., Deeds, B:155–56 [FHL 13936], “Edmund Rigg” or “Edm^d Rigg” everywhere, signed 29 Nov. 1749 and recorded 3 Apr. 1750, witnessed by John Hepburn and Richard Brooke; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 493, with footnote, “Liber B, folio 155, Frederick County Deeds, Frederick, Maryland,” but JBR lists the lease date as the recording date (which is understandable), spells Riggs’s name “Edmond,” and does not mention Mary or James.

83. Sharf and Long, *History of Western Md.*, 648. Lecke Forest and Hermitage are described on p. 647.

84. Md. Prerogative Court, Inventories of estates, 31:199–200, [FHL 12873].

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For the March court of 1755 in Frederick Co., Md., Edmund Riggs served as a grand juror, along with, among others, Thomas Fletchall, foreman, and Henry Gaither. They began serving on 18 Mar. 1755.^[85]

The following item is from JBR and is **unsourced** there:

He served as a private in the French and Indian War (1757–58) and received £1 4s. 10d. as pay according to a record in the American Historical Magazine (vol. IX, p. 271).^[86]

In 1758 Edmund Riggs paid tax in Prince George’s Parish, Frederick Co., Md.^[87]

In 1758–1759 “Edm[un]d” Riggs signed a petition from the “Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and Freeholders of Prince George’s Parish, Frederick County. To Gov. Horatio Sharpe and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.”^[88]

A 6 Apr. 1767 muster roll for Capt. William Luckell’s company, in a list headed “Ye Bills of Credit paid the following Claimants,” lists “Edmund Riggs Order p^d D^o . . . 1 4,” for colonial service in Maryland 1767–1776, in pounds and shillings. Cf. £1 4s. 10d. in the French and Indian War record above, but the date ranges differ.^[89]

85. Rice, *This Was the Life, Excerpts from the Judgment Records of Frederick Co., Md., 1748–1765*, 155.

86. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 493.

87. *Md. Census, 1772–1890*, James Riggs, 1758, p. 137, Prince “George” Parish, Frederick Co.

88. *Calendar of Md. State Papers No. 1: The Black Books*, 137, “[1758–1759] Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and Freeholders of Prince George’s Parish, Frederick County. To Gov. Horatio Sharpe and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly. | Petition for an act to divide the parish ‘by a line Drawn from the lower falls of Potomack, to Will’m Richardsons Bridge that Crosses Potusent River by said Richardsons Dwelling Plantation or at any other place your Hon’rs may think more convenient.’ | . . . | Signatures: . . . Edm[un]d Riggs . . . | Note in modern hand: ‘See Prince George’s Parish, Frederick County Vestry Proceedings—Md Hist. Soc. Mss Copy, page 94’ || 942 | X, 109 Port. | Printed in Arch. Of Md., LVI, 504–506.”

89. Image of record, Colonial Payroll 1767–1776, Accession No. MDHR 2380, p. 169a, the “D” appears to ditto “William Luckells Jun^r” in the second line of the list: “April 6th Cap^t William Luckells Order p^d William Luckells Jun^r . . . [00? possibly 80?] 5 . . .,” from the Hall of Records Commission, Dept. of General Services, State of Maryland, digital image courtesy of Dorothy Williams Potter, a descendant of Edmund, in an email 23 July 2019. (The entry 00? or 80? does not affect the “Carr^d over” line at the bottom of the page.)

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On 10 Sept. 1767 Edmond Riggs (variously “Rigges” or “Rigs”) of Frederick Co., Md., purchased a 100-acre portion of the tract called Holding Spring lying on the “dry Sineca” in Frederick Co. from William Coats (and Mary, his wife) of Frederick Co. for £90. The deed was recorded 30 Sept. 1767.^[90] This land lies is what is now Montgomery Co. (which formed from the lower part of Frederick Co. in 1776).

The following item is from JBR and is **unsourced** there:

The Frederick County Debt Books show that Edmond Riggs paid quit rent on “Holding Spring” (100 acres) from 1769 until the rents were abolished.^[91]

On 19 Nov. 1772 Edmond Riggs of Frederick Co., Province of Md., bought for £100 from John Harriss of the same place and Elizabeth, his wife, “that tract or parcell of Land Called John Delight and known by the name Green B[r]yor[?],” consisting of 82½ acres in Frederick Co.^[92] This land lies is what is now Montgomery Co.

A history of Western Maryland describes the property:

John’s Delight, granted and surveyed for John Harriss, June 14, 1755, embraces the lands in and adjacent to Martinsburg and Conrad’s Ferry.^[93]

On 24 Nov. 1783 Edmond Riggs of Montgomery Co., Md., signed his will, and it was proved 11 Apr. 1784 in Montgomery Co. To his wife, Ruth, he left all of his real and personal property during her life. To each

90. Frederick Co., Md., Deeds, L:37–38 [FHL 13941], “Edmund Rigg” or “Edm^d Rigg” everywhere, signed 29 Nov. 1749 and recorded 3 Apr. 1750, witnessed by Andrew Heugh and Charles Jones; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 493, with footnote, “Liber B, folio 155, Frederick County Deeds, Frederick, Maryland,” but JBR doesn’t mention the alternative surname spellings, describes the rent as sterling when it is “current money” in the actual deed, and reports “dry Seneca” instead of “dry Sineca.” None of these is very serious.

91. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 493.

92. Frederick Co., Md., Deeds, P:487–88 [FHL 13943], Edmond Riggs paid 3s. on 20 Nov. 1772 as an “alienation fine” to the “Lord’s Rights Agent,” and the deed was recorded 23 Nov. 1772. There is a notation in the margin signed “Zach^a Ellis.”

93. Sharf and Long, *History of Western Md.*, 652.

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of his children, James, Elizabeth Leech [sic], Verlender Caton [sic], Greenberry, and John, he left the sum of £8 current money. He also mentions “the Rest of the children,” presumably underage children in 1783. Witnesses to the will were Newton Chiswell, Charles Clagett, and Lawrence Owen.^[94]

In 1790 Ruth Riggs resided in Montgomery Co., Md., with two free white males 16 or older and three free white females including heads of families.^[95] There is an “Elisha Vears” on the same page, and Caleb Darby on p. 44.

On 2 Nov. 1798 an inventory was taken on the estate of Edmond Riggs “Sen^r” by Elijah Veirs and Caleb Darby, appraised at £146 sterling, “next of kin” Sarah Riggs and Eleanor “Rodds,” who both signed with their marks, verified 5 Nov. 1798 by “Edmond Riggs Jun^r adm^r of Edmond Riggs of said County deceased.” On 29 Nov. 1798 an additional inventory of the estate of “Edmond Riggs Seanor,” appraised at £13 1s. 3d., was made by the same people and witnessed by Sarah Riggs and Eleanor Reid,^[96] both of whom signed with their marks.^[97]

94. Maryland Orphan’s Court, Montgomery Co., Md., B:132–33, will of Edmund Riggs [FHL 14230]; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 493, with footnote, “Liber B, folio 132, Montgomery County Wills, Rockville, Maryland,” unfortunately (and distressingly) states that the will mentions a kinsman, Greenberry Howard, but it doesn’t (Howard is again mentioned as in the will on p. 495, footnote 31), and fails to mention “the Rest of the children.”

95. U.S. census, 1790, Montgomery Co., Md., r. 3, p. 47.

96. Md. *Marriages, 1655–1850*, “Ellender” Riggs to Matthew Reid, 1 Feb. 1790, Frederick Co.; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 493–94, with footnote (after “(Reid)”), “Frederick County Marriage License—February 11, 1790: Matthew Reid to Ellender (Eleanor) Riggs. Eleanor Riggs could have been either a niece or granddaughter of Edmond Rigg.”

97. Maryland Orphan’s Court, Montgomery Co., Md., D:92–94, inventory of “Edmond Riggs Sen^r,” [FHL 14231], and D:111–12, additional inventory of “Edmond Riggs Seanor,” by Elijah Veirs and Caleb Darby, signed 29 Nov. 1798, witnessed by Sarah Riggs and Eleanor Reid, who both signed with their marks; Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 493–94, with footnote “Liber D, folio 92, Montgomery County Wills.” JBR conflates the two items, reports Eleanor’s surname as “Reodd,” has the second inventory incorrectly on 5 Nov. 1798, and mistates its appraisal as £13 1s. 13d.

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A list of sales of the estate of Edmond Riggs “Sen” on 4 Dec. 1798 and 4 Jan. [1799] lists among several purchasers Elijah Viers, John Clagett, Samuel Riggs, Sarah Riggs, and Joseph Chiswell.^[98]

Child of the first marriage, to Mary:^[99]

- + 16 i JAMES³ RIGGS, born 15 Sept. 1742, Rock Creek, Prince George’s Co., Md., married MARY JOHNSON, and had at least four 14 children.

Children of the second marriage, to Ruth (the first four in will order):^[100]

- 17 ii ELIZABETH³ RIGGS, married THOMAS LEECH [LEACH].^[101]
- 18 iii VIRLINDA/VERLENDER³ RIGGS, married 13 Nov. 1781, Montgomery Co., Md.,^[102] JOHN CLAYTON [perhaps CATON].
- + 19 iv GREENBERRY³ RIGGS, born 7 Oct. 1757, married ANN HARDY, and had 10 children.
- 20 v JOHN SUMMERS³ RIGGS, born 5 Oct. 1760, Prince George’s Parish, Prince George’s Co., Md.^[103]
- 21 vi EDMOND³ RIGGS, presumably not of age at the time of his father’s 1783 will, since not explicitly mentioned, so born after about 1762.

98. Maryland Orphan’s Court, Montgomery Co., Md., D:413–15, estate sales of “Edmond Riggs Sen” [FHL 14231].

99. Frederick Co., Md., Deeds, B:155, lease of 29 Nov. 1749, mentions “Edmund Rigg” and “Mary wife of the s^d Edm^d & James his son.”

100. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 492–93, has them in this order: Greenberry, Virlanda, Elizabeth, Edmond, John, Samuel, Rosewell.

101. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 496, expands this family.

102. Md. Marriages, 1655–1850, Virlanda Riggs to John Clayton, 13 Nov. 1781, Montgomery Co.

103. Brown, *Prince George’s Co., Md., Indexes of Church Registers, 1686–1885*, “Index to Register of Prince George’s Parish (also know as Rock Creek) 1711–1798,” “Part I, Prince George’s County,” 2:196, “Riggs, John Summers, b. October 5, 1760 son of Edward [sic] & Ruth [page] 259”; Jourdan, *Colonial Settlers of Prince George’s Co., Md.*, 294, “Riggs, Edward [Edmond]; wife Ruth; children: John Summers, b. 5 Oct 1760; Samuel, b. 20 Jan 1765 (PGP p. 259, 273),” where PGP = “Prince George’s Parish was created from Piscataway Parish in 1726 covering what is now the District of Columbia, Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, Garrett, Allegany and part of Carroll Counties: the parish church was Rock Creek Church which is now in St. paul’s Parish,k District of Columbia (Microfilm MSA M 261).”

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“Edmond Riggs Jun^r,” as administrator, acknowledged the inventory of his Edmond’s estate in 1798. He married 23 May 1799, St. Peter’s Parish, Montgomery Co., Md.,^[104] **JANE WILLSON**, daughter of Robert Willson.

- 22 vii **SAMUEL³ RIGGS**, born 20 Jan. 1765, Prince George’s Parish, Prince George’s Co., Md.^[105] He is not mentioned in Edmond’s will, presumably because he was underage. **JBR has for him, “said to have moved to Kentucky.”**
- 23 viii **?ROSEWELL³ RIGGS**, presumably not of age at the time of his/her father’s 1783 will, since not explicitly mentioned, so born after about 1762. **I have found no evidence of this person.**
- + 24 ix **ERASMUS³ RIGGS**, born 22 Nov. 1769, Montgomery Co., Md., so not of age at the time of his father’s 1783 will, since he was not explicitly mentioned. He married **ELEANOR C. WILCOXEN**, and had at least 11 children. His death record gives Edmund and Ruth Riggs as his parents.

104. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 492, has this footnote: “St. Peter’s Parish Register. (Copy in the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore.)”; *Md. Marriages, 1655–1890*, Edmund Riggs to Jane Willson, 23 May 1799, Montgomery Co., Md.

105. Brown, *Prince George’s Co., Md., Indexes of Church Registers, 1686–1885*, “Index to Register of Prince George’s Parish (also know as Rock Creek) 1711–1798,” “Part I, Prince George’s County,” 2:196, “[Riggs,] Samuell [sic], b. January 20, 1765 son Edmund & Ruth [page] 273”; Jourdan, *Colonial Settlers of Prince George’s Co., Md.*, 294, “Riggs, Edward [Edmond]; wife Ruth; children: John Summers, b. 5 Oct 1760; Samuel, b. 20 Jan 1765 (PGP p. 259, 273).”

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9. **JOHN³ RIGGS** (₂*James², James¹*) was born in 1740, Prince George's (later Frederick) Co., Md.,^[106] died 25 June 1827, aged 87, and was buried in Flaughner Family Cem., Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio.^[107] He married (1) before 1779 **CATHARINE BOYER**, daughter of **Casper** and Catharine (—) Boyer, of Frederick Co.^[108] He married (2) after 22 Sept. 1792 (when he deeded two lots in Frederick Co. to his mother-in-law Catharine Boyer)^[109] **CLOE MASTERS**,^[110] who was daughter of Mary (—) (Masters) Mills and sister of Mary Masters who married John's brother, Jeremiah Ellis³ Riggs. See Jeremiah's sketch for further details.

From John Beverly Riggs (*unvetted*):

John Riggs, son of James and Mary Riggs, was born in 1740, in Prince George's (later Frederick) County, Maryland. He married Catherine Boyer, daughter of Casper and Catherine Boyer, of Frederick County, Maryland. . . .^[111]

John Riggs lived in Frederick County. He is believed to have been the John Riggs who enlisted, on May 6, 1780, in Captain Beatty's Company of the First Maryland Regiment. This company was later commanded by William Lamar. At a muster taken in August, 1781, it is shown that John Riggs was present in July, in the Light Infantry. On March 12, 1781, he was transferred, and, on May 6, 1783, discharged.^[112]

106. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 490.

107. *Find a Grave*, no. 31393914, gravestone photograph, Flaughner Family Cem., Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio, "John Riggs, | died | June 25, 1827, | Aged | 87 Years." N.B. There is an **Anne Riggs**, died 1827, buried in Old Ripley Cem., Ripley, no photography [*Find a Grave*, no. 13891313].

108. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 490.

109. Frederick Co., Md., Deeds, WR11:102-3 [FHL 13955].

110. Her surname must be Masters from the slave negotiations of 1804 (q.v., in sketch of brother Jeremiah³) (*which I am assuming valid until properly vetted*); Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 490, has her name as "Cloe —" but with no proof.

111. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 490.

112. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 490, cites "op cit., Archives of Maryland. Vol XVIII, pp. 388-389, 506"; *Fold3*, Revolutionary War Record, Maryland, card no. 37441521, "John Riggs | Appears on a | Register | of balances due non Com^d officers and privates of Mary^d line for 1783 in acct N^o 1 | (Revolutionary War.) | Register dated Commisrs Office | October 30, 1784 | N^o,

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John Riggs was still living in Frederick County in January, 1793. In that year a deposition, made by him, was recorded in the county records.^[113] After the Revolution, he moved to Kentucky, and from there to Aberdeen, Ohio. He married secondly, Cloe —.

John Riggs died in 1827. He was buried in the Flaughner Burying Ground, near Aberdeen, Ohio.^[114]

Despite the above, on 25 May 1778, a court in Yohogania Co., Va., recorded this item: “John Riggs enters Special Bail for Nathan Ellis at the suit of Tacitus Gillard.”^[115] Jeremiah Riggs and Edmund Riggs were also in Yohogania Co., Va., at the same time (see similar court records for them), and Nathan Ellis was mentioned in context with Edmund Riggs. Nathaniel Ellis owned the property abutting that of Jeremiah Ellis Riggs in Washington Co., Pa. (see Figure 11). *So there must be a conflation of two John Riggses here. This one is probably inconsistent with the*

81698; Letter, L | Date of Issue, Aug 23, 1784. | Date of Interest, Jan 1, 1783. | Sum due, 88 doll., 90. | Remarks [empty] | [signed] J C Handley | Copyist,” cites NARA M881, Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War, RG 93, 1775–1785, r. 410, state Maryland, regiment Sarer’s Company (Washington County), Militia.

113. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 490, cites “Liber W. R. No. 11, folio 277, Frederick County Deeds, Frederick, Maryland”; Frederick Co., Md., Deeds, WR11:277–78 [FHL 13955], deposition of John Riggs taken 3 Jan. 1793, Frederick Co. Curiously this deposition was signed by John Riggs with his mark but the sale of lots to Catharine Boyer was signed slightly earlier, 22 Sept. 1792, by John Riggs, not with his mark. The deposition was for a case of apparent fraud to which John Riggs was a witness. John deposed that he lived next door to a tavern, and “the said [George] Arnold and [Joseph] Friend had by sending to the next Door Tavern for spirits got the said [Francis] Windroh pretty much in Liquor.”

114. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 490, cites “The compiler is indebted to Mrs. J. K. Cecil, Palo Alto, California, for much of this information”; *Find a Grave*, no. 31393914, gravestone photograph, Flaughner Family Cem., Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio, “John Riggs, | died | June 25, 1827, | Aged | 87 Years. Aberdeen is about 6 mi. from Ripley, Ohio. Aberdeen is across the Ohio River from Maysville, Ky.

115. Crumrine, *Minute book of the Va. court held for Yohogania Co.*, 2:223, also 2:139,249. **Placeholder:** There are several references to a Cloe Riggs against Ebenezer Corn in these same minutes, 2:219,233,264,276,340,350. There was a Cloe Riggs married Nicholas Vandive, 1 Sept. 1797, Ohio Co., Va. [Va. *Marriages, 1660–1800*]. N.B., from Nedra Dickman Brill, CG, 31 Aug. 2013, “this is Nicholas Vandeventer/Van Devander and numerous variations.”

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one in the militia in Maryland in 1780 and in Frederick Co., Md., in 1792 and 1793.

The 1790 census has a John Riggs in Frederick Co., Md. (114), and two in Montgomery Co., Md. (224) and (200).^[116] The one that fits the current John is surely “Jno” Riggs in Washington Co., Pa. (143), with one male over 16, four males under 16, and three females.^[117]

Child of the first marriage, to Catharine Boyer:

- 25 i ALLIE⁴ RIGGS, born in 27 July 1779, died 6 Aug. 1864, buried in the Flaughner Family Cem., Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio,^[118] married ADAM FLAUGHER, who was born about 1777, died 28 Mar. 1859, aged 82, buried in the Flaughner Family Cem.,^[119] and had nine children

Child possibly of the second marriage, to Cloe Masters:

- + 26 ii ?JOHN⁴ RIGGS, born 1760–1770, Pennsylvania [N.B., this is inconsistent with Allie’s birth above], married, and had at least four children.

11. JEREMIAH ELLIS³ RIGGS (2?James², James¹)^[120] was born 1747, Frederick (now Montgomery) Co., Md., died after the 1820 census 1824, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa. and before 26 Aug. 1829 when his son William renounced administration of the estate of his father “late of Washington County.”^[121] He married in Frederick Co., Md., MARY

116. U.S. census, 1790, Frederick Co., Md., r. 3, p. 231, and Montgomery Co., Md., r. 3, p. 48, and r. 3, p. 52, respectively.

117. U.S. census, 1790, Washington Co., Pa., r. 9, p. 190.

118. *Find a Grave*, no. 31393753, gravestone photograph, Flaughner Family Cem., Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio, “Alle [sic] Flaughner | Wife of A. Flaughner | born | July 27, 1779; | died | Aug. 6, 1864.” This stone is of the same type, color, and engraving style as that for John Riggs. *Unsourced* additional information: wife of Adam Flaughner Jr., mother of Susannah, Catherine, Henry, Martin, Zachariah, Jacob, Rachel, William Riggs, and Maria.

119. *Find a Grave*, no. 19751511, gravestone photograph, Flaughner Family Cem., Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio, “Adam Flaughner | died | Mar. 28, 1859 | in his 83d | year.”

120. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 489, lists for James² a fourth child, “4. Jeremiah (?)”

121. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 4:519–21 [FHL 863625], will of Jeremiah Riggs, signed 22 Apr.

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MASTERS, who was daughter of Mary (—) (Masters) Mills and sister of **Cloe** Masters who married Jeremiah's brother, John³ Riggs. Jeremiah Riggs and Mary Riggs were listed as next of kin in the inventory of the estate of James² Riggs taken 22 July 1770 in Frederick Co., Md., and are probably this Jeremiah and his mother, the widow Mary.^[122] Mary Riggs renounced administration of Jeremiah's will on 30 May 1830.

[The following holds interesting information, awaiting vetting by me:]

The Jeremiah Riggs family lived in Washington County, Pa. See an 1881 History which sites payment of \$586.65 to children of Samuel Riggs and names William Riggs administrator of the estate of Jeremiah. Wm. must be Samuel's brother, or could have been Jeremiah's brother. Inv. of estate was received 19 March 1816 and was settled 1 June 1830.

The Fallowfield Township, Washington Co., PA Supply Tax List for 1781 lists: Jeremiah, Edmund, and William. It would appear that while Jeremiah was the owner of this property it was farmed by the three Riggs and their families and divided for tax purposes. The only other Riggs paying tax during that period in Fallowfield was Elezzar Riggs who had 25 acres. Elezzar is the son of Clement Rigg. Clement lived in a different township and Elizzar based upon the 1790 census, lived in Fallowfield Township but some distance away from Jeremiah and William who were side by side.

The concept of one member owning a property and dividing it among others within the family appears to be common. In Peters Township, Washington Co., Richard Masters (believed to be the brother-in-law of Jeremiah) owns "Masterville" consisting of 343 3/4 acres which was in the 1781 tax list divided between Richard 150 acres, John 150 acres and William Masters 49 acres.

George Mefford is on record as having served during the Revolutionary War from Washington Co., Pa. Serving in the same company were Lot Masters, Nathan Masters, John Riggs, and Thomas Mills. [Source: Pa. Archives, Sixth Series, 2:202]^[123]

1817, proved 1 June 1830. See transcription in the body of the sketch.

122. Thanks to Nedra Dickman Brill for pointing this out.

123. Pa. Archives, Sixth Series, 2:201-203 [FHL 844563], contains "A class roll of Capt. James

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George Mefford's first recorded visit to Kentucky was in Spring of 1783. He returned in 1785, reportedly floating from the area now known as Brownsville, Pa., down the Ohio River on a flatboat with his family and settled near the present town of Maysville, and was appointed one of the six trustees for that town, the third established in Mason Co. by the Virginia Legislature. The others were Daniel Boone, his cousin Jacob Boone, Henry Lee, Arthur Fox, and Thomas Brooks.

"Visitors in 1783. In May, 1783, Jacob Drennon, John Riggs, Thos. Mills, Lot Masters, and Geo. Mefford, came down the Ohio river to the district of Kentucky, to locate and improve lands, and leaving their canoe at or near the mouth of a creek since called Crooked creek, proceeded into the country, to the east and south forks of Cabin creek, and then along a buffalo trace to the waters of the North fork of Licking. They made some locations on the East fork of Cabin creek, at one place cutting the initials of Geo. Mefford's name on a honey locust tree. Deposition of John Riggs, Oct., 1797."

[“The disposition (in part) of John Riggs taken in Mason County July 3, 1797. (Will Book A - page 323) states: ‘Came down the Ohio River to the District of Kentucky, in company with John Drinen, Thomas Mills, Lot Masters and George Mefford, in May, 1783.’ ‘We made location on the east fork of Cabin Creek; at one place cutting the initials of George Mefford's name on a honey locusts.’” <www.mefford.org/genealogy/MeffordStation.htm> (downloaded 25 July 2013), contains info about the Mefford family]

[End of unvetted information.]

The quotation above comes from an 1877 history of Kentucky:

Visitors in 1783. In May, 1783, Jacob Drennon, John Riggs, Thos. Mills, Lot Masters, and Geo. Mefford, came down the Ohio river to the district of Kentucky, to locate and improve lands, and leaving their canoe at or

Hopkin's Company of the 5th Batt'n of Washington County Militia commanded by Col'o Crooks." On 2:202 are the following items: "Serjts.," lists Jesse Ellis; "Privates. 1st Class.," lists "Thos." Mills, "Saml" Ellis, John Riggs, and John Carroll; "Privates. 2nd Class.," lists "Lott" Masters; "Privates. 4th Class.," lists George "Mifford"; "Privates. 5th Class.," lists Hezekiah Ellis, Nathan Masters.

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near the mouth of a creek since called Crooked creek, proceeded into the country, to the east and south forks of Cabin creek, and then along a buffalo trace to the waters of the North fork of Licking. They made some locations on the East fork of Cabin creek, at one place cutting the initials of Geo. Mefford's name on a honey locust tree. [With a footnote: "Deposition of John Riggs, Oct., 1797."] ^[124]

From the same history is this [placeholder]:

The First Settler [of Mason Co.] with his family near Maysville and outside of the blockhouse, was George Mefford, in a cabin on the farm where his son John lived until his death, April 11, 1872, 2 miles due s. of Maysville. One night, when he was absent, an attempt was made by Indians to steal his horses. An old horse that had a distaste for Indians and whose scent of them was wonderfully acute, gave the alarm by loud snorting—which Mrs. Mefford, who was alone with her small children, instantly understood. She had the presence of mind to build a roaring fire, which, shining through the crevices of the cabin, convinced the Indians that the house was full of men, and they scampered off immediately for fear of discovery and pursuit. The Indians continued so troublesome that they moved back to Maysville awhile; then, with several other families, went out and built Mefford's station.

Lot Masters and Hezekiah Wood, one Sunday morning about 1790, went out from Mefford's station, to catch the horses to ride to church. The horses had been belled, and turned out to graze on the cane. The Indians caught them, removed the bells—by ringing which, they decoyed the men away from the station, intercepted, killed, and scalped them. Being in warm weather, their bodies were found by the vultures circling about them, and buried on the spot—Wood on Lawrence creek, opposite where Young's old mill stands (1 mile w. of the Lexington turnpike), and Masters a quarter of a mile below, up a small ravine. Masters' grave is still marked by a stone, but Wood's was washed into the creek, many years ago. ^[125]

124. Collins, *History of Ky.*, 467. Item courtesy of Nedra Dickman Brill, CG.

125. Collins, *History of Ky.*, 565. Item courtesy of Nedra Dickman Brill, CG.

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An 1869 history of Marshall Co., W.Va., dates the coming of some of the Riggses (and other interesting persons) to that county:

The following were among the first settlers of what is now Marshall county: . . . Nathan Masters settled on what is known as Roberts' ridge, in 1777. John Riggs and James Riggs settled the same year a short distance from Nathan Masters. . . . In the year 1790, Benjamin Fish, . . . , settled on same ridge. . . . George Dowler settled on what is known as Dowler's ridge in 1796.^[126]

On 24 Aug. 1778 Jeremiah Riggs and "Basil" Stoker were two of four persons ordered by the court of Yohogania Co., Va., to appraise the estate of Thomas Brasher decd.^[127]

On 12 June 1787 a survey was made on 361½ acres of land called "Amity" on the waters of the Monongahela River in Washington Co., Pa., for Jeremiah Ellis Riggs, assignee of Basil Stoker. The request for survey was entered 21 Apr. 1780, and the survey was officially returned 20 Feb. 1788 (Figure 11 and Figure 14).^[128] See Figure 16 for a placement of "Amity" on a modern (1954) map, and Figure 15 for an approximate location in 1876.

In 1790 Jeremiah Riggs, over 16, resided in Washington Co., Pa., with three males under 16, and four females (134). Listed next to him is

126. Newton, Nichols, and Sprankle. *History of the Pan-Handle, W.Va.*, 361.

127. Crumrine, Va. *Court Records in Southwestern Pa., 1775-1780*, 2:178-79, "At a Court Continued and held for Yohogania County August 24th 1778. | . . . | Administration on the Estate of Thomas Brasher decd. Is grant to Robert Brasher his Bro'r. he having complied with the Law. Order that Robt. Jackman Basil Stoker, Jeremiah Riggs & William Jackman or any three of them being first Sworn appraise the Estate of Thos. Brasher decd. And make return to next Court." Also Crumrine, *Minute book of the Va. court held for Yohogania Co.*, 2:249.

128. Survey Book: D 25-63, Figure 11, Archives and Manuscript Bldg., Harrisburg, Pa., photocopy courtesy of James Wallace Riggs. A slightly mangled version of this appears in *Original Land Patents and Warrants, Allen Twp.*, from the Horn Papers, book 3, see Figure 14, " [name of claim] 'Amity' [warrantee] Jeremiah Ellis Riggs Assignee Bagit Stoker - 361 ½ As. Strict | Sur. Jun 12, 1787 on a Virginia Certificate. | Pat. April 13, 1795 to Jeremiah Ellis Riggs on War to accept dates Mar 26, 1795 | P-25-43." Although the Horn Papers are generally held in disrepute, this item seems to be bona fide to within minor errors, such as Bagit for Basil, an apparently wrong deed book reference (book P for D), and an ambiguous, if not incorrect, assignee (Stoker instead of Riggs).

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William Riggs (133). On the same page are listed, next to one another, Clement Rigg and “Hosea” Rigg (1,1,2). On the next page are listed, next to one another, “Ed.” Riggs (2,1,6, 1 slave) and James Riggs (1,1,1).^[129] [The slave reminds us of Samuel Redbun, the mulatto boy, given to Edmond² by James¹ in his will of 1744, but the timing is wrong, and the Edmond in Washington Co., Pa., is probably Edmond³.]

On 26 Mar. 1795 a warrant to grant patent to the land surveyed on 12 June 1787 was issued to Jeremiah E. Riggs, stating that “Bazil Stoker by Deed dated 25th March 1780 Conveyed to the same to Jerem^h E. Riggs.”^[130] On 13 Apr. 1795 the patent was granted to Jeremiah E. Riggs for “Amity.”^[131] See Figure 12 and Figure 13, respectively.

On 27 June 1796 Jeremiah Ellis Riggs and Mary his wife of Washington Co., Pa., sold for £2 16s. 6p. a portion of the Amity parcel consisting of 125½ acres, to William Riggs.^[132] See the orange outlined parcel in Figure 16.

On 23 Feb. 1798 “Jerimiah Biggs” bought from Stephen Parr and Mary his wife, of Ohio Co., Commonwealth of Virginia, for \$790, a parcel of 395 acres in Ohio Co. “on the ohio River hill opposet Capteen Island.” The deed was acknowledged, and Mary Parr relinquished her right of dower, in court in its September Term 1798.^[133] See the deed of 3 Aug. 1807, which corrects this one and states that Jeremiah Riggs was of Washington Co., Pa.

N.B. “Capteen Island” is probably Captina Island in the Ohio River, in Marshall Co., W.Va. Across the Ohio River from it is Powhatan Point, Ohio, now in Belmont Co., Ohio. This is south of Moundsville,

129. U.S. census, 1790, Washington Co., Pa., r. 9, p. 194. “Ed.” and James are on p. 195.

130. Warrant no. 205, Figure 12, Archives and Manuscript Bldg., Harrisburg, Pa., photocopy courtesy of James Wallace Riggs.

131. Patent Book: P 25-43, Figure 13, Archives and Manuscript Bldg., Harrisburg, Pa., photocopy courtesy of James Wallace Riggs, who also contributed a transcription of it.

132. Washington Co., Pa., Deeds, 1M:275-76, Washington Co. Courthouse, Washington Co., Pa., photocopy courtesy of James Wallace Riggs, who also contributed a transcription of it.

133. Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Deeds, 4:200, image 396 of 575 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 855588, DGS 8135207, grantee Jeremiah Riggs, 1798, 395 acres.

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W.Va., about 10 miles west of the Pennsylvania border, the part that was Washington Co., Pa., in 1795 (and Greene Co. starting in 1796).

N.B. Ohio Co., Va., in 1798 became W.Va. when that state split off in 1863. Marshall Co. formed from the southern half of Ohio Co. in 1835.

In 1800 Jeremiah “Rigg,” over 45, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, one boy and one girl under 10, one male and one female 10–15, and three males 16–25. Next to him are listed (census in alphabetical order by first letter of surname) Clement Rigg (00101,02001), Clement Rigg Jr. (10100,10010), William Rigg 22201,31101), Ahijah Rigg (20010,10010), and Eleazer Rigg (10101,33001).^[134]

On 7 Apr. 1801, Jeremiah Riggs, of Washington Co., Pa., bought from Lewis Dickson and Elisabeth his wife, of Ohio Co., Va., for \$218, a parcel of 200 acres in Ohio Co., Va., “on the waters of Grave Creek.” The deed was acknowledged, and Elisabeth relinquished her right of dower in court, but the date was not recorded in this record.^[135]

On 4 May 1801, Jeremiah Riggs bought from Robert Woods and Elisabeth his wife, of Ohio Co., Va., for \$100, a parcel of 100 acres in Ohio Co., Va., “on the waters of Grave Creek about one half mile from the mouth of said creek Southward.” The deed was acknowledged, and Elisabeth relinquished her right of dower in court, May Term 1801.^[136]

The following sequentially recorded items are from Mason Co., Ky., Circuit Deeds tell a sad story but help with the structure of this family. The first three items are abstracted and the last is verbatim:

134. U.S. census, 1800, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 44, p. 856.

135. Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Deeds, 4:486, image 540 of 575 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 855588, DGS 8135207, grantee Jeremiah Riggs, 1801, 200 acres.

136. Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Deeds, 4:495–496, images 544–545 of 575 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 855588, DGS 8135207, grantee Jeremiah Riggs, 1801, 100 acres.

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2 July 1804

Nathan Masters of “this county [Ohio Co.] and State of Virginia” granted William Riggs and Samuel Riggs of Washington Co., Pa., power of attorney to receive monies for him “in the State of Cantucky.”

Ohio Co., Va., JP’s, John Mills and Jeremiah William Ohio Co., Va., clerk: Moses Chapline, originated the power of attorney in Virginia

Mason Co., Ky., clerk, Joseph Briggs, accepted the power of attorney in Kentucky.^[137]

28 May 1804

Jeremiah Riggs of Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., granted “my two confidential sons William and Samuel Riggs of the same township” power of attorney to receive monies due him in Kentucky.

Washington Co., Pa., witnesses, John Crow, William Meetkirke

Washington Co clerk: William McKennan, Isaac Kerr

Mason Co., Ky., clerk, Joseph Briggs^[138]

16 May 1804

John Riggs [location not specified] gives power of attorney to William Riggs to receive his one-fifth share “of five negroes four of which remained in the possession of my late mother Mary Mills untill her death, four of which are now in possession of George Mefford and one in the possession of Thomas McGinnis. This is therefore to authorizes my nephew William Riggs to act for me in the recovery of my part of the said negroes or their value.”

Mason Co., Ky., clerk, Joseph Briggs^[139]

Bill of Sale, 19 July 1804

Whereas John Riggs Jeremiah Riggs and Nathan Masters the said John and Jeremiah in the right of their wives and the said Nathan in his own right became entitled on the death of Mary Mills formerly Mary Masters

137. Mason Co., Ky., Circuit Deeds, A:211-213 [FHL 281784], page images courtesy of Nedra Dickman Brill CG.

138. Mason Co., Ky., Circuit Deeds, A:213-215, page images courtesy of Nedra Dickman Brill CG.

139. Mason Co., Ky., Circuit Deeds, A:215-216, page images courtesy of Nedra Dickman Brill CG.

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mother of the wives of the said John and Jeremiah and of the said Nathan to one fifth each of a negro woman named Mary and her children three of which were born before the death of the said Mary Mills and one since a division of said negroes having never [been] made and the said negro woman and three youngest Children being in possession of George Mefford and the oldest child in the possession of Thomas McGinnis both of whom in right of their wives claim also a fifth interest of said negroes and the said George Mefford, being willing to purchase the claim of the said John Riggs Jeremiah Riggs and Nathan Masters in & to the said negroes. Therefore the said John Jeremiah and Nathan by William Riggs their attorney in fact authorized by special power from each, hath for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by the said Mefford granted bargained and sold and by these presents do give grant bargain sell and convey unto him the said George Mefford his heirs and assigns forever all the right title and Interest of the the [sic] said John Riggs Jeremiah Riggs and Nathan Masters being one-fifth each of in and to the said negro woman Mary and her four children aforesaid . . . the nineteenth day of July 1804. [Witness] John Chambers. [Signed] John Riggs, Jeremiah Riggs, and Nathan Masters by their attorney in fact William Riggs.

Mason Co., Ky., clerk, Joseph Briggs^[140]

From the items above we can deduce that Mary (–) (Masters) Mills died prior to 16 May 1804 and was the mother of (1) Nathan Masters; (2) Mary (Masters) Riggs, wife of Jeremiah³ Riggs; (3) **Cloe** (Masters) Riggs, wife of John³ Riggs; (4) **Malinda** (Masters) Mefford, wife of George Mefford; and (5) M (Masters) McGinnis, wife of Thomas McGinnis.

Furthermore, we can deduce that Jeremiah³ Riggs had two sons, William⁴ and Samuel⁴ Riggs, and that John³ Riggs must be brother of Jeremiah³ Riggs, because William⁴ Riggs is his nephew. Since John and James Riggs came together to Marshall Co., Va., and lived near Nathan

140. Mason Co., Ky., Circuit Deeds, A:216–218, page images courtesy of Nedra Dickman Brill CG.

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Masters, it can be taken with high probability that they are brothers and therefore brothers of Jeremiah³.

In 1805 Jeremiah Riggs sold land to Samuel Riggs, to Nathan Masters, to James Freeland, according to the index of deeds for Ohio Co., [W.]Va., but none of these deeds appear in the corresponding deed book.^[141]

On 5 May 1806 Jeremiah Riggs and his wife Mary of Washington Co., Pa., deeded to **John Riggs, “son of said Jeremiah,”** of Ohio Co. [W.]Va., for \$200, a parcel of 100 acres in Ohio Co., Va., “on the waters of Big Grave Creek and near the mouth of the same.” Acknowledged in court in May Term 1806, and Mary relinquished her right of dower.^[142]

On 2 Dec. 1806 Jeremiah “Rigs” and his wife Mary of Washington Co., Pa., sold to **William “Rigs,”** of Ohio Co. [W.]Va., for \$400, a parcel of 200 [according to the index] acres in Ohio Co., Va., “lying on the road leading from Grave creek to fish creek across the hills.” Acknowledged in court in February Term 1807, with Edward Dowler as one witness. In a separate record, dated 11 Apr. 1820, Mary “Rigs” acknowledged that she willingly participated in the deed.^[143]

On 3 Aug. 1807 an error in the deed of 28 Feb. 1798 was acknowledged by Jeremiah Riggs, of Washington Co., Pa. In consequence that deed was voided and the land was sold again to Jeremiah Riggs by Stephen Parr and Mary his wife, of Ohio Co., Commonwealth of Virginia. The deed was acknowledged, and Mary Parr relinquished her right of dower, in court in its September Term 1807.^[144]

In Mar. 1815 the Mason Co., Ky., court assigned the dower to Ma-linda Mefford in the estate of George Mefford, deceased, her late hus-

141. Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Deeds, 5:488, 5:491, and 5:492. Deed book 5 ends on p. 455 on which is written “the end.”

142. Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Deeds, 6:81, image 353 of 602 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 855589, DGS 8135208, grantor Jeremiah Riggs, 1806, 100 acres.

143. Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Deeds, 6:177-178, images 402-403 of 602 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 855589, DGS 8135208, grantor Jeremiah Riggs, 1807, 200 acres.

144. Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Deeds, 6:234-236, images 438-439 of 602 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 855589, DGS 8135208, grantee Jeremiah Riggs, 1807, 395 acres.

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band. The next item was the report of a sale of property of the late George Mefford, held 18 Jan. 1815. This tells us that George's wife was probably Malinda Masters.^[145]

In 1810 Jeremiah Riggs, over 45, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, one boy under 10, one male 10–15, one male and two females 16–25, one other male and one other female over 45. Listed next to him are William Riggs (02201,11201) and William Riggs Jr (10100,00100).^[146]

On 10 Apr. 1820 Jeremiah Riggs and his wife Mary of Washington Co., Pa., sold to **John Riggs**, of Ohio Co. [W.]Va., for \$400, a parcel of 100 acres in Ohio Co., Va., “on the waters of Big Grave creek and about one half mile from the mouth of said creek Southwards.” See the deed of 4 May 1801. Acknowledged in court on 11 Apr. 1820.^[147]

In 1820 Jeremiah Riggs, over 45, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with one boy under 10, one male 16–18, three males and two females 16–25. On the same page is listed “Naah,” 18–26, with a woman 16–26, and two girls under 10. On the next page is another Jeremiah Riggs, over 45, with one male 16–18, and one male (the same one) 16–26.^[148]

On 22 Apr. 1817 Jeremiah Riggs signed his will, and it was proved 1 June 1830. I transcribe much of it below:^[149]

In the name of God Amen I Jeremiah Riggs of Pike run township county of Washington & State of Pennsylvania being weak of body but of perfect mind & memory . . . I give & demise & dispose of the same [his worldly estate] in the following manner and form Item I will that all my legal debts and funeral expenses be first paid Item I will and bequeath

145. Mason Co., Ky., Wills, C:383–384, digital images courtesy of Nedra Dickman Brill, CG.

146. U.S. census, 1810, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 57, p. 81.

147. Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Deeds, 10:206, image 302 of 608 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 855589, DGS 8294342, grantor Jeremiah Riggs, 1820, 100 acres.

148. U.S. census, 1820, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 113, pp. 241–42.

149. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 4:519–20 (FHL 863625), where it appears in typescript, so already a transcription of the original. I have transcribed the transcription.

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to my will [sic] beloved wife Mary Riggs the house I now live in with one third of what the plantation the house stands upon will rent for during her life & i will & bequeath to my wife one horse saddle & bridle to her own proper use Item I will & bequeath to my son Nathan Riggs the sum of three hundred dollars Item I will & bequeath to the lawful heirs of my son Samuel Riggs the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to them as they shall severally come of age Item I will & bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Elenor Dowler decd the sum of one dollar Item I will & bequeath all the remainder of my estate after my debts & legacys aforementioned are paid to my sons and daughters herein after mentioned to be equally divided between them (to wit) Mary Irish William Riggs John Riggs Ruth Baldwin James Riggs Nancy Baldwin Nathan Riggs & the heirs of my son Samuel and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute authorize and appoint my wife Mary Riggs & my two sons William Riggs & John Riggs or either of them to be my sole executors of this my last will & testament I hereby revoking all former wills & testaments heretofore by me made I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this April [sic] 22 day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

[signed]_____ [seal]

Signed sealed & declared by the said Jeremiah Riggs as his last will & testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

Nathan Riggs Noah Riggs John Minson [sic]

Washington County ss: Be it remembered, that upon the 1st day of June A.D. 1830, before me John Grayson, Register for the probate of Wills and granting letters of Administration in and for said county, personally came Noah Riggs and John Minton, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will and testament of Jeremiah Riggs, deceased, who being duly sworn as the law directs, doth depose and say that the said Noah Riggs was called upon by the said testator, and told by him that he intended to execute the within as his last will and testament, and was asked to sign his name as a witness; that the said testator presented the

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within as his will, and at his request, and in his presence, he signed his name as a witness thereto. The said Noah Riggs further says that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of Nathan Riggs, who is also signed to the will as a witness, that he knows it to be the signature of the said Nathan who now lives in the state of Virginia, that they signed their names thereto in the presence of each other as witnesses, and that at the time of doing thereof he the said testator was to the best of his knowledge, observation and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding. And the said John Minton says that his name signed signed [sic] to the within will is his own proper hand writing, but that he has no recollection of the circumstances attending the said signing, that at the time the will bears date he lived with the testator, and that he the testator aforesaid was then to the best of his knowledge, observation and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding.

Noah Riggs John Minton

Sworn to and subscribed before me

Jno Grayson

This was followed, on 5 June 1830, by testimony from Caleb Johnson “that on the 10th day of March in the year 1817, he was applied to by Jeremiah Riggs, late of Pike Run Township, Washington County, deceased, to write his will, which he did write in the presence of the said Jeremiah Riggs; that the will which he wrote is the same which is presented . . . and that he [the testator] would take it home and have it signed by some of his near neighbours as witnesses.” Also on 5 June 1830 John Riggs was sworn in as executor of the estate of Jeremiah Riggs, Mary Riggs and William Riggs having renounced the task on 30 May 1830 and 26 Aug. 1829, respectively. (John had renounced also on 30 May 1830, but obviously changed his mind by 5 June.)^[150]

150. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 4:520–21 (FHL 863625). William Riggs in his renunciation refers to “my father Jeremiah Riggs.”

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(1) In 1830 Nathan Riggs, 30–40, resided in Ohio Co., Va., with a woman 20–30, one girl under 5, one boy 5–10, one male and one female 10–15. Also listed are: (2) James Riggs, 50–60, with a woman 40–50, one boy under 5, one boy and one girl 5–10, two males 15–20; (3) Jeremiah Riggs, 20–30, with a woman 15–20, and one boy and one girl under 5; (4) Thomas Riggs, 40–50, with one boy 5–10, one male and two females 10–15, and one woman 20–30; (5) “John of J.” Riggs, 40–50, with a woman 30–40, one girl under 5, one boy and two girls 5–10, one female 10–15, one female 15–20, and four males 20–30; (6) Noah Riggs, 30–40, with a woman 20–30, 3 girls under 5, two boy 5–10, and one female 10–15; and (7) Elias Riggs, 20–30, with a woman 20–30, and another male 20–30. The listings are in alphabetical order by first initial of the surname.^[151]

Children (from Jeremiah’s will):

- 27 i **WILLIAM⁴ RIGGS**, born before 1783, because presumably of age for the 1804 power of attorney (and presumably before 1780 to be older than James, as the will listing implies). He and his brother, Samuel, both of Washington Co., Pa., were given power of attorney in 1804 by Nathan Masters of Ohio Co., Va., their father, Jeremiah Riggs, and William’s uncle, John Riggs. He renounced administration of his father’s will on 26 Aug. 1829.

On 15 Apr. 1820 William Riggs, of Washington Co., Pa., sold to **James Riggs**, of Ohio Co. [W.]Va., for \$441, a parcel of 168 acres in Ohio Co., Va., “lying on the road leading from Grave Creek to Fish Creek.” Acknowledged in court in August Term 1820.^[152] Cf. the 2 Dec. 1806 deed for Jeremiah³ Riggs.

- 28 ii **JAMES⁴ RIGGS**, born 1770–1780. Presumably the James Riggs who resided in Ohio Co., Va., in the 1830 census.

151. U.S. census, 1830, Ohio Co., Va., r. 198, pp 239–243. Thomas, John of J., Noah, and Elias are on p. 239. Nathan and James are on p. 241. Jeremiah is on p. 243.

152. Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Deeds, 10:692, images 425 of 608 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 855589, DGS 8294342, grantor William Riggs, 1820, 168 acres.

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- 29 iii **SAMUEL⁴ RIGGS**, born before 1783, because presumably of age for the 1804 power of attorney. He was deceased at the time, 22 Apr. 1817, of Jeremiah's will, which refers to the "heirs of my son Samuel."
- 30 iv **MARY⁴ RIGGS**, married — **FISH/IRISH**.
- + 31 v **ELENOR⁴ RIGGS**, married **EDWARD DOWLER**, and had children. She was deceased at the time, 22 Apr. 1817, of Jeremiah's will, which refers to the "heirs of my daughter Elenor Dowler decd."
- + 32 vi **JOHN⁴ RIGGS**, born 1780–1790, known from the 5 May 1806 deed. Presumably the "John of J." Riggs who resided in Ohio Co., Va., in the 1830 census. He became executor of his father Jeremiah's will on 5 June 1830.
- + 33 vii **RUTH⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1790, Pennsylvania married **ROBERT BALDWIN**, and had 10 children.
- + 34 viii **NANCY⁴ RIGGS**, married **AMOS BALDWIN**, brother of Robert, Ruth's husband, according to the Baldwin Genealogy, and had seven children.
- + 35 ix **NATHAN⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1796, Pennsylvania, married **ELIZABETH —**, and had at least four children. He witnessed his father Jeremiah's will on 22 Apr. 1817.

12. WILLIAM³ RIGGS (²?*James*², *James*¹) was born 12 Mar. 1750, Maryland or "in Old Virginia near the Potomac River near Harpers Ferry"^[153] (see appendix A). He signed his will 23 Sept. 1830, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., and it was proved 30 Aug. 1833 (see transcription below).

153. Harpers Ferry lies on a point of land, now in Jefferson Co., W.Va., jutting out between Md. (north) and Va. (south), defined by the confluence of the Potomac (coming in from the northwest) and Shenandoah (coming in from the southwest) Rivers to form the broader Potomac flowing east. In 1749 at Harpers Ferry, Washington and Frederick Cos. were on the Md. side of the Potomac, and Frederick and Fairfax Cos. were on the (old) Va. side. In 1772 Frederick and Fairfax had separated into Berkeley and Loudon Cos. in the same area. In 1801 Jefferson Co. separated off from Berkeley Co. at Harpers Ferry. In 1863 Jefferson Co., Va., became Jefferson Co., W.Va., and Loudon remained in Va. The counties on the Md. side never changed after formation of Washington and Montgomery Cos. Thus William's birthplace could not be both Maryland and Old Virginia.

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He married (1) about 1774 (appendix A) **MARY DOWDON**, who was born 17 Dec. 1755, in Maryland just across the Potomac from Harper's Ferry near the Civil War battle site of Antietam (appendix A), died 1819, and was buried on the William Riggs farm (Figure 6). He married (2) about **1821 ELIZABETH (–) HOWE**, who was born 1770–1780, and died after she signed her will 17 Nov. 1844, Washington Co., Pa., and before it was proved 27 Oct. 1847.^[154] William was a Methodist minister (see appendix A).

Names on 1776–1780 petitions from Washington Co., Pa., include Edmond, Edmund, Jeremiah, John, John, Jr., and William Riggs.^[155]

Names on a 22 June 1782 petition from “Sundry Inhabitants of Yohogania and Monongalia to be Laid Before [the] Assembly” of Virginia, include “Edmund Riggs | Jeremiah Riggs | John Riggs (2) | William Riggs.”^[156]

154. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 6:537–38 [FHL 863627], Elizabeth Riggs, signed 17 Nov. 1844, proved 27 Oct. 1847, witnesses Elias Worrell, Mahlon Riggs, and Benjamin Crow, Executor Elias Worrell, mentions Ladothia B[?]gles, James Howe son of Elizabeth and William Howe [she might be referring here to herself and her first husband], “my son” Alexander and his wife Margaret Howe, “my daughter” Eleanor Johnson, James Howe, Adam Howe, Alexander Howe, Ann [Ven?]is, Eleanor Johnson, Lydia Howe, Samuel Johnson son of [Ibly?] Johnson, “my three grandchildren one son and two daughters children of my daughter Sally Allen.” She further states, “the design of the above is that my children and daughter in law Lydia Howe, and my four children grand, above named all to have an equal share excepting my three grand children one son and two daughters of my daughter Sally.” One way to read this is that Samuel Johnson is the fourth grandchild, and that the other Howes mentioned are all the children of herself and William Howe, namely James, Adam, Alexander, Ann, Eleanor, and Sally.

155. *Lists of Inhabitants in Washington Co., Pa., 1800 or before*, “Names on 1776–80 petitions”; Leckey, *Tenmile Country and Its Pioneer Families*, 142, “This Petition is taken from the Papers of the Continental Congress No. 48, and is Folios 251–6. Pages 89–96,” and 150 [251-e], these names in this order: “Lot Masters | James Harriss | Nathan Masters | Jeremiah Ellis | William Harriss | Nathan Ellis | John Riggs | Robert Wilkes | William Riggs | Jeremiah Riggs | Edmond Riggs | Gideon Foreman | James Ellis Sen’ | Hezekiah Ellis | John Medford,” and on 151 [251-f], “John Riggs Jun’,” and on 152 [251-h], “Edmund Riggs.” An excellent image of the original appears on <fold3.com>, Papers of the Continental Congress, compiled 1774–1789, RG 360, NARA M247, item 48, p. 251-e, r. 62.

156. *The Virginia Genealogist*, 17:216–223, 216, “We the petitioners inhabitants of that part of territory north of Masons and Dixons Line, and west of the Laurel Hill seem to be considered by Penn-

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A 1910 history of Washington Co., Pa., states, in an article about James A.⁶ Riggs:

John L. Riggs, father of our subject, who followed farming throughout his active career, was born on the old Riggs homestead at Lucyville,^[157] as was his father, Nahlon (Mahlon) Riggs, who was a son of William Riggs, a native of Maryland, who over 125 years ago [c1785] came to Pennsylvania and entered land from the government.^[158]

Presumably this is testimony from James A. Riggs, so reflects the family's lore about its own history. The "land from the government" is interesting.

In 1790 William Riggs, over 16, resided in Washington Co., Pa., with three males under 16, and three females. Listed next to him is Jeremiah Riggs.^[159]

On 18 Feb. 1794 in a deed from "Edward West to Thomas Dowler & Trustees for an Episcopal church," one acre in Washington Co., Pa., was sold for 5s. Names of the vestrymen mentioned in the patent, issued 27 Mar. 1788, include William Riggs. The patent conveyed "an open road from the road to a spring and the Clement Rigg line."^[160]

From Crumrine's 1882 history of Washington Co., Pa.:

sylvania to be within their jurisdiction, . . .," 221, has the Riggs signatures, alphabetized, with "(2)" signifying two occurrences of the same name in the original lists, but not necessarily two distinct individuals.

157. Lucyville is now Roscoe, Washington Co. It is upriver approx. 5 mi. north as the crow flies of Brownsville. [East] Pike Run Twp., Allen Twp., and Fallowfield Twp. are all along the Monongahela in Washington Co., Pa. Pike Run Twp. was formed in 1792, according to Crumrine, and Greenfield town was laid out in 1814 and became a borough in 1834. Pike Run Twp. was split into East and West in 1839.

158. McFarland, *20th Century History of the City of Washington and Washington Co., Pa.*, 1438, article on James A. Riggs, "son of John L. and Dorothy (Biles) Riggs. John L. Riggs . . . was born on the old Riggs homestead at Lucyville, as was his father, Nahlon (Mahlon) Riggs . . . John L. Riggs, who died in 1902, is survived by his widow, who is now seventy-six years of age."

159. U.S. census, 1790, Washington Co., Pa., r. 9, p. 194.

160. Transcription placed online at <Ancestry.com> of an article in *The Charleroi (Pa.) Mail*, Thurs., 26 Sept. 1957, p. 6.

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Methodist Episcopal Church.—Greenfield Circuit was in the Baltimore Conference, and was traveled by Rev. James Quinn as early as 1799. The circuit covered a large territory, and embraced parts of Greene, Fayette, and Washington Counties. There were perhaps no Methodists in Greenfield at this early day. There were some two or three Methodist families a few miles distant, among them the Hows and Riggs. William Riggs (father of Mahlon Riggs, now living, but a very old man) was a local preacher. Preaching was established at his house. In those days there were no church buildings in this end of the county. Some time afterwards, early in the present century, a log meeting-house was built, called How's Church, and it became one of the regular appointments or preaching-places on Greenfield Circuit.^[161]

From Crumrine's 1882 history of Washington Co., Pa.:

The Riggs family came from the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1773,^[162] and settled near the Monongahela River. William Riggs, who had married Mary Downdson, was at one time a vestryman in the Episcopal Church, in 1794 and earlier. One June 25, 1797, he made application to the Methodist Conference to be licensed as a minister, which was accordingly done at Greenfield Quarterly Meeting, April 26, 1799, by Daniel Hill. His ordination was signed by Francis Asbury in 1807. William Riggs died in 1833, aged eighty-four years. He had thirteen children, all dead except Mahlon Riggs, the youngest who is now in his eighty-fourth year. The William Riggs tract is in his possession. His sons are William M. and John L., residing in Allen township. Jeremiah E. Riggs sold to William Riggs, June 27, 1796, one hundred and twenty-five acres, being a part of a tract sold by Basil Stoker to Jeremiah Riggs, March 25, 1780, containing three hundred and sixty-one acres, adjoining Joseph Allen, Joseph Chester, and Nathan Ellis. Patented to Jeremiah E. Riggs April 13, 1795. The names of the old family were William, Jeremiah, Jonas,

161. Crumrine, *History of Washington Co., Pa.*, excerpted online at <Ancestry.com>.

162. I believe the Eastern Shore to be an error, as all indications are that the Riggses came from the Potomac River part of western Maryland. Perhaps Crumrine confused the Eastern Branch area of Maryland (Anacostia River, now in D.C., formerly known as the Eastern Branch of the Potomac) with the Eastern Shore, the Maryland counties east of Chesapeake Bay.

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Thomas, Zachariah, Noah, Mahlon, Eleanor, Alvilar, Mary, Lucy, Betsey, and Annie.^[163]

In 1798 William Riggs is listed in a tax list for Pikerun Twp., Washington Co., Pa. Listed after him is Jeremiah Riggs.^[164]

In 1800 William “Rigg,” over 45, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, two boys and three girls under 10, two males and one female 10–15, and two males and one female 16–25.^[165]

In 1810 William Riggs, over 45, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, one girl under 10, two males and one female 10–15, two males and two females 16–25. William Riggs Jr., 16–25, is listed next with a woman 16–25, and one boy under 10. Listed next to him is Jeremiah Riggs, and on the preceding page is Jesse Riggs, 26–45.^[166]

In 1820 William Riggs, over 45, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with one boy under 10, one male 18–26, and one female 16–26. Listed next to him is William How, over 45, and nearby, six names away, was Elizabeth How, over 45, with two males 18–26.^[167]

In 1830 William “Rigg,” 80–90, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 60–70, one male 10–15, and one female 15–20. Listed two names away is Mahlon Rigg, and between them is Andrew Huggins.^[168]

William’s will, signed 23 Sept. 1830, proved 30 Aug. 1833:

In the name of God Amen I William Riggs of the township of Pikerun County of Washington & state of Pennsylvania being weak of body but of perfect mind & memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body and

163. Crumrine, *History of Washington Co., Pa.*, 644–45.

164. *Pa. U.S. Direct Tax Lists, 1798*, image 290/872 online, “24 Riggs William . . . | 25 Riggs Jeremiah . . .”

165. U.S. census, 1800, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 44, p. 856.

166. U.S. census, 1810, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 57, p. 81.

167. U.S. census, 1820, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 113, p. 243.

168. U.S. census, 1830, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 163, p. 230.

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knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will and testament . . . Item I will and bequeath to my beloved **wife Elizabeth** the mansion house where I now live the garden the spring-house smoke house and a small field adjoining the smok [sic] house the corn house and meadow field adjoining two cows the priveledge [sic] of fruit for her use two hoggs [sic] two sheep the one moiety of the beds & bedding that she has made since we where [sic] married the priveledge of pasture for her cows & sheep and as much bread stuff as will be sufficient for the family for one year and the priveledge of her cattle & sheep shettering [sic] at the barn & sufficient firewood for her use the above bequests to be her use as long as she remains my widdow [sic] and remains on the land in lieu [sic] of her dower Item I will that the remainder of my personal property be sold by my executors and the money arising therefrom (after paymet of my debts & funeral expences [sic]) be equally devided [sic] between **my following named children (to wit) Elender James Aberilla Thomas William Mary Lucy Elizabeth Noah Mahlon Anne and the heirs of my son Jeremiah** to have their fathers share Item I will to **my son Zachariah** one dollar Item I will the whole of my real estate (subject to the above bequest to my wife) to my son Mahlon forever he paying to my son Noah the sum of forty dollars at the expiration of two years after my decease and further it is my will that my son Mahlon out of sd bequest [sic] to him willd pay the sum of one hundred & sixty dollars to be equally **devided between Jeremiah his heirs Elender James Aberilla Thomas William Mary Lucinder Anna William & Alvin** to be paid to them at the expiration of four years after my decease And lastly I do appoint my son Mahlon and Caleb Johnson or either of them my executors of this my last will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty third day of Sept A.D. 1830.

Willim [sic] Riggs (S.S.)

Signed sealed & declared by the sd Wm Riggs as his last will and testament in presence of.

Susannah Springer Mary Johnson Emily Johnson^[169]

169. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 5:82-83 [FHL 863626], "Will of William Riggs, decd.," proved 30

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In 1840 Elizabeth “Rigg,” 70–80, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 20–30. Listed two names away is “Malon Rigg,” 40–50.^[170]

In Nov. 1850 the Mt. Tabor Methodist Church, important to the Riggs family, was completed. The following tidbits about the Riggses and their involvement with this church are from a 1950 centennial celebration publication (I cannot vouch for its accuracy):

As early as 1790 the people of the district worshipped at what is now Coal Center. It was called the Greenfield Circuit and was in the Baltimore Conference. Rev. James Quinn was one of the traveling preachers of this time. This circuit embraced parts of Green, Fayette, and Washington Counties. There were two or three Methodist families a few miles distant (in Allen Twp.) among them the Riggs and Howes. Wm. Riggs was born in 1750 and in 1773 came here with his parents. **They lived in a cave in Allenport Hollow (below the waterfalls) until they could cut logs to build a house.** Wm. Riggs was licensed to preach and services were established at his house. He also preached to the people from Riggs rock before they could complete their log house. He later preached at the log church at Howe. It was built on the William Howe property about 1820. . . . The Methodist people continue to hold meeting here until 1850. Then Howe congregation decided to build a new church on a new site. . . . Cornelius McKenna sold a portion of the ground he had bought from the Quakers, to the Methodist people and they erected a church. He tore down the Quaker church and built a house with the logs. . . . He lived here for many years and raised the following children: . . . Kate Riggs, . . .

After the Quaker church was abandoned [by the Quakers] and before it was torn down, the Methodist people worshiped here on Sunday. . . . Thru the week it was used as a school. . . . Some of the girls who attended school here were Caroline Riggs Hazelbaker, Lucinda Riggs Noble, . . .

Aug 1833 in Washington Co., Pa., by Mary Johnson and Emily Johnson, letters testamentary issued the same day to Mahlon Riggs and Caleb Johnson, and registered the same day. I thank descendant Charles Lynn Riggs for sending me another transcription. I took this one directly from the record (which appears in typescript).

170. U.S. census, 1840, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 499, p. 143.

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The Riggs sisters were often accompanied to school by their father who carried a gun to protect them from the Indians and at other times had to blaze a trail for them to follow. . . . Caroline Riggs later married George Hazelbaker. They lived near the church for many years and raised the following children: Theopholis [sic], Felicia Harsha, Frank, Ida Harris, Melissa Pringle, Emma Worrell, Elga and Ella. The five daughters are still living and their combined ages are 449 years. Four of them Felicia, Ida, Melissa and Emma attended the rededication in 1940.

In 1850 Cornelius McKenna sold [crossed out in pencil with “donated” interlined] a portion of the original Quaker ground to the Methodist people. The deed for the church was made Oct. 30, 1850 from Cornelius McKenna and wife to Elias Worrell, Mahlon Riggs and James Latta, Building Committee. . . . [T]he church was finished by the last of November 1850. . . . On May 10, 1851 the church was formally dedicated. The name of Mt. Tabor having been suggested by Lydia Williams Riggs, wife of Mahlon Riggs, both members of the church.^[171]

Children according to William’s will of 23 Sept. 1830: “my following named children (to wit) ~~Elender James Aberilla Thomas William Mary Lucy Elizabeth Noah Mahlon Anne and the heirs of my son Jeremiah . . . my son Zachariah . . .~~” Also from the will this list: “~~Jeremiah his heirs Elender James Aberilla Thomas William Mary Lucinder Anna William~~ [sic] & Alvin.” I have crossed out the names in both lists that match.

Children according to Mahlon’s letter of 28 Jan. 1878: “Jeremiah, b. 3 Oct. 1774; Eliner, b. 17 Oct. 1776; James, b. 14 Dec. 1778; Abrilar b. 11 Feb. 1781; Thomas, b. 19 Feb. 1783; William (your grandfather) was b. 29 Apr. 1785; Zacharia b. 25 May 1787; Mary b. 12 June 1789; Lucinda b. 16 July 1791; Noah b. 6 Aug. 1793; Mahlon b. 25 Dec. 1797; Elizabeth b. 1795; Ann b. 1799.” Every name here appears in at least one of the two lists in William’s will.

171. Mt. Tabor Methodist Church, 1850–1950, cover inscribed in pencil, “Bernice L. Riggs Cunningham (I attended this service),” photocopy courtesy of James Wallace⁸ Riggs.

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Children (from Mahlon's letter of 28 Jan. 1878, see appendix A) of the first marriage, to Mary:

- + 36 i JEREMIAH⁴ RIGGS, born 3 Oct. 1774, died before his father's will of 23 Sept. 1830, which mentions Jeremiah's heirs, married RACHEL KELLER, and had 11 children.
- 37 ii ELEANOR [ELENDER] "NELLY"⁴ RIGGS, born 17 Oct. 1776, married (see appendix A) JOHN FRANKLIN.
- + 38 iii JAMES⁴ RIGGS, born 14 Dec. 1778, Pennsylvania, married PHEBE COOPER, and had xxx children.
- + 39 iv ABERILLA [ABRILAR]⁴ RIGGS, born 11 Feb. 1781, married JOHN ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG, and had at least one child.
- 40 v THOMAS⁴ RIGGS, born 19 Feb. 1783.
- + 41 vi WILLIAM⁴ RIGGS, born 29 Apr. 1785, married SARAH JUSTUS, and had at least four children.
- 42 vii ZACHARIAH⁴ RIGGS, born 25 May 1787.
- + 43 viii MARY⁴ RIGGS, born 12 June 1789, married LAWRENCE CROW, and had seven children.
- + 44 ix LUCINDA⁴ RIGGS, born 16 July 1791, Pennsylvania, married ANDREW HUGGINS, and had at least three children.
- + 45 x NOAH⁴ RIGGS, born 6 Aug. 1793, married NANCY SHEPLER,^[172] and had eight children.
- 46 xi ELIZABETH⁴ RIGGS, born 1795, possibly the mother of "brother" Alvin (q.v.).
- + 47 xii MAHLON⁴ RIGGS, born 25 Dec. 1797, Lucyville, Washington Co., Pa., married LYDIA WILLIAMS, and had nine children.
- + 48 xiii ANN[A]⁴ RIGGS, born 1799, Pennsylvania, married JACOB CROW, and had seven children.
- + 49 xiv ALVIN⁴ RIGGS, born 15 Oct. 1815, Washington Co., Pa., married (1) HANNAH H. SCHIMP, and had five children, married (2) MARY SHRAWGER, and had four children.

The following is a placeholder:

172. Her surname from her son Samuel's biography and obit. (q.v.).

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13. CLEMENT² RIGG (*Robert*¹) was born about 1722–1725, based on being of age at the signing of his father's will in 1748 and having a child, Robert, then. His parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Richison) Rigg [from Linda Merlino's research, see note in sketch of James² Riggs]. He died after 27 Sept. 1805 when he signed his will, and before 11 Mar. 1808 when it was proved in Washington Co., Pa. He married (1) **RACHEL [OWEN]**. He married (2) **SARAH CLARK**, who outlived him and was an executor of his will.

In 1790 Clement Rigg, over 16, resided in Washington Co., Pa., with two males under 16, one other male over 16, and five females. Listed next to him is Hosea Rigg (1,1,2).^[173]

In 1800 Clement Rigg, over 45 [so born before 1755], resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, two females 16–25, and one male 16–25. Next to him is listed Clement Rigg Jr., 16–25 [so born 1775–1784], with a woman 26–45, and one boy and one girl under 10. Also listed are William Rigg (22201,31101), Ahijah Rigg (20010,10010), and Eleazer Rigg (10101,33001).^[174]

On 27 Sept. 1805 Clement Rigg of Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., signed his will, and it was proved 11 Mar. 1808. It mentions his son Jesse, wife Sarah, his 10 eldest children: Robert, George, John, Ezekiel, Rachel, "Eliezer," Keziah, Hosea, Elisha, and Ahijah, his two daughters Priscilla and Miriam, his five other children: Ephraim, Sarah, Clement, Abigail, and Jesse. He appointed his wife Sarah and his friend Joseph John as executors. Witnesses were William Almon, Edward West, and Thomas Farquhar.^[175]

Linda Merlino has done careful research on this family. I recommend her work for further details. Most of the materials in this sketch are my own findings.

Children (in will order) of the first marriage, to Rachel:

173. U.S. census, 1790, Washington Co., Pa., r. 9, p. 194.

174. U.S. census, 1800, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 44, p. 856.

175. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 2:164–65 [FHL 863624].

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50 i ROBERT³ RIGG.

51 ii GEORGE³ RIGG.

52 iii JOHN³ RIGG.

In 1796 an administration bond was granted on the estate of John Rigg, Washington Co., Pa.^[176]

53 iv EZEKIEL³ RIGG.

54 v RACHEL³ RIGG.

55 vi ELEAZER³ RIGG, born before 1755.

In 1800 Eleazer Riggs, over 45 [so born before 1755], resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, one boy and three girls under 10, three females 10–16, and one male 16–26.^[177]

56 vii KEZIAH³ RIGG.

57 viii HOSEA³ RIGG, born before 1774.

In 1790 Hosea Rigg, over 16 [so born before 1774], resided in Washington Co., Pa., with one male under 16, and two females. Listed next to him is Clement Rigg (2,2,5).^[178]

58 ix ELISHA³ RIGG.

+ 59 x AHIJAH³ RIGG, born about 1763, married HANNAH PENNEL, and had eight children.

Children (in will order) of the second marriage, to Sarah. There is a “receive on request” at the Westland Monthly Meeting [Quaker], Washington Co., Pa., dated 9 Sept. 1785 that lists them in this order: Ephraim, Sarah, Clement, Abigail, Jesse, Priscilla, and Miriam, all of which were born therefore before 9 Sept. 1785 [see Linda Merlino’s research]:

60 xi PRISCILLA³ RIGG.

61 xii MIRIAM³ RIGG.

62 xiii EPHRAIM³ RIGG.

63 xiv SARAH³ RIGG.

176. Ball, *Estate records, 1781–96, and deed records, 1782–85, in Washington Co., Pa.*, 9, “Rigg John; bd 96.”

177. U.S. census, 1800, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 44, p. 856.

178. U.S. census, 1790, Washington Co., Pa., r. 9, p. 194.

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- 64 xv CLEMENT³ RIGG, born about 1778, Pennsylvania **perhaps** he who married 6 Apr. 1803, Mason Co., Ky.^[179] ESTHER CAMPBELL. **(But this is inconsistent with his being in Washington Co., Pa., in 1810.)**

In 1800 Clement Rigg Jr., 16–25 [so born 1775–1784], resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 26–45, and one boy and one girl under 10.^[180]

The following four census items are placeholders:

In 1810 Clement Rigg, 26–45 [so born 1765–1784], resided in East Bethlehem Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman over 26–45, and a woman over 45, one boy and four girls under 10, one male and one female 10–16.^[181] East Bethlehem is about 10 miles as the crow flies southwest of Allen Twp., down the Monongahela River.

Also in 1810, Clement Rigg, over 45, resided in “Euchland” [probably Uwchland], Chester Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, one boy and three girls under 10, and one male 10–16. N.B., this is where Robert¹ Rigg comes from.

In 1820 Clement Rigg, 26–45 [so born 1775–1794], resided in Mason Co., Ky., with a woman over 26–45, two boys and three girls under 10, two males and three females 10–16, and one female 16–26.^[182]

In 1850 Clement Rigg, 72 [so born about 1778], a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$340 real estate, resided in Mason Co., Ky., with Lucinda, 37, Serepta, 9, Arthur, 7, and Minnie, 1, all four born in Kentucky.^[183]

In 1860 Clement Rigg, 81 [so born about 1779], a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$350 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Sardis, Mason Co., Ky., with Lucinda, 46, Arthur Henson, 17, and Miram Rigg, 11, all three born in Kentucky.^[184]

179. Ky. *Marriages, 1802–1850*, Esther Campbell to Clement Rigg, 6 Apr. 1803, Mason Co., Ky.

180. U.S. census, 1800, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 44, p. 856.

181. U.S. census, 1810, East Bethlehem Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 57, p. 84.

182. U.S. census, 1820, Mason Co., Ky., r. 26, p. 55.

183. U.S. census, 1850, Mason Co., Ky., r. 212, p. 145B, dw. 160, fam. 160.

184. U.S. census, 1860, Sardis PO, Mason Co., Ky., r. 386, p. 22, dw. 153, fam. 152.

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65 xvi ABIGAIL³ RIGG.

66 xvii JESSE³ RIGG.

16. JAMES³ RIGGS (⁴Edmond², James¹) was born 15 Sept. 1742, Rock Creek, Prince George's (Montgomery, after 1776) Co., Md.,^[185] died 22 Feb. 1815, and was buried in New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio.^[186] He signed his will 29 May 1813, Washington Co., Ohio, and it was proved in June 1815, Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio (see transcription below). He married^[187] MARY JOHNSON, who was born 10 July 1748 (gravestone),^[188] Maryland,^[189] daughter of Benjamin Johnson (whose will was probated on 10 Jan. 1815, in which she is named), died [9] Nov. 181[8], aged 70 years [1] month, and was buried in New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio.^[190]

185. *Jennings Co., Ind., 1816–1999*, 267; Brumbaugh, *Maryland Records*, Vol. 1, 1:185, Frederick Co., Md., Lower Potomack Hundred, 22 Aug. 1776, “Rigg, Robert 14 | James 35 | Basil 2,” also “Riggs, Thomas 9.”

186. *Find a Grave*, no. 28029902, gravestone photographs, by DeLoss McKnight III, New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio, unfortunately I cannot read the old gravestone in this photograph, a second photograph of a Rev. War commemorative gravestone for him, also by DeLoss McKnight III, is legible, “James Riggs | Pvt. Pa. Militia | 1742 1818 [sic],” and finally there is a third gravestone photograph (no. 28029948), by DeLoss McKnight III, which is apparently a modern stone labeled “First Family of . . . [image cropped],” “Riggs | | Revolutionary War | Veteran | James Riggs | born Sept. 15, 1742 | died Feb. 22, 1815 | | His wife | Mary Johnson Riggs | born July 10, 1748 | died Nov. 9, 1818 | | Daughter | Priscilla Riggs Sheets | wife of Martin Sheets | died Oct. 25, 1801 | Aged 23 years | | Granddaughte[cropped] | Ruth B. Riggs [cropped] | born Feb. 1, 1819 | died July 30, 1819 | | Grandson | Lorenzo Dow Riggs | born Nov. 10, 1815 | died Oct., 25, 1818 | First Family on Site of Matamoras.” Details for parts of this extended gravestone are from daughter Priscilla’s item and from granddaughter Ruth’s item (q.v.).

187. *Riggs, The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 494; Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 880.

188. Brumbaugh, *Maryland Records*, Vol. 1, 1:191, Frederick Co., Md., Lower Potomack Hundred, 22 Aug. 1776, “Rigg, Mary 27 | Maxemelia 7 | Mary 4,” also “Riggs, Sarah 50.”

189. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 880, for birth state.

190. *Find a Grave*, no. 32901056, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio, “Here lieth [the] body | of Mary Ri[gs?] born | July the 10th 1748 and | departed this life | the [9th] of November | in the year of our | Lord 181[8] aged [7]0 | years and [1] Month.”

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The following items are from John Beverly Riggs's genealogy of the Maryland Riggses **but is not yet vetted by me**:

James Riggs, son of Edmond and Mary (**Brooke**) Riggs, was born on September 15, 1742, in Prince George's (later Montgomery) County, Maryland. It is believed he was married twice. The census taken August 22, 1776, in Maryland, shows James Riggs living in Lower Potomac Hundred. His two oldest sons were Robert, aged 12 (born circa 1764, **but cf. Brumbaugh footnote where Robert is listed as age 14**), and Thomas, aged 9 (born circa 1767). As his wife was not born until circa 1749, it is doubtful whether she was the mother of these two children.^[191]

James Riggs married Mary Johnson, born circa 1749.^[192]

James Riggs, living in the Lower Potomac Hundred, Frederick County, appears in the census taken in 1776. Besides himself (aged 35 years), his family included Mary Riggs, aged 27; Robert, aged 12; Thomas, aged 9; Maxemelia Riggs, aged 7; Mary Riggs, aged 4; and Basil Riggs, aged 2.^[193]

Shortly after this date, James Riggs and his family moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania, where he enlisted and served as a private in Lieutenant Rose's Ranging Company,^[194] during the Revolution. About the year 1799, he removed to New Matamoris [sic], Ohio, where he died February 22, 1815.^[195]

191. John Beverley Riggs surmises that there must have been two wives because Mary would have been about 15 at birth of the first son, if her age in the census is believed. As there is no evidence of a second wife, I'll only mention this surmise. Suppose she was really 29, then there would have been no strong reason to suggest a former wife.

192. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 494. In addition, on p. 503, there appears this note, "The compiler is indebted to Miss Beulah J. Johnson of Oklahoma City, for much of the information included in this section on the descendants of James Riggs."

193. Brumbaugh, *Maryland Records*, Frederick Co., Lower Potomac Hundred, census taken 22 Aug. 1776, 185, white males, lists Thomas Riggs, 9, separate from Robert Riggs, 14, John, 35, and Basil, 2; *ibid.*, 191, white females, lists Mary Riggs, 27, Maxemelia, 7 and Mary, 4, separate from Sarah Riggs, 50. **Who was Sarah?**

194. *Pennsylvania Archives*, Fifth Series, 5:89, Bedford Co., "Lieut. Rose's Ranging Company. (a.) | Lieutenant. | Edward Rose | Privates. | . . . James Riggs. [third in a list of 17]."

195. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 494-95, with footnote, "Ibid [for the NSDAR note]."

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The following history of Matamoras, Ohio, puts the location and the Riggses in perspective:

History of the Matamoras area goes back before Ohio became a state. In 1797, the first permanent settlers to set foot on the site of Matamoras were James Riggs, his two sons-in-law, Martin and Anthony Sheets, and their families. Fearing hostile Indians, they camped on the Virginia side of the river while clearing the Ohio land and building cabins. Many of our first settlers were Revolutionary War Veterans.^[196]

Here's another history book excerpt, for James's grandson, Henry Riggs, in Jennings Co., Ind.:

Henry Riggs' parents were John Riggs and Sarah Wilson Riggs. John Riggs parents were James Riggs and Mary Johnson Riggs. Sarah Wilson parents were Samuel and Nancy Weedon Wilson. John and Sarah Riggs came to Jennings County April 1, 1820, lived on a farm about 3 miles from Brewersville. John died September 15, 1851 and Sarah died September 20, 1875. John's father James Riggs was born September 15, 1742 at Rock Creek, Montgomery County Maryland. He married Mary Johnson (daughter of Benjamin Johnson of Montgomery County, born July 10, 1748). They moved to Bedford County, PA, near Inglesmith, near Maryland border. It was in Bedford County that he served in Revolution War as a private in Lt. Rose's Ranger Company out of Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

James Riggs and family, including two son-in-laws Anthony and Martin Sheets, prior to 1800, were first settlers who build homes in Matamoras in Grandview Township, Washington County, OH.

James Riggs died February 22, 1815 and is the only Revolutionary War soldier buried in Matamoras Cemetery. His wife died November 9, 1818 and is buried beside him.^[197]

On 29 Aug. 1803 James Riggs resided in Grandview, Washington Co., Ohio. Also listed were Martin Sheets, Anthony Sheets, and Benjamin Ridgeway.^[198]

196. *Matamoras Area History*, reference provided courtesy of Elizabeth Riggs Brandon.

197. *Jennings Co., Ind., 1816-1999*, 267.

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James Riggs, as JP, married couples in Washington Co., Ohio, on 20 Jan., 23 Feb., 12 Apr., and 18 Oct. 1807, 13 Oct. and 21 Nov. 1808, and 16 May and 26 Oct. 1809.^[199]

The 29 May 1813 will of James Riggs:^[200]

In the name of God, Amen, I, James Riggs, of the County of Washington and state of Ohio, calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and the the mortality of my body but of sound mind and perfect memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament.

First, I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to be interred at the discretion of my friends not doubting but I shall receive the same at the General resurrection by the mighty power of God the estate it has pleased God to bless me with, I give devise and disperse of in manner as following.

Item first – I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Riggs all my goods, chattels lands and tenements for and during her natural life in case she remain a widow, but if she should marry, then the said estate to be disposed of in the manner herein after directed with the exception of her right of dower.

Item second – I will and bequeath to my four sons: Bazel Riggs, John Riggs, Edmund Riggs, and Samuel Riggs all my estate in land after the death of my wife Mary Riggs, the said land to be equally divided among my said four sons, by me executor herein after named according to the quality of said land taking into consideration all improvements of whatever description and valuing the land so that the four above named legatees may each receive and [sic] equal share of the real value in said land, which I give and bequeath to the said four legatees, their heirs and assigns forever.

198. *Washington Co., Ohio, US Territorial Census Population Schedules, 1803*, “A List of the white male inhabitants in the township of Grandview—that are above the age of twentyone years—taken this 29th day of August 1803,” Martin Sheets (no. 24), Anthony Sheets (25), James Riggs (26), Benjamin Ridgeway (37), John “Burrass” (38).

199. *Ohio Marriages*.

200. This transcription provided courtesy of descendant Michael Don¹⁰ Riggs, “From Probate Record Book 1 Dated 29 May 1813 and probated June 1815 Marietta, Washington, OH.”

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Item third – I give and bequeath at the death of my wife Mary Riggs all the personal property belonging to my estate to the eight following legatees – namely, my four sons Bazel Riggs, John Riggs, Edmund Riggs, and Samuel Riggs, my three daughters Maxie Sheets, Mary Ridgway, Jane Williamson and my grand daughter Mary Sheets daughter of Martin Sheets each to receive an equal share and the division to be made to the aforesaid legatees by my executor herein after named.

Item fourth – It is my will and desire that my son Samuel Riggs be permitted to live on and cultivate the farm that I now live on, that he may have a favorable chance of improving his stock and that he be paid for improving the house and orchard and the sum of forty five dollars by his three brothers to be paid out their part of said estate.

I wish it be understood as a part of my will that if my wife should marry after my decease that from the time of such marriage she is to receive no part of my estate real or personal other than her right of dower which is to be defined by the law of the state of Ohio.

Lastly, I consider and appoint my beloved son Edmund Riggs and my beloved son-in-law Anthony Sheets, executor of this my last will and testament. In witness wherein I have set my hands and affixed my seal this 29th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States the thirty seventh.

James Riggs

Signed, Sealed and Acknowledged as the last will and testament of James Riggs esquire of Grandview

Henry Jolly (Mark)	John Collins (Mark)
Richard Tabbott	Martin Sheets (Mark)

Probated in Common Pleas, June Term 1815

Appraiser p. 290 Nathan Parr & John Burrio.^[201]

In 1818 there are several records of the estate of Mary Riggs, administrator Edmund Riggs.^[202]

201. I suspect he should be John “Burris,” as there was a John “Burrass” in the 1803 census. Nathan Parr, and three of the four witnesses appear in the 1803 census.

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Children:

- 67 i **ROBERT⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1762.^[203] Listed with Maxemelia, Mary, and Bazel in the 1776 census of Frederick Co., Md., but not listed as an heir in the will of 29 May 1813.
- 68 ii **THOMAS⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1767.^[204] Listed with Maxemelia, Mary, and Bazel in the 1776 census of Frederick Co., Md., but not listed as an heir in the will of 29 May 1813.
- 69 iii **MAXEMELIA/MAXIE⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1769,^[205] married **ANTHONY SHEETS**.

On 29 Aug. 1803 Anthony Sheets, at least 21 [so born before about 1782], resided in Grandview, Washington Co., Ohio.^[206]

In 1810 Anthony Sheets was listed on a tax list for Washington Co., Ohio.^[207]

In 1820 Anthony Sheets, over 45 [born before 1775], resided in Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with a woman over 45, two girls under 10, one male and one female 10–16, and one female 16–26. Nearby were James Riggs (010100,00001) and Martin Sheets (320010,11210) and Moses Williamson (010001,00010).^[208]

In 1830 “Antony” Sheets, 60–70 [born 1760–1770], resided in Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with a woman 70–80 [born 1750–1760], and three females 15–20.^[209]

202. Graham and Cottle, *Abstract of Probate Records, Washington Co., Ohio*, “Riggs, Mary E-1818 pr 2–p 131, 132, 135 | pr 3–p 425 | Admr – Edmund Grandview Twp.”

203. Brumbaugh, *Maryland Records*, Frederick Co., Lower Potomac Hundred, census taken 22 Aug. 1776, 185, white males, Robert Riggs, 14.

204. Brumbaugh, *Maryland Records*, Frederick Co., Lower Potomac Hundred, census taken 22 Aug. 1776, 185, white males, Thomas Riggs, 9.

205. Brumbaugh, *Maryland Records*, Frederick Co., Lower Potomac Hundred, census taken 22 Aug. 1776, 185, white females, Maxemelia, 7.

206. *Washington Co., Ohio, US Territorial Census Population Schedules, 1803*, “A List of the white male inhabitants in the township of Grandview—that are above the age of twentyone years—taken this 29th day of August 1803,” Martin Sheets (no. 24), Anthony Sheets (25), James Riggs (26), Benjamin Ridgeway (37), John “Burrass” (38).

207. *Ohio Census, 1790–1890*, Anthony Sheets, tax list, 1810, Washington Co., Ohio.

208. U.S. census, 1820, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, r. 95, p. 223.

209. U.S. census, 1830, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, r. 141, p. 369.

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- 70 iv **MARY⁴ RIGGS**, born 30 May 1772 (calculated),^[210] died 10 Dec. 1855, aged 83 years 6 months 10 days, buried in Brownsville Methodist Cem., Brownsville, Monroe Co., Ohio,^[211] married **BENJAMIN RIDGEWAY [RIDGWAY]**, born 20 Mar. 1772 (calculated), died 27 Nov. 1856, aged 84 years 8 months 7 days, buried in Brownsville Methodist Cem.,^[212] and had **nine** children.
- On 29 Aug. 1803 Benjamin Ridgeway, at least 21 [so born before about 1782], resided in Grandview, Washington Co., Ohio.^[213]
- In 1850 Benjamin Ridgway, 78, a farmer born in Maryland with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Perry Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, with “Moirey,” 78, born in Maryland.^[214]
- + 71 v **BAZEL [BASIL]⁴ RIGGS**, born 12 July 1774, Montgomery Co., Md., married **MARY ROBY**, and had **probably 10** children.
- 72 vi **?HEZEKIAH⁴ RIGGS**. **Not listed as an heir.**
- + 73 vii **EDMOND [EDMUND]⁴ RIGGS**, born 1794 **25 Dec. 1783, Bedford Co., Pa.**, married (1) **ELIZABETH ROBY**, and had at least five children, married (2) **CAROLINE T. —**.
- + 74 viii **SAMUEL⁴ RIGGS**, born 13 July 1786, Maryland, married **ELIZABETH HENTHORN ROSS**, and had 12 children. **This is not the order given in John Beverley Riggs, who has Samuel preceding Edmond.**
- 75 ix **PRISCILLA⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1778, died 25 Oct. 1801, aged 23, buried in New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington

210. Brumbaugh, *Maryland Records*, Frederick Co., Lower Potomac Hundred, census taken 22 Aug. 1776, 185, white females, Mary, 4.

211. *Find a Grave*, no. 28029541, gravestone photograph, by Bryan Terry, Brownsville Methodist Cem., Brownsville, Monroe Co., Ohio, “Mary Ann, | Wife of | Benjamin Ridgway | died | Dec. 10, 1855: | Aged 83 yrs. | 6 mos. 10 ds.” **Un sourced** list of children: Priscilla, Mary Ann, Preshia, Joseph, Elza “Elzy,” Ary, Elizabeth, Amos, James R.

212. *Find a Grave*, no. 6553024, gravestone photograph, by Al Berry, Brownsville Methodist Cem., Brownsville, Monroe Co., Ohio, “Benjamin Ridgway | died | Nov. 27, 1856: | Aged 84 yrs. | 8 mos. 7 ds.”

213. *Washington Co., Ohio, US Territorial Census Population Schedules, 1803*, “A List of the white male inhabitants in the township of Grandview—that are above the age of twentyone years—taken this 29th day of August 1803,” Martin Sheets (no. 24), Anthony Sheets (25), James Riggs (26), Benjamin Ridgeway (37), John “Burrass” (38).

214. U.S. census, 1850, Perry Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, r. 712, p. 531A, dw. [cropped] fam. 195.

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Co., Ohio,^[215] married **MARTIN SHEETS**, and had at least one child:
(1) Mary⁵ Sheets.

On 29 Aug. 1803 Martin Sheets, at least 21 [so born before about 1782], resided in Grandview, Washington Co., Ohio.^[216]

+ 76 x **JOHN⁴ RIGGS**, was born about 1781, D.C., married **SARAH WILSON**, and had at least one child.

77 xi **?RUTH⁴ RIGGS**, died **aged 19, Pennsylvania. Not listed as an heir.**

+ 78 xii **JANE⁴ RIGGS**, born 1788, Pennsylvania, married **MOSES WILLIAMSON**, and had one child.

79 xiii **?MALINDA⁴ RIGGS**, died in infancy. **Not listed as an heir of course.**

19. GREENBERRY³ RIGGS (⁴*Edmond², James¹*) was born 7 Oct. 1757 (gravestone), died 30 Aug. 1844, **after he signed his will on 3 July 1844**, and was buried in Riggs Cem., Montgomery Co., Ky.^[217] He married 25 Jan. 1781, Montgomery Co., Md.,^[218] **ANN[A] HARDY**, who was born 6 Mar. 1763 (gravestone), died 20 Jan. 1842, and was buried in the Riggs Cem.^[219]

From John Beverly Riggs (**unvetted by me**):^[220]

During the Revolution, Greenberry Riggs served in the Third Company, Upper Battalion, of the Montgomery County Militia.^[221] After the war

215. *Find a Grave*, no. 32901056, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio, "Here [li]eth the Body of | Priscilla Sheetz [sic] | Wife of M. Sheetz | Who died O[] [o?] [] [er?] 25 | AD 1801 Aged [] [Y?]e[ar?]s." See also the large memorial stone in the same cemetery transcribed in a footnote to her father's sketch.

216. *Washington Co., Ohio, US Territorial Census Population Schedules, 1803*, "A List of the white male inhabitants in the township of Grandview—that are above the age of twentyone years—taken this 29th day of August 1803," Martin Sheets (no. 24), Anthony Sheets (25), James Riggs (26), Benjamin Ridgeway (37), John "Burrass" (38).

217. Ky. *Historical Society Cem. Search*, Riggs Cem., Montgomery Co., Ky., Greenberry Riggs, born 7 Oct. 1757, died 30 Aug. 1844, general note: "Transcriber's note: Revolutionary Soldier. Record proven," physical location: "Located about two miles off Wade's Mill Pike, in Montgomery Co. On old George Lee farm."

218. Md. *Marriages, 1655–1850*, "Greenbury" Riggs to Ann Hardy, 25 Jan. 1781, Montgomery Co.

219. Ky. *Historical Society Cem. Search*, Riggs Cem., Montgomery Co., Ky., Anna Riggs, born 6 Mar. 1763, died 20 Jan. 1842, inscription: "Wife of Greenberry Riggs."

220. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 496.

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he settled in Virginia. The census, taken in 1782, shows that Greenberry Riggs was living in Frederick County (Virginia), at the time.^[222] Later, he removed to Kentucky, where he eventually settled in Montgomery County. He died in 1844. His will, dated July 3, 1844, was proved during the same year. He mentioned his wife, Ann, and his ten children.^[223]

In 1800 Greenberry Riggs appears on a tax list for Montgomery Co., Ky.^[224]

In 1820 Greenberry Riggs, over 45, resided in Montgomery Co., Ky., with a woman over 45, one male 16–18, two females 16–26, one male 18–26, and one female 26–45.^[225]

In 1830 Greenberry Riggs, 70–80, resided in Montgomery Co., Ky., with a woman 60–70, one female 10–15, one male 20–30, and one male 30–40.^[226]

In 1840 Greenberry Riggs, 80–90, resided in Montgomery Co., Ky., with a woman 70–80, one male 15–20, and one male 40–50, and also two slaves. The next two listings are Armistead Morton and John H. Riggs.^[227]

On 19 Sept. 1841, Greenberry Riggs of Montgomery Co., Ky., signed his will, and on 3 July 1844 he signed a codicil to it. They were proved in court in the October Term 1844. In the will he mentions “my beloved Wife Ann Riggs,” “my son Greenberry Riggs,” “my children (to wit) Ruth Morton, Patsey [sic] Morton, Sharlotte [sic] Crawford, Polly Farrow, Ann Mcelflush [sic] Greenberry Riggs Sam^l Riggs Darcus McCommach

221. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 496, with footnote, “Unpublished Militia Lists, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland.”

222. *Va. Census, 1607–1890*, Greenberry Riggs, Frederick Co., Va., township “02 00,” year 1782, record type “Continental Census,” p. 21.

223. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 496, with footnote, “Liber E, folio 90, Montgomery County Wills, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.”

224. *Ky. Census, 1810–1890*, Greenberry Riggs, Montgomery Co., Ky., tax list, 1800., no township listed.

225. U.S. census, 1820, Montgomery Co., Ky., r. 25, p. 245.

226. U.S. census, 1830, Montgomery Co., Ky., r. 40, p. 36.

227. U.S. census, 1840, Montgomery Co., Ky., r. 120, p. 295.

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[sic] Sally Oden & John H Riggs,” “heirs of the above named Darcus McComack She being now dead which my son Greenberry Riggs and my son John H Riggs is to have so much out of their propotion as their father Milton McComack may be owing of them.”^[228]

Children (in will order):^[229]

- 80 i RUTH SUMMERS⁴ RIGGS, born 17 Dec. 1782, married JAMES MORTON. See expansion in Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 497–98.
- 81 ii MARTHA⁴ RIGGS, born 1780–1790 about 1786, died Mar. 1876, s.p., married ARMISTEAD MORTON, born 1780–1790, son of John and Lucinda (Blaekely) Morton, of Pittsylvania Co., Va.
In 1840 Armistead Morton, 50–60, resided in Montgomery Co., Ky., with a woman 50–60. Next to him is listed Greenberry Riggs, 80–90, and John H. Riggs, 30–40.^[230]
- 82 iii CHARLOTTE⁴ RIGGS, born about 1784, Kentucky, died in Nicholas Co., Ky., married ALEXANDER B. CRAWFORD, born in Maryland, and had at least one child: (1) Dorcas Hardy⁵ Crawford, born 22 May 1828, Nicholas Co., Ky., died 28 Sept. 1923, Grassy Lick, Montgomery Co., Ky., buried 30 Sept. 1923, Carlisle, Ky.,^[231] married 20 Dec. 1853, Nicholas Co., Ky.,^[232] B. F. Soper, born about 1829, Bourbon Co., Ky.
- 83 iv POLLY⁴ RIGGS, married JOSEPH T. FARROW.

228. Montgomery Co., Ky., Wills, E:90–91, image online at <www.familysearch.org>, film 4818770, image 382 of 750.

229. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 495–96.

230. U.S. census, 1840, Montgomery Co., Ky., r. 120, p. 295.

231. Death certificate, Dorcas Hardy Soper, Commonwealth of Ky., State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 26554, reg. dist. no. 6756, primary re. dist. no. 3, died 28 Sept. 1823, Grassy Lick, Montgomery Co., aged 95 yrs. 4 mos. 6 ds., female, white, widow, boren 22 May 1828, Ky., father A. B. Crawford, born Md., mother Charlotte Riggs, born Ky., buried 30 Sept. 1923, Carlisle, Ky.

232. Ky. *Marriage Records, 1852–1914*, “[date] 20 Decr. 1853 [groom:] [name] B. F. Soper [residence] Bourbon County Ky. [age] 24 years [condition] single [birthplace] Bourbon County Ky [bride:] [name] Dorcus [sic] H. Crawford [residence] Nicholas County Ky [age] 24 years [condition] single [birthplace] Nicholas County Ky [remarks] Rev. E. P. Buckner.”

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- 84 v ANN⁴ RIGGS, married JAMES McELFRESH. They resided in 1845 in Morgan Co., Ill.
- + 85 vi GREENBERRY⁴ RIGGS, born 3 Feb. 1798, Kentucky, married MARY F. MCCLURE, and had three children.
- 86 vii SAMUEL⁴ RIGGS, married SUSANNAH —. They resided in 1844 in Jackson Co., Mo.
- 87 viii DORCAS⁴ RIGGS, married MILTON McCORMACK [McCORMICK].
- 88 ix SARAH⁴ RIGGS, born 1801, married (1) 16 Nov. 1820, Montgomery Co., Ky.,^[233] PENTECOST TAUL, had at least one child: Mary Ellen⁵ Taul, married — King, married (2) JOHN L. ODEN.
- + 89 x JOHN HARDY⁴ RIGGS, born about 1804, Kentucky, married HANNAH SEWELL, and had four children.

24. ERASMUS³ RIGGS (⁴Edmond², James¹) was born 22 Nov. 1769 (grave-stone), Montgomery Co., Md., died 16 May 1855, Nicholas Co., Ky.,^[234] and was buried near the family home in Carlisle, Nicholas Co., Ky.^[235] He married 31 Jan. 1797, St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery Co., Md.,^[236] EL-EANOR C. WILCOXEN, who was born 27 June 1779 (gravestone), Montgomery Co., Md., daughter of John and Milesen (—) Wilcoxen,^[237]

233. Montgomery Co., Ky. *Marriage Records, 1817–1850*, Pentecost Taul to “Sally” Riggs, 16 Nov. 1820.

234. U.S., *Death Records, 1852–1965* (film 994051, Nicholas, Ohio, Oldham, Owen): online image 92 of 569: “[name of deceased] Erasmus Riggs [age] 87 Years [sex] Male [condition] Widowed [Occupation] Farmer [Residence] Nicholas Co Ky [Place of Birth] Montgomery Mayerland [sic] [parents] Edmund & Ruth Riggs [Place of Death] Nicholas Co Ky [Time of Death] [empty] [1855] [Cause of Death] Unknown [Remarks] X [empty].”

235. Digitized photograph, from the obverse of a photograph of the family home in Carlisle, Ky., posted on <Ancestry.com>: “[stamped in blue ink] Aug 10 1924 | [the rest in pencil] The Riggs Home | Carlisle Ky. | In a nearby Plot area small cemetery. And on the tombstones are thus | Erastus [sic] Riggs Nov 22, 1769 | May 16, 1855 | Eleanor C. Riggs June 27, 1779 | June 3rd, 1853 | Mary Ann Riggs Feb 10 1801 | Mar 27 1869 | owner of Farm now is a Mr Hanson Lyman | This was taken By Annie and John Purdy | Aug 10, 1924.”

236. Md., U.S., *Compiled Marriages, 1655–1850*, Erasmus Riggs to Eleanor Wilcoxen, 31 Jan. 1797, Montgomery Co., Md.; *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, JBR, 516, “Miscellaneous Marriages in Montgomery County | Erasmus Riggs to Eleanor Willcoxen, January 31, 1797, in St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery County, Maryland.”

237. The mother's name is surely Millicent, but the only record I have spells it as shown.

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and who died 3 June 1853, Nicholas Co., Ky.,^[238] and was buried near her husband.

In 1800 Erasmus Riggs appears on a tax list for Bourbon Co., Ky.^[239]

In 1810 Erasmus Riggs, 26–45, resided in Stoner Twp., Bourbon Co., Ky., with a woman 26–45, six females under 10 [Mary Ann, Mahala, and four other females born before 1810], one male and one female 10–16 (born 1794–1800) [? and ?], and 1 male 26–45.^[240]

N.B. Nicholas County was formed from Bourbon County in northeast Kentucky in 1799 and became formal in 1800.

In 1820 Erasmus Riggs, over 45, resided in Nicholas Co., Ky., with a woman over 45, two males [Erasmus E. and possibly Caleb] and 1 female under 10 [?], one male and one female 10–16 [? and ?].^[241]

In 1830 Erasmus Riggs, 60–70, resided in Nicholas Co., Ky., with a woman 50–60, two females 5–10 (born 1820–1825) [Keturah], two males [Erasmus E. and possibly Caleb] and two females 10–15 (born 1815–1820) [? and ?], three females 15–20 (born 1810–1815) [?], one male and one female 30–40 (born 1790–1800) [? and ?].^[242] Listed next (but in alphabetical order of first initial of surname) was John W. Riggs, 30–40.

In 1840 Erasmus Riggs, 60–70 [sic], resided in Nicholas Co., Ky., with a woman 60–70, one female 15–20, two males and one female 20–30, and two females 30–40.^[243]

238. U.S., *Death Records, 1852–1965* (film 994051, Nicholas, Ohio, Oldham, Owen): online image 88 of 569: “[name of deceased] Elleanor [sic] C. Riggs [age] 74 Years [sex] Female [condition] Married [Occupation] [empty] [Residence] Nicholas Co Ky [Place of Birth] Montgomery County Maryland [parents] John & Milesen [sic] Wilcoxon [sic] [Place of Death] Nicholas Co Ky [Time of Death] 3^d June 1853 [Cause of Death] Dropsey [Remarks] [empty].”

239. Ky., U.S., *Tax Lists, 1799–1801* (the “Second Census” of Ky. 1800) lists many Riggses, including “Riggs, Erasmus [Co.] Bourbon [tax list date] 1800,” image 262 of 348 online.

240. U.S. census, 1810, Stoner Twp., Bourbon Co., Ky., r. 5, p. 207, FHL 181350. This item gives a total person count of 15, which differs from my listing by 4, referring perhaps to 4 otherwise unclassified persons in the item.

241. U.S. census, 1820, Nicholas Co., Ky., r. 20, p. 128.

242. U.S. census, 1830, Nicholas Co., Ky., r. 40, p. 211.

243. U.S. census, 1840, Nicholas Co., Ky., r. 121, p. 79, FHL 7831.

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In 1850 Erasmus Riggs, 82, a farmer born in Maryland, with \$10,000 real estate, resided in Nicholas Co., Ky., with Eleanor C., 71 [the 1 is written over a partially erased 9], born in Maryland, and with Mary Ann, 49, Mahala, 48, Erasmus E. [the initial E. and the first letter of Erasmus match closely], 32, farmer, Caleb, 30, farmer, Keturah L., 25, and [Patsy's daughter] Mahala R. Heathman, 7, all born in Kentucky.^[244] Erasmus Riggs owned 13 black slaves.^[245] Mahala Heathman is listed in two different 1850 census items.

Known children:

- + 90 i **JOHN WILLIAM⁴ RIGGS**, born 31 May 1798, Kentucky, married **ELEANOR FISHER**, and had at least three children. *Terry Closser's line.*
- 91 ii **MARY ANN⁴ RIGGS**, born 10 Feb. 1801, Kentucky, died 27 Mar. 1869, and was buried near her parents in Carlisle, Nicholas Co., Ky. [see their burial record].
- 92 iii **MAHALA⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1802, Kentucky.
- 93 iv **ELIZA⁴ RIGGS**, born say 1804, married (also bonded and licensed 24 Nov. 1823), 27 Nov. 1823, Nicholas Co., Ky.,^[246] **ALEXANDER LOAR**. We know of her from her marriage records.
- 94 v **ANN⁴ RIGGS**, born 17 Feb. 1805 (calculated), Kentucky, died 10 Apr. 1874 (gravestone), aged 69 years 1 month 24 days, buried Arcadia Cem., Arcadia, Morgan Co., Ill.,^[247] married (bonded) 24

244. U.S. census, 1850, Nicholas Co., Ky., r. 121, p. 79, dw. 650, fam. 652, r. 215, p. 492.

245. U.S. census, Slave Schedule, 1850, Nicholas Co., Ky.

246. Ky., U.S., *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, Nicholas Co., 1800–1925, image 317 of 569 online, Mr. Alexander Loar and “Miss Eliza Riggs Daughter of Erasmus Riggs of this County,” licensed to marry, issued 24 Nov. 1823, consent given by her father; also Nicholas Co., 1818–1920, image 259 of 548 online from same record set: Erasmus Riggs and Alexander Loar were bonded 24 Nov. 1823 for £50, “The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Alexander Loar and Miss Eliza Riggs Daughter of Mr. Erasmus Riggs of this County . . . ;” also image 248 of 313 online: “Alexander Loar to Eliza Riggs [by] James G. Leach 27th Nov 1823.”

247. *Find a Grave*, no. 85001780, gravestone photograph, by Mark Phillips, Arcadia Cem., Arcadia, Morgan Co., Ill., “Ann Riggs | wife of | Geo. Loar | died | Apr. 10, 1874 | aged | 69 Ys. 1Mo. | 24 Ds.”

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Aug. 1830, Nicholas Co., Ky.,^[248] **GEORGE LOAR**, born about 1801, Kentucky. We know of her from her marriage records.

In 1850 George Loar, 49, a farmer born in Kentucky, with \$2,500 real estate, resided in Morgan Co., Ill., with “Anne,” 44, born in Kentucky, and with Hiram, 19, Erasmus, 16, George, 14, Benjamin, 9, “Charlott,” 8, all born in Illinois, and B. Couland, 17, born in Illinois [N.B. “Benj.” Couchman, 27, resided next door].^[249]

- 95 vi **ELEANOR C.⁴ RIGGS**, born 27 Jan. 1809, Kentucky, died 27 July 1883, Athensville Pct., Greene Co., Ill.,^[250] buried in Richwoods Cem., Athensville, Greene Co., Ill.,^[251] married (also bonded and licensed) 13 Oct. 1831, Nicholas Co., Ky.,^[252] **BYRAM B. ROUTT**. We know of her from her marriage records.

In 1870 Mahala Riggs, 68, resided in Poplar Plains PO, Poplar Plains Pct., Fleming Co., Ky., in the household of P. W. Emmons, 47, a farmer born in Kentucky.^[253]

248. Ky., U.S., *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, Nicholas Co., 1821–1930, image 430 of 795 online; Erasmus Riggs and George Loar were bonded 24 Aug. 1830 for £50, “The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound George Loar and Miss Ann Riggs Daughter of M^r. Erasmus Riggs of Nicholas County . . .”

249. U.S. census, 1850, Morgan Co., Ill., r. 122, p. 250A, dw. 1073, fam. 1805.

250. Ill. *Statewide Death Index, Pre-1916*, <apps.ilsos.gov>, :Routt, Eleanor C. 1883-07-27 Athensville Pct. 74 yrs F [vol] 1 [p.] 70 [cert.] 900 Greene.”

251. *Find a Grave*, no. 76070906, gravestone photograph, by Marion Hopper, Richwoods Cem., Athensville, Greene Co., Ill., “Eleanor C. | Routt | born | Jan. 27, 1809 | died | July 27, 1883 | Routt.”

252. Ky., U.S., *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, Nicholas Co., 1821–1930, image 247 of 795 online; Erasmus Riggs and Byram P. Routt were bonded 13 Oct. 1831 for £50, “The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the bound Byram P. Routt [but signed Byram B. Routt] and Miss Eleanor C. Riggs, daughter of Mr. Erasmus Riggs of Nicholas County . . .;” also image 702 of 795 online from same record set: “Mr. Byram B. Routt and Miss Eleanor C. Riggs daughter of Mr. Erasmus Riggs resident of this county” were issued a license to marry, issued 13 Oct. 1831; also image 488 of 795 online from same record set: “I do hereby Certify that the within named person, Byram B. Routt and Miss Eleanor C. Riggs, were married by me . . . under my hand this 13th day of Octb^r 1831 [signed] James G. Leach;” also image 142 of 313 online: “Byram B. Routt to Eleanor Riggs [by] James G. Leach 13th October 1831.”

253. U.S. census, 1870, Poplar Plains PO, Poplar Plains Pct., Fleming Co., Ky., r. 461, p. 473B, dw.

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- 96 vii **MARIA[H] P.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1812, Kentucky, married 23 Oct. 1847, Bourbon Co., Ky.,^[254] **ELIAS HEATHMAN**, born about 1806 or 1809, Bourbon Co., Ky., and died 1857, Monroe Co., Mo. We know of Maria or Mariah from her marriage record and from an online biography of Joseph M. Heathman (see Patsy's sketch). Note that Elias had married, first, Mariah's sister, Patsy (q.v):

In 1850 Elias Heathman, 44, a farmer born in Kentucky, with \$2,500 real estate, resided in Fayette Co., Ky., with Mariah, 38, born in Kentucky, and with George, 15, "Charlott," 13, William E., 11, Joseph M., 10, "Mahailer," 6, Margaret, 2, and K. L., 1/12.^[255] Note that only the last two children were Mariah's, the others being Patsy's.

- 97 viii **PATS[E]Y⁴ RIGGS**, born say 1814, Nicholas Co., Ky., died about 1846 (bio below), buried in Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Ill. (bio), married (licensed 14 July 1834) 22 July 1834, Nicholas Co., Ky.,^[256] **ELIAS HEATHMAN**, born 1809, Bourbon Co., Ky., and died 1857, Monroe Co., Mo. We know of Patsy from her marriage records and from an online biography of Joseph M. Heathman. Note that Elias married, second, Patsy's sister, Maria[h] (q.v):

Joseph M. Heathman . . . was the son of Elias and Patsy (Riggs) Heathman. Elias Heathman was also a native of Bourbon County and was born in 1809. His good wife was a native of Nicholas County, Ky., and a daughter of Erasmus and Eleanor (Wilcoxon) Riggs, natives of Maryland but pioneer settlers of Kentucky. . . .

While yet a very young man he married, and unto him and his estimable wife were born eight children, three of whom died young. The five brothers and sisters who survived the perils of infancy were: George, who went West in 1858 and was never heard of afterward;

43, fam. 40.

254. Ky., U.S., *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, Bourbon Co., 1786–1895, image 257 of 284 online: "1847 Oct 23 [no.] 935 Elias Heathman to Maria Riggs [by] G. G. Goss."

255. U.S. census, 1850, Fayette Co., Ky., r. 199, p. 133B, dw. 305, fam. 310.

256. Ky., U.S., *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, Nicholas Co., 1800–1895, image 79 of 313 online: "Elias Heathman to Patsey Riggs [by] Claibourne Pirtle 22^d July 1834;" also from same record collection, Nicholas Co., 1830–1932, image 372 of 684 online, license for Mr. Elias Heathman to Miss Patsey Riggs, daughter of Mr Erasmus Riggs, and residents of this county, 13 July 1834.

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Eleanor, wife of John Rollins; William, deceased; Joseph, our subject; and Mahala, widow of Laban Beacraft.

Elias Heathman left Kentucky about 1846, and after having located in Illinois buried his wife at Jacksonville. Returning to Kentucky, he married the sister of his first wife, Miss Maria Riggs. By his second union, he became the father of four children: Margaret, deceased, the wife of Isaac Heathman; Keturah, wife of Thomas Phillip; John M., residing in Oregon; and Walter, deceased. It was in 1854 that Father Heathman came with his family to Missouri, and locating in Monroe County purchased two hundred acres of land but never moved onto the farm, as he was taken sick and died in the fall of the year 1857.^[257]

- 98 ix **ERASMUS E.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1818, Kentucky.

In 1860 Erasmus Riggs, 42, a farmer born in Kentucky, with \$6,000 real and \$3,850 personal estates, resided in Carlisle PO, Nicholas Co., Ky., with [his sister] “Ketturah” Riggs, 35, born in Kentucky, with \$2,000 real and \$2,000 personal estates, and [Patsy’s daughter] Mahala Heathman, 16, born in Kentucky.^[258]

- 99 x **CALEB⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1820, Kentucky.

- 100 xi **KETURAH L.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1825, Kentucky. Resided with her brother Erasmus in the 1860 census.

257. Mo., *Portrait and Biographical Record of Clay, Ray, Carroll, Chariton, and Linn Counties*, Chicago: Chapman Bros., 1893, pp. 316–317, images 306–307 of 728 online at <Ancestry.com>, sketch for Joseph M. Heathman.

258. U.S. census, 1860, Carlisle PO, Nicholas Co., Ky., r. 389, p. 397, dw. 852, fam. 852, FHL 803389.

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26. JOHN⁴ RIGGS (*John³, ?James², James¹*) was born 1760–1770, in Pennsylvania (from the 1880 census for son Daniel), and died after the 1830 census. He married an unknown woman, who was born 1760–1770 in New Jersey (from the 1880 census for son Daniel).

In 1776, a John Riggs, 12 [born about 1764], resided in Sugar Land Hundred, Frederick Co., Md.^[259]

In 1820 John Riggs, over 45 [born before 1775], resided in Lewis Co., Ky., with a woman over 45, one female 10–16 [born 1804–1810], one male 16–18 [born 1802–1804, fits Samuel], one male 18–26 [born 1794–1802, fits Daniel]. Listed nearby was John Riggs “Jun^r,” 26–45 [born 1775–1794], with a woman 16–26, and two boys under 10.^[260]

Placeholder: There was also a Sheldon Riggs, 26–45 in the county, but no other Riggses.

In 1830 John Riggs, 60–70, resided in Lewis Co., Ky., with a woman 60–70.^[261] He is listed next to Samuel Riggs, 20–30, and one census page from Daniel Riggs, 40–50 [sic].

Known children:

- 101 i **JOHN⁵ RIGGS**, born 1775–1794, married, and had at least two children by 1820.

In 1820 John Riggs “Jun^r,” 26–45 [born 1775–1794], with a woman 16–26, and two boys under 10, listed on same census page as John Riggs, over 45.^[262]

- + 102 ii **DANIEL⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1800, Kentucky, married (1) **CATHERINE GILMAN**, and had at least six children, married (2)

259. *Md. Records Colonial, Revolutionary, County, and Church from Original Sources Vol., 1*, John Riggs, 12, born about 1764, resided 1776 in Sugar Land Hundred, Frederick Co., Md., source: Provincial Census of Frederick County, 1776, p. 221; *Md. Colonial Census, 1776*, John Riggs, parish Sugar Land, “Fredrick” Co., Md., age 12, est. birth year 1764, notes “in house of John Pool.”

260. U.S. census, 1820, Lewis Co., Ky, r. 20, p. 95.

261. U.S. census, 1830, Lewis Co., Ky, r. 38 p. 307, FHL 7817.

262. U.S. census, 1820, Lewis Co., Ky, r. 20, p. 95.

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REBECCA (IRWIN) FITCH, and had at least four children. *This is the Duane Riggs line.*

- + 103 iii SAMUEL⁵ RIGGS, born about 1804, Kentucky, son of a John Riggs, presumably of Lewis Co., Ky., married ANN[A] BILLYEU, and had 12 children.
- 104 iv [DAUGHTER]⁵ RIGGS, born 1804–1810 (from 1820 census).

31. ELENOR⁴ RIGGS (₁Jeremiah Ellis³, ?James², James¹) died after 8 June 1813 (when she is mentioned in a deed, q.v.) and before 22 Apr. 1817, when she is mentioned as deceased (but having heirs) in her father Jeremiah's will. She married (see the Brill evidence below) EDWARD DOWLER, son of Joseph and Margaret (–) Dowler, and died after he signed his will 5 June 1819 and before it was recorded Sept. 1820. He (as Edward Dowler Sr.) married, second, 27 Nov. 1817, Ohio Co., [W.]Va.,^[263] Sarah Masters. Sarah married, second, 4 July 1822, Ohio Co., [W.]Va.,^[264] John Quigley.

Placeholder: An Edward Dowler Jr. married 18 Dec. 1817, Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Margaret White.^[265]

[Placeholder for further research] This email was sent 24 July 2013 by a descendant of Elenor⁴, Nedra Dickman Brill CG, and deserves careful scrutiny:

As for the Riggs, I descend from #29 Elenor Riggs, daughter of Jeremiah of Pikes Run Township, Washington County, PA. Although I have (off

263. Ohio Co., W.Va., Marriages, 1:178, image online at *W.Va. Marriages, 1853–1970* and at image 124 of 768 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 863796, DGS 4230086, “Edward Dowler Senr. & Sally Masters both of Ohio County Virginia were married Novemr. 27 1817.” Courtesy of Nedra Dickman Brill CG, who gives this more complete reference: “Ohio Co., WV, Marriage Licenses Book 1, p. 32; rec. Marriages Vol. 1, p. 178.”

264. *W.Va. Marriages Index, 1785–1971*, Sarah Dowler to John Quigley, 4 July 1822, Ohio Co.; image online, *W.Va. Marriages, 1853–1970*, from Ohio Co., [W.]Va., Marriages, 1:224, “These are to certify that I celebrated the Rite of Marriage between John Quigley and Sarah Dowler on the 4th of July 1822 | George Cox | A Copy Teste Wm. Chaphine Jr. C. O. C.” Also at image 148 of 768 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 863796, DGS 4230086.

265. Ohio Co., W.Va., Marriages, 1:178, image online at *W.Va. Marriages, 1853–1970*, “Edward Dowler Jr. & Margaret White both of Ohio County Virginia were married Decr. 18th 1817.”

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and on) researched Elenor's descendants for 35 years, only recently did I notice her in a published (with full name index) abstracts of Washington County, PA, wills.

This Elenor, I am sure, is the same Elenor who was wife of Edward Dowler of Ohio County, Virginia. Edward was the son of Joseph and Margaret Dowler who are buried in Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Cemetery just west of Washington, PA. I have been there. Elenor was living on 7 June 1813:

Ohio County, WV, Deed Book 7:455, dated 1 February 1813 (proven June term 1813): Edward Dowler and wife Elenor sold to Robert Woods 252 acres on Boggs Run for \$1008.

Ohio County, WV, Deed Book 7:456, dated 7 June 1813 (proven June Term 1813): Edward Dowler and wife Elenor sold to John Martin 48 acres on Boggs Run for \$96.

Elenor died prior to 27 November 1817 when "Edward Dowler, Senior" married Sally Masters, Ohio Co., WV, Marriage Licenses Book 1, p. 32; rec. Marriages Vol. 1, p. 178. And, now this date is a bit earlier—the date of her father's will.

Edward's will dated 5 June 1819 (recorded Sept term 1820) only mentions by name his youngest daughter Elizabeth who is under 18 and daughter Mary. Executors were Edward Morton and [his son] George Dowler. [I suspect that the daughter Margaret named in the will of the elder Edward Morton, was his mother Margaret Dowler, however in the will her married name is not given and I have not pursued this far—working first on the Riggs.] There is a lengthy law suit between Jeremiah Riggs and the heirs of Edward Dowler which names all the heirs. [Stretches over many court sessions, however they are named on in the entry Ohio County, WV, Order Book 19, pp. 262–264, Friday, 8 November 1822.] Jeremiah demands the heirs pay him the balance due on a tract of land. Eventually, a special commissioner was appointed and the land auctioned on the court house steps with Jeremiah being the highest bidder.

Elizabeth and Sarah, who was born 20 October 1820 thus not conceived when Edward wrote his will, were daughters of this second wife. The widow Sarah Dowler married John Quigley on 4 July 1822. Ohio Co., VA, Marriages Vol. 1:224. And John Quigley and wife Sarah become in-

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volved in another law suit vs. George Dowler, Executor, to receive moneys owed by the estate-perhaps as guardians of the younger daughters? It only states they are represented by their guardians. Ultimately, on 20 November 1837, John Quigley had become a lunatic and George Dowler had been appointed a committee in charge of John's affairs so the court ordered the case abated.

I have included the Riggs case to show his association with Edward Dowler (and the Quigleys because I find it humorous), or perhaps the suit was the younger Jeremiah, son of William, who was then living in Ohio County, VA? I have not pursued him, although he supposedly died and was buried in Washington County, Ohio.

The petition for Laurel Hill (the original is at Fold3.com) must be for the brother Jeremiah Ellis Riggs, not the son of William who was born in 1770s. I transcribed this many years (and computers) ago and cannot find the file but do have the paper version of the transcription. Other ancestors of this branch of mine also signed that petition.

On 1 Feb. 1813 Edward Dowler and wife Elenor sold to Robert Woods 252 acres on Boggs Run for \$1008.^[266]

On 7 June 1813 Edward Dowler and wife Elenor sold to John Martin 48 acres on Boggs Run for \$96.^[267]

On 8 Nov. 1822, a case in Chancery Court, Ohio Co., [W.]Va., has Jeremiah Riggs as plaintiff against the defendants, the heirs of Edward Dowler, deceased. The details are these:

Jeremiah Riggs

vs

George Dowler Ex^r of Edward Dowler dec^d & Bennet Dowler Thomas Dowler Lot Blair & Polly his wife late Polly Dowler, adult Defendants and Jeremiah Dowler Moses Dowler Francis Dowler Elizabeth Dowler & Sarah Dowler Infant Dependants which said Bennet Thomas Lot Blair

266. Ohio Co., W.Va., Deeds, 7:455, transcribed by Nedra Dickman Brill, CG, and courtesy of her. Deed proved June term 1813.

267. Ohio Co., W.Va., Deeds, 7:456, transcribed by Nedra Dickman Brill, CG, and courtesy of her. Deed proved June term 1813.

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& wife, Jeremiah Moses Francis Elizabeth & Sarah are Heirs at law & devisees of the said Edw^d Dowler dec^d.^[268]

Children (some of which might be children of Edward's second wife):

- 105 i **GEORGE⁵ DOWLER.**
- 106 ii **BENNET⁵ DOWLER.**
- 107 iii **THOMAS⁵ DOWLER**, married 11 Sep 1821, Ohio Co., [W.]Va.,^[269]
MARY BEALER.
- 108 iv **MARY/POLLY⁵ DOWLER**, married **LOT BLAIR.**
- 109 v **JEREMIAH⁵ DOWLER.**
- 110 vi **MOSES⁵ DOWLER.**
- 111 vii **FRANCIS⁵ DOWLER**, married 15 Mar 1832, Ohio Co., [W.]Va.,^[270]
DEBORAH BROOK.

Children of Edward's second wife, Sarah, listed for convenience:

- 112 **ELIZABETH DOWLER.**
- 113 **SARAH DOWLER.**

32. JOHN⁴ RIGGS (₁*Jeremiah Ellis*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) is known from the 5 May 1806 deed (see Jeremiah's sketch).

On 5 June 1830, John Riggs became executor of the estate of his father, Jeremiah Riggs (see Jeremiah's sketch).

33. RUTH⁴ RIGGS (₁*Jeremiah Ellis*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born about 1790, Pennsylvania. She married **ROBERT BALDWIN**, who was born about 1785, Pennsylvania, son of John Baldwin.

According to the *Baldwin Genealogy*:

268. Ohio Co., W.Va., Order Book, 19:262, Fri., 8 Nov. 1822. The full set of images is 19:197–198,255,262–264,270,469, with p. 263 notated in the margin Fri., 8 Nov. 1822, and p. 469 notated in the margin, Tues., 8 July 1823. Images courtesy of Nedra Dickman Brill, CG.

269. W.Va. *Marriages Index, 1785–1971*, Thomas Dowler to Mary Bealer, 11 Sep 1821, Ohio Co.

270. W.Va. *Marriages Index, 1785–1971*, Francis Dowler to Deborah Brook, 15 Mar 1832, Ohio Co.

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Robert [Baldwin] (John, John) m. Ruth Riggs, dau. of Jeremiah and Mary Riggs, of Washington county, Penn. He removed thence to Monroe county, Ohio; thence, in 1820, to Harrison county, Ind., three miles from Corydon; and at last to Missouri, where he died.^[271]

In 1810 Robert Baldwin, 16–26, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 16–26, one girl under 10, one male and one female 10–16. Listed next to him is John Baldwin, and nearby are listed Jeremiah and William Riggs, also William Riggs Jr.^[272]

In 1830 Robert Baldwin, 40–49, resided in Harrison Twp., Harrison Co., Ind., with a woman 40–49, two girls under 5, one boy and one girl 5–10, one male and one female 10–15, one male 15–20, and one female 20–30.^[273]

In 1840 Robert Baldwin, 50–59, resided in Harrison Twp., Harrison Co., Ind., with a woman 50–59, one boy under 5, one boy 5–10, two females 10–15, one male and one female 15–20, two males and two females 20–30.^[274]

In 1850 Robert Baldwin, 65, born in Pennsylvania, resided in Harrison Co., Ind., with Ruth Baldwin, 60, born in Pennsylvania, in the household of Everett Carver, 29, a merchant born in Maine with \$5,000 real estate, and Julia A. Carver, 26, born in Indiana, Alanson Pollard, 28, born in Maine, and Louisa Pollard, 19, born in Indiana, and Julia A. Carver, 1/12, born in Indiana, and Amelia R. Pollard, 4/12, born in Indiana.^[275]

Children, according to the *Baldwin Genealogy*:^[276]

- 114 i **MARY JANE⁵ BALDWIN**, “b. April, 1808; m. Henry S. Rhodes; resided and d. in Harrison county, Ind.; had three sons.”

271. Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*.

272. U.S. census, 1810, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 57, p. 81.

273. U.S. census, 1830, Harrison Twp., Harrison Co., Ind., r. 27, p. 81.

274. U.S. census, 1840, Harrison Twp., Harrison Co., Ind., r. 82, p. 256.

275. U.S. census, 1850, Harrison Co., Ind., r. 149, p. 297B, dw. 221, fam. 221.

276. Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*.

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- 115 ii **ELIZABETH⁵ BALDWIN**, “b. June 23, 1811; m. James T. Green; lives, in 1875, near Lanesville, Harrison county, Ind.; had three sons and two daus.” She was born about 1811, Pennsylvania, and married 15 Oct. 1829, Harrison Co., Ind.,^[277] **JAMES T. GREEN**, born about 1804, Virginia, and had at least three children.

In 1850 James Green, 46, a farmer born in Virginia with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Harrison Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 39, born in Pennsylvania, and with James H., 18, Mary J. 17, Simeon, 14, all three born in Indiana, and with Lucretia Kelley, 7, born in Indiana.^[278]

In 1880 James T. Green, 78, a farmer born in Virginia of Virginia natives, resided in Franklin Twp., Harrison Co., Ind., with his wife, Elizabeth, 69, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with two grandsons, Charles L., 20, and James M., 17, both born in Indiana of Indiana natives, and a servant.^[279]

- 116 iii **JOHN PERRY⁵ BALDWIN**, “b. August, 1814.+ [i.e., continued in the *Baldwin Genealogy*].”
- 117 iv **NANCY⁵ BALDWIN**, “b. Feb. 20, 1817; m. John Rice.+”
- 118 v **AMOS H.⁵ BALDWIN**, “b. Jan. 14, 1820; m. Cornelia Patterson, and lives at Shelbina, Mo. Another account says he graduated in Medicine, in Louisville, practiced many years in Missouri, and retired to Shelby county, Ky. He m. Miss Carlisle, of that county, from Virginia.”
- 119 vi **LEWIS⁵ BALDWIN**, “b. in 1823.+”
- 120 vii **LUCINDA⁵ BALDWIN**, “b. September, 1826; m. Ezekiel Day, of New Albany, Ind.; d. in 1864, leaving three ch.” She was born 28 Sept. 1823 (gravestone), Indiana, died 5 Jan. 1866, and was buried next to her second husband in Fairview Cem., New Albany, Floyd Co.,

277. *Indiana Marriages, 1802–1892*, James Green to Elizabeth Baldwin, 15 Oct. 1829, Harrison Co., Ind. [FHL 1404749–50].

278. U.S. census, 1880, Franklin Twp., Harrison Co., Ind., ED 93, r. 283, p. 243C, dw. 129, fam. 134.

279. U.S. census, 1880, Franklin Twp., Harrison Co., Ind., ED 93, r. 283, p. 243C, dw. 129, fam. 134.

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Ind.^[280] She married (1) 23 Mar. 1847, Harrison Co., Ind.,^[281] **JOSEPH MYRICK**, and married (2) 28 June 1853, Harrison Co., Ind.,^[282] after his first wife died in 1853,^[283] **EZEKIEL REEVE DAY**, born 23 Aug. 1811, baptized 6 May 1812, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.,^[284] son of John and Mary King (Ayers) Day, and died 14 Mar. 1900, New Albany, Ind.,^[285] and buried Fairview Cem., New Albany,^[286] and had at least two children.

In 1860 E. R. Day, 48, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$110,000 real and \$10,000 personal estates, resided in New Albany, Floyd Co., Ind., with Lucinda, 37, born in Indiana with \$1,500 real estate, and with Theodore, 14, Anna, 12, Elizabeth, 4, and Margret, 1, all four born in Indiana.^[287] The first two children were from his previous marriage (see 1850 census for E. R. Day, Floyd Co., Ind.).

- 121 viii **LOUISA⁵ BALDWIN**, “b. Aug. 20, 1829; m. June, 1869, Alanson Pollard; lives in Minneapolis, Minn., and had two ch., of whom one is dead.” She was born about 1831, Indiana, married **ALANSON POLLARD**, who was born about 1822, Maine, and had at least one child: (1) Amelia R.⁶ Pollard, born about 1850, Indiana.

280. *Find a Grave*, no. 72693531, gravestone photograph, by Mark Hall, Fairview Cem., New Albany, Floyd Co., Ind., “Lucinda B. | wife of | E. R. Day, | born | Sept. 28, 1823, | died | Jan. 5, 1866.”

281. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Joseph Myrick to Lucinda Baldwin, 23 Mar. 1847, Harrison Co.

282. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Ezekiel R. Day to Lucinda “Mynck,” 28 June 1853, Harrison Co.

283. *Find a Grave*, no. 72693595, gravestone photograph, by Mark Hall, Fairview Cem., New Albany, Floyd Co., Ind., “Margaret A. | wife of | E. R. Day, | born | Nov. 15, 1819, | died | March 17, 1853.”

284. *N.J. Births and Christenings Index, 1660–1931*, Ezekiel Reeve Day, born 23 Aug 1811, christened 6 May 1812, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., father John Day, mother Mary King Ayers [FHL 899807].

285. *Ind. Deaths, 1882–1920*, Ezekiel R. Day, died 14 Mar. 1900, New Albany, age 88 years, CH18:18.

286. *Find a Grave*, no. 72692605, gravestone photograph, by Mark Hall, Fairview Cem., New Albany, Floyd Co., Ind., “Father | E. R. Day | born | Aug. 23, 1811, | died | March 14, 1900.”

287. U.S. census, 1860, New Albany PO, Floyd Co., Ind., r. 257, p. 347, dw. 202, fam. 208.

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- 122 ix **JULIA A.⁵ BALDWIN**, “m. Mr. Carver, and has sons and daus.” She was born about 1824, Indiana, married **EVERETT CARVER**, born about 1821, Maine, and had at least one child: (1) Julia A.⁶ Carver, born about 1850, Indiana.
- 123 x **ROBERT R.⁵ BALDWIN**, “b. Jan. 13, 1832; m. in Missouri; is a Methodist clergyman; in 1875, at Seymour, Ind.” He married 20 Sept. 1860, Audrain Co., Missouri,^[288] **LEAH J. CAUTHORN**.

34. NANCY⁴ RIGGS (₁^{Jeremiah Ellis³}, ?^{James²}, ^{James¹}) married **AMOS BALDWIN**, son of John Baldwin and brother of Robert, her sister Ruth’s husband

According to the *Baldwin Genealogy*:

Amos [Baldwin] (John, John) m. in Pennsylvania, Nancy Riggs, sister of Ruth. From Pennsylvania he removed to Indiana; thence back to Pennsylvania; thence to Louisville, Ky.^[289]

Possibly: In 1810 Amos Baldwin, 26–45, resided in Morris Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 26–45, two boys and one girl under 10, and one girl 10–16.^[290]

Possibly: In 1820 Amos Baldwin, over 45, resided in Morris Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, two boys and two girls under 10, and two boys and one girl 10–16.^[291]

Children, **according to the *Baldwin Genealogy***:^[292]

- 124 i **LEWIS⁵ BALDWIN**, “d. a young man.”
- 125 ii **WILLIAM⁵ BALDWIN**, “an engineer several years; and then died.”
- 126 iii **ROBERT⁵ BALDWIN**, “a Mississippi river pilot.”

288. Mo. *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, image online, “joined in Marriage on this the 20th day of sept 1860 Rev: Robert R. Baldwin and Leah J. Cauthorn all of this County & State aforesaid [Audrian Co., Mo.].

289. Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*.

290. U.S. census, 1810, Morris Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 57, p. 98.

291. U.S. census, 1820, Morris Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 113, p. 255.

292. Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*.

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- 127 iv **JOHN⁵ BALDWIN** (twin), “was a pilot on the Mississippi river.”
Possibly: In 1860 John Baldwin, 45, a river man born in Kentucky
resided in a boarding house in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Ky., with
Kate Baldwin, 25, born in Missouri.^[293]
- 128 v **MARY⁵ BALDWIN** (twin), “m. William Paris, who became reckless—a
river character, it is said—and died; had one ch.”
- 129 vi **JANE⁵ BALDWIN**, “m. in Louisville, and has ch.”
- 130 vii **RUTH⁵ BALDWIN**. “(?)”

35. NATHAN⁴ RIGGS (₁₁*Jeremiah Ellis³, ?James², James¹*) was born about 1796, Pennsylvania. He married **ELIZABETH** —, born about 1796, Pennsylvania.

On 22 Apr. 1817, Nathan Riggs, just barely of age, witnessed the will of his father, Jeremiah Riggs in Washington Co., Pa. (see Jeremiah’s sketch).

On 1 June 1830 Noah Riggs, in acknowledging his father Jeremiah’s will, testified that Nathan Riggs “now lives in the state of Virginia.”

(1) In 1830 Nathan Riggs, 30–40, resided in Ohio Co., Va., with a woman 20–30, one girl under 5, one boy 5–10 [John], one male and one female 10–15. Also listed are: (2) James Riggs, 50–60, with a woman 40–50, one boy under 5, one boy and one girl 5–10, two males 15–20; (3) Jeremiah Riggs, 20–30, with a woman 15–20, and one boy and one girl under 5; (4) Thomas Riggs, 40–50, with one boy 5–10, one male and two females 10–15, and one woman 20–30; (5) “John of J.” Riggs, 40–50, with a woman 30–40, one girl under 5, one boy and two girls 5–10, one female 10–15, one female 15–20, and four males 20–30; (6) Noah Riggs, 30–40, with a woman 20–30, 3 girls under 5, two boy 5–10, and one female 10–15; and (7) Elias Riggs, 20–30, with a woman 20–30, and another male 20–30. The listings are in alphabetical order by first initial of the surname.^[294]

293. U.S. census, 1860, Louisville, Jefferson Co., Ky., r. 376, p. 63, dw. 463, fam. 488.

294. U.S. census, 1830, Ohio Co., Va., r. 198, pp 239–243. Thomas, John of J., Noah, and Elias are on p. 239. Nathan and James are on p. 241. Jeremiah is on p. 243.

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In 1850 Nathan Riggs, 54, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$1,600 real estate, resided in Marshall Co, Va., with Elizabeth, 54, born in Pennsylvania, and with John, 26, born in Pennsylvania, and Rachel, 21, Margaret, 19, and Nathan, 17, all three born in Virginia. James Riggs, 72, resided nearby.^[295] **So he might be a son of James instead.**

In 1860 Nathan Riggs, 64, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$3,000 real and \$150 personal estates, resided in Moundsville, Marshall Co, Va., with Elizabeth, 63, born in Pennsylvania, and with John, 40, a farm laborer born in Pennsylvania, and Nathan, 26, born in Virginia. Sarah Ray, 45, born in Virginia, was also in the household. Nathan Riggs, 25, resided next door.^[296] **In 1880 there is a Nathan S. Riggs, born 1834, and a Nathan Riggs, born 1832 in Clay Twp., Marshall Co. Again, James Riggs, 81, is listed two pages away.**

Placeholder: Nathan S. Riggs married 5 Nov. 1857, Marshall Co., Va., Emily Fish.^[297]

Placeholder: In 1860 Nathan Riggs, 25, a farmer born in Virginia with \$250 personal estate, resided in Moundsville, Marshall Co, Va., with Emily, 20 [26?], born in Virginia, and with Anna B., 1, born in Virginia. Nathan Riggs, 64, resided next door.^[298] **So this is Nathan S. Riggs.**

Placeholder: In 1870 Nathan S. Riggs, 36, a farmer born in West Virginia with \$131 personal estate, resided in Moundsville, Marshall Co, Va., with Emily, 30, born in West Virginia, and with Anna B., 11, James F., 9, Rosa, 7, Margaret V., 5, and Charles D., 1, all five born in West Virginia. Nathan Riggs (the other one) is listed on the next census page.^[299] **See also the 1880 and 1900 censuses for Nathan S. Riggs.**

295. U.S. census, 1850, Marshall Co., Va., r. 959, p. 257B, dw. 246, fam. 248. James Riggs resided in dw. 253.

296. U.S. census, 1860, Moundsville PO, Marshall Co., Va., r. 1360, p. 186, dw. 505, fam. 493. Nathan (Jr.) resided in dw. 504. James, p. 184, resided in dw. 485.

297. *Va. Marriages, 1851–1929*, Nathan S. Riggs to Emily Fish, 5 Nov. 1857, Marshall Co., Va.

298. U.S. census, 1860, Moundsville PO, Marshall Co., Va., r. 1360, p. 186, dw. 504, fam. 492. Nathan (Sr.) resided in dw. 505.

299. U.S. census, 1870, Moundsville PO, Marshall Co., Va., r. 1693, p. 387B, dw. 123, fam. 123. The other Nathan resided in dw. 117.

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In 1870 Nathan Riggs Sr., 74, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$3,315 real estate, resided in Moundsville, Clay Twp., Marshall Co, W.Va., with Elizabeth, 72, born in Pennsylvania. Next door was Nathan Riggs Jr., 28.^[300]

Children:

- 131 i **JOHN**⁵ **RIGGS**, born about 1824, Pennsylvania.
- 132 ii **RACHEL**⁵ **RIGGS**, born about 1829, [West] Virginia.
- 133 iii **MARGARET**⁵ **RIGGS**, born 15 Nov. 1831 (calculated), Roberts Ridge, Marshall Co., [W.]Va., died 26 Nov. 1856, aged 25 years 11 days, Roberts Ridge.^[301]
- + 134 iv **NATHAN**⁵ **RIGGS**, born May 1833, [West] Virginia, married **SARAH ANN MCCLINTOCK**, and had three children.

36. JEREMIAH⁴ **RIGGS** (₁₂*William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 3 Oct. 1774, and died after his will of 17 Aug. 1829, and before its proof in July 1836. (See the argument below that he must have died before 23 Sept. 1830.) He married 13 Feb. 1800, Washington Co., Ohio,^[302] **RACHEL KELLER**, who was born about 1784, Pennsylvania.

I make the leap here that the Jeremiah⁴ Riggs, son of William³ Riggs in Washington Co., Pa., was the same person as the current Jeremiah of Meigs Co., Ohio. The evidence that finally convinced me was this excerpt from a letter written 28 Jan. 1878 by Mahlon⁴ Riggs, another son

300. U.S. census, 1870, West Monongalia Twp., Monongalia Co., Va., r. 1693, p. 387A, dw. 116, fam. 116.

301. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Margaret Riggs, born about 1831, Roberts Ridge, died 26 Nov. 1856, Roberts Ridge, Marshall Co., W.Va., aged 25 yrs. 11 dys., retired, white, married, female, father Nathan Riggs, mother Elizabeth [FHL 34488, also FHL 853800].

302. *Ohio Marriages*, 268, “1800 Feb 13 Riggs, Jeremiah and Rachel Keller by Joseph Munro, JP, Washington Co.”; Graham and Cottle, *Washington Co., Ohio Marriages, 1789–1840*, “Riggs, Jeremiah (W.C.); Keller, Rachel (W.C.); 13 Feb. 1800; (238); NW40”; *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Washington Co., image 111/221 online, FHL 940910, “Be it Remembered that the Banns of Marriage were Preformed by me the subscribed between Jeremiah Riggs and Rachel Keller on the 13th day of February 1800 – Both of y^e County of Washington | 29 Aug^t 1800 Josiah Munro Jus^e Peace.”

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of William³ Riggs of Washington Co., Pa. (see appendix A for the full letter):

My sister Nellys husbands name was John Franklin. When living he lived in Meigs County, Ohio, and a brother Jeremiah I think lived in the same county and brother Zachariah on Miama bottoms.

Since William³ Riggs's will of 28 Sept. 1830 mentions "the heirs of my son Jeremiah Riggs" in the list of William's heirs, Jeremiah⁴ must have died before that will's date. This is consistent with Jeremiah⁴ having written his will in 1829. William's will also lists Nelly (as "Elendor"), Mahlon, and Zachariah, among his children.

Placeholder: In 1790 Jeremiah Riggs, over 16 [born before 1774], head of household, resided in Washington Co., Pa., with three males under 16, and four females. He was listed next to William Riggs, with three males under 16, and three females. On the same page were also listed Clement Riggs and Hosea Rigg.^[303] This Jeremiah just fits the current Jeremiah, but it is probably not possible that he had three sons already at age 16. More likely, the Jeremiah who was son of William was listed as one of his three sons under 16. I am convinced that the 1790 Jeremiah is William's brother, Jeremiah Ellis³ Riggs.

N.B. Ohio was admitted as a state in 1803, with Washington Co., a large county on the Ohio River in the southeast portion of the state. Gallia Co. was formed, at statehood, from the lower part of Washington Co. Athens Co. was formed from Washington Co. in 1805, north of Gallia Co. Meigs Co., Ohio, was formed in 1819 from Gallia and Athens Counties, Ohio.

From a history of Meigs Co., Ohio: "The names of the first settlers in territory included in Meigs county and the dates of their arrival, as follows: . . . Jeremiah Riggs, 1800; . . ."^[304]

From a history of Meigs Co., Ohio, a section titled "Jeremiah Riggs and Family":

303. U.S. census, 1790, Washington Co., Pa., r. 9, p. 194, FHL 568149.

304. Larkin, *Pioneer History of Meigs Co.*, 23.

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He came to what is now called Pagetown, in 1800, and married Miss Rachel Keller. They had a large family: William James, Frank, Jeremiah, Jr., George, Elias, Jackson Perry, and three daughters, Rebecca, Nancy and Polly. There is no date of the death of Jeremiah Riggs or his wife. Several of the sons moved to some western states; the daughter, Nancy, never married. Rebecca was married twice, and lived and died in the Hocking Valley. Polly was married to Martin Dye, of Pagetown, for his second wife; left a widow she died at the home of her niece, Mrs. John Crary, in Lebanon township, October 13th, 1894. She was the last one of Jeremiah Riggs family.^[305]

N.B. Lebanon Twp. lies in Meigs Co., Ohio. Pagetown (aka Pageville) is in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio.

In 1800 and 1803 Jeremiah Riggs, over 21, resided in Middleton Twp., Washington Co., Ohio.^[306]

Placeholder: In 1810 Jeremiah Riggs, over 45 [b. before 1765], resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with another male and two females over 45, and with one boy under 10, one male 10-16, and one male and two females 16-26. He was listed next to William Riggs, over 45, and also William Riggs Jr., 16-20.^[307] This Jeremiah does not match the current Jeremiah, unless he was the male 16-26 in the household, so born 1784-1794. But this does not fit the current Jeremiah either. I am convinced that the 1810 Jeremiah is William's brother, Jeremiah Ellis³ Riggs.

In 1820 Jeremiah Riggs, over 45, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with a woman 26-45, four boys [Jeremiah, Elias, George, and ?] and two girls [? and ?] under 10 [b. 1810-1820], one male [?] and two females [any 2 of the 3 daughters] 10-16 [b. 1804-1810], one male 16-

305. Larkin, *Pioneer History of Meigs Co.*, 37.

306. Washington Co., Ohio, *US Territorial Census Population Schedules, 1803*, "A List of the male inhabitants in Middleton of twenty one years and upwards," Jeremiah Riggs; *Ohio Census, 1790-1890*, Jeremiah Riggs, 1800, Middletown Twp., 1803, Middletown Twp. S.

307. U.S. census, 1810, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 57, p. 81, FHL 193683.

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18 [?, b. 1802–1804, could this be Frank?], and one male 18–26 [William b. c1800].^[308] There appear to be 11 children in this household.

On 2 Mar. 1822 Jeremiah Riggs, of Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, bought from Amos H. Whitmore, of Scioto Co., Ohio, for \$100, 80 acres in Scipio Twp., being the E½SE of S24.^[309]

On 17 Aug. 1829 Jeremiah Riggs signed his will in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, and it was proved in the July Term 1836 of the Meigs County Court of Common Pleas. In it he mentions “my beloved wife Rachel Riggs” and leaves everything to her. He also mentions his land being the “North west quarter of Section N° 16 Town seven Range 14 in the Ohio Company’s purchase.”^[310] I had thought that the mention in the 1830 will of William Riggs of Washington Co., Pa., of the “heirs of Jeremiah Riggs” made it impossible that the 1836 death of Jeremiah Riggs of Meigs Co., Ohio, was that of William’s son. But knowing that this Jeremiah wrote his will in 1829 makes it possible that indeed Jeremiah of Meigs Co., Ohio, was son of William of Washington Co., Pa. The 1836 probate date implies that this Jeremiah might have died in 1835 or 1836. But notice that Rachel is listed without Jeremiah in the 1830 census, next:

In 1830 Rachel Riggs, 40–50, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with one male under 5 [?, born 1825–1830], one male 5–10 [b. 1820–1825, Perry], one male [Elias] and one female 10–15 [b. 1815–1820], two males 15–20, and one male and one female 20–30.^[311]

308. U.S. census, 1820, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 88, p. 116A.

309. Meigs Co., Ohio, Deeds, 2:155–156, images 380–381 of 595 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 313480, DGS 8141960, deed, Amos H. Whitmore to Jeremiah Riggs.

310. Meigs Co., Ohio, Probate, Wills, Vol. 1, 1822–1844, 121–123, images 90–91 of 424 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 313470, DGS 5865663, will of Jeremiah Riggs, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, 17 Aug. 1829, proved July Term 1836; Meigs Co., Ohio, Court Records, 1834–1839, 4:126, image 381 of 529 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 928427, DGS 8331338, July Term 1836, held beginning 11 July 1836, Chester, Meigs Co., Ohio, the last will and testament of Jeremiah Riggs was proved and recorded.

311. U.S. census, 1830, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 135, p. 267, FHL 337946.

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In 1850 Rachel Riggs, 66, born in Pennsylvania, resided in Rome Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, in the household of J. M. Perry, 44, a farmer born in Massachusetts with \$1,800 real estate, and Rebecca, 45, born in Ohio, Huldah, 21, and Peter W., 20, both born in Massachusetts, Oliver, 18, Matilda, 16, Jackson, 13, and Jefferson, 10, all born in Ohio.^[312]

In 1860 “Rachal” Riggs, 76, a widow born in Pennsylvania, resided in Pomeroy, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, in the household of “G.” D. Riggs, 50, a farmer born in Ohio with \$3,000 real and \$600 personal estates, and “Isabell,” 44, born in Ohio, John, 21, William, 19, Sarah, 17, Elias, 14, Jeremiah, 10, and “Samara,” 8, all born in Ohio. Two dwellings away was Perry Riggs, 36, born in Ohio.^[313]

Children (according to Larkin and David Ray Riggs, **red items unvetted**):

- + 135 i **JAMES⁵ RIGGS**, born about **1800**, married **PHILENA DYE**. This would be the child William James mentioned in Larkin, but that source is untrustworthy (cf. Jackson Perry as another putative son). Since I have records only for James, I will assign only that name to him. **I tentatively assign son Augustus Riggs to this couple, but without proof.**
- 136 ii **?FRANK⁵ RIGGS**. Known only from Larkin, **so probably an error.**
- + 137 iii **REBECCA⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1805, Ohio, married (1) **J. M. PERRY**, and had at least six children, married (2) **XXX**. **Married twice according to Larkin.**
- 138 iv **NANCY⁵ RIGGS**, born about **1806**, **never married (according to Larkin)**. Birth year from David Ray Riggs.
- + 139 v **MARY “POLLY”⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1809, Virginia, married **MARTIN DYE**, and had no children. He had children by a previous marriage.
- + 140 vi **JEREMIAH D.⁵ RIGGS**, born 1811, Ohio, married **ISABEL GILLESPIE**, and had at least six children.

312. U.S. census, 1850, Rome Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, r. 660, p. 95B, dw. 1344, fam. 1361.

313. U.S. census, 1860, Pomeroy PO, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 1008, p. 188, dw. 281, fam. 255, FHL 805008.

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- + 141 vii ELIAS KELLER⁵ RIGGS, born about 1814, Ohio, married (1) LYDIA M. TOWNSEND, and had at least two children, married (2) MARY ANN HANEN [HANNAN], and had at least seven children.
- 142 viii GEORGE WASHINGTON⁵ RIGGS, born about 1819. Full name and birth year from David Ray Riggs.

Placeholder: George Riggs married 28 Mar. 1839, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[314] Sarah Otto.

Placeholder: George W. Riggs married 25 Sept. 1841, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[315] Frances Stevens.

In 1850 Frances Riggs, 27, female, born in Ohio, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with Willard, 7, and George, 5, both born in Ohio. Mary Riggs, 41, born in Virginia, resided nearby.^[316]

In 1860 F. Riggs, 38, female, a farmer born in Maine, with \$1,000 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with Willard, 15, and George W., 13, both born in Ohio.^[317]

Placeholder: “Williard” Augustus Riggs, born 2 Feb. 1845, Ohio, son of George Riggs, born in Ohio, and “Francis Stephens,” born in Ohio, died 4 Apr. 1906, East McKeesport, Allegheny Co., Pa., and was buried 6 Apr. 1906 in Grandview Cem., McKeesport.^[318]

Placeholder: Willard A. Riggs married 24 May 1873, Meigs Co., Ohio, Lucy M. Gillilan.^[319]

314. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–2013*, Meigs Co., 1819–1852, 1:206, image 132 of 277 online, George Riggs to Sarah Otto, married 28 Mar. 1839, by C. Downing JP.

315. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–2013*, Meigs Co., 1819–1852, 1:245, image 153 of 277 online, George W. Riggs to Frances Stevens, married 25 Sept. 1841, by Robertson Townsend MG.

316. U.S. census, 1850, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 710, p. 28A, dw. 408, fam. 408.

317. U.S. census, 1860, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, p. 176, dw. 90, fam. 83, FHL 805008.

318. *Pa. Death Certificates, 1906–1967*, 1906, no. 33413, “Williard” Augustus Riggs, died 4 Apr. 1906, East McKeesport, Allegheny Co., Pa., age 61 yrs. 2 mos. 1 dy., male, white, married, janitor, born 2 Feb. 1845, Ohio, father George Riggs, born Ohio, mother “Francis Stephens,” born Ohio, informant E. E. Riggs, of East McKeesport, buried 6 Apr. 1906, Grandview Cem., McKeesport.

319. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1869–1879, 544, no. 1088, Willard A. Riggs to Lucy M. Gillilan, licensed 17 May 1873, married 24 May 1873, by Barton Lowe MG, FHL 313455.

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Placeholder: In 1880 Willard Riggs, 35, a laborer born in Ohio of a mother born in Maine, resided in Jackson Co., W.Va., with his wife, Lucy, 28, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his son, Edwin E., 6, daughter, Cora, 4, son, "Geo.," 2, all three born in Ohio, and son, "No name," 1/12, born in May in West Virginia. Augustus Riggs and Augusta "Harp" resided nearby (same census page).^[320]

Placeholder: In 1900 W. A. Riggs, 55, a carpenter born Feb. 1845 in Ohio of Maine natives, resided in East McKeesport, Allegheny Co., Pa., with his wife of 27 years, Lucy, 48, born May 1852 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his son, Edwin, 26, born Apr. 1874, daughter, Cora, 23, born Oct. 1876, son, George, 21, born Dec. 1878, all three born in Ohio, and daughter, Fannie, 16, born Dec. 1883, son, Richard, 14, born Dec. 1885, and daughter, Lulu, 11, born July 1888, all three born in West Virginia, and daughter, Myrtle, 1, born July 1898, Pennsylvania, and brother-in-law, Charles Gilliam, 29, born Jan. 1871 in Ohio of Ohio natives. Lucy had had nine children, with seven surviving.^[321]

Placeholder: Williard A. Riggs, born 1845 (gravestone), died 1906, buried in Grandview Cem., Nort Versailles, Allegheny Co., Pa.^[322]

Placeholder: Cora Riggs, born 23 Oct. 1875, Lebanon, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[323]

+ 143 ix **ALVIN PERRY⁵ RIGGS**, born 1823, Ohio, married (1) **MARIA DOWNING**, and had one child, married (2) **NANCY R. STEVENS**, and had four children. ***This (via Nancy) is David Ray Riggs's line.*** The mention of "Jackson Perry" in the Larkin history of Meigs County appears to be an error for Alvin Perry.

320. U.S. census, 1880, Jackson Co., W.Va., ED 43, r. 1404, p. 447B, dw. 128, fam. 128.

321. U.S. census, 1900, East McKeesport Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 371, p. 242, sh. 7B, dw. 131, fam. 133, FHL 1241366.

322. *Find a Grave*, no. 75134383, gravestone photograph, Grandview Cem., Nort Versailles, Allegheny Co., Pa., plot: A, 56, "Williard A. Riggs | 1845–1906."

323. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, Cora Riggs, female, born 23 Oct. 1875, Lebanon, Meigs Co., Ohio, father W. A. Riggs, mother Lucy Gillilan, FHL 313460.

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38. JAMES⁴ RIGGS (₁₂William³, ?James², James¹) was born 14 Dec. 1778, Pennsylvania, and died before the 1870 census, probably in Marshall Co., W.Va. He married PHEBE COOPER, who was born about 1785, New Jersey, and died before the 1870 census, probably the “Pheobe” Riggs, wife of James, died 9 Feb. 1867, aged 82 years, buried in the Roberts Ridge-Greenview Cem., Marshall Co., W.Va., near Moundsville.^[324]

In 1820 James Riggs, 26–45 [born 1775–1794], resided in Ohio Co., Va., with a woman 26–45, three boys and one girl under 10 [born 1810–1820], one boy 10–16 [born 1804–1820], and one male 18–26 [born 1794–1802]. Placeholder: Listed in the Rs with him is John Riggs, 26–45, with a woman 16–26, a girl under 10, and a male 18–26.^[325]

In 1830 James Riggs, 50–60 [born 1770–1780], resided in Ohio Co., Va., with a woman 40–50 [born 1780–1790], one boy under 5, one boy and one girl 5–10 [born 1820–1825, so Henry fits], two males 15–20 [born 1810–1815, so James fits].^[326]

N.B. Marshall Co. was derived from Ohio Co. in 1835.

In 1840 “Jas” Riggs, 60–70, resided in Marshall Co., Va., with a woman 50–60, one girl 5–10, and one male 15–20. Placeholder: Listed on the same page is Nathaniel Riggs, 40–50, with a woman 40–50, one boy and one girl 5–10, one female 10–15, one male and one female 15–20, and one male 20–30.^[327]

In 1850 James Riggs, 72, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$2,000 real estate, resided in Marshall Co., Va., with Phebe, 65, born in New Jersey, and with Elizabeth, 14, born in Virginia.^[328] I haven’t yet identified Elizabeth, probably a granddaughter.

324. Roberts Ridge–Greenview Cem., Ebenezer Church, “Riggs, Pheobe – w/o James – ---- – 9 Feb. 1867 – 82 yrs.” Ebenezer United Methodist Church is located on Roberts Ridge Rd., about 3 mi. south of Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va.

325. U.S. census, 1820, Ohio Co., Va., r. 140, p. 24.

326. U.S. census, 1830, Ohio Co., Va., r. 198, p. 241.

327. U.S. census, 1840, Marshall Co., Va., r. 568, p. 28.

328. U.S. census, 1850, Marshall Co., Va., r. 959, p. 258A, dw. 253, fam. 255.

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In 1860 James Riggs, 81, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$2,000 real estate, resided in Moundsville, Marshall Co., [West] Va., with Phebe, 75, born in New Jersey, and with a servant. Next door was Emily Rulong, 58.^[329] Emily was the widow of James Leander⁵ Riggs (Mahlon⁴, William³).

Children (James according to Lynn Riggs):

- + 144 i ?JAMES⁵ RIGGS, born 27 Aug. about 1813, Ohio Co., Va., married SUSANNAH EARNEST, and had at least 15 children.
- + 145 ii ?HENRY⁵ RIGGS, born about 1820, Virginia, married (1) HANNAH —, and had six children, married (2) CINTHIA E. LITTLE, and had at least 11 children. I take Henry to be a brother of James⁵, since they live side by side in the 1850 and 1860 censuses, so if James is a son of James⁴, then so is Henry.

39. ABERILLA [ABRILAR]⁴ RIGGS (₁₂William³, ?James², James¹) was born 11 Feb. 1781, died 9 Oct. 1849, age 68, and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa.^[330] She married 16 Aug. 1801 or 1802, W.Va., JOHN ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG, who was born probably about 1778, died 19 June 1847, age [6?]9, and was buried near his wife.^[331]

On 17 Apr. 1847, Des Moines Co., Iowa, John Armstrong signed his will, and it was proved 10 July 1847. It mentions “my wife Aberilla Armstrong,” “my son Thomas D. Armstrong,” “my son William H. Armstrong,” “my daughter Mary Armstrong,” “my grand sons William Lawson Davis, and Simeon Dowden Davis . . .when they become of age.”

329. U.S. census, 1860, Moundsville PO, Marshall Co., Va., r. 1360, p. 184, dw. 484, fam. 473. Emily resided in dw. 485.

330. *Find a Grave*, no. 64542776, gravestone photograph, by Mo and Dave Gates, Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa, plot: row 7, “Abrilar | Wife of | John Armstrong | died | Oct. 9, 1849 | In the 69 yr. | of her life.”

331. *Find a Grave*, no. 64542724, gravestone photograph, by Mo and Dave Gates, Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa, plot: row 7, “John Armstrong | died | June 19, 1847 | in the [7?]0 yr. | of his life.”

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Executor: son Thomas D. Armstrong. Witnesses were Henry Swan, John N. McDonald, and David McDonald.^[332]

From Ancestry.com (I have vetted most of this, as indicated):

According to the will, Abrila and John lived under the same roof with their son, Thomas Dowdon, until their respective deaths in 1848 and 1849. At that time 85.17 acres were conveyed to him (the rest having been conveyed to William Harrison in 1841 [see his sketch]). In 1889 Thomas Dowdon [Armstrong] and his wife, Eva McDonald Armstrong, sold the 85.17 acres to Edgar Cresap for \$2500.00 [see Thomas's sketch]

...Thomas Dowdon, third son of John and Abrila, was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, on August 15, 1819, and died in April 1890 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amanda Williams, in Taylor County, Iowa. He was buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery by the church two miles south of Danville, where he had been a member for many years. The Armstrong burial plot is located in the southwest corner of the cemetery, two miles southwest of Danville. In 1980 the plot contained 11 graves.

The Armstrong homestead, where 8 of the 10 children were born, is half a mile south of the cemetery. This homestead contained 165.17 acres and was purchased from David Nugen and his wife for \$840. John Armstrong deeded the east 80 acres to his son, William Harrison, in September 1841. [See next two items.]

On 4 Feb. 1841, John Armstrong, of Henry Co., Iowa Terr., bought from David Nugen and Elizabeth his wife, of Des Moines Co., Iowa Terr., for \$840, the parcel NW¼ S19 T70N R4W, of 165.17 acres. In Feb. 1841 the deed was acknowledged and Elizabeth relinquished her dower.^[333]

On 14 Sept. 1841, John Armstrong and "Aberrilla" his wife, of Des Moines Co., Iowa Terr., sold to William H. Armstrong, of Des Moines

332. *Iowa Wills and Probate Records, 1758–1997*, Des Moines Co., Bonds, Letters, Wills, Vol B1–B2, 1843–1874, 175–176, image 102 of 576 online, "Estate of John Armstrong deceased Will."

333. Des Moines Co., Iowa Terr., Deeds, 9:271, image 201 of 656 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 974500, DGS 8310155, David Nugen to (deed) John Armstrong, filed for record 8 July 1847, recorded 19 July 1847.

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Co., for \$500, E½NW S19 T70N R4W in Des Moines Co., containing 80 acres, and also W½ of E½ of SE¼ S24 T70N R5W in Henry Co., Iowa Terr., containing 40 acres. It was acknowledged the same day, and “Aberila” was separately examined.^[334]

Known children, **of 10**:

- 146 i **MARY⁵ ARMSTRONG**, born 21 June 1805 (calculated), died 27 Feb. 1860, aged [5?]4 years 7 months 27 days, buried Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa.^[335]
- 147 ii **MARGARET LUCINDA⁵ ARMSTRONG**, **1810-1830**, married — **DAVIS**, and had at least two children, both born after 17 Apr. 1826 (per their grandfather’s will): (1) William Lawson⁶ Davis; and (2) Simeon Dowden⁶ Davis.
- + 148 iii **WILLIAM H.⁵ ARMSTRONG**, born 11 Nov. 1812, married **MARY A.** —, and had eight children.
- 149 iv **?ROBERT MILTON⁵ ARMSTRONG**, 1817-1827.
- + 150 v **THOMAS D.⁵ ARMSTRONG**, born 16 Aug. 1819, Marshall Co., [W.]Va., married (1) **EVE McDONALD**, and had nine children, married (2) **MARY L. (PARROT) McDONALD**.

41. WILLIAM⁴ RIGGS (₁₂*William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 29 Apr. 1785. He married **24 Dec. 1807, Upper Milford, Lehigh Co., Pa., or Washington Co., Pa., SARAH JUSTIS [JUSTUS] [JUSTICE]**, who was born about 1787 **13 Sept. 1786** (*unvetted* DAR evidence, see below), daughter of John Justis (see brother Mahlon’s letter in appendix A), and who died after the 1870 census, and was buried in Mt. Washington Cem., Mt. Washington, Hamilton Co., Ohio.^[336]

334. Des Moines Co., Iowa Terr., Deeds, 9:271-272, images 201-202 of 656 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 974500, DGS 8310155, John Armstrong to (deed) Wm. H. Armstrong, filed for record 9 July 1847, recorded 19 July 1847.

335. *Find a Grave*, no. 64542861, gravestone photograph, by Mo and Dave Gates, Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa, plot: row 7, “Mary Armstrong | died | Feb. 27, 1860 | aged | [5?]4 Y. 7 M. 27 D.” The reading of her age online is 64 yrs., but that calculates to 1795, before the putative marriage of her parents in 1801 or 1802.

336. *Find a Grave*, no. 124361853, gravestone photograph, by Steve Barnett, Mt. Washington

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From Mahlon's letter re the "Justus" family: "They had six children when they left this country [that is, from Pennsylvania to Ohio]. They lived on a farm joining mine. The childrens names was as follows: Boys Morton Justus was a boot and shoe maker by trade and there was John and Peter. The girls names Sara, Susan and Debby." This matches the eldest children of this DAR family item (**unvetted by me**):

John Justice, b. 1755, New Castle Co., Del., d. aft. 1805, m. 1782, New Castle, Del., Susanna Turner (Tourney), b. 27 May 1768, d. 22 Aug. 1854. Service: Private with Col Duffs Battalion of New Castle County Delaware. Children: **Elizabeth**, b. 1784, m. — Johnson; **Sarah**, **b. 13 Sept 1786, m. William Riggs**; **Morton**, b. 1 Dec 1788, d. 24 Dec 1872, m. 7 Nov 1817, Dorcas T. Eaton, d. Feb 1883; **Susanna**, b. 2 Feb 1792, m. Daniel McComas; **Deborah**, m. Stephen Sutton; **John**: **Mary**, m. — Jones; **Peter**, b. 1798, m. Nancy Whitcomb; **Rebecca**, m. — Buntin; **Thomas**, b. 1805, m. Harriet Howard. Descendant: Lyle, Esther Sheffler (Mrs. Clyde S.), No. 30831.^[337]

William was grandfather of Emma C.⁶ Riggs and father of James Washington⁵ Riggs, the recipients of Mahlon's letter of 1878, and James was Emma's father. From our research we know that James was born about 1809 or 1810, Pennsylvania, and Emma about 1855, Ohio (see James's sketch). From the letter we know that Mahlon at age 10 "nursed" James. Mahlon would have been 10 in 1807 and 1808, so he was off a year or two in his statement. He also mentioned that William moved to Cincinnati when James Washington was 2 or 3, implying the move occurred in 1811–1813.

Cem., Mt. Washington, Hamilton Co., Ohio, plot: Sect. 11, Lot 419 (Sutton Lot), "Sarah Justis | wife of | William Riggs | [the rest is illegible]." **Un sourced** data: born 14 Sept. 1786, Pa., died 4 Jan. 1876, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

337. *A Roster of Revolutionary Ancestors of the Ind. DAR*, 347, image posted online 17 Mar. 2015 by kklopping81, linked to John Justis.

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In 1810 William Riggs Jr., 16–25 [born 1785–1794], resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 16–25, and one boy under 10.^[338]

In 1820 “W^m” Riggs, 26–45 [born 1775–1794], resided in Morgan Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with a woman 26–45, one girl under 10, and one female 16–26.^[339]

In 1830 William Riggs, 50–60 [sic], resided in Columbia Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, with a woman 40–50, and with one boy under 5, one male and one female 10–15, one male 15–20, and one male 20–30.^[340]

In 1840 Sarah Riggs, 40–50 [sic], resided in Columbia Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, with one female 5–10, one male 10–15, and one male 20–30.^[341]

In 1850 Sarah Riggs, 63, born in Delaware, resided in Spencer Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, with William J., 32, and Mary “J.,” 19, both born in Ohio.^[342]

In 1860 Sarah Riggs, 74, born in Delaware, and Mary S., 29, born in Ohio, resided in Columbia, Spencer Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, in the household of Franklin Riggs, 32, a carpenter born in Ohio with \$1,000 personal estate.^[343]

In 1870 Sarah Riggs, 83, born in Delaware, resided in Pendleton, Columbia Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, with daughter (“helps Mother”), Susan, 39, born in Ohio, in the household of Henry Weedright, 22, born in Ohio.^[344]

Placeholder: In 1830 Matthew Riggs, 50–60, resided in Reilly Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with a woman 40–50, one boy and one girl under 5,

338. U.S. census, 1810, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 57, p. 81.

339. U.S. census, 1820, Morgan Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, r. 87, p. 55.

340. U.S. census, 1830, Columbia Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, r. 132, p. 171, FHL 337943.

341. U.S. census, 1840, Columbia Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, r. 400, p. 389, FHL 20166.

342. U.S. census, 1850, Spencer Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, r. 686, p. 255A, dw. 147, fam. 153.

343. U.S. census, 1860, Columbia PO, Spencer Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, p. 209, dw. 888, fam. 1139, FHL 803979.

344. U.S. census, 1870, Pendleton PO, Columbia Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, r. 1208, p. 554B, dw. 136, fam. 136, FHL 552707.

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two boys 5–10, one male 10–15, and one female 15–20.^[345] There is no other Riggs in Butler Co. in 1830.

Placeholder: In 1840 Mary Riggs, 50–60, resided in Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with a woman 40–50, one boy and one girl 5–10, one male and one female 10–15, two males 15–20, and one female 20–30.^[346]

Known children:

- + 151 i **JAMES WASHINGTON⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1809, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., married **NANCY ANDREWS**, and had 11 children. Known from Mahlon's letter.
- 152 ii **[BOY]⁵ RIGGS**, born after James and died as an infant. We know him from Mahlon's letter: "He [your father, i.e., James] had another brother younger that died in infancy and was buried at our church in sight of my place." Known from Mahlon's letter.
- + 153 iii **MORTEN N.⁵ RIGGS**, born 24 Apr. 1812, Ohio, married **MARY ANN BARD**, and had seven children.
- 154 iv **WILLIAM J.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1818, Ohio.
- + 155 v **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁵ RIGGS**, born Feb. 1827 or 5 Feb. 1828, Ohio, married **CATHERINE (ADKINS) SMITH**, and had at least four children.
- 156 vi **MARY SUSAN⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1831, Ohio.

43. MARY⁴ RIGGS (₁₂*William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 12 June 1789, and died 1865 (see biography below). She married 9 Nov. 1812 (see biography below) **LAWRENCE CROW**, son of Lawrence and Margaret (–) Crow, and died in 1835 after 20 June when he signe his will and before 24 Aug. when it was proved (q.v.).

On 20 June 1835, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., Lawrence Crow signed his will, and it was proved 24 Aug. 1835. It mentions "my well beloved wife Mary Crow," "the money she has got from her father William Riggs estate," "my daughter Eliza Donaldson," "my son Jackman

345. U.S. census, 1830, Reilly Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, r. 127, p. 174.

346. U.S. census, 1840, Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, r. 380, p. 47.

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Crow,” “my daughter Maryanne Crow,” “my daughter Margaret Crow,” “my daughter Sarah Crow,” “my two sons Clark and James Crow . . until they severally arrive at the age of twenty one years,” “James Donaldson and Jehu Jackman to be my executors.”^[347]

The following is from an 1893 history of Washington Co., Pa.:

Clark Crow was born on August 6, 1825, on the farm where he is now living, in Allen township, Washington co., Penn., a son of Lawrence Crow, and a grandson of Lawrence and Margaret Crow. The last mentioned ancestors were natives of Maryland, and in 1784 settled in Allen township, this county. Lawrence, the grandfather, applied for a patent August 31, 1784, and on December 16, same year, surveyed the tract called “Crow’s Egg,” which contained 295 acres, and became the permanent home of the Crow family, who lived there in block-houses for many years.

Lawrence Crow, father of Clark Crow, was in 1795, on the home place in Allen township, Washington county, receiving his early education in the country schools. On November 9, 1812, he was married to Mary Riggs, a native of that township, and a daughter of William and Mary Riggs, the former of whom was a Methodist minister; both her parents were born in Maryland, and in 1773 came to Washington county, Penn., locating on the Monongahela river, where they died many years ago. To the union of Lawrence and Mary (Riggs) Crow there were children as follows: Elizabeth, born November 16, 1813, was married to James Donaldson, and died October 9, 1847, in Greenfield, Penn.; William J., born July 29, 1815, married Nancy Jackman, and died in Illinois in 1876; Mary Ann, born May 5, 1817, died June 21, 1856, in Pennsylvania; Margaret L., born April 11, 1820, was married to James D. Latta, and died in Washington county, Penn., January 20, 1853; Sarah, born May 10, 1822, was married to William Dunlavey, and died February 11, 1850; Clark, the subject of this sketch; and James, born September 10, 1828, married Sarah Ward, and died October 3, 1857, Clark being now the only survivor of the family. The father died in 1835, followed in 1865 by his widow. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were members of the First M. E.

347. *Pa. Wills and Probate Records, 1683–1993*, Washington Co., Wills, 5:211–213, images 118–119 of 340 online, will of Lawrence Crow.

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Church built in Allen township, this county, and known as the “Howe M. E. Church;” it was originally erected in 1820, taken down in 1872 and rebuilt in 1892.

Clark Crow, whose name opens this memoir, received a subscription school education, and assisted his father in clearing up the home farm. On April 30, 1851, he was united in marriage with Rachel, daughter of William and Rachel (Stewart) Latta, and a native of Allen township, this county. To this union were born three children: Ann Salene, Charles C. (deceased September 8, 1866) and James B. (deceased September 18, 1856). The mother of these children died December 18, 1859, and May 25, 1862, Mr. Crow took a second wife Isabel Wilkin a native of Coal Centre, this county, a daughter of Reuben Wilkin, who was born February 9, 1799, near Lost River, Hardy Co., W. Va., a son of George and Mary Wilkin, of West Virginia, who moved to Greenfield (now Coal Centre), Penn., in an early day.

. . . Isabel, born October 3, 1839, wife of Clark Crow; . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Crow have always resided on the home place, which is one of the oldest farms in Washington county, and contains 190 acres of good land. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served faithfully as a road supervisor, judge of elections and a member of the school board. In religion he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church at Mount Tabor. Their children are Olive E. (Mrs. Samuel Winnett, living on the home farm) and Loretta (Mrs. W. A. Strowd, of East Pike township) (twins), Eldora (wife of J. M. McCracken, of Greene county, Penn.), William (married to Olive Crawford, and living in Allen township), Fred G., Lawrence C., and Edgar J., all three of whom are living with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Crow are the grandparents of six children living, and one deceased.^[348]

Children:

- 157 i ELIZABETH⁵ CROW, born 16 Nov. 1813, died 9 Oct. 1847, Greenfield, Pa., married JAMES DONALDSON.
- 158 ii WILLIAM JACKMAN⁵ CROW, born 29 July 1815, died 1876, Illinois, married NANCY JACKMAN.

348. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 367.

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- 159 iii **MARY ANN⁵ CROW**, born 5 May 1817, died 21 June 1856, Pennsylvania.
- + 160 iv **MARGARET L.⁵ CROW**, born 11 Apr. 1820, Pennsylvania, married **JAMES D. LATTA**, and had five children.
- 161 v **SARAH CROW**, born 10 May 1822, died 11 Feb. 1850, married **WILLIAM DUNLAVEY**.
- 162 vi **CLARK⁵ CROW**, born 6 Aug. 1825, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., married (1) 30 Apr. 1851 **RACHEL LATTA**, and had three children, married (2) 25 May 1862 **ISABEL WILKIN**, and had seven children. For further details of this family, see biography in the sketch above.
- 163 vii **JAMES⁵ CROW**, born 10 Sept. 1828, died 3 Oct. 1857, married **SARAH WARD**.

44. LUCINDA⁴ RIGGS (₁₂*William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 16 July 1791 (calculated), Pennsylvania, died 1 May 1873, aged 81 years 9 months 15 days, and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Mt. Pleasant, Vinton Co., Ohio.^[349] She married **ANDREW HUGGINS**, who was born [19] Sept. 17[91] (calculated), died [24] Dec. 18[41], aged 50 years 3 months [5] days, and was buried in Bethel Cem., Guernsey, Guernsey Co., Ohio.^[350]

349. *Find a Grave*, no. 34086579, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Mt. Pleasant, Vinton Co., Ohio, "Lucy | Wife of | A. Huggins | died | May 1, 1873 | Aged | 81 Y. 9 M. 15 D."

350. *Find a Grave*, no. 39452511, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Bethel Cem., Guernsey, Guernsey Co., Ohio, "Andrew Huggins | died | D[?] [?], 18[?] | Aged 50 y[?] 3 [m?] [?] [?]." I rely here on the unsourced data at *Find a Grave* for the actual reading of this stone, supported by Charles E. Huggins, *Huggins Families of Western Pa. and Northern W. Va.* (1987), 330-332, also unsourced, but combined with my own reading of the gravestone photograph which supports the unsourced dates: "Andrew Huggins b. Sept. 19, 1791 in Washington Co., PA & d. Dec 24, 1841 in Guernsey Co., OH. He was bd. at the Bethel Cem. in Valley Twp., Guernsey Co., OH. Andrew m. Lucinda Riggs 'Lucy' b. July 1, 1791 (Riggs family tree says July 16) & she d. May 1, 1873 in Vinton Co., OH. She was bd. at the Mt. Pleasant Cem., Vinton Co., OH. Lucy was the dau/o William & Mary (Dodson) Riggs. William Riggs was b. in 1750 in MD. Lucy's si. Mary Riggs m. Lawrence Crow Jr. Andrew & Lucy owned 50 acres of land in Spencer Twp., Guernsey Co., OH & were listed there in the 1840 cen. of OH. | Andrew's parents were William and Jane (Crow) Huggins."

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In 1830 Andrew Huggins, 30-40, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 30-40, one boy under 5, two boys and one girl 5-10, and two males and one female 10-15. William Rigg, 80-90, is listed before him, and Mahlon Rigg, 30-40, after.^[351]

In 1840 Andrew Huggins, 30-40 [sic], resided in Spencer Twp., Guernsey Co., Ohio, with a woman 30-40 [sic], one boy and one girl 5-10, and two males 10-15.^[352]

In 1850 "Lucy Higgins, " 50, born in Pennsylvania with \$500 real estate, resided in Spencer Twp., Guernsey Co., Ohio, with Jesse, 19, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, and Sarah, 19, born in Pennsylvania. Next door resided Wilson "Higgins," 25, born in Pennsylvania, with his family.^[353]

In 1870 "Lucy" Huggins, 75, born in Pennsylvania, resided in Logan, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, in the household of her son-in-law, Silas Nixon, 43, a farmer born in Ohio with \$9,000 real and \$3,000 personal estates, and with Mary, 40, born in Ohio, Sarah Jane, 20, Thomas, 18, Amanda, 16, Emanuel, 16, and Clara M., 2, all born in Ohio, and with Susan Bainten, 56, born in Ohio, who "Lives with her Brother."^[354]

Known children:

- 164 i **WILSON⁵ HUGGINS**, born about 1825, Pennsylvania.
- 165 ii **MARY⁵ HUGGINS**, born about 1830, Ohio, **SILAS NIXON**, born about 1827, Ohio, and had at least four children.
- 166 iii **JESSE⁵ HUGGINS**, born about 1831, Pennsylvania, married **SARAH** — , born about 1831, Pennsylvania.

Thus it appears that Andrew Huggins was probably the nephew of Lawrence Crow, who married Lucinda's sister, Mary.

351. U.S. census, 1830, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 163, p. 230.

352. U.S. census, 1840, Spencer Twp., Guernsey Co., Ohio, r. 397, p. 444.

353. U.S. census, 1850, Spencer Twp., Guernsey Co., Ohio, r. 684, p. 163A, dw. 417, fam. 497. Wilson resided in dw. 496.

354. U.S. census, 1870, Logan, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, r. 1223, p. 602B, dw. 251, fam. 251.

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45. NOAH⁴ RIGGS (₁₂William³, ?James², James¹) was born 6 Aug. 1793 (appendix A), Washington Co., Pa. (see biography of Samuel Riggs below), died 1871, and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Mt. Pleasant, Vinton Co., Ohio.^[355] He married **NANCY SHEPLER**,^[356] who was born about 1803, Westmoreland Co., Pa. (see biography below), died 28 Jan. 1862, and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem.^[357] It was **possibly** he who married (2) 9 July 1863, Hocking Co., Ohio,^[358] Hannah Finney.

In 1820 “Naah” Riggs, 18–26, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 16–26, and two girls under 10. On the same page is listed Jeremiah Riggs, over 45.^[359]

In 1830 Noah Riggs, 30–40, resided in Ohio Co., Va., with a woman 20–30, two boys and three girls under 5, and one female 10–15. Nearby are listed Thomas Riggs, “John of Jr.” Riggs, and Elias Riggs.^[360]

In 1840 Noah Riggs, 40–50, resided in Marshall Co., Va., with a woman 40–50, one male and two females, 10–15, one male and one female, 15–20.^[361]

A property transaction recorded in Moundsville, Marshall Co., [W.]Va.: On 28 Sept. 1843 Samuel Burrows issued a tax deed to Noah Riggs and William Riggs. [From a book on <Ancestry.com>: Sheppard-Marshall and Allied Families . . .]

Placeholder: In 1850 Noah Riggs, 13, born in Ohio, resided in Richland Twp., Guernsey Co., Ohio, in the household of Robert Thompson, 70, born in Pennsylvania. Nearby resided Sophia Riggs, 15, born in

355. *Find a Grave*, no. 34082871, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Mt. Pleasant, Vinton Co., Ohio., “Noah Riggs | [illegible].”

356. Her surname from her son Samuel’s biography and obit. (q.v.).

357. *Find a Grave*, no. 34082929, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Mt. Pleasant, Vinton Co., Ohio., “Nancy | Wife of | Noah Riggs | Died | [Jan]. 28, 1862 | [perhaps another line].”

358. *Ohio Marriages, 1803–1900*, Noah Riggs to Hannah Finney, 9 July 1863, Hocking Co., Ohio.

359. U.S. census, 1820, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 113, p. 241.

360. U.S. census, 1830, Ohio Co., Va., r. 568, p. 267.

361. U.S. census, 1840, Marshall Co., Va., r. 568, p. 267.

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Ohio, residing in the residence of William Thompson, 26, born in Pennsylvania.^[362]

In 1860 Noah Riggs, 67, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$500 real and \$200 personal estates, resided in Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with Nancy, 57, born in Pennsylvania.^[363]

In 1870 Noah Riggs, 72 [sic], "Lives with son, infirm," born in Pennsylvania, resided in the household of Samuel Riggs, 40 in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio (q.v.).^[364]

From an 1883 history of Hocking Valley, Ohio:

Samuel Riggs, son of Noah and Nancy (Shepler) Riggs, was born in Washington County, Pa., May 22, 1828. When an infant his parents removed to West Virginia, and lived near Wheeling till he was seventeen years of age. In 1845 they located in Guernsey County, Ohio, where they lived nine years, when [about 1854] they moved to Hocking County, where they resided till their death. Our subject was married on Dec. 25, 1856, to Sarah Ann, daughter of Samuel Johnston, one of the first settlers of Hocking County. They have ten children - William J., married to Laura Wright, and residing on a part of the farm; Charles W., Elizabeth, Mary J., Orlando A., Louisa B., George W., Samuel G., Noah F. and Ethel M. After marriage Mr. Riggs moved to his farm in Washington Township, where he resided for twenty years. In 1876, he purchased his present residence adjoining his farm. In his business career he has been very successful, having begun life without anything, but by his industry and careful management he has at present an excellent farm of 567 acres. He has been connected with the Methodist church for twenty-two years, being at present a member of Mount Pleasant church. Politically he is a Republican, having always been a strong supporter of that party. Mr. Noah Riggs is a native of Washington County. He died in 1871. His wife, Nancy (Shepler) Riggs, a native of Westmoreland Coun-

362. U.S. census, 1850, Richland Twp., Guernsey Co., Ohio, r. 684, p. 138B, dw. 196, fam. 196. Sophia resided in dw. 194.

363. U.S. census, 1860, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, r. 988, p. 3, dw. 38, fam. 38.

364. U.S. census, 1870, Logan PO, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, r. 1223, p. 588B, dw. 43, fam. 43.

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ty, Pa., died in 1862. They reared a family of eight children, two sons and six daughters, our subject being the fourth child.^[365]

Known child, of eight, the fourth child:

- + 167 i SAMUEL⁵ RIGGS, born 22 May 1828, Washington Co., Pa., married SARAH ANN JOHNSTON, and had 10 children.

47. MAHLON⁴ RIGGS (₁₂William³, ?James², James¹) was born 25 Dec. 1797 (appendix A, appendix B, appendix C),^[366] Lucyville, Washington Co., Pa.^[367] He was alive on 28 Jan. 1878 when he wrote the letter (appendix A), appears in the 1880 census, died 6 June 1886,^[368] and was buried in the Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa.^[369] He married 10 Aug. 1820, Washington Co., Pa.,^[370] **LYDIA**

365. *History of Hocking Valley Ohio*, 1883, 1084–85, excerpted online at <www.findagrave.com>.

366. Lydia Riggs Bible, “Mahlon Riggs was born Dec^m 25th 1797.”

367. McFarland, *20th Century History of the City of Washington and Washington Co., Pa.*, 1438, article on James A.⁶ Riggs, “son of John L. and Dorothy (Biles) Riggs. John L. Riggs . . . was born on the old Riggs homestead at Lucyville, as was his father, Nahlon (Mahlon) Riggs, who was a son of William Riggs, a native of Maryland, who over 125 years ago [c1785] came to Pennsylvania and entered land from the government”; Bilitski, et al, *History of Roscoe, Pa.*, “Lucyville comprised the area of present-day Roscoe from Howard Street on the east to Agnes Alley of the west. Its northern border was the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston Railroad tracks, its southern border was the Monongahela River. Lucyville remained a small mining village for several years. However, with the coming of the industrial development to the Monongahela Valley in the early 1890's, the town was incorporated. The incorporation papers asking that the Borough of Roscoe be formed were filed in the Washington County Recorder's Office on June 7, 1894. John C. Bane, represented those citizens seeking incorporation, for fifty dollars. The money was paid by W. A. Furlong and the receipt dated March 29, 1894. | Before applying for the charter, the residents decided the name ‘Lucyville’ was not indicative of the virility needed to make a town prosper. A movement was started to change the name. By a vote of the residents, it was decided that the community would be known as ‘Roscoe’ in honor of Mrs. Joseph Underwood whose maiden name was Roscoe.”

368. Lydia Riggs Bible, “Mahlon Riggs died June [6?] 18[86?] | [a phrase is interlined here:] [?] [?] was [?] [Deacon?] [He?] | Was born in the year 1797 And his funeral | was preached by the Reverent [sic] Henery | E. C. Twelfth [sic] chapter and 13 [verse?].”

369. *Find a Grave*, no. 74606067, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa., “Mahlon Riggs | born | Dec. 25, 1797 | died | June 6, 1886.”

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WILLIAMS, who was born 20 Feb. 1800,^[371] Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Margaret (Howe) Williams^[372] and granddaughter of William Howe.^[373] Lydia was living with her daughter, Lucinda, in California, Washington Co., Pa., at the 1893 biography of her son, John L. Riggs (q.v.), and died 29 June 1897.^[374]

Here are descriptions of Mahlon and Lydia **from an unknown source at this point**. That of Mahlon was written while Lydia was still alive, so sometime between 1886 and 1897. That of Lydia was written after her death in 1897 (Figure 17 is the portrait of them from the same source):

Mahlon Riggs was born in Allen township Washington county, Pa., December 25, 1797, and died June 6, 1886. He was born on the farm on which he died, where he had remained all his life; he was the son of Rev. Wm. and Mary Riggs who lived and died on the same farm on which the son resided.

Brother Riggs and his good wife toiled together for sixty six years; they had nine children. She is left to mourn his absence but has the consolation of knowing that it will only be for a little while; he united with the church more than sixty years ago under the pastorate of the Rev. Salathiel Tudor and remained a staunch and loyal member until death. He was a very effective exhorter and powerful in prayer; his life was consecrated, his integrity unquestioned, and his influence always for God and the right.

[poem here by J. H. Henry]

370. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Mahlon Riggs and Lydia Williams were married | August 10th 1820. in Washington Co. Pa. By Rev. Jno Watson;" Mahlon and Lydia Riggs Family Register, "Mahlon Riggs, and Lydia Williams, were Married | by the Rev. John Watson, August 10th, A.D. 1820."

371. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Lydia Williams was born Feb. 20th 1800." Also "Lydia Riggs consort of Mahlon | Riggs was Born Feb 20th | 1800."

372. Lydia Riggs Bible, "John Williams, Sr. died [on?] March 10th 1861 | At house of Mahlon Riggs, allen township," and "Margaret Williams died May 20th 1867 | At the house of Mahlon Riggs, allen township."

373. Crumrine, *History of Washington Co., Pa., Allen Twp.*, 643-51, "Lydia Riggs, now [1881] living in the township, and eighty years of age, is a granddaughter of William Howe."

374. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Lydia Riggs died June 29, 1897."

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Lydia Riggs, daughter of John and Margaret Williams, was born February 20, 1800, near Jefferson, Pa., her parents moved to Washington county while she was quite young, where in 1819 under the ministry of the Rev. Henry Baker she was converted and united with the church. She was married to Mahlon Riggs, son of the Rev. William Riggs, in August 1820. She was the oldest of eleven children and survived them all but one. Two of her brothers were Methodist ministers. During her active years she was a regular attendant on the means of grace. She loved to read, especially the Bible. For fifteen years she was entirely blind, and the last seven years of her life she resided with her daughter, Lucinda A. Noble in California Pa., where she died June 29, 1897. No more loyal and consecrated life ever honored the Methodist Church in the history of Washington county.

[poem here]^[375]

In 1830 Mahlon “Rigg,” 30-40, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 20-30 [sic], one boy and one girl under 5, and one boy and one girl 5-10. Listed two names away is William Rigg, and between them is Andrew Huggins.^[376]

In 1840 “Malon Rigg,” 40-50, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 40-50, one boy and one girl under 5, one boy and two girls 5-10, one male and one female 10-15, and one male 15-20. Elizabeth “Rigg,” 70-80, is listed two names away.^[377]

In 1850 Mahlon Riggs, 50, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$5,000 real estate, resided in East Pike Run, Washington Co., Pa., with “Liddy,” 49, born in Pennsylvania, and with John L., 25, a farmer, Thomas T., 20, a carpenter, “Carline” A., 20, “Loucindy,” 18, “Wm,” 16, Margaret E., 15, James L., 13, and Elizabeth A., 10, all born in Pennsylvania.^[378]

375. This reads as if it were a religious history of the area or of Methodism in the area, photocopy courtesy of descendant James Wallace⁸ Riggs, who was the sixth generation to live on the same farm mentioned here, and is my correspondent on this family.

376. U.S. census, 1830, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 163, p. 230.

377. U.S. census, 1840, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 499, p. 143.

378. U.S. census, 1850, East Pike Run, Washington Co., Pa., r. 833, p. 162A, dw. 146, fam. 146.

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In 1860 “Malone” Riggs, 63, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$7,500 real and \$1,344 personal estates, resided in Fayette, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Lydia, 60, born in Pennsylvania, and with “Wm M., ” 25, James L., 23, a carpenter, and “Eliza” A., 19, all born in Pennsylvania, and with Dora Foster, 12, born in Pennsylvania, John Williams, 84, born in Maryland, and Margaret Williams, 82, born in Pennsylvania. Next door was John Riggs, 35.^[379] The Williamses were surely Mahlon’s in-laws.

In 1870 “Malon” Riggs, 73, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$14,000 real and \$1,100 personal estates, resided in Monongahela, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Lydia, 70, born in Pennsylvania, and with William N., 38, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, and with C. E. Furnier, 10, a male born in Pennsylvania.^[380]

In 1880 Mahlon Riggs, 83, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Lydia, 80, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, William, 48, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, and with J. R. Furnier, 24, male, deaf and dumb, and Charles E. Furnier, 21, both farm laborers born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. There was also a “servant” in the household, Ida Bell Harris, 22, married, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. Next door was “Geo. Hazlebaker,” 55, and the other direction was E. I. Worrell.^[381] The two Furnier boys were Mahlon’s grandsons, and Ida Bell was his granddaughter.

Mahlon Riggs signed his will on 27 Mar. 1866, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., added codicils to it on 8 May 1877 and 25 Mar. 1880, and it (including the codicils) was proved on 16 June 1886. Here is my tran-

379. U.S. census, 1860, Fayette City PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1191, p. 10, dw. 41, fam. 41. John resided in dw. 40.

380. U.S. census, 1870, Monongahela City PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1462, p. 321B, dw. 44, fam. 46.

381. U.S. census, 1880, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 232, r. 1201, p. 13A, dw. 171, fam. 180. George resided in dw. 170, and Elias in dw. 172.

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scription of his will (omitting, as I usually do, the boilerplate at the beginning of most wills about God, debts, and funerals).^[382]

In the name of God, Amen, I Mahlon Riggs of Washington County, Pa. Allen township do this 27th day of March 1866, considering the uncertainty of life I do Publish this my will and testament . . . Item I will to my wife Lydia the mancion [sic] house & as mutch [sic] of the househould & kitchen furniture as she may think proper to keep also the wash house granary Cold house corn crib Wagon shed spring house hog house meet [sic] house & oven also the yard & garden the meadow above the house the stable and littel [sic] field that the stable stands in also two cows our horse our Buggy 2 hogs 6 sheep our half of the fruit at the Big Rocks and our set of Buggy geers [sic] our set nanky [sic] harness Item I will that my wife be left suficiant [sic] of Bread stuf [sic] & meat to Last hur [sic] 6 months the above bequests to be to herr [sic] use as long as she lives: Item, I will to Josia [sic] Furnier two hundred Dollars to be held in the hands of my executors to be appropriated to his use as they may think Best: Item: [this item has two lines drawn across it and this interlined: "Mahlon Riggs this is my wish January the 16th 1882, this item is null & void"] I will to Charley E. Furnier three hundred and fifty Dollars to be hut on intrust untill [sic, to be held on interest until] he becomes of age the intrust of which is to be paid over to his grandmother Riggs to help keep him in Cloths [sic]. Item. I will to my grandson Robert Riggs one hundred Dollars to be held in the hands of my executors untill he Becomes of age without intrust and if anyone or all of the 3 Boys should die Before the [sic] are 21 years old they after there [sic] Doctor Bill & their funeral expences [sic] is paid if their [sic] should be Enny [sic] money left in the hands of the executors of Enyone [sic] for the Executors to keep it and put it to their own use for their trouble,

Item, I will to my son William Nuton [sic] Riggs Eight hundred dollars to be paid to him in one year after my Death By my Executors,

Item, I will one hundred Dollars to be paid to the preacher in charg [sic] of Mt. Tabour [sic] Church as quartrig [sic] Two Dollars a year for each year for ten years to be paid By my Executors

382. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 12:241-43 [FHL 1318367].

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Item I will fifty Dollars to the Trustees of of [sic] Mt. Tabour Church to be appriated [sic] by them toward Painting the Church to be Paid By my Executors when Called for. [This item has this note in its margin: "this item to be null and void."

Item, I will fifty dollars to Dorithe [sic] Foster [interlined here: "or a good Cow" and also "she got the cow"] to be paid by my Executors in six months after my Death. [This item has this note in its margin: "null & void."]

Item, I will that the farm be put under Rent as long as my wife lives subject to hur Dowery [sic] then after hur Death it is my wish that John L. Riggs & T. F. Riggs would take the farm [interlined here: "the Cole [sic] not excepted"] at seventy five Dollars per acre and pay Caroline hazelbaker [sic] one thousand Dollars and [interlined here: "Lucinda A. Latta one thousand dollars"] if they do not take the farm then it is to be sold By my Executors and the money to be Equally devided between John L. Riggs T. F. Riggs Caroline Hazelbaker and Lucinda A. Latta.

Item. I will the Cole [sic, coal] Bank to Be for the use of the place as long as annyone [sic] of my children owns the farm all to have equl rite [sic] to Cole.

Item. I will that after my Death that all my pirsonal [sic] property be sold at Bublic [sic, public] sale and the money arising from said sale to pay they [sic] specified Bequests above mentioned

Item I will to my son William N. Riggs the whole amount that he can get of John L. Williams & Newton W. Williams which they agreed to pay me one Doller [sic] per week for keeping there [sic] father & mother the day and dates ar [sic] all in my day Book.

And I do appoint John L. Riggs and T. F. Rigg [sic] [interlined below: "georg hazelbaker morella [sic]"] my Executors of this my last will and testament as my lawful Executors in witness whereof I do set my hand and seal

[signed] Mahlon Riggs [seal]

[witnesses] John Sphar | Samuel A. Chester

I will I d [sic] hazelbaker [sic] fifty dollars, this I rote [sic] since the will was sined [sic] May the 8th 1877

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[signed] M. Riggs

March the 25th 1880 I wish that my Executors would give Josia & Charley furnier [sic] four hundred & fifty dollars after after [sic] my death & the Death of my wife for the 2 boys & to git [sic] it which wood Bee there [sic, would be their] mothers sheare [sic] in My Estate, [signed] Mahlon Riggs

When I made my will I thot [sic] that they would not live to see this day

[signed] M. Riggs

This is null & void.

[Here follows two proofs of the will and its two codicils, and the issuance of letters of administration to "John L. Riggs George Hazelbaker and Marcellus Riggs (T. F. Riggs being deceased)," all on 16 June 1886.]

[Finally, there is a statement by Lydia Riggs, widow of Mahlon Riggs, accepting the provisions of the will in lieu of and substituting for her dower rights under Pennsylvania law, signed by her mark on 13 July 1886, with witnesses, Clarence Latta and Lucinda A. Noble.]

From a biography of John L. Riggs in an 1893 history of Washington Co., Pa.:^[383]

Mahlon Riggs, a son of William and Mary (Dodson) Riggs, was born in Washington county, Penn., and passed his entire life in Allen township. On August 10, 1820, he was married, by Rev. Watson, to Lydia Williams, who was born in 1800 in Washington county, Penn., a daughter of John and Margaret Williams, the former of whom came from Maryland with his mother, who is buried at California, Penn. Grandfather Williams was born February 15, 1776, and died March 10, 1861, aged eighty-five years. He was a Methodist, and was buried at Mount Tabor church. On March 23, 1799, he had married Margaret Howe, who was born in Washington county, Penn., in 1779, and died May 25, 1867. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was buried at Mount Tabor church. They had children as follows: Lydia, Mary, Elizabeth, Isa-

383. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 618. The first paragraph is bogus, of course.

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bel, Hannah, Thomas, John, William N., Simeon, Sarah and Salathiel, all now deceased, except the first and the last two named. John and William N. were traveling preachers in the Methodist Church. The children born to Mahlon and Lydia Williams were as follows: Mary E., born June 14, 1821, died January 15, 1836, and buried in Howes cemetery; John L., subject of sketch; Thomas Thornton Fleming, born April .29, 1826, and married Susan Redd May 31, 1853 (both died several years ago in Moundsville, and were buried there); Caroline A., born October 4, 1828, and married to G. W. Hazelbaker June 15, 1851; Lucinda A., born September 25, 1830, and was twice married, first , on June 12, 1853, to J. D. Latta, and after his death she married Johnston Noble, who is now deceased (she is now living at California, Penn.); William N., born March 5, 1832, died April 20, 1892, and buried at Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal church; James L., born March 15, 1834 [sic], married May 21, 1861, to Emily Rulong, of Moundsville, W. Va., both now deceased, he having died February 25, 1866, and buried at Mount Tabor church; Elizabeth A., [sic, I believe the following refers to Margaret, who has been omitted from this sketch, not Elizabeth] born August 15, 1834, married to H. J. Furnier July 29, 1860, died February 5, 1862, and was buried at Mount Tabor. (H. T. Furnier is also deceased, and is buried at Mount Tabor church). The parents were members of the Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church. The father died in 1886; his widow is living with her daughter, Lucinda, at California, Penn.

Children (appendix B and appendix C):

- 168 i **MARY ELIZA⁵ RIGGS**, born 14 June 1821,^[384] died 15 Jan. 1836,^[385] and was buried in the Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[386]

384. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Mary E. Riggs was born June 14th 1821."; Mahlon and Lydia Riggs Family Register, "Mary Eliza Riggs, was born | June 14th, A.D. 1821."

385. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Mary E. Riggs died Jany. 15th 1836."

386. *Find a Grave*, no. 75579895, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., "Mary E. Riggs | (daughter of M. & L. Riggs) | Died Jan. 15th 1836. Aged | 14 years & 7 mo's. | [poem or verse]."

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- + 169 ii **JOHN LESTER⁵ RIGGS**, born 30 Mar. 1824, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., married **DOROTHY JANE BILES**, and had five children.
- + 170 iii **THOMAS THORNTON FLEMING⁵ RIGGS**, born 29 Apr. 1826, Pennsylvania, married **SUSAN REDD**, and had at least eight children.
- + 171 iv **CAROLINE AMANDA⁵ RIGGS**, born 4 Oct. 1828, Pennsylvania, married **GEORGE W. HAZELBAKER**, and had 11 children.
- + 172 v **LUCINDA ANN⁵ RIGGS**, born 25 Sept. 1830, Pennsylvania, married (1) **JAMES D. LATTA**, and had two children, married (2) **JOHNSTON A. NOBLE**, and had **perhaps** one child.
- 173 vi **WILLIAM NEWTON⁵ RIGGS**, born 5 Mar. 1832,^[387] Pennsylvania, died 20 Apr. 1892,^[388] buried at Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa.,^[389] and never married.
- + 174 vii **MARGARET ETTA⁵ RIGGS**, born 8 Feb. 1834, Pennsylvania, married **HENRY JESSE FURNIER**, and had two sons.
- + 175 viii **JAMES LEANDER⁵ RIGGS**, born 15 Mar. 1836, Pennsylvania, married **EMILY C. RULONG**, and had two children.
- 176 ix **ELIZABETH ANN⁵ RIGGS**, born 15 Aug. 1840,^[390] Pennsylvania, died 5 Feb. 1862,^[391] married 29 July 1860^[392] **HENRY JESSE FURNIER**, and had one child: (1) **Alpharretta⁶ Furnier**, died 9 Apr. 1862, Washington Co., Pa.^[393] Henry resided with his mother, Jane, in Washington Co., Pa., in the 1870 census.^[394]

387. Lydia Riggs Bible, "William N. Riggs was born Mar. 5th 1832."; Mahlon and Lydia Riggs Family Register, "William Newton Riggs, | was born Mch. 5th, A_nD. 1832."

388. Lydia Riggs Bible, "William N Riggs Died Aprile 20, 1892."

389. *Find a Grave*, no. 74855144, gravestone photograph, Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa., "Wm N. Riggs | Mar. 5, 1832 | Apr. 20, 1892."

390. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Lizzie A.. Riggs was born Augt. 15th 1840."; Mahlon and Lydia Riggs Family Register, "Elizabeth Ann Riggs, | was born Augst. 15th, A_nD. 1840."

391. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Elizabeth A. Furnier, died February 5th 1862.", also "Lizzie A. Furnier died Feb. 5th 1862 [but this entry is crossed out for some reason]."

392. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Henry J. Furnier and Elizabeth A. Riggs | were married July 29th 1860. By Rev. W^m M^cCracken."

393. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Alpharretta Furnier Daughter of H J & F [sic] A Furnier | died April 9th 1862 all in Washington Co. Pa."

394. U.S. census, 1870, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1462, p. 322B, dw. 56, fam. 60, lists

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48. ANN[A]⁴ RIGGS (₁₂William³, ?James², James¹) was born 1799, Pennsylvania, died May 1880, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa.,^[395] and was buried in Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[396] She married 29 June 1820, Washington Co., Pa.,^[397] JACOB CROW, who was born about 1790 (calculated), died 1 July 1836, in his 47th year, and was buried in Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa.^[398]

In 1830 Jacob Crow, 30–40, resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 30–40, two boys and one girl under 5, one boy and one girl 5–10, and one female 10–15. Listed next to him was Benjamin Crow, 30–40. Listed on the next page were William “Rigg,” 80–90, and Mahlon “Rigg,” 30–40.^[399]

On 30 June 1836 Jacob Crow wrote his will in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., and it was proved (noncupatively, in that he died before he could sign it) 15 Aug. 1836. It mentions (in a typescript transcription) “my beloved wife Anna,” “after my youngest child attains or arrives at the age of twenty one years,” “equally divided between all my children to

Jane Furnier, 56, born Ohio, with Henry J., 35, born Pa., and William P., 24, born Pa.

395. *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850–1880*, 1880, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., fam. 116, Anna Crow, widow, 80, born in Pa. of Md. Natives, housekeeper, died May 1880, of apoplexy, resident of county for 18 yrs., attending physician Dr. Leatherman.

396. *Find a Grave*, no. 124365019, gravestone photograph, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., “Anna Crow | died 1880.”

397. *Early Marriage Records & a few Death Notices from the Washington Reporter*, <sites.rootsweb.com/~pawashin/marriage/early_marriages_2.html>, accessed 20 Sept. 2020: “363. June 29, 1820 | Jacob Crow to Ann Riggs of Pike Run. | By Rev. G. Baker.”

398. *Find a Grave*, no. 187213075, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Lynn King, Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa., plot: Row #10, “J. Crow | Departed this | life July the [?] | 1836 [in?] the 4[?] | year of hi[s] age[?].” This note appears on this webpage: Inscription: “Crow J. Departed this life 1 July 1836 in the 47th yr of his ae” [read by Alice Stockton and 3 others 25 June 1970].” But this doesn’t quite match what I can see with my own eyes. This note also appears on this webpage: “Jacob Crow built his house at the site of one of John Crow’s cabins. Married by Rev. G. Baker (see Reporter files), 29 June 1820. He was buried in graveyard on family farm (Long Branch) now moved to Mt. Tabor. [Alice Stockton].”

399. U.S. census, 1830, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 163, p. 229, FHL 20637.

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Azarich [sic], Mary, Natathiel [sic], James Martha Jane Sarah and Ann Eliza by paying to their mother and wife Anna,” “the above named children as they severally arive [sic] at the age of twenty one years,” and “my brother Benjamin Crow.”^[400]

In 1850 Ann Crow, 50, born in Pennsylvania, with \$5,500 real estate, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Mary, 25, and Ann E., 15, both born in Pennsylvania. Next door were the families of “Asariah” Crow, 29, and James Crow, 21, and nearby resided the family of Jacob Hazelbaker.^[401]

In 1860 Ann Crow, 60, born in Pennsylvania, with \$1,400 real and \$1,100 personal estates, resided in Fayette, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., in the household of Allen Worrell, 33, a cropper born in Pennsylvania, with \$150 personal estate, with Ann Eliza, 29, born in Pennsylvania, and “W^m” M., 6/12, born in Pennsylvania. Next door resided the families of George Hazelbaker, Cornelius McKenna, and Elias Howe.^[402]

On 27 Mar. 1862 Joseph Crow (Jacob’s brother) signed his will in Fallowfield Twp., Washington Co., Pa., and it was proved 4 June 1862. I include it here because it mentions all, I believe, children of Jacob Crow. Joseph’s will mentions: “Sarahanne Worrell daughter of Mary Worrell,” “Azariah Crow Son of Jacob Crow,” “Mary Hill daughter of Mary Worrell,” “Lucinda Worrell daughter of Mary Worrell,” “Martha Hazle Baker daughter of Jacob Crow,” “Mary Johnston daughter of Jacob Crow,” “James Crow Son of Jacob Crow,” “Salathiel Crow Son of Jacob Crow,” “Sarah How daughter of Jacob Crow,” “Annealize Worrell daughter of Jacob Crow,” “Martha Blain,” “Martha Morton my half sister,” and “Thomas Johnston my sole executor.”^[403]

400. *Pa. Wills and Probate Records, 1683–1993*, Washington Co., Wills, Vol. 5, 1834–1841, 5:274–276, images 151–152 of 340 online.

401. U.S. census, 1850, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 833, p. 163A, dw. 159, fam. 159.

402. U.S. census, 1860, Fayette PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., p. 15, dw. 67, fam. 67, FHL 805191.

403. *Pa. Wills and Probate Records, 1683–1993*, Washington Co., Wills, Vol. 8–9, 1857–1872, 8:355–356, image 217 of 738 online, will of Joseph Crow.

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In 1870 “Annie” Crow, 70, born in Pennsylvania, with \$1,000 real and \$100 personal estates, resided in Bentleyville, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., in the household of John Dehaven, 28, a teamster born in Pennsylvania, with \$300 personal estate, Sarah, 25, and Warren, 1, both born in Pennsylvania, and with A. E. “Worrel,” 37, William, 10, James, 8, and B . A., 3, male, all born in Pennsylvania.^[404]

She was alive in her brother Mahlon’s letter of 28 Jan. 1878 (appendix A), but all other siblings were dead by then.

Children (in will order, all underage at the 1836 will):

- 177 i **AZARIAH⁵ CROW**, born about 1821, Pennsylvania, married **SARAH A. MURPHY**, born about 1820, Pennsylvania, and had at least four children.

In 1850 “Asariah” Crow, 29, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, with \$3,000 real estate, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Sarah A., 30, and Jacob F., 8, John H., 6, Martha A., 4, and Benjan M., 2, all born in Pennsylvania.^[405]

- 178 ii **MARY⁵ CROW**, born about 1825, Pennsylvania, married (1) — **SLATHILL**, married (2) **THOMAS JOHNSTON**.

- 179 iii **SALATHIEL [NATATHIEL]⁵ CROW**, born June 1825, Pennsylvania, married about 1873 **CATHARINE** —, born Jan. 1852, Illinois, and had no children. Natathiel in the will transcription appears to be an error for Salathiel.

In 1900 “Sallathiel” Crow, 74 [or 76], born June 1825 [or 1823] in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Mead Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with his wife of 27 years, Catharine, 48, born Jan. 1852 in Illinois of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Illinois. She had had no children.^[406]

404. U.S. census, 1870, Bentleyville PO, California Boro., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1463, p. 64A, dw. 56, fam. 56, FHL 552962.

405. U.S. census, 1850, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 833, p. 163A, dw. 158, fam. 158.

406. U.S. census, 1900, Mead Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, ED 6, p. 103, sh. 7B, dw. 137, fam. 147, FHL 1241241.

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- 180 iv **JAMES⁵ CROW**, born about 1829, Pennsylvania, married **ELIZABETH “LYDA” CRABBS**, born about 1829, Pennsylvania.

In 1850 James Crow, 21, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Elizabeth, 21, and Joseph Biles, 14, and “Benjamon” Biles, 48, a farmer with \$3,000 real estate, all born in Pennsylvania.^[407]

- 181 v **MARTHA JANE⁵ CROW**, born about 1829, Pennsylvania, married **JACOB HAZELBAKER**, born about 1823, Pennsylvania, and had at least two children.

In 1850 Jacob Hazelbaker, 27, born in Pennsylvania, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Martha, 21, and M. J., 2, female, and R. A., 4/12, female, all born in Pennsylvania.^[408]

- 182 vi **SARAH⁵ CROW**, born about 1834, Pennsylvania, married (1) **ELIAS HOWE**, born about 1828, Pennsylvania, married (2) 6 May 1893 (licensed), Washington Co., Pa.,^[409] **HENRY H. DUVALL**, born 4 July 1834, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa.

In 1860 Elias Howe, 22 [sic], born in Pennsylvania, resided in Fayette, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Sarah, 27, born in Pennsylvania.^[410]

In 1870 Elias Howe, 43, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, with \$2,600 real and \$525 personal estates, resided in Monongahela, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Sarah, 38, born in Pennsylvania.^[411]

407. U.S. census, 1850, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 833, p. 163A, dw. 160, fam. 160.

408. U.S. census, 1850, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 833, p. 163A, dw. 161, fam. 161.

409. *Pa. Marriages, 1852–1968*, Washington Co., Pa., 1882–1898, image 1387 of 2423 online, Henry H. Duvall, 58, born 4 July 1834, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., to Sarah C. Howe, 59, both residents of East Pike Run Twp., both previously married, both former spouses deceased, licensed 6 May 1893.

410. U.S. census, 1860, Fayette PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., p. 15, dw. 71, fam. 71, FHL 805191.

411. U.S. census, 1870, Monongahela PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1462, p. 320A, dw. 24, fam. 25, FHL 552961.

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- 183 vii ANN ELIZA⁵ CROW, born about 1835, Pennsylvania, married ALLEN WORRELL, who was born about 1827, Pennsylvania, and had at least three children: (1) William M.⁶ Worrell, born about 1860, Pennsylvania; (2) James⁶ Worrell, born about 1862, Pennsylvania; and (3) B . A.⁶ Worrell, born about 1867, Pennsylvania

49. ALVIN^{4*} RIGGS (₁₂William³, ?James², James¹) was born 15 Oct. 1815, Washington Co., Pa., son of “A & E. Riggs,” died 21 Jan. 1886, aged 70 years 3 months 6 days, and was buried in Evergreen Cem., West Plains, Howell Co., Mo.^[412] He married (1) before the 1850 census **HANNAH H. SCHIMP**,^[413] who was born about 1828, Pennsylvania or Virginia, and died 21 Apr. 1863, aged 35.^[414] He married (2) 15 May 1864, Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va.,^[415] **MARY SHRAWGER**, who was born about 1836, Westmoreland Co., Pa., daughter of J. and S. (–) Schrawger, and died 26 Apr. 1915 (gravestone), and was buried in Bennett Chapel Cem., Fanchon, Howell Co., Mo.^[416]

I have been told by a family member and direct descendant of William³ that Alvin was born out of wedlock to one of William’s daughters (the “E.” suggests Elizabeth) and was included in William’s family. No-

412. *Find a Grave*, no. 24137676, gravestone photograph, by Patricia Arisman, Evergreen Cem. West Plains, Howell Co., Mo., “Alvin Riggs | born | Oct. 15, 1815 | died | Jan. 21, 1886 | aged | 70 Ys. 3 Ms. 6 Ds.”

413. Her maiden surname from son Isaac’s second marriage record.

414. Death record, [Marshall Co., W.Va.?], digital image online at <Ancestry.com>, 21–22, register of deaths, “Riggs, Hannah H. [white] 1 [Colored] [empty] [Male] [empty] [Female] 1 [date of death] [1863] Apr 21 [place] E. Town [cause] Consumption [line no.] 9 [age] 35 [name of parents] [empty] [occupation] Farmer [consort of] Alvin Riggs [informant] Husband.”

415. Marriage license and certificate, Marshall Co., W.Va., digital image online at <Ancestry.com>, C3:188, licensed and married on 15 May 1864, Moundsville, Marshall Co., Alvin Riggs, 48, widower, farmer, of Marshall Co., to M. Shrawger, 28, single, of Marshall Co., by Thomas B. Hughes, husband born Washington Co., Pa., of A & E. Riggs, wife born Westmoreland Co., Pa., of J & S. Shrawger, clerk Walter Evans.

416. *Find a Grave*, no. 46104648, gravestone photograph, Bennett Chapel Cem., Fanchon, Howell Co., Mo., “Mary | Riggs | Oct. 25, | 1835 | Apr. 26, | 1915,” cites Mo. Death Certificate 15967 as giving birth year of 1836.

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tice that William, in his will, does not include Alvin among those children receiving property, but does include him among those to divide equally \$160.

In 1850 “Albin Rigg,” 34, a laborer born in Pennsylvania, resided in Switzerland Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, with Hannah, 24, born in Pennsylvania, and with Rachel, 5, Isaac, 4, John, 3, and Jonas, 2/12, all four born in Ohio. Next door were William Shimp, 33, John Shimp, 20, and Jonas Shimp, 38, all three born in Pennsylvania.^[417]

In 1860 “Abrim” [difficult to read] Riggs, 45, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, resided in Armstrongs Mills, Washington Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, with Hannah, 34, born in Virginia, and with Rachel M., 15, born in Pennsylvania, Isaac “W.,” 14, John W., 12, and “Jones” P., 10, and Henry A., 11/12, all four born in Ohio.^[418]

In 1870 Alvin Riggs, 54, a farmer renter born in Pennsylvania with \$100 personal estate, resided in Spencer, Washington Twp., Owen Co., Ind., with Mary, 35, born in Pennsylvania, and with Henry, 18, James, 4, and Susannah, 2, all three born in Ohio, Next door was Isaac Riggs, 24, a carpenter born in Ohio, Catharine, 26, born in Virginia, and with James E., 1, born in Virginia, all residing in the household of John Cro-
nan, 30.^[419]

In 1880 Alvin Riggs, 65, a farmer on the Marshall Co. Poor House Farm, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Washington District, Marshall Co., W.Va., with his wife, Mary, 44, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, James, 14, born in West Virginia, daughter, Annie, 12, born in Ohio, son, Horrace, 9,

417. U.S. census, 1850, Switzerland Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, r. 712, p. 206A, dw. 193, fam. 193. The Shimps resided in dwellings 194–195, respectively.

418. U.S. census, 1860, Armstrongs Mills PO, Washington Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 936, p. 153, dw. 117, fam. 110.

419. U.S. census, 1870, Spencer PO, Washington Twp., Owen Co., Ind., r. 348, p. 356B, dw. 267, fam. 264. Isaac resided in dw. 268.

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born in Indiana, and [daughter], Mary A., 3, born in West Virginia. There were 16 boarders in the “Alms House” on the farm.^[420]

Children of the first marriage, to Hannah:

- 184 i **RACHEL M.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1845, Ohio or Pennsylvania.
- 185 ii **ISAAC D.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1846, Belmont Co., Ohio, married (2) 13 Aug. 1883, Chariton, Lucas Co., Iowa,^[421] **PENNINE STUMBAUGH**, born about 1862, Lucas Co., Iowa, daughter of James and B. (Woods) Stumbaugh.
- 186 iii **JOHN W.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1847, Ohio.
- 187 iv **JONAS P. RIGGS**, born about 1850, Ohio.
- 188 v **HENRY A. RIGGS**, born about 1859, Ohio.

Children of the first marriage, to Mary:

- 189 vi **JAMES⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1866, [West] Virginia or Ohio.
- 190 vii **SUSANNAH/ANNIE⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1868, Ohio.
- 191 viii **HORRACE⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1871, Indiana.
- 192 ix **MARY A.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1877, West Virginia.

59. AHIJAH³ RIGG (₁₃*Clement², Robert¹*) was born about 1763, died 27 Sept. 1835, age 72, and was buried in Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centreville, Washington Co., Pa.^[422] He signed his will 9 July 1830, Washington Co., Pa., and it was proved 7 Oct. 1835. He married **HANNAH PENNEL**, who was born about 1773, died 21 Dec. 1843, aged 70 years, and was buried in Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Pa.^[423] She signed

420. U.S. census, 1880, Washington District., Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 192, r. 1407, p. 156A, dw. 267, fam. 264.

421. *Iowa Marriage Records, 1880–1945*, 1883, Lucas Co., image 84 of 178 online, Isaac D. Riggs, of Lucas Co., Iowa, carpenter, 37, white, born Belmont Co., Ohio, father Alvin Riggs, mother Schimp, his second marriage, to Pennine [Penrine?] Stumbaugh, of Lucas Co., Iowa, 21 [27?], white, born Lucas Co., Iowa, father James Stumbaugh, mother B. Woods, her first marriage, married 13 Aug. 1883, Chariton, Iowa, recorded 25 Aug. 1883.

422. *Find a Grave*, no. 63887612, gravestone photograph, by Allen Bankson, Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centreville, Washington Co., Pa., “Sacred. | To the memory of | Ehijah [sic] Rigg, | Who died Sep. 27th | 1835, | Aged 72 Years.”

423. *Find a Grave*, no. 63953913, gravestone photograph, by Allen Bankson, Taylor Centreville

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her will 11 Aug. 1843 , Washington Co., Pa., and it was proved on 12 Jan. 1844.

In 1800 Ahijah Rigg, 26-45 [so born 1755-1774], resided in Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman over 26-45, and two boys and one girl under 10.^[424]

On 9 July 1830 Ahijah Rigg of Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., signed his will, and it was proved 7 Oct. 1835. It mentions his wife, Hannah, and his sons, Thomas, John, and Newton, daughters, Sarah and Lydia, and other children David, Susanna, and Reason. It was witnessed by James McJunkin, William McJunkin, and Caleb Johnson.^[425]

On 11 Aug. 1843 Hannah Rigg of West Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., signed her will, and it was proved 12 Jan. 1844. It mentions her sons, John Rigg and Newton Rigg, and her daughter, Sarah Rigg. Newton was appointed her executor. It was witnessed by “Rezin” Rigg and Thomas Dudgon.^[426]

Children (in will order):

- 193 i THOMAS⁴ RIGG.
- 194 ii JOHN⁴ RIGG.
- + 195 iii NEWTON⁴ RIGG, born about 1811, Pennsylvania, married (1) MARIA BAKER, and had at least three children, married (2) MARGARET (WINNETT) JENNINGS, and had at least four children.
- 196 iv SARAH⁴ RIGG, born about 1803, Pennsylvania. She resided with Newton in the 1850 census.
- 197 v LYDIA⁴ RIGG.
- + 198 vi DAVID⁴ RIGG, born 14 Apr. 1798, married SUSANNA —.
- 199 vii SUSANNA⁴ RIGG.
- 200 viii REASON⁴ RIGG.

Borough Cem., Centreville, Washington Co., Pa., “Sacred | To the memory of | Hannah Rigg | Who died Dec. 21st | 1843, | Aged 70 Years.”

424. U.S. census, 1800, Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 44, p. 856.

425. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 5:219-20 [FHL 863626].

426. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 6:228 [FHL 863627].

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71. **BAZEL [BASIL]⁴ RIGGS** (₁₆*James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 12 July 1774 (gravestone),^[427] Montgomery Co., Md., died 26 Nov. 1850, and was buried in Long Reach Cem., Sistersville, Tyler Co., W.Va.^[428] According to the 1880 census for his son, Hezekiah, both Bazel and his wife were born in Washington, D.C. He signed his will 19 Oct. 1844, Tyler Co., Va., and it was proved Dec. 1850 there (see transcription in this sketch). He married **1793, Bedford Co., Pa., MARY ROBY**, who was born 28 July 1776 (gravestone), **Bedford Co., Pa.**, died 23 Dec. 1836, **Pleasants Co., W.Va.**, and was buried in Long Reach Cem.^[429] Mary's sister, Elizabeth Roby, married Bazel's brother, Edmond (see the 1929 history of the Robys excerpted below).

The following items are from John Beverley Riggs's genealogy of the Maryland Riggses **but are not yet vetted by me**:

Basil Riggs, son of James and Mary (Johnson) Riggs, was born in 1775, in Frederick County, Maryland. He Married Mary Roby, born in 1777, in Maryland.^[430] **Notice that the dates here are not accurate—they're not far off (he should have used "about"s)—but I can't trust John Beverley Riggs except for those facts that he footnoted with references.**

Basil Riggs moved to New Matamoris [sic], Ohio. Mary (Roby) Riggs died there, in 1836. Basil Riggs died in 1850, in Tyler County, West Virginia.^[431] **This is right, however, except for the spelling.**

The following is from a 1929 history of Pleasants Co., W.Va.:

427. *Maryland Records*, Vol. 1, **apparently** a "Provincial Census of Prince George's County, 31 August 1776," "Basil" Riggs, age 2.

428. *Find a Grave*, no. 9985428, gravestone photograph, Long Reach Cem., Sistersville, Tyler Co., W.Va., "Bazel Riggs | born | July 12, 1774 | died | Nov. 26, 1850."

429. *Find a Grave*, no. 9985429, gravestone photograph, Long Reach Cem., Sistersville, Tyler Co., W.Va., "In memory [of] | Mary Riggs the W[ife] of | Bazel Riggs was born July | the 28 AD 1776 & Depaed [sic] | this life December 23 1836 | [four-line verse]."

430. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 496.

431. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 497, with footnote, "*op. cit.*, Records in D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C."

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The Robys, probably originating in the Pennsylvania Dutch families of southeastern Pennsylvania, came West from near Harper's Ferry or Hagerstown. Otha Owen Roby was married twice. By his first wife he had a son named William Hare Roby, born 1813, who came West early and settled at Ravenswood, having three sons, Isaac, Frank and William. For his second wife Otha Owen married Elizabeth Cramer, widow of a German named Dittmer, daughter of Godfrey and Rebecca Cramer, of Pigeon Cove, Pennsylvania. He died in 1837, and by the persuasion of William Hare Roby the widow and her six children ventured in the Fall of that year to cross the mountains. Four of her husband's sisters had married and gone to the Ohio Valley, namely: Elsie, married to a man named Engle, living above Raven Rock; Elizabeth, married to Edmond Riggs; Mary, married to Basil Riggs, . . .^[432]

On 28 Sept. 1792 a survey of 50 acres of land in Bedford Co., Pa, was conducted for warrantee Basil Riggs, and on the same date of 350 acres for warrantee James Riggs.^[433]

A county history has Bazel settling what is now Pleasants Co., W.Va., in 1797:

Pleasants County was created by an act of the Virginia General Assembly in 1851 from parts of Ritchie, Tyler, and Wood counties. It was named in honor of James Pleasants, Jr. (1769-1839). . . .

. . . many English fur traders and hunters continued to visit Pleasants County during the early 1700s, but their names have not been recorded. The first name that does appear in the memoirs of the era was an English fur trader named Tygart, who was said to have lived on Middle Island around 1765. In 1770, George Washington explored the area. The first permanent settlers were Isaac and Jacob LaRue, Frenchmen who had been granted a large tract of land in the present county for their service to the colonies during the American Revolutionary War. They built a cabin on Middle Island in 1790. At that time, the entire county was a wilderness. In

432. Pemberton, *A History of Pleasants Co., W.Va.*, 261.

433. *Pa. Archives, Series 3, vol. 25*, chapter "Warrantees of Land in the County of Bedford 1771-1893," 610, "Riggs, Basil, [acres] 50 [date of survey] Sept. 28, 1792. | Riggs, James, [acres] 350 [date of survey] Sept. 28, 1792," online at <www.fold3.com>.

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1797, Basil [sic] Riggs settled above Raven Rocks narrows and starting in 1800 the county's population began to increase as several families moved into the county annually.^[434]

Here is a slightly different version from an 1882 history, giving Bazel's arrival as 1795:

The first settler in the district was Isaac Larue, who located and built a cabin at the mouth of Middle Island creek, in the year 1790, on the farm now owned by A. Cole. The first white child born in this vicinity was Hannah, a daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Hughes) Larue. Jacob Larue also came in 1790, and Basil Riggs in 1795.

In the year 1810, Basil [sic] Riggs built a grist mill, which run by water, on Riggs run, near Grape Island postoffice. it was capable of grinding from twenty-five to fifty bushels per day, and for a long time enjoyed the custom trade of the settlers throughout a large extent of country. About the same time Jacob Larue erected a saw mill on Broad run, about two miles from the river. An upright saw was used, which was capable of sawing 1,500 to 2,000 feet of lumber per day, when the quantity of water was sufficient to furnish motive power.^[435]

In 1810 "Bazil" Riggs, 26-45, resided in Elizabeth Twp., Ohio Co., Va., with one woman 26-45, four boys under 10, one boy and two girls 10-16, and also four slaves.^[436]

In 1818 "Bazell" Riggs was granted 200 acres on the "Wts. [waters?] of Ohio," in what is now West Virginia.^[437]

In 1820 Bazel Riggs, over 45, resided in Tyler [derived from Ohio in 1814] Co., Va., with two women 26-45, four boys and two girls under

434. I copied this from <Ancestry.com>, clearly from a history book, but uncited. I need to find the reference.

435. *Hardesty's Biographical Atlas*, Vol. 5, 1882, partially published online at *Hardesty's Pleasants County History*.

436. U.S. census, 1810, Elizabeth Twp., Ohio Co., Va., r. 70, p. 1068.

437. *Sims Index to Land Grants in W.Va.*, Bazell Riggs, 200 acres, [description] "Wts. Of Ohio," [year] 1818, [book] 1:20.

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10, three boys 10-16, one male 18-26, and one female 16-26, and also two slaves. On the same page is listed Edmond Riggs, 26-45.^[438]

In 1830 Bazel Riggs, 50-60, resided in Tyler Co., Va., with one woman 50-60, one girl 5-10, two males 10-15, two males 15-20, three males and one female 20-30, and also three slaves. Next to him is listed William Riggs, 20-30.^[439]

In 1835 "Bazil" Riggs was granted 66 acres on Middle Island Creek in what is now West Virginia. In 1837 he was granted 50 acres "Adj. S. Thomas: there."^[440]

In 1840 Bazel Riggs, 60-70, resided in Tyler Co., Va., with one woman 30-40, one boy 5-10, and one male 20-30, and also three slaves. On the same page are listed Edmund Riggs, 50-60, and Squire D. Riggs, 20-30.^[441]

In 1850 Bazel Riggs, 73, a farmer born in Maryland with \$2,500 real estate, resided in Tyler Co., Va., with Harriet, 49, born in Virginia.^[442]

On 19 Oct. 1844 "Bazil" Riggs signed his will:^[443]

In the name of God Amen, I Bazil Riggs of the county of Tyler and state of Virginia, being sick and weak in body but of a sound mind and memory, Considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me home, do therefore publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. First and principally, I commint my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently bur-

438. U.S. census, 1820, Tyler Co., Va., r. 140, p. 86.

439. U.S. census, 1830, Tyler Co., Va., r. 200, p. 179.

440. *Sims Index to Land Grants in W.Va.*, Bazil Riggs, 66 acres, [description] Middle Island Creek [year] 1835, [book] 1:390, and Bazil Riggs, 50 acres, [description] "Adj. S. Thomas" [year] 1837, [book] 1:418.

441. U.S. census, 1840, Tyler Co., Va., r. 579, p. 15.

442. U.S. census, 1850, Tyler Co., Va., r. 979, p. 367B, dw. 636, fam. 630.

443. Tyler Co., Va., Wills, 1:127, transcription online at <www.wygenweb.org/pleasants/wills/-briggswill.txt>, "Copied by M. Grace Nett, March 2005 from copy obtained by Gerald Bills."

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ied and after the expenses of my last sickness and burial and debts are paid I devise and bequeath as follows:

Towit: First I give to my daughter Harriet all my household and kitchen furniture and I further will and devise to her three fourths of all my home farm containing one hundred and seventy four acres. Excepting thirty acres lying back of the farm owned by William Hammond and to be divided so that my daughter Harriet's share will lay at the (corner) and to have during her natural life and should she marry and have children the same to belong to her heirs; otherwise to impart to my natural and legitimate heirs.

Secondly to my dear son Basil W. Riggs and Deborah his wife I give and bequeath during their natural life a certain lot of land known as lot N6 of the land formerly belonging Abraham Larues and at their death to belong to their legitimate children.

Thirdly, It is my wish that the remaining one fourth of my home farm and the thirty acres lying back of the Hammond farm together with all my personalty estate not otherwise divided shall be sold and after paying my debts to be divided as follows;

Towit: First I give to my dear son Isaac fifty dollars including twenty five dollars which he is indebted to me. To my dear son Greenbury [sic] twenty five dollars, to my dear son William twenty five dollars. To my dear daughter Susan twenty five dollars and secondly the residue to be divided equally among et [amongst?] all my children.

Fourthly, I give to my son James the two hundred dollars which he has received. To my son Hezekiah I give the two hundred dollars which he has in his own hands. To my son Squire I give one hundred and fifty six dollars which sum he is indebted to me. And to my son Edmond who owes me one hundred and forty dollars, I give forty dollars and I give him two years to pay the one hundred to be divided amongst my heirs equally.

Fifthly, It is my desire that my black boy Jack shall at the expiration of six years be free and that should he be a faithful and good servant until his 28 years of age, then shall be give him a good horse saddle and bridle from that farm. It is also my desire that my black woman Sally remain in the family her life time and it is further my desire that the small black girl Joan shall belong to my dear daughter Harriet her heirs or assigns.

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Sixthly, It is my request and will that my daughter Harriet shall raise and take care of my grandson Porter Riggs and I leave it to her discretion to give him anything, and in case of her death my administrators must take care of him.

Seventhly, I do hereby appoint my son Hezekiah of Washington County, Ohio, and my son Greenbury of Tyler County Virginia to be the administrators of this my last will and testament revoking all others and ratifying and confirming this.

In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of October in the year of our Lord 1844

Bazil Riggs (seal)

Signed, sealed and published and declared by Bazil Riggs as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Joseph Taylor
James L. Bailey
Edmund Riggs

Tyler County Court December—1850 This last will and testament of Bazel Riggs deceased was presented in court and proven by the oaths of Joseph Taylor and James L. Bailey subscribing witnesses to the same and ordered to be recorded.

— D. Hickman Clerk

The following record, dated 15 May 1851, is important to the further history of this family, being the foundation of the first court of Pleasants Co. (founded 1850–1851), W.Va.:

Commonwealth of Virginia, Pleasants county, to-wit: Be it remembered that on Thursday, the 15th day of May, being the first Thursday after the second Monday in said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, Moses Williamson, John K. Prince, Abner Martin, Thomas Browse, Samuel Hammett, Abraham S. Gorrell, Isaac Williamson, Edmund Riggs, Alexander H. Creel, and John Stewart, gentlemen who have been appointed justices of the peace, in and for the county of Pleasants aforesaid, by a commission under the hand of the

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governor of this Commonwealth, with the seal of said Commonwealth thereto affixed, assembled themselves together at the house now the property of Alexander H. Creel, in the town of St. Marys, in the said county, and having taken oath of fidelity to the Commonwealth, the several oaths of office, the oath prescribed by the act to suppress duelling, and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, as required by law, entered upon the duties of said office by taking their seats upon the court bench, and organizing themselves into a court of record for the said county, in the manner prescribed by law.^[444]

One of the first acts of this court was the appointment of Greenbury B. Riggs as crier to the court.^[445]

More from the same history of Pleasants Co., W.Va., mentioning two sons, “G. B.” Riggs and “B. W. Riggs”:

The Bethesda Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, was organized in 1850, by Rev. Philip Green, who was the first minister. The original members were Jacob Haines, N. V. Gill, G. B. Riggs, J. F. Taylor and their several wives, B. W. Riggs and Phebe Taylor. The Bethesda Chapel was dedicated August 25, 1881, Rev. Thomas Clark officiating. It is a neat frame building, nicely furnished, and is situated on the main road from St. Marys to Sisterville, near the head of Middle Island creek. The location is a beautiful one, overlooking the Ohio river and surrounding county for miles.^[446]

Children:^[447]

444. Recorded in *Hardesty's Pleasants Co. History*.

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447. Riggs, *The Riggs Family of Maryland*, 496–97, names and orders the children thus: “1. James Riggs, born March 4, 1794; married Mary Bare. | 2. Susan Riggs, married Benjamin Burriss; moved to Galveston, Texas. | 3. Harriet Riggs, married Daniel Flint, of Pleasants County, West Virginia. *s.p.* | 4. Issac Riggs, married Nancy La Rue; lived in Pleasants County, West Virginia. | 5. William Riggs, married Lavinia Burriss (sister of Benjamin; see *supra*). | 6. Hezekiah Riggs, born in 1810; married Elizabeth Moreland; lived in New Matamoris, Ohio. | 7. Wesley Riggs, married Deborah Uhl; lived in West Virginia. | 8. Basil Ashbury Riggs, married Nancy Rea; she married secondly, John Harvey. | 9. Squire David Riggs, born October 17, 1816; married Nancy Moreland; lived at

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201 i JAMES⁵ RIGGS, born 4 Mar. 1794, married MARY BARE.

Placeholder: In 1830 James Riggs, 30–40, resided in Ohio Twp., Monroe [across the Ohio River from Tyler Co., Va.] Co., Ohio, with two women 20–30, two boys and one girl under 5, and two boys 5–10.^[448]

Placeholder: In 1840 James Riggs, 40–50, resided in Clay Twp., Galia [on down the Ohio River from Monroe] Co., Ohio, with one woman 30–40, one boy and one girl under 5, and one boy 5–10, two boys and one girl 10–15, two males and one female 15–20.^[449]

Placeholder: In 1850 James Riggs, 55, a farmer born in Pennsylvania [N.B., our James's father supposedly married in 1793 in Bedford Co., Pa.] with \$10,000 real estate, resided in Clay Twp., Galia Co., Ohio, with Mary ["Rigs"], 49, born in Pennsylvania, and with John, 23, a farmer, William, 20, a farmer, Alexander, 17, a farmer, Harry, 10, Harriet F., 13, Susanah, 7, all six born in Ohio, and with Lovina Fickle, 21, born in Ohio.^[450]

Placeholder: In 1860 James Riggs, 63, a farmer born in Maryland with \$22,000 real and \$3,200 personal estates, resided in Gallipolis, Clay Twp., Galia Co., Ohio, with Mary, 56, born in Maryland, and with Susan, 22, Mary, 28, Francis, 16, all three born in Ohio, and with Jane Jenkins, 21, born in England, "Livinia" Fickle, 25 [sic], born in Ohio, and George Allman, 11, born in Ohio.^[451]

Placeholder: In 1870 James Riggs, 74, a farmer born in Maryland with \$24,000 real and \$10,000 personal estates, resided in Mercerville, Clay Twp., Galia Co., Ohio, with Mary, 67, born in Maryland, and with Samuel H., 29, "works on the farm," born in Ohio, and Eliza, 23, "helps mother," born in Illinois, and with

Wade, Washington County, Ohio; died June 13, 1897. | 10. Greenberry Riggs, married Elizabeth Rutenaute (or Ruttencutter); lived in Utah. | 11. Edmund Riggs, born in 1805; married Mary Ann Dye; he died in 1885."

448. U.S. census, 1830, Ohio Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, r. 136, p. 128.

449. U.S. census, 1840, Clay Twp., Galia Co., Ohio, r. 395, p. 66.

450. U.S. census, 1850, Clay Twp., Galia Co., Ohio, r. 681, p. 83A, dw. 2429, fam. 2439.

451. U.S. census, 1860, Gallipolis PO, Clay Twp., Galia Co., Ohio, r. 966, p. 358, dw. 227, fam. 227.

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Stafford McClary, 12, “living in the family,” born in Ohio, and Jackson Powers, 50, a black farm laborer born in [East] Virginia. Next door resided James A. Riggs, 36, a farmer born in Ohio with \$1,000 personal estate, with Caroline, 27, born in Ohio, and with Sarah A., 13, Susie A., 11, both born in Ohio, James A., 8, Eva V., 4, both born in Indiana, and Freddie J., 11/12, born in Ohio.^[452]

+ 202 ii **SUSANNAH⁵ RIGGS**, married 1 Oct. 1818, Tyler Co., Va., **BENJAMIN BURRIS**, and had at least seven children.

203 iii **HARRIET⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1801, Virginia, married **DANIEL FLINT**, born about 1800, New Hampshire, of Pleasants Co., W.Va. She was Harriet Riggs, 49, in the 1850 census (q.v.), so it is safe to say she died without issue.

In 1860 Daniel Flint, 60, a farmer born in New Hampshire with \$3,000 real and \$567 personal estates, resided in Grape Island, Pleasants Co., Va., with Harriet, 60, born in Virginia.^[453]

+ 204 iv **ISAAC⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1801 **27 Apr. 1802, Grandview, Washington Co., Ohio**, Virginia, married (1) an unknown person, and had one child, married (2) **NANCY LARUE**, and had six children.^[454]

+ 205 v **EDMOND [EDMUND]⁵ RIGGS**, born 25 Dec. 1804, Virginia, married **MARY ANN DYE**, and had 11 children.

206 vi **WILLIAM⁵ RIGGS**, born 1800–1810, married 14 Feb. 1828, Washington Co., Ohio,^[455] **LAVINA B. BURRIS**, **sister of** Benjamin Burris.

N.B. There were a William and Sarah Riggs contemporary with Isaac and Nancy and with Edmund and Mary in the Pleasants Co., W.Va., marriage records as parents of A. J. Riggs (married 4 Mar. 1858 Jeannette Isreal, daughter of R. and Julia); Isaac B. Riggs (married 3 June 1858 Sarah J. Isreal, daughter of R. and Julia); and

452. U.S. census, 1870, Mercerville PO, Clay Twp., Galia Co., Ohio, r. 1203, p. 252B, dw. 86, fam. 86. James A. resided in dw. 87.

453. U.S. census, 1860, Grape Island PO, Pleasants Co., Va., r. 1371, p. 665, dw. 421, fam. 421.

454. **John Beverley Riggs says four.**

455. Graham and Cottle, *Washington Co., Ohio Marriages, 1789–1840*, “Riggs, William (Ty.C.); Burris, Lavina B. (Gr); 14 Feb. 1828; (353); 206.”

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Allen Riggs (married 20 July 1865 Adaline Williamson, daughter of David and Nancy).^[456]

N.B. There were a John and M. M. Riggs contemporary with Isaac and Nancy and with Edmund and Mary and with William and Sarah in the Pleasants Co., W.Va., marriage records as parents of Eleanor [sic] Riggs (married 4 May 1857 Matilda Hart, daughter of James and E. Wise).^[457]

- + 207 vii **HEZEKIAH R.⁵ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1810, Virginia, married **ELIZABETH L. MORELAND**, and had eight children.
- 208 viii **?WESLEY⁵ RIGGS**, married **DEBORAH UHL**, lived in West Virginia. There is no son Wesley mentioned in Bazel's will of 1844. I believe Wesley and Basil W. (next) are the same person. If so, John Beverley Riggs got this all wrong.
- 209 ix **BASIL W.⁵ RIGGS**, married (by Bazel's will of 1844) **DEBORAH —**. [John Beverley Riggs has Basil Ashbury Riggs here, married Nancy Rea, lived in West Virginia. She married, second, John Harvey. But this doesn't fit Bazel's will.] Basil Riggs Jr. married (bond date) 2 Dec. 1833, Tyler Co., [W.]Va.,^[458] Elizabeth McKay.
Placeholder: "Hazel" A. Riggs married 11 May 1837, Washington Co., Ohio, Nancy Rea.^[459]
Placeholder: "Bazil" Riggs married 31 Dec. 1850, Tyle[r] Co., Va., Elizabeth McCoy.^[460]
Placeholder: On 15 Aug. 1835 "Bazill" Riggs, of Meigs Co., Ohio, bought from Elias Smith and Harriet his wife, of the same

456. Pleasants Co., W.Va., *Grooms List*, "Riggs A. J. William & Sarah Isreal Jeannette R. & Julia 03-04-1858," "Riggs Isaac B. William & Sarah Isreal Sarah J. R. & Julia 06-03-1858," "Riggs Allen 21 William & Sarah Williamson Adaline 15 David & Nancy 07-20-1865 J. W. W. Bolton."

457. Pleasants Co., W.Va., *Grooms List*, "Riggs Eleanor [sic] John & M. M. Hart Matilda James & E. Wise 05-04-1857."

458. W.Va. Marriage Records Research, image of bond of Basil Rigg Jr. and Abraham McCoy, dated 2 Dec. 1833, conditioned on the marriage of Basil Riggs Junior to Elizabeth McKay, witness D. Hickman, signed Basil Riggs Jr. and Abr. M. McCoy.

459. Graham and Cottle, *Washington Co., Ohio Marriages, 1789-1840*, "Riggs, Hazel A.; Rea, Nancy; 11 May 1837; (61); 377."

460. Va. *Marriages, 1740-1850*, Basil Riggs to Elizabeth McCoy, 31 Dec. 1850, "Tyle" Co., Va.

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place, for \$455, a parcel of land in Meigs Co. of 72 acres. It was acknowledged the same day.^[461]

Placeholder: On 12 Feb. 1836 “Bazil” Riggs, of Meigs Co., Ohio, bought from Reuben Knowles and Amelia Knowles his daughter, of the same place, for \$200, a parcel of land in Meigs Co. of 49.8 acres. It was acknowledged the same day.^[462]

Placeholder: On 7 Oct. 1839 “Bazille” Riggs, of Meigs Co., Ohio, bought from Reuben Knowles, of Lebanon Twp. in the same place, for \$400, a parcel of land in Meigs Co. of 53 acres. It was acknowledged the same day.^[463]

Placeholder: On 23 Sept. 1839 “Bazille” Riggs, of Meigs Co., Ohio, bought from Reuben Knowles, of Meigs Co., and Edwin Guthrie and Amelia his wife, of Washington Co., Ohio, for \$550, a parcel of land in Meigs Co. of 50.25 acres. It was acknowledged 7 Oct. 1839 in Meigs Co. and 23 Sept. 1839 in Washington Co.^[464]

Placeholder: In 1850 Bazil Riggs, 43, a farmer born in Virginia, resided in Lebanon Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with Owen, 13, and William, 11, both born in Ohio.^[465]

- + 210 x **SQUIRE DILLY⁵ RIGGS**, born **17 Oct.** 1816, Tyler Co., [W.]Va., married (1) **NANCY R. MORELAND**, and had 12 children, married (2) **ELIZA —**.
- + 211 xi **GREENBERRY B.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1819, Virginia, married **ELIZA RUTTENCUTTER**, and had at least seven children.

73. EDMOND [EDMUND]⁴ RIGGS (₁₆*James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born [25 Dec. 1783] (gravestone, **reputedly, but I can’t read the dates**), **Bedford**

461. Meigs Co., Ohio, Deeds, 4:700-701, image 716-717 of 738 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 313481, DGS 8193205, Elias Smith deed to “Bazill” Riggs.

462. Meigs Co., Ohio, Deeds, 5:138, image 76 of 612 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 313482, DGS 8585236, Reuben Knowles et al. deed to “Bazel” Riggs.

463. Meigs Co., Ohio, Deeds, 7:411-412, images 223-224 of 742 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 313483, DGS 8585237, Reuben Knowles deed to “Bazill” Riggs.

464. Meigs Co., Ohio, Deeds, 7:558-560, images 298-299 of 742 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 313483, DGS 8585237, Reuben Knowles and Edwin Guthrie deed to “Bazelele” Riggs.

465. U.S. census, 1850, Lebanon Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 710, p. 152A, dw. 585, fam. 594.

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Co., Pa., died [15] Feb. 1876, and was buried in Long Reach Cem., Sistersville, Tyler Co., W.Va.^[466] He married (1) Feb. 1806, Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md.,^[467] **ELIZABETH ROBY**, who was born 22 Apr. 1788 (gravestone), Maryland, died 11 Jan. 1857, and was buried in Long Reach Cem.^[468] Elizabeth's sister, Mary Roby, married Edmond's brother, Bazel (see his sketch for details). Edmond married (2) before the 1860 census **CAROLINE T. —**, who was born 16 Feb. 1818, Virginia or Maryland, died 8 Feb. 1898, and was buried in Long Reach Cem.^[469]

In 1820 Edmond Riggs, 26–45, resided in Tyler Co., Va., with one woman 26–45, three boys and two girls under 10, one boy and one girl 10–16. On the same page is listed Bazel Riggs, over 45.^[470]

In 1830 Edmund Riggs, 40–50, resided in Tyler Co., Va., with one woman 40–50, two boys and two girls under 5, one girl 5–10, one male 10–15, one male and two females 15–20, and two males 20–30. On the same page is listed Edmund Riggs, 20–30, with one woman 20–30.^[471]

In 1840 Edmund Riggs, 50–60, resided in Tyler Co., Va., with one woman 30–40, one boy 5–10, and one male 20–30, and also three slaves. On the same page are listed Bazel Riggs, 60–70, and Squire D. Riggs, 20–30.^[472]

In 1850 Edmund Riggs, 66, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$4,800 real estate, resided in Tyler Co., Va., with Elizabeth, 64, born in

466. *Find a Grave*, no. 9985301 gravestone photograph, Long Reach Cem., Sistersville, Tyler Co., W.Va., “Ed[mond?] Riggs | born | [Dec. 25, 1783?] | died | Feb. [15,?] 1876.”

467. *Maryland Marriages, 1666–1970*, Edmond “Riggs” to “Elisabeth Robey,” Feb. 1806, Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md. [FHL 859283, items 1-2, Records of St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, item 3, Records of Zion Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Maryland, source p. 80].

468. *Find a Grave*, no. 9985300, gravestone photograph, Long Reach Cem., Sistersville, Tyler Co., W.Va., “Elizabeth Riggs | born | Apr. 22 1788 | died | Jan. 11, 1857.”

469. *Find a Grave*, no. 9985302, gravestone photograph, Long Reach Cem., Sistersville, Tyler Co., W.Va., “Caroline T. | Riggs | born | Feb. 16, 1818 | died | Feb. 8, 1898 | Here we sleep.”

470. U.S. census, 1820, Tyler Co., Va., r. 140, p. 86.

471. U.S. census, 1830, Tyler Co., Va., r. 200, p. 180.

472. U.S. census, 1840, Tyler Co., Va., r. 579, p. 15.

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Maryland, and with Caroline, 28, Elizabeth, 26, Josiah, 24, a farmer with \$3,000 real estate, Okey, 22, and Emaly, 21, all five born in Virginia.^[473]

In 1860 Edmund Riggs “Sen.,” 76, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$12,000 real and \$691 personal estates, resided in St. Marys, Pleasants Co., Va., with Caroline, 42, born in Virginia. Next door was Harriet Riggs, 28, born in Ohio with \$1,500 real and \$80 personal estates, and with Josiah, 6, born in Virginia.^[474]

In 1870 “Edmon” Riggs “Sen.,” 86, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$8,000 real and \$100 personal estates, resided in Grape Island, Pleasants Co., W.Va., with Caroline, 53, born in Maryland. Nearby was “Harrit” Riggs, 40, farming, born in Ohio with \$4,000 real and \$50 personal estates, and with “Josia,” 15, born in Virginia, and also with Sarah Springer, 17, born in Virginia.^[475]

A 1929 history of Pleasants Co., W.Va., states:

Edmund, the other son of pioneer James Riggs, married Elizabeth Roby, and their children were Owen, Calvin, Josiah, Mrs. Mary Ann Holdren, Betsy, Maria and Caroline. Owen and Calvin went to Missouri.”^[476]

Known or suspected children:^[477]

- + 212 i **CALVIN⁵ RIGGS**, born 1810–1812, Tyler Co., W.Va., married (1) **ADALINE NABORS**, and had two children, married (2) **CHARLOTTE/LETTE WARREN**.
- + 213 ii **OWEN⁵ RIGGS**, born 3 Dec. 1813, Tyler Co., W.Va., married (1) **ELIZABETH LURTON**, married (2) **MALINDA H. BIRDSONG**, and had two daughters.

473. U.S. census, 1850, Tyler Co., Va., r. 979, p. 368A, dw. 645, fam. 639.

474. U.S. census, 1860, St. Marys PO, Pleasants Co., Va., r. 1371, p. 651, dw. 379, fam. 379. Harriet resided in dw. 380.

475. U.S. census, 1870, Grape Island PO, Union Twp., Pleasants Co., W.Va., r. 1697, p. 484B dw. 7, fam. 7. Harriet resided in dw. 9.

476. Pemberton, *History of Pleasants Co., W.Va.*, 272, courtesy of Bruce Varner.

477. Calvin, Owen, and Edmund were proposed by my correspondent Bruce Varner. He did much of the research on them, and I’ve doublechecked his work and accept it.

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- 214 iii **?LORENZO DOW⁵ RIGGS**, born 10 Nov. 1815, died 25 Oct. 1818, buried New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio.^[478] We know only that Lorenzo was grandson of James³ and Mary (Johnson) Riggs, but **we don't know which of their sons was the father**. The association with New Matamoras doesn't seem to fit Edmond⁴.
- 215 iv **?RUTH B.⁵ RIGGS**, born 1 Feb. 1819 (gravestone), died 30 July 1819, buried New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio.^[479] We know only that Ruth was granddaughter of James³ and Mary (Johnson) Riggs, but **we don't know which of their sons was the father. Note that Ruth's birthdate conflicts with the next one for Edmond⁵, suggesting that Edmond⁴ is not her father**. The association with New Matamoras doesn't seem to fit Edmond⁴.
- + 216 v **EDMOND [EDMUND]⁵ RIGGS**, born 1 Jun. 1819, Tyler Co., W.Va., married **MARY ANN PILES**, and had five children. He may have had an additional four children out of wedlock with **NANCY ANN VARNER**.
- + 217 vi **MARY ANN⁵ RIGGS**, born after or in 1821, West Virginia, married **THOMAS HOLDREN**, and had at least six children.
- 218 vii **CAROLINE⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1822, Virginia.
- 219 viii **ELIZABETH⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1824, Virginia.

478. *Find a Grave*, no. 32900873, two gravestone photographs, by DeLoss McKnight III, New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio, one is old and I cannot read its inscription from its photograph, the other is a picture of half a wide stone, apparently with "Riggs" at the top, part of a phrase ending in "of Matamoras" at the bottom, one-half of an item reading "R | Sheets | Sheets | 1801 | ears," and the following two clear inscriptions: "Granddaughter | Ruth B. Riggs | born Feb. 1, 1819 | died May 30, 1819 || Grandson | Lorenzo Dow Riggs | born Nov. 10, 1815 | died Oct. 25, 1818."

479. *Find a Grave*, no. 32900940, two gravestone photographs, by DeLoss McKnight III, New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio, one is old and I can read its inscription only partially from its photograph, "Heare Lieth the | Body of Ruth B | Riggs Who was Born | F[?] 1819 and | [Departed] [?] this Life | [?]," the other is a picture of half a wide stone, apparently with "Riggs" at the top, part of a phrase ending in "of Matamoras" at the bottom, one-half of an item reading "R | Sheets | Sheets | 1801 | ears," and the following two clear inscriptions: "Granddaughter | Ruth B. Riggs | born Feb. 1, 1819 | died May 30, 1819 || Grandson | Lorenzo Dow Riggs | born Nov. 10, 1815 | died Oct. 25, 1818."

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- + 220 ix **JOSIAH [JOSHUA]⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1826, Virginia. **Probably** he who married **HARRIETTE DIBBLE**, and had at least one child.
- 221 x **OKEY [OAKY]⁵ RIGGS**, born 10 Feb. 1826 (calculated), Tyler Co., [W.]Va., died 11 Jan. 1858, Ohio River, Pleasants Co., [W.]Va., aged 31 years 11 months 1 day.^[480]
- 222 xi **EMALY⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1829, Virginia.

74. SAMUEL⁴ RIGGS (₁₆James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 13 July 1786, Maryland^[481] or Pennsylvania, died 31 Mar. 1875, Jennings Twp. Fayette Co., Ind.,^[482] and was buried in Garden of Memories Cem., Lyonsville, Fayette Co., Ind.^[483] He married 18 Sept. 1810, Washington Co., Ohio,^[484] **ELIZABETH HENTHORN ROSS**, born 5 Apr. 1795,^[485] daughter of Andrew and Mary (**Lyon**) Ross, and died 15 or 19 June 1874,^[486] and was buried with her husband.

Excerpted from a 1917 history of Fayette Co., Ind.:^[487]

One of the oldest families in Fayette county is the Riggs family, which was established here in territorial days by Samuel Riggs and his wife Elizabeth, who came over here from Ohio eight years before Fayette county was organized as a civic unit and settled on a tract of land in what later came to be organized as Jennings township, where they established their home and

480. Death record, image online at W.Va. Vital Recods Research, Pleasants Co., W.Va., 1:4, no. 18, Oaky Riggs, white, male, died 11 Jan. 1858, Ohio River, aged 31 yrs. 11 mos. 1 dy., father Edmund Riggs Sr., born Tyler Co., informant father; W.Va. *Deaths Index, 1853-1973*, Okey Riggs, born about 1827, Tyler Co., died 11 June 1858, Ohio River, Pleasants Co., Va., aged 31 yrs. 11 mos. 1 dy., farmer, white, male, father Edmund Riggs Sr., FHL 34490 (also 867993).

481. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 880.

482. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 881.

483. *Find a Grave*, no. 50899726, gravestone photograph (low-resolution, difficult to read), by Rob Hughes, Garden of Memories, Lyonsville, Fayette Co., Ind., "Samuel | Riggs | July 13, 1786 | Mar. 31, 1875. | Elizabeth | His Wife | Apr. 5, 1795 | June 15, 1874."

484. *Ohio Marriages*, 268, "1810 Sep 18 Riggs, Samuel and Elizabeth Henthorn Ross by Henry Jolly, Washington Co."; Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 880; Graham and Cottle, *Washington Co., Ohio Marriages, 1789-1840*, "Riggs, Samuel; Ross, Elizabeth H.; 18 Sept. 1810; (176); 67M."

485. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 881.

486. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 881, gives 19 June 1874; gravestone gives 15 June 1874.

487. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, "James S. Riggs," 880-84, with photograph of James.

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where they spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of twelve children and their descendants in the fourth generation today form a numerous family throughout this part of the state.

Samuel Riggs was born in Maryland on July 13, 1786, a son of James and Mary (Johnson) Riggs, who also were born in Maryland, representatives of old colonial families, and who later moved to Washington county, Ohio, where Samuel grew to manhood and where he married, on September 18, 1810, Elizabeth Ross, daughter of Andrew and Mary Ross. The next year, in 1811, Samuel Riggs walked over into the then Territory of Indiana, "spying out the land," and found here in the upper valley of the White Water what he had been seeking, a land very fair and good to look upon. He entered a quarter of a section of land in the woods four or five miles east of the point where John Conner had established his trading post on the river, and there, near the middle of what later came to be organized as Jennings township, decided to establish his home. He returned to Ohio for his wife and the two came out here into the wilderness. They transported their household goods by flatboat down the river to Cincinnati and from that point began the toilsome journey by wagon through the woods up the old White Water trail to their new home in the wilderness. Upon their arrival there they put up a log cabin and began the laborious task of creating a habitable home amid conditions that would have appalled all but the stoutest hearts. Samuel Riggs was an energetic and industrious man and from the very beginning of his operations in this county prospered. He became the owner of two hundred and twenty-one acres of land in Jennings township and was also the owner of four hundred and eighty acres in Howard county. Samuel Riggs died at his home in Jennings township on March 31, 1875. His wife, who was born on April 5, 1795, had preceded, him to the grave less than a year, her death having occurred on June 19, 1874. She was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church and she and her husband exerted a potent influence for good in the formative period of the now prosperous farming community in which they had settled in pioneer days. They were the parents of twelve children,

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Denton, John, Mary, Ruth, Stephen, James S., Andrew, S. H., Kinsey, Rossie, Jane and Nancy.^[488] [to be continued]

In 1850 Samuel Riggs, 63, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$5,000 real estate, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 58, born in Virginia, and with Mary, 33, born in Ohio, and Jane, 15, and Kinsey, 17, a male laborer, both born in Indiana. Next door resided James Riggs, 21.^[489]

In 1870 Samuel Riggs, 85, a retired farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$14,105 real and \$460 personal estates, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Mary, 75, born in Pennsylvania, and with Mary, 55, and Jane, 35, both born in Indiana, and with Elizabeth Price, 11, born in Indiana. Next door was Samuel (Jr.), 23 [sic].^[490]

Children (items in red may come from John Beverly Riggs):^[491]

- + 223 i DENTON J.⁵ RIGGS, born about 15 Feb. 1812, Ohio, married BARBARA LOUDERBACK, and had at least six children.
- 224 ii JOHN⁵ RIGGS, born 20 June 1814, married 27 Feb. 1851 MARTHA ANN HARRISON.
- 225 iii MARY⁵ RIGGS, born about 1815 2[] Oct. 1816, Indiana, died 8 Aug. 1900. She resided, unmarried, in Fayette Co., Indiana, in the 1870 and 1880 censuses next door to her brother Samuel.
- 226 iv RUTH ANN⁵ RIGGS, born 2 Feb. 1818, married 3 July 1832, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[492] JOHN JACKSON.
- + 227 v STEPHEN O.⁵ RIGGS, born about 1820 4 July 1819, Indiana, married MARTHA JANE FRAZEE, and had at least three children.

488. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 880–81.

489. U.S. census, 1850, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 144, p. 224B, dw. 84, fam. [empty]. James resided in dw. 85.

490. U.S. census, 1870, Alquina PO, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 312, p. 101A, dw. 86, fam. 95. Samuel Jr. resided in dw. 87.

491. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 881.

492. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Ruth Ann Riggs to John Jackson, 2 July 1832, Fayette Co. source Fayette Co., Ind., Marriages, 1831–1870, 2:257.

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- + 228 vi JAMES S.⁵ RIGGS, born 13 Nov. 1821, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., 1821, married SUSAN MONGER, and had at least two eight children.
- 229 vii ANDREW R.⁵ RIGGS, born 13 Dec. 1823, died 14 July 1896, buried in Converse Cem., Mier, Grant Co., Ind.,^[493] married 4 Mar. 1852, Grant Co., Ind., MARY C. BRANDON.
- 230 viii SAMUEL HAMILTON⁵ RIGGS, born 27 Mar. 1827, married (1) AMANDA BROWN, and had at least two children, married (2) ELIZABETH E. MONGER, and had at least eight children.
- 231 ix KINSEY/KINZE⁵ RIGGS, born about 1833 1 Mar. 1829, Indiana, died 7 May 1911.
- 232 x ROSSIE/ROSSEY⁵ RIGGS, born 29 Mar. 1827 (so out of order in Barrow if birthdate is correct).
- 233 xi JANE⁵ RIGGS, born about 1835 18 Dec. 1836, Indiana, died 9 Oct. 1912. She resided, unmarried, in Fayette Co., Indiana, in the 1870 and 1880 censuses next door to her brother Samuel.
- 234 xii NANCY⁵ RIGGS, born 18 July 1840.

76. JOHN⁴ RIGGS (₁₆James³, Edmond², James¹) was born about 1781, D.C., died 15 Sept. 1851, Indiana. He married 7 July 1802, Washington Co., Ohio,^[494] SARAH WILSON, who was born about 1786, Tennessee, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Weedon) Wilson, and died 20 Sept. 1875.

The following is repeated for convenience from the sketch for John's father:

Henry Riggs' parents were John Riggs and Sarah Wilson Riggs. John Riggs parents were James Riggs and Mary Johnson Riggs. Sarah Wilson parents were Samuel and Nancy Weedon Wilson. John and Sarah Riggs

493. *Find a Grave*, no. 65479045, no gravestone photograph, Lyonsville Garden of Memories, Converse Cem., Mier, Grant Co., Ind., *unsourced information*: born 13 Dec. 1823, died 14 July 1896, "m. Mary C Brandon, 4, Mar, 1852 Grant Co. IN." This is perhaps from a gravestone.

494. *Ohio Marriages*, 268, "1802 Jul 7 Riggs, John and Sarah Wilson by Sam'l Williamson, JP, Washington Co."; Graham and Cottle, *Washington Co., Ohio Marriages, 1789-1840*, "Riggs, John; Wilson, Sarah; 7 July 1802; (354); NW-57."

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came to Jennings County April 1, 1820, lived on a farm about 3 miles from Brewersville. John died September 15, 1851 and Sarah died September 20, 1875.^[495]

In 1820 John Riggs, 26-45, resided in Jennings Co., Ind., with a woman 26-45, two boys and one girl under 10, and one male and two females 10-16. Listed next is Martin Sheets.^[496]

In 1830 John Riggs, 40-50, resided in Jennings Co., Ind., with a woman 40-50, two boys 5-10, one male and one female 15-20.^[497]

In 1840 John Riggs, 50-60, resided in Jennings Co., Ind., with a woman 50-60, one male 15-20, and one male 20-30. Henry Riggs is listed two items away, 20-30, with a woman 20-30, one boy and one girl under 5, one boy 5-10, and one female 10-15.^[498]

In 1850 John Riggs, 69, born in D.C., resided in Sand Creek Twp., Jennings Co., Ind., with Sarah, 64, born in Tennessee. Next door was Martin Riggs, 35.^[499]

Known children:

- + 235 i HENRY⁵ RIGGS, born 16 Oct. 1806, married AMELIA MAY, and had nine children.
- + 236 ii MARTIN⁵ RIGGS, born 1815, Ohio, married (1) CYNTHIA ANN EDDLEMAN, and had one child, married (2) CATHERINE ELIZABETH UNDERWOOD [UMENSETTER], and had five children.

78. JANE⁴ RIGGS (₁₆James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 1788 (from biography of Ernest Maurer below), Virginia or Pennsylvania, and died after the 1870 census. She married 7 Sept. 1805, Washington Co., Ohio,^[500]

495. *Jennings Co., Ind., 1816-1999*, 267.

496. U.S. census, 1820, Jennings Co., Ind., r. 14, p. 79. Martin Sheets 000100 10000.

497. U.S. census, 1830, Jennings Co., Ind., r. 27, p. 152.

498. U.S. census, 1840, Jennings Co., Ind., r. 84, p. 230.

499. U.S. census, 1850, Sand Creek Twp., Jennings Co., Ind., r. 155, p. 313A, dw. 334, fam. 334. Martin resided in dw. 335.

500. *Ohio Marriages*, 268, "1805 Sep 7 Riggs, Jane and Moses Williamson by Philip Whitten, Washington Co."

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MOSES WILLIAMSON, who was born 1774 (from same biography), Pennsylvania, and died Jan. 1850, Fayette Co., Ind., age 75.^[501]

Moses Williamson served in Parke's (formerly Daviess') Squadron Light Dragoons, Indiana Militia, as a private, from 14 Sept. 1811 to 23 Nov. 1811.^[502]

From a 1917 history of Fayette Co., Ind. (a biography of Ernest Maurer who married a great granddaughter, Rannah B.⁷ Williamson):

[Samuel E. Williamson] was born in 1807, a son of Moses and Jane (Riggs) Williamson, the former born in 1774 and the latter in 1788, who came over into Indiana from Ohio and settled on a farm one mile south of Lyons, in this county [Fayette], in pioneer days. There Moses Williamson became the owner of two hundred and forty-three acres and there he and his wife spent their last days. Samuel Williamson spent all his life on that same farm, one of the best-known farmers in that part of the county in his generation, he having been one of the most extensive stockmen thereabout. He died in 1858, leaving his widow with a large family of children. She was born, Elizabeth Conoway [sic], in North Carolina and had come to this part of the country with her parents in pioneer days. She remained on the home farm the rest of her life, her death occurring in 1884.

On that pioneer farm in Jennings township, Edmond R. Williamson grew to manhood. After his marriage in 1874 he continued to follow farming and gardening in that vicinity, living on that portion of the old homestead that fell to his share, and there remained until 1894, when he moved to the old Mount farm in Harrison township, north of Connersville, where he lived for eight years, at the end of which time he moved to the Huber place, where he spent two years and a half. He then returned to the old Williamson homestead, where he remained until his retirement and removal, in March, 1912, to Connersville, where he and his wife are now making their home. Mrs. Williamson, before her marriage, was Lucinda Strong. She was born in Waterloo township, this county, daughter

501. US census, 1850, mortality schedule, Moses Williamson, 1850, Fayette Co., Ind., age 75, male, month of death Jan., state of birth Penn.

502. *US Compiled Service Records, Post-Revolutionary War Volunteer Soldiers, 1784-1811*, Moses Williamson, Ind. Terr., r. 22D.

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of Wilson and Eliza (Fiant) Strong, well-known residents of that part of the county, both now deceased.^[503]

In 1820 Moses Williamson, over 45, resided in Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with one male 10-16, one female 26-45. Nearby were listed Anthony Sheets and James Riggs.^[504]

In 1830 Moses Williamson, 50-60, resided in Fayette Co., Ind., with one male 20-30, one female 15-20, and one female 30-40.^[505]

In 1840 Moses Williamson, 60-70, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with one female 50-60.^[506]

In 1850 Jane Williamson, 60, born in Pennsylvania, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Adaline, 17, born in Indiana.^[507]

In 1860 Jane Williamson, 71, born in Virginia, resided in Alquina, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., next to the families of Elizabeth Williamson, 55, and Madison Williamson, 24. Jane could not read or write.^[508]

In 1870 Jane Williamson, 81, born in Virginia with \$4,000 real estate, resided in Alquina, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 60, born in Virginia with \$8,000 real estate, Daniel, 27, and Edwin, 19, both born in Indiana.^[509]

Known child:

+ 237 i **SAMUEL E.⁵ WILLIAMSON**, born 1807, married **ELIZABETH CONAWAY**, and had 11 children.

503. Barrows, *History of Fayette Co., Ind.*, 1077.

504. U.S. census, 1820, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, r. 95, p. 223.

505. U.S. census, 1830, Fayette Co., Ind., r. 26, p. 19.

506. U.S. census, 1840, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 79, p. 104.

507. U.S. census, 1850, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 144, p. 227A, dw. 115.

508. U.S. census, 1860, Alquina PO, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 256, p. 608, dw. 287, fam. 287.

509. U.S. census, 1870, Alquina PO, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 312, p. 104B, dw. 133, fam. 145.

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85. GREENBERRY⁴ RIGGS (₁₉*Greenberry*³, ?*Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 3 Feb. 1798 (gravestone), Kentucky, died 24 Mar. 1864, and was buried in Riggs Cem., Montgomery Co., Ky.^[510] He married^[511] **MARY F. MCCLURE**, who was born 27 Dec. 1818 (gravestone), Ohio, died 5 Jan. 1894, and was buried in Riggs Cem.^[512]

In 1850 Greenberry Riggs, 52, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$4,372 real estate, resided in Montgomery Co., Ky., with Mary, 32, born in Ohio. Next door was John H. Riggs, 46, born in Kentucky.^[513] Greenberry Riggs had five slaves.^[514]

In 1860 “Green” Riggs, 60, a farmer born in Kentucky with [illegible] estates, resided in Mt. Sterling, Montgomery Co., Ky., with Mary F., 41, born in Ohio, and with Ruth A., 7, Flora D., 6, and “Sally” B., 4, all three born in Kentucky.^[515]

Children:

- 238 i **RUTH A.⁵ RIGGS**, born 25 Dec. 1852, Montgomery Co., Ky.,^[516] died 7 May 1865, buried in Riggs Cem.^[517]

510. Ky. *Historical Society Cem. Search*, Riggs Cem., Montgomery Co., Ky., Greenberry Riggs, born 3 Feb. 1798, died 24 Mar. 1864, physical location: “Located about two miles off Wade’s Mill Pike, in Montgomery Co. On old George Lee farm.”

511. Although the birth record of the first child gives the mother’s name as “Miss – Miller,” I am convinced that she must be identical with Mary F. McClure, because they were both named Mary, both born about 1818, both in Ohio, and the gravestones of all the children give “M. F. Riggs” as the mother.

512. Ky. *Historical Society Cem. Search*, Riggs Cem., Montgomery Co., Ky., Mary F. Riggs, born 3 Feb. 1798, died 24 Mar. 1864, inscription: “Wife of G. B. Riggs.”

513. U.S. census, 1850, Montgomery Co., Ky., r. 214, p. 27A, dw. 333, fam. 333. John resided in dw. 334.

514. U.S. census, 1850, slave schedule, Montgomery Co., Ky., a male, 30, female, 23, male, 5, female, 2, and male, 0, all five black.

515. U.S. census, 1860, Mt. Sterling PO, Montgomery Co., Ky., r. 388, p. 293, dw. 107, fam. 107. Difficult to read.

516. Ky. *Birth Records, 1852–1910*, “Dec’ 25 1852 Ruth Riggs FM [female] alive MtGomery Co. Ky. [father] Riggs Greenberry [mother] Miss – Miller [sic] white.”

517. Ky. *Historical Society Cem. Search*, Riggs Cem., Montgomery Co., Ky., Ruth A. Riggs, born 25 Dec. 1852, died 7 May 1865, inscription: “Daughter of G. B. and M. F. Riggs.”

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- 239 ii **FLORA D.⁵ RIGGS**, born 13 Dec. 1853 (gravestone), died 30 Nov. 1875, buried in Riggs Cem.^[518]
240 iii **SARAH B.⁵ RIGGS**, born 4 Nov. 1855, Montgomery Co., Ky.^[519]

89. JOHN HARDY⁴ RIGGS (₁₉*Greenberry*³, ?*Edmond*², *James*¹)^[520] was born about 1804, Kentucky. He married **HANNAH SEWELL**, who was born about 1807, Kentucky.

In 1840 John H. Riggs, 30–40, resided in Montgomery Co., Ky., with a woman 30–40, and one girl under 5 [Mary]. Nearby is listed Greenberry Riggs, 80–90.^[521]

In 1850 John H. Riggs, 46, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$3,500 real estate, resided in Montgomery Co., Ky., with Hannah, 43, born in Kentucky, and Mary E., 12, Henry H., 9, Ann E., 7, James G., 4, all four born in Kentucky. There was also a laborer in the household. Next door was Greenberry Riggs, 52, born in Kentucky.^[522]

Children:

- 241 i **MARY E.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1838, Kentucky, married 11 Nov. 1858, Montgomery Co., Ky.,^[523] **ROBERT HADEN**, born about 1838, Clarke Co., Ky.
242 ii **HENRY H.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1841, Kentucky.
243 iii **ANN E.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1843, Kentucky.
244 iv **JAMES G.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1846, Kentucky, died 15 Nov. 1924, Grassy Lick, Montgomery Co., Ky.,^[524] buried 15 Nov. 1924, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

518. Ky. *Historical Society Cem. Search*, Riggs Cem., Montgomery Co., Ky., Flora D. Riggs, born 13 Dec. 1853, died 30 Nov. 1875, inscription: "Daughter of G. B. and M. F. Riggs."

519. Ky. *Birth Records, 1852–1910*, "Nov. 4 [1855] Sarah Riggs female Alive Montgomery County [father] Greenberry Riggs [mother] Mary F M^cClure white."

520. His middle name is from his son James's death certificate (q.v.).

521. U.S. census, 1840, Montgomery Co., Ky., r. 120, p. 295.

522. U.S. census, 1850, Montgomery Co., Ky., r. 214, p. 27A, dw. 333, fam. 333. John resided in dw. 334.

523. Ky. *Marriage Records, 1852–1914*, "[date] Nov 11 1858 [groom:] [name] Robert Haden [residence] Montgomery [age] 20 [condition] Single [birthplace] Clarke county [bride:] [name] Mary E. Riggs [residence] Montgomery county [age] 20 [condition] Sing [illegible]."

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90. JOHN WILLIAM⁴ RIGGS (₂₄*Erasmus³, Edmond², James¹*)^[525] was born 31 May 1798 (gravestone), Kentucky, died 21 or 22 Jan. 1867, and was buried in Old Crain Graveyard, Fleming Co., Ky.^[526] He married 25 (bonded) or 26 Jan. 1826, Bourbon Co., Ky.,^[527] **ELEANOR FISHER**, who was born 27 May 1803 (gravestone), daughter of William Fisher,^[528] and died 9 July 1844, and was buried in Florida Cem., Florida, Monroe Co., Mo.^[529]

In 1830 John W. Riggs, 30–40, resided in Nicholas Co., Ky., with a woman 15–20 (born 1810–1815) [does not fit Eleanor], and with one male [Erasmus Columbus] and two females under 5 (born 1825–1830).^[530]

524. Death certificate, James G. Riggs, Commonwealth of Ky., State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 28639, reg. dist. no. 6756, primary reg. dist. no. 3, died 15 Nov. 1924, Grassy Lick, Montgomery Co., aged 78 yrs., male, white, widower, born Ky., father Hardy Riggs, born Ky., mother “do not know,” buried 15 Nov. 1924, Mt. Sterling, Ky., informant James Arthur Haydon, of Mt. Sterling, Ky.

525. See child John Williams Riggs Jr. for the argument that this John’s middle name was Williams.

526. *Find a Grave*, no. 67230806, gravestone photograph by Jan Waddell, Old Crain Graveyard, Fleming Co., Ky., “. . . | John W. Riggs | born | May 31, 1798 | died | Jan. 21, 1867;” Albert Riggs Family Record (see Illustrations): “John W. Riggs [born] May 31, 1798 [married] January 26, 1826 [died] January 22, 1867.”

527. Ky., U.S., *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, Bourbon Co., 1824–1895, image 119 of 373 online: John W. Riggs bonded to marry 25 Jan. 1826 Eleanor Fisher, of Bourbon Co., with cobondsman, Horatio Fisher; Ky., U.S., *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, image 215 of 439 online, FHL 851644, John W. Riggs to Eleanor Fisher, 25 Jan. 1826, Bourbon Co., Ky.

528. Digitized image of a scrap of paper online at <Ancestry.com>, titled “Fisher.Riggs Marraige [sic] 1826,” originally shared by jzancestry on 16 May 2017: “January 24, 1826 | M^r Thomas P. Smith | Sir you will please to let M^r John W. Riggs have a marriage license to be Married to my Daughter Eleanor Fisher your compliance will much Oblige me | [signed] William Fisher | attest | Benjamin Couchman | Horatio Fisher.”

529. *Find a Grave*, no. 19904018, gravestone photograph, Florida Cem., Florida, Monroe Co., Mo., “Ellannor [sic] | Wife of | John W. Riggs | born | May 27, 1803 | died | July 9, 1844 | Aged 41 years, | 1 month 12 days;” Albert Riggs Family Record (see Illustrations): “Eleanor C. Fisher [born] May 27, 1803 [married] January 26, 1826 [died] July 9, 1844.”

530. U.S. census, 1830, Nicholas Co., Ky., r. 40, p. 211.

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In 1850 John W. Riggs, 51, born in Kentucky, resided in Monroe Co., Mo., in the household of James Hannah, 35, a woman, Elizabeth, 35, and five Hannah children.^[531]

In 1860 J. W. Riggs, 62, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$1,000 real and \$135 personal estates, resided alone in Morehead, Rowan Co., Ky.^[532] Fleming County abuts Rowan County in 1860; Rowan split from Fleming in 1856.

Known children:

- + 245 i ERASMUS COLUMBUS⁵ RIGGS, born 17 Feb. 1827, Kentucky, married LUCY J. SHIRLEY, and had 13 children. ***My correspondent Terry Closser's line.***
- + 246 ii ELLEN C.⁵ RIGGS, born June 1830, Kentucky, married (1) THOMAS BALL, and had one child, married (2) ALVIN POWELL, and had one child.
- 247 iii JOHN WILLIAM⁵ RIGGS, born about 1836, Kentucky.

Albert Riggs Family Record (see Illustrations): "There were three other children [than Erasmus Columbus]: John Williams, who died in infancy, a daughter Eleanor [sic], and another son whom they named John Williams, also (as they wished for a son to carry the name of the father)."

In 1870 John W. Riggs, 34, a farmer born in Kentucky, with \$3,500 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Fulton, Liberty Twp., Callaway Co., Mo., with Ellen "T." Ball, 40, born in Kentucky, and with John Ball, 17, with \$4,500 personal estate, born in Missouri.^[533]

531. U.S. census, 1850, Monroe Co., Mo., r. 407, p. 132A, dw. 815, fam. 815.

532. U.S. census, 1860, Morehead PO, Rowan Co., Ky., r. 394, p. 614, dw. 192, fam. 196, FHL 803394.

533. U.S. census, 1870, Fulton PO, Liberty Twp., Callaway Co., Mo., r. 764, p. 373A, dw. 13, fam. 13.

Fifth Generation

102. DANIEL⁵ RIGGS (₂*John*⁴, ?*John*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born about 1800 (and before 20 Aug. 1802 since he was of lawful age, 21, on his marriage date), Kentucky, and died after the 1880 census. He married (1) 20 Aug. 1823, Lewis Co., Ky.,^[534] **CATHERINE GILMAN**, who was born after 20 Aug. 1802 (since she was not of lawful age, 21, when she married), daughter of Henry Gilman, and who died before the 1850 census. Daniel married (2) Nov. 1852 or 15 Dec. 1852 (bond date), Lewis Co., Ky.,^[535] **REBECCA (IRWIN [IRVIN]) FITCH**, who was born about 1815, Kentucky, daughter of Alexander Irwin. She married, first, James Fitch, who died probably before the 1850 census and certainly before Rebecca's 1852 marriage.^[536]

In 1830 Daniel Riggs, 40–50 [sic], resided in Lewis Co., Ky., with a woman 20–30, three boys and one girl [Eveline, born c1828] under 5 [born 1825–1830], and one boy 5–10 [born 1820–1825].^[537]

In 1840 Daniel Riggs, 40–50, resided in Lewis Co., Ky. with a woman, 30–40, one boy [Albert or Daniel] and one girl under 5 [born 1835–1840], one boy [John or Henry] and one girl, 5–10 [born 1830–1835],

534. Ky. *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, Lewis Co., 1807–1852, image online, “[date] 1823 | August 20th [no.] 387 [parties] Daniel Riggs | To | Catharine Gilman [security] Henry Gilman [proof of age] Daniel Riggs of Lawful age & Personal Consent of Henry Gilman the Father of Catharine given | att J. H. Robb Clk | [return] [empty],” FHL 344051.

535. Ky. *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, Lewis Co., 1852–1860, image online, a marriage bond between Daniel Riggs, principal, and Alexander Irwin, surety, on the condition that Daniel Riggs marries Rebecca Fitch (widow), signed at Clarksburg, Lewis Co., Ky. on 15 Dec. 1852, witness D. [Pliny?] Robb DC, and signed with the marks of Daniel Riggs and Alex Irwin, FHL 344052; Ky. *Marriage Records, 1852–1914*, Lewis Co., image online “[married] [1852 or 1853, two different affidavits] Nov – [groom] Daniel Riggs Lewis Co Ky 45 Widower [born] Lewis Co. Ky [bride] Rebecca Irvin Lewis Co Ky 30 single [born] Lewis Ky.” Alexander Irwin was possibly Alexander Irwin.

536. *Ind. Death Certificates, 1899–2011*, image online, no. 6685, William W. Fitch, died 25 Feb. 1929, Ingalls, Green Twp., Madison Co., Ind., aged 92 yrs. 5 dys., male, white, widowed (spouse Elizabeth Fitch), retired farmer, born 20 Feb. 1837, Kentucky, father James Fitch, born Ky., mother Rebecca Irwin, born Ky., informant Mrs Lewis A. McGlone, of Ingalls, Ind., buried 27 Feb. 1929, Fair Mount Cem., Ky.

537. U.S. census, 1830, Lewis Co., Ky, r. 38 p. 306, FHL 7817.

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three males 10–15 [born 1825–1830], and one female 15–20 [born about 1820–1825]. Listed on the same page (with surnames beginning with R) was “Sa^m” Riggs, 30–40, and his family.^[538]

In 1850 Daniel Riggs, 45 [sic], a blacksmith born in Kentucky, resided in Manchester, Sprigg Twp., Adams Co., Ohio [across the river from Lewis Co., Ky.], with Henry, 16, a blacksmith, Eveline, 22, Daniel, 11, Albert 14, and Allen, 8, all born in Kentucky, and with Amanda Huffman, 18, born in Kentucky.^[539]

In 1850 Alexander Irwin, 69, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$400 real estate, resided in Lewis Co., Ky., with Ruth, 53, born in Pennsylvania, and with Elizabeth, 22, Norma, 20, Ruth J., 19, Alexander, 17, James L., 13, Rebecca Fitch, 35, William W. Fitch, 12, and Martha A. Fitch, 9, all born in Kentucky.^[540]

In 1860 Daniel Riggs, 60, a farmer born in Kentucky, resided in Lewis Co., Ky., with Rebecca, 45, John, 29, Daniel, 20, Allen, 18, Ann E., 6, Samuel, 4, Theodocia, 2, and “Unnamed,” 11/12, female, all born in Kentucky.^[541]

In 1870 Daniel Riggs, 70, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$900 real and \$450 personal estates, resided in Concord, Lewis Co., Ky., with Rebecca, 54, “Anna,” 16, Samuel, 14, “Theadosia,” 22, and Jane, 10, all born in Kentucky. Nearby were John Riggs, 40, and Albert Riggs, 32.^[542]

In 1880 Daniel Riggs, 80, a farmer born in Kentucky of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in New Jersey, resided in Concord Pct., Lewis Co., Ky., with his wife, Rebecca, 54, born in Kentucky of Pennsylvania natives.^[543]

Known children of the first marriage, to Catherine:

538. U.S. census, 1840, Lewis Co., Ky, r. ?, p. 65, FHL 7829.

539. U.S. census, 1850, Manchester [abbreviated Man in upper margin], Sprigg Twp., Adams Co., Ohio, r. 657, p. 93B, dw. 673, fam. 673.

540. U.S. census, 1850, Lewis Co., Ky., r. 210, p. 218B, dw. 205, fam. 205.

541. U.S. census, 1860, Lewis Co., Ky., r. 381, p. 830, dw. 488, fam. 488, FHL 803381.

542. U.S. census, 1870, Concord PO, Concord Pct., Lewis Co., Ky., r. 481, p. 417A, dw. 123, fam. 123, FHL 545980.

543. U.S. census, 1880, Concord Pct., Lewis Co., Ky., ED 56, r. 428, p. 9B, dw. 173, fam. 173.

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- 248 i EVELINE⁶ RIGGS, born about 1828, Kentucky.
- + 249 ii JOHN⁶ RIGGS, born about 1831, Kentucky, married AMANDA [ARMINDA] [ARMELIA] KERR, born about 1845, Ohio, and had six children. *This is the Duane Riggs line.*
- 250 iii HENRY⁶ RIGGS, born about 1834, Kentucky.
- + 251 iv ALBERT⁶ RIGGS, born about 1836 or Dec. 1838, Kentucky, married MARGARET COOPER, born about 1844, Kentucky, and had three children.
- 252 v DANIEL⁶ RIGGS, born about 1839, Kentucky.
- 253 vi ALLEN⁶ RIGGS, born about 1842, Kentucky.

Children of the second marriage, to Rebecca:

- 254 vii ANN[A] E.⁶ RIGGS, born about 1854, Kentucky, married 15 Aug. 1872, Lewis Co., Ky.,^[544] EDWARD A. CARRINGTON.
- 255 viii SAMUEL⁶ RIGGS, born about 1856 (1870 and 1880 censuses) or 10 Sept. 1853 (calculated, death certificate), Kentucky, died 27 June 1930, Valley Pct., Lewis Co., Ky.,^[545] buried 29 June 1930, Clarksburg Cem., Clarksburg, Lewis Co., Ky., married MARY HIGHFIELD, born 31 Mar. 1869, Kentucky, daughter of John and Harriet (Thomas) Highfield, and died 24 Apr. 1927, Valley Pct., Lewis Co., Ky.,^[546] buried 26 Apr. 1927, Webster Cem., Lewis Co., Ky.

544. Lewis Co., Ky, Marriage Records, 1807-1878, image 347/452 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, film #7726100, "Riggs Ann E. Carrington, Edward A. Aug 15 1872 J 46."

545. Ky. Death Records, 1852-1965, image online, Death Certificates, 1911-1965, 1930, film 7017551, no. 14858, Samuel Riggs, died 27 June 1930, Valley No. 2 Pct., Lewis Co., Ky., aged 76 yrs. 9 mos. 17 dys., male, white, widowed (spouse Mary Riggs), farmer, born 10 Sept. 1853, Ky., father Dan Riggs, born Ky., mother Rebecca Irwin, born Ky., informant Pres. Riggs, of Clarksburg, Ky., buried 29 June, 1930, Clarksburg Cem.

546. Ky. death certificate, image online at *Find a Grave*, no. 175886888, certificate 2184, Mary Riggs, resident for 66 [sic] yrs. 24 dys. of Valley Pct., Lewis Co., died 24 Apr. 1927, Valley Pct., aged 58 yrs. 24 dys., female, white, married (spouse Samuel Riggs), housekeeper, born 31 Mar. 1869, Ky., father John Highfield, born Ky., mother Harriet Thomas, born Ky., informant Samuel Riggs, of Clarksburg, Ky., buried 26 Apr. 1927, Webster Cem.

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- 256 ix **THEODOCIA**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1858, Kentucky, married 11 Nov. 1875, Lewis Co., Ky.,^[547] **DANIEL HERRON**.
 257 x **JANE**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1859, Kentucky.

103. **SAMUEL**⁵ **RIGGS** (₂₆*John*⁴, ?*John*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born about 1804, Kentucky, son of a John Riggs, presumably of Lewis Co., Ky. He married 7 Oct. 1824, Lewis Co., Ky.,^[548] **ANN[A] BILLYEU**, who was born about 1807, Kentucky, daughter of John Billyeu.

In 1830 Samuel Riggs, 20–30, resided in Lewis Co., Ky., with a woman 20–30, two boys and one girl under 5. He is listed next to John Riggs, 60–70, and one page away from Daniel Riggs, 40–50 [sic]. Samuel is also listed next to Elipatet Gilman.^[549]

In 1840 “Sa^m” Riggs, 30–40, resided in Lewis Co., Ky. with a woman, 30–40, two boys and one girl under 5, two boys and one girl, 5–10, two males 10–15, and one female 15–20. Listed on the same page (with the Rs) is Daniel Riggs, 40–50.^[550]

In 1850 [enumerated 15 Aug. 1850] Samuel Riggs, 46, a farmer born in Kentucky, resided in Lewis Co., Ky., with Ann, 43, William, 19, Solomon, 16, Lorenzo D., 14, Samuel, 12, David, 10, Francis M., 8, Nancy, 6, Simon, 6, and Eliza E., 3, all born in Kentucky. Nearby resided Milburn Riggs, 24, born in Kentucky.^[551]

Also in 1850 [enumerated 21 Nov. 1850] Samuel Riggs, 46, a farmer born in Kentucky, resided in Mason Co., Ill., with Ann, 43, Milburn,

547. Lewis Co., Ky, Marriage Records, 1807–1878, image 347/452 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, film #7726100, “Riggs Theodosia Herron, Daniel Nov 11 1875 K 182.”

548. Ky. *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, Lewis Co., 1807–1852, image online, “[date] 1824 | October | the 7th [no.] 427 [parties] Samuel Riggs | To | Anna Billyeu [security] John Billyeu [proof of age] A certificate from John Riggs the Father of Samuel giving his Consent duly proved and filed & Personal Consent of John Billyeu the Father of Anna given before another date | Att J. H. Robb Clk | [return] I certify that the Rites of Matrimony were duly Solemnized between Samuel Riggs and Ann Bilyeu [sic] on the 7th day of October 1824 | By me Joseph Harris,” FHL 344051.

549. U.S. census, 1830, Lewis Co., Ky, r. 38 p. 307, FHL 7817.

550. U.S. census, 1840, Lewis Co., Ky, r. ?, p. 65, FHL 7829.

551. U.S. census, 1850, Lewis Co., Ky., r. 210, p. 186A, dw. 441, fam. 445. Wilburn resided in dw. 437.

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26, a farmer, John, 22, a farmer, “Cryntha” Ann, 20, William, 18, Solomon, 16, Lorenzo D., 14, Samuel, 12, David, 10, Marion, 8, Simon, 6, and Eliza E., 3, all born in Kentucky.^[552]

In 1860 Anna Riggs, 52, born in Kentucky with \$1,600 real estate, resided in Havana, Mason Co., Ill., in the residence of Samuel Riggs, 21, born in Kentucky with \$475 personal estate, with Milburn, 32, a farmer with \$475 personal estate, William, 27, David, 19, Francis M., 17, Simon, 15, and Eliza E., 12, all born in Kentucky.^[553]

Children:

- 258 i **MILBURN⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1824, Kentucky.
- 259 ii **JOHN⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1828, Kentucky.
- 260 iii **CYNTHIA ANN⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1830, Kentucky, married 10 Mar. 1847, Lewis Co., Ky.,^[554] **JOHN NASH**, over 21 at marriage.
- 261 iv **WILLIAM⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1832, Kentucky.
- 262 v **SOLOMON⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1834, Kentucky.
- 263 vi **LORENZO D.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1836, Kentucky, married about 1852 **LOUISA —**, born June 1840, Indiana, and had 10 children.

In 1900 L. D. Riggs, 63, a farmer born Nov. 1836 in Kentucky of a father of unknown nativity and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Fergus Co., Mt., with his wife of 38 years, Louisa, 59, born June 1840 in Indiana of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in South Carolina, and with his sons, “Geo.,” 24, a freighter born

552. U.S. census, 1850, Mason Co., Ill., r. 120, p. 201B–202A, dw. 845, fam. 845.

553. U.S. census, 1860, Havana PO, Twp. 21, Range 8, Mason Co., Ill., r. 210, p. 462, dw. 722, fam. 1, FHL 803210.

554. Lewis Co., Ky, Marriage Records, 1807–1878, image 347/452 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, film #7726100, “Riggs Cynthia Ann Nash, John Mar 5 1847 C 20;” Ky. County Marriages, 1797–1954, image 274/344 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, film #4261738, “1847 | March 5th No 12 John Nash | To | Cynthia Ann Riggs [surety] James H. Garrett | Fees paid John Nash is over the age of 21 years & a Certificate from Samuel Riggs the Father of Cynthia Ann Giving his consent proved by the oath of James H. Garrett a witness & filed the date | [?] Joseph Robb Clerk [return] March the 10th 1847 This is to Certify that John Nash, and Cynthia Ann Riggs was this day Married by me — | Hugh Wilson.”

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Sept. 1875, and Cleveland, 16, born Apr. 1884, both born in Montana. Louisa had had 10 children, with seven surviving.^[555]

- 264 vii **SAMUEL⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1838, Kentucky.
- 265 viii **DAVID⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1840, Kentucky.
- 266 ix **FRANCIS MARION⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1842, Kentucky.
- 267 x **NANCY⁶ RIGGS** (twin), born about 1844, Kentucky. She was not listed in the second of the two 1850 censuses, having perhaps died then.
- 268 xi **SIMON⁶ RIGGS** (twin), born about 1844, Kentucky.
- 269 xii **ELIZA E.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1847, Kentucky.

134. NATHAN⁵ RIGGS (₃₈*Nathan*⁴, ?*Jeremiah*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born May 1833 (1900 census), [West] Virginia, married about 1862 (1900 census) or 1866, Marshall Co., W.Va.,^[556] **SARAH ANN McCLINTOCK**, who was born about [perhaps June] 1841, [West] Virginia, daughter of Robert and Harriet (Lucket) McClintock, and died 24 July 1934, Roberts Ridge, Marshall Co., W.Va.^[557]

In 1870 Nathan Riggs Jr., 28 [*sic*], a huckster born in West Virginia with \$150 personal estate, resided in Moundsville, Clay Twp., Marshall Co, W.Va., with "Sallie" Ann, 29, born in West Virginia, and with Emma D., 10 [*sic*], Dora, 2, and Brady, 1, all three born in West Virginia. Next door was Nathan Riggs Sr., 74.^[558]

In 1880 Nathan Riggs, 48, a farmer born in Virginia of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Clay District, Marshall Co, W.Va., with his wife, Sarah A., 38, born in Virginia of Virginia natives, and with his daughters,

555. U.S. census, 1900, Fergus Co., Mt., ED 25, r. ?, p. 235, sh. 4A, dw. 441, fam. 445, FHL 1240911.

556. *W.Va. Marriages Index, 1785–1971*, Nathan Riggs to Sarah A. "McLintic," 1866, Marshall Co., W.Va.

557. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Sarah A. Riggs, born about 1841, died 24 July 1934, Roberts Ridge, Marshall Co., W.Va., aged 93 yrs. 1 mos. 9 dys., retired, white, married, female, father Robert McClintock, mother Harriet Lucket, spouse Nathan Riggs [FHL 853801, also FHL 1953835].

558. U.S. census, 1870, Moundsville PO, Clay Twp., Marshall Co., Va., r. 1693, p. 387A, dw. 117, fam. 117. Nathan Sr., resided in dw. 116.

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Emma, 16, and Dora, 14, and son, “Brada,” 11, all three born in West Virginia.^[559]

In 1900 Nathan Riggs, 67, a farmer born May 1833 in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Clay District, Marshall Co, W.Va., with his wife of 38 years, Sarah, 52, born June 1847 [sic] in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and with his daughter, Emma D. Ruckman, 36, born Sept. 1863 in West Virginia, and his granddaughter, Minnie Ruckman, 14, born Dec. 1885 in West Virginia of a father born in West Virginia. Sarah had had three children, with three surviving. Emma had had only the one child.^[560]

In 1910 Sarah Riggs, [illegible age], a farmer born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Clay District, Marshall Co, W.Va., with her husband of 30 [sic] years, Nathan, 70, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and with her daughter, Emma D., 25 [sic], a widow born in West Virginia. Sarah had had three children, with three surviving. Emma had had one child, and it survived.^[561]

Children:

- 270 i **EMMA DELIA**⁶ **RIGGS**, born Sept. 1863, West Virginia, died 7 Mar. 1941, Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va.,^[562] married — **RUCKMAN**, and had one child: (1) Minnie⁷ Ruckman, born Dec. 1885, West Virginia.
- 271 ii **DORA**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 17 Sept. 1867, Marshall Co., W.Va.^[563]
- 272 iii **BRADY**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 16 Dec. 1868, Marshall Co., W.Va.,^[564] died 29 Dec. 1922, Roberts Ridge, Marshall Co.^[565]

559. U.S. census, 1880, Clay District, Marshall Co., Va., ED 189, r. 1407, p. 92C, dw. 1, fam. 1.

560. U.S. census, 1900, Clay District, Marshall Co., Va., ED 68, r. 1765, p. 42, sh. 18A, dw. 304, fam. 332.

561. U.S. census, 1910, Clay District, Marshall Co., Va., ED 80, r. 1688, p. 52, sh. 17A, dw. 304, fam. 332.

562. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Emma Delia Ruckman, born about 1859, died 7 Mar. 1941, Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va., aged 82 yrs. 5 mos. 18dys., housewife, white, widowed, female, father Nathan Riggs, mother Sarah McClintic [FHL 853801].

563. *W.Va. Births Index, 1853–1969*, Dora Riggs, born 17 Sept. 1867, Marshall Co., parents Nathan Riggs, Sarah Riggs.

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135. JAMES⁵ RIGGS (₃₆Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born about 1800, married 20 May 1824, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[566] PHILENA DYE.

On 15 Sept. 1832, James Riggs bought (price not specified) from Robert Turner and Elizabeth his wife, of Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, a parcel of land in Meigs Co. being over 70 acres of S½SW S20 T7 R14. The deed was acknowledged and Elizabeth relinquished her right of dower on 15 Sept. 1832.^[567]

On 28 Dec. 1837, James Riggs and Philena his wife, of Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, sold to Mathew Wilson, of Town Co., Ohio, for \$75, a parcel of land in Scipio Twp. being over 70 acres of S½SW S20 T7 R14. Nancy Riggs was one of the witnesses (possibly his sister). The deed was acknowledged and Philena relinquished her right of dower on 28 Dec. 1837.^[568]

I found no further records of James and Philena in Meigs Co., perhaps consistent with the following “family tale”:

Family stories have one family going to Iowa from Meigs county Ohio between 1840–1850. The story is the parents die . . . don’t know how or where or when. They may have died from illness, Indians, ?. The children are retrieved [sic] and brought back to Ohio and appear in the 1850 Ohio census with family and neighbors.^[569]

Possible children:

564. W.Va. *Births Index, 1853–1969*, Brady Riggs, born 16 Dec. 1868, Marshall Co., parents Nathan Riggs, Sarah Ann Riggs.

565. W.Va. *Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Brady Riggs, born about 1871, died 29 Dec. 1922, Roberts Ridge, Marshall Co., W.Va., father Nathan Riggs, mother Sarah “McClintic” [FHL 853800 and 1953501].

566. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–2013*, Meigs Co., 1819–1852, 1:34, image 44 of 277 online, James Riggs to Philena Dye, married 20 May 1824, by Martin Ray JP.

567. Meigs Co., Ohio, Deeds, 4:686–687, images 709–710 of 738 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 313481, DGS 8193205, deed, Robert Turner to James Riggs.

568. Meigs Co., Ohio, Deeds, 7:233–234, images 129–130 of 742 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 313483, DGS 8585237, deed, James Riggs to Mathew Wilson.

569. Posted 13 Aug. 2010 by annie8232, linked to William “James” Riggs, <Ancestry.com>.

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- + 273 i ?AUGUSTUS⁶ RIGGS, born about 1831 or Apr. 1834, Ohio, married ALZINA STILES, and had three children.
- + 274 ii ?MARIAH [MARIA] F.⁶ RIGGS, born 25 May 1841 or May 1842, Ohio, married JOHN R. GROVER, and had eight children.

137. REBECCA⁵ RIGGS (₃₆Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born about 1805, Ohio. She married (1) J. M. PERRY, who was born about 1806, Massachusetts. She married (2) XXX.

Rebecca Riggs married 18 Oct. 1821, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[570] Thomas [perhaps Thomason] S. Townsend.

Repeated for convenience: In 1850 Rachel Riggs, 66, born in Pennsylvania, resided in Rome Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, in the household of J. M. Perry, 44, a farmer born in Massachusetts with \$1,800 real estate, and Rebecca, 45, born in Ohio, Huldah, 21, and Peter W., 20, both born in Massachusetts, Oliver, 18, Matilda, 16, Jackson, 13, and Jefferson, 10, all born in Ohio.^[571]

Known children of the first marriage, to Mr. Perry:

- 275 i HULDAH⁶ PERRY, born about 1829, Massachusetts.
- 276 ii PETER W.⁶ PERRY, born about 1830, Massachusetts.
- 277 iii OLIVER⁶ PERRY, born about 1832, Ohio.
- 278 iv MATILDA⁶ PERRY, born about 1834, Ohio.
- 279 v JACKSON⁶ PERRY, born about 1837, Ohio.
- 280 vi JEFFERSON⁶ PERRY, born about 1840, Ohio.

139. MARY “POLLY”⁵ RIGGS (₃₆Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born about 1809, Virginia, died 13 Oct. 1894, Lebanon Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio (from the history of Meigs Co. quoted in her parents’ sketch), and was buried in Shipman Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[572] She married

570. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–2013*, Meigs Co., 1819–1852, 1:14, image 34 of 277 online, “Tho” S. Townsend to “Rebecca” Riggs, married 18 Oct. 1821, by Martin Ray JP.

571. U.S. census, 1850, Rome Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, r. 660, p. 95B, dw. 1344, fam. 1361.

572. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., image 185/578 online, Martin Dye to Mary Riggs, no. 734, licensed 17 July 1865, married 30 July 1865, by J. H. Gale JP.

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30 July 1865, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[573] **MARTIN DYE**, who was born 17 Mar. 1801 (calculated), Virginia, died 9 Apr. 1883, aged 82 years 23 days, and was buried with Mary. Mary was Martin's second wife, and they had no children. He married, first, 6 Apr. 1823, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio,^[574] Margaret Brafield.

In 1850 Mary Riggs, 41, born in Virginia with \$50 real estate, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, in the household of William Townsend, 23, a sash maker born in Ohio, and with Sarah Riggs, 10, born in Ohio. Frances Riggs, 27, born in Ohio, resided nearby.^[575]

In 1870 Martin Dye, 69, a day laborer born in Virginia, with \$150 real and \$925 personal estates, resided in Lee, Harrisonville Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with Mary, 60, born in Virginia, and with Maggie, 13, born in Ohio.^[576] Maggie was a granddaughter of Martin's previous marriage (cf. his will below).

In 1880 Martin Dye, 79, a farmer born in Virginia of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Maryland, resided in Harrisonville, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife, Mary, 71, born in Virginia of a mother born in Maryland and a father in Pennsylvania, and with his grandniece, Evalina Cray, 13, born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio.^[577]

On 5 Dec. 1881 Martin Dye signed his will in Meigs Co., Ohio, and it was proved 16 June 1883 (completed 13 July 1883). It mentions "my

573. *Find a Grave*, no. 7255336, gravestone photograph, by Robin (Cottingham) Townsend-Fife, Shipman Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio, shares plinth with her husband Martin, "Mary | Wife of | Martin Dye | [I cannot read any more of it]." Martin's side of the plinth: "Martin | Dye | died | Apr. 9, 1883 | Aged | 82Y, 23 D. | Dye."

574. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774-1993*, Meigs Co., 1819-1862, 38, image 14 of 470 online, Martin Dye to Margaret Brafield, both of Scipio Twp., married 6 Apr. 1823, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., by Martin Ray JP.

575. U.S. census, 1850, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 710, p. 27-28A, dw. 406, fam. 406.

576. U.S. census, 1870, Lee PO, Harrisonville Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 1242, p. 332A, dw. 99, fam. 101, FHL 552741.

577. U.S. census, 1880, Harrisonville PO, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 118, r. 1048, p. 271B, dw. 325, fam. 344.

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said wife Mary Dye,” “my Grandaughter Margaret Dye,” and “my two Sons Andrew Dye and David Dye.” It also mentions their lot and house in Harrisonville, Meigs Co.^[578]

140. JEREMIAH D.⁵ RIGGS (₃₆*Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 1811 (gravestone), Ohio, died 1873, and was buried in Riggs Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[579] He married 26 Sept. 1833, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[580] **ISABEL GILLESPIE**, who was born 1815 (gravestone), Ohio, died 1884, and was buried next to her husband.

In 1840 Jeremiah Riggs, 20–30, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with a woman 20–30, and two boys under 5. Richard Riggs is listed on the same census page.^[581]

In 1850 Jeremiah Riggs, 39, a farmer born in Ohio with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with “Issabell,” 37, born in Ohio, Gilman, 14, John, 11, William, 8, Sarah, 6, Elias, 4, Jeremiah, 5/12, all born in Ohio.^[582]

Repeated for convenience: In 1860 “Rachal” Riggs, 76, a widow born in Pennsylvania, resided in Pomeroy, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, in the household of “G.” D. Riggs, 50, a farmer born in Ohio with \$3,000 real and \$600 personal estates, and “Isabell,” 44, born in Ohio, John, 21, William, 19, Sarah, 17, Elias, 14, Jeremiah, 10, and “Samara,” 8, all born in Ohio. Two dwellings away was Perry Riggs, 36, born in Ohio.^[583]

578. *Ohio Wills and Probate Records, 1786–1998*, Meigs Co., Wills, Vols. 5–6, 1881–1893, 143–147, images 109–111 of 666 online, will of Martin Dye and its probate.

579. *Find a Grave*, no. 6514211, gravestone photograph, by Robin (Cottingham) (Townsend) Fife, Riggs Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio, “Riggs | Jeremiah D. Riggs | 1811 – 1873 || Isabella Riggs | 1815 – 1884.”

580. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., image 65/470 online, Jeremiah D. Riggs to Isabel Gillespie, married 26 Sept. 1833 by William McMahan JP, recorded 21 Oct. 1833, FHL 313453.

581. U.S. census, 1840, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 413, p. 37, FHL 20172.

582. U.S. census, 1850, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 710, p. 33B, dw. 488, fam. 488.

583. U.S. census, 1860, Pomeroy PO, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 1008, p. 188, dw. 281, fam. 255, FHL 805008.

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In 1870 Jeremiah Riggs, 59, a farmer born in Ohio with \$2,500 real and \$700 personal estates, resided in Lee, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with Isabel, 54, born in Ohio, Jeremiah Jr., 20 and Samaria, 18, all born in Ohio, and his father-in-law, William Stevens, 75, born in Maine, and one day laborer. Two dwellings away was Perry Riggs, 47, born in Ohio.^[584]

In 1880 Isabel Riggs, 63, a widow born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., in the household of her son, Jeremiah, 30, single, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives. Sharing the dwelling with them were Sarah Cain, 37, a widow born in Ohio of Ohio natives, with her sons, Miles, 14, William, 10, Elmont and Delmont, both 4, all four born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio. Next door was Wesley Riggs, 24, born in Ohio.^[585]

Known children:

- 281 i **GILMAN⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1836, Ohio, married (1) 14 Apr. 1860, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[586] **JULIA ANN STEWART**, married (2) 3 Apr. 1889, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[587] **MARY C. WOODYARD**.
- 282 ii **JOHN⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1839, Ohio.
- 283 iii **WILLIAM⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1842, Ohio.
Placeholder: William S. Riggs married 18 Apr. 1860, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[588] Martha E. Weaver.

584. U.S. census, 1870, Lee PO, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 1242, p. 340A, dw. 233, fam. 236, FHL 552741.

585. U.S. census, 1880, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 118, r. 1048, p. 263B, dw. 168, fam. 174 and 175.

586. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1819–1862, no. 1216, image 409 of 470 online, “Married on the 14 day of April, A.D 1860, Gilman Riggs and Julia Ann Stewart by me a Minister of the Gospel | W^m T. Metkalf.”

587. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1879–1892, no. 996, image 467 of 593 online, “Gilmon” Riggs (var. “Gilmore” Riggs) to Mary C. Woodyard, licensed 3 Apr. 1889, married 3 Apr. 1889, by M. W. Hissey MG.

588. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1819–1862, no. 1220, image 409 of 470 online, “Married on the 18 day of April, A.D 1860, W^m S. Riggs and Martha E. Weaver by me a Justice of the Peace | E. C. Hayman.”

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- 284 iv SARAH⁶ RIGGS, born about 1844, Ohio, married 9 Aug. 1865, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[589] DANIEL ISAAC CAIN, and had four children: (1) Miles⁷ Cain, born about 1866, Ohio; (2) William⁷ Cain, born about 1870, Ohio; and (3) and (4), twins, Elmont⁷ Cain and Delmont⁷ Cain, both born about 1876, Ohio. Sarah resided with her sister, Samaria Dickson, in the 1920 census (q.v.).
- 285 v ELIAS K.⁶ RIGGS, born about 1846, Ohio, died about 1864, aged 18, buried Riggs Cem., Pageville.^[590] He cannot be the Elias K. Riggs, born in the early 1830s, of appendix F.
- 286 vi JEREMIAH⁶ RIGGS, born about 1850, Ohio.
- + 287 vii SAMARIA⁶ RIGGS, born 30 Mar. 1852, Meigs Co., Ohio, married (1) OLIVER BODWELL MILLER, and had no children, married (2) ALBERT H. DICKSON, and had no children.

141. ELIAS KELLER⁵ RIGGS (₃₆Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹)^[591] was born about 1814, Ohio, and died before 19 Mar. 1883 when (his son) Thomas H. Riggs was made administrator of his estate and guardian of (his wife) Mary A. Riggs, “an insane person,” in Clark Co., Mo.^[592] Elias married (1) 21 Mar. 1839, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[593] LYDIA M. TOWNSEND, who was born 1820–1825, daughter **perhaps (see argument below) of Asa C. Townsend (but I’m not convinced of this)**. Elias married (2) 22

589. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1862–1869, no. 757, image 191 of 578 online, Daniel I. Cain to Sarah Riggs, 9 Aug. 1865.

590. *Find a Grave*, no. 6514226, gravestone photograph, by Robin (Cottingham) (Townsend) Fife, Riggs Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio, “Elias K. | Riggs | Aged 18.”

591. Middle name Keller is supported by son George’s marriage record.

592. *Mo. Wills and Probate Records, 1766–1988*, Clark Co., Wills, Bonds, and Letters, Vol. C–D, 1867–1888, 298–299, image 510 of 630 online, Thomas H. Riggs bonded, 19 Mar. 1883, Clark Co., Mo., as administrator of the estate of Elias K. Riggs, deceased, bondsmen J. B. Williams and C. E. Ball. Thomas H. Riggs was bonded the same day, with the same bondsmen, as guardian of Mary A. Riggs “an insane person.”

593. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–2013*, Meigs Co., 1819–1852, 1:206, image 132 of 277 online, Elias K. Riggs to Lydia M. Townsend, married 21 Mar. 1839, by William Quivey JP. George Riggs (perhaps Elias’s brother) to Sarah Otto marriage record on the opposite page, two items beyond Elias to Lydia.

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Aug. 1850, Clark Co., Mo.,^[594] **MARY ANN HANEN [HANAN] [HANNAN]**, who was born about 1833, Kentucky, daughter of Thomas and Polly (–) Hanen [Hannan], and died before 15 May 1891 when (her son) Thomas H. Riggs was made administrator of her estate in Clark Co., Mo.^[595]

In 1830 Asa Townsend, 20–30 [born 1800–1810], was listed on the same page in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, as Rachel Riggs (q.v.), with whom Elias would have resided. Asa was listed with a woman 20–30, and a girl 5–10.^[596] **Hypothesis:** The girl, age 5–10 [born 1820–1825], in Asa’s household was Lydia M. Townsend who would marry Elias K. Riggs in 1839 (at age 14–19, presumably near the latter).

Placeholder. This page in the 1830 census for Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, holds several interesting items. These family names appear in this order: Rachel Riggs, Reubin Page, Sargent Page, Jesse Page, Elizabeth Page, Robinson Townsend, Asa Townsend, Robert Townsend, Benjamin Irvin, Newell Irvin, John Irvin.

In 1840 Elias Riggs, 20–30 [born 1810–1820], resided in Madison Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with a woman, 15–20 [Lydia, **by the hypothesis**, born 1820–1825], and a girl under 5 [who would be age 1 or less]. Next to him was listed S. C. Townsend, 30–40 [born 1800–1810], with a woman 30–40, one boy and one girl under 5, and one boy and one girl 5–10.^[597]

594. Mo. *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Clark Co., 1836–1872, 118, no. 601, image 65 of 403 online, “Chambersburg, August 23, 50 | I Samuel Nichols an ordained minister of the Gospel of Clark County Missouri, do certify that I married Elias K. Riggs to Mary Ann Hanen on the 22^d day of August they both being of the County and State above named. Given under my hand this 23^d day of August 1850 | Samuel Nichols.”

595. Mo. *Wills and Probate Records, 1766–1988*, Clark Co., Administrators Bonds, Letters, Vol. E, 1884–1921, 144, image 106 of 373 online, Thomas H. Riggs bonded, 15 May 1891, Clark Co., Mo., as administrator of the estate of Mary A. Riggs, deceased, bondsmen C. E. Ball and W. A. Townsend.

596. U.S. census, 1830, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 135, p. 267, FHL 337946.

597. U.S. census, 1840, Madison Twp., Clark Co., Mo., r. 221, p. 336, FHL 14855.

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Support for the hypothesis: Note Elias's daughter by Lydia in the 1840 census. We shall establish that her name was Angeline in the following. Angeline was the name of Asa Townsend's former wife. Asa C. Townsend married 5 Nov. 1829, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[598] Angeline Philkins. He married again 3 Oct. 1848, Clark Co., Mo.,^[599] Philadelphia (—) Holcom. So S. C. Townsend, if he were actually Asa C. Townsend (note the matching middle initial and imagine "Asa" being misunderstood for "S"), would have been married to Angeline when Elias's first daughter was born. (But note that Asa must have had another wife before Angeline who could not have been Lydia's mother.)

Placeholder: In 1850 Asa "Townson," 45 [born 1805], a farmer born in Massachusetts, with \$100 real estate, resided in Clark Co., Mo., with Philadelphia, 33, born in Kentucky, and with Barzillai, 17, male, Peranna, 17, female, Arins, 12, male, all three born in Ohio, and with Ann Holcom, 10, Benton Holcom, 8, and William Holcom, 6, all three born in Missouri, and with Elvira "Towenson," 11/12, born in Missouri.^[600] The three older Townsend children were born 1833–1840, so probably children of Asa's wife, Angeline. The three Holcom children were brought to the second marriage by Philadelphia. Then Asa and Philadelphia had their own child, Elvira.

Placeholder: On 17 Aug. 1876, Clark Co., Mo., Asa C. Townsend signed his will, and it was proved 29 Jan. 1878. In it he mentions "my beloved wife Philadelphia Townsend," "at her death or marriage all the property remaining both real and personal to be equally divided among

598. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1819–1862, 93, image 46 of 470 online, "This is to certify that on the fifth day of November A.D. 1829 Ada C. Townsend & Angeline Philkins were legally joined in marriage by me a licensed Minister of the Gospel (signed) James Hovey."

599. *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Clark Co., 1836–1872, 89, no. 453, image 50 of 403 online, "I do hereby certify that I solemnized in marriage on the 3rd day of Oct. 1848 Mr. Asa C. Townsend to Mrs. Philadelphia Holcom all of Clark County Mo. Given under my hand this 17th day of Oct. 1848 | W. J. Pierce, J.P."

600. U.S. census, 1850, Dist. 19, Clark Co., Mo., r. 396, p. 266A, dw. 367, fam. 373.

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all my heirs Except Clarence A. Townsend to whom I give and bequeath the sum of One Dollar.”^[601]

Hypothesis (cont.): S. C. Townsend in Clark Co., Mo., in 1840 is identical to Asa Townsend in Meigs Co., Ohio, in 1830. Later censuses give Asa’s name as Asa C. Townsend. So, **by this hypothesis**, Elias and Asa would have moved at about the same time, probably late 1839 or early 1840 from Meigs Co., Ohio, to Clark Co., Mo. **I believe the circumstantial case is strong enough to justify identification of S. C. Townsend with Asa C. Townsend.**

In 1850 Elias Riggs, 36, a farmer born in Ohio, with \$300 real estate, and Mary Ann Riggs, 19, born in Kentucky, both married within the year, resided in Clark Co., Mo., in the household of Thomas Hannan, 46, a farmer born in Kentucky, with \$3,800 real estate, and Polly, 45, born in Virginia, and with Bradford P., 21, born in Kentucky, and Martha A. Hannan, 19, both also married within the year, and with Elizabeth Hannan, 14, born in Missouri.^[602]

In 1860 “Eliah” Riggs, 48, a farmer born in Ohio, with \$4,000 real and \$2,000 personal estates, resided in Chambersburgh, Jefferson Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with Mary, 28, born in Kentucky, and with Perry, 13, “Thos,” 9, Mary, 7 [looks like a 4], “Jno,” 5, and Elvira, 3, all born in Missouri.^[603]

In 1870 Elias “R.” Riggs, 36 [sic], a farmer born in Ohio, with \$5,000 real and \$900 personal estates, resided in Eldorado, Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with Mary A., 38, born in Kentucky, and with Mary A.,

601. Mo. *Wills and Probate Records, 1766–1988*, Clark Co., 1867–1888, 24–25, image 364 of 630 online.

602. U.S. census, 1850, Dist. 19, Clark Co., Mo., r. 396, p. 277A, dw. 507, fam. 528; Mo. *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Clark Co., 1836–1872, 118, no. 599 [same page as marriage record for Elias K. Riggs], image 65 of 403 online, “This certifies that the rites of matrimony were solemnized by me between Mr. Bradford Hannon [sic] and Miss Martha Weber on the 17th day of July 1850 both of age and of the County and State above mentioned. | H. M. Turner | Minister of the Gospel.”

603. U.S. census, 1860, Chambersburgh PO, Jefferson Twp., Clark Co., Mo., p. 735, dw. 1363, fam. 1346, FHL 803614.

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17, John J., 16, Elvira J., 13, George “T.” 7, Alice, 4, and Emma, 3, all born in Missouri.^[604]

In 1880 Elias K. Riggs, 66 [born about 1814], a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Virginia, resided in Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with his wife, Mary, 47, born in Kentucky of a father born in Virginia [mother’s birthplace empty], and his sons, Thomas, 27, and George, 17, both born in Missouri, and daughters, Alice, 14, and Emma, 13, both born in Missouri. Mary is marked insane and illiterate.^[605]

This Elias is too old to be the Elias of appendix F (thought to be descended from one of these brothers but not Jeremiah D.⁵ and not Alvin Perry⁵), but he could have had a son who fit appendix F. However, there does not appear to have been such a son. That is, Elias K.⁵ is also not the forebearer of the Elias in the appendix.

The following obituary for son Thomas gives additional structure to this family:

Thomas Hanan Riggs the oldest child of Mary Ann (Hanan) Riggs and Elias Keller Riggs was born July 21, 1851, and departed this life April 11th, 1929 at Irontown, Missouri. He was united in marriage to Charlotte Tinsman, August 24, 1881. He made his home near Luray, Missouri, until 1901 when they moved to Colorado, returning to Luray in 1914. Where he remained until October 1928 when by his own choice he went to Irontown, Missouri, to the Baptist Home where he lived until the Lord called him home. He accepted Christ as his personal savior, January 5, 1868 and united with the Luray Baptist Church where he was a member at the time of his death. He was a loving companion, a kind friend, a good neighbor, his friends were remembered by his acquaintances. He was preceded in death by his parents, one half-sister, Angeline, two half-brothers, Omer and William Perry Riggs, one brother John J.

604. U.S. census, 1870, Eldorado PO, Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., jr. 769, p. 644A, dw. 149, fam. 149, FHL 552268.

605. U.S. census, 1880, Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 45, r. 681, p. 259B, dw. 168, fam. 172.

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Riggs, six sisters, Elvira, Martha, Sara, Mrs. Mary Dewey, Mrs. Alice B. Dochterman and Mrs. Emma R. Coffrin. He is survived by his companion, one adopted son Frank Dewey of Nederland, Colorado; one brother, George B. Riggs of Grand River, Iowa and several grandchildren.^[606]

Children of the first marriage, to Lydia:

- + 288 i **ANGELINE⁶ RIGGS**, born 14 Oct. 1839, Pagetown [probably Pageville, Meigs Co.], Ohio, known from half-brother Thomas's obit (q.v.). She must be the daughter in the 1840 census. She married **ARTHUR HALL WENSLEY**, and had at least three children.
- 289 ii **OMER⁶ RIGGS**, known from half-brother Thomas's obit.
- 290 iii **WILLIAM PERRY⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1847, Missouri, married 30 Aug. 1874, Jordon School House, Clark Co., Mo.,^[607] **ELLEN LOUDON**.

Children of the second marriage, to Mary:

- 291 iv **THOMAS HANAN⁶ RIGGS**, born 21 July 1851 (obit.), Missouri, died 11 Apr. 1929, Irontown, Iron Co., Mo., married 24 Aug. 1881, Clark Co., Mo.,^[608] **CHARLOTTE (SCOTT) TINSMAN**.
- + 292 v **MARY A.⁶ RIGGS**, born 1852, Missouri, and had at least three children.
- 293 vi **JOHN J.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1855, Missouri, married (daughter's birth record), probably 19 Sept. 1875, Luray, Clark Co., Mo.,^[609] **MARY R. LOUDEN**, born about 1857, Iowa, daughter of Peter M. and Emma (—) Loudon,^[610] and had at least five children, the fifth

606. *Find a Grave*, no. 57402029, obit. transcribed from *Kahoka Gazette Herald*, Kahoka, Clark Co., Mo., 26 Apr. 1929.

607. Mo. *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Clark Co., 1856–1894, 47, image 28 of 154 online, “W^m” P. Riggs, to Ellen Loudon, 30 Aug. 1874, by William M. Campbell MG.

608. Mo. *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Clark Co., 1881–1895, 9, image 5 of 480 online, Thomas H. Riggs, to Mrs. “Lottie” Scott, both of Luray, Clark Co., Mo., licensed 23 Aug. 1881, Kanoka, Clark Co., married 24 Aug. 1881, Luray, Clark Co., Mo., by M. H. Butler MG.

609. Mo. *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Clark Co., 1856–1894, 80, image 47 of 154 online, John Riggs to Miss “Maggie” Loudon, 19 Sept. 1875, Luray, Clark Co., by Thomas Walcott MG.

610. U.S. census, 1860, Charleston, Lee Co., Iowa, p. 459, dw. 393, fam. 391, FHL 803330, lists Peter M. “Londen,” 38, merchant, born Ky., Emma, 39, born Va., and several children, including

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being (1) [daughter]⁷ Riggs, born 18 Oct. 1886, Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo.^[611] **Mary might be sister or other relative of Ellen who married William Perry Riggs.**

In 1880 John J. Riggs, 26, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with his wife, Mary R., 24, born in Iowa of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Virginia, and with his son, Orris, 1, born in Missouri, and his nephew, Herman, 4, born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Iowa, and his mother-in-law, Emma Louden, 59, a widow born in Virginia of a father born in Pennsylvania and mother in Ireland.^[612]

- 294 vii **ELVIRA J.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1857, Missouri.
- 295 viii **GEORGE B.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1863, Missouri, married 15 Oct. 1895, Grand Rivers, Decatur Co., Iowa,^[613] **ETTIE W. TAYLOR**, born about 1872, Story Co., Iowa, daughter of Salferce B. and Maggie (Watkins) Taylor.
- 296 ix **ALICE B.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1866, Missouri, married 23 Mar. 1887, Kahoka, Clark Co., Mo.,^[614] **JAMES F. DOCHTERMAN**.
- 297 x **EMMA R.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1867, Missouri, married 7 Apr. 1889, Luray, Clark Co., Mo.,^[615] **EDGAR COFFRIN**.

Mary R., 3, born Iowa.

611. Mo. *Birth Registers, 1847–1910*, Clark Co., 1837–1909, no. 124, image 126 of 154 online, filed 1 Nov. 1886, child [unnamed] Riggs, female, fifth child, white, born 18 Oct. 1886, Wyaconda Twp., father: age 31, American, born Clark Co., Mo., mother: age 31, American, born [illegible] Co., Iowa, mother Mary R. Riggs, maiden name Louden, resident of Wyaconda Twp., father John J. Riggs, farmer .

612. U.S. census, 1880, Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 45, r. 681, p. 255B, dw. 113, fam. 115.

613. *Iowa Marriage Records, 1880–1945*, Decatur Co., 1896, no. 2159, image 47 of 329 online, license no. 3063, licensed 14 Oct. 1895, groom: George B. Riggs, 33, white, day laborer, of Grand River, Iowa, born Clark Co., Mo., father Elias Keller Riggs, mother Mary A. Hanam [sic], his first marriage, bride: Ettie W. Taylor, 23, white, her first marriage, of Grand River, Ia., born Story Co., Ia., father Salferce B. Taylor, Maggie Watkins, married 15 oct. 1895, Grand River, Ia., by J. G. Eaton MG.

614. Mo. *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Clark Co., 1881–1895, 374, image 195 of 480 online, James F. Dochterman to Alice B. Riggs, both of Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., licensed and married 23 Mar. 1887, Kahoka, Clark Co., by J. J. Martin MG.

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298 xi ?**MARTHA**⁶ RIGGS, known only from brother Thomas's obit.

299 xii ?**SARA**⁶ RIGGS, known only from brother Thomas's obit.

143. ALVIN PERRY⁵ **RIGGS** (₃₆*Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 1823 (gravestone), Ohio, died 29 May 1892, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio (from probate file, q.v.), and was buried in Riggs Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[616] He married (1) 12 Nov. 1846, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[617] **MARIA DOWNING**, who was born 1830–1835 **14 June 1831 (calculated), Meigs Co., Ohio**, daughter of George and Harriet (Chase) Downing,^[618] and who died **3 Nov. 1849 [age 18], Meigs Co.**, aged 18 years 4 months 20 days, and was buried in **Downing Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co.**^[619] He married (2) 14 Nov. 1852, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[620] **NANCY R. STEVENS**, who was Feb. 1825 (1900 census), Maine, daughter of Wil-

615. Mo. *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Clark Co., 1881–1895, 20, image 261 of 480 online, Edgar Coffrin to Miss Emma R. Riggs, both of Luray., Clark Co., licensed 4 Apr. 1889, Kahoka, Clark Co., and married 7 Apr. 1889, Luray, Clark Co., by Isaac H. Denton MG.

616. *Find a Grave*, no. 6514286, gravestone photograph, by Robin (Cottingham) Townsend-Fife, Riggs Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio, “R | Riggs | A. P. Riggs | 1823–1892 | Nancy R. | his wife | 1825–1917.”

617. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–2013*, Meigs Co., 1819–1852, 1:351, image 199 of 277 online, Perry Riggs to Maria Downing, married 12 Nov. 1846, by D. L. Dutton.

618. *Ohio County Marriages, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1819–1862, 29, image 10 of 470 online, George Downing to Harriet Chase, married 25 July 1822, by Caleb Gardner JP; U.S. census, 1840, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 413, p. 35, FHL 20172, lists George Downing, 30–40, a woman 30–40, one girl under 5 [b. 1835–1840], and one girl 5–10 [b. 1830–1835]; U.S. census, 1850, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 710, p. 32B, dw. 478, fam. 478, lists George Downing, 47, blacksmith, born Me., Harriet, 45, born Me., and Phebe, 22, born Ohio. So Maria must be the other daughter in the 1840 census. *Ohio County Marriages, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1819–1862, 145, image 304 of 470 online, John M. Decamp to Phebe Downing, married 13 Oct. 1855, by T. A. Welsh MG; *Find a Grave*, no. 6036552, gravestone photograph, by Bob Gibson, Downing Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio, “Phebe Jane | wife of | J. M. DeCamp | born | Aug. 14, 1839 | died | Dec. 19, 1888.” This, plus the fact that George Downing resided in Meigs Co., in 1830, forms a good circumstantial case supporting the unsourced data in red.

619. *Find a Grave*, no. 6036566, no gravestone photograph, Downing Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio. Information **unsourced**. “Inscription: aged 18y, 4m, 20d, wife of A. P. Riggs.”

620. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–2013*, Meigs Co., 1852–1862, 2:27, image 42 of 271 online, Perry Riggs to Nancy Stevens, married 14 Nov. 1852, by John C. Hysell JP.

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liam Stevens, and died 1917, and was buried with her husband. ***This is David Ray Riggs's line, via Nancy Stevens.***

In 1860 Ruariah Riggs, 10, born in Ohio, resided in Pomeroy, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, in the household of G. Downing, 59, a blacksmith born in Maine, with \$2,500 real and \$300 personal estates, with "Harriott," 56, and Rosana Reaves, 21, born in Ohio.^[621] I believe Ruariah is the same child as Maria E. in the 1870 and 1880 censuses.

In 1860 Perry Riggs, 36, a farmer born in Ohio with \$3,000 real and \$600 personal estates, resided in Pomeroy, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with Nancy, 35, born in Maine, Augusta, 6, and "Westley," 5, both born in Ohio. Two dwellings away was "G." D. Riggs, 50, born in Ohio.^[622]

In 1870 Perry Riggs, 47, a farmer born in Ohio with \$5,000 real and \$800 personal estates, resided in Lee, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with Nancy, 45, born in Maine, Augusta J., 16, and Wesley P., 14, "Ad-da," 8, and Charles, 5, all born in Ohio, and his father-in-law, William Stevens, 75, born in Maine, and one day laborer, "Steven" Harrop, 24, born in Ohio. Two dwellings away was Jeremiah Riggs, 59, born in Ohio.^[623]

On 7 Mar. 1879 Alvin P. Riggs applied for a Civil War pension and received it, for his service in Company G, 140 Ohio Infantry. On 11 Aug. 1892 his widow, Nancy R. Riggs, applied for widow's pension on Alvin's service, from Ohio, and it was granted.^[624]

In 1880 Perry Riggs, 57, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Jackson Co., W.Va., with his wife, Nancy, 55, born in Maine of Maine natives, and with his

621. U.S. census, 1860, Pomeroy PO, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, p. 174, dw. 55, fam. 51, FHL 805008. John M. Decamp, 25, and "Pheby," 20, resided in dw. 53.

622. U.S. census, 1860, Pomeroy PO, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, p. 188, dw. 279, fam. 253, FHL 805008.

623. U.S. census, 1870, Lee PO, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 1242, p. 340A, dw. 231, fam. 234, FHL 552741.

624. U.S. *Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934*, invalid's application 271129, certificate 228689, widow's application 557009, certificate 384239.

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daughter “Addie,” 18, and son, “Charley,” 15, born in Ohio, and one servant. Next door resided Augustus Riggs, 48, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother born in Virginia, with his wife, Alzina, 44, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his sons, Ira, 28, married, “Jas” M., 20, and “Jno” R., 14, all three born in Ohio, and with his daughter-in-law, Flora A., 20, born in Virginia of Virginia natives, and with his grandson, Thomas, 3, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his niece, Eliza Styles, 9, born in Ohio of Ohio natives. And on the same page as Augustus was Willard Riggs, 35, born in Ohio.^[625]

On 16 Mar. 1889, Alvin P. Riggs signed his will in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, and it was submitted to probate on 24 June 1892, resulting finally in appointment of the widow Nancy R. Riggs as executrix on 26 July 1892. It mentioned “my Beloved wife Nancy R. Riggs,” “my son Charles W. Riggs,” “my daughter Augusta J. Harrop,” “Wesley P. Riggs deceased [sic] his heirs,” “Addia R. Lynch is to have one fourth of all my property.” A document in the probate file listed the following persons as “his only next of kin resident of the State of Ohio” [which was not true, since daughter Maria’s children were not included]: Augusta Harrop, daughter, of Gaysport, Muskingum Co., Ohio, Emma Riggs, 14, granddaughter, of Downington, Ohio, Nora Riggs, 10, granddaughter, of Jerseyville, Ohio [sic], Herbert Riggs, 9, grandson, of Downington, Ohio, Addie [sic] Lynch, daughter, of Downington, Ohio, and Charlie [sic] Riggs, son, of Downington, Ohio.^[626]

In 1890 veteran Alvin P. Riggs, resided in Downington, Pageville Pct., Meigs Co., Ohio. He had served as a private in Company E, 140 Ohio Infantry, from 2 May 1864 to 3 Sept. 1864, 4 months and 1 day.^[627]

On 6 Sept. 1892 an executor’s bond was issued on Alvin’s estate.^[628]

625. U.S. census, 1880, Jackson Co., W.Va., ED 43, r. 1404, p. 448C, dw. 133, fam. 133. Augustus resided in dw. 132.

626. Meigs Co., Ohio, Wills, 6:421-426, images 844-846 of 928 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 2319057 item 3, DGS 4733097, will of Alvin P. Riggs Decd.

627. 1890 *Veterans Schedules*, Pageville Pct., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 139, dw. 142, fam. 142, line 11.

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In 1900 Nancy R. Riggs, 75, a widow born Feb. 1825 in Maine of Maine natives, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with her grandson, Herbert, 19, born Jan. 1881 in Ohio of Ohio natives. Next door resided “Charlie” Riggs, 35. Nancy had had four children, with three surviving.^[629]

In 1910 Nancy R. Riggs, 85, a widow born in Maine of Maine natives, resided in Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with her granddaughter, Emma Smith, 32, a widow. See Emma⁷ (Riggs) Smith (Wesley P.⁶) for further details. Nancy had had five children, with two surviving.^[630]

Child of the first marriage, to Maria:

- + 300 i MARIA [RUARIAH] EVALIN⁶ RIGGS, born about 1850, **but not later than 3 Nov. 1849 if that was indeed when her mother died**, Ohio, married (1) HIRAM CLAY, and had four children, married (2) JAMES G. BORING, and had three children.

Children of the second marriage, to Nancy:

- + 301 ii AUGUSTA J.⁶ RIGGS, born 3 Jan. 1854, Ohio, married STEPHEN HARROP, and had eight children.
- + 302 iii WESLEY P.⁶ RIGGS, born 30 Aug. 1855, Ohio, married RENA [LORENA] HART, and had three children. *David Ray Riggs's line.*
- + 303 iv ADDIA [ADDIE]⁶ RIGGS, born May 1862, Ohio, married SANFRANCISCO LYNCH, and had 11 children.
- + 304 v CHARLES WILLIAM⁶ RIGGS, born Oct. 1864, Ohio, married ELLA B. [BARBARA ELLEN] HART, and had at least five children.

628. *Ohio Wills and Probate Records, 1786–1998*, Meigs Co., Executors Bonds, 1822–1917, image 304 of 461 online, Nancy R. Riggs was bonded as executrix and issued letters testamentary on the estate of Alvin P. Riggs, 6 Sept. 1892. On p. 422 appears this statement: “Alvin P. Riggs late a resident of the Township of Scipio in said County died on or about the 29th day of May A.D. 1892.”

629. U.S. census, 1900, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 53, p. 252, sh. 6B, dw. 132, fam. 133, FHL 1241303.

630. U.S. census, 1910, Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 53, r. 1214, p. 3, sh. 3A, dw. 54, fam. 54, FHL 1375227.

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144. JAMES⁵ RIGGS (_{38?}James⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born **27 Aug.** about 1813, Virginia, died 23 Mar. 1902, Springhill Twp., Green Co., Pa., aged 88, and was buried 25 Mar. 1902 in the Riggs Family Cem., Ned, Aleppo Twp., Greene Co., Pa.^[631] He married **SUSANNAH EARNEST**,^[632] who was born 7 Sept. 1820 (gravestone), Pennsylvania, died 17 Nov. 1907, and was buried in the Riggs Family Cem., Ned.^[633]

In 1850 James Riggs, 37, a farmer born in Virginia with \$800 real estate, resided in Aleppo Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with "Susan," 30, born in Pennsylvania, and with Rose Ann, 13, William 12, Peter, 10, Maxwell, 8, Isaac, 8, Jacob, 5, Henry, 3, Rachel, 1, and "Sina," 1, all born in Pennsylvania. Next door was Henry Riggs, 30, born in Virginia.^[634]

In 1860 James Riggs, 47, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$570 real and \$400 personal estates, resided in New Freeport, Springfield Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with Susannah, 40, born in Pennsylvania, and with "W^m," 22, Peter, 20, Maxwell, 18, Isaac, 18, Jacob, 16, Henry, 13, "Rachell," 11, Josina, 11, James, 9, "Susy," 6, "Geo.," 5, John H., 3, and Leroy, 3/12, all 13 born in Pennsylvania. There was also a "W^m" Plants, 17, born in Pennsylvania in the household. A James Riggs, 18, born in Pennsylvania resided in a nearby dwelling, and Henry Riggs, 40, resided nearby.^[635] There were several Earnest families in the vicinity.

631. *Find a Grave*, no. 74882449, Riggs Family Cem., Ned, Greene Co., Pa., "Headstone no longer exists - burial info obtained from Greene Co., PA Death Register"; *Greene Co., Pa., Death Register, Book 1*, "[p.] 141 [line] 33 [surname] Riggs [given name] James [color] white [sex] male [age] 88 married [birthplace] Virginia [occupation] Farmer [death date] March 23 1902 [death place] Springhill Twp.[cause] Old Age [duration of last illness] 1 year [place of interment] Riggs Cem. [date of interment] Mar. 25, 1902."

632. Her name is given as "Susanna Ernest" in her son Henry's death record.

633. *Find a Grave*, no. 74876382, gravestone photograph, by Carol Neely Patterson, Riggs Family Cem., Ned, Greene Co., Pa., "Susannah | wife of | James Riggs | born | Sep. 7, 1820 | died | Nov. 17 1907."

634. U.S. census, 1850, Aleppo Twp., Greene Co., Pa., r. 783, pp. 347A-B, dw. 121, fam. 121. Henry resided in dw. 122.

635. U.S. census, 1860, New Freeport PO, Springfield Twp., Greene Co., Pa., r. 1114, pp. 764-65, dw. 111, fam. 108. The younger James resided in dw. 108. **I do not know who he was.** Henry resided in dw. 117.

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In 1870 James Riggs, 56, a farmer born in Virginia with \$1,300 real and \$600 personal estates, resided in Rogersville, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with “Susanna,” 49, born in Pennsylvania, and with James L., 18, Susan J., 15, George W., 13, John H., 12, Leroy, 10, and Martha, 4, all six born in Pennsylvania. Jacob Riggs, 25, resided next door.^[636]

In 1880 James Riggs, 66, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with his wife, “Lusinda,” 59, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his sons, George, 23, John, 22, and Leroy, 20, and daughter, Martha, 13, all four born in Pennsylvania. Several Riggs families resided nearby.^[637]

Children:

- 305 i ROSE ANN⁶ RIGGS, born about 1837, Pennsylvania.
- 306 ii WILLIAM⁶ RIGGS, born about 1838, Pennsylvania.
- + 307 iii PETER⁶ RIGGS, born 13 Aug. about 1840, Pennsylvania, married REBECCA JANE PLANTS, and had at least seven 11 children.
- + 308 iv MAXWELL⁶ RIGGS, born about 1842, Pennsylvania, married SARAH —, and had at least three children.
- 309 v ISAAC⁶ RIGGS (twin), born about 1845 Pennsylvania.
- + 310 vi JACOB B.⁶ RIGGS (twin), born about 1845, Pennsylvania, married MARY JANE GILBERT, and had 10 children.
- + 311 vii HENRY H.⁶ RIGGS, born 9 June 1847, Pennsylvania, married ANNA JANE YOUNG, and had six children.
- 312 viii RACHEL⁶ RIGGS (twin), born about 1849, Pennsylvania.
- 313 ix JOSINA⁶ RIGGS (twin), born about 1849, Pennsylvania.
- + 314 x JAMES L.⁶ RIGGS, born about 1852, Pennsylvania, married NANCY —, and had at least three children.
- 315 xi SUSAN J.⁶ RIGGS, born about 1855, Pennsylvania.

636. U.S. census, 1870, Rogersville PO, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., r. 1348, p. 418A, dw. 155, fam. 155. Jacob resided in dw. 156.

637. U.S. census, 1880, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 83, r. 1133, p. 370B, dw. 232, fam. 236. Riggses resided in dwellings 230, 234, and 235 (Maxwell, James L., and Zedkiah, resp.). Who was Zedkiah Riggs?

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- + 316 xii **GEORGE WASHINGTON⁶ RIGGS**, born 29 Oct. 1856, Pennsylvania, married **LUCINDA WARRICK [WORICK]**, and had 12 children.
- 317 xiii **JOHN H.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1858, Pennsylvania.
- 318 xiv **LEROY⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1860, Pennsylvania.
- 319 xv **MARTHA⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1866, Pennsylvania.

145. HENRY⁵ RIGGS (_{38?}*James⁴*, *William³*, *?James²*, *James¹*) was born about 1820, Virginia or Aleppo Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa. (death register), died 10 May 1893, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., aged 72, and was buried 11 May 1893 in Hutcheson's Graveyard.^[638] He married (1) **HANNAH** —, who was born about 1820, Pennsylvania. He married (2) **CYNTHIA E. LITTLE**,^[639] who was born about 1840, Pennsylvania.

In 1840 Henry Riggs, 20–30, resided in Aleppo Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with a woman 15–20, and with one boy under 5 [Thomas]. Elizabeth Riggs, 50–60 [born 1780–1790], resided nearby with one girl 5–10, and one male 15–20 [born 1820–1825]. Also nearby was John Riggs, 20–30, with a woman 20–30, and with one girl under 5.^[640]

In 1850 Henry Riggs, 30, a farmer born in Virginia, resided in Aleppo Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with Hannah, 30, born in Pennsylvania, and with Thomas, 12, Jeremiah, 9, James, 7, Margaret, 5, Brice, 2, and John W., 9/12, all born in Pennsylvania. Next door was James Riggs, 37, born in Virginia.^[641]

In 1860 Henry Riggs, 40, a farm laborer born in Pennsylvania, resided in New Freeport, Springfield Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with Cintha, 20,

638. *Greene Co., Pa., Death Register, Book 1*, “[p.] 137 [line] 03 [surname] Riggs [given name] Henry [color] white [sex] male [age] 72 married [birthplace] Aleppo Tp., Pa. [occupation] Farmer [death date] May 10 1893 [death place] Springhill Tp., Pa. [cause] Dropsy [duration of last illness] 4 months [place of interment] Hutcheson's Grave Yd. [date of interment] May 11, 1893 [recorded] Dec. 15, 1893.”

639. Her surname from her son Eli's death record, which gives her birthplace as W.Va. (and Henry's as Greene Co., Pa.). Her middle initial is from her daughter Mary's death record.

640. U.S. census, 1840, Aleppo Twp., Greene Co., Pa., r. 461, p. 19.

641. U.S. census, 1850, Aleppo Twp., Greene Co., Pa., r. 783, p. 347B, dw. 122, fam. 122. James resided in dw. 121.

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born in Pennsylvania, and with Thomas, 21, Brice, 12, John, 10, Eli, 3, and “Zachariah,” 1, all five born in Pennsylvania. James Riggs, 47, resided nearby.^[642]

In 1870 Henry Riggs, 50, a farm laborer born in Virginia with \$500 real and \$200 personal estates, resided in Rogersville, Springfield Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with Cinthy, 32, born in Pennsylvania, and with John, 19, Eli, 12, Zedekiah, 10, Mary, 9, Lydia, 7, Susanna, 6, and Isaac N., 2, all seven born in Pennsylvania.^[643]

In 1880 Henry Riggs, 61, a farm laborer born in Virginia, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with “Sinthy,” 40, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with Eli, 22, “Zedkiah,” 21, Mary, 19, “Lida,” 17, Anne, 16, Isaac, 13, “Josih,” 10, Andrew, 8, and Lavinia, 5, all nine born in Pennsylvania. Next door was John [W?], 28.^[644]

In 1900 “Cyntha” Riggs, 56, a widow born Jan. 1844 in Pennsylvania of West Virginia natives, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with her sons, Elias, 19, born June 1880, and Morgan, 16, born Oct. 1883, both born in Pennsylvania of a father born in West Virginia. Nearby were Eli Riggs, 42, Zedekiah Riggs, 42, and William Plants.^[645]

Children of the first marriage, to Hannah:

- 320 i **THOMAS⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1838, Pennsylvania.
- + 321 ii **JEREMIAH⁶ RIGGS**, born May 1841, Pennsylvania, married **CATHARINE CLARISSA GRIM**, and had 10 children.
- 322 iii **JAMES⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1843, Pennsylvania.
- 323 iv **MARGARET⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1845, Pennsylvania.
- 324 v **BRICE⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1848, Pennsylvania.
- 325 vi **JOHN W.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1849, Pennsylvania.

642. U.S. census, 1860, New Freeport PO, Springfield Twp., Greene Co., Pa., r. 1114, pp. 765–66, dw. 117, fam. 113. James resided in dw. 111.

643. U.S. census, 1870, Rogersville PO, Springfield Twp., Greene Co., Pa., r. 1348, p. 425A, dw. 249, fam. 249.

644. U.S. census, 1880, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 83, r. 1133, pp. 365B–C, dw. 129, fam. 131. John resided in dw. 130.

645. U.S. census, 1900, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 101, r. 1414, p. 230, sh. 4A, dw. 63 fam. 63. Eli resided in dw. 64, Zedekiah in dw. 65, William Plants in dw. 62.

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Children of the second marriage, to Cinthia:

- 326 vii **ELI⁶ RIGGS**, born 12 Sept. 1856, Greene Co., Pa., married **EVELYN/EVELINE GRIM**, and had eight children.
- + 327 viii **ZEDEKIAH K.⁶ RIGGS**, born Jan. 1858, Pennsylvania or West Virginia, married **CAROLINE PLANTS**, and had eight children.
- 328 ix **MARY ELIZABETH⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1861, Pennsylvania, died 12 Mar. 1930, Littleton, Wetzel Co., W.Va.,^[646] married **ABRIHAM HIXENBAUGH**.
- + 329 x **LYDIA ANN⁶ RIGGS**, born 10 Oct. 1863, Greene Co., Pa., married **WILLIAM PLANTS [PLANTZ]**, and had six children.
- 330 xi **SUSANNA/ANNE⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1864, Pennsylvania.
- 331 xii **ISAAC N.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1868, Pennsylvania.
- 332 xiii **JOSIAH RILEY⁶ RIGGS**, born 8 Aug. 1871, Pennsylvania, died 2 July 1953, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 6 July 1953, Greenwood Cem.^[647]
- 333 xiv **ANDREW⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1872, Pennsylvania.
- 334 xv **LAVINIA/LUVINA⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1875, Pennsylvania, died 25 Nov. 1949, Littleton, Wetzel Co., W.Va.,^[648] married — **WADE**.
- 335 xvi **ELIAS⁶ RIGGS**, born June 1880, Pennsylvania.
- 336 xvii **MORGAN⁶ RIGGS**, born Oct. 1883, Pennsylvania.

148. WILLIAM H.⁵ ARMSTRONG (₃₉*Aberilla*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 11 Nov. 1812 (gravestone), died 21 May 1850, and was buried in

646. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Mary E. Hixenbaugh, born about 1861, died 12 Mar. 1930, Littleton, Wetzel Co., W.Va., aged 69 yrs. 6 dys., white, female, father Henry Riggs, mother “Synantha” E. Little, FHL 839974, also FHL 1953606, which gives her name as Mary Elizabeth Riggs Hixenbaugh, mother “Syntha” E. Little, father Henry Riggs, spouse Abriham Hixenbaugh.

647. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Josiah Riley Riggs, born 8 Aug. 1871, “Deep Virginialley, Pennsylvaniasylvania,” died 2 July 1953, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 6 July 1953, Greenwood Cem., aged 81 yrs. 10 mos. 24 dys., white, widowed, male, residence Warwood, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., father Henry Riggs, mother “Cyrnthia” Little, FHL 857641, also FHL 1984308.

648. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Luvina Wade, born about 1875, died 25 Nov. 1949, Littleton, Wetzel Co., W.Va., aged 74 yrs. 2 mos. 1 dy., white, female, father Henry Riggs, mother “Cyntha” Little, FHL 839975, also FHL 1984142, where she is named “Kuriana” Wade with father Henry Riggs and mother Cynthia Little.

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Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa.^[649] He married **MARY A.** —, who was born 11 Nov. 1812 (gravestone), [West] Virginia, died 7 Mar. 1880, and was buried with her husband.^[650]

In 1850 Mary Armstrong, 35, born in Virginia, with \$600 real estate, resided in Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, with Eliza Jane, 16, John, 14, Mary, 12, and Margaret, 10, all born in Virginia, and with Susan, 8, Harriet, 6, David, 2, and William, 4, all born in Iowa. Next door was Thomas D. Armstrong, 27, born in Virginia.^[651]

In 1860 Mary Armstrong, 47, born in Virginia, with \$2,100 real and \$400 personal estates, resided in Danville, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, with Jane, 25, John, 23, a farmer, and Mary, 22, all born in Virginia, and with Susan, 17, “Harriett,” 15, William, 13, and David, 11, all born in Iowa.^[652]

In 1870 Mary A. Armstrong, 57, born in West Virginia, with \$4,800 real and \$760 personal estates, resided in Middletown, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, with David, 20, a farmer born in Iowa. T. [looks like “F”] D. Armstrong, 50, resided nearby.^[653]

Children:

- 337 i **ELIZA JANE**⁶ **ARMSTRONG**, born about 1834, [West] Virginia.
- 338 ii **JOHN**⁶ **ARMSTRONG**, born about 1836, [West] Virginia.
- 339 iii **MARY**⁶ **ARMSTRONG**, born about 1838, [West] Virginia.
- 340 iv **MARGARET**⁶ **ARMSTRONG**, born about 1840, [West] Virginia.
- 341 v **SUSAN**⁶ **ARMSTRONG**, born about 1842, Iowa.

649. *Find a Grave*, no. 64546354, gravestone photograph, by Mo and Dave Gates, Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa, plot: row 9, “Mary A. | wife of | W^m H. Armstrong | born | Nov. 11, 1812, | died | March 7, 1880.”

650. *Find a Grave*, no. 64546399, gravestone photograph, by Mo and Dave Gates, Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa, plot: row 9, “W^m H. Armstrong | born | Nov. 11, 1812. | died | May 21, 1850.”

651. U.S. census, 1850, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, r. 183, p. 428b, dw. 846, fam. 881.

652. U.S. census, 1860, Danville PO, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, p. 186, dw. 1332, fam. 1256, FHL 803319.

653. U.S. census, 1870, Middletown PO, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, p. 187, dw. 144, fam. 145, FHL 545887.

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- 342 vi **HARRIET⁶ ARMSTRONG**, born about 1844, Iowa.
343 vii **WILLIAM⁶ ARMSTRONG**, born about 1846, Iowa.
344 viii **DAVID⁶ ARMSTRONG**, born about 1848, Iowa.

150. THOMAS D.⁵ ARMSTRONG (₃₉*Aberilla*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 16 Aug. 1819 (gravestone), Marshall Co., [W.]Va., died 28 Apr. 1890, and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa.^[654] He married (1) 19 Oct. 1837, Marshall Co., [W.]Va.,^[655] **EVE MCDONALD**, who was born 14 Feb. 1818 (gravestone), [West] Virginia, died 10 Dec. 1877, and was buried with her husband.^[656] He married (2) 8 Apr. 1882, Henry Co., Iowa,^[657] **MARY L. (PARROT) MCDONALD**, who was born about 1836, Marshall Co., Va., or Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Eliza (McDonald) Parrot. Mary's married, first, John Emmet McDonald.^[658]

In 1850 Thomas D. Armstrong, 27, a farmer born in Virginia, with \$700 real estate, resided in Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, with

654. *Find a Grave*, no. 65017580, gravestone photograph, by Mo and Dave Gates, Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa, plot: row 11, "Thomas D. | Armstrong | born | Aug. 16, 1819. | died | Apr. 28, 1890."

655. *W.Va. Marriages, 1853–1970*, Thomas Armstrong to Eve McDonald, 19 Oct. 1837, Marshall Co., Va., image online.

656. *Find a Grave*, no. 65020219, gravestone photograph, by Mo and Dave Gates, Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Henry Co., Iowa, plot: row 11, "Eve Armstrong | born | Feb. 14, 1818. | died | Dec. 10, 1877."

657. *Iowa Marriage Records, 1880–1945*, Henry Co., 1882, image 122 of 348 online, license no. 72, affidavit by Joseph McDowell, groom "Thos" D. Armstrong, 63, white, of Des Moines Co., Iowa, farmer, born Marshall Co., Va., father John Armstrong, mother "Abrillar Rigg," his second marriage, to bride Mary L. McDonald, nee Mary L. Parrot, of Danville, Iowa, 46, white, born Marshall Co., Va., father William "Parret," mother Eliza McDonald, her second marriage, married 8 Apr. 1882, Henry Co., Iowa, by Joseph McDowell MG, witnesses Elizabeth McDowell, Mary A. King, returned 8 Apr. 1882, registered 6 July 1882.

658. *Iowa Death Records, 1920–1967*, Des Moines Co., 1921–1929, death certificate no. 29–450, image 2306 of 4315 online, Franklin Columbus McDonald, died 5 Jan. 1926, Danville, Des Moines Co., Iowa, age 64 yrs. 11 mos. 26 dys., male, white, married (spouse Lucy McDonald), farmer, born 9 Jan. 1861, Henry Co., Iowa, father John Emmet McDonald, born Lexington, Ky., mother Mary L. Parrot, born Va., informant Mrs. Lucy McDonald, of Danville, buried 8 Jan. 1926, Pleasant Grove Cem., New London, Iowa.

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“Emaline,” 32, born in Virginia, and with Susan, 12, William, 10, all born in Virginia, and Amanda, 8, Mary, 4, and Samuel, 1, all born in Iowa. Also in the household were Mary Miner, 55, Sarah, 21, George, 18, and John, 16, all four born in Indiana. Next door was Mary Armstrong, 35, born in Virginia.^[659]

In 1860 Thomas Armstrong, 40, a farmer born in Virginia, with \$2,700 real and \$700 personal estates, resided in Danville, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, with Eve, 42, born in Pennsylvania, and with Amanda, 15, Mary, 13, Margaret, 8, John, 5, and Nancy, 2, all born in Iowa, and a farmhand, Arch Gabard, 20, born in Virginia.^[660]

In 1870 T. [looks like “F”] D. Armstrong, 50, a farmer born in West Virginia, with \$4,000 real and \$1,090 personal estates, resided in Middletown, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, with Eve, 52, born in Pennsylvania, and with Virginia, 19, William, 15, and Frank, 7, all born in Iowa, and with S. D. Davis, 34, a farmer born in West Virginia, with \$100 personal estate, and Osker, 9, born in Illinois. Mary A. Armstrong, 57, resided nearby.^[661]

In 1880 Thomas D. Armstrong, 60, a farmer born in West Virginia of a father born in Ireland and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Danville, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, with his son, Frank, 17, born in Iowa of a mother born in Pennsylvania, and his niece, Phenia Davis, 17, born in Illinois of West Virginia natives.^[662]

On 21 Mar. 1889, Thomas D. Armstrong and Mary L. Armstrong his wife, of Des Moines Co., Iowa, sold to Edward Cresap, of Henry Co., Iowa, for \$2,500, W½NW S19 T70N R4W in Des Moines Co., containing 85 acres, and also the north part of W½ of NW¼ S25 T70N R5W

659. U.S. census, 1850, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, r. 183, p. 428b, dw. 847, fam. 882.

660. U.S. census, 1860, Danville PO, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, p. 187, dw. 1335, fam. 1258, FHL 803319.

661. U.S. census, 1870, Middletown PO, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, p. 187, dw. 142, fam. 143, FHL 545887.

662. U.S. census, 1880, Danville Twp., Des Moines Co., Iowa, ED 107, r. 337, p. 102C, dw. 194, fam. 195.

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in Henry Co., Iowa Terr., containing 50 acres. It was acknowledged the same day.^[663]

Children of the first marriage, to Eve:

- 345 i SUSAN⁶ ARMSTRONG, born about 1838, [West] Virginia.
- 346 ii WILLIAM⁶ ARMSTRONG, born about 1840, [West] Virginia.
- 347 iii AMANDA⁶ ARMSTRONG, born about 1842, Iowa.
- 348 iv MARY⁶ ARMSTRONG, born about 1846, Iowa.
- 349 v SAMUEL⁶ ARMSTRONG, born about 1849, Iowa. He was not listed in the 1860 census.
- 350 vi MARGARET VIRGINIA "JENNIE"⁶ ARMSTRONG, born about 1852, Iowa.
- 351 vii JOHN WILLIAM⁶ ARMSTRONG, born about 1855, Iowa.
- 352 viii NANCY⁶ ARMSTRONG, born about 1858, Iowa.
- 353 ix FRANK⁶ ARMSTRONG, born about 1863, Iowa.

151. JAMES WASHINGTON⁵ RIGGS (₄₁William⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born about 1809, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa.^[664] He married NANCY ANDREWS,^[665] who was born about 1812, Ohio.

In 1840 James Riggs, 30-40, resided in Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with a woman 20-30, three boys and one girl under 5, and one boy 5-10. On the same page is M. N. Riggs, 20-30.^[666]

In 1850 James W. Riggs, 40, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, resided in Milford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with Nancy, 38, born in Ohio, and "W^m" W., 16, a farmer, James H., 14, "Morton" J., 13, Eliza A., 12, John

663. Des Moines Co., Iowa, Deeds, 70:264, image 248 of 902 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 1636885, DGS 8308066, T. D. Armstrong and wife to Edgar Cresap, filed for record 23 Mar. 1889.

664. His birthplace from his uncle Mahlon's letter in appendix A: "I remember your father well when a baby. I often nursed him. He was born on the farm I live on."

665. Her maiden name from her son John's death certificate (q.v.).

666. U.S. census, 1840, Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, r. 380, p. 61.

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W., 10, Mary J., 6, Amanda C., 4, and Martha C., 1, all eight born in Ohio.^[667]

In 1860 J. W. Riggs, 51, a farm tenant born in Pennsylvania, resided in Hamilton, Hanover Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with Nancy, 48, born in Ohio, and William, 26, a farmer, James H., 24, Martin, 23, Eliza, 22, John, 19, Mary, 16, Ann, 14, Martha, 11, George, 9, Emma, 5, and Thomas, 3, all 11 born in Ohio.^[668]

Placeholder: In 1860 James Riggs, 50, a farm laborer born in Ohio with \$50 personal estate, resided in Oxford, Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, in the household of William Hannah, 27. Next door was Edward Riggs, 26, a farmer born in Ohio with \$3,000 real and \$3,000 personal estates, with Sarah, 22, born in Ohio, and “Robt.,” 3, born in Indiana.^[669]

In 1870 James W. Riggs, 61, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$750 personal estate, resided in Oxford, Milford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with Nancy, 58, born in Ohio, and Christiana, 20, George A., 19, Emma C., 14, and Thomas F., 13, all four born in Ohio. John Riggs, 30, a farm laborer born in Ohio, resided in a household nearby.^[670]

In 1880 James W. Riggs, 71, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with his wife, Nancy, 68, sick, born in Ohio of a German father and a mother born in New Jersey, and his daughter, Emma, 25, born in Ohio.^[671]

Children:

354 i **WILLIAM W⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1834, Ohio.

667. U.S. census, 1850, Milford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, r. 663, p. 194A, dw. 1094, fam. 1105.

668. U.S. census, 1860, Hamilton PO, Hanover Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, r. 940, p. 167, dw. 240, fam. 240.

669. U.S. census, 1860, Oxford PO, Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, r. 940, p. 274, dw. 574, fam. 587. Edward resided in dw. 575.

670. U.S. census, 1870, Oxford PO, Milford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, r. 1177, p. 321A, dw. 209, fam. 209. John resided in dw. 211.

671. U.S. census, 1880, Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, ED 26, r. 996, p. 212C, dw. 364, fam. 394.

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- 355 ii **JAMES H.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1836, Ohio, married **MISSOURI L. —**, born about 1845, Ohio.

In 1880 James H. Riggs, 43, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with his wife, “Mosouri” L., 35, born in Ohio of Pennsylvania natives.^[672]

- 356 iii **MARTIN J.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1837, Ohio, married **PERMELIA —**, born about 1839, Ohio, and had one child: (1) Laura⁷ Riggs, born about 1866, Ohio.

In 1880 Martin Riggs, 44, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with his wife, Permelia, 41, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his daughter, Laura, 14, born in Ohio.^[673]

- 357 iv **ELIZA A.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1838, Ohio.

- 358 v **JOHN W.⁶ RIGGS**, born 17 June 1840, Cincinatti, Hamilton Co., Ohio, died 7 Feb. 1923, Jackson Twp., Dark Co., Ohio, buried 10 Feb. 1923, Teegarden,^[674] married **MARY JANE —**.

- 359 vi **MARY J.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1844, Ohio.

- 360 vii **AMANDA/ANN C.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1846, Ohio.

- 361 viii **MARTHA CHRISTIANA⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1849, Ohio.

- 362 ix **GEORGE A.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1851, Ohio, married **MARGARET O. —**, and had two children: (1) Thomas F.⁷ Riggs, born about 1878, Ohio; and (2) James W.⁷ Riggs, born about 1879, Ohio.

In 1880 George A. Riggs, 28, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Milford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with his wife, Margaret O., 23, born in

672. U.S. census, 1880, Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, ED 26, r. 996, p. 211B, dw. 355, fam. 385.

673. U.S. census, 1880, Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, ED 26, r. 996, p. 202D, dw. 158, fam. 158.

674. Death certificate, John W. Riggs, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 9676, reg. dist. no. 306, premary reg. dist. no. 4457, reg. no. 15, died 7 Feb. 1923, “Jakson” Twp., Dark Co., Ohio, male, white, farmer, aged 82 yrs. 7 mos. 13 dys., born 17 June 1840, Cincinatti, father James W. Riggs, born Pa., mother Nancy Andrews, born Ohio, married to Mary Jane Riggs, buried 10 Feb. 1923, Teegarden, informant James J. Riggs of Union City, Ind., image online at <Ancestry.com>.

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New York of a father born in Ireland and a mother in [illegible], and his sons, Thomas F., 2, and James W., 1, both born in Ohio.^[675]

- 363 x **EMMA C.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1855, Ohio, married after the 1880 census — **WHEELER** (see notes after Mahlon's letter in appendix A).
- 364 xi **THOMAS F.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1857, Ohio.

153. MORTEN N.⁵ **RIGGS** (₄₁?*William*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 24 Apr. 1812 (calculated), Ohio, died 17 Oct. 1868, aged 56 years 5 months 23 days, and was buried in Vieley Cem., Lizton, Hendricks Co., Ind.^[676] He married 14 June 1838, Butler Co., Ohio,^[677] **MARY ANN BARD**, who was born 14 June 1816 (gravestone), Ohio, died 18 Apr. 1881, and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Cem., West Newton, Marion Co., Ind.^[678]

In 1840 M. N. Riggs, 20–30, resided in Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, with a woman 20–30, and one boy under 5. On the same page is James Riggs, 30–40, hence the possibility that Morten was his son.^[679]

In 1850 “Martin Riggs,” 38, a farmer born in Ohio, Crosby Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, with Mary A., 34, born in Ohio, and with W. T., 11, Sarah, 9, Hannah, 7, G. W., 4, and Mary, 2, all born in Ohio.^[680]

In 1860 “Merton” Riggs, 48, a laborer born in Ohio, with \$300 personal estate, resided in Indianapolis, Decatur Twp., Marion Co., Ind.,

675. U.S. census, 1880, Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, ED 24, r. 996, p. 156A, dw. 49, fam. 49.

676. *Find a Grave*, no. 8460031, gravestone photograph, Vieley Cem., Lizton, Hendricks Co., Ind., “Morten N. Riggs | Died | Oct. 17, 1868. | aged | 56 Yrs. 5 Mos's. & 23 Dys.”

677. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Butler Co., 1803–1879, 1838, 63, “Married on the 14th day of June 1838, by Peter Sutton Esquire a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid Morton [sic] Riggs to Mary Ann Bard.”

678. *Find a Grave*, no. 8175432, gravestone photograph, by Penny Brand Beaman, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Cem., West Newton, Marion Co., Ind., “Mary A. Riggs | June 14, 1816 | April 18, 1881.”

679. U.S. census, 1840, Oxford Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, r. 380, p. 61.

680. U.S. census, 1860, Indianapolis, Decatur Twp., Marion Co., Ind., p. 713, dw. 642, fam. 580, FHL 803280.

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with Mary A., 44, born in Ohio, and with Taylor, 21, Hannah, 16, George, 14, Mary, 12, Jane, 9, and Emly, 7, all born in Ohio.^[681]

Children:

- 365 i **W. TAYLOR⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1839, Ohio.
- 366 ii **SARAH⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1841, Ohio.
- 367 iii **HANNAH⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1843, Ohio.
- 368 iv **GEORGE W.⁶ RIGGS**, born 8 July 1846, Indiana, died 28 July 1907, Greencastle, Putnam Co., Ind.,^[682] and was buried 30 July 1907, Forest Hill Cem., Greencastle,^[683] married **MARY E. PRICE**, born 30 June 1847 (gravestone), died 22 Nov. 1920, and buried with her husband.
- 369 v **MARY⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1848, Ohio.
- 370 vi **JANE⁶ RIGGS**, born 26 Dec. 1851, Ohio, died 18 Dec. 1912, Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.,^[684] buried Mt. Pleasant Baptist Cem., West Newton, Marion Co., Ind.,^[685] married **JAMES HENRY**, born 1842 (gravestone), died 1903, and buried with his wife.
- 371 vii **EMLY⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1853, Ohio.

681. U.S. census, 1860, Indianapolis, Decatur Twp., Marion Co., Ind., p. 713, dw. 642, fam. 580, FHL 803280.

682. *Ind. Death Certificates, 1899–2011*, image 652 of 2540 online, George W. Riggs, died 28 July 1907, Greencastle (“GCastle” everywhere), Putnam Co., Ind., age 61 yrs. 19 dys., male, white, shoemaker, married (spouse Mary “Rice” Riggs), born 8 July 1846, Ind., father “Morton” Riggs, born Ohio, mother Mary “Beard,” born Ohio, informant Mrs. Mary Riggs, of Greencastle, buried 30 July 1907, Forest Hill, Greencastle.

683. *Find a Grave*, no. 66032836, gravestone photograph, by Rhonda Rubeck Tincher, Forest Hill Cem., Greencastle, Putnam Co., Ind., “George W. Riggs | born | July 9, 18[?] | died | July 28, 1907” on top, and “Mary E. Price | his wife | Born June 30, 1847 | Died Nov. 22, 1920 | Riggs” on the side.

684. *Ind. Death Certificates, 1899–2011*, image 217 of 2753 online, Jane Henry, died 18 Dec. 1912, Indianapolis, Cruter Twp., Marion Co., Ind., age 60 yrs. 11 mos. 24 dys., female, white, widow, born 26 Dec. 1851, Ohio, father “Morton” Riggs, born Ohio, mother Mary Bard, born Ohio, informant [illegible], buried [illegible].

685. *Find a Grave*, no. 8175411, gravestone photograph, by Penny Brand Beaman, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Cem., West Newton, Marion Co., Ind., “Jane Henry | 1852–1912” on top, and “James Henry | 1842–1903” on side.

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155. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁵ RIGGS (₄₁*William*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born Feb. 1827 (1900 census) or 5 Feb. 1828 (death certificate), Ohio, died 28 Aug. 1923, Hamilton Co., Ohio,^[686] and was buried 1 Sept. 1923 in Mt. Washington Cem., Mt. Washington, Hamilton Co., Ohio. He married about 1865 **CATHERINE (ADKINS) SMITH**,^[687] who was born Feb. 1832 (1900 census), New York. She had married, first, William Smith, and had at least two children by that marriage.

In 1870 Benjamin F. Riggs, 42, a carpenter born in Ohio, with \$6,000 real and \$150 personal estates, resided in Pendleton, Columbia Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, with "Catharine," 38, born in New York, and with "Eugene," 14, female, "Susanna," 12, Charles, 4, and "Hellen," 2, all born in Ohio. Sarah Riggs, 83, resided nearby.^[688] We know from the 1880 census that the first two children were from Catherine's first marriage.

In 1880 B. F. Riggs, 52, a carpenter born in Ohio of Ohio natives [possibly erased], resided in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, with his wife, "Kate," 47, born in New York of New York natives, and with his son, Charles, 14, daughters, "Hellen," 12, "Isabell," 9, Margaret, 6, Eugena Smith, 23, all born in Ohio, and daughter, Susannah Smith, 20, born in Kentucky.^[689]

686. Death certificate, Ohio, no. 4904, image posted online at <Ancestry.com> by annie8232, 10 Apr. 2013, linked to Benjamin Franklin Riggs, Ben. F. Riggs, died 28 Aug. 1923, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, age 95 yrs. 6 mos. 23 dys., male, white, widowed (spouse Sarah [sic] Riggs), retired carpenter, born 5 Feb. 1828, N.C., father "W^m" Riggs, born N.C., mother Mary [sic] Justice, born N.C., informant Mrs. Belle Meyer, of New York City, buried 1 Sept. 1923, Mt. Washington, Cincinnati, Ohio.

687. Her name is deduced from the death certificate for her daughter (from her first marriage), digital photocopy of death certificate, nol. 3460, posted by annie8232 on 22 Apr. 2013 on <Ancestry.com> linked to Eugena Smith, "Eugenia" Cunningham, died 30 Jan. 1918, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, age 62 yrs. 25 dys., female, white, widow, born 5 Jan. 1856, Cincinnati, father "W^m" Smith, born Cincinnati, mother "Katie" Adkins, born N.Y., informant Mrs. B. F. Riggs, buried 2 Feb. 1918, Mt. Washington Cem., Cincinnati.

688. U.S. census, 1870, Pendleton PO, Columbia Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio, r. 1208, p. 554B, dw. 141, fam. 141, FHL 552707.

689. U.S. census, 1880, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, ED 112, r. 1024, p. 98D, dw. 398, fam.

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In 1900 Benjamin F. Riggs, 73, a stair builder born Feb. 1827 in Ohio of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, with his wife of 35 years, Catherine, 68, born Feb. 1832 in New York of New York natives, and with his daughters, Helen S., 32, born Aug. 1867, and Isabel, 28, born Oct. 1871, both single and born in Ohio. Catherine had had seven children, with six surviving.^[690]

In 1910 Benjamin Riggs, 82, a stair builder born in Ohio of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, with his wife of 45 years, "Catharine," 76 (her second marriage), born in New York of New York natives. Catharine had had six children with five surviving. They shared their dwelling with the Wiethorne family.^[691]

In 1920 Benjamin Riggs, 91, widower, a stair builder born in Ohio of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, with Catherine M. Houck, 45, a married woman born in Ohio of Germany natives.^[692]

Known children of his marriage to Catherine:

- 372 i **CHARLES J.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1866, Ohio, married 29 June 1893, Hamilton Co., Ohio,^[693] **JESSIE B. JACOBS**.
- 373 ii **HELEN S.⁶ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1867, Ohio.
- 374 iii **ISABEL⁶ RIGGS**, born Oct. 1871, Ohio.
- 375 iv **MARGARET⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1874, Ohio.

160. MARGARET L.⁵ CROW (₄₃*Mary*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 11 Apr. 1820, died 20 Jan. 1853, Washington Co., Pa., and was bur-

406.

690. U.S. census, 1900, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, ED 9, p. 111, sh. 15A, dw. 264, fam. 325, FHL 1241274.

691. U.S. census, 1910, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, ED 20, r. 1188, p. 288, sh. 3B, dw. 68, fam. 75, FHL 1375201.

692. U.S. census, 1920, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, ED 13, r. 1388, p. 123, sh. 6B, dw. 120, fam. 161.

693. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Hamilton Co., 1892–1893, image 929 of 997 online, p. 361, Charles J. Riggs to Jessie B. Jacobs, married 29 June 1893, by Edward W. Abbey MG.

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ied in Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[694] She married **JAMES D. LATTA**, who was born about 1818, Pennsylvania, and died before the 1860 census, perhaps 6 Sept. 1856 (gravestone, but difficult to read), and was buried in Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[695] James married, second, Lucinda Ann⁵ Riggs (₄₇Mahlon⁴, William³) (q.v.), whose sketch repeats the following two census items:

In 1850 James D. Latta [looks like Lalla], 32, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$4,000 real estate, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Margaret L., 28, born in Pennsylvania, "Melisse" A., 8, "Wm" L., 6, Theresa J., 4, John J., 2, all four born in Pennsylvania. There was also a laborer residing in the household.^[696]

In 1860 Lucinda Latta, 28, born in Pennsylvania with \$2,970 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Melissa, 19, "W^m" L., 17, Theresa J., 14, John J., 11, "Jas" H., 9, Lowman, 5, and Clarence, 4, all seven born in Pennsylvania.^[697] Margaret died in 1853, so the first five children were hers.

Children:

- 376 i **MELISSA A.**⁶ **LATTA**, born about 1842, Pennsylvania.
- 377 ii **WILLIAM L.**⁶ **LATTA**, born about 1844, Pennsylvania.
- 378 iii **THERESA J.**⁶ **LATTA**, born about 1846, Pennsylvania.
- 379 iv **JOHN J.**⁶ **LATTA**, born about 1848, Pennsylvania.
- 380 v **JAMES H.**⁶ **LATTA**, born about 1851, Pennsylvania.

167. SAMUEL⁵ RIGGS (₄₅Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 22 May 1828, Washington Co., Pa., died 20 Oct. 1904, Washington Twp.,

694. *Find a Grave*, no. 59633202, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., "Margaret L. | Wife of | J. D. Latta | died | Jan. 20, 1853: | In the 32 year | of her age."

695. *Find a Grave*, no. 59633201, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., "James D. Latta | died | Sept. [6?], 185[6] | aged 39 y[ears?] | [?] [mos.?] & 2[?] [dys.?.]"

696. U.S. census, 1850, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 833, p. 159A, dw. 103, fam. 103.

697. U.S. census, 1860, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1191, p. 2, dw. 97, fam. 97.

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Hocking Co., Ohio,^[698] and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Vinton Co., Ohio.^[699] He married 24 Dec. 1857, Hocking Co., Ohio,^[700] **SARAH ANN JOHNSTON**, who was born 27 Jan. 1836 (gravestone), died 30 Aug. 1897, and was buried next to her husband (q.v.).

From a 1904 obituary:

Samuel Riggs, son of Noah and Nancy Riggs, was born May 22, 1828, and departed this life October 20, 1904, aged 76 years, four months and 29 days. When a young man he came to this state from Virginia. For awhile he resided in Guernsey County, afterward he purchased a farm on Honey Fork on Raccoon River in Hocking County, where he has ever since domiciled. He was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Johnson, in the year 1867 (according to other records they were married Dec. 25, 1856 [sic]). To this union was born six sons and four daughters, all of whom survive him, the wife having preceded him to the spirit land seven years ago. He was a loyal member of the M. E. Church at Mt. Pleasant, proving to all with whom he came in contact that he was in reality a Christian in whom there was no guile, by an upright walk and a chaste conversation. His last illness was dropsy of the heart. He was taken sick on New Years Day. From the first of his sickness he could not lie down, but had to sit in his chair in which position he remained until the end came. . . .^[701]

In 1860 Samuel Riggs, 27, a farmer born in Virginia with \$3,000 real and \$200 personal estates, resided in South Bloomingville, Washington

698. *Ohio Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997*, Samuel Riggs, male, born 1828, age 76, died 20 Oct. 1904, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio [FHL 912316].

699. *Find a Grave*, no. 34082752, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Vinton Co., Ohio, “Samuel Riggs | born May 22, 1828. | died Oct. 19, 1904. | aged 76 y. 4 m. 27 d. | Sarah Ann Riggs | born Jan. 27, 1836. | died Aug. 30, 1897 | aged 61 y. 7 m. 3 d.”

700. *Ohio Marriages, 1800–1958*, Samuel Riggs to Sarah Ann Johnston, single, 24 Dec. 1857, Hocking Co., Ohio [FHL 912318]; *Ohio, County Marriages, 1790–1950*, “Decr 15 [1857] 139 Samuel Riggs | to | Sarah Ann Johnston, both sworn, Married Decr 24th, 1857 | By C H. Warren MG.” So they were licensed on 15 Dec. 1857.

701. Obit., *The Logan (Ohio) Republican*, 3 Nov. 1904, excerpted online at <www.findagrave.com>.

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Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with Sarah A., 23, born in Ohio, and with “W^m” J., 1, born in Ohio.^[702]

In 1870 Samuel Riggs, 40, a farmer born in West Virginia with \$8,000 real and \$4,000 personal estates, resided in Logan, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with, Sarah, 35, born in Ohio, and with William J., 11, Charles W., 10, Margaret E., 8, Jane, 7, “Asberry,” 4, and Louisa, 2, all six born in Ohio, and Noah Riggs, 72, “Lives with son, in-firm,” born in Pennsylvania.^[703]

In 1880 “Sam’l” Riggs, 51, a farmer born in West Virginia of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife, Sarah A., 44, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his son, Charles W., 20, a farmer, daughters, Margaret E., 18, and Eliza J., 16, son, “Arlando” A., 13, daughter, Louisa Bell, 11, sons, “Geo.” W., 9, “Sam’l” Grant, 7, and Noah F., 5, [mislabelled a daughter], and daughter, “Elther” May, 9/12, born Oct., all nine born in Ohio. Next door was “W^m” Riggs, 21, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, with his wife, married in 1880, Laura, 20, with the same nativities as he.^[704]

In 1900 Samuel Riggs, 73, widower, a farmer born May 1827 in West Virginia of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with his sons, George W., 29, born Oct. 1870, and “Franklin N.,” 23, born Jan. 1877, and daughter, Ethel M., 20, born Sept. 1879, all three born in Ohio. Next door resided Margaret E. Allen, 39, widow, a farmer born Dec. 1860 in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, with her son, Clarence E. A., 15, born Apr. 1885, and

702. U.S. census, 1860, South Bloomingville PO, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, r. 988, p. 13, dw. 172, fam. 172.

703. U.S. census, 1870, Logan PO, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, r. 1223, p. 588B, dw. 43, fam. 43.

704. U.S. census, 1880, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 68, r. 1034, p. 187C, dw. 22, fam. 22. William resided in dw. 23.

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daughter, Carrie A., 11, born Aug. 1888, both born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio. Margaret had had two children, with two surviving.^[705]

Children:

- + 381 i **WILLIAM J.⁶ RIGGS**, born 11 Nov. 1858, Ohio, married **LAURA J. WRIGHT**, and had at least six children.
- + 382 ii **CHARLES WESLEY⁶ RIGGS**, born 16 July 1860, Hocking Co., Ohio, married **HATTIE L. MITCHELL**, and had three children.
- + 383 iii **MARGARET E.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1862 (Dec. 1860 perhaps), Ohio, married – **ALLEN**, and had two children.
- + 384 iv **ELIZA JANE⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1864, Ohio, married (1) an unknown person, married (2) **CLINTON JOHNSON**.
- + 385 v **ASBURY ORLANDO⁶ RIGGS**, born 9 June 1866 or Jan. 1868, Hocking Co., Ohio, married **VIOLA F. PRICE**, and had five children.
- 386 vi **LOUISA BELL⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1869, Ohio, married **W. T. HAINSWORTH**.
- 387 vii **GEORGE WILBERT⁶ RIGGS**, born 9 Oct. 1870, Hocking Co., Ohio, died 2 June 1935,^[706] Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, buried 4 June 1935 in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Vinton Co., Ohio,^[707] married **BERTHA GRIFFITH**, and divorced. He resided next to his brother, Samuel, in the 1930 census (q.v.).
- + 388 viii **SAMUEL GRANT⁶ RIGGS**, born 2 Apr. 1874, Hocking Co., Ohio, married **BERTHA G. HORN**, and had four children.
- + 389 ix **NOAH FRANKLIN⁶ RIGGS**, born 17 Jan. 1877, Washington Twp., Ohio, married **CLARA HANSEL**, and had three children.

705. U.S. census, 1900, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 38, r. 1287, p. 256, sh. 8A, dw. 159, fam. 161. Margaret resided in dw. 160.

706. Death certificate, George Wilbert Riggs, State of Ohio, Dept. of Health, file no. 37728, reg. dist. no. 600, primary reg. dist. no. 8250, reg. no. 78, resident of Mt. Pleasant, Vinton Co., died 2 June 1935, Logan, Hocking Co., aged 64 yrs. 7 mos. 23 dys., male, white, divorced from Bertha Griffith, he was born 9 Oct. 1870, Hocking Co., Ohio, father Samuel Riggs, born W.Va., mother Sarah A. Johnston, born Ohio, informant N. F. Riggs, of Logan, Ohio., buried 4 June 1935, Mt. Pleasant.

707. *Find a Grave*, no. 34086224, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Vinton Co., Ohio, "George W. | Riggs | 1870 - 1935."

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+ 390 x **ETHEL MAY⁶ RIGGS**, born Oct. 1879 or Sept. 1879, Ohio, married
JOSEPH H. HOSKINS, and had six children.

169. JOHN LESTER⁵ RIGGS (₄₇Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹)^[708] was born 30 Mar. 1824,^[709] Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa.,^[710] died 25 Oct. 1902.^[711] and was buried in the Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[712] He married 29 Jan. 1852^[713] **DOROTHY JANE BILES**, who was born Dec. 1833 (1900 census) or 1832 (gravestone), Pennsylvania. She was 76 in a 1910 history of Washington Co., Pa.,^[714] and died 1 June 1911 according to the probate file of her estate (see below). She signed her will on 23 Jan. 1911 and it was proved on 19 June 1911. Her gravestone in Howe Cem. appears to give 1912 for her death year.^[715] See Figure 18 for portraits of John and Dorothy.

A biography of John L. Riggs from an 1893 history of Washington Co., Pa.:

708. See appendix A for his middle name.

709. Lydia Riggs Bible, "John L. Riggs was born Mar. 30th 1824."; Mahlon and Lydia Riggs Family Register, "John Lester Riggs, was | born Mch. 30th, A.D. 1824."

710. McFarland, *20th Century History of the City of Washington and Washington Co., Pa.*, 1438, article on James A. Riggs, "son of John L. and Dorothy (Biles) Riggs. John L. Riggs . . . was born on the old Riggs homestead at Lucyville, as was his father, Nahlon (Mahlon) Riggs . . . John L. Riggs, who died in 1902, is survived by his widow, who is now seventy-six years of age." Descendant James Wallace⁸ Riggs convincingly disputes (2 Sept. 2011) that the birth occurred at Lucyville, claiming Pike Run Twp. Instead "John Lester was born in one of four log houses on his father's (Mahlon) farm which at the time was in Pike Run Twp., however, the postal address at the farm might very well have been Luceyville which may have been what McFadden used."

711. Lydia Riggs Bible, "John L. Riggs died Oct. 25, 1902."

712. *Find a Grave*, no. 59633284, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., "John Riggs | 1824 - 1908," in vicinity (presumably) of a stone, "Riggs."

713. Lydia Riggs Bible, "John L. Riggs and Jane Biles were married | Jany 29th 1852. By Rev. J. G. Sansom."

714. McFarland, *20th Century History of the City of Washington and Washington Co., Pa.*, 1438.

715. *Find a Grave*, no. 59633285, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., "Dotty [perhaps Do'thy] [?]. Riggs | 1832 - 1912[?]," in vicinity of a stone, "Riggs."

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John L. Riggs represents a family of the earliest pioneers, who were originally natives of Wales [sic], the home of mythical legends and weird, yet fascinating ballads. But more fascinating to the childish ear than even ancient tale or thrilling music were the new stories of a life where truth was stranger than fiction, of a wonderful land across the mighty ocean. At length a hardy band of pioneers joined an expedition to the New World, and among their number were the early ancestors of the Riggs family. After landing in America they settled in Maryland, where their children grew to maturity and were married.

William Riggs, a son of this family, was born in 1750, and in early life married Mary Dodson. The young couple decided to plunge yet deeper into the forest wilds, and in 1773 came to Washington county, Penn., where he took out a patent of land near Monongahela river, a portion of which is yet in the family name. He served as vestryman in an Episcopal church prior to 1794, and in 1799 was licensed to preach by the authorities of the Methodist Episcopal Society. He died in 1833; his wife died in December, 1819, aged sixty-four; both are buried on the home farm. They were the parents of thirteen children, their names and dates of birth being as follows; Jeremiah, December 17, 1774; Eleanor, October 3, 1776; James, December 14, 1778; Abrillar, February 11, 1781; Thomas, February 19, 1783; William, April 29, 1785; Zachariah, May 25, 1787; Mary, June 11, 1789; Lucy, July 16, 1791; Noah, August 6, 1793; Elizabeth, 1795; Mahlon, December 25, 1797, and Anne, 1799. Quite a number of these lived to very old ages; several went to Marshall county, W. Va., others to different parts of Ohio.

. . . [see sketch of Mahlon Riggs for this paragraph].

John L. Riggs was born March 30, 1824, in Allen township, Washington county, and received a subscription-school education. On January 25, 1852, he was united in marriage with Dorothy J., daughter of Alexander P. Biles, a native of Allen township, where her mother died some years ago; her father died in Moundsville, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs resided on the old homestead until 1859, when they came to their present home. He bought fifty-five acres, which, added to the original tract comprises 175 acres of well-cultivated land, furnished with a good brick residence. Mr. Riggs has given his attention to farming and stock raising; in politics he

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was a strong Abolitionist, now voting with the Republican party, which he has served as township collector and a member of the school board. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs have had children as follows: Marcellus, born December 9, 1852, unmarried and residing with his parents; J. A., born January 21, 1854, unmarried and residing with his parents (he is a contracting carpenter); Cyrenus, born November 29, 1855, married June 15, 1886, to Nancy Rogers, of Iowa (they are now living in Galva, Ida Co., Iowa, where he is a contracting carpenter); John W., born May 10, 1857, married March 10, 1880, to Anna M. Alden, who was born February 11, 1862, at Toulon, Stark Co., Ill. (they now live in Allen township, Washington county, Penn); Oliver S., born September 21, 1860, married to Katie Bell McKenna, and they are now living on the home farm.^[716]

In 1860 John Riggs, 35, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$3,240 real and \$630 personal estates, resided in Fayette, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Jane, 24, born in Pennsylvania, and with Marcellus, 8, Americus, 5, "Cyrenius," 3, and John W., 2, all four born in Pennsylvania. Next door was "Malone" Riggs, 63.^[717]

In 1870 John L. Riggs, 47, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$5,300 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Monongahela, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with "Dortha" J., 37, born in Pennsylvania, and with "Marselles," 18, a farmer, Americus, 16, "Cyrus," 14, John W., 11, and Oliver, 9, all five born in Pennsylvania.^[718]

In 1880 J. L. Riggs, 54, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Jane, 48, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his sons, "Marcelus," 27, "Jame" A., 25, and Oliver, 18, all three farmers born in Pennsylvania.^[719]

716. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 618. The first paragraph is probably bogus.

717. U.S. census, 1860, Fayette City PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1191, p. 10, dw. 40, fam. 40. Mahlon resided in dw. 41.

718. U.S. census, 1870, Monongahela City PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1462, pp. 324B-325A, dw. 87, fam. 91.

719. U.S. census, 1880, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 232, r. 1201, p. 5B, dw. 66, fam. 78.

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In 1900 John Riggs, 76, a farmer born Mar. 1824 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with his wife of 48 years, Jane, 66, born Dec. 1833 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, Marcellus, 47, born Dec. 1852 in Pennsylvania. Jane had had five children, with five surviving. Next door lived William Riggs, 43.^[720]

In 1910 “Dorthy” J. Riggs, 70, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., in the household of her son, “Marsellis,” 55, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. Dorothy had had five children, with four surviving.^[721]

Dorothy Jane Riggs signed her will on 23 Jan. 1911 and it was proved on 19 June 1911. The probate includes a sworn statement from Marcellus Riggs that Dorothy died 1 June 1911. Her will mentions “the heirs of my son, Oliver S. Riggs deceased,” “my Dower or life interest in the Mahlon Riggs Farm,” “my son William H. Riggs,” “my son, James A. Riggs,” “my son, Marcellus Riggs,” “my husband, John L. Riggs, deceased,” and makes Marcellus Riggs her executor.^[722]

A bill of partition sworn and subscribed 3 June 1929, Court of Common Pleas, Washington Co., Pa., concerns several parcels of land held together and undivided by the following list of persons, who would therefore be the heirs of John Lester Riggs: Cyrenus Riggs, “Annie” Riggs, Sheldon A. Riggs, Henrietta Riggs Smith, Adrian Riggs, Iona Riggs Carson, Myrtle Riggs Binkney, “Ollie” Riggs Mason, Dorothy Riggs Sutherland, Bernice Riggs Cunningham, Velma Riggs, Leslie

720. U.S. census, 1900, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 108, r. 1493, p. 20, sh. 20B, dw. 357, fam. 378. William resided in dw. 358.

721. U.S. census, 1910, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 159, r. 1425, p. 167, sh. 7B, dw. 14, fam. 14.

722. Will of Dorothy Jane Riggs, Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 25:456, a transcription sent to me by CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, 5 Dec. 2011, will signed by Dorothy Jane Riggs (her mark) of Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., on 23 Jan. 1911, witnessed by C. F. and H. S. Stockdale, who also signed the proof of the will on 19 June 1911. Marcellus Riggs signed the probate on 19 June 1911, and was then issued letters of administration on that date.

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Riggs, and “Vern” Riggs, plaintiffs, and May Grant Riggs, defendant. Cyrenus swore to the accuracy of the facts.^[723]

Children:^[724]

- 391 i **MARCELLUS PARCY⁶ RIGGS,**^[725] born 9 Dec. 1852,^[726] Pennsylvania, died **28 Feb.** 1928, and buried in the Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[727] He was single in the 1920 census, and was not listed and had no heirs listed in the bill of partition of 3 June 1929.^[728] He swore 19 July 1911 to the death of Dorothy Jane Riggs in the proof of her will (q.v.), and was deceased by 22 May 19[2]8 in the will of J. A.⁶ Riggs (q.v.).^[729]
- + 392 ii **JAMES AMERICUS⁶ RIGGS,** born 21 or 22 Jan. 1854, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., married **ELIZA MAE [MAY] GRANT,** and had no children.

723. Bill of Partition, no. 3327 “in Equity,” Court of Common Pleas, Washington Co., Pa., sworn and subscribed by Cyrenus Riggs on 3 June 1929, photocopy courtesy of CoraBell⁸ (Cunningham) Walters, 22 Nov. 2011. The partition gives 504 undivided shares (of 1728 total) to Cyrenus⁶. Annie got 168 shares and her children 112 each, for a total of 504 shares to William⁶. The eight living children of Oliver⁶ got 63 shares each, for a total of 504. May got 216 shares. From the will of J. A.⁶ Riggs (appendix E), May was left “half the balance of my estate,” which explains why she got less than 504 shares. In fact she got less than half of 504 shares, probably because of the details specified in that will. Presumably a similar explanation exists for Annie, who got one third of her husband’s estate and her children two thirds.

724. James Wallace⁸ Riggs, descendent, states (2 Sept. 2011), “He [John Lester Riggs] left no will. Children: Marcellus (known as Parse), James Americus (known as Burr), Cyrenus (known as Cy), John William (known as Billy), Oliver Sansom.”

725. His middle name comes from Carson Obits., Oliver Sansom Riggs, born 21 Sept. 1860, died 2 Mar. 1904 (q.v.).

726. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 1893, 618, “Marcellus, born December 9, 1852, unmarried and residing with his parents.”

727. *Find a Grave*, no. 59633283, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., “Marcellus | 1852 – 1928,” in vicinity of a stone, “Riggs.”

728. U.S. census, 1920, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 171, r. 1660, p. 20, sh. 20A, dw. 153, fam. 179, lists Marcellus Riggs, 70, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives.

729. A transcription of the will gives its date as 22 May 1908, but this is clearly an error because it states that Marcellus is deceased, and he clearly survived past the 1920 census. Surely the 1908 was a misreading of 1928.

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- + 393 iii **CYRENUS [CYRUS]⁶ RIGGS**, born 29 Nov. 1855, Pennsylvania, married **NANCY J. ROGERS**, and had four children.
- + 394 iv **JOHN WILLIAM H.⁶ RIGGS**, born 10 May 1856 or 1857, Pennsylvania, married **ANNA M. ALDEN**, and had three children.
- + 395 v **OLIVER SANSOM⁶ RIGGS**, born 20 or 21 Sept. 1860, Pennsylvania, married **CATHARINE [KATE] BELLE MCKENNA**, and had nine children.

170. THOMAS THORNTON FLEMING⁵ RIGGS (₄₇Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 29 Apr. 1826,^[730] Pennsylvania, and died 25 Jan. 1880, Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va.^[731] He married 31 May 1853^[732] **SUSAN REDD**, who was born about 1832, Pennsylvania, and died 2 Jan. 1877, Marshall Co., W.Va.^[733] Both “died several years ago in Moundsville, and were buried there” (written in 1893).^[734]

In 1860 “Thos.” T. F. Riggs, 32, a carpenter born in Pennsylvania with \$2,800 real and \$1,600 personal estates, resided in Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va., with Susan, 28, born in Pennsylvania, and with Henry M., 5, James O., 3, Charles S., 2, and “Infant Son,” 2/12, all four born in Virginia, and also (his brother) James L. Riggs, 23, a carpenter born in Pennsylvania with \$300 personal estate.^[735]

In 1870 Thornton Riggs, 44, a carpenter born in Pennsylvania, resided in Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va., with “Susannah,” 38, born in Pennsylvania, and with Henry, 15, Charles, 12, Elsworth, 9, John H., 7,

730. Lydia Riggs Bible, “Thomas T. Riggs was born Apr. 30th 1826.”; Mahlon and Lydia Riggs Family Register, “Thomas Thorton [sic] Fleming Riggs | was born Apl. 19th, A.D. 1826.”

731. Lydia Riggs Bible, “Thomas Thornton F. Riggs Died Jan 25th 1880 in | Moundsville Marshall Co West V.”; U.S. census, 1880, mortality schedule, J.T.F. Riggs, 54, male, born Pa., carpenter, joiner, died Jan. 1880, Marshall Co., W.Va., of typhoid fever.

732. Lydia Riggs Bible, “Thomas T. Riggs and Susan Redd were married | May 31st 1853. By Rev. R. Hamilton.”

733. Lydia Riggs Bible, “Susan Riggs. died. Jan 2nd 1877 Marshall Co W Va.”

734. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 618. The first paragraph is bogus, of course.

735. U.S. census, 1860, Moundsville PO, Corp. of Elizabeth Town, Marshall Co., W.Va., r. 1360, p. 213, dw. 692, fam. 680.

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William, 5, Frank, 3, and “unnamed,” 3/12, a male born Mar. 1870, all seven born in West Virginia.^[736]

In 1880 Henry Riggs, 24, a carpenter born in West Virginia of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Washington District, Marshall Co., W.Va., with his wife, Mary, 22, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and with (presumably Henry’s brother) Charles, 22, with the same nati- vities as Henry, Charles’s wife, Lydia, 21, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, his (Henry’s) brothers, Elsworth, 20, Harvey, 18, Frank, 11, and Edward, 9, all four born in West Virginia, and with his son, Harry, 1, born in West Virginia.^[737]

Children:

- 396 i **HENRY M.⁶ RIGGS**, born 18 Feb. 1855, West Virginia, died June 15, 1900, buried in Mt. Rose Cem., Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va.,^[738] married 30 Dec. 1877, Marshall Co., W.Va.,^[739] **MARY E. HUBBS**, born about 1858, West Virginia, and had at least one child: (1) Harry⁷ Riggs, born about 1879, West Virginia.
- 397 ii **JAMES O.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1857, West Virginia. He does not appear in the 1870 census so probably had died by then.
- 398 iii **CHARLES S.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1858, West Virginia.
- 399 iv **ELSWORTH⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1861, West Virginia.
- 400 v **JOHN HARVEY⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1863, West Virginia.
- 401 vi **WILLIAM⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1865, West Virginia.
- 402 vii **FRANK⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1867, West Virginia.
- 403 viii **EDWARD⁶ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1870, West Virginia.

736. U.S. census, 1870, Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va., r. 1693, p. 304B, dw. 276, fam. 266.

737. U.S. census, 1880, Washington District, Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 192, r. 1407, p. 147C, dw. 282.

738. *Find a Grave*, no. 50285774, gravestone photograph, Mt. Rose Cem., Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va., “Henry M | Riggs | born | Feb. 18, 1855 | died | June 15, 1900.”

739. *W.Va. Marriage Records, 1863–1900*, Henry M. Riggs to Mary E. Hubbs, 30 Dec. 1877, Marshall Co., W.Va.

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171. CAROLINE AMANDA⁵ RIGGS (₄₇Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 4 Oct. 1828,^[740] Washington Co.,^[741] Pa. She married 15 June 1851^[742] **GEORGE W. HAZELBAKER**, who was born Mar. 1820 (1900 census), Washington Co., Pa., and died 26 Mar. 1907.^[743] Caroline was alive at the letter of 28 Jan. 1878.

In 1860 George W. "Hazelbaker," 35, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$400 [possibly \$4,000] real and \$620 personal estates, resided in Fayette, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Caroline, 32, born in Pennsylvania, and with Theophilus, 7, Felicia H., 6, Elijah, 5, Idabell, 3, and Francis, 1, all five born in Pennsylvania. Elias I. "Warrell," 11, resided next door.^[744]

In 1870 George Hazelbaker, 42, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$1,600 real and \$500 personal estates, resided in Monongahela, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Caroline A., 40, born in Pennsylvania, and with Theophilus, 18, "Felisa" H., 17, "Elgy" V., 15, Ida B., 13, Frank, 11, "Malissa," 9, Emma, 7, and Ella, 2, all eight born in Pennsylvania. Elias I. Worrell, 21, resided next door, and Kate Belle McKenna resided nearby.^[745]

In 1880 "Geo. Hazlebaker," 55, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Caroline, 52, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, Frank, 24, and daughters, Melissa, 20, Emma, 18, and Ella,

740. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Caroline A. Riggs was born Oct. 4th 1828."; Mahlon and Lydia Riggs Family Register, "Caroline Amanda Riggs, | was born Oct. 4th, A.D. 1828."

741. For birthplaces of Caroline and George see the biography of E. I. Worrell in the sketch of their daughter Emma.

742. Lydia Riggs Bible, "George Hazelbaker and Caroline Riggs were married | June 15th 1851. By Rev. Abner Jackson."

743. Lydia Riggs Bible, "George Hazelbaker, died March 26, 1907."

744. U.S. census, 1860, Fayette PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1191, p. 11, dw. 43, fam. 43. Elias resided in dw. 45.

745. U.S. census, 1870, Monongahela PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1462, p. 321A, dw. 36, fam. 38. Elias resided in dw. 37, and Kate in dw. 33.

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12, all four born in Pennsylvania. Next door was Mahlon Riggs, 83, and beyond him was E. I. Worrell, 30.^[746]

In 1900 George W. Hazelbaker, 80, a farmer born Mar. 1820 in Pennsylvania of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife of 49 years, "Carline" A., 71, born Oct. 1828 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, Elga, 46, single, a farm laborer born Feb. 1854 in Pennsylvania, daughter Ella G., 32, single, a dressmaker born May 1868 in Pennsylvania, and granddaughter, Ella, 14, born Feb. 1886 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. Caroline had had 11 children, with eight surviving. Next door was Irwin E. Worrell, 51, and nearby resided Oliver S. Riggs, 39.^[747]

In 1910 Caroline A. Hazelbaker, 81, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with her daughter, Ella G., 41, single, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, her granddaughter, Geneva Cox, 3, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and her brother-in-law, John Hazelbaker, 74, a widower born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. Caroline had had 11 children, with seven surviving. Next door was Melissa Pringle, 49.^[748]

In 1920 Caroline A. Hazelbaker, 91, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with her daughter, Ella, 51, single, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. Nearby resided Katie B. Riggs, 52, and Elias I. Worrell, 71.^[749]

Known children, of 11:

746. U.S. census, 1880, Monongahela PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 232, r. 1201, p. 13A, dw. 170, fam. 179. Mahlon resided in dw. 171 and Elias in dw. 172.

747. U.S. census, 1900, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 109, r. 1493, p. 32, sh. 11B, dw. 213, fam. 216. Irwin resided in dw. 214, and Oliver in dw. 218.

748. U.S. census, 1910, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 200, r. 1493, p. 30, sh. 16A, dw. 284, fam. 292. Melissa resided in dw. 285.

749. U.S. census, 1920, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 243, r. 1493, p. 34, sh. 3B, dw. 52, fam. 53. Katie resided in dw. 54, and Elias in dw. 55.

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- 404 i **THEOPHILUS⁶ HAZELBAKER**, born about 1852, Pennsylvania.
405 ii **FELICIA H.⁶ HAZELBAKER**,^[750] born Dec. 1853, Pennsylvania,
married about 1880 **JOHN B. HARSHA**, born May 1868,
Pennsylvania, and had two children: (1) Joseph D.⁷ Harsha, born
Sept. 1883, Pennsylvania; and (2) Caroline A.⁷ Harsha, born Feb.
1885, Pennsylvania.

In 1900 John B. “Harshie,” 42, a carpenter born May 1868 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Charleroi, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife of 20 years, “Pelucia” H., [47 apparently written over 43], born Dec. 1853 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, “Jos. B.,” [16 written over 17], born Sept. 1883, and daughter, Caroline, 25, born Feb. 1885, both born in Pennsylvania. Felicia had had two children, with two surviving.^[751]

In 1910 John B. Harsha, 52, a carpenter born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in North Charleroi, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife of 30 years, Felicia H., 56, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, “Josheph” D., 28, and daughter, Carrie A. [Cornshan?], 25, a widow, both born in Pennsylvania, and his grandson, Joseph F. [Cornshan?], 4, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania. Felicia had had two children, with two surviving. Carrie had had just the one child.^[752]

- 406 iii **ELIJAH V.⁶ HAZELBAKER**, born Feb. 1854, Pennsylvania, and never married.
407 iv **IDABELL/IDA BELL⁶ HAZELBAKER**, born about 1857, Pennsylvania, married 23 Apr. 1880, California, Pa.,^[753] **FRANKLIN L. HARRIS**.
408 v **FRANCIS/FRANK⁶ HAZELBAKER**, born about 1859, Pennsylvania.

750. Her middle name from *Mt. Tabor Methodist Church, 1850–1950*.

751. U.S. census, 1900, Charleroi Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 134, r. 1493, p. 65, sh. 30A, dw. 483, fam. 489.

752. U.S. census, 1910, North Charleroi Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 221, r. 1493, p. 7, sh. 7B, dw. 140, fam. 154.

753. Lydia Riggs Bible, “Franklin L. Harris and Ida B. Hazelbaker were | Married Aprile the 23. 1880. By the Rev. J. V. | Yarnell, in California, Pa.”

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- 409 vi **MELISSA⁶ HAZELBAKER**, born about 1861, Pennsylvania, married — **PRINGLE**, born in England, and had seven children: (1) William H.⁷ Pringle, born about 1883, Pennsylvania; (2) Elsie J.⁷ Pringle, born about 1885, Pennsylvania; (3) Dora B.⁷ Pringle, born about 1887, Pennsylvania, married about 1907 John Cox, born about 1887, England, and had two children: (i) James G.⁸ Cox, born about 1908, Pennsylvania; and (ii) Charles R.⁸ Cox, born about 1910, Pennsylvania; (4) Arthur J.⁷ Pringle, born about 1889, Pennsylvania; (5) Elga R.⁷ Pringle, born about 1891, Pennsylvania; (6) May A.⁷ Pringle, born about 1895, Pennsylvania; and (7) Robert J.⁷ Pringle, born about 1897, Pennsylvania.

In 1910 Melissa Pringle, 49, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with her son, William H., 27, daughter, Elsie J., 25, daughter, Dora B. Cox, 27, her son-in-law of three years, John Cox, 27, a railroad brakeman, her sons, Arthur J. Pringle, 21, and Elga R., 19, daughter, May A., 15, son, Robert J., 13, and grandsons, James G. Cox, 2, and Charles R. Cox, 3/12, all born in Pennsylvania of a father born in England and a mother in Pennsylvania (except for John Cox, born in England of English natives). Melissa had had seven children, with seven surviving. Dora had had two children with two surviving. Next door was Caroline A. Hazelbaker, 81.^[754]

- + 410 vii **EMMA⁶ HAZELBAKER**, born Feb. 1863, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., married **ELIAS IRWIN WORRELL**, and had four children.
- 411 viii **ELLA G.⁶ HAZELBAKER**, born May 1868, Pennsylvania, and never married.

172. LUCINDA ANN⁵ RIGGS (₄₇Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 25 Sept. 1830,^[755] Pennsylvania. She married (1) 12 June 1853^[756]

754. U.S. census, 1910, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 200, r. 1493, p. 30, sh. 16A, dw. 284, fam. 292. Melissa resided in dw. 285.

755. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Lucinda A. Riggs was born Sept. 25th 1830."; Mahlon and Lydia Riggs Family Register, "Lucinda Ann Riggs, | was born Sep. 25th, A.D. 1830."

756. Lydia Riggs Bible, "J. D. Latta and Lucinda Riggs were married | June 12th 1853. By Rev.

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JAMES D. LATTA, who was born about 1818, Pennsylvania, and died before the 1860 census, perhaps 6 Sept. 1856 (gravestone, but difficult to read), and was buried in Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[757] James had married, first, Margaret L.⁵ Crow (₄₃Mary⁴, William³) (q.v.), and had five children. Margaret had died 20 Jan. 1853. Lucinda married (2) 5 Oct. 1872^[758] **JOHNSTON A. NOBLE**, who was born about 1815, Pennsylvania^[759] (or about 1818, Ohio, according to the 1880 census), died 15 Aug. 1885.^[760] Lucinda was alive at the letter of 28 Jan. 1878 and as of 1893 was “now living at California, Penn.,” when her mother was living with her. Lucinda after the 1920 census.

In 1850 James D. Latta [looks like Lalla], 32, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$4,000 real estate, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Margaret L., 28, born in Pennsylvania, “Melisse” A., 8, “Wm” L., 6, Theresa J., 4, John J., 2, all four born in Pennsylvania. There was also a laborer residing in the household.^[761]

In 1860 Lucinda Latta, 28, born in Pennsylvania with \$2,970 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Melissa, 19, “Wm” L., 17, Theresa J., 14, John J., 11, “Jas” H., 9, Lowman, 5, and Clarence, 4, all seven born in Pennsylvania.^[762] Margaret died in 1853, so only the last two children are Lucinda’s.

Loman.”

757. *Find a Grave*, no. 59633201, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., “James D. Latta | died | Sept. [6?], 185[6] | aged 39 y[ears?] | [?] [mos.?] & 2[?] [dys.?.]”

758. Lydia Riggs Bible, “J. A. Noble & L. A. Latta | Were married, Oct the: 5: | in the year: 1872. By | Rev. J. Mansell.”

759. U.S. census, 1870, Brownsville PO, Redstone Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., r. 1343, p. 360, dw. 182, fam. 182, lists Johnston Noble, 55, a farmer born in Pa., with Pleasant, 50, born Pa., and five children including “Jno” M., 7, born Pa.; U.S. census, 1850, Washington Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., r. 780, p. 387B, dw. 1607, fam. 1607, lists Johnston A. Noble, 35, born Pa., Pleasant, 29, born Pa., and four children.

760. Lydia Riggs Bible, “J. A. Noble died. August. 15. 1885.”

761. U.S. census, 1850, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 833, p. 159A, dw. 103, fam. 103.

762. U.S. census, 1860, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1191, p. 2, dw. 97, fam. 97.

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In 1870 Lucinda Latta, 39, born in Pennsylvania with \$1,200 real and \$100 personal estates, resided in California Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Lowman, 16, Clarence, 14, John, 21, James, 18, all four born in Pennsylvania. There were also a physician and his wife residing in the household.^[763]

In 1880 “Johnson” Noble, 62, a farmer born in Ohio of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Redstone Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., with his wife, Lucinda, 50, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, John M., 18, born in Pennsylvania of a mother born in Pennsylvania, and his nephew, William Riggs, 14, a farm hand born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives.^[764]

In 1900 Lucinda Noble, 70, a widow born Sept. 1829 [sic] in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in California, Washington Co., Pa., with her son, “Clarrence” Latta, 45, born Oct. 1854 in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania, and her daughter, Katie M. Noble, 18, born Feb. 1882, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania.^[765] But note that Lucinda would have been about 52 at the birth of Katie, so something is wrong.

In 1910 Lucinda Noble, 80, a widow born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Virginia, resided in California, Washington Co., Pa., with her son, “Clarance” Latta, 54, single, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania, and her daughter, Katie Noble, 29, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania. Lucinda had had three children, with one [sic] surviving.^[766]

In 1920 Lucinda Noble, 90, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided alone in California, Washington Co., Pa. Low-

763. U.S. census, 1870, Bentleysville PO, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., r. 1463, p. 62B, dw. 36, fam. 36.

764. U.S. census, 1880, Redstone Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., ED 50, r. 1130, p. 379D, dw. 84, fam. 84.

765. U.S. census, 1900, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 161, r. 1130, p. 97, sh. 15A, dw. 224, fam. 235.

766. U.S. census, 1910, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 166, r. 1425, p. 17, sh. 17A, dw. 321, fam. 344.

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man R. "Letta," 38, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided nearby, with his wife Sarah, 29, born in England of English natives, and his son, Lowman R. Jr., 11, born in Pennsylvania. Sarah had immigrated in 1887 and naturalized in 1892.^[767]

Children of the first marriage, to Mr. Latta:

- 412 i LOWMAN⁶ LATTa, born about 1854, Pennsylvania.
- 413 iii CLARENCE⁶ LATTa, born about 1856 (Oct. 1854 by the 1900 census), Pennsylvania. He did not marry.

Known child of the second marriage, to Johnston:

- 414 ii ?KATIE M.⁶ NOBLE, born Feb. 1882, Pennsylvania. The question mark reminds us that Lucinda would have to have been about 52 at the birth of Katie and this is unlikely.

174. MARGARET ETTA⁵ RIGGS (₄₇Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 8 Feb. 1834,^[768] Pennsylvania, died 27 Sept. 1859,^[769] and was buried at Mt. Tabor Church. She married 14 Dec. 1854^[770] HENRY JESSE FURNIER, who was born about 1833, Pennsylvania, son of Jane (—) Furnier.^[771] Henry then married, second, Margaret's sister, Elizabeth (q.v.).

In 1860 Jesse "Furniers," 27, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$2,750 real and \$620 personal estates, resided in Fayette, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Josiah, 4, and "Ellet," 1, both born in Pennsylvania. Next door was Jane Furniers, 44, born in Ohio, probably Jesse's mother.^[772]

767. U.S. census, 1920, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 134, r. 1658, p. 193, sh. 5A, dw. 108, fam. 124. Lowman resided in dw. 110.

768. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Margaret E. Riggs was born Feb. 8th 1834."; Mahlon and Lydia Riggs Family Register, "Margaret Etta Riggs was | born Feb. 8th, A.D. 1834."

769. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Margaret E. Furnier [interlined "died"] Sept. 27th 1859."

770. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Henry J. Furnier and Margaret E. Riggs were | married Decr 14th 1854. By Rev. H. Snyder."

771. U.S. census, 1870, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1462, p. 322B, dw. 56, fam. 60, lists Jane Furnier, 56, born Ohio, with Henry J., 35, born Pa., and William P., 24, born Pa.

772. U.S. census, 1860, Fayette PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1191, p. 8, dw. 26, fam.

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In 1870 Josiah R. Furnier, 14, a pupil born in Pennsylvania, deaf and dumb, resided in Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.^[773] His brother, C. E. Furnier, 10, born in Pennsylvania resided with his grandfather, Mahlon Riggs (q.v.).^[774]

The two sons resided with Mahlon Riggs on 28 Jan. 1878 (date of the letter in appendix A).

In 1880 J. R. Furnier, 24, deaf and dumb, and Charles E. Furnier, 21, both born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided with Mahlon Riggs (q.v.).^[775] That Josiah was deaf and dumb, yet had a family, is a puzzle. Presumably he was just deaf, not dumb.

Fayette Co., Pa., Deeds, 110:252 has “a deed dated February 27, 1892, wherein Samuel H. Pearsall and Martha his wife Phoebe Banks and David her husband of West Brownsville, Washington Co., Pa., Jane Furnier and Josiah her husband of Lucyville, Washington Co., and Daniel H. Pearsall and Matilda his wife of Bridgeport, Fayette Co., Pa. convey to Joseph Pearsall of Bridgeport, land in Bridgeport on Clover Street.” According to a genealogy of the Pearsall family, from which this deed’s details were taken, all of the mentioned Pearsalls were born in England, children of Daniel and Sarah (Hingley) Pearsall, with Sarah’s death July 1880 in Brownsville, Pa., age 64. The genealogy cites “Cyclopaedia of Fayette Co. Penna. Biographies.” It incorrectly however has “June” Pearsall, married to “William Fournier,” which, of course, is not supported by the deed names.^[776]

In 1900 Jane Furnier, 41, a widow born Apr. 1859 in England of English natives, who resided in Roscoe, Washington Co., Pa., with son

26. Jane resided in dw. 25, with several children including William, 14, born Pa.

773. U.S. census, 1870, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., r. 1392, p. 349A, line 25.

774. U.S. census, 1870, Monongahela City PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1462, p. 321B, dw. 44, fam. 46.

775. U.S. census, 1880, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 232, r. 1201, p. 13A, dw. 171, fam. 180. George resided in dw. 170, and Elias in dw. 172.

776. *History and Genealogy of the Pearsall Family in England and America*, 717–18. Another history states that Sarah immigrated in July 1880 and died eight years later in Brownsville [*Hart’s History and Directory of the Three Towns, Brownsville, . . .*, 299, biography of Daniel H. Pearsall].

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Samuel, 15, born July 1884, daughter, Ethel, 11, born Apr. 1889, and son, Daniel, 3, born Aug. 1896, all three born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania. Jane had had five children, with three surviving. She had immigrated in 1880.^[777]

Children:

- 415 i **JOSIAH RIGGS**⁶ **FURNIER**, born 15 Feb. (or Oct.) 1856,^[778] Pennsylvania, died 14 Mar. 1896,^[779] married 20 Apr. 1882, Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa.,^[780] **JANE PEARSALL**, born Apr. 1859, England, daughter probably of Daniel and Sarah (Hingley) Pearsall, and had five children including: (1) Samuel Calvin⁷ Furnier, born 24 July 1884,^[781] Pennsylvania; (2) Ethel⁷ Furnier, born Apr. 1889, Pennsylvania; and (3) Daniel⁷ Furnier, born Aug. 1896, Pennsylvania.
- 416 ii **CHARLES ELLIOT**⁶ **FURNIER**, born 5 Dec. 1858,^[782] Pennsylvania, and died of typhoid fever 13 Jan. 1882, Washington Co., Pa.^[783]

175. JAMES LEANDER⁵ **RIGGS** (₄₇*Mahlon*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 15 Mar. 1836,^[784] Pennsylvania, died 25 Feb. 1866,^[785] and was buried at Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa.^[786] He married 21 May 1861^[787] Marshall, Va.,^[788] **EMILY C.**

777. U.S. census, 1900, Roscoe Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 110, r. 1493, p. 39, sh. 5B, dw. 99, fam. 100.

778. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Josiah R. Furnier was born [Feb. or Oct.]: 15th 1856."

779. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Josiah R. Furnier, died March 14th 1896."

780. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Mr. Josiah R. Furnier & Miss Jane | Pearsall Were married April 2[8?]th | 1882. By Rev. Charles Cartwright in | Brownsville, Pa.," also "Josiah Riggs Furnier and Jane Pearsall | were married April 20th 1882."

781. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Samuel Calvin Furnier was born July 24 [?]."

782. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Charles E. Furnier was [interlined 'born'] Dec. 5th 1858."

783. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Charles E. Furnier Son of H. J. Furnier | died Jan 13rd [sic] 1882; in Washington Co Pa. [with 'Typhoid fever' in the margin and bracketing this item]"

784. Lydia Riggs Bible, "James L. Riggs was born Mar. 15th 1836."; Mahlon and Lydia Riggs Family Register, "James Leander Riggs, | was born Mch. 15th, A.D. 1836."

785. Lydia Riggs Bible, "James L. Riggs died Feb. 25th 1866."

786. *Find a Grave*, no. 74981126, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa., "James L. | Son of | M. & L. Riggs. | Died Feb. 25,

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RULONG, who was born about 1838, Virginia, daughter of Richard and Eleanor (—) Rulong,^[789] and died 29 Oct. 1885.^[790] The Mahlon Riggs letter of 28 Jan. 1878 (appendix A) reported two sons for this family.

James resided with his brother, Thomas, in the 1860 census (q.v.).

In 1860 Eleanor Rulong, 58, born in Virginia with \$400 personal estate, resided in Moundsville, Marshall Co., Va., with Emily, 22, born in Virginia, and Alexander P., 15, born in Virginia. Next door was James Riggs, 81.^[791]

In 1870 “Elenor Rulang,” 68, born in West Virginia, resided in Moundsville, Franklin Twp., Marshall Co., W.Va., with Emily Riggs, 32, born in West Virginia, and “Rob” A. Riggs, 6, born in West Virginia.^[792]

In 1880 Eleanor Rulong, 77, a widow born in Virginia of Virginia natives, resided in Franklin District, Marshall Co., W.Va., with her daughter, Emily, 45, single, born in Virginia of a father born in Virginia, and her grandson, Robert Riggs, 19, born in Virginia of a father born in Pennsylvania.^[793]

Children:

1866 | Aged 29 [years?] | [11 ms.] & [10 ds.].”

787. Lydia Riggs Bible, “James L. Riggs and Emily C. R[iou?]long were | married May 21st 1861. By Rev. G. W. Richmond.”

788. *Va. Marriages, 1851–1929*, James L. Riggs to Mary [sic] C. Rulong, 21 May 1861, Marshall Co., Va. **It’s possible that this should be James S. Riggs to Mary C. Rulong.**

789. U.S. census, 1850, Marshall Co., Va., r. 959, p. 2, dw. 571, fam. 573, lists Richard Rulong, 50, born Va., Eleanor, 48, born Va., and six children including Emily, 11, and Alexander, 5, all born in Va.

790. Lydia Riggs Bible, “Emma [sic] C. Riggs died Oct. 29th | 1885 [interlined ‘Wife of James L. Riggs son of Mahlon . . .’].” The “1885” appears to be part of a marginal note extending across several items.

791. U.S. census, 1860, Moundsville PO, Marshall Co., Va., r. 1360, p. 184, dw. 484, fam. 472. James resided in dw. 485.

792. U.S. census, 1870, Moundsville PO, Franklin Twp., Marshall Co., W.Va., r. 1693, p. 404A, dw. 40, fam. 40.

793. U.S. census, 1880, Franklin District, Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 185, r. 1407, p. 16C, dw. 252, fam. 268.

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- 417 i ROBERT A.⁶ RIGGS, born 12 Apr. 1862,^[794] [West] Virginia.
418 ii A. U.⁶ RIGGS, died 14 Mar. 1866.^[795]

195. NEWTON⁴ RIGG (₅₉Ahijah³, Clement², Robert¹) was born about 1811, Pennsylvania, died 19 Nov. 1879, Belle Vernon, Fayette Co., Pa.,^[796] and apparently was buried in Taylor Centreville [sic] Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa.^[797] He married (1) MARIA BAKER, who was daughter of Lewis and Eleanor (–) Baker, and died 2 Feb. 1850, and was buried in Taylor Centreville Borough Cem.^[798] He married (2) 1852 MARGARET (WINNETT) JENNINGS, who was born about 1821, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jonathan Winnett, and had at least four children.

Much of the information about this family comes from this document posted online at <Ancestry.com>, but unsourced. It was written by a great grandchild of Ahijah Rigg, grandchild of Newton Rigg. I am leaning toward accepting this information if I can find any supporting evidence at all, but for now it is tentative:

794. Lydia Riggs Bible, "Robert A. Riggs was born April 12th 1862."

795. Lydia Riggs Bible, "A U. Riggs Son of J. L. & E. C. Riggs died March 14th 1866."

796. U.S. census mortality schedule, 1880, Belle Vernon, Fayette Co., Pa., ED 61, r. 9, p. 287A, dw. 19, fam. 110, line 10, Newton Riggs, 69, married, carpenter, born in Pa. of Pa. natives, died Nov., of lung disease and pneumonia, resident for 60 yrs. of county, disease contracted in Ill.

797. *Find a Grave*, no. 26685403, no gravestone photograph, Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa., unsourced information: "Note: Headstone may never have existed. Buried next to wife Maria Baker Rigg," born 1811, West Pike Run, Washington Co., Pa., died 19 Nov. 1879, Washington Co., Pa., "Born in Pike Run Twp. (W. Pike Run Twp.) near Centerville. Son of Ahijah & Hannah Pennell Rigg. Married Maria Baker & Margaret Winnett. Father of Lewis, William, Cassandra, Oella, Edwin, Laurretta, & Mark. Farmer & carpenter in W. Pike Run Twp. & Scenery Hill, Pa."

798. *Find a Grave*, no. 61608927, gravestone photograph, by Debbie Day, Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa., "Sacred | to the Memory of | Maria | Consort of | Newton Rigg |" Unsourced information: born 1818, died 2 Feb. 1850, West Pike Run, Washington Co., Pa., "mother of Lewis, William, & Cassandra Rigg," daughter of Lewis Baker (1791–1875) [and] Eleanor Baker Baker (1797–1858)"

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Grandma m 1852 Newton Rigg 1811 - Nov 19 1879 s of Ahijah & Hannah Pennel Rigg of Pike Run Twp. Newton's 1st w was Maria Baker Rigg who d Feb 2 1850 dau of Lewis & Eleanor Baker. She left 3 ch: Lewis Baker Rigg b 1839, William Thomas Rigg b 1842, Cassandra Rigg b 1847. Newton's single sister Sarah Rigg cared for them until he m Grandma. Then the boys lived with their father, Cassandra with her Baker gr parents. I will, of course, give only the ch of Grandma Margaret Winnett Jennings Rigg. Her Rigg ch were b in W Bethlehem Twp. near Scenery Hill. As Newton Rigg was a member of the Taylor Methodist Church in Centerville, Grandma became a Meth too. Newton was bur in that churchyard beside his 1st w, his parents & others of his Rigg family. Grandma was an ardent church worker all her life. She d in Wilkinsburg, Pa. where she had lived for some time. She was bur in Beallsville Cem. It may be interesting to state that Ahijah's parents & seven youngest bro & sisters and sisters [sic] belonged to the Westland MM at Centerville according to Vol 4 "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy" by William Wade Hinshaw. Ahijah did not.

. . . [four Jennings children, including Aunt Nan who married Uncle Doc]

475 Maria Oella Rigg "Ella" May 17 1853 - Nov 5 1917 single.

476 John Edwin Rigg M.D. Oct 13 1855 - Oct 3 1917 p 68

477 Infant

478 Sarah Lauretta Rigg "Laura" June 7 1859 - 1937 in Monogahela City. Grandma always said Aunt Laura was b the night of the Black Frost. . . . I gather that Aunt Laura must have been b the night of June 6th sometime after midnight, making her birthday June 7 1859. Lived most of her life with Uncle Doc & Aunt Nan

In 1850 Newton Rigg, 40, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$1,800 real estate, resided in West Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with

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Lewis, 11, William T., 8, Casandra E., 5, and Sarah, 47, all four born in Pennsylvania.^[799]

In 1860 Newton “Riggs,” 49, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$2,450 real and \$500 personal estates, resided in Willsborough, West Bethlehem Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with “Margery,” 39, born in Pennsylvania, and with Lewis, 21, William, 18, Nancy, 18, Jonathan, 16, Anne, 13, Maria, 8, John, 4, and Sarah, 1, all born in Pennsylvania, and Jonathan Winett, 79, born in Pennsylvania.^[800] Nancy, Jonathan, and Anne were probably children of Margery’s first marriage, perhaps adopted by Newton.

In 1870 Newton B. “Riggs,” 59, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$4,000 real and \$1,500 personal estates, resided in Knoxville, Persifer Twp., Knox Co., Ill., with “Louis” B., 31, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, Sarah, 25, born in Ohio, and Anna Bell, 3, and Adda M., 5/12, born Jan., both born in Illinois.^[801]

Children of the first marriage, to Maria:

- 419 i [SON]⁵ RIGG, born 20 Nov. 1837, died an infant, and buried in Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa.^[802]
- 420 ii LEWIS BAKER⁵ RIGG, born about 1839, Pennsylvania, married SARAH —, and had at least two children: (1) Anna Bell⁶ Rigg, born about 1867, Illinois; and (2) Adda M.⁶ Rigg, born Jan. 1870, Illinois.

799. U.S. census, 1850, West Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 834, p. 287A, dw. 19, fam. 19.

800. U.S. census, 1860, Willsborough PO, West Bethlehem Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1192, p. 1099, dw. 1202, fam. 1202.

801. U.S. census, 1870, Knoxville PO, Persifer Twp., Knox Co., Ill., r. 241, p. 380A, dw. 31, fam. 31.

802. *Find a Grave*, no. 74906288, gravestone photograph, by Debbie Day, Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa., “In | Memory | of | An infant son of | Newton & Mariah Rigg | Born Nov. 20th 1837.”

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- 421 iii [SON]⁵ RIGG, born 22 Jan. 1841, died an infant, and buried in Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa.^[803]
- 422 iv WILLIAM THOMAS⁵ RIGG, born about 1842, Pennsylvania.
- 423 v CASSANDRA E.⁵ RIGG, born about 1845, Pennsylvania.
- 424 vi [DAUGHTER]⁵ RIGG, died 26 Jan. 1850 an infant, and buried in Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa.^[804]

Children of the second marriage, to Margaret:

- 425 vii MARIA OELLA/ELLA⁵ RIGG, born 17 May 1853, died 5 Nov. 1917, unmarried.
- 426 viii JOHN EDWIN⁵ RIGG, died 13 Oct. 1855, died 3 Oct. 1917.
- 427 ix SARAH LAURETTA/LAURA⁵ RIGG, born 7 June 1859, died 1937, Monongahela City, Pa.
- 428 x SARAH LAURETTA/LAURA⁵ RIGG, born 7 June 1859, died 1937, Monongahela City, Pa.

198. DAVID⁴ RIGG (₅₉Ahijah³, Clement², Robert¹) was born 14 Apr. 1798 (calculated), died 1 Mar. 1846, aged 47 years 10 months 15 days, and was buried in Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa.^[805] He signed his will 24 Feb. 1845, and it was proved on 12 Mar. 1846. He married SUSANNA —, who was born 18 Feb. 1788, died 5 Jan. 1845, and was buried in Taylor Centreville Borough Cem.^[806]

803. *Find a Grave*, no. 74906374, gravestone photograph, by Debbie Day, Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa., “In [Memory?] | . . . [illegible].” **Un sourced** info: born 22 Jan. 1841.

804. *Find a Grave*, no. 74906435, gravestone photograph, by Debbie Day, Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa., “In [Memory?] | . . . [illegible].” **Un sourced** info: died 26 Jan. 1850.

805. *Find a Grave*, no. 74908290, gravestone photograph, by Debbie Day, Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa., “Sacred | To the memory of | David Rigg | Who Died March 1, A.D. | 1846 | Aged 47 Years 10 Mo’s & | 15 Days.”

806. *Find a Grave*, no. 74908487, gravestone photograph, by Debbie Day, Taylor Centreville Borough Cem., Centerville, Washington Co., Pa., “Sacred | To the memory of | Susanna Rigg | Consort of | David Rigg | Who departed this life | Jan. 3[0] 1845 | Aged 30 Years 10 Mo’s & | [15]

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On 24 Feb. 1845 David Rigg of West Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., signed his will, and it was proved 12 Mar. 1846. It mentions Susanna and her grave, so probably his wife, and his brothers, John and Newton Rigg. He appointed Newton Rigg to be his executor. Witnesses were Mark Owen Jr. and Henry Gregg.^[807]

202. SUSANNAH⁵ RIGGS (₇₁Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was bonded to marry 30 Sept. 1818, Tyler Co., Va., and married 1 Oct. 1818, Tyler Co., Va.,^[808] **BENJAMIN BURRIS**, who was born about 1800, Ohio.

In 1820 Benjamin Burris, 26–45, resided in Newport Twp., Washington [on the Ohio River across from W.Va.] Co., Ohio, with a woman 26–45, and one girl under 10. On the same page are listed Benjamin “Ridgway” (20110,10210), and Nathan Parr, and persons with the surnames Rea and Moreland.^[809]

In 1830 Benjamin Burris, 50–60, resided in Peas Twp., Belmont [on the Ohio River, north of Washington] Co., Ohio, with a woman 40–50, one boy and one girl 5–10, two boys 10–15, two females 15–20, and two males 20–30.^[810]

In 1840 Benjamin Burris, 30–40, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs [on the Ohio River, between Galia and Washington] Co., Ohio, with a woman 20–30, one boy under 5, one boy and one girl 5–10. On the same page is James Riggs, 40–50, with a woman 30–40, two boys under 5, two boys and one girl 5–10, and three girls 10–15 [but see the James Riggs in Clay Twp., Galia Co., Ohio, in the 1840].^[811]

Days.”

807. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 6:419 [FHL 863627].

808. W.Va. Vital Research Records, images online of Bazel Riggs’s consent for his daughter Susannah to marry Benjamin Burris, and a bond, dated 30 Sept. 1818, of Benjamin “Burriss” and Samuel Wilson for \$150 conditioned on the marriage of Benjamin Burris and Susannah Riggs. *Va. Marriages, 1740–1850*, Susannah Riggs to Benjamin “Burriss,” 1 Oct. 1818, “Tyle” Co., Va.

809. U.S. census, 1820, Newport Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, r. 95, p. 222.

810. U.S. census, 1830, Peas Twp., Belmont Co., Ohio, r. 127, p. 256.

811. U.S. census, 1840, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 413, p. 34.

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In 1840 Benjamin Burris immigrated to Galveston, Tex.^[812]

In 1850 Benjamin “Burrass,” 50, a farmer born in Ohio with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Galveston Island, Galveston Co. Tex., with Andrew J., 23, a laborer, Elizabeth, 18, twins, Lavina and Harriet, 16, Olney, 12, male, Adaline, 14, all six born in Ohio, and Benjamin T., 8, born in Texas.^[813]

Children:

- 429 i **ANDREW J.⁶ BURRIS**, born about 1827, Ohio.
- 430 ii **ELIZABETH⁶ BURRIS**, born about 1832, Ohio.
- 431 iii **LAVINA⁶ BURRIS** (twin), born about 1834, Ohio.
- 432 iv **HARRIET⁶ BURRIS** (twin), born about 1834, Ohio.
- 433 v **ADALINE⁶ BURRIS**, born about 1836, Ohio.
- 434 vi **OLNEY⁶ BURRIS**, born about 1838, Ohio.
- 435 vii **BENJAMIN T.⁶ BURRIS**, born about 1842, Texas.

204. ISAAC⁵ RIGGS (₇₁*Basil⁴*, *James³*, *Edmond²*, *James¹*) was born about 1801 **27 Apr. 1802, Grandview, Washington Co., Ohio**, Virginia, and died **16 Nov. 1861, St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.** He married (1) an unknown person.^[814] He married (2) 11 Aug. 1834 (bond date), Tyler Co., [W.]Va.,^[815] **NANCY LARUE**,^[816] who was born about 1803, Virginia.

From an early history of the McKim District of Pleasants Co., W.Va. (founded in 1850–1851, partially from Tyler Co.):

Among the first settlers of the district were Isaac Riggs, who came in 1834 The first settlement was made on McKim creek, about 1834.

812. *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s–1900s*, primary immigrant Benjamin Burris, 1840, Galveston, Tex., source cited: “White, Gifford. *First Settlers of Galveston County, Texas*. St. Louis, Mo.: Ingmire Pub., 1985, 54p,” 28.

813. U.S. census, 1850, Galveston Island, Galveston Co., Tex., r. 910, p. 282B, dw. 684, fam. 698.

814. For this marriage, see the biography in the sketch of son Porter.

815. W.Va. Marriage Records Research, image of bond of Bazel Riggs and James M. Stephenson for \$150, dated 11 Aug. 1834, conditioned on the marriage of Isaac Riggs and Nancy Larue, witness D. Hickman, signed Bazel Riggs and J. M. Stephenson.

816. Her surname comes from the gravestone of her son, Elton Roby Riggs (q.v.).

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The first white child born in the district was E. R. Riggs, a son of Isaac and Nancy Riggs

The first saw mill was built in 1832, by Issac Riggs, a two-story frame building, twenty by fifty feet. It was, some time afterward, destroyed by fire, and re-built by Mr. Riggs. . . .

In 1835 the first religious services that were held in the district were conducted at the house of Isaac Riggs, at which time a sermon was delivered. . . .

Among the first members were the following: . . . , Nancy Riggs.^[817]

In 1850 Isaac Riggs, 49, a farmer born in Virginia with \$5,000 real estate, resided in Tyler Co., Va., with Nancy, 47, born in Virginia, and with Roby, 15, male, Shelly, 13, male, Arthur, 11, George, 9, James, 6, all five born in Virginia, and Samantha Chambers, 14, born in Virginia. Greenberry Riggs, 31, resided nearby.^[818]

In 1860 Isaac Riggs, 59, a farmer born in Virginia with \$7,405 real and \$1,054 personal estates, resided in St. Marys, Pleasants Co., Va., with Nancy, 57, born in Virginia, and with Elton, 25, Irving S., 22, Arthur P., 20, George H., 18, Stephenson M., 16, all five born in Virginia, and B. M. Biddle, 18, Mellissa A. Samberson, 6, and W. E. Samberson, 4, male, all three born in Virginia.^[819]

In 1870 Nancy Riggs, 65, born in Virginia resided in Equality, Miller Co., Mo., in the household of her son, Arthur, 30 (q.v.).

Child of the first marriage:

- + 436 i **PORTER⁶ RIGGS**, born 27 Aug. 1832, Tyler Co., W.Va., married **MARY ALICE SWAN**, and had four children. He is the grandson Porter Riggs of Bazel's 1844 will.

Children of the second marriage, to Nancy:

817. Recorded in *Hardesty's Pleasants Co. History*.

818. U.S. census, 1850, Tyler Co., Va., r. 979, pp. 366A-B, dw. 619, fam. 613. Greenberry resided in dw. 622.

819. U.S. census, 1860, St. Marys PO, Pleasants Co., Va., r. 1371, p. 655, dw. 409, fam. 403.

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- + 437 ii **ELTON ROBY⁶ RIGGS**, born 1834 or June 1835, Tyler Co. (part later to be McKim District, Pleasants Co.), [W.]Va, married (1) **MARY E. HAMMOND**, and had six children, married (2) **ALICE —**, and had at least three, possibly five, children.
- 438 iii **IRVING SHELLY⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1837, Virginia.
- + 439 iv **ARTHUR P.⁶ RIGGS**, born 1839, Tyler Co., Va., married **INDIA/INDIANA J. BARKER**, and had 10 children.
- 440 v **GEORGE H.⁶ RIGGS**, born 15 Sept. 1840, St. Marys, W.Va., died 15 Apr. 1923, Steubenville, Jefferson Co., Ohio,^[820] buried 18 Apr. 1923, Union Cem., married 1 Dec. 1880, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[821] **ANNA WEBER**, born about 1859.
- 441 vi **STEPHEN[SON] M.⁶ RIGGS**, born 1843 (gravestone), Virginia, died 24 Sept. 1926, aged 83,^[822] buried in Old St. Marys Cem., Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[823] married 11 Feb. 1867, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[824] **ELIZA C. LARUE**, born 3 Oct. 1848 (gravestone), died 18 June 1904, buried with her husband. He was probably the James, 6, listed in the 1850 census.

820. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, State of Ohio, Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, no. 27116, George H. Riggs, of 907 Maypole Way, died 15 Apr. 1923 Steubenville, Jefferson Co., Ohio, aged 82 yrs. 7 mos. “xx” dys., male, white, widowed (spouse Anna Riggs), farmer, born 15 Sept. 1840, St. Marys, W.Va., father Riggs, born W.Va., mother Nancy LaRue, born St. Marys, W.Va., informant B. G. Riggs of 907 Maypole Way, buried 18 Apr. 1923, Union Cem.

821. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Grooms List*, “Riggs George H.38 Weber Annie 21 12-01-1880 F. M. Yates.”

822. Pemberton, *History of Pleasants Co., W.Va.*, 193–94, “In June John L. Hissom bought the interest of his partner, Stephen M. Riggs, in the lumber mill . . . Mr. Riggs was the last of the stalwart sons of Isaac Riggs, mentioned so often in the diary of Thomas Browse. For the greater part of his life he had dealt in coal, cross ties and lumber, but after his withdrawal from the partnership with Mr. Hissom he lived quietly at his home on Third street, until his death at the age of 83, September 24, 1926.”

823. *Find a Grave*, no. 8431475, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, St. Marys Cem. (Old), Pleasants Co., W.Va., “R | Eliza C. LaRue | wife of S. M. Riggs | Oct. 3, 1848–June 18, 1904 | [illegible line] | Stephen M. Riggs | 1843–1926 | Riggs.”

824. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Grooms List*, “Riggs S. M. 23 LaRue Eliza C. 18 02-11-1867 W. M. Betts.”

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205. EDMOND [EDMUND]⁵ RIGGS (₇₁Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 25 Dec. 1804 (gravestone), [West] Virginia, died 5 Mar. 1885, and was buried in the IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[825] He married shortly after 16 Nov. 1829, Tyler Co., W.Va.,^[826] MARY ANN DYE, who was born 26 Mar. 1809 (calculated), [West] Virginia, died 23 Dec. 1886, aged 77 years 8 months 27 days, and was buried in the IOOF Cem.^[827]

In 1840 Edmond Riggs, 30–40, resided in Wood Co., [West] Virginia, with a woman, 30–40, and with two boys under 5, one boy and one girl 5–10, one female 10–15, and one male 20–30.⁸²⁸

In 1850 “Edwin” Riggs, 46, a farmer born in Virginia with \$3,000 real estate, resided in Wood [abuts Tyler] Co., [W.]Va., with Mary Ann, 40, born in Virginia, and with Harriett, 19, Elizabeth, 18, Basel, 15, Martin, 13, George, 12, John, 9, Fliner, 7, female, Mary, 4, Zachary T., 2, and Caroline, 2/12, all 10 born in Virginia.^[829]

In 1860 Edmund Riggs [can be read as “Rigg”], 56, a farmer born in Virginia with \$5,000 real and \$868 personal estates, resided in Willow Island, Pleasants [derived from Tyler and Wood in 1851] Co., Va., with Mary, 50, born in Virginia, and with “Bazzle,” 26, John, 19, Mary, 14, Zachary T., 12, and James, 5, all five born in Virginia. Next door was Martin Riggs, 24, a farmer born in Virginia with \$40 personal estate,

825. *Find a Grave*, no. 8431226, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., “Edmund | Riggs, | born | Dec. 25, 1804 | died | Mar. 5, 1885 | aged | 80Y, 2M, 10D | [sentiment] | Riggs.”

826. *W.Va. Marriages Index, 1785–1971*, “Edmun” Riggs to Mary Dye, 1829, Tyler Co., W.Va.; *W.Va. Marriages, 1853–1970*, image online, bond of “Edmun Riggs and Henry Dye” to William B. Giles, governor of Virginia, for \$150, on 16 Nov. 1829, condition: “a marriage is shortly intended, to be solemnized between the above bound Edmun Riggs and Mary Dye” [FHL 1862796].

827. *Find a Grave*, no. 8431250, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., stone of same shape and style as that for Edmund, perhaps its reverse side, “Mary A. | wife of | E. Riggs, | died | Dec. 23, 1886 | aged | 77Y, 8M, 27D.”

828. U.S. census, 1840, Wood Co., Virginia, r. 579, p. 143. There is a Mathew Riggs, 20–30, on p. 150.

829. U.S. census, 1850, Wood Co., Va., r. 981, p. 128B, dw. 572, fam. 572.

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who was married within the year to Eliza, 19, born in Virginia, and also James Dye, 40, born in Virginia with \$1,500 real estate.^[830]

In 1870 “Edwin” Riggs, 64, a farmer born in Virginia with \$5,000 real and \$868 personal estates, resided in St. Mary, Washington Twp., Pleasants Co., W.Va. [derived from Virginia in 1863], with Mary, 61, born in Virginia, and with “Bazell,” 35, John, 27, Zack, 22, James, 16, Mary, 25, George, 32, a farmer with \$1,500 real and \$75 personal estates, “Bozell,” 4, Ann C., 2, all eight born in Virginia, and with two farm hands.^[831]

In 1880 “Edmon” Riggs, 75, a farmer born in West Virginia of Maryland natives, resided in Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., with his wife, Mary, 70, born in West Virginia of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in “East” Virginia, and with his son, James E., 24, his daughter-in-law, Mary, 18, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, his granddaughter, George Anna, 1, born in West Virginia.^[832]

Children:

- 442 i **HARRIETT⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1831, Virginia.
- 443 ii **ELIZABETH⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1832, Virginia.
- 444 iii **BAZEL⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1835, Virginia. **The Placeholders for a Bazel Riggs elsewhere perhaps are this person, but the deed dates (1830s) don’t work out.**
- 445 iv **MARTIN ENGLE⁶ RIGGS**, born 7 July 1835 (gravestone and calculated), Wood Co., [W.]Va., died 11 July 1925, Pleasants Co, W.Va., aged 90 years 4 days,^[833] buried in the IOOF Cem., St.

830. U.S. census, 1860, Willow Island PO, Pleasants Co., Va., r. 1371, p. 607, dw. 293, fam. 293. Martin resided in dw. 294.

831. U.S. census, 1870, St. Mary PO, Washington Twp., Pleasants Co., W.Va., r. 1697, p. 494B, dw. 76, fam. 76.

832. U.S. census, 1880, Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., ED 175, r. 1411, p. 113B, dw. 81, fam. 83.

833. *W.Va. Deaths, 1853–1970*, image online, “Riggs, Martin Engle white free male [died] July 11 [1925] Pleasants Co. W.Va. Senility [age] 90 – 4 [parents] Edmund & Mary Ann Riggs [birthplace] West Va. Retired Widower [informant] Nellie Riggs Barker Daughter” [FHL 867993]

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Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[834] married [license] 11 Dec. 1859, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[835] **ELIZA [LOUISA] V. SMITH**, born 1 Feb. 1840, Green Co. [W.]Va., daughter of Alfred Smith, and died 20 Mar. 1910, buried with her husband.

From a history of Pleasants Co., W.Va.:

John W. Barker – born in Ritchie county, West Virginia, March 12, 1850, is a son of James and Mandane (Davis) Barker, who came from Ritchie county to settle in Pleasants in 1852, bringing their infant son with them. The father, who was born July 22, 1822, died in this county May 22, 1863. In Marietta, Ohio, January 24, 1882, John W. Barker was united in marriage with Nellie Riggs, who was born in the State and county, March 7, 1864, and is the daughter of Martin and Eliza (Smith) Riggs, well-known residents of this county, where both were born.^[836]

They had at least two children: (1) **Nellie⁷ Riggs**, born 7 Mar. 1864, Pleasants Co., W.Va., married 24 Jan. 1882, Marietta, Ohio, John W. Barker; and (2) **Fannie V.⁷ Riggs**, born [28?] Sept. 1873 (calculated), died of scarlet fever 18 Jan. 1880, Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., aged 6 years 5 months [21?] days.^[837]

446 v **GEORGE W.⁶ RIGGS**, born 1836 (gravestone), Virginia, died 1907, buried IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[838] married 2

834. *Find a Grave*, no. 8428901, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., “Martin E. Riggs | July 7, 1835–July 11, 1928 | His wife | Louisa V. Riggs | Feb. 1, 1840–Mar. 20, 1910 | Riggs.”

835. Pleasants Co., W.Va., Marriages, []:6, line 23, Martin Riggs, 24, a farmer of Pleasants Co., W.Va., born in Wood Co., to Louisa Smith, 19, of Pleasants Co., born in Green Co., his parents: Edmond & Mary, hers: Alfred & [empty], license 16 Sept. 1878, married “no return,” image online at *West Virginia Archives & History*.

836. Recorded in *Hardesty’s Pleasants Co. History*.

837. User provided digital scan of W.Va. death register, Ancestry.com, “47 Riggs Fannie V. [white] [female] [1880] Jan 18 Washinton Dist. Scarlet Fever [age] 6 5 [21?] [parents] Martin & Eliza Riggs [residence] Pleasants Co. [marital status] single [informant] Martin Riggs Father.” N.B. listed just after is this record: “48 Riggs Edmund [white] [male] [1880] Nov 27 Washinton Dist. Inflammation [age] 6 4 17 [parents] Z. T. & Annie Riggs [residence] Pleasants Co. [marital status] single [informant] Annie Riggs Mother.”

838. *Find a Grave*, no. 8428411, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., “George W. Riggs | 1836–1907.”

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Feb. 1860, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[839] **MARY A. TOWSEY**, daughter of Richard Towsey, and had two children: (1) **Bazel**⁷ **Riggs**, born about 1866, Virginia; and (2) **Ann C.**⁷ **Riggs**, born about 1868, Virginia.

- 447 vi **MAXEY**⁶ **RIGGS**, born say 1840, married 9 Apr. 1860, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[840] **J. M. MCKAY**, son of Reuben McKay.
- 448 vii **JOHN**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1841, Virginia, died 2[9] [Jan]. 1875, and buried in the IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[841]
- 449 viii **FLINER**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1843, Virginia.
- 450 ix **MARY ANN**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 2[1] Apr. 1845 (calculated), St Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., died 20 Aug. 1933, St. Marys, Pleasants Co., aged 88 years 4 months [5] days,^[842] widowed, married — **SMITH**.
- + 451 x **ZACHARY T.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born Apr. 1848, Pleasants Co., [W.]Va., married **C. ANN[A]** **CHRISTINA BARKER**, and had 10 children.
- 452 xi **CAROLINE**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1850, Virginia.
- + 453 xii **JAMES E.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born Aug. 1855, [West] Virginia, **MARY E. SMITH**, and had eight children.

207. HEZEKIAH R.⁵ **RIGGS** (₇₁*Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born Aug. 1810 (1900 census), [West] Virginia, died 2 July 1903, and was buried in Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio.^[843] He married 3 Dec.

839. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Grooms List*, “Riggs George U. [sic] Edmund & Mary Towsey Mary A. Richard 02-02-1860.”

840. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Brides List*, “Riggs Maxey Edmund McKay J. M. Rueben [sic] 04-09-1860.”

841. *Find a Grave*, no. 9694137, gravestone photograph, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., difficult to read, “John | [] | E[] Riggs | [] | [] n 29, 1875 | [].” The form suggests it might be “John | [son of] | E[dmund, or & M] Riggs | [died] | [Ja]n. 29, 1875 | aged [?].” **Un sourced** text has his death as 26 Jan. 1875.

842. *W.Va. Deaths, 1853–1970*, image online, “Smith, Mary Ann white free female [died] Aug 26-1933 St. Marys Angina Petaris | Enteric Colitis [age] 88 4 [5] [parents] Edmond and Mary Riggs [birthplace] St. Marys, W.Va. Retired Housewife Widow [informant] Oran C. Ogden” [FHL 867993]

843. *Find a Grave*, no. 32842545, gravestone photograph, by Chris Painter, Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio, “H. R. Riggs | born 1810 | died | July 2, 1903.”

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1835, Washington Co., Ohio,^[844] **ELIZABETH L. MORELAND**, who was born 12 Dec. 1812 (calculated), Ohio, daughter of Horatio and Jane (**Murdock**) Moreland, died 22 Oct. 1888, aged 75 years 10 months 10 days, and was buried in Murdock Cem.^[845] She was sister of Nancy (Moreland) Riggs, wife of Hezekiah's brother, Squire.

In his will of 1850 Horatio Moreland mentions his wife, Jane, his granddaughter Maryan Elizabeth Riggs, daughter of H. R. Riggs and E. Riggs, and daughters, Elizabeth and Nancy Riggs.^[846]

In 1840 "Hezakiah" Riggs, 20-30, resided in Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with a woman 20-30, and with one boy and one girl under 5. Listed next to him is David Murdock, 70-80, nearby is listed "Ratio Morland," 60-70.^[847]

In 1850 H. R. Riggs, 40, a farmer and merchant born in Virginia with \$800 real estate, resided in Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with Elizabeth L., 37, born in Ohio, James W., 13, Mary R., 10, Daniel B., 6, Susan R., 4, Nancy E., 2, all five born in Ohio, and David Murdock, 81, born in Pennsylvania.^[848]

In his will of 1853 David Murdock mentions his wife, Mary, and his heirs, Hezekiah R. Riggs and his wife, Elizabeth; Squire D. Riggs and his wife, Nancy; John B. Moreland and his heirs. Daniel Dye and Samuel Rea were appointed executors.^[849] **This suggests that David was the fa-**

844. Graham and Cottle, *Washington Co., Ohio Marriages, 1789-1840*, "Riggs, Hezekiah (Np); Moreland, Elizabeth (Np); 3 Dec. 1835; (96); 356."

845. *Find a Grave*, no. 32842546, gravestone photograph, by Chris Painter, Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio, "Elizabteh | wife of | H. R. Riggs | died | Oct. 22, 1888 | aged | 75Ys 10M. 10D." Appears to be the same stone as her husband's.

846. Graham and Cottle, *Abstract of Probate Records, Washington Co., Ohio*, "Moreland, Horatio W-1850 pr 8-p 516 | wife - Jane | granddau - Maryan Elizabeth Riggs dau of H. R. Riggs & E. Riggs | daus - Elizabeth and Nancy Riggs | No exr named."

847. U.S. census, 1840, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, r. 433, p. 280.

848. U.S. census, 1850, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, r. 738, p. 532A, dw. 5, fam. 5.

849. Graham and Cottle, *Abstract of Probate Records, Washington Co., Ohio*, "Murdock, David W-1853 pr 9-p 360, 417, 465 | wife - Mary B-73 | heirs - Hezekiah R. Riggs & wife Elizabeth; Independence Twp. | Squire D. Riggs & wife Nancy; John B. | Moreland and his heirs | Exrs - Daniel

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ther-in-law of Horatio Moreland. That is, Horatio Moreland's wife was Jane Murdock. I so take it. But there is a flaw: Nancy and Elizabeth's mother was born in Ireland by the 1880 census, but David Murdock was born in Pennsylvania.

In 1860 H. R. Riggs, 49, a mechanic born in Virginia with \$50 personal estate, resided in Grandview, Washington Co., Ohio, with E. L., 47, born in Ohio, Mary, 20, Daniel, 17, Susan, 14, Ellen, 12, Hezekiah, 10, and A. E., 6, female, all six born in Ohio.^[850]

In 1870 "Hezakiah" Riggs, 60, a steamboat pilot born in West Virginia, resided in Newport, Washington Co., Ohio, with Elizabeth, 58, born in Ohio with \$1,000 real and \$200 personal estates, and with Susan, 22, "Hezakiah," 19, and Angeline, 15, all three born in Ohio.^[851]

In 1880 Hezekiah R. Riggs, 70, a ship carpenter born in West Virginia of Maryland natives, resided in Newport, Washington Co., Ohio, with his wife, Elizabeth L., 68, born in Ohio of a father born in Maryland and a mother in Ireland.^[852]

In 1900 "Hezakiah" Riggs, 90, widower, a ship carpenter born in West Virginia of Washington, D.C., natives, resided in Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, in the household of his niece, Hattie Hanes, 35, born Aug. 1864 in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, and her husband of nine years, U. S. Grant Hanes, 33, born May 1866 in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio. Hattie had had one child, and it did not survive.^[853] Hattie was daughter of Hezekiah's brother, Squire.

Children:

Dye & Samuel Rea."

850. U.S. census, 1860, Grandview, Matamoras, and Jolly PO, Grandview, Washington Co., Ohio, r. 1049, p. 440, dw. 20, fam. 20.

851. U.S. census, 1870, Newport PO, Matamoras and Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, r. 1278, p. 143A, dw. 83, fam. 83.

852. U.S. census, 1880, New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio, ED 224, r. 1075, p. 134A, dw. 264, fam. 269.

853. U.S. census, 1900, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, ED 112, r. 1330, p. 169, sh. 16B, dw. 301, fam. 301.

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- + 454 i **JAMES W.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1837, Ohio, married **MARY MATILDA REA**, and had at least two children.
- 455 ii **MARY R.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1840, Ohio. This must be the “Maryan Elizabeth Riggs, daughter of H. R. Riggs and E. Riggs” of the 1850 will of Horatio Moreland.
- 456 iii **DANIEL B.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1840, Ohio. Apparently buried in Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio.^[854]
- 457 iv **SUSAN R.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1846, Ohio.
- 458 v **NANCY ELLEN⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1848, Ohio.
- 459 vi **HEZEKIAH⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1850, Ohio.
- 460 vii **HATTIE⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1852, Ohio. Apparently buried in Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio.^[855]
- 461 viii **ANGELINE E.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1854, Ohio.

210. SQUIRE DILLY⁵ RIGGS (₇₁*Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹)^[856] was born 17 Oct. 1816 (gravestone) “on a farm about five miles above St. Marys in what was then a part of Tyler County,” [West] Virginia,^[857] died 13 June 1898, and was buried in Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio.^[858] He married (1) 3 Sept. 1838, Washington Co., Ohio,^[859] **NANCY R. MORELAND**, who was born about 1818, Ohio, daughter of Ho-

854. *Find a Grave*, no. 32842548, no gravestone photograph, Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio. Claims (unsourced) that he was Daniel Bishop Riggs, born 22 Jan. 1844, died 15 Oct. 1861, “Inscription: Son of H. R. & E. L. Riggs, Age 18 years.”

855. *Find a Grave*, no. 32842547, no gravestone photograph, Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio. Claims (unsourced) that she was Harriet Adeline “Hattie” Riggs, born 5 Sept. 1852, died 17 Aug. 1859, “Inscription: Daughter of H. R. & E. L. Riggs, Age 8 years.”

856. His middle name comes from his first wife Nancy’s will, as reported by a descendant, Charles Trembley, on 24 May 2012, “The best source we have is Nancy Moreland Riggs Last Will and Testament in which she ‘bequeaths to her husband, Squire Dilly all my estate real and personal’. Record of Wills, Washington County, Ohio, pp 167–170. At the end of the will, dated 22nd day of April, 1892 is the signature of Squire Dilly Riggs.”

857. *Men of W.Va.*, 1:187–88, see excerpt in sketch of his son, Benjamin F. Riggs.

858. *Find a Grave*, no. 32842552, gravestone photograph, by Chris Painter, Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio, “Squire D. | Riggs | born | Oct. 17, 1816 | June 13 1898.”

859. Graham and Cottle, *Washington Co., Ohio Marriages, 1789–1840*, “Riggs, Squire D. (Ty.C.); Moreland, Nancy; 3 Sept. 1838; (1); 409.”

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ratio and Jane (Murdock) Moreland, and sister of Elizabeth (Moreland) Riggs, wife of Squire's brother, Hezekiah. Nancy apparently signed her will on 22 Apr. 1892, and was buried apparently in Murdock Cem.^[860] Squire married (2), at age 77, 6 Sept. 1894, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[861] **ELIZA** —, who was born in 1821 (gravestone), died in 1908, and was perhaps she who buried in St. Marys Cem. (Old), Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[862]

In 1850 Squire D. Riggs, 33, a farmer born in Virginia with \$1,500 real estate, resided in Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with Nancy, 32, born in Ohio, Luther B., 10, and David, 9, both born in Virginia, Asbury, 7, Mary, 5, William, 3, and James S., 1, all four born in Ohio.^[863]

In 1860 Squire Riggs, 43, a mechanic born in Virginia with \$3,000 real and \$950 personal estates, resided in Ostend, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with Nancy, 42, born in Ohio, with David, 19, and "Rasburry," 17, born in Virginia, Mary, 15, William, 13, Scott, 11, Henry M., 9, Benjamin, 4, and Matilda, 2, all six born in Ohio.^[864]

In 1870 Squire D. Riggs, 52, a farmer born in West Virginia with \$5,000 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Newport, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with Nancy, 51, born in Ohio with \$3,000 real estate, and with "Asberry," 26, William, 23, Scott, 21, Henry M., 19, Franklin, 14, Matilda, 12, Walter "S.," 10, and Hattie G., 6, all eight born in Ohio.^[865]

860. *Find a Grave*, no. 32842553, no gravestone photograph, Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio, "Inscription: Age 72y 2m 1d." **Un sourced**: born 9 Apr. 1817, died 10 June 1889. If true then the last date on Nancy's will was not the day she signed it.

861. *W.Va. Marriages Index, 1785–1971*, Squire D. Riggs, 77, to Eliza Riggs, 72, 6 Sept. 1894, Pleasants Co., W.Va.

862. *Find a Grave*, no. 9720183, gravestone photograph, St. Marys Cem. (Old), Pleasants Co., W.Va., "Eliza Riggs | 1821–1908."

863. U.S. census, 1850, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, r. 738, p. 533A, dw. 21, fam. 21.

864. U.S. census, 1860, Ostend PO, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, r. 1048, p. 33, dw. 188, fam. 191.

865. U.S. census, 1870, Newport PO, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, r. 1278, p. 171A, dw. 60, fam. 61.

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In 1880 S. D. Riggs, 64, a farmer born in West Virginia of Maryland natives, resided in Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with Nancy, 62, born in Ohio of a father born in Maryland and a mother in Ireland, and with his sons, "Frank," 24, and Lincoln "Walt.," 19, and daughter, Hattie G., 15, all three born in Ohio. There was also a servant in the household.^[866]

Children:

- 462 i **LUTHER B.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1840, Virginia. Apparently buried in Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio.^[867]
- + 463 ii **DAVID M.⁶ RIGGS**, born Nov. 1840, Virginia, married **LORETTA FLINT**, and had seven children.
- + 464 iii **ASBURY A.⁶ RIGGS**, born Apr. 1843, Ohio, married **MARY JANE MORRELL**, and had 10 children.
- 465 iv **MARY⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1845, Ohio. Apparently buried in Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio.^[868]
- + 466 v **WILLIAM N.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1847, Ohio, married **MARY HOWELL**, and had at least three children.
- + 467 vi **JAMES SCOTT⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1849, Ohio, married **REBECCA DAVIS**, and had at least five children.
- 468 vii **HENRY M.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1851, Ohio.
- 469 viii **LUTHER M.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1853. Apparently buried in Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio.^[869]
- + 470 ix **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁶ RIGGS**, born 15 Nov. 1855, Washington Co., Ohio, married **MARY LUSETTO SMITH**, and had two children.

866. U.S. census, 1880, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, ED 225, r. 1075, p. 162B, dw. 259, fam. 259.

867. *Find a Grave*, no. 32842550, no gravestone photograph, Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio. Claims ([unsourced](#)) that he was Luther Bingham Riggs, born 26 Aug. 1839, died 15 July 1853, "Inscription: Son of S. D. & N. R. Riggs, Aged 13y 10m 11d."

868. *Find a Grave*, no. 32842462, no gravestone photograph, Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio. Claims ([unsourced](#)) that she was Mary Elizabeth Riggs, born 9 Apr. 1845, died 19 Jan. 1872, "Inscription: Wife of G. W. Chapman, Daughter of S. D. & N. R. Riggs."

869. *Find a Grave*, no. 32842549, no gravestone photograph, Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio. Claims ([unsourced](#)) that he was Luther Melancthon Riggs, born 13 Nov. 1853, died 4 Nov. 1854, "Inscription: Son of S. D. & N. R. Riggs, Aged 11m 22d."

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- + 471 x **MATILDA “TILLIE” A.⁶ RIGGS**, born 14 Jan. 1858, Washington Co., Ohio, married **ARAM CLARANCE FARNSWORTH**, and had eight children.
- 472 xi **WALTER LINCOLN⁶ RIGGS**, born 22 Aug. 1860 (calculated), Washington Co., Ohio, died 16 June 1933, St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., aged 72 years 9 months 2[5] days,^[870] and was buried in IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[871]
- 473 xii **HATTIE G.⁶ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1864, Ohio, married about 1891 **U. S. GRANT HANES**, born May 1866, Ohio, and had one child who did not survive. Hattie’s uncle, Hezekiah Riggs, resided with them in the 1900 census (q.v.).

211. GREENBERRY B.⁵ RIGGS (₇₁Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born about 1819, Virginia. He married 21 Dec. 1840, Tyler Co., [W.]Va.,^[872] **ELIZA RUTTENCUTTER**, who was born 1821 (gravestone), Virginia, died 1908, and was buried in the IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[873]

In 1850 Greenberry Riggs, 31, a farmer born in Virginia with \$1,500 real estate, resided in Tyler Co., Va., with “Louisa,” 26, born in Virginia, and with James, 8, Mary, 6, and Bazil, 2, all three born in Virginia. Nearby resided Isaac Riggs, 49.^[874]

In 1860 Greenberry B. Riggs, 42, a farmer born in Virginia with \$3,000 real and \$750 personal estates, resided in Ellison Twp., Warren

870. *W.Va. Deaths, 1853–1970*, image online, “Riggs, Walter Lin [sic] white free male [died] June 16 9133 St. Marys Diabetes | Gangreen [sic] of foot [age] 72 9 2[5] [parents] Squire D. and Mary [sic] Riggs [birthplace] Washington Co., Ohio Retired Farmer Widow [informant] Oran C. Ogdin.”

871. *Find a Grave*, no. 8429172, gravestone photograph, DeLoss McKnight III, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., “W. L. Riggs | 1860–1933.”

872. *Va. Marriages, 1740–1850*, Greenberry Riggs to Eliza Ruttencutter, 11 Dec. 1840, “Tyle” Co., Va.; Tyler Co., W.Va., Marriages, []:102, “1840 Decr 21st Greenberry B Riggs to Eliza Ruttencutter,” image online at *West Virginia Archives & History*.

873. *Find a Grave*, no. 9720183, gravestone photograph, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., “Eliza Riggs | 1821–1908.” **Unsourced** data: born 7 Feb. 1821, died 1908, Ill.

874. U.S. census, 1850, Tyler Co., Va., r. 979, p. 366B, dw. 622, fam. 616. Isaac resided in dw. 619.

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Co., Ill., with Eliza, 40, born in Virginia, and with James S., 17, a farmer, Mary A., 15, Bazil E., 11, Harriet E., 9, Rosanna V., 6, Indiana A., 5, all six born in Virginia, and Greenberry F., 1, born in Illinois, and A. M. Haynes, 35, a farm laborer born in Virginia.^[875]

Children:

- 474 i **JAMES S.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1842, Virginia. Perhaps the James S. Riggs, 27, who married 2 Oct. 1867, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[876] **VIRGINIA HADDOX**, born about 1843.
- 475 ii **MARY A.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1844, Virginia. Perhaps the Mary A. Riggs, 24, who married 5 Feb. 1871, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[877] **JOHN E. SMITH**, born about 1837.
- 476 iii **BAZIL E.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1848, Virginia.
- 477 iv **HARRIET E.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1851, Virginia, married 10 Mar. 1869, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[878] **JOSEPH L. SMITH**, born about 1842.
- 478 v **ROSANNA V.⁶ RIGGS**, born 27 Feb. 1854, Ohio River, Pleasants Co., [W.]Va. [became a separate state in 1863].^[879]
- 479 vi **INDIANA/INDIANNA A./E.⁶ RIGGS**, born 23 Nov. 1855, Ohio River, Pleasants Co., [W.]Va.^[880]
- 480 vii **GREENBERRY F.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1859, Illinois.

875. U.S. census, 1860, Ellison Twp., Warren Co., Ill., r. 234, p. 270, dw. 553, fam. 552.

876. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Grooms List*, "Riggs James S. 27 Haddox Virginia 24 10-02-1867 W. M. Betts."

877. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Brides List*, "Riggs Mary A. 24 Smith John E. 34 10-03-1871 John Norris."

878. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Brides List*, "Riggs Harriet E. 18 Smith Joseph L. 27 03-10-1869 W. M. Betts."

879. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Births*, []:128, "[line no.] 2 [birthdate] [1854] Feb 27 [name] Riggs Rosanna V. [white, female columns marked] [birthplace] Ohio River [father] Riggs Greenberry B. [his occupation] Farmer [his residence] Ohio River [mother] Elisa [sic] [how many at the birth] 1 [deformity] None [informant] Greenberry Riggs Father," image online at *West Virginia Archives & History*.

880. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Births*, []:130, "[line no.] 26 [birthdate] [1855] Nov 23 [name] Riggs Indianna E. [white, female, alive columns marked] [birthplace] Ohio River [father] Riggs G. B. [his occupation] Farmer [his residence] Ohio River [mother] Eliza [how many at the birth] 1 [deformity] [empty] [informant] G. B. Riggs Father," image online at *West Virginia Archives & History*.

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212. **CALVIN⁵ RIGGS** (₇₁*Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 1810–1812, Tyler Co., W.Va., and died before 10 Oct. 1863, when probate of his estate began in Miller Co. Mo. He married (1) 28 July 1853, Miller Co., Mo.,^[881] **ADALINE NABORS**. He married (2) 15 May 1859, Miller Co., Mo.,^[882] **CHARLOTTE WARREN**, who was born May 1838 (1900 census), Tennessee, daughter of Henry and Barbara (–) Warren.^[883] She remarried 12 Mar. 1865, Miller Co., Mo.,^[884] William E. Lurton.

[N.B. Most of the information in this sketch was compiled by my correspondent Bruce Varner. I have incorporated it much as he wrote it, but I have put it in my style and have doublechecked whenever possible all of his citations, and made minor emendations. If he had access to sources unavailable to me, I make that clear. Thanks to Bruce for his excellent work.]

On 20 Aug. 1838 Calvin and Owen Riggs of Tyler Co., Va., sold to Thomas Browse of the same place, 204.18 acres in Miller Co., Mo., for \$300.^[885]

881. Marriage record, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records*, Miller Co., 1853, 131, [blank] Riggs to Adaline Nabors, both of the county, 28 July 1853; *Mo. Marriages, 1750–1920*, Calvin Riggs to Adaline Nabors, 28 July 1853, Miller Co., Mo.

882. Marriage record, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records*, Miller Co., 1858, 261, [illegible online] transcribed as Calvin Riggs to “Lette” Warren, 15 May 1859; *Mo. Marriages, 1750–1920*, Calvin Riggs to “Lette” Warren, 15 May 1859, Miller Co., Mo.

883. U.S. census, 1850, Miller Co., Mo., r. 406, p. 424A, dw. 234, fam. 234, lists Henry Warren, 63, farmer, born Va., with Barbiny[?], 50, born Va., and four children, including Charlotte, 14, born Tenn. A few doors away resided Calvin Riggs (dw. 229). U.S. census, 1860, Pleasant Farm PO, Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., r. 633, p. 363, dw. 172, fam. 172, lists Henry Warren, 74, born Va., Barbara, 61, born Va., and one son. Calvin resided in dw. 167.

884. Marriage record, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records*, Miller Co., 1865, illegible, transcribed as Riggs to Lurton; *Mo. Marriages, 1750–1920*, “Lotti” Riggs to “Wm” E. Lerton, 12 Mar. 1865, Miller Co., Mo.; U.S. census, 1900, Twp. 15, Creek Nation, Indian Terr., ED 55, r. 1853, p. 177, sh. 14A, dw. 42, fam. 43, lists William E. Lurton, 59, a farmer born Jan. 1841 in Mo. of Ky. natives, with his wife of 28 yrs., Charlotte, 62, born May 1838 in Tenn. of Va. and Ky. natives, having had seven children with three surviving.

885. Miller Co., Mo., Deeds, A:276, as transcribed in Rising, *Genealogical Gems from Early Mo. Deeds, 1815–1850*, 229.

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In 1838 Calvin, Owen, and Edward (Edmund) Riggs all three purchased their first pieces of land in the new Miller Co., Mo., formed from Cole Co. in 1837.^[886]

On 10 Nov. 1841 Calvin, Owen, and Edmund Riggs obtained a total of seven land patents: Calvin, two in Miller Co.; Owen, two in Miller Co. and two in adjoining Cole Co.; Edmund, one in Miller Co. On each patent application the three listed their residences as Tyler Co., Va.^[887]

In 1845 Calvin and Owen Riggs were listed as the first individuals charged with a liquor-law violation in Miller Co.^[888]

In 1850 Calvin Riggs, 38, a farmer born in Ohio with \$2,500 real estate, resided in Miller Co., Mo., with Owen Riggs, 36, a farmer born in Ohio, and three laborers.^[889]

In 1860 Calvin Riggs, 50, a farmer born in Virginia with \$4,000 real and \$1,550 personal estates, resided in Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with Charlotte, 24, born in Tennessee, and two laborers. Next door was Owen Riggs, 46, a farmer born in Ohio with \$12,000 real and \$4,500

886. *History of Cole, Moniteau, Morgan, Benton, Miller, Maries, and Osage Counties, Missouri, 1889*, 534-535. Courtesy of Bruce Varner.

887. BLM Land Patent Records for Missouri: Riggs, Calvin, of Tyler Co., Va., MO 11/10/1841 16770 MO2810__126 Cash Sale 84.18ac, W½NE 6/ 41N 12W No 5th PM Mo Miller; Riggs, Calvin of Tyler Co., Va., MO 11/10/1841 16771 MO2810__127 Cash Sale 80ac, W½SW 23/ 41-N 12-W No 5th PM Mo Miller; Riggs, Owen of Tyler Co., Va., MO 11/10/1841 16773 MO2810__129 Cash Sale 120ac, 1. W½SW 5/ 41-N 12-W No 5th PM Mo Cole/Miller, 2. NESW 5/ 41-N 12-W No 5th PM Mo Cole/Miller; Riggs, Owen of Tyler Co., Va., MO 11/10/1841 16775 MO2810__131 Cash Sale 40ac, NESE 20/ 45-N 12-W No 5th PM Mo Boone/Cole; Riggs, Owen of Tyler Co., Va., MO 11/10/1841 16772 MO2810__128 Cash Sale 80ac, E½NE 22/ 41-N 12-W No 5th PM Mo Miller; Riggs, Owen of Tyler Co., Va., MO 11/10/1841 16773 MO2810__129 Cash Sale 120ac, 1. W½SW 5/ 41-N 12-W No 5th PM Mo Cole/Miller, 2. NESW 5/ 41-N 12-W No 5th PM Mo Cole/Miller; Riggs, Edmund of Tyler Co., Va. MO 11/10/1841 16774 MO2810__130 Cash Sale 160ac, SW 9/ 41-N 12-W No 5th Pm Mo Miller. Courtesy of Bruce Varner.

888. *History of Cole, Moniteau, Morgan, Benton, Miller, Maries, and Osage Counties, Missouri, 1889*, 546. Courtesy of Bruce Varner.

889. U.S. census, 1850, Miller Co., Mo., r. 406, p. 423B, dw. 229, fam. 229.

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personal estates, and three laborers and a carpenter.^[890] Edmund Riggs, 41, was also listed in the same county (q.v.).

On 12 Oct. 1863 probate of Calvin Riggs was filed with Charlotte Riggs and Owen Riggs as administrators. The estate took six years to settle. Initial appraisal of personal property totaled \$1,508.64, cash on hand in the amount of \$550.90, real estate totaling 400 acres. In addition notes of loan from 15 individuals due the estate totaled \$2,003.37 with interest.^[891]

Three of the note were due Calvin from Owen Riggs (1—On Joseph Shepard and Owen Riggs for \$45.26 due 12 Oct. 1863. 2—On Owen Riggs for \$139.50 plus interest due 13 Oct. 1860. 3—On Owen Riggs for \$525.53 due 21 Sept. 1863.). Two notes were due Calvin from Edmund Riggs (1—On Edmund Riggs for \$77.90 plus interest due 4 June 1863. 2—On Edmund Riggs for \$56.00 + interest due 30 Sept. 1863.). Also, one of the notes was due both Calvin and Owen Riggs from a Basil Riggs. There was no Basil/Bazal/Basel Riggs found in Missouri during these early years. The notation in the probate records states: “One Note Basil Riggs given to Calvin and Owen Riggs Dated April 27/1855. Due one day after date with 6 per C interest, and half of it due to deceased. 100.87 Interest thereon 51.20 ½.”^[892]

On 25 Apr. 1865 the first annual probate settlement on Calvin Riggs lists an entry “To account (of Calvin) rec’d of Ed Riggs Senior of Western Virginia \$215.50”. This would seem to be made in order to distinguish Ed or Edmund Riggs of Miller Co. Mo. From Ed (Edmund) Riggs Senior of Western Virginia.^[893]

890. U.S. census, 1860, Pleasant Farm PO, Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., r. 633, p. 362, dw. 167, fam. 164. Owen resided in dw. 166.

891. Miller Co., Mo., Probate Records, A:231, Calvin Riggs, Charlotte Riggs, and Owen Riggs bonded as administrators on 12 Oct. 1863. File now located at the Miller County Historical Society Museum, next door to the Miller Co. courthouse. Courtesy of Bruce Varner.

892. Miller Co., Mo., Probate Records, A:231, Appraisal documents in probate file apparently all from 29 Oct. 1863. Courtesy of Bruce Varner who asks, “Could this be Basil back in W. VA.?”

893. Miller Co., Mo., Probate Records, A:231. Courtesy of Bruce Varner.

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On Feb. 186- (Full date cut off on copy) the probate records also contain the Election of Widow document. In that document it names Charlotte (Warren) (Riggs) Lurton (now remarried) does “elect in lieu of dower in the real estate of said Calvin Riggs to take a child's part absolute of said real estate.”^[894]

On 2 Apr. 1866 William E. Lurton was bonded as curator of the estate of Maxie C. Riggs, minor heir of Calvin Riggs, deceased, in Probate Court of Miller Co., Mo.^[895]

In the October Term 1871 of the Probate Court of Miller Co., Mo., William E. Lurton, “Guardian & Curator of the Estate of Maxey Riggs,” petitioned the court to change its records (to reduce the estate of Maxie) based in part on these facts, “That Calvin Riggs departed this life intestate leaving as the only heirs of his body his two daughters Barbara J. [perhaps T.] Riggs and Maxey Riggs that afterwards said Barbara J. [perhaps T.] Riggs departed this life intestate leaving as her only heir her mother Charlotte Lurton (nee Riggs) and her Sister Maxey Riggs . . .”

The first annual settlement of the estate of Maxie Riggs, minor, was filed and approved 5 Oct. 1870, and recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, B:443.

The second settlement of the estate of Maxey Riggs, minor, was filed and approved 8 July 1873, and recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, B:570.

The (probably third) settlement of the estate of Maxie Riggs was filed 4 Oct. 1875, and recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, C:28.

The final settlement of the estate of Maxie C. Riggs, minor, was filed 14 Aug. 1878, and recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, C:211. Maxie C. Riggs signed a receipt for \$325 from William E. Lurton, her curator and guardian, at home, on 13 Aug. 1878.

894. Miller Co., Mo., Probate Records, A:231, Courtesy of Bruce Varner who states, “Believe that the original in the probate records of Calvin Riggs will have the full date.”

895. This and the next several paragraphs from Miller Co., Mo., Probate Files, Maxie C. Riggs, photocopy of 39-page file courtesy of Bruce Varner. The original file now located at the Miller County Historical Society Museum, next door to the Miller Co. Courthouse, according to Bruce.

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In 1870 William E. Lurton, 30, a farmer born in Missouri with \$3,000 real and \$2,000 personal estates, resided in Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with his wife, "Charlotta," 32, born in Tennessee, and with two Lurton children, ages 1 to 3, so both children of William Lurton, and with Maxie Riggs, 11, born in Missouri, and with Henry Warren, 84, born in Virginia, and one servant and two farm hands.^[896]

In 1880 W. E. Lurton, 39, a farmer born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with his wife, "Charlotta," 42, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with five Lurton children, ages 2 to 13, so all children of William Lurton.^[897]

Children:

- 481 i **MAXIE C.⁶ RIGGS**, born probably 13 Aug. 1860, Missouri, since she is not listed in the 1860 census (enumerated 13 June 1860), and she received her portion of her father's estate on 13 Aug. 1878, presumably the date she turned 18.
- 482 ii **BARBARA J./T.⁶ RIGGS**, born after the 1860 census, Missouri, before 10 Oct. 1863 when a statement of heirs is made in the Miller Co., Mo., probate of the estate of Calvin Riggs, deceased.^[898] She probably died before the 1870 census in which she is not listed, and certainly before the October 1871 Term petition by William E. Lurton in the Miller Co., Mo., probate of the estate of Maxie C. Riggs, minor (quoted in the sketch above), which states she is deceased.

896. U.S. census, 1870, Tuscumbia PO, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., r. 792, p. 254B, dw. 89, fam. 89.

897. U.S. census, 1880, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., ED 105, r. 703, p. 206D, dw. 29, fam. 29.

898. Miller Co., Mo., Probate Files, Calvin Riggs, photocopy of 38-page file courtesy of Bruce Varner. The original file now located at the Miller County Historical Society Museum, next door to the Miller Co. Courthouse, according to Bruce. The file contains an affidavit signed by Charlotte Riggs and Owen Riggs on 10 Oct. 1863 that states, "the names of the heirs of the said Calvin Riggs deceased and their places of residence are respectfully as follows: [unrecognized symbol] maxia [sic] C. Riggs and Barbara T. Riggs both of Miller County State of Missouri."

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213. OWEN⁵ RIGGS (₇₁Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 3 Dec. 1813, Tyler Co., W.Va., died 5 Oct. 1875, and was buried in Old St. Elizabeth (Charleytown) Cem., Miller Co., Mo.^[899] He married (1) 13 May 1851, Osage Co., Mo.,^[900] ELIZABETH LURTON, who was born about 1830, Indiana, daughter of Henry G. and Martha (Gamble) Lurton,^[901] and who died 1858. He married (2) 1 Jan. 1863, Miller Co., Mo.,^[902] MA-LINDA H. BIRDSONG, who was born 12 Jan. 1824, daughter of Josiah and Nancy (Huddleston) Birdsong,^[903] and died 3 June 1890, and was buried next to Owen.

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899. *Charleytown Cem., Miller Co., Mo.*, “Riggs, Melinda H. | 12 Jan. 1824 – 3 June 1890 | side by side of Owen | Riggs, Owen | 3 Dec. 1818 [sic] – 5 Oct. 1875 | sided by side of Melinda H.”; *Find a Grave*, no. xxx, unsourced data for Owen Riggs: born 3 Dec. 1813, died 5 Oct. 1875; gravestone photograph, *Miller County Museum & Historical Society*, Progress Notes, <www.millercountymuseum.org/archives/071105.html>, “Owen Riggs | born | Dec. 3, 1813 | died | Oct. 5, 1875 | [?].”

900. *Mo. Marriages, 1766–1883*, Owen R. Riggs to Elizabeth “Lurtnon,” 13 May 1851, Osage Co., Mo.; *Marriage Records, Osage Co., Mo.: Book “A”*, online transcription, p. 21, cites Marriages, Osage Co., Mo., 1841–1861, A:157, Owen R. Riggs to Elizabeth “Lurtnon (Liberton),” 13 May 1851.

901. U.S. census, 1850, Jackson Twp., Osage Co., Mo., r. 408, p. 435B, dw. 284, fam. 284, lists Henry G. Lurton, 50, born Ky., Martha, 43, born Ky., and seven children, including Elizabeth, 20, born Ind. Osage Co., formed in 1841, borders Miller Co.; *Ind. Marriages, 1802–1892*, Henry G. “Lerton” to “Patsey” Gamble, 10 Dec. 1825, Posey Co., Ind., FHL 1428893.

902. Marriage record, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records*, Miller Co., 1863, 326, Owen Riggs to “Melind” Birdsong, both of the county, 1 Jan. 1863.

903. U.S. census, 1860, Tuscumbia PO, Equality Twp., Osage Co., Mo., r. 633, p. 352, dw. 104, fam. 101, lists Nancy Birdsong, 58, born Tenn., Malinda, 34, born Ala., with \$4,000 real and \$400 personal estates, and with several other children; marriage record, image online at *Tenn. State Marriages, 1780–2002*, Rhea Co., Josiah Birdsong to Nancy Huddleston, licensed 9 Sept. 1819, married 3 [sic] Sept. 1819.

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Malinda Birdsong Riggs is referenced in an 1899 history which states that Malinda's parents Josiah Birdsong and Nancy Huddleston, were natives of Alabama and migrated to Tennessee at an early date. In 1835 the family came to Maries Co., Mo. About a year later the family moved into Miller Co. near Iberia and then on to Tuscumbia in 1838. Josiah started a "hatter's" store which he ran for several years. Josiah was a major, then colonel of the mustered squads and was always called Colonel Birdsong. He also served as Miller Co. treasurer for one term. Josiah and Nancy sired 10 children: Still living (in 1889) were Lucinda Birdsong Gibson, Nancy Birdsong Welcharms, Malinda Birdsong Riggs, and William Birdsong.^[904]

In 1820 Edmond⁴ Riggs of Tyler Co. Va., 26-45, is listed with one female 26-45, one male 10-15, one female 10-15, three males under 10, two females under 10. The male 10-15 fits Calvin⁵ Riggs of Missouri. Also, Owen⁵ and Edmund⁵ Riggs fit two of the three males under 10. This determination is based upon evidence provided by separate records under each of these individuals.^[905] A similar analysis holds for the 1830 census for Edmund⁴ Riggs of Tyler Co., Va.^[906] See sketch for Calvin⁵ Riggs above for several other items relating Owen, Calvin, and Edward (Edmund/Edmond) Riggs, including the 1850 census where Owen Riggs resided with Calvin Riggs in Miller Co. and the 1860 census where the two brothers lived side by side.

On 24 Apr. 1856 Owen Riggs is recorded as purchasing a negro woman named Harriet as a slave for life. Harriet was obtained from John Flanagan for the sum of \$1,000 "in hard pair" and pledged to be of sound body and mind, free of any encumbrances.^[907]

904. *History of Cole, Moniteau, Morgan, Benton, Miller, Maries, and Osage Cos., Mo.*, 750. Courtesy of Bruce Varner.

905. U.S. census, 1820, Tyler Co., Va., r. 140, p. 86. This analysis courtesy of Bruce Varner.

906. U.S. census, 1830, Tyler Co., Va., r. 200, p. 180.

907. Miller Co., Mo., Contracts, A:10. Courtesy of Bruce Varner.

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Owen Riggs is also referenced as having purchased a negro woman named Matilda for \$850.^[908]

During the Civil War Owen and Edmund Riggs were levied taxes as southern sympathizers.^[909] See Edmund's sketch for details.

In 1869 Owen Riggs filed a plat drawing with Miller Co. using land he owned on the east side of the Osage River to create the town of St. Elizabeth. The town was laid out into 128 lots, each 20 feet by 80 feet, grouped 16 lots to a block, with streets and alleyways.^[910]

Campbell's Gazetteer of Missouri of 1875 states:

St. Elizabeth, on the south bank of the Osage River 18 miles below Tuscumbia, was laid out by Owen Riggs in 1869, and has 1 store and a Catholic church, the only one in the county. Population, about 60."^[911]

In 1870 Owen Riggs, 56, a farmer born in Ohio with \$20,000 real and \$4,000 personal estates, resided in Tuscumbia, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with Malinda H., 46, born in Alabama, Virginia C., 18, Martha "T.," 16, Cleona "M.," 6, and Missouri M., 4, all four born in Missouri.^[912]

On Thursday, 14 Oct. 1875, this obituary of Owen Riggs appeared in the *Miller County Vidette*, Tuscumbia, Mo. (with several inconsistencies):

Last week we noticed the death of one of our most respected citizens, Owen Riggs. We will now attempt a review of his life. He was born in Tyler Co., West Virginia. Was usually called the 'long reach' on the Ohio River. At his death he was 59 years old. From boyhood, he was raised on a farm on which he was born, and was an industrious and faithful boy, he thus

908. Jenkins, *History of Miller Co., Mo.*, 223. Courtesy of Bruce Varner, who notes, "Unfortunately Clyde Jenkins did not attribute all of his material and many references cannot be independently verified."

909. Bense, *The American Ballot Box in the Mid-Nineteenth Century*, 244-245.

910. Miller Co., Mo., Plats, 376, a drawing of the proposed town of St. Elizabeth, occupying about 4.7 acres in NESE S18 T41N R12W. Courtesy of Bruce Varner.

911. *Campbell's Gazetteer of Missouri*, 369.

912. U.S. census, 1870, Tuscumbia PO, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., r. 792, p. 253, dw. 96, fam. 96.

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worked until manhood. At this time he done some boating on the Ohio and Missipp [sic] at odd spels when not busy on the farm. In the year 1838, he came to Miller County and purchased some real estate with a view of someday locating here, but remained on the Virginia farm and continued boating on the Ohio and Mississippi until 1844 when he came to Miller Co. to live. One of his first deeds and boldest ventures of his eventful life, was the building of a flat boat on the Travern [Tavern] creek in this county, load it with pork, taking it down the Osage, Missouri and Mississippi rivers into the Yazoo Pass, trading. Finally went down the Mississippi and closed out his load of pork at Vicksburg, he then came back to Miller Co., where he engaged in farming, raising stock, buying and shipping to a very great extent. In 1847, he married the daughter of Henry C. [sic] Lurton, by whom he had 2 daughters, who are both living and married. His first wife died in 1858. In 1863 he married Madada [Malinda] Birdsong, by whom he had 2 children who are now living to mourn his loss. In 1857, he went into partnership with D. Cunningham [Daniel Cummings] in which venture he lost heavily. During these many years he bought wheat, corn, and tobacco and shipped it.

Cororants [cronies] took advantage of his kindness and nichered from him. He died comparative poor. His father is still living on the old farm where Owen started in life and is now over 100 years old [born circa 1775]. We believe he has but one brother living, Edmond Riggs, who is a resident of this county. During the war the Bushwhackers, supposing him to have a large amount of money and in attempting to force him to disgorge, they built a fire in the woods and burned his legs into a crisp, from which he suffered for many years. In fact, it shattered his constitution so that he never recovered his former self. This was one of the most self [sic] acts that was perpetrated during the War in this part of Missouri. This imperfect and brief sketch is all we can give as it is next to impossible to get the correct data. We have lost one of our worthiest citizens. May his departed spirit rest in peace.^[913]

913. Obit. of Owen Riggs, downloaded from <www.millercountymuseum.org/bios/bio_qr.html>, 7 Mar. 2013. The download contains this additional note: "Owen Riggs established the original town of Old St. Elizabeth on the Osage River in 1869, located on the east bank. He helped to establish the first Catholic Church in Miller Co. when it was built at Old St. Elizabeth about 1870. Ow-

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The following is excerpted from an article by Peggy Smith Hake on the Miller County Museum site. Here it is, errors and all:

Old St. Elizabeth, on the Osage, was established by an Irishman named Owen Riggs (actual name was Awhen Ricces [sic!]). He came to Miller County from Tyler County, Virginia with his brother, Calvin Riggs. The Riggs' were early settlers of Jim Henry Township and in 1838, patented many acres of land. By the end of the Civil War, Owen was a large landowner in Miller County. He established the old town of St. Elizabeth in 1869 and the town was laid out on the southeast band of the Osage River in Section 18, Township 41, Range 12. It had 8 blocks with 16 acres in each block.

The streets named in the old town's plat were: Water, First, Madison, Buckeye, Osage, Washington, and St. Louis. On the south edge of town was a large lot measuring 250' by 278' and was the site of an old gristmill. To the north was a church measuring 172' square. Owen Riggs was instrumental in getting the first Catholic Church in the county build on that site, sitting atop a bluff overlooking the Osage. Some who assisted in the construction of the church were named

Some of the early settlers in the old town of St. Elizabeth, in addition to Owen Riggs, were

Owen Riggs and his wife, Malinda, were the parents of four daughters with the unusal names of Tennessee, Missouri, Virginia, and Elizabeth (that one isn't too unusual). Owen Riggs died in 1875 and it seems that with his death, Old St. Elizabeth began to die also.

On May 8, 1882, an Order of Publication appeared in the Miller County newspaper listing all the land owned by Owen Riggs and it was being sold through the Miller Co. Probate Court. Included in the various parcels of land were several lots and blocks in Old St. Elizabeth. Many of those lots were sold to William Wetlock, the town's postmaster and storekeeper. When I added up the acreage for sale in the other tracts of land owned by Riggs, they totaled 1,804 acres. In Judge Jenkins "History of Miller County," he stated that Riggs had once owned over 6,000 acres in the

en Riggs once owned 6000 acres in Miller County in its early days! It took 9 years to settle his estate after his death. With his death came the slow demise of Old St. Elizabeth on the Osage."

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county. It took 9 years to settle his estate. The final settlement was filed 15 Feb. 1884.^[914]

The following is excerpted from an article by Dale Doerhoff, “Celebrating 125 years of St. Elizabeth History,” published 6 Oct. 2005 in the *Miller County Autogram-Sentinel* (see Figure 19):

The St. Elizabeth community of 2005 is rooted in the “St. Elizabeth Settlement,” a German Catholic settlement community that formed in the Jim Henry Township of northeastern Miller County in the second half of the 1860’s, immediately after the American Civil War. It was an offshoot of the Westphalia Settlement, a colony of immigrants from northwest Germany who migrated into Osage County in the 1830’s, 1840’s and 1850’s. With migration into the St. Elizabeth Settlement area and high birth rates among the families, the community grew quickly. It soon split into three towns: Charlestown (new St. Elizabeth), Mary’s Home and St. Anthony.

Owen Riggs, who along with his brother Calvin Riggs, left Tyler County, Virginia, in 1838 and came to Miller County, Missouri.

Their first home was a log cabin in the Big Tavern valley, about two miles north of the present town of St. Elizabeth. The Riggs brothers apparently made money the “old fashioned way” . . . in 1845 they were charged with the first liquor law violation in Miller County. Owen Riggs was also a land speculator, buying land from the government to resell for a profit. At one time he owned nearly 6000 acres in northeast Miller County.

While the Riggs brothers were bootlegging and buying up land in Miller County, German immigrants were flowing into Missouri, starting in the 1830’s and growing into a flood of tens of thousands by the 1840’s and 1850’s. Osage County became the end of the pipeline for a series of “chain migrations” from what is now the state of Nordrhein-Westfalen in north west Germany. What began as the “Westphalia Settlement” in the Maries River valley in 1836 became the western end of a migration stream that lasted until the start of the American Civil War in 1860. In two and

914. Hake, *The Two St. Elizabeths*.

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one half decades, many German immigrant families came to Central Missouri and radiated out from the Westphalia Settlement into areas where land was available for settlement.

In April 1869 Riggs filed a plat for a new town he named St. Elizabeth, on the southeast bank of the Osage River, less than a mile upriver from the mouth of the Big Tavern Creek. It seemed like a good location, because the fertile Osage and the Tavern bottoms presented excellent farming opportunities and the streams were the highways of commerce. When Riggs platted St. Elizabeth there were several German-American farm families already in the area, with more on the way from Westphalia, Koeltztown and St. Thomas.

By 1870, the year after Riggs platted St. Elizabeth, there were enough German Americans in the settlement to support the first Catholic parish in Miller County. Conrad Kemna hewed the logs for the framework of the new church building, which was 22 feet wide and 29 feet long. Among others who assisted in erecting the frame structure were Henry Heckemyer, Joseph Buechter, Henry Boedeker, George Borgmeyer, Henry Doerhoff and his brother Bernard Doerhoff, Andrew Schell, Patrick Whalen, Henry Leibert and Stephen Koester. Of the eleven men listed, seven were German born (Boedeker, Borgmeyer, Buechter, Henry and Bernard Doerhoff, Leibert and Koester), three were sons of German born immigrants (Heckemeyer, Kemna and Schell), and one was a native of Ireland (Whalen).

In spite of what appeared to be a promising beginning, the original town of St. Elizabeth soon withered and died on the vine. What happened? The town had three strikes against it. The first was the death of Owen Riggs. On October 5, 1875, he was robbed and murdered as he was riding back to St. Elizabeth from a cattle drive to Sedalia. His widow was left with too many children and not enough money, and Riggs' holdings were lost in a series of foreclosures. One of those foreclosures was by a Westphalia couple, Charles and Regina Holtschneider, and it was on repossessed land that the Holtschenieders platted the town of Charlestown (later new St. Elizabeth) in 1880.^[915]

915. Doerhoff, Celebrating 125 years of St. Elizabeth history.

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A number of references to Owen Riggs in writings about Miller County (such as the one just above) state that he lost his wealth. A study of the probate records for Owen Riggs however reveal a different picture. In fact Owen left a large estate that took many years to settle. It appears that some authors have perpetuated the myth that seems to have originated from Owen's death notice.^[916]

On 30 Oct. 1875 T. B. Robinson was bonded as administrator of the estate of Owen Riggs with \$6,000 from Marks Lesem, J. G. Lurton, and Abel Jarrett. He was given his letters of administration 4 Nov. 1875. An inventory of the estate was ordered 5 Nov. 1875, and it was delivered 9 Nov. 1875. A proof of publication dated 18 Dec. 1875 shows that a public announcement of the estate's settlement, urging any claims against it to be exhibited within two years, was published for four consecutive weeks in *The Helmet*, a newspaper of Tuscumbia, Miller Co., Mo., during 15 Nov.–7 Dec. 1875.^[917]

The Probate Court of Miller Co. was busy issuing subpoenas, taking affidavits, and otherwise adjudicating claims against Owen's estate for the period 4 Jan. 1876–2 Jan. 1877.

The first annual settlement of the estate was filed on 4 Jan. 1877 by the administrator T. B. Robinson and was recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, C:125–29.

In July 1877 settlement was made between the estate of (brother) Edmund Riggs, who had died 15 Feb. 1877, and that of Owen Riggs.

Similarly, the second annual settlement of the estate was filed on 13 Feb. 1878 by the administrator T. B. Robinson and was recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, C:182,183–84.

Similarly, the third annual settlement of the estate was filed on 13 Feb. 1879 by the administrator T. B. Robinson and was recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, C:228.

916. Analysis courtesy of Bruce Varner.

917. This and the next several paragraphs from Miller Co., Mo., Probate Files, Owen Riggs, photocopy of 80-page file courtesy of Bruce Varner. The original file now located at the Miller County Historical Society Museum, next door to the Miller Co. Courthouse, according to Bruce.

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According to the Hake article quoted above, “It took 9 years to settle his estate. The final settlement was filed 15 Feb. 1884.” So there must have been further claims against Owen’s estate.

On 29 Apr. 1878 Malinda H. Riggs was bonded at Tuscumbia, Miller Co., Mo., as the curator of the estate of the minor children, Elizabeth C. Riggs and Missouri M. Riggs, of Owen Riggs, deceased. She was bonded with \$1,200 by J. G. Lurton and Joseph “Luckenhoff.”^[918] Legally a curator is one appointed to take care of the interests of one who, on account of her youth is unable to attend to them herself. It is sometimes used as synonymous with guardian, but the Probate Court of Miller County seems to have drawn a distinction between the two, as “guardian” imprinted on forms is crossed out and “curator” substituted.

On 9 July 1879 an inventory of the estate of Cleona E. and Missouri M. Riggs, minor heirs of Owen Riggs deceased, by Malinda H. Riggs, their curator, was filed with the probate judge. It listed money received (\$514.16) of the estate of Edmund Riggs Sr. deceased of Pleasants Co., Va. Edmund⁴ Riggs had died Feb. 1876, and was a resident in the 1870 census of Pleasants Co., W.Va.

The first annual settlement of the estate of Cleona E. and Missouri M. Riggs was filed on 16 Feb. 1880 by Malinda H. Riggs. The estate was valued at \$514.16 plus interest, totaling \$545.26. It was recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, C:268.

The second annual settlement of the estate of Cleona E. and Missouri M. Riggs was filed on 13 May 1881 by Malinda H. Riggs. The estate was valued at \$566.05. It was recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, C:375.

The third annual settlement of the estate of C. E. and M. M. Riggs was filed on 16 Aug. 1882 by M. H. Riggs. The estate was valued at \$646.00. It was recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, C:442. On 17

918. This and the next several paragraphs from Miller Co., Mo., Probate Court records, Cleona E. (once Elizabeth C.) and Missouri M. Riggs, minors, curator Malinda H. Riggs, photocopy of 18-page file courtesy of Bruce Varner. The original file now located at the Miller County Historical Society Museum, next door to the Miller Co. Courthouse, according to Bruce.

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Aug. 1882 one half of the value of the estate, \$323.00, was transferred to final settlement with Cleona E. Riggs. (Cleona had turned 18 on 10 Nov. 1881.)

Indeed the final settlement of the estate of Cleona E. Riggs was filed on 16 Aug. 1882 by M. H. Riggs. Her estate was valued at \$323.00. It was recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, C:441. Although she was no longer a minor, she was still listed as one on the document. An affidavit signed by "Cleonia E. Singer" and "Andie Singer" on 20 Nov. 1883 states that Cleona E. Riggs, now wife of Andrew Singer, received \$322.25 in cash from Malinda H. Riggs as final settlement for her.

Final settlement for Missouri M. Riggs was filed by M. H. Riggs, curator, on 14 Nov. 1883 and recorded in Miller Co., Mo., Settlements, C:536. Her estate was valued at \$349.50. (Missouri had turned 18 on 10 Nov. 1883.) Missouri M. Riggs, of Equality Twp., Miller Co., Mo., acknowledged receipt on 24 Nov. 1883.

In 1880 Malinda Riggs, 55, a widow born in Alabama, resided in Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with her daughters, C. E. Riggs, 17, and M. M. Riggs, 15, both born Missouri, and a farm laborer.^[919]

Children of the first marriage, to Elizabeth:

- 483 i **VIRGINIA C.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1852, Missouri. Owen's obituary mentions a daughter Virginia.
- + 484 ii **MARTHA FRANCIS⁶ RIGGS**, born 22 Oct. 1853 about 1854, Missouri, married **JOSEPH LUECKENHOFF**, and had at least two children.

Children of the second marriage, to Malinda:

- + 485 i **CLEONA ELIZABETH⁶ RIGGS**, born 10 Nov. 1863, Missouri, married **ANDREW SINGER**, and had three children, one adopted.
- + 486 ii **MISSOURI [ROSA] M.⁶ RIGGS**, born 10 Nov. 1865 (1900 census), Missouri, married **HERMAN S. TELLMAN JR.**, and had five children.

919. U.S. census, 1880, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., ED 105, r. 703, p. 206C, dw. 23, fam. 23.

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216. EDMOND [EDMUND]⁵ RIGGS (₇₁Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 1 Jun. 1819, Tyler Co., W.Va., and died 15 Feb. 1877, Miller Co. Mo. He married 4 June 1844, Miller Co., Mo.,^[920] **MARY ANN PILES**, who was born 22 Feb. 1826 (gravestone), Illinois or Missouri, daughter of James and Elizabeth (—) Piles, and died 27 June 1903, Olympia, Thurston Co., Wash.,^[921] and was buried in Odd Fellows Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Tumwater, Thurston Co., Wash.^[922]

[N.B. Most of the information in this sketch was compiled by my correspondent Bruce Varner. I have incorporated it much as he wrote it, but I have put it in my style and have doublechecked whenever possible all of his citations, and made minor emendations. If he had access to sources unavailable to me, I make that clear. Thanks to Bruce for his excellent work.]

My correspondent Bruce Thomas Varner carries the James Riggs YDNA signature (matching 67 of 67 markers). He argues from his careful research that the Riggs genetic line in his family is probably due to a relationship, out of wedlock, between Edmond Riggs and Bruce's ancestor **NANCY ANN VARNER**, who was born 27 Mar. 1841 (gravestone), Missouri, daughter of Thomas and — (Owens) Varner (but see appendix G), and died 22 July 1934, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co.^[923] No record of any marriage or father's surname for her children has been located. Nancy raised four children with the surname Varner, and they are listed in this sketch as probable children of Edmund⁵ Riggs. It's a known

920. Marriage record, image online at Mo. *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Edmund Riggs to Mary Ann Piles, 4 June 1844, Miller Co., Mo., by Harrison H. Jenkins JP.

921. Death record, image online at *Wash. Deaths, 1883–1960*, p. 225, Mary Ann Riggs, died 27 June 1903, Olympia, aged 83, female, white, married, born Mo., resident of Olympia, housewife, father James Piles, mother [empty].

922. *Find a Grave*, no. 38457022, gravestone photograph, by Bill and Elaine Schrock, Odd Fellows Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Tumwater, Thurston Co., Wash., “[Wife?] of | E. Riggs | Born | Feb. 22, 1826 | Died | June 27, 1903.” Plot: block 10 lot 37.

923. *Find a Grave*, no. 49370949, gravestone photograph, by Vivian Kessler, Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., “Nancy Varner | Mar. 27, 1841 | July 22, 1934.”

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fact that Nancy worked for him. Bruce's full analysis is presented in appendix G.

In 1850 Edmund Riggs, 31, a farmer born in Virginia with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Miller Co., Mo., with Mary, 24, born in Illinois, Elizabeth, 5, and Owen, 2, both born in Missouri, and Elizabeth Piles, 55, a widow born in Tennessee, Pherby Piles, 14, female, and Ferdinand Piles, 13, both born in Missouri.^[924]

In 1860 Edmund Riggs, 41, a farmer born in Virginia with \$6,000 real and \$1,500 personal estates, resided in Pleasant Farm, Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with Mary A., 34, born in Illinois, Elizabeth, 15, Owen, 12, Okey, 8, a male, Carroll, 5, and William, 1, all five born in Missouri, and one laborer.^[925]

During the Civil War Owen and Edmund Riggs were levied taxes as southern sympathizers. In Richard Bense's 2004 treatise, *The American Ballot Box in the Mid-Nineteenth Century*, Bense studied over 16,000 US House of Representative hearings about loyalty oaths, troops, and elections to occur during and after the Civil War. Missouri had the largest number of such hearings of any state. One such hearing mentioned the Riggses of Miller Co. Mo.^[926]

During the war each county in Missouri created a board of assessors empowered to tax for the support of "widows whose husbands had been killed, and men who had been wounded by the guerillas, and . . . those whose property had been stolen or destroyed by them." The book references one incident in Miller County discussed in a U.S. House hearing. The county at the time concluded that Edmund Riggs, who had failed to pay the tax, had known his name was on the list

for the following reasons . . . he and Owen Riggs, his brother, live only four or five miles apart, and Owen Riggs comes to Tuscumbia either by or near Edmund Riggs's house. When the board made the assessment

924. U.S. census, 1850, Miller Co., Mo., r. 406, pp. 422A-B, dw. 212, fam. 212.

925. U.S. census, 1860, Pleasant Farm PO, Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., r. 633, p. 359, dw. 150, fam. 147.

926. Bense, *The American Ballot Box in the Mid-Nineteenth Century*, 244-245.

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for their district they had a notice put up at West's mill, in the Riggs settlement, with all the names of those assessed, and Owen Riggs came to my house to see what proof he would have to make to get off.^[927]

A footnote gives the argument for Edmund's failure to pay the assessment:

These assessments were often difficult for poor men to satisfy; the clerk of the Miller County court, for example, reported that Edmund Riggs had sent his "boy . . . to borrow money . . . to pay the assessment a few days after the election." . . . In earlier testimony, Riggs had claimed that he feared that if he voted for Price [the Democratic candidate], he "would be put down as secesh, and taxed as such," and he had not voted for that reason.^[928]

In 1870 Edmund Riggs, 50, a farmer born in Virginia with \$2,000 real and \$800 personal estates, resided in Tuscumbia, Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with Mary A., 45, born in Illinois, Owen J., 23, Okey, 20, a female [sic], Carroll, 17, and William, 11, all four born in Missouri.^[929]

On 3 Mar. 1877 probate of Edmund Riggs was filed with Mary A. Riggs and James C. Piles as principal administrators. An affidavit states said Edmund Riggs died at Miller Co., Mo., in 1877 leaving as his heirs: Mary A. Riggs, his widow, Owen Riggs, Okey Riggs, James Riggs, William Riggs, Phirby Jones, Edmund Jones, children of Elizabeth Jones, formerly Elizabeth Riggs, now deceased.^[930] Initial appraisal of personal property totaled \$907.45. \$35.75 in cash. Real estate totaled at least 509 acres. Included were four notes of loan due the estate.^[931]

927. Bensel, *The American Ballot Box in the Mid-Nineteenth Century*, 245.

928. Bensel, *The American Ballot Box in the Mid-Nineteenth Century*, 245n.

929. U.S. census, 1870, Tuscumbia PO, Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., r. 792, p. 258B, dw. 26, fam. 26.

930. Miller Co., Mo., Probates, B:373, Edmund Riggs estate, administrators Mary A. Riggs and James C. Piles bonded 3 Mar. 1877. Courtesy Bruce Varner. File now located at the Miller County Historical Society Museum, next door to the Miller Co. Courthouse.

931. Initial inventory of the estate of Edmund Riggs. File now located in Edmund's probate records at the Miller County Historical Society Museum, next door to the Miller Co. Court-

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Claim no. 15 against the estate of Edmund Riggs submitted on 2 Apr. 1877 was for \$13.15. The claim was from Nancy Varner who swore she had been employed by Edmund Riggs and was due 3½ months' pay at \$7 per month, totaling \$24.50. \$11.35 had been received but Nancy Varner was still due \$13.15. Payment was allowed in open court on 13 Feb. 1878.^[932]

On 18 Apr. 1879 Mary Ann Piles resigned as co-administrator of the estate.^[933]

One other item of interest in the probate records is a note obligating both Owen and Edmund Riggs for \$450 to Thomas Browse, dated 1 Mar. 1866. As it is found in Edmund Riggs's papers it had apparently been previously repaid to Browse. It is of interest in that when Owen and Edmund signed the promissory note, he signed it "Edmund Riggs Jr."^[934]

In 1880 Mary Ann Riggs, 50, a widow farmer born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., with her son, "Wm," 21, granddaughter, Pherby Jones [sic, Jones], 16, and grandson, Louis, 11, all three born in Missouri of Missouri natives. Next door was "Owens" R. Riggs, 32.^[935]

Children of his marriage:

+ 487 i **ELIZABETH⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1845, Missouri, married **MARK JONES**, and had two children.

house. Courtesy Bruce Varner.

932. Note of demand from estate of Edmund Riggs by Nancy Varner. File now located in Edmund's probate records at the Miller County Historical Society Museum, next door to the Miller Co. Courthouse. Courtesy Bruce Varner.

933. Note of demand from estate of Edmund Riggs by Nancy Varner. File now located in Edmund's probate records at the Miller County Historical Society Museum, next door to the Miller Co. Courthouse. Courtesy Bruce Varner.

934. From estate of Edmund Riggs. File now located in Edmund's probate records at the Miller County Historical Society Museum, next door to the Miller Co. Courthouse. Courtesy Bruce Varner.

935. U.S. census, 1880, Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., ED 51, r. 792, p. 258B, dw. 207, fam. 213. Owens resided in dw. 206.

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- + 488 ii OWEN R.⁶ RIGGS, born Jan. 1848, Missouri, married MARY ANN TEAGUE, and had two children.
- 489 iii OKEY⁶ RIGGS, born 23 Dec. 1852, died 28 Sept. 1925, buried Odd Fellows Memorial Park and Mausoleum, married CHLORA/CLOE EMELINE BUTCHER, born 4 Apr. 1859, daughter of J. and — (Snow) Butcher, died 21 Sept. 1911, buried with her husband.^[936]
- 490 iv CARROLL⁶ RIGGS, born about 1855, Missouri.
- 491 v WILLIAM⁶ RIGGS, born about 1859, Missouri.

Possible children out of wedlock with Nancy Ann Varner (see appendix G for expansion of these children into sketches and their descents):

- + 492 vi ?JOHN L.⁶ VARNER, born 17 Oct. 1866 (gravestone), Miller Co., Mo., married MILLIE JANE HORTON, and had seven children. *My correspondent Bruce Varner descends from this line and carries the James Riggs YDNA signature.*
- + 493 vii ?WILLIAM O.⁶ VARNER, born 8 Feb. 1869, Missouri, married ALTA WILLIAMS, and had eight children.
- 494 viii ?EURELDA⁶ VARNER, born 15 Nov. 1871, Missouri, married WILLIAM A. NEWTON, and had three children.
- 495 ix ?MARY F.⁶ VARNER, born 29 May. 1877, died 7 June 1956, married (1) BLUFORD COVINGTON GRAHAM COVE, born 31 Aug. 1874, married (2) GEORGE CLEMONS, born 17 Jan. 1877, died 27 May 1952. Since Edmond⁵ died 15 Feb. 1877, it is just possible that Mary Varner was his child too.

217. MARY ANN⁵ RIGGS (₇₁Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born after or in 1821 (she was of age in 1839), Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[937] She

936. *Find a Grave*, no. 38457039, gravestone photograph, by Bill and Elaine Schrock, Odd Fellows Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Tumwater, Thurston Co., Wash., "Okey Riggs | Dec. 23, 1852–Sept.28, 1925 | Chlora E. Riggs | wife of Okey Riggs | Apr. 4, 1859–Sept. 21, 1911 | A tender mother and | a faithful friend." Plot: block 12 lot 10. Transcribed on this page is a death certificate, Wash. Death Certificates, no. 233, Cloe Emeline Riggs, died 21 Sept. 1911, Hoquiam, Chehalis Co., Wash., aged 52 yrs. 5 mos., est. birth 1859, father J.Butcher, mother's maiden name Snow.

937. From her son Josiah's death certificate.

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married 13 Apr. 1839 (consent and bond dates)^[938] **THOMAS HOLDREN**, who was born Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio.

Children (unordered):

- 496 i **JAMES C.⁶ HOLDREN**, born 11 July 1842, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, died 9 Oct. 1917, Muskingum, Washington Co., Ohio,^[939] buried 11 Oct. 1917, Oak Grove Cem.
- 497 ii **EDMUND⁶ HOLDREN**, born 22 Apr. 1845, Ohio, died 27 July 1932, Grape Island, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[940] buried 29 July 1932, Holdren Cem., married **CORA THORNILEY POWELL**.
- 498 iii **ALLEN⁶ HOLDREN**, born 27 Apr. 1849, Ohio, died 30 Dec. 1924, St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[941] buried 1 Jan. 1925, Newport Cem. Unmarried.
- 499 iv **JOSIAH RIGGS⁶ HOLDREN**, born 28 Mar. 1854, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, died 26 May 1931, Belpre, Washington Co., Ohio,^[942] buried 28 May 1931, Newport, Ohio, married **EMMA WELLS**.

938. W.Va. Marriage Records Research, image of consent, "This is to cirtiy [certify] that Marey Ann Riggs is of age — give from under my hand and seal this 13 day of April 1839 [signed] D. Dickman Clerk Edmund Riggs" and an image of the bond of Owen Riggs and David Hickman for \$150, signed 13 Ar. 1839, conditioned on the marriage of Thomas Holdren and Mary Ann Riggs, signed by Owen Riggs and D. Hickman.

939. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 68213, James C. Holdren, died 9 Oct. 1917, Muskingum, Washington Co., Ohio, aged 75 yrs. 2 mos. 28 dys., male, white, married, farmer, born 11 July 1842, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, father Thomas Holdren, born Grandview Twp., mother Mary Ann Riggs, born W.Va., informant Prescott Holdren, of Lowell, Ohio, buried 11 Oct. 1917, Oak Grove Cem.

940. Death certificate, image online at *W.Va. Archives*, W.Va. State Dept. of Healt, Division of Vital Statistics, no. 9661, Edmund Holdren, died 27 July 1932, Grape Island, Union Dist., Pleasants Co., W.Va., aged 86 yrs. 11 mos. 5 dys., male, white, married (spouse Cora Thorniley Powell), farmer, born 22 Aug. 1845, Ohio, father Thomas Holdren, born unknown, mother Mary Ann Riggs, born unknown, informant Elizabeth P. Sprague, of Marietta, Ohio, buried 29 July 1932, Holdren Cem.

941. Death certificate, image online at *W.Va. Archives*, W.Va. State Dept. of Healt, Division of Vital Statistics, no. 15507, Allen Holdren, died 30 Dec. 1924, St. Marys, Washington Dist., Pleasants Co., W.Va., aged 75 yrs. 8 mos. 3 dys., male, white, single, [occupation empty], born 27 Apr. 1849, Ohio, father Thomas Holdren, born Ohio, mother Mary Ann Riggs, born Ohio, informant Oran C. Ogdin [undertaker], of St. Marys, buried 1 Jan. 1925, Newport Cem.

942. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital

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- 500 v **MARY E.⁶ HOLDREN**, born 29 Dec. 1856, Ohio, died 29 June 1921, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio,^[943] buried 1 July 1921, Holdren Cem., married – **ELLIS**.
- 501 vi **ELIZA JANE⁶ HOLDREN**, born 28 Dec. 1858, Ohio, died 11 Feb. 1925, Union Dist., Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[944] buried 14 Feb. 1925, Wheeling, W.Va., married – **MOOR**.

220. JOSIAH [JOSHUA]⁵ RIGGS (₇₁*Edmond⁴*, *James³*, *Edmond²*, *James¹*) was born about 1826, Virginia, and listed as “Josiah” in the 1850 census. Probably the “Joshua” who married **HARRIETTE DIBBLE**,^[945] who is listed in the 1860 census (see Edmond’s sketch), with child Josiah.

In 1860 Harriet Riggs, 28, born in Ohio with \$1,500 real and \$80 personal estates, resided in St. Marys, Pleasants Co., Va., with Josiah, 6, born in Virginia. Next door was Edmund Riggs “Sen.,” 76.^[946]

In 1870, “Harrit” Riggs, 40, farmingborn in Ohio with \$4,000 real and \$50 personal estates, resided in Grape Island, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,

Statistics, no. 34228, Josiah Riggs Holdren, of 223 Maple, died 26 May 1931, Belfre, Washington Co., Ohio, aged 77 yrs. 1 mos. 28 dys., male, white, married (spouse Emma Wells Holdren), farmer, born 11 July 1842, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, father Thomas Holdren, born Grandview Twp., mother Mary Riggs, born Pleasant Co., W.Va., informant [empty], buried 28 May 1931, Newport, Ohio.

943. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 36581, Mary E. Ellis, died 29 June 1921, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, aged 66 yrs. 6 mos. 0 dys., female, white, widowed, housewife, born 29 Dec. 1856, Ohio, father Thomas Holdren, born Ohio, mother Mary Ann Riggs, born W.Va., informant Alice H. Moore, of St. Marys, W.Va., buried 14 Feb. 1925, Wheeling, W.Va.

944. Death certificate, image online at *W.Va. Archives*, W.Va. State Dept. of Healt, Division of Vital Statistics, no. 15507, Allen Holdren, died 30 Dec. 1924, St. Marys, Washington Dist., Pleasants Co., W.Va., aged 75 yrs. 8 mos. 3 dys., male, white, single, [occupation empty], born 27 Apr. 1849, Ohio, father Thomas Holdren, born Ohio, mother Mary Ann Riggs, born Ohio, informant Oran C. Ogdin [undertaker], of St. Marys, buried 1 Jan. 1925, Newport Cem.

945. Her surname from son Josiah’s death certificate (q.v.).

946. U.S. census, 1860, St. Marys PO, Pleasants Co., Va., r. 1371, p. 651, dw. 380, fam. 380. Edmund resided in dw. 379.

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with with “Josia,” 15, born in Virginia, and also with Sarah Springer, 17, born in Virginia. Nearby was “Edmon” Riggs “Sen.,” 86.^[947]

Child:

- 502 i **JOSIAH DAVID**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 15 Aug. 1854, Pleasants Co., W.Va., died 13 Mar. 1933, Bens Run, Union District, Pleasants Co., aged 78 years 6 months 28 days, buried 15 Mar. 1933, Long Reach,^[948] and married 23 Nov. 1881 [license], Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[949] **ANNA J. BOND**, born about 1858, Tyler Co., W.Va., died before her husband.

223. DENTON J.⁵ **RIGGS** (₇₄*Samuel*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born about **15 Feb. 1812**, Ohio, and died **24 Sept. 1874**. He married 14 Feb. 1833, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[950] **BARBARA LOUDERBACK**, who was born about 1812, Virginia.

In 1850 Denton J. Riggs, 38, a farmer born in Ohio with \$2,000 real estate, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Barbara, 38, born in Virginia, and with Ruth A., 15, Mary, 13, Betsy, 11, John, 9, Samuel, 5, and Ann M., 10/12, all six born in Indiana.^[951]

Children:

- 503 i **RUTH A.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1835, Indiana.

947. U.S. census, 1870, Grape Island PO, Union Twp., Pleasants Co., W.Va., r. 1697, p. 484B dw. 9, fam. 9. Edmond resided in dw. 7.

948. Pleasants Co., W.Va., Deaths, “Riggs Josiah David white free male Mar 13–1933 Union District Myocarditis, Chronic Hepatitis Hernia 78 6 2 [parents] Joshua and Harriette Riggs West Virginia Retired Widowed [informant] Harold Riggs” [FHL 867993]; death certificate, W.Va. State Dept. of Health, no. 3986, Josiah [overwrites “Joshua”] David Riggs, died 13 Mar. 1933, Bens Run, Union District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., male, white, married Anna [overwrites “Emma Jane”] Riggs, aged 78 yrs. 6 mos. 28 dys., born 15 Aug. 1854, W.Va., retired, father Joshua Riggs, born W.Va., mother Harriette Dibble, born W.Va., informant Harold Riggs, buried 15 Mar. 1933, Long Reach.

949. Pleasants Co., W.Va., Marriages, xx, Josiah D. Riggs of Pleasants Co., 27, born Pleasants Co., to Miss Anna J. Bond, 23, of Pleasants Co., born Tyler Co., W.Va., licensed 23 Nov. 1881, married by George Stewart, MG, [date illegible], “at the residence of the Brides [empty].”

950. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, “Barbary” Louderback to Denton J. Riggs, 14 Feb. 1833, Fayette Co. source Fayette Co., Ind., Marriages, 1831–1870, 8:349.

951. U.S. census, 1850, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 144, p. 220A, dw. 24, fam. [empty].

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- 504 ii **MARY**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1837, Indiana.
- 505 iii **BETSY**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1839, Indiana.
- 506 iv **JOHN**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1841, Indiana.
- 507 v **SAMUEL**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1845, Indiana.
- 508 vi **ANN M.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1849, Indiana.

227. **STEPHEN O.**⁵ **RIGGS** (₇₄*Samuel*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born about 1820 **4 July 1819**, Indiana, and died **18 Mar. 1895**. He married 18 July 1844, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[952] **MARTHA JANE FRAZEE**, who was born about 1822, Ohio or New Jersey, **probably** daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Littell) Frazee,^[953] and died before the 1885 Kansas census.

In 1850 Stephen Riggs, 30, a farmer born in Indiana with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Huntington Co., Ind., with Martha J., 28, born in Ohio, and with "Eldridge," 5, Albert, 3, and Alford, 3, all three born in Indiana.^[954]

In 1860 Stephen Riggs, 40, a farmer born in Indiana with \$4,000 real and \$3,000 personal estates, resided in Londen, Fayette Co., Ill., with M. J., 38, born in Indiana, and with Elbridge, 15, Albert, 12, and Alfred, 12, all three born in Indiana, John, 7, born in Illinois, and with two boarders.^[955]

In July 1863 Stephen O. Riggs, 44, born in Indiana, registered for the Civil War draft in Loudon Twp., Fayette Co., Ill.^[956]

952. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Martha Jane Frazee to Stephen Riggs, 18 July 1844, Fayette Co. source Fayette Co., Ind., Marriages, 1831–1870, E:151.

953. Littell, *First Settlers of Passaic Valley*, 253–254, "10. [that is, their tenth child] Martha Jane Frazee married Stephen Riggs, lives in Fayette county, Illinois, and had children: 1. Elbridge Riggs; 2. Alfred Riggs; 3. Albert Riggs." I don't usually trust Littell's *First Settlers*, but this all seems to fit. Furthermore, sister Hannah Frazee married John Spivey and lived near Connorsville, Ind.; brother Cornelius Frazee married Rosannah Spivey and lived in Roseville, Ohio; brother Samuel Frazee died in Ohio, unmarried; sister Keziah Frazee married John Petro and lived in Shelby Co., Ill.; and brother John T. Frazee married Julianne Conover and lived in Fayette Co., Ill.

954. U.S. census, 1850, Huntington Co., Ind., r. 152, p. 52B, dw. 734, fam. 734.

955. U.S. census, 1860, Londen PO, Londen Twp., Fayette Co., Ill., r. 177, p. 277, dw. 1874, fam. 1875.

956. U.S., *Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863–1865*, Fayette Co., Ill., July 1863, "Louden

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In 1880 Stephen Riggs, 60, a farmer born in Indiana of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., with his wife, Martha, 58, born in Ohio of New Jersey natives, and with his son, John S., 26, a farmer born in Illinois, his daughter-in-law, Bell, 23, born in Illinois of Indiana natives, his grandson, Oscar, 9, born in Illinois of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Ohio, and granddaughter, Martha P., 2, born in Illinois of Illinois natives, and granddaughter, Mauda M., 4/12, born Oct., born in Kansas of Illinois natives.^[957] Oscar was probably son of Stephen's son, Albert.

In 1885 Stephen Riggs, 65, widower, a farmer born in Indiana, resided in South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., with A. R., 36, a farmer born in Indiana, Mary E., 28, born in Illinois, and Oscar A., 14, born in Illinois, and with a boarder.^[958]

In 1895 Stephen Riggs, 75, born in Indiana, resided in South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., with Malissa Riggs, 49, born in Kentucky, Jerry Clayton, 18, Theodore Clayton, male, 17, Amanda Clayton, 16, and Lucy Clayton, 13, all four born in Kentucky.^[959]

Children:

- + 509 i **ELBRIDGE M.⁶ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1844, Indiana, married **SARAH ANN HUBBARTT**, and had seven children.
- + 510 ii **ALBERT RUFUS⁶ RIGGS** (twin), born May 1847, Indiana, married (1) **EMALINE MERCER**, and had one child, married (2) **MARY E. DURBIN**, and had one child.
- 511 iii **ALFORD/ALFRED⁶ RIGGS** (twin), born about 1847, Indiana.
- + 512 iv **JOHN S.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1854, Indiana, married **BELL M. UMBLE**, and had at least four children.

Township Riggs Stephen O 44 White Farmer [born] Ind."

957. U.S. census, 1880, South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., ED 207, r. 398, p. 223D, dw. 26, fam. 26.

958. Kans. census, 1885, South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., r. 136, p. 23, dw. 4, fam. 4.

959. Kans. census, 1895, South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., r. 154, p. 17, dw. 1, fam. 1.

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228. JAMES S.⁵ RIGGS (₇₄Samuel⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 13 Nov. 1821, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind.,^[960] and died 26 May 1869.^[961] He married 21 Jan. 1845, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[962] SUSAN MONGER, who was born 15 Feb. 1824, near Lebanon, Warren Co., Ohio,^[963] daughter of John and Huldah (Davis) Monger, and died 17 Feb. 1902, Connersville, Fayette Co., Ind.^[964]

Excerpted from a 1917 history of Fayette Co., Ind. (continued from the sketch of Samuel⁴):^[965]

James S. Riggs was born on that pioneer farm in 1821, the sixth child and fourth son of his parents, and was there reared amid real pioneer conditions, receiving his schooling at the home fireside and in the primitive school that early was established in that neighborhood, and from boyhood was an able assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home farm, and after his marriage in 1845 began farming on his own account. He possessed a natural talent for business, had keen executive ability and prospered in his affairs, becoming a very successful farmer and was long accounted one of the most substantial and influential men in his community. His farm in Jennings township, containing ninety acres, was well improved and profitably cultivated and his live stock were of the best. He also owned two hundred acres in Effingham county, Illinois, and one hundred and sixty acres in Howard county, Indiana. In church affairs Mr. Riggs also took an active and influential part. He and his wife were devoted members of the Christian church and were among the organizers of the church of that denomination in Connersville. Mr. Riggs helped to reconstruct a school house in his neighborhood and fit it for church services and would drive into Connersville for the preacher and bring him to that point in Jennings township for services and then take him back to

960. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 881.

961. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 881.

962. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800-1941*, Susan Monger to James Riggs, 21 Jan. 1845, Fayette Co., source Fayette Co., Ind., Marriages, 1831-1870, E:201; Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 881, has it 23 Jan. 1845.

963. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 881.

964. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 881, 883.

965. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, "James S. Riggs," 880-84, with photograph of James.

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Connersville. That pioneer church in Jennings township was, in a way, the forerunner of the church at Springersville. James Riggs died quite suddenly in May, 1869, and his widow survived him many years, her death occurring in Connersville on February 17, 1902.

On January 23, 1845, James Riggs was united in marriage to Susan Monger, of Jennings township, who was born near Lebanon, Ohio, February 15, 1824, a daughter of John and Huldah (Davis) Monger, the former of whom was born in Virginia on January 30, 1799, and the latter, in Ohio, June 9, 1800, a daughter of Jonathan Davis and wife, the former of whom, a native of New Jersey, was a soldier in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. Some time after the settlement began to grow up around old Ft. Washington and the then straggling village of Cincinnati began to develop, Jonathan Davis came down the river with his family and his goods and settled there, building a log cabin with a huge fireplace, from which extended a great brick chimney. One night the Indians attacked his cabin. He concealed his wife and children in the loft of the cabin and then he hid himself in the chimney in such a way as to be concealed from the view of anyone entering the cabin, yet giving him a view of all that might go on. Presently the savage redskins broke into the cabin and were greeted by a shot from the doughty old soldier in the fireplace. Time after time he shot, the Indians being unable to reach him, and after awhile the marauders took their departure, dragging their dead after them, and the rest of the night danced the hideous war dance about the cabin. Upon the coming of the Mongers to this county, Jonathan Davis accompanied his daughter, Mrs. Monger, and his last days were spent in her home in Jennings township. He died on October 26, 1845, at Brookville, and is buried in the cemetery at Springersville, one of the two Revolutionary soldiers buried in this county.

It was probably in 1825 that John Monger and his wife came to Fayette county from Lebanon, Ohio, for Miss Rosella Riggs, their granddaughter, now living at Connersville, has their tax receipts bearing dates from 1826 to 1846. John Monger was the son of George and Frances Monger, who settled here in 1833; they had nine children. They lived and died here in Fayette county. John Monger and wife located on a farm just south of Lyonsville, in Jennings township, the tract they selected for a home being

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covered with forest trees, a previous occupant of that quarter section having done nothing toward clearing the same save clearing a spot for a door yard and erecting thereon a small log cabin. There John Monger and his wife established their home and there they spent the remainder of their lives, active and influential members of that pioneer community and helpful in all good works thereabout until the day of their death. Not long after settling there John Monger built a substantial brick house of unusually thick walls and in that house, which was destroyed by fire in April, 1912, there had lived five generations of the family, beginning with Jonathan Davis, the Revolutionary soldier; his daughter, Mrs. Huldah (Davis) Monger; her daughter, Mrs. Susan (Monger) Riggs, the latter's son, Francis M. Riggs, who was born there, and Lola Rosella Riggs, daughter of Francis M. Riggs, also was born there. John Monger not only was a good farmer, but he was an active man of affairs and during his life held numerous offices of public trust. Miss Riggs, of Connersville, has many heirlooms of the family, including a chest which contains voluminous records of the business transactions of the Monger family, showing that they were subscribers to magazines and cultural periodicals and enjoyed a life of education and refinement such as the present generation may not have thought probable of the generation represented by the pioneers. John Monger died on March 8, 1839. He was a son of George and Frances Monger and he had a sister who was stolen by the Indians when she was a little girl, grew up with the tribe and married a savage chief. After her marriage she found her way back to the home of her parents and for a time resumed her place in their home, but presently began to long for the freedom of the life of the tribe to which she had been accustomed from childhood and returned to her chief and the tribe in which she had been reared and with that tribe spent her last days. John Monger's widow survived him less than five years, her death occurring on December 7, 1844. She was a devout member of the Christian church and her children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, six of whom grew to maturity, Jonathan D., Susan, who married Mr. Riggs; Mary A., Hester, Sidney E., and Sarah F.

To James S. and Susan (Monger) Riggs eight children were born, of whom two died before the death of their father, those remaining with the widowed mother at the time of his death having been as follow [sic]: As-

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bury Samuel, who died in Connersville, leaving a family of orphaned children, his wife having died a year previous to his death; Jonathan M., who died in Jennings township; Francis M., who is living on a farm near the old home place in Jennings township; Reeder James, who is living in Connersville; Oliver S., also a resident of Connersville, and Sarah Rosella, who also makes her home in Connersville. After the death of James S. Riggs in 1869, his widow remained on the farm until the boys grew up and left home and then she and her daughter, Rosella, remained there until in November, 1891, when they moved to Connersville and built a house in Virginia avenue, just above Seventeenth street, that part of the city then being practically open fields, that residence section having developed since then. There the mother and the daughter lived together until the death of the former on February 17, 1902, and Miss Riggs continues to make her home there. Besides owning that home she is the owner of ninety acres of the old Monger quarter section south of Lyonsville.

Miss Rosella Riggs grew up in a community that was devoted to good works, its people possessed of high ideals and lofty aspirations, and from the time she was a little girl she took her part in the cultural activities of that neighborhood. When ten years of age she was the organist in the Sunday school and has ever given earnest thought to her musical education, a diligent student of both instrumental and vocal music, and is a pianist of much skill, playing the classical music with deep feeling and fine expression. For the sake of her mother and that she might ever be at the latter's side during her declining years, Miss Riggs nobly sacrificed many of the pleasures dear to young people and during the last six years of her mother's life never left her alone in the house. Miss Riggs, as noted above, has many interesting family relics and heirlooms of the pioneer days in this county, some of these having come down from her great-grandfather, Jonathan Davis, the Revolutionary soldier, including certain articles of domestic use which he made with his own hands during the time of the residence in Ohio; and a fine woven rattan riding-whip, with a handle of metal and ivory, which was used by her grandmother, Huldah (Davis) Monger, and a blanket of wool that was grown on sheep raised by her father, the wool having been prepared for spinning and carded by her mother. There are also old dishes that were in the Davis family and nu-

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merous bits of hand-made lace and embroidery that would excite the admiration and envy of modern lace-makers. Around many of these interesting mementoes Miss Riggs is able to weave stories of the other days, tales handed down in her family, that would make most interesting reading for the present generation.^[966]

In 1850 James Riggs, 27, a farmer born in Indiana with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Susan, 23, born in Ohio, and with "Samuel A.," 4, and Jonathan D., 2, both born in Indiana. Next door was Samuel Riggs, 68.^[967]

Children:^[968]

- 513 i [CHILD]⁶ RIGGS, died before its father did.
- 514 ii [CHILD]⁶ RIGGS, died before its father did.
- 515 iii ASBURY SAMUEL⁶ RIGGS, born about 1846, Indiana.
Placeholder: In 1870 Samuel Riggs, 23, a farmer born in Indiana with \$850 personal estate, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 26, born in Indiana, and with Asbury, 19, Stephen, 10, Ida, 7, "W^m" S., 5, Mattie, 3, and Rozy, 2/12, all six born in Indiana. Next door resided Samuel (Sr.), 85.^[969] I have assigned this Samuel to Samuel Asbury Riggs, son of Samuel Hamilton Riggs, brother of James S. Riggs, perhaps mistakenly.
- 516 iv JONATHAN D./M.⁶ RIGGS, born about 1848, Indiana, married 13 Oct. 1870, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[970] ELVIRA WIDOWS.
- 517 v FRANCIS M.⁶ RIGGS, married 2 Sept. 1875, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[971] NANCY C. SIMPSON.

966. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 881–84.

967. U.S. census, 1850, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 144, p. 224B, dw. 85, fam. [empty]. Samuel resided in dw. 84.

968. Barrow, *History of Fayette Co. Ind.*, 883.

969. U.S. census, 1870, Alquina PO, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 312, p. 101A, dw. 87, fam. 96. Samuel Sr. resided in dw. 86.

970. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Elvira Widows to Jonathan M. Riggs, 13 Oct. 1870, Fayette Co. source Fayette Co., Ind., Marriages, 1831–1870, 2:267.

971. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Nancy C. Simpson to Francis M. Riggs, 2 Sept. 1875, Fayette Co. source Fayette Co., Ind., Marriages, 1831–1870, 2:257.

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- 518 vi REEDER JAMES⁶ RIGGS, married 23 Sept. 1880, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[972] ALICE S. LOUDERBECK.
- 519 vii OLIVER S.⁶ RIGGS, married 7 Sept. 1898, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[973] CARRIE BELLE SYLVESTER.
- 520 viii SARAH/LOLA ROSELLA⁶ RIGGS, unmarried, the informant to Barrow on this extended family.

230. SAMUEL HAMILTON⁵ RIGGS (₇₄Samuel⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 27 Mar. 1827 (gravestone), died 30 Oct. 1889, and was buried in Garden of Memories Cem., Lyonsville, Fayette Co., Ind.^[974] He married (1) 12 Mar. 1848, Union Co., Ind.,^[975] **AMANDA BROWN**, who was born about 1830 **1 Dec. 1827**, Indiana, died **27 Nov. 1855**, and was buried in **Converse Cem., Mier, Grant Co., Ind.**^[976] He married (2) 28 Aug. 1859, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[977] **ELIZABETH E. MONGER**, who was born 9 Oct. 1841 (gravestone), died 11 Apr. 1915, and was buried in Garden of Memories Cem.^[978]

972. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Alice S. Louderbeck to Reeder J. Riggs, 23 Sept. 1880, Fayette Co. source Fayette Co., Ind., Marriages, 1831–1870, 2:511.

973. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Carrie Belle Sylvester to Oliver S. Riggs, 7 Sept. 1898, Fayette Co. source Fayette Co., Ind., Marriages, 1831–1870, 4:329.

974. *Find a Grave*, no. 50892028, gravestone photograph, by Mitch Clendening, Garden of Memories Cem., Lyonsville, Fayette Co., Ind., “Samuel H. Riggs | born | Mar. 27, 1827 | died | Oct. 30, 1889.” N.B. the same grave seems to be recorded in different cemeteries: *Find a Grave*, no. 33176585, gravestone photograph, by Rob Hughes, Springersville Cem., Connorsville, Fayette Co., Ind., “Samuel H. Riggs | born | Mar. 27, 1827 | died | Oct. 30, 1889”; *Find a Grave*, no. 79180786, gravestone photograph, Union Cem., Lyonsville, Fayette Co., Ind., “Samuel H. Riggs | born | Mar. 27, 1827 | died | Oct. 30, 1889.” The last of these has a photograph naming the cemetery “Union Cemetery Garden of Memories.”

975. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Amanda Brown to Samuel H. Riggs, 12 Mar. 1848, Union Co.

976. *Find a Grave*, no. 65478950, no gravestone photograph, Converse Cem., Mier, Grant Co., Ind., **unsourced information**: born 1 Dec. 1827, died 27 1855, “1st w/o Samuel H. Riggs m. 12, Mar, 1848 Union Co., Indiana,” children Francis E. Riggs (1849–1933), Samuel Asbury Riggs (1852–1938), and Mary Ellen Riggs (1854–1855).

977. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Elizabeth E. Monger to Samuel H. Riggs, 28 Aug. 1859, Fayette Co. source Fayette Co., Ind., Marriages, 1831–1870, 1:75.

978. *Find a Grave*, no. 79180769, gravestone photograph, Union Cem., Lyonsville, Fayette Co.,

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In 1850 “Howbleton” Riggs, 22, a farmer born in Indiana with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Jackson Twp., Howard Co., Ind., with Amanda, 20, born in Indiana, and with Frances M., 5/12, male, born in Indiana.^[979]

In 1860 Hamilton Riggs, 31, a farmer born in Indiana with \$2,000 real and \$500 personal estates, resided in Jackson Twp., Howard Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 26 [sic], born in Indiana, and with Frances, 9, Samuel, 7, and Stephen, 3/12, all three born in Indiana, and one farm laborer.^[980]

In 1870 Samuel Riggs, 23 [sic], a farmer born in Indiana with \$850 personal estates, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Elizabeth, 26 [sic], born in Indiana, and with Asbury, 19, Stephen, 10, Ida, 7, “W^m” S., 5, Mattie, 3, and Rozy, 2/12, male, all six born in Indiana. Rozy was born in Aug. Next door was Samuel Riggs, 85.^[981]

In 1880 Samuel H. Riggs, 55, a farmer born in Indiana of Virginia natives, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with his wife, Elizabeth, 38, born in Indiana of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Ohio, and with his son, Stephen, 20, daughter, Ida, 18, son, Sherman, 14, daughter, Mattie, 12, son, Roza, 10, sons, Lewis A., 6, and Thomas, 3, and daughter, Edna, 7/12, all eight born in Indiana. Elizabeth had heart disease. Mary Riggs, 65, resided next door, with her sister, Jane, 45, both single and born in Indiana of Virginia natives.^[982]

Known children of the first marriage, to Amanda:

- 521 i **FRANCES M.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1850, Indiana, married Oct. 1869
 LYDIA —, born about 1850, Indiana.

Ind., “Elizabeth E. | Riggs | born | Oct. 9, 1841 | died | Apr. 11, 1915.” See husband’s gravestone record for variations on the cemetery name.

979. U.S. census, 1850, Jackson Twp., Howard Co., Ind., r. 151, p. 436B, dw. 56, fam. 56.

980. U.S. census, 1860, Jackson Twp., Howard Co., Ind., r. 266, p. 600, dw. 657, fam. 652.

981. U.S. census, 1870, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 312, p. 101A, dw. 87, fam. 96. Samuel (Sr.) resided in dw. 86.

982. U.S. census, 1880, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., ED 145, r. 276, p. 98D, dw. 70, fam. 77. Mary and Jane resided in dw. 71.

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In 1870 Frances Riggs, 20, a farmer born in Indiana with \$467 personal estate, resided in Jackson Twp., Howard Co., Ind., with Lydia, 20, born in Indiana, whom he had wed in Oct., and with Elmira Smith, 18, born in Indiana.^[983]

- 522 ii **SAMUEL ASBURY⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1853, Indiana.

Children of the second marriage, to Elizabeth:

- 523 iii **STEPHEN⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1860, Indiana.
524 iv **IDA⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1863, Indiana.
525 v **WILLIAM SHERMAN⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1865, Indiana.
526 vi **MATTIE⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1867, Indiana.
527 vii **ROZY⁶ RIGGS**, male, born Aug. 1870, Indiana.
528 viii **LEWIS A.⁶ RIGGS**, male, born about 1874, Indiana.
529 ix **THOMAS⁶ RIGGS**, male, born Aug. 1877, Indiana.
530 x **EDNA⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1879, Indiana.

235. **HENRY⁵ RIGGS** (₇₆*John*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 16 Oct. 1806, and died 17 Mar. 1851. He married 28 July 1835, Jennings Co., Ind.,^[984] **ERAMINTA/AMELIA MAY**, who was born 25 June 1813, North Carolina, daughter of George Tobias and Catherine (Friddle) May, and died 25 Nov. 1861.

From the Jennings Co., Ind., history (continued from the sketches for Henry's father and grandfather):

May-Riggs — George Tobias May (born November 6, 1776 in North Carolina, died November 17, 1864 – son of Daniel May and Barbara Marie Clapp) married Catherine Friddle December 8, 1797. She was born May 25, 1778 in Guilford County, NC, and died July 21, 1834. George entered government land in Geneva Township May 21, 1823, near Scipio. They moved there in 1827. Both are buried in old grave yard at Scipio. One of their children Amelia May was born June 25, 1813 and died November 25, 1861, buried with the parents.

983. U.S. census, 1870, Jackson Twp., Howard Co., Ind., r. 324, p. 438B, dw. 123, fam. 123.

984. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Henry Riggs to Eraminta May, 28 July 1835, Jennings Co., Ind.

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Amelia May married Henry Riggs July 30 [sic], 1835. Henry Riggs was born October 16, 1806, died March 17, 1851. She then married Henry Clapp August 21, 1855. They lived near Bear Creek in Sandcreek Township

Henry Riggs and Amilia [sic] May Riggs had eight children: Catherine Delilah (married Guy T. Jackson), James Henry, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington (married Amy Jane Green in North Vernon). Ezra F. Peabody, Calvin Tobias, Maly, and Nancy Jane (Jennie) who was born in Jennings County on June 6, 1847. She married James Parks Burroughs on March 31, 1868 (their history is in this book, as well as their grand daughters family history under Kelley-Simmons).^[985]

In 1850 Henry Riggs, 44, a farmer born in Virginia, resided in Sand Creek Twp., Jennings Co., Ind., with Amelia, 37, born in North Carolina, and with Letta A., 21, John B., 16, Catherine D., 14, James H., 11, Benjamin F., 9, George W., 8, Ezra F., 6, Nancy J., 3, and Calvin "L.," 1, all nine born in Indiana.^[986]

Children:

- 531 i LETTA/LETHIA ANN⁶ RIGGS, born about 1829, Indiana, married 11 Jan. 1852, Jennings Co., Ind.,^[987] JOHN DICKINSON.
- 532 ii JOHN B.⁶ RIGGS, born about 1834, Indiana.
- 533 iii CATHERINE DELILAH⁶ RIGGS, born about 1836, Indiana, married 10 Nov. 1859, Jennings Co., Ind.,^[988] GUY T./S. JACKSON.
- 534 iv JAMES HENRY⁶ RIGGS, born about 1839, Indiana.
- 535 v BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁶ RIGGS, born about 1841, Indiana.
- 536 vi GEORGE WASHINGTON⁶ RIGGS, born about 1842, Indiana, married AMY JANE GREEN.
- 537 vii EZRA F. PEABODY⁶ RIGGS, born about 1844, Indiana.

985. *Jennings Co., Ind., 1816–1999*, 267.

986. U.S. census, 1850, Sand Creek Twp., Jennings Co., Ind., r. 155, p. 319A, dw. 430, fam. 430.

987. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Lethia Ann Riggs to John Dickinson, 11 Jan. 1852, Jennings Co., Ind., cites 5:97.

988. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Catharine D. Riggs to Guy S. Jackson, 10 Nov. 1859, Jennings Co., Ind., cites 6:56.

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- 538 viii **NANCY JANE/JENNIE⁶ RIGGS**, born 6 June 1847, Jennings Co., Ind., married 31 Mar. 1868, Jennings Co., Ind.,^[989] **JAMES PARKS BURROUGHS**.
- 539 ix **CALVIN TOBIAS⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1849, Indiana.

236. MARTIN⁵ RIGGS (₇*John⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 1815, Ohio. He married (1) 12 Apr. 1838, Jennings Co., Ind.,^[990] **CYNTHIA ANN EDDLEMAN**, who was born 1820–1825. He married (2) 4 Oct. 1846, Jennings Co., Ind.,^[991] **CATHERINE ELIZABETH UNDERWOOD [UMENSETTER]**,^[992] who was born about 1830, Virginia.

In 1840 Martin Riggs, 20–30, resided in Jennings Co., Ind., with a woman 15–20, and a boy under 5.^[993]

In 1850 Martin Riggs, 35, born in Ohio, resided in Sand Creek Twp., Jennings Co., Ind., with Catherine E., 20, born in Virginia, and with Silas, 9, and Parley H., 2, both born in Indiana. Next door was John Riggs, 69.^[994]

In 1860 Martin Riggs, 45, a farmer born in Indiana with \$90 personal estate, resided in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., Ill., with Catherine, 32, born in Virginia, and with “Danl,” 14, Parley H., 12, Malissa A., 9, John T., 4, and Amelia F., 1, all five born in Ind.^[995]

Child of the first marriage, to Cynthia:

- 540 i **SILAS⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1841, Indiana.

989. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Jennie Riggs to James P. Burroughs, 31 Mar. 1868, Jennings Co., Ind., cites 7:179.

990. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Martin Riggs to Cynthia Ann Eddleman, 12 Apr. 1838, Jennings Co., Ind.; *Ind. Marriages, 1780–1992*, Martin Riggs to “Cyntha” Ann Eddleman, 12 Apr. 1838, Jennings Co., Ind. [FHL 549409].

991. *Ind. Marriages, 1802–1892*, Martin Riggs to “Catharine” E. Underwood, 4 Oct. 1846, Jennings Co., Ind.

992. The Umensetter variation and her middle name are from her son John’s death record (q.v.), and reflected partially in her son Parley’s death record (q.v.).

993. U.S. census, 1840, Jennings Co., Ind., r. 84, p. 229.

994. U.S. census, 1850, Sand Creek Twp., Jennings Co., Ind., r. 155, p. 313A, dw. 335, fam. 335. John resided in dw. 334.

995. U.S. census, 1860, Mt. Vernon PO, Jefferson Co., Ill., r. 187, p. 838, dw. 332, fam. 332.

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Child of the second marriage, to Catherine:

- 541 ii **DANIEL⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1846, Indiana. **Possibly a child of the first marriage.**
- + 542 iii **PARLEY HILL⁶ RIGGS**, born Dec. 1847, Indiana, married **SARAH C. WARREN**, and had seven children.
- 543 iv **MALISSA A.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1851, Indiana.
- + 544 v **JOHN T.⁶ RIGGS**, born 11 Oct. 1856 or Nov. 1856, Indiana, married **MISSOURI E. (–) SMITH**, and had at least eight children.
- 545 vi **AMELIA F.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1859, Indiana.

237. SAMUEL E.⁵ WILLIAMSON (₇₈*Jane⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 1807 (see biography in parents' sketch), and died 1858. He married 19 Jan. 1832, Union Co., Ind.,^[996] **ELIZABETH CONAWAY**, who was born about 1814 in North Carolina or Indiana, and died 1884.

In 1850 "Sam¹" Williamson, 43, born in Ohio, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with "Eliz^h," 36, born in Indiana, and with Franklin, 15, Moses, 14, James M., 12, Mary J., 11, Daniel, 9, Sarah, 6, and Teresa, 3, all seven born in Indiana.^[997]

In 1860 Elizabeth Williamson, 55, born in Indiana, resided in Alquina, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Daniel, 18, Sarah, 16, and "Terrissa," 14, Edmond, 11, Nancy, 7, and Elizabeth, 7, all six born in Indiana. Next door was Madison Williamson, 24, and next to him was Jane Williamson, 71.^[998]

She is listed with her mother, Jane Williamson, in the 1870 census (q.v.).

In 1880 Elizabeth Williamson, 67, a widow born in Indiana of South Carolina natives, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with her son, Daniel, 39, born in Indiana, and her grandson, Holister, 9, born in

996. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Samuel E. Williamosn to Elizabeth Conaway, 19 Jan. 1832, Union Co.

997. U.S. census, 1850, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 144, p. 227A, dw. 114.

998. U.S. census, 1860, Alquina PO, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 256, p. 608, dw. 285, fam. 285.

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Indiana. Next door was “Edward” Williamson, 28, a farmer born in Indiana of Indiana natives, with his wife, Lucinda, 25, born in Indiana of Indiana natives, and his daughters, Grace, 5, and Bertha, 3, both born in Indiana, and his son, Clifford, 10/12, born August in Indiana.^[999]

Children:

- 546 i **ADALINE⁶ WILLIAMSON**, born about 1833, Indiana. She is listed with her grandmother, Jane, in the 1850 census (q.v.). She married 7 Sept. 1851, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[1000] **DANIEL SWALLOW**.
- 547 ii **FRANKLIN⁶ WILLIAMSON**,^[1001] born 18 Nov. 1834, Lyon’s Station (probably Lyonsville), Fayette Co., Ind., married (1) about 1855 **ELIZABETH COFFMAN**, daughter of John and Catharine (Withe) Coffman, died about 1875, and had three children living at her death: (1) John⁷ Williamson; (2) Perry F.⁷ Williamson; and (3) Elizabeth C.⁷ Williamson, married Newton Shull. Franklin married (2) 27 Dec. 1877 **MARY MARTIN**, daughter of Israel and Lucy (Munson) Martin, and had two children: (4) Karl⁷ Williamson; and (5) Israel⁷ Williamson, who died at age 8.
- 548 iii **MADISON MOSES⁶ WILLIAMSON**,^[1002] born Feb. 1836, Indiana, died 1917, buried in Union Cem., Lyonsville, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[1003] married (1) 8 Mar. 1859, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[1004] **MARTHA A. LAIR**, born 12 Mar. 1837 (calculated), Ohio, died 25 Mar. 1867, aged 30 years 13 days, buried in Union Cem.,^[1005] and had three children:

999. U.S. census, 1880, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., ED 145, r. 276, p. 101D, dw. 112, fam. 122 (and 123).

1000. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Adaline Williamson to Daniel Swallow, 7 Sept. 1851, Fayette Co.

1001. Unless otherwise indicated, everything in this paragraph is from the biography of Franklin Williamson, *Biographical and Genealogical History of Wayne, Fayette, Union and Franklin Counties, Ind.*, 1:480–482.

1002. Or Moses Madison Williamson.

1003. *Find a Grave*, no. 84303277, gravestone photograph, by Kevin Jordan, Union Cem., Lyonsville, Fayette Co., Ind., “Williamson | Madison M. Williamson | 1836–1917 | Sarah Rudy His Wife | 1851–1924.”

1004. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Madison Williamson to Martha A. Lair, 8 Mar. 1859, Fayette Co.

1005. *Find a Grave*, no. 85829406, gravestone photograph, by Kevin Jordan, Union Cem., Ly-

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(1) Samuel E.⁷ Williamson, born 1860, Indiana, died 1905, buried in Union Cem.;^[1006] (2) Elsie/Elizabeth⁷ Williamson, born about 1862, Indiana; and (3) David⁷ Williamson, born 23 Feb. 1864 (calculated), died 18 Sept. 1865, aged 1 year 6 months 18 days, buried in Union Cem.^[1007] Madison married (2) 2 Dec. 1882, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[1008] **SARAH RUDY**, born Jan. 1851, Pennsylvania, died 1924, buried next to him, and had no children.

In 1860 Madison Williamson, 24, born in Indiana, resided in Alquina, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Martha, 22, born in Ohio, and Samuel, 5/12, born in Indiana, and one farm laborer. Next door was Jane Williamson, 71.^[1009]

In 1870 "Mad." Williamson, 33, a farmer born in Indiana, resided in Alquina, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with Samuel, 9, and Elsie, 8, both born in Indiana.^[1010]

In 1880 Moses Williamson, 44, a farmer born in Indiana, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with his daughter, Elizabeth, 18, born in Indiana, and his aunt, Nancy Douthis, 76, a widow born in South Carolina of South Carolina natives.^[1011]

In 1900 Moses M. Williamson, 64, born Feb. 1836 in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., with

onsville, Fayette Co., Ind., "Martha A. | wife of | Madison M. Williamson | died | Mar. 25, 1867 | aged | 30Y'rs & 13D's."

1006. *Find a Grave*, no. 85829342, gravestone photograph, by Kevin Jordan, Union Cem., Lyonsville, Fayette Co., Ind., "Samuel E. Williamson | 1860-1905."

1007. *Find a Grave*, no. 85829520, gravestone photograph, by Kevin Jordan, Union Cem., Lyonsville, Fayette Co., Ind., "David | son of | M.M & M.A. | Williamson | died Sept. 18, 1865 | Aged 1Y'r 5 M's & 26D's."

1008. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800-1941*, Moses M. Williamson to Sarah Rudy, 2 Dec. 1882, Fayette Co.

1009. U.S. census, 1860, Alquina PO, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 256, p. 608, dw. 286, fam. 286.

1010. U.S. census, 1870, Alquina PO, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., r. 312, p. 104A, dw. 131, fam. 143.

1011. U.S. census, 1880, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., ED 145, r. 276, p. 101D, dw. 110, fam. 120.

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- his wife of 18 years, Sarah, 49, born Jan. 1851 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. She had had no children.^[1012]
- 549 iv **JAMES M.⁶ WILLIAMSON**, born about 1838, Indiana.
- 550 v **MARY J.⁶ WILLIAMSON**, born about 1839, Indiana, married 7 Sept. 1858, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[1013] **LEONODUS M. ROSS**.
- 551 vi **DANIEL⁶ WILLIAMSON**, born about 1841, Indiana. He is listed with his grandmother, Jane Williamson, in the 1870 census.
- 552 vii **SARAH⁶ WILLIAMSON**, born about 1844, Indiana.
- 553 viii **TERESA⁶ WILLIAMSON**, born about 1847, Indiana, married 2 July 1865, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[1014] **RUSSEL E. LAYSON**.
- 554 ix **EDMOND R.⁶ WILLIAMSON**, born 29 June 1851 (biography in grandparents' sketch), near Springersville, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., died 1928, and buried Springersville Cem., Connersville, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[1015] married 1874 **LUCINDA F. STRONG**, born 1856, Waterloo Twp., Fayette Co., daughter of Wilson and Eliza (Fiant) Strong, and died 1920, and buried next to her husband. They had at least four children: (1) Grace⁷ Williamson, born about 1875, Indiana; (2) Bertha⁷ Williamson, born about 1877, Indiana; (3) Clifford⁷ Williamson, born Aug. 1879, Indiana; and (4) Rannah B.⁷ Williamson, born Fayette Co., Ind., married 2 Oct. 1904, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[1016] Ernest A. Maurer, born 29 June 1882, son of Alexander and Anna (Wenger) Maurer.^[1017] He is listed (as "Edwin") with his grandmother, Jane Williamson, in the 1870 census.

1012. U.S. census, 1900, Jennings Twp., Fayette Co., Ind., ED 11, r. 370, p. 118, sh. 4A, dw. 84, fam. 84.

1013. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Mary J. Williamson to Leonodus M. Ross, 7 Sept. 1858, Fayette Co.

1014. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, "Terressa" Williamson to Russel E. Layson, 2 July 1865, Fayette Co.

1015. *Find a Grave*, no. 95276672, gravestone photograph, by B. Long, Springersville Cem., Connersville, Fayette Co., Ind., "Williamson | Edmond R. | 1851–1928 | | Lucinda F. | 1856–1920."

1016. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Rannah B. Williamson to Ernest A. Maurer, 2 Oct. 1904, Fayette Co.

1017. Barrows, *History of Fayette Co., Ind.*, 1075–1078.

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- 555 x NANCY⁶ WILLIAMSON (twin), born about 1853, Indiana, married
21 Nov. 1875, Fayette Co., Ind.,^[1018] WILLIAM P. STRANG.
556 xi ELIZABETH⁶ WILLIAMSON (twin), born about 1853, Indiana.

245. ERASMUS COLUMBUS⁵ RIGGS (⁹⁰*John William*⁴, *Erasmus*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 17 Feb. 1827 (gravestone and 1900 census and Albert Riggs History), Kentucky, died 19 July 1915, Lake Co., Calif.,^[1019] and was buried in Hartley Cem., Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif.^[1020] (We exercise care not to conflate Erastus E. born 1818, Kentucky, with Erastus C. born 1827, Kentucky.) Erasmus C. married 12 July 1860, Colusa Co., Calif.,^[1021] LUCY JANE SHIRLEY,^[1022] who was born 23 June 1843 (gravestone and Albert Riggs Record)^[1023] or June 1844 (1900 census) in Missouri, daughter of John and Martha C. (Elliott) Shirley,^[1024] and died 9 Apr. 1909, Lake Co., Calif.,^[1025] and was buried with her husband.

1018. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Nancy Williamson to William P. Strang, 21 Nov. 1875, Fayette Co.

1019. *Calif., U.S., Death Index, 1905–1939*, Erasmus C. Riggs, born about 1827, died 19 July 1915, age 88, in Lake Co., Calif.; Albert Riggs Family Record (see Illustrations): “Erasmus C.. Riggs [born] February 17, 1827 [married] July 12, 1860 [died] July 19, 1915.”

1020. *Find a Grave*, no. 14276869, gravestone photograph, Hartley Cem., Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif., “Riggs | Lucy J. | 1843–1909 | | Erasmus C. | 1827–1915.” Four children, with gravestones, are also listed: Martha Jane Welty, Lee Price Riggs, Albert Sidney Riggs, and Wade H. Riggs, gravestones. Lee Price Riggs had child Luman Cecil Riggs also listed.

1021. *WesternStates Marriages, BYUIdaho Special Collections*, accessed via <Ancestry.com>, marriage ID#1486625: groom: Erasmus C. Riggs, of Colusa Co., Calif., bride: Lucy J. Shirley, of Colusa Co., married 12 July 1860, Colusa Co., Calif., A:28.

1022. Her middle name comes from image 1360 of 1643 in the probate file of her husband’s estate (q.v.), which refers to “the estate of Lucy Jane Riggs, deceased, which said decree of distribution is recorded in Book 54 of Deeds at page 297, Lake County records.”

1023. Albert Riggs Family Record (see Illustrations): “Lucy J. Shirley [born] June 23, 1843 [married] July 12, 1860 [died] April 9, 1909.”

1024. U.S. census, 1850, Lafayette Co., Mo., r. 403, p. 239B, image 183 of 233 online, dw. 1335, fam. 1335, lists John Shirley, 48, a farmer born in Virginia, with Martha “S.” 31, born in Kentucky, and four children all born in Missouri, including Lucy J., 6; Albert Riggs Family Record (see Illustrations): “John Shirley [born] February 14, 1802 [married] May 10, 1840 [died] September 9, 1853 | Martha C. Elliot January 18, 1819 May 10, 1840 August 18, 1886;” Ky., U.S., *County Marriage Records, 1783–1965*, Bourbon Co., 1786–1895. image 184 of 284 online, “1840 May 10th [no.] 681

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In 1860 Columbus Riggs, 30, a farmer born in Kentucky, resided in Colusa PO, Monroeville Twp., Colusa Co., Calif., with A. Himstreet, 25, a farmer born in Maine. Next door was the George Tucker, 47, family, with Martha C. Tucker, 42, born in Kentucky, three Shirley children, and four Tucker children. One of the Shirley children was Lucy J. Shirley, 17, born in Missouri, who would become Erasmus Columbus's wife (marriage record). The other two Shirley children were brothers. This census was enumerated on 11 July 1860, one day before the marriage.^[1026] Martha had remarried on 25 May 1856, Lafayette Co., Mo.,^[1027] to George Tucker after John Shirley's death in 1853.

In 1870 E. C. Riggs, 41, a farmer born in Kentucky, with \$400 personal estate, resided in Uncle Sam PO, Big Valley Twp., Lake Co., Calif., with Lucy J., 27, born in Missouri, Martha J., 8, Lee P., 6, Katie, 4, and John M., 9/12, all born in California.^[1028]

In 1880 Erasmus C. Riggs, 53, farmer born about 1827 in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in Scott's Valley Pct., Big Valley Twp., Lake Co., Calif., with his wife, Lucy J., 37, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and with his daughter, Martha J., 17, son, Lee P., 16, daughter, "Catie" S., 13, sons, Stonewall J., 9, and Albert S., 7, daughters, Elizabeth A., 5, and Alice, 3, and son, Wade H., 1, all born in California.^[1029]

In 1900 "Erastmus" C. Riggs, 73, a farmer born Feb. 1827 in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in ED 46, Twp. 4, Lake Co., Calif.,

John Shirly [sic] to Martha Elliott [by] G W Simcoe

1025. Calif., U.S., *Death Index, 1905–1939*, image 738 of 802 online, Lucy J. Riggs, 65, born 9 Apr. 1909, Lake Co., Calif.

1026. U.S. census, 1860, Colusa PO, Monroeville Twp., Colusa Co., Calif., dw. 345, fam. 294, r. 57, p. 450, FHL 803057. The Tuckers resided in dw. 345.

1027. Mo., U.S., *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Lafayette Co., 1821–1939, image 1399 of 2720 online, "Solemnized . . . on the 25th day of May AD1856 between George Tucker of Saline County and Martha C Shirley of Lafayette County Mo."

1028. U.S. census, 1870, Uncle Sam PO, Big Valley Twp., Lake Co., Calif., , dw. 563, fam. 434, r. 73, p. 398A.

1029. U.S. census, 1880, Scott's Valley Pct., Big Valley Twp., Lake Co., Calif., ED 52, dw. 223, fam. 226, r. 66, p. 73A.

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with his wife of 40 years, Lucy J., 55, born June 1844 in Missouri of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Kentucky, and with his daughter, Alice, 22, born Sept. 1877, son, Wade, 21, born May 1879, and daughters Cora, 18, born Dec. 1881, Myrtle E., 15, born Dec. 1884, and Lucy O., 11, born Nov. 1888, all born in California, Lucy had had 13 children, with 11 surviving.^[1030]

In 1910 Erasmus C. Riggs, 83, a widower farmer born in Kentucky of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Lake Co., Calif., with his son, Wade, daughters, Cora, 28, Lucy O., 21, and Myrtle E., 25, all born in California.^[1031]

From the probate file for the intestate estate of E. C. Riggs, deceased, filed 9 Nov. 1916, Lake Co., Calif.:

leaving him surviving, as his only heirs at law, the following: L. P. Riggs, Mrs. Katie Sellars, S. J. Riggs, A. S. Riggs, Elizabeth Riggs, Alice Riggs, Wade Riggs, Cora Riggs, Mrs. B. E. McDonald, and Lucy Riggs, each being a surviving child of said deceased, and each of whom is of lawful age; and Addie Cruickshank, a daughter of a deceased daughter of said deceased, who is also of lawful age;

That the above named children and grand child of said deceased are entitled to the residue of said deceased, in equal proportions.^[1032]

Known children (in estate distribution order, first four from the 1870 census, all supported by the Albert Riggs Family Record), of 13:

- 557 i **MARTHA JANE⁶ RIGGS**, born 6 Feb. 1863, California, died 24 Dec. 1905, buried in Hartley Cem., Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif.,^[1033]

1030. U.S. census, 1900, Scott's Valley Pct., Big Valley Twp., Lake Co., Calif., ED 46, dw. 313, fam. 315, p. 58, sh. 14A, FHL 1240088.

1031. U.S. census, 1910, Twp. 4, Lake Co., Calif., ED 39, r. 78, dw. 291, fam. 295, p. 194B, sh. 16B, FHL 1374091.

1032. *Calif., U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1850-1953*, Lake Co., Probate Case Files, No. 1061, 1916, images 1300-1407 of 1643 online, quotation from images 1358-1362, Petition for Distribution of Estate, particularly p. 1359.

1033. *Find a Grave*, no. 76913736, Hartley Cem., Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif., plot: Sec 1, Str B, N/W, "Mattie J. | wife of | Z. Welty | born | Feb. 6, 1863 | died | Dec. 24, 1905."

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- married ZACHARIAH WELTY. She had died as of 9 Nov. 1916, when her father's estate was distributed.
- + 558 ii LEE PRICE⁶ RIGGS, born 17 May 1864, Lake Co., Calif., married CYNTHIA ANN WELTY, and had at least one child. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate, so alive then and of age. *Terry Closser's line.*
- 559 iii KATIE⁶ RIGGS, born about 1866, California, married — SELLARS. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate as Mrs. Katie Sellars.
- 560 iv JOHN M.⁶ RIGGS, born about 1869, California. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate.
- 561 v STONEWALL J.⁶ RIGGS (his middle name was surely Jackson), born about 1871, California. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate.
- 562 vi ALBERT SIDNEY⁶ RIGGS, born 24 Feb. 1873, California, died 9 Mar. 1962. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate. He was the author of the Riggs Family Record (see Illustrations), referred to here as the Albert Riggs Family Record. It covers his grandparents, parents, and siblings. Since it is within one generation of most of these, I tend to believe it, especially when supported, or almost supported, by other records. *However, I have found sufficient errors on its second page to bring the document into doubt.*
- 563 vii ELIZABETH A.⁶ RIGGS, born about 1875, California. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate.
- 564 viii ALICE⁶ RIGGS, born Sept. 1877 (1900 census), California. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate.
- 565 ix WADE H.⁶ RIGGS, born May 1879 (1900 census), California, died 1917. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate. He was co-administrator of the father's estate.
- 566 x CORA⁶ RIGGS, born Dec. 1881 (1900 census), California. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate. She was co-administrator of the father's estate.

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- 567 xi **MYRTLE E.⁶ RIGGS**, born Dec. 1884 (1900 census), California, married **B. E. McDONALD**. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate as Mrs. B. E. McDonald.
- 568 xii **LUCY O.⁶ RIGGS**, born Nov. 1888 (1900 census), California. Mentioned in the 1916 distribution of the father's estate as Lucy Riggs.

246. ELLEN C.⁵ RIGGS (⁹⁰*John William⁴, Erasmus³, Edmond², James¹*) was born June 1830 (1900 census), Kentucky, and died 29 Mar. 1912, Mexico, Audrain Co., Mo. She married (1) 27 Dec. 1849, Monroe Co., Mo.,^[1034] **THOMAS BALL**, who died before the 1870 census. She resided with her brother John in the 1870 census. *Note that the Albert Riggs Family Record has daughter "Eleanor" marrying (1) "John" Ball, and marrying (2) a Mr. Powell.* She married (2) before the 1880 census (her obit.) **ALVIN POWELL**, who was born in Kentucky, died before the 1880 census.

In 1880 Ellen C. Powell, 50, a widow born in Kentucky of a father born in Maryland and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Mexico City, Audrain Co., Mo., with "Barbary," 5, born in Missouri of a father born in Kentucky, and with her son, John R. Ball, 26, who made bed springs, born in Missouri of Kentucky natives.^[1035]

In 1900 Ellen C. Powell, 69, a widow born June 1830 in Kentucky of a father born in Maryland and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Mexico City, Salt River Twp., Audrain Co., Mo., in the household of her son-in-law, Charles H. Ridgeway, 23, a traveling salesman born June 1876 in Missouri of Missouri natives, his wife of four years, Barbara, 25, born Oct. 1874 in Missouri of Kentucky natives, and their son, Bryan, 2, born June 1897 in Missouri, and with Ellen's son, "Johnie" Ball, 46, single, a druggist born July 1853 in Missouri of Kentucky natives. Ellen had had

1034. Mo., U.S., *Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Monroe Co., 1849–1879, image 10 of 514 online, "I did on the 27th day of December AD1849 celebrate the rites of matrimony between Thomas Ball and Ellen C daughter of John W. Riggs by consent of parents."

1035. U.S. census, 1870, Fulton PO, Liberty Twp., Callaway Co., Mo., r. 764, p. 373A, dw. 13, fam. 13.

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two children, both surviving. Barbara had had the one child, and it survived.^[1036]

Her obituary:

Mrs Ellen C. Powell, aged 81 years, died at her home in this city last Friday morning. She was a native of Kentucky and came to this State many years ago and was one of the county's oldest citizens. Two children survive her—Mrs. Barbara Ridgway [sic] and John Ball, both of this city. Her husband was the late Alvin Powell. . . burial in Elmwood.^[1037]

Child of the first marriage, to Thomas Ball:

569 i **JOHN R.⁶ BALL**, born July 1853, Missouri, and did not marry.

Child of the second marriage, to Alvin Powell:

570 ii **BARBARA⁶ POWELL**, born Oct. 1874, Missouri, married about 1896 **CHARLES H. RIDGEWAY**, born June 1876, Missouri, and had at least one child: (i) Bryan⁷ Ridgeway, born June 1897, Missouri.

1036. U.S. census, 1900, Mexico City, Salt River Twp., Audrain Co., Mo., ED 13, r. 837, p. 173, sh. 6B, dw. 120, fam. 121, FHL 1240837.

1037. Obit., "Mrs. Powell Dead," *Mexico Missouri Message*, Mexico, Mo., 4 Apr. 1912, Thurs., p. 1, online at <www.newspapers.com/clip/96983789/obituary-for-ellen-c-powell-aged-81/>.

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249. **JOHN⁶ RIGGS** (₁₀₂*Daniel⁵, John⁴, ?John³, ?James², James¹*) was born about 1831, Kentucky. He married **AMANDA [ARMINDA] [ARMELIA] KERR**, who was born 1845, Ohio or Kentucky, died 20 Jan. 1918, Vanceburg Pct., Lewis Co., Ky.,^[1038] and was buried 22 Jan. 1918, Woodlawn (or Woodland) Cem., Vanceburg.^[1039]

In 1870 John Riggs, 40, a farm laborer born in Kentucky with \$150 personal estate, resided in Concord, Lewis Co., Ky., with Armelia, 25, born in Ohio, and with Thomas, 8, Sherman, 4, and Rochester, 1, all born in Kentucky. Next door was Albert Riggs, 32.^[1040]

In 1880 John Riggs, 46, a farm hand born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in Concord Pct., Lewis Co., Ky., with his wife, Armelia, 37, born in Kentucky of a mother born in Kentucky, and with his sons, Thomas, 18, Sherman, 14, and Rochester, 11, and “Johnny,” 7, and his daughters, Hallen, 5, and Sarah C., 3, all born in Kentucky. Next door was Albert Riggs, 32.^[1041]

Children:

571 i **THOMAS O.⁷ RIGGS**, born 2 Aug. 1861, Lewis Co., Ky.^[1042]

1038. Death certificate, Ky., image online at *Find a Grave*, no. 115876855, certificate 8075, Arminda Riggs, died 20 Jan. 1918, Vanceburg Pct., Lewis Co., Ky., aged 73 yrs., female, white, widow, housework, born “unknown” 1845, Ky., father — Kerr, born Ky., mother “unknown,” born Ky., informant “Roch” Riggs, of Vanceburg, Ky., buried 22 Jan. 1918, Woodlawn Cem., Vanceburg.

1039. *Find a Grave*, no. 115876855, no gravestone photograph, Woodland Cem., Vanceburg, Lewis Co., Ky., **unsourced** information: “d/o Thomas Kerr & Sarah Kellums | married; John Riggs (1830–1910) | Children: | Thomas O Riggs 1861–1921 | Sherman Riggs 1866–1937 | Rochester “Roch” Riggs 1869–1932 | John Riggs 1873–1962 | Minnie Hellen Riggs Foster 1875–1943 | Sarah C Riggs Herron 1877–1928.”

1040. U.S. census, 1870, Concord PO, Concord Pct., Lewis Co., Ky., r. 481, p. 417A, dw. 117, fam. 117, FHL 545980.

1041. U.S. census, 1880, Concord Pct., Lewis Co., Ky., ED 56, r. 428, p. 13A, dw. 229, fam. 229.

1042. Ky. *Birth Records, 1847–1911*, Lewis Co., 1861, image online, “Aug . 2 1861 Thomas O. Riggs Male Alive Lewis County Ky John Riggs Amanda Kerr White [parents’ residence] Lewis County Ky.”

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- 572 ii **SHERMAN⁷ RIGGS**, born 5 Sept. 1866, Lewis Co., Ky., died 9 May 1937, New Boston, Scioto Co., Ohio,^[1043] buried 11 May 1937, Greenlawn Cem., (presumably) Scioto Co.
- 573 iii **ROCHESTER⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1869 or 12 Aug. 1875 (by marriage record), Lewis Co., Ky., married (2) 11 Oct. 1910, Adams Co., Ohio,^[1044] **AMELIA (FAULKNER) CASMAN**, a widow, born 9 Jan. 1882, Lewis Co., Ky., daughter of W. M. and Martha (Barkley) Faulkner.
- + 574 iv **JOHN⁷ RIGGS**, born May 1873, Kentucky, married **ELLA [ELDORA] BALDWIN**, and had 12 children. ***This is the Duane Riggs line.***
- 575 v **HALLEN⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1875, Kentucky.
- 576 vi **SARAH C.⁷ RIGGS**, born 23 Sept. 1877, Kentucky, died 11 July 1928, Vanceburg, Lewis Co., Ky.,^[1045] buried 12 July 1928, Black Oak Cem., Vanceburg, married 25 Jan. 1896, Lewis Co., Ky.,^[1046] **GEORGE M. HERRON**.

1043. Death certificate, Ohio, image online at <Ancestry.com> attached to Sherman Rigg by Bobbie Jenkins Thomas, no. 34915, Sherman Riggs, of New Boston, Scioto Co., Ohio, died 9 May 1937, New Boston, aged 70 yrs. 9 mos. 4 dys., male, white, widowed, railroad boiler maker helper, born "M9-5-1866," Lewis Co., Ky., father John Riggs, born Ky., mother "Mindy unknown," born Ky., informant "Rotch" Riggs, of New Boston, buried 11 May 1937, Greenlawn Cem.

1044. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774-1993*, Adams Co., 1865-1919, image online, no. 121, "Roch" Riggs, 35 on 12 Aug. 1910, of Sandy Springs, Ohio, born Lewis Co., Ky., farmer, father John Riggs, mother "Minda" Kerr, previously married once, licensed 10 Oct. 1910, Adams Co., Ohio to Mrs. Amelia Casman, 28 on 9 Jan. 1910, of Sandy Springs, Adams Co., Ohio, born Lewis Co., Ky., housekeeper, father W. M. Faulkner, mother Martha Barkley, previously married once, married 11 Oct. 1910, Adams Co., Ohio, by W. F. Kenyon JP, Vanceburg, Ky., recorded 13 Oct. 1910, FHL 545187.

1045. Ky. *Death Records, 1852-1965*, Death Certificates, 1911-1965, image online, no. 18024, Sarah C. Herron, died 11 July 1928, Vanceburg, Lewis Co., Ky., where she had been resident for 50-yrs., aged 50 yrs. 9 mos 18 dys., female, white, married (spouse George Herron), housekeeper, born 23 Sept. 1877, Ky., father John Riggs, born Ky., mother Arminda Kerr, born Ky., informant George Herron, ov Vanceburg, buried 12 July 1928, Black Oak Cem., Vanceburg.

1046. Lewis Co., Ky, Marriage Records, 1807-1878, image 348/452 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, film #7726100, "Riggs Sarah C. Harren [sic], George M. Jan 25 1896 S 393."

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251. ALBERT⁶ RIGGS (₁₀₂*Daniel*⁵, *John*⁴, ?*John*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born about 1836 or Dec. 1838 (1900 census), Kentucky. He married about 1869 **MARGARET COOPER**, who was born 21 July 1844 or July 1846 (1900 census), Ohio or Kentucky, daughter of Peter and Nancy (Scott) Cooper, and who died 25 Dec. 1927, Charlottesville, Jackson Twp., Hancock Co., Ind.,^[1047] and was buried 28 Dec. 1927, "Mount tailor Ky."

In 1870 Albert Riggs, 40, a farm laborer born in Kentucky, resided in Concord, Lewis Co., Ky., with Margaret, 26, Nancy C., 4, and Mary L., 3, all born in Kentucky. Next door was John Riggs, 40.^[1048]

In 1880 Albert Riggs, 41, a farm laborer born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in Vanceburg, Lewis Co., Ky., with his wife, Margaret, 36, born in Kentucky of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Ohio, and his daughters, Nancy C., 14, and Mary E., 12, and son, Meldren, 10, all born in Kentucky, and with "Father," Peter Cooper, 70, born in Kentucky of a father born in New Jersey, and "Mother," Nancy, 71, born in Kentucky of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Ohio.^[1049]

In 1900 Albert Riggs, 61, a farm laborer born Dec. 1838 in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in Valley, Lewis Co., Ky., with his wife, of 31 years, Margaret, 53, born July 1846 in Kentucky of a father born in Maryland and a mother in Kentucky, and his son, Milbern, 28, born Dec. 1871 in Kentucky, his daughter-in-law, Milbern's wife of five years, Rosa, 24, born Apr. 1876 in Kentucky of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Kentucky, and his grandson, James R., 3, born Dec. 1896, and granddaughter, Nellie E., 1, born May 1899, both born in Kentucky.

1047. *Ind. Death Certificates, 1899–2011*, 1926–1927, image online, no. 35241, Margaret Riggs, died 25 Dec. 1927, Charlottesville, Jackson Twp., Hancock, Ind., aged 83 yrs. 5 mos. 4 dys., female, white, widowed (spouse Albert Riggs), retired housekeeper, born 21 July 1844, Ohio, father Peter Cooper, born Ohio, mother Nancy Scott, born Ohio, informant Nanie Cathrine, of Bonnie Terre, Mo., buried or removal "Mount tailor Ky," 28 Dec. 1927.

1048. U.S. census, 1870, Concord PO, Concord Pct., Lewis Co., Ky., r. 481, p. 417A, dw. 118, fam. 118, FHL 545980.

1049. U.S. census, 1880, Vanceburg, Lewis Co., Ky., ED 57, r. 428, p. 52D, dw. 183, fam. 183.

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Margaret had had three children, with three surviving. Rosa had had two children, with two surviving.^[1050]

Children:

- 577 i NANCY C.⁷ RIGGS, born about 1866, Kentucky.
- 578 ii MARY L./E.⁷ RIGGS, born about 1867, Kentucky.
- 579 iii MELDREN [MILBERN]⁷ RIGGS, born about 1870 of Dec. 1871, Kentucky, married about 1895, ROSA —, born Apr. 1876, Kentucky, and had at least two children: (1) James R.⁸ Riggs, born Dec. 1896, Kentucky; and (2) Nellie E.⁸ Riggs, born May 1899, Kentucky.

273. AUGUSTUS⁶ RIGGS (_{135?}James⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born about 1831 or Apr. 1834 (1900 census), Ohio, died 15 Jan. 1901, Hartford, Mason Co., W.Va., age 66 years 8 months 3 days, and was buried 17 Jan. 1901, Brown's Cem.^[1051] He married 12 Feb. 1854, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1052] ALZINA STILES, who was born Nov. 1835 (1900 census), Pennsylvania, daughter of Susan Stiles,^[1053] and died 24 Mar. 1914, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1054]

In 1850 Augustus Riggs, 19, born in Ohio, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, in the household of Russell French, 59, a farmer born in Missouri.^[1055] This is consistent with the tale wherein the children were brought back from Iowa after their parents died or were killed.

1050. U.S. census, 1900, Valley, Lewis Co., Ky., ED 82, r. ?, p. 204, p. 11B, dw. 215, fam. 215, FHL 1240538.

1051. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Augustus Riggs, born about 1835, Meigs Co., Ohio, died 15 Jan. 1901, Hartford, Mason Co., W.Va., buried 17 Jan. 1901, Brown's Cem., age 66 yrs. 8 mos. 3 dys., white, married, male, FHL 567384.

1052. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–2013*, Meigs Co., 1819–1862, 74, image 269 of 470 online, Augustus Riggs to Alzina Stiles, married 12 Feb. 1854, by George Downing JP.

1053. U.S. census, 1850, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 710, p. 27A, dw. 395, fam. 395, lists Susan Stiles, 44, born in N.J., with seven children, including “Elzina,” 14, and Austin, 4, all born in N.J. N.B. Augustus Riggs is listed on p. 28B.

1054. *Ohio Death Records, 1908–1932, 1938–2018*, Alzina Riggs, died 24 Mar. 1914, Meigs Co., Ohio.

1055. U.S. census, 1850, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 710, p. 28B, dw. 420, fam. 420.

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In 1860 A. Riggs, 29, a farmer born in Ohio, resided in Pomeroy, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, in the household of Susan Stiles, 54, born in New Jersey, with members of her family, and with Alzina Riggs, 24, born in Pennsylvania, Ira P., 3, and James M., 7/12, both born in Ohio.^[1056]

In 1870 Augustus Riggs, 38, a day laborer born in Ohio, resided in Lee, Harrisonville Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with Alzina, 34, born in Pennsylvania, Ira P., 13, James M., 10, and John R., 3, all born in Ohio.^[1057]

On 10 June 1870 Augustus Riggs applied for a Civil War invalid's pension, for service in Company H, 36 Ohio Infantry, and it was granted. On 25 Jan. 1901 Alzina Riggs applied for a widow's pension, for the same service, from West Virginia, and it was granted.^[1058]

Repeated for convenience (in its entirety): In 1880 Perry Riggs, 57, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Jackson Co., W.Va., with his wife, Nancy, 55, born in Maine of Maine natives, and with his daughter "Addie," 18, and son, "Charley," 15, born born in Ohio, and one servant. Next door resided Augustus Riggs, 48, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother born in Virginia, with his wife, Alzina, 44, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his sons, Ira, 28, married, "Jas" M., 20, and "Jno" R., 14, all three born in Ohio, and with his daughter-in-law, Flora A., 20, born in Virginia of Virginia natives, and with his grandson, Thomas, 3, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his niece, Eliza Styles, 9, born in Ohio of Ohio natives. And on the same page as

1056. U.S. census, 1860, Pomeroy PO, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, p. 186, dw. 244, fam. 221, FHL 805008.

1057. U.S. census, 1870, Lee PO, Harrisonville Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 1242, p. 333A, dw. 120, fam. 122, FHL 552741.

1058. *U.S. Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934*, soldier Augustus Riggs, widow Alzina Riggs, service H 36 Ohio Inf., invalid's application filed 10 June 1870, no. 157199, granted certificate 134344, widow's application filed 25 Jan. 1901, no. 733982, granted certificate 510321, filed from W.Va.

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Augustus was Willard Riggs, 35, born in Ohio.^[1059] And next door was Augusta J. Harrop.

In 1900 Augustus Riggs, 66, born Apr. 1834 in Ohio of Virginia natives, resided in Hartford, Graham Dist., Mason Co., W.Va., with his wife of 46 years, Alzina, 64, born Nov. 1835 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his grandson, Thomas, 24, born Sept. 1875 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his granddaughter [*sic*], Minnie H., 9, born Oct. 1890 in West Virginia of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia.^[1060]

Placeholder: In 1900 Austin Stiles, 54, a farmer born Jan. 1846 in Ohio of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Salisbury Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife of 27 years, Sarah C., 47, born Oct. 1852 in Ohio of West Virginia natives, and with his son, Perry V., 23, born June 1876, daughter, Nancy A., 19, born May 1881, both born in Ohio, and his niece, Lula B. Riggs, 8, born Apr. 1891 in Ohio of Ohio natives.^[1061] Austin Stiles was Alzina (Stiles) Riggs's brother (see 1850 census). Actually, Lula was Alzina's granddaughter, not daughter (making her Austin's grand niece).

In 1910 Alzina Riggs, 74, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, in the household of her son, John R. Riggs, 43, born in Ohio (q.v.). Alzina had had four children, with two surviving.^[1062]

Known children, of four:

1059. U.S. census, 1880, Jackson Co., W.Va., ED 43, r. 1404, p. 448C, dw. 133, fam. 133. Augustus resided in dw. 132.

1060. U.S. census, 1900, Hartford, Graham Dist., Mason Co., W.Va., ED 55, p. 113, sh. 2A, dw. 23, fam. 26, FHL 1241765.

1061. U.S. census, 1900, Salisbury Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 49, p. 148, sh. 3B, dw. 66, fam. 67, FHL 1241303.

1062. U.S. census, 1910, Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 108, r. 1214, p. 107, sh. 14A, dw. 347, fam. 353, FHL 1375227. Harvey resided in dw. 348, fam. 354.

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- 580 i **IRA P.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1857, Ohio, married 5 Feb. 1880, Jackson Co., W.Va.,^[1063] **FLORA ANN CASTO**, born about 1860, Virginia, and had at least one child: (1) **John L.⁸ Riggs**.^[1064]
- 581 ii **JAMES MARION⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1859, Meigs Co., Ohio, married (1) 22 June 1883, at the residence of the bride's mother, Jackson Co., W.Va.,^[1065] **SARAH SAYRE**, married (2) 16 Mar. 1895, in the residence of the bride's parents, Mason Co., W.Va.,^[1066] **ROSA KARNES**, born about 1872, Mason Co., W.Va.
- + 582 iii **JOHN ROBERT⁷ RIGGS**, born July 1866, Meigs Co., Ohio, married (1) **MARY ISABEL PRAITHER**, and had three children, married (2) **MALINDA C. KEARNS**, and had at least six children.

274. MARIAH [MARIA] F.⁶ RIGGS (_{135?}^{James⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹}) was born 25 May 1841 (John's gravestone) or May 1842 (1900 census), Ohio, died 3 Aug. 1936, age 95, Los Angeles Co., Calif.,^[1067] and was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles Co., Calif.^[1068] She married 31 Dec. 1860, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1069]

1063. W.Va. *Marriage Records, 1863–1900*, Ira P. Riggs to Flora Ann Casto, 5 Feb. 1880, Jackson Co., W.Va.

1064. Ohio, *County Marriages, 1774–1993*, child John L. Riggs, parents Ira Riggs and Flora A. Casto, FHL 3127723.

1065. Marriage record, Jackson Co., W.Va., digital photocopy posted online at <Ancestry.com>, by annie8232 on 4 Feb. 2013, linked to James Marion Riggs, James Marion Riggs, 24, born Meigs Co., Ohio, to Sarah Sayre [var. Sears], 24, born Jackson Co., W.Va., both of Jackson Co., licensed 21 June 1883, married 22 June 1883, “at the residence of the brides parents,” by W. A. Cadle MG.

1066. Marriage record, Mason Co., W.Va., digital photocopy posted online at <Ancestry.com>, by annie8232 on 12 Jan. 2011, linked to James Marion Riggs, James M. Riggs, 35, born Meigs Co., Ohio, to Rosa Karnes, 23, born Mason Co., W.Va., both of Mason Co., licensed 14 Mar. 1895, married 16 Mar. 1896, “at the residence of the Brides Mother,” by G. W. Pringle MG.

1067. Calif. *Death Index, 1905–1939*, Mariah F. Grover, 95, died 3 Aug. 1936, Los Angeles Co., cert. 46846.

1068. *Find a Grave*, no. 137988906, gravestone photograph, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles Co., Calif., plot Graceland, Lot 812, Space 4, “Mariah F. Grover | Mother | 1841 1936.”

1069. Ohio *County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., vol. 2, 1852–1862, image 426 of 470 online, p. 388, no. 122, John R. Grover to Mariah [A? H? K?]. Riggs, licensed 18 Dec. 1860, empty return, but on p. 389 in the return column for no. 123: “Return herein filed August 10th A.D. 1861

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JOHN R. GROVER, who was born 17 Feb. 1838 (his gravestone) or Feb. 1839 (1900 census), died 28 Nov. 1901, and was buried in Gravel Hill Cem., Cheshire Twp., Gallia Co., Ohio.^[1070]

N.B. I pursued Mariah F. because her middle name is given as Filene in various places. That suggested to me that Philena might have been her mother, and she appeared to fit the “family tale.” However, I’ve not found a single piece of evidence supporting Filene as this Mariah’s middle name. The one place I’ve seen the name is in an SAR membership application on Ancestry.com, which cites as evidence: “(3) Bible record in family possession, Marriage Bonds II, Meigs Co. Ohio.” The marriage record is not the source, as is detailed in this sketch (a confusing middle initial, but definitely not an “F”).

In 1850 Maria Riggs, 9, born in Ohio, resided in Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, in the household of Lucius Bingham, 31, a farmer born in Ohio, with Emily, 31, born in Ohio.^[1071] This is consistent with the tale wherein the children were brought back from Iowa after their parents died or were killed.

In 1860 Mariah Riggs, 18, born in Ohio, resided in Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, in the household of L. H. Bingham, 41, a farmer born

as follows to wit: | To the Judge of the Probate Court of Meigs County | No. 123 [sic] | Married on the 31st Dec. A.D. 1860 John R Grover and Maria Riggs by me a Justice of the Peace (Signed) J. P. Higby J. P.” The return for no. 123 proper appears to be missing. The middle initial in Mariah’s name on p. 388 does not match an “A” or “H” anywhere else on these two pages. The closest match is a “K” in the item no. 121 immediately above in the name “Emma A Ka[n?].” But this item, also with an empty return column, appears to be repeated on p. 389, between items no. 124 and no. 125, where her name is more clearly “Emma A Keir.” Unfortunately, the “K” here is different from the one appearing on p. 388. If I had to guess, I would choose “H” but, again, this doesn’t match, for example the clear “H” in the item no. 121 immediately above, in “George W. Hix.” I searched further afield and found a matching letter on p. 387, at the very bottom, in a return signed by “J. C. Haining.” Although this “H” doesn’t match any other on the nearby pages, I read it off immediately as an “H.” I found another example on p. 384, no. 86, “Halliday” with one form of “H” (the form in item no. 122), repeated in the return column as “Halliday” with the more usual form of the “H.”

1070. *Find a Grave*, no. 51677252, gravestone photograph, by Shari Creech, Gravel Hill Cem., Cheshire Twp., Gallia Co., Ohio, “Grover | John R. Grover | Feb. 17, 1838–Nov. 28, 1901. | Mariah F. Grover | May 245, 1844–[empty, she was buried elsewhere].”

1071. U.S. census, 1850, Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 710, p. 103A, dw. 1498, fam. 1498.

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in Ohio, with \$8,000 real and \$1,200 personal estates, with “Emley,” 41, born in Ohio, and with Levercia, 5, and Robert L., 3, both born in Ohio.^[1072]

In 1870 John R. Grover, 31, a butcher born in Ohio, with \$600 real and \$650 personal estates, resided in Vinton, Cheshire Twp., Gallia Co., Ohio, with “Mareah,” 29, born in Ohio, “Mertie,” 6, female, “Ellen,” 4, and Addie, 2, all born in Ohio and Sophiah Grover, 19, born in Ohio.^[1073]

In 1880 John “Grovier,” 40, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Massachusetts and a mother in England, resided in Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife, Maria, 38, born in Ohio of Virginia natives, and with his daughters, Myrta E., 16, Ella M., 14, and Addie L., 12, son, Horace W., 9, and daughters, Jessie, 6, and Rome M., 2, all born in Ohio.^[1074]

In 1900 John R. Grover, 61, born Feb. 1839 in Ohio of a father born in Massachusetts and a mother in England, resided in Middleport, Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife of 39 years, Maria, 58, born May 1842, in Ohio of Maine natives. Maria had had eight children, with six surviving. They shared their dwelling with another family.^[1075]

In 1910 Mariah Grover, 68, a widow born in Ohio of Massachusetts natives, resided in Sherman Pct., Cahuenga Twp., Los Angeles Co., Calif., in the household of her son-in-law, “Geo.” W. Baker, 35, a conductor born in Kentucky of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Kentucky, with his wife of 12 years, Rome, 31, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his sons, Kenneth, 7, and “Allen,” 5, both born in Ohio,

1072. U.S. census, 1860, Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, p. 112, dw. 198, fam. 181, FHL 805008.

1073. U.S. census, 1870, Vinton PO, Cheshire Twp., Gallia Co., Ohio, r. 1203, p. 312A, dw. 338, fam. 336, FHL 552702.

1074. U.S. census, 1880, Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 112, r. 1048, p. 171A, dw. 356, fam. 359.

1075. U.S. census, 1900, Middleport, Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 50, p. 191, sh. 23B, dw. 533, fam. 604, FHL 1241303.

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and one lodger. Rome had had two children, with both surviving. Mariah had had six children, with six surviving.^[1076]

In 1920 Maria F. Grover, 76, a widow born in Ohio of U.S. natives, resided in Sherman Pct., Cahuenga Twp., Los Angeles Co., Calif., in the household of her son-in-law, George W. Baker, 45, a conductor born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, with his wife, "Roma," 40, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his sons, Kenneth, 18, and Allan R., 14, both born in Ohio.^[1077]

In 1930 Mariah F. Grover, 86, a widow born in Ohio of Virginia natives, resided in Sherman Pct., Beverly Hills Twp., Los Angeles Co., Calif., in the household of her son-in-law, George W. Baker, 53, a conductor born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, with his son, Kenneth, 27, marked "Ab." George was first married at 22.^[1078]

An obituary for Mariah:

Mariah F. Grover, mother of Mrs. Roma Baker, Mrs. Myrta Funk, Mrs. Adie Holmes, Mrs. Elia Hogue and Horace Grover.

Services Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Little Church of the Flowers.

Mortuary, Forest Lawn memorial Park Association, Inc., in charge.^[1079]

Known children, of eight:

- 583 i **MYRTA E.⁷ GROVER**, born about 1864, Ohio, married — **FUNK**.
- 584 ii **ELLA [ELIA] M.⁷ GROVER**, born about 1866, Ohio, married — **HOGUE**.
- 585 iii **ADDIE L.⁷ GROVER**, born about 1868, Ohio, married — **HOLMES**.

1076. U.S. census, 1910, Sherman Pct., Cahuenga Twp., Los Angeles Co., Calif., ED 17, r. 85, p. 2, sh. 2A, dw. 38, fam. 38, FHL 1374098.

1077. U.S. census, 1920, Sherman Pct., Cahuenga Twp., Los Angeles Co., Calif., ED 34, r. 102, p. 241, sh. 10B, dw. 51, fam. 51.

1078. U.S. census, 1930, Sherman Pct., Beverly Hills Twp., Los Angeles Co., Calif., ED 838, p. 97, sh. 3B, dw. 82, fam. 83, FHL 2339859.

1079. Obit., Grover, *The Los Angeles Times*, Los Angeles, Calif., 5 Aug. 1936, Wed., p. 42, col. 4, online at <www.newspapers.com/clip/60747136/obituary-for-mariah-f-grover/>, accessed 8 Oct. 2020.

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- 586 iv **HORACE WILLIAM⁷ GROVER**, born 24 May 1871, Cheshire Twp., Gallia Co., Ohio.^[1080]
- 587 v **JESSIE⁷ GROVER**, born about 1874, Ohio.
- 588 vi **ROMA [ROME] MARIE⁷ GROVER**, born 22 July 1878, Middleport, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1081] married about 1898 **GEORGE W. BAKER**, born about 1875, Kentucky, and had two children: (1) Kenneth⁸ Baker, born about 1903, Ohio; (2) Allan R.⁸ Baker, born about 1905, Ohio.

287. SAMARIA⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₀*Jeremiah D.⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 30 Mar. 1852, Meigs Co., Ohio (see second marriage record), and died 30 Nov. 1932, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1082] She married (1) 26 Oct. 1876, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1083] **OLIVER BODWELL MILLER**, who was born 8 Aug. 1849, Ohio, son of Daniel and Sarah (Bodwell) Miller, and died 30 Jan. 1910, Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio,^[1084] and was buried 1 Feb. 1910, Haning Cem., Athens Co., Ohio. They had no children. She married (2) 4 Mar. 1915, Athens Co., Ohio,^[1085] **ALBERT H. DICK-**

1080. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, “Wm. Horan” Grover, male, born 24 May 1871, Cheshire, Gallia Co., Ohio, father John R. Grover, mother Mariah F. Riggs, FHL 317661.

1081. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Roma Marie Baker aka Roma Marie Grover, female, white, born 22 July 1878, “Middlefort,” Meigs Co., Ohio, father John R. Grover, mother Maria F. Riggs, SSN 564–30–3256.

1082. *Ohio Death Records, 1908–1932, 1938–2018*, Samaria Dickson, died 30 Nov. 1932, Meigs Co., Ohio.

1083. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1869–1879, image 455 of 594 online, no. 944, Oliver B. Miller to Samaria Riggs, licensed 23 Oct. 1876, married 26 Oct. 1876 by James W. Martin MG.

1084. *Ohio Death, 1908–1953*, Ohio death certificate no. 215, image 261 of 3039 online, Oliver Bodwell Miller, died 30 Jan. 1910, Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, age 60 yrs. 5 mos., 22 dys., male, white, married, farmer, born 8 Aug. 1849, Ohio, father Daniel Miller, born N.J., mother Sarah Bodwell, born Ohio, informant Mrs. O. B. Miller, of Shade, Ohio, buried 1 Feb. 1910, Haning Cem., Athens Co.

1085. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–2013*, Athens Co., marriage records 1913–1916 vol. 18, nop. 6463, image 226 of 394 online, Samaria Miller, 62, on 30 Mar. 1914, of Shade, Ohio, born Meigs Co., Ohio, farmer, father Jeremiah Riggs, mother Isabelle Radcliffe [sic], once previously married, to A. H. Dickson, 66, on 2 Apr. 1914, of Albany, Ohio, born Vinton Co., Ohio, farmer, father William Dickson, mother Maria Lerutrier, twice previously married, licensed 4 Mar. 1915, married 4

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SON, born 2 Apr. 1848, Vinton Co., Ohio, son of William and Maria (Leutrier) Dickson.

In 1880 Oliver B. Miller, 30, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in New Jersey, resided in Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, with his wife, Samaria, 28, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his nephew, Miles Cain, 13, born in Ohio of Ohio natives.^[1086]

In 1900 Oliver B. Miller, 50, a farmer born Aug. 1849 in Ohio of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Ohio, resided in Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, with his wife of 24 years, Samaria, 48, born Mar. 1852 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with Nora E. Riggs, 21, born May 1879 in Ohio of Ohio natives.^[1087] Samaria was Nora's father's cousin—see Nora E.⁷ Riggs (Wesley P.⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴).

In 1920 Albert Dickson, 71, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Albany, Lee Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, with his wife, Samaria, 68, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his son, Clarence, 25, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his sister-in-law, Sarah Cain, 76, a widow born in Ohio of Ohio natives.^[1088]

288. ANGELINE⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₁Elias Keller⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 14 Oct. 1839, Pagetown [probably Pageville, Meigs Co.], Ohio, died 16 Oct. 1909, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., and was originally buried, according to a note on *Find a Grave*, in Plot 021-07 of Milwaukie Pioneer Cem., Milwaukie, Clackamas Co., Ore., but was removed in 1926 to Wilhelm's Portland Memorial Mausoleum, Portland, where she shares an urn with her husband Arthur and son George.^[1089] She mar-

Mar. 1915, by George J. Owen MG.

1086. U.S. census, 1880, Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, ED 10, r. 993, p. 157B, dw. 56, fam. 58.

1087. U.S. census, 1900, Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, ED 11, p. 172, sh. 2A, dw. 24, fam. 24, FHL 1241239.

1088. U.S. census, 1920, Albany, Lee Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, ED 17, r. 1347, p. 239, sh. 10A, dw. 108, fam. 112.

1089. *Find a Grave*, no. 152218721, burial urn photograph, Wilhelm's Portland memorial Mausoleum, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., "Arthur H. | 1844-1926 || Angeline | 1839-1909 || Wensley | George H. | 1869-1924."

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ried **ARTHUR HALL WENSLEY**, who was born Dec. 1844 (1900 census), England, died 4 Aug. 1926, Portland,^[1090] and was inurned with his wife. They divorced before the 1900 census.

In 1850 Angeline Riggs, 10, born in Ohio, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, in the household of [Lorvida? Louida?] Irwin, 60, born in Missouri, with Elizabeth Townsend, 19 [born about 1831], and Samuel Townsend, 17, both born in Ohio, enumerated 17 Sept. 1850.^[1091]

Placeholder: Hugh “Erwin” married 15 Apr. 1845, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1092] “Loeda” Townsend [so she would have been 55 at this marriage, implying that Elizabeth and Samuel Townsend were children of her first marriage]. *Find a Grave* has unsourced information (attributed to Glenn Irwin) about Hugh Irwin, born 1781, Pennsylvania, died July 1850, Meigs Co., Ohio [which fits with the enumeration date of the 1850 census for “Louida” Irwin]:

Son of Samuel and Naomi Martha Irwin. Married Jane (maiden name unknown) and had nine children: Jane, Elizabeth, Samuel, Hugh Jr., John, James, William, Joseph and Susannah.

He and his wife Jane traded the property he inherited from his father in Pennsylvania to Ephraim Cutler on 16 October 1827 for property in Meigs County Ohio (227 acres and 59 perches in Pennsylvania for 640 acres in Ohio). There are deeds recorded in Westmoreland Co., PA and Meigs Co., Ohio showing this transfer.

Hugh married Leoda Townsend Apr 1845 in Meigs Co., Ohio.

He deeded property in May 1845 to his sons, 60 acres to James, 63 acres to Hugh Jr., 70 acres to William and to Joseph.

Died of dropsy.

1090. *Ore. Death index, 1898–2008*, image 2360 of 3084 online, “Wensley, Arthur Hall Portland 8/4/26 1996 | Wensley, George H. Deschutes 12/20/24 130.”

1091. U.S. census, 1850, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 710, p. 31A, dw. 456, fam. 450.

1092. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1819–1862, 303, image 151 of 470 online, “Scipio April 15th 1845 This day joined in marriage Hugh Erwin and Loeda Townsend (signed) Amos Stevens.”

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Thanks to Glenn Irwin for providing some of the above info.^[1093]

Placeholder: There is a private family tree at <Ancestry.com> for Robert Townsend (1795–1842) married to Loeda M. Page (1798–1861), with son Samuel D. Townsend, born 1830, Ohio, died 2 Mar. 1862, Benton, Saline Co., Ark.

Placeholder: Robert Townsend married 28 Jan. 1816, Gallia Co., Ohio,^[1094] “Eddy” Page. A marriage record for C. H. Townsend, 68 [born about 1823], Ohio, married 20 Oct. 1891, Fremont Co., Iowa,^[1095] lists his parents as “Robt.” Townsend and Loedy Page [which fits the Robert Townsend marriage record just above].

Confusing placeholder: Robert Townsend married 12 Apr. 1838, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1096] “Lydia” Page.

In 1856 Angeline Riggs, 16, born in Ohio, resided in Monmouth Twp., Jackson Co., Iowa, in the household of Saraann Call, 54, a widow born in New York, with July Call, 8, born in New York. Saraann and July had resided in Iowa for six years, Angeline for four years.^[1097]

In 1880 (enumerated 9 June 1880) Arthur Wensley, 35, a railroad conductor born in England of England natives, resided in Elmira, Solano Co., Calif., with his wife, Angeline, 38, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his sons, Fredrick, 17, a railroad brakeman born in Iowa of a father born in Iowa and a mother in [empty], George. 10, born in Mis-

1093. *Find a Grave*, no. 155636945, unsourced information for Hugh M. Irwin Sr., but attributed to Glenn Irwin.

1094. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Gallia Co., 1803–1862, 57, image 29 of 455 online, “It is hereby certified that I joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony Robert Townsend and Eddy Page, this 28th day of January A.D. 1816. Given under my hand at Springfield Twp. this day & date above mentioned, Samuel Barlow J.P.”

1095. *Iowa Marriage Records, 1880–1945*, Fremont Co., 1892, 36-494, image 151 of 314 online.

1096. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1819–1862, 195, image 97 of 470 online, “I certify that on the 12th day of April A.D. 1838 by virtue of a license issued by the Clk. of the Court of Com. Pleas of said County Robt. Townsend & Lydia Page were legally joined in marriage by C. Downing J.P.”

1097. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836–1925*, 1856, Monmouth Twp., Jackson Co., dw. 1, fam. 33.

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souri of a mother born in England, and Arthur, 8, born in Missouri of a mother born in Ohio, and one servant girl.^[1098] So only son Arthur appears to be Angeline's child, but Fredrick has puzzling nativities. But cf. 1900 census nativities for George, which match those here for Arthur.

In 1900 Angeline H. "Wenseley," 60, divorced, born Oct. 1839 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., with her daughter, Susan C., 19, born Aug. 1880 in California of a father born in England.^[1099]

In 1900 George H. "Wensly," 30, single, a railroad brakeman born Nov. 1869 in Missouri of a father born in England and a mother in Ohio, resided as a lodger in Oakland, Alameda Co., Calif.^[1100]

In 1900 Arthur Wensley, 55, divorced, a railroad brakeman born Dec. 1844 in England of England natives, resided in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., as a boarder.^[1101]

In 1910 Arthur H. "Winsley," 62, widower, a train agent born in England of England natives, resided in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., as a boarder.^[1102]

An obituary for Angeline:

Mrs. Angie Wensley, an old resident, died in the Sellwood Hospital Saturday, October 16 [1909], after a lingering illness of several months. She was born in Pagetown, Ohio, October 14, 1839, and came to Oregon with her husband over 25 years ago [approx. 1884]. They lived at La Grande for a few years and then moved to Portland, making their home here ever since. Mrs. Wensley is survived by her husband, A. H. Wensley, and the following children: Mrs. L. Dreyfuss, of Portland; Albert [sic]

1098. U.S. census, 1880, Elmira, Solano Co., Calif., ED 118, r. 83, p. 468B, dw. 13, fam. 13.

1099. U.S. census, 1900, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 70, p. 99, sh. 15A, dw. 327, fam. 329, FHL 1241350.

1100. U.S. census, 1900, Oakland, Alameda Co., Calif., ED 357, p. 7, sh. 7A, dw. 151, fam. 159, FHL 1240082.

1101. U.S. census, 1900, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 39, p. 43, sh. 21A, dw. 389, fam. 417, FHL 1241349.

1102. U.S. census, 1910, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 195, r. 1286, p. 215, sh. 7B, dw. 168, fam. 172, FHL 1375299.

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H. Wensley, of Seattle; George H. Wensley, of The Dalles. She was a member of Mizpah Presbyterian church, and the funeral will be held in this church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.^[1103]

Children:

- 589 i **GEORGE H.⁷ WENSLEY**, born Nov. 1869 (1900 census), Missouri, died 20 Dec. 1924, Deschutes Co., Ore.,^[1104] married (1) but divorced before the 1910 census, married (2) 9 Oct. 1912, The Dalles, Wasco Co., Ore.,^[1105] **MARGARET (HARDIE) FRIZZELL**, born 18 Oct. 1875, Scotland, died 31 Aug. 1969, Santa Clara Co., Calif.^[1106] She married, first, 7 Jan. 1895, Gilliam Co., Ore.,^[1107] Merritt Lester Frizzell.

In 1910 George H. Wensley, 46 [sic], divorced, a train conductor born in Oregon of a father born in England and a mother in Ohio, resided as a boarder in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore.^[1108]

In 1910 "Merret" L. Frizzell, 36, a stockman born in Oregon of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Iowa, resided in Trail Fork Pct., Gilliam Co., Ore., with his wife of 15 years, "Maggie," 33, born in Scotland of Scotland natives, and with his sons, Riley L., 9, Francis L., 7, and daughters, Jessie L., 4, and Ada, 11, all born in

1103. *Find a Grave*, no. 152218721, "Old Resident of East Side Passes Away After Long and Hard Illness," obit., digital scan from *Morning Oregonian*, Portland, Ore., 19 Oct. 1909, p. 10.

1104. *Ore. Death index, 1898–2008*, image 2360 of 3084 online, "Wensley, Arthur Hall Portland 8/4/26 1996 | Wensley, George H. Deschutes 12/20/24 130."

1105. *Ore. Church and Cem. Records, 1840–1965*, Church records, Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Dist. Of Eastern ore., 18701963, part 6, image 302 of 449 online, "[date] October 9, 1912 [location] 206 W. 10th Home of Mrs. Frizzell [no.] 117 [names] George H. Wensley | [Mrs.] Margaret Frizzell [residences] The Dalles | The Dalles [clergyman] Bertram A. Warren."

1106. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Margaret Frizzell, SSN 545-01-3159, female, born 18 Oct. 1875, "South Carolina," died 31 Aug. 1969, Santa Clara Co., Calif., mother's maiden name McLaren.

1107. *Web: Western States Marriage Index, 1809–2016*, "Maggie" Hardie to "Merrett" L. Frizzell, 7 Jan. 1895, Gilliam Co., Ore.; his full name from *Ore. State Births, 1842–1917*, Delayed birth certificates, 1900, Riley Lewis Frizzell, born 29 July 1900, Condon, Gilliam Co., Ore., father Merritt Lester Frizzell, 27, born Ore., stockman, mother Margaret Hardie, 25, born Scotland, third child.

1108. U.S. census, 1910, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 177, r. 1286, p. 67, sh. 17A, dw. 168, fam. 172, FHL 1375301.

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Oregon, and a hired man. Maggie had had four children, with four surviving.^[1109]

In 1920 George H. Wensley, 50, a railway conductor born in Missouri of a father born in England and a mother in Tennessee, resided in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., with his wife, "Margaria," 44, born in Scotland of Scotland natives, and with his stepsons, Frank Frizzell, 17, and George Frizzell, 9, both born in Oregon of a father born in Oregon, and one roomer.^[1110]

- 590 ii **ARTHUR H.⁷ WENSLEY**, born about 1872, Missouri, married (1) 1893, Multnomah Co., Ore.,^[1111] **BLANCHE E. KEMP**, married (2) 26 Sept. 1908, Seattle, King Co., Wash.,^[1112] **ORILLA EDITH WILTSIE**, born about 1879, daughter of Charles and Clara (York) Wiltsie. Orilla married, second, 1 Aug. 1944, Multnomah Co., Ore.,^[1113] Morris Jackson.
- 591 iii **SUSAN CHARLOTTE⁷ WENSLEY**, born Aug. 1880, California, married (1) 1896, Multnomah Co., Ore.,^[1114] **GEORGE H. WIGG**, born 15 Sept. 1872 (obit.), Clay Center, Clay Co., Kans., married

1109. U.S. census, 1910, Trail Fork Pct., Gilliam Co., Ore., ED 63, r. 1280, p. 312, sh. 6A, dw. 99, fam. 99, FHL 1375293.

1110. U.S. census, 1920, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 222, r. 1504, p. 227, sh. 7B, dw. 128, fam. 146.

1111. Multnomah Co. Marriage Index 1855-1899, .pdf download via <Ancestry.com>, "Wensley Arthur H (Jr) Kemp Blanche E 1893 [vol] 9 [page] 424 | Wensley Susan Charlotte Wigg G H 1896 11 249."

1112. *Wash. Marriage Records, 1854-2013*, King Co., Marriages 1908 Sept.-Dec., image 1359 of 2105 online, Arthur Wensley, 36, white, first [sic] marriage, of Seattle, born U.S., carpet worker, father A. H. Wensley, mother Angeline Riggs, to Orilla "Wiltsie, 29, first marriage, of Seattle, born U.S., father Charles Wiltsie, mother Clara York, married 26 Sept. 1908, Seattle, by C. L. Hanson MG; *Wash. County Marriages, 1855-2008*, King Co., cert. 25957, image 257 of 409 online, Arthur H. Wensley to Orilla "Weltsie," both of King Co., licensed and married 26 Sept. 1908, Seattle, by C. Lyng Hanson.

1113. *Ore. Marriage Indexes, 1906-2009*, Orilla Edith Wensley to Morris Jackson, 1 Aug. 1944, Multnomah Co., Ore.

1114. Multnomah Co. Marriage Index 1855-1899, .pdf download via <Ancestry.com>, "Wensley Arthur H (Jr) Kemp Blanche E 1893 [vol] 9 [page] 424 | Wensley Susan Charlotte Wigg G H 1896 11 249."

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(2) about 1906 **LYLE DREYFUSS**, born about 1876, California. She had no children.

In 1910 George H. Wigg, 36, a saloon bartender born in Kansas of England natives, resided as a **single** man boarder in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore.^[1115]

An obituary for George does not mention Susan:

George H. Wigg, 77, died of a heart ailment Tuesday night at Veterans' hospital. Funeral services are planned for Friday at 3 p. m. at the A. J. Rose and Son chapel. Born in Clay Center, Kan., September 15, 1872, Mr. Wigg was the son of an early-day Portland physician, the late Dr. George Wigg. He had lived in Portland since he was 12 years old and served with the 2d Oregon Volunteers in the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection. He was a member of Scout Young camp, No. 2, United Spanish War veterans. Mr. Wigg was with the First National bank many years, until his retirement in 1938, and since that time has lived in Portland and at Delake. He leaves the widow, Louise; one son, Robert J. Wigg, and two grandsons, Jerry Robert and David George Wigg.^[1116]

In 1920 Lyle Dreyfuss, 44, a cigar maker born in California of a father born in France and a mother in New York, resided in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., with "Susie," 39, born in California of a father born in England a mother in Iowa.^[1117]

In 1930 Lyle Dreyfuss, 54, a retail grocery merchant born in California of a father born in Alsace-Lorraine and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., with "Susie," 49, born in California of a father born in England a mother in Iowa. Lyle was first married at 30, and Susie at 25.^[1118]

1115. U.S. census, 1910, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 144, r. 1286, p. 28, sh. 4B, line 75, FHL 1375299.

1116. *Find a Grave*, no. 147754481, obit. transcribed from *The Oregonian*, Portland, Ore., Thurs., 8 June 1950, p. 19.

1117. U.S. census, 1920, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 29, r. 1499, p. 261, sh. 6A, fam. 179.

1118. U.S. census, 1920, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 29, r. 1499, p. 261, sh. 6A, fam. 179.

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In 1940 “Susie” C. Dreyfuss, 59, a widow born in California, resided in Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., as a lodger. She had resided in the same place in 1935.^[1119]

292. **MARY A.⁶ RIGGS** (₁₄₁*Elias Keller*⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 1852 (gravestone), Missouri, died 1884, and was buried in Wright Cem., Luray, Clark Co., Mo.^[1120] She married 30 July 1874, Clark Co., Mo.,^[1121] **ASAPH CHARLES DEWEY**, who was born Apr. 1844 (1900 census), Iowa, son of George H. and Chloe B. (Butler) Dewey,^[1122] and died 1931, and was buried with his wife.

In 1880 Asaph C. Dewey, 36, a farmer born in Iowa of Massachusetts natives, resided in Madison Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with his wife, Mary A., 26, born in Missouri of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Kentucky, and with his daughter, Mary E., 4, sons, George H., 3, and Frank E., 9/12, born Aug., all three born in Missouri.^[1123]

In 1900 Asaph C. Dewey, 56, widower, a farmer born Apr. 1844 in Iowa of Massachusetts natives, resided in Chalybeate Twp., Stone Co.,

1119. U.S. census, 1940, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., ED 37-341, r. 3391, p. 3062, sh. 4B, dw. 93.

1120. *Find a Grave*, no. 16010462, gravestone photograph, Wright Cem., Luray, Clark Co., Mo., “Dewey | Mary A. R. | 1852–1884 | | Asaph C. | 1844–19312 | Co. E. 19th Regt. Iowa Vol. Inf.”

1121. *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Clark Co., 1856–1894, 47, image 28 of 154 online, Asaph C. Dewey to Mary A. Riggs, 30 July 1874, Clark Co., by John W. Kettle MG. On same page as marriage record for William P. Riggs to Ellen Loudon.

1122. U.S. census, 1850, Lee Co., Iowa, r. 186, p. 311A, dw. 441, fam. 441, lists George H. “Denny,” 33, born Mass., Cloe, 32, five children, including Charles, 7; U.S. census, 1860, Washington, Lee Co., Iowa, p. 654, dw. 904, fam. 909, FHL 803330, lists George H. Dewey, 43, born Mass., Cloe B., 42, born Mass., 10 children, including Charles, 15, born Iowa. This supports a printed genealogy, *Life of George Dewey, Rear Admiral, U.S.N. and Dewey family history*, . . . , online at North America, Family Histories, 1500–2000, image 1091 of 1181 online, which lists “7543. Asaph Charles, b. April 10, 1844; m. [empty],” born at Ft Madison, Iowa, in the sketch 6994 of George Howland Dewey and his wife, Chloe Bidwell Butler; *Mass. Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988*, Pittsfield, image 2512 of 5553 online, “1839 | Sept 7 | fees rec^d } Marriage is intended between M^r George H Dewey of Fort Madison Iowa Territory & Miss Chloe B. Butler of this town.”

1123. U.S. census, 1880, Madison Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 38, r. 681, p. 159D, dw. 78, fam. 80.

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Ark., with his daughter, Mary E., 24, born Aug. 1875 in Missouri of a mother born in Missouri.^[1124]

Known children:

- 592 i **MARY E.**⁷ **DEWEY**, born Aug. 1875, Missouri
- 593 ii **GEORGE H.**⁷ **DEWEY**, born about 1877, Missouri.
- 594 iii **FRANK E.**⁷ **DEWEY**, born Aug. 1879, Missouri.

300. MARIA [RUARIAH] EVALIN⁶ **RIGGS** (₁₄₃*Alvin Perry*⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, *?James*², *James*¹) was born about 1850, **but not later than 3 Nov. 1849 if that was indeed when her mother died**, Ohio. She married (1) 9 Dec. 1866, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1125] **HIRAM CLAY**, who was born 10 Aug. 1843 (calculated), Ohio, died 29 Nov. 1873 (gravestone), aged 30 years 3 months 19 days, and was buried in Downing Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1126] Maria married (2) 7 Sept. 1877, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1127] **JAMES G. BORING**, who was born July 1844 (1900 census), Ohio. James married, first, about 1862 before Maria, and third about 1891 after.

In 1870 Hiram Clay, 26, a farm laborer born in Ohio, resided in Lee, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with Mari[a?] E., 20, born in Ohio, and with Maria L., 2, and George H., 1, both born in Ohio. George Downing with Harriet resided next door, and Milton Decamp, with Phebe J., resided just beyond.^[1128]

1124. U.S. census, 1900, Chalybeate Twp., Stone Co., Ark., ED 130, p. 153, sh. 5A, dw. 69, fam. 71, FHL 1240077.

1125. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1862–1869, image 340 of 578 online, no. 318, Hiram Clay to Maria E. Riggs, “Maria E. is a white person is the daughter of A. P. Riggs,” licensed 5 Dec. 1866, married 9 Dec. 1866, by Daniel Tencksberry MG.

1126. *Find a Grave*, no. 6036548, Downing Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio, “Hiram | Clay | died Nov. 29, 1873 | aged | 30 Y. 3 M. 19 D.”

1127. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1869–1879, image 498 of 594 online, no. 1196, James Boring to Maria E. Clay, licensed 6 Sept. 1877, married 7 Sept. 1877, by James G. Derry JP, FHL 313455.

1128. U.S. census, 1870, Lee PO, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, r. 1242, p. 335B, dw. 159, fam. 161, FHL 552741.

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In 1880 James G. “Boreing,” 35, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Milton Twp., Jackson Co., Ohio, with his wife, Maria E., 30, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his stepdaughter, Maria L. Clay, 14, stepson, George H. Clay, 12, stepson [sic], Alta A. Clay, 9, daughter [sic], Bertha N. Clay, 7, all born in Ohio, and his sons, Albert Boreing, 12, and Franklin, 7, and daughter, Ruth A., 1, all born in Ohio.^[1129]

In 1900 James “Boreing,” 55, a farmer born July 1844 in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Milton Twp., Jackson Co., Ohio, with his wife of nine years, Margerette, 49, born May 1851 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia, and with his daughter, Gertrude, 17, born Apr. 1883 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio, his son, James H., 7, born Sept. 1892, and his brother-in-law, John L. McLaughlin, 47, born June 1852 in Ohio of West Virginia natives. Margerette had had one child, and it survived. James had been married 32 years.^[1130]

Children of the first marriage, to Hiram Clay:

- 595 i **MARIA LOUISA⁷ CLAY**, born 13 Oct. 1867, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1131]
- 596 ii **GEORGE H.⁷ CLAY**, born about 1869, Ohio.
- 597 iii **ALTA ANNASELLA⁷ CLAY**, born 13 Apr. 1871, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1132]
- 598 iv **BERTHA N.⁷ CLAY**, born 21 June 1873, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1133]

1129. U.S. census, 1880, Milton Twp., Jackson Co., Ohio, ED 79, r. 1036, p. 202A, dw. 317, fam. 328.

1130. U.S. census, 1900, Milton Twp., Jackson Co., Ohio, ED 56, p. 238, sh. 13A, dw. 249, fam. 255, FHL 1241289.

1131. *Ohio County Births, 1841–2003*, Meigs Co., Birth Registers 1867–1882, Vol. 1, 1, no. 18, image 69 of 345 online, Maria Louisa Clay, female, born 13 Oct. 1867, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, father Hiram Clay, mother Evalin Riggs, parents resident in Downington, Ohio.

1132. *Ohio County Births, 1841–2003*, Meigs Co., Birth Registers 1867–1882, Vol. 1, 121, no. 438, image 131 of 345 online, Alta Annasella Clay, female, born 13 Apr. 1871, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, father Hiram Clay, mother “Naina L.” Riggs, parents resident in Scipio Twp.

1133. *Ohio County Births, 1841–2003*, Meigs Co., Birth Registers 1867–1882, Vol. 1, 209, no. 418, image 176 of 345 online, Bertha N. Clay, female, born 21 June 1873, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co.,

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Know children of the second marriage, to James Boring:

- 599 v **RUTH ANN**⁷ **BORING**, born 16 Feb. 1879, Milton Twp., Jackson Co., Ohio.^[1134]
- 600 vi **GERTRUDE “GIRTIE” BELLE**⁷ **BORING**, born 2 Mar. 1883, Milton Twp., Jackson Co., Ohio.^[1135]
- 601 vii **LOVINA C.**⁷ **BORING**, born 19 Feb. 1886, Milton Twp., Jackson Co., Ohio.^[1136]

301. AUGUSTA J.⁶ **RIGGS** (₁₄₃*Alvin Perry*⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, *James*², *James*¹) was born 3 Jan. 1854 (gravestone), Ohio, died 26 Aug. 1940, and was buried in Duncan Falls Cem., Duncan Falls, Muskingum Co., Ohio.^[1137] She married 29 Oct. 1871, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1138] **STEPHEN HARROP**, who was born 23 Nov. 1844 (gravestone), Ohio, died 24 Nov. 1905, and buried with his wife.

In 1880 Stephen “Harp,” 33, a farmer born in Ohio of Virginia natives, resided in Jackson Co., W.Va., with his wife, Augusta, 26, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Maine, with his sons, Adelmores C., 8, and Perry H., 6, daughter, Kate L., 4, and son, Jasper E.,

Ohio, father Hiram Clay, mother Evalin Riggs, parents resident in Scipio Twp., reported by Maria Clay.

1134. *Ohio County Births, 1841–2003*, Jackson Co., Birth Registers 1867–1879, Vol. A, 294, no. 60, image 200 of 217 online, Ruth Ann Boring, female, born 16 Feb. 1879, Milton Twp., Jackson Co., Ohio, father James Boring, mother Maria E. Riggs, parents resident in Camelia Tree Ohio.

1135. *Ohio County Births, 1841–2003*, Jackson Co., Birth Registers 1879–1890, Vol. B, 24, no. 33, image 15 of 233 online, Girtie Belle Boring, female, born 2 Mar. 1883, Milton Twp., Jackson Co., Ohio, father James Boring, mother Maria Riggs, parents resident in Milton Twp.

1136. *Ohio County Births, 1841–2003*, Jackson Co., Birth Registers 1879–1890, Vol. B, 32, no. 11, image 19 of 233 online, Lovina C. Boring, female, born 19 Feb. 1886, Milton Twp., Jackson Co., Ohio, father James Boring, mother Maria E. Clay, parents resident in Milton Twp.

1137. *Find a Grave*, no. 9703450, gravestone photograph, by Michael Brown, Duncan Falls Cem., Duncan Falls, Muskingum Co., Ohio, “Harrop | At Rest | Stephen Harrop | Nov. 23, 1844 | Nov. 24, 1905 | Augusta J. Harrop | Jan. 3, 1854 | Aug. 26, 1940 | Minnie Harrop | Oct. 8, 1880 | Aug. 14, 1900.”

1138. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1869–1879, 299, no. 599, image 151 of 594 online, Stephen Harrop to Augusta J. Riggs, under 18, with consent of her father A. P. Riggs, licensed 25 Oct. 1871, married 29 Oct. 1871, by J. M. Cooper JP.

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2, all four born in Ohio. Next door was Augustus Riggs, 48, born in Ohio, and on the same page nearby were Willard Riggs, 35, and Perry Riggs, 57.^[1139]

In 1900 Stephen Harrop, 55, a farmer born Nov. 1844 in Ohio of Virginia natives, resided in Harrison Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio., with his wife of eight years, Augusta J., 26, born Jan. 1854 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Maine, with his daughter, Minnie N., 18, born Oct. 1881, Virginia, and sons, Oro H., 16, born Mar. 1884, "Dalas E.," 14, born Mar. 1886, and Oliver O., 12, born May 1888, all three born in Ohio.^[1140]

Children:

- 602 i **ADELMORE C.⁷ HARROP**, born about 1872, Ohio.
- 603 ii **PERRY H.⁷ HARROP**, born about 1874, Ohio.
- 604 iii **KATE L.⁷ HARROP**, born 4 July 1876, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1141]
- 605 iv **JASPER ELBERT⁷ HARROP**, born 5 June 1878, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1142]
- 606 v **MINNIE N.⁷ HARROP**, born 8 Oct. 1881 (gravestone), Virginia, died 14 Aug. 1900, buried with her parents.
- 607 vi **ORA HAMPTON⁷ HARROP**, born 6 Mar. 1884, Brush Creek Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio.^[1143]
- 608 vii **DALLAS EDWARD⁷ HARROP**, born 15 Mar. 1886, Philo, Muskingum Co., Ohio,^[1144] married 6 May 1918, Muskingum Co.,

1139. U.S. census, 1880, Jackson Co., W.Va., ED 43, r. 1404, p. 447B, dw. 168, fam. 174 and 175.

1140. U.S. census, 1900, Harrison Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio, ED 47, p. 87, sh. 7B, dw. 170, fam. 176, FHL 1241310.

1141. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, Kate Harrop, female, born 4 July 1876, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, father S. Harrop, mother "Gusta" Riggs, FHL 313460.

1142. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Jasper Elbert Harrop, male, white, born 5 June 1878, Meigs Co., Ohio, father Stephen Harrop, mother Augusta Riggs, SSN 299-03-6679.

1143. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, Ora Hampton Harrop, male, white, born 6 Mar. 1884, Brush Creek Twp., Muskingum Co., Ohio, father Stephen Harrop, mother Augusta "Biggs," FHL 847938.

1144. *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Dallas Edward Harrop, 56, born 15 Mar. 1886,

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Ohio,^[1145] **ESSIE MAUD HOCK** born 16 Feb. 1889, Philo, Muskingum Co., Ohio, daughter of Charles and Kate (Smith) Hock.

609 viii **OLIVER O.⁷ HARROP**, born May 1888 (1900 census), Ohio.

302. WESLEY P.⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₃*Alvin Perry*⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 30 Aug. 1855 (gravestone), Ohio, died 17 Aug. 1882, and was buried in Wells Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio.,^[1146] He married 26 May 1877, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1147] **LO[RENA] HART**,

In 1880 Wesley Riggs, 24, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Maine, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife, “Lurena,” 22, born in Ohio of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Ireland, with his daughters, Emma, 2, and Nora, 1, both born in Ohio, and his niece, Rebecca Burt, 9, born in Ohio of Ohio natives. Next door was Jeremiah Riggs, 30, born in Ohio.^[1148]

For convenience, the following snippet from the probate file of Alvin P.⁵ Riggs (q.v.) is repeated since it lists the three heirs of Wesley P. Riggs: “Emma Riggs, 14, granddaughter, of Downingtown, Ohio, Nora Riggs, 10, granddaughter, of Jerseyville, Ohio, Herbert Riggs, 9, grandson, of Downingtown, Ohio.”

Philo, Ohio, name of person who will always know your address Dorothey Harrop, daughter, of Philo, Ohio.

1145. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Muskingum Co., 1916–1918, 187, no. 2357, image 349 of 368 online, Edward D. Harrop, 32, on 15 Mar. 1918, resident of Zanesville, Ohio, born Philo, father Stephen Harrop, mother Augusta Riggs, not previously married, to Essie Maud Hock, 29, on 16 Feb. 1918, resident of Zanesville, born Philo, father Charles Hock, mother Kate Smith, not previously married, licensed 6 May 1918, married 6 May 1918, by James H. Kinney MG, FHL 865153.

1146. *Find a Grave*, no. 8280200, gravestone photograph, by Robin (Cottingham) Townsend-Fife, Wells Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio, “Wesley P. | Riggs | Aug. 30, 1855 | Aug. 17, 1882 | Father of Emma, Nora & Herb.”

1147. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1869–1879, image 484 of 594 online, no. 1114, Wesley Riggs to Rena Hart, licensed 25 May 1877, married 26 May 1877 by “Jas” S. Ricketts MG.

1148. U.S. census, 1880, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 118, r. 1048, p. 263B, dw. 168, fam. 174 and 175.

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Children:

- + 610 i **EMMA**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 22 Mar. 1878, Downington, Meigs Co., Ohio, married **LINLEY D. SMITH**, and had five children.
- + 611 ii **NORA E.**⁷ **RIGGS**, born May 1879, Athens Co., Ohio, married **JOSEPH C. BURSON**, and had one child.
- + 612 iii **WILLIAM HERBERT**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 13 Jan. 1881, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, married **JOANNA BOLIN**, and had 10 children.
David Ray Riggs's line.

303. ADDIA [ADDIE]⁶ **RIGGS** (₁₄₃*Alvin Perry*⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, *James*², *James*¹) was born May 1862 (1900 census), Ohio, died 29 Oct. 1917, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1149] and was buried in Riggs Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1150] She married 14 May 1881, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1151] **SANFRANCISCO LYNCH**, who was born 1852 (gravestone), West Virginia, died 1912, and was buried with his wife.

In 1900 Sanfrancisco Lynch, 42 [sic], a farmer born Aug. 1857 [sic] in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife of 19 years, Addie R., 38, born May 1862 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Maine, and with his daughter, Amie L., 18, born Mar. 1882, son, "Earnest" A., 16, born Dec. 1883, daughter, Nellie E., 15, born May 1885, son, William S., 13, born Dec. 1886, daughters, Clara E., 11, born Mar. 1889, and "Verie" E., 9, born May 1891, son Oliver F., 7, born Dec. 1892, daughter, Elen E., 4, born June 1895, and son, Carl W., 2, born May 1898, all nine born in Ohio. Addie had had nine children, with nine surviving.^[1152]

1149. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1932, 1938–2007*, image 626 of 2513 online, Addie R. Lynch, died 29 Oct. 1917, Meigs Co., Ohio, vol. 2403, cert. 66588.

1150. *Find a Grave*, no. 6514324, gravestone photograph, Robin (Cottingham) Townsend-Fife, Riggs Cem., Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio, "Lynch | Addie R. | 1863–1917 || S. Fran | 1852–1912 || Roy | 1906–1915."

1151. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1879–18929, image 95 of 593 online, no. 567, Sanfrancisco Lynch to Addie Riggs, licensed and married 14 May 1881, by George A. Marshall MG, FHL 313456.

1152. U.S. census, 1900, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 53, p. 253, sh. 7B, dw. 155, fam. 156,

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In 1910 Sanfrancisco Lynch, 58, a farmer born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Downington, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife of 29 years, Addie R., 48, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Maine, and with his son, "Earnest" A., 26, daughters, "Clerah" E., 21, and Vera E., 18, son Oliver F., 17, daughter, Elen E., 14, son, Carlos W., 12, daughter Ardath V., 7, and son, Arthur R., 4, all eight born in Ohio. Addie had had 11 children, with 11 surviving.^[1153]

An obituary for daughter Nellie:

Funeral services for Mrs. Nellie Stockdale, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock from a heart attack suffered at her home, will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the late home in Philo. Rev. E. H. McCormick will officiate and interment will be made in Memorial Park cemetery.

Mrs. Stockdale, who was the wife of Ira L. Stockdale, had been in ailing health for some time but her sudden death was unexpected as she had just returned from a shopping tour in Zanesville.

The deceased was a member of the Philo Grace M. E. church and the Twin Cities community club.

Surviving besides the husband are two daughters, Mrs. Edgar Robinson, Zanesville, and Miss Hilah Stockdale, of the home; one son, Clyde, of the home; two grandsons, Robert and Jack Robinson: five sisters, Mrs. Leska Cheadle and Mrs. Vera Lillie, of Athens, Mrs. Edith Byerly, Albany, O., Mrs. Clara Meadows, Akron, and Mrs. Ardith Byerly, of North Baltimore, O.; and four brothers, Frank and Van Lynch, of Prosepect [sic], O., and Ernest and Worth Lynch, of Albany.^[1154]

Children:

FHL 1241303.

1153. U.S. census, 1910, Downington, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 116, r. 1214, p. 246, sh. 10B, dw. 257, fam. 125856, FHL 1375227.

1154. Obit., "Nellie Stockdale Funeral Will Be Tuesday at Philo | Wife of Ira Stockdale Expires Saturday from Heart Attack," *The Times Recorder*, Zanesville, Ohio, 7 June 1937, Mon., p. 14, col. 3, online at <www.newspapers.com/clip/60702960/obituary-for-nellie-stockdale/>, accessed 7 Oct. 2020.

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- 613 i **AMIE LESKA**⁷ **LYNCH**, born about 1881 (19 in 1900, from marriage license) or Mar. 1882 (1900 census) or 13 Mar. 1883 (Social Security record),^[1155] Downington, Meigs Co., Ohio, married 29 Nov. 1900, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1156] **WILLIAM CHEADLE**, born 17 Nov. 1880, Meigs Co., Ohio, son of M. W. and Mary (Botsein) Cheadle.
- 614 ii **ERNEST ALVIN**⁷ **LYNCH**, born 26 Dec. 1883, Downington, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1157]
- 615 iii **NELLIE E.**⁷ **LYNCH**, born May 1885, Ohio, married **IRA L. STOCKDALE**, and had three children (see obituary in parent's sketch).
- 616 iv **WILLIAM VAN**⁷ **LYNCH**, born Dec. 1886, Ohio, died 1951, buried Claibourne Cem., Richwood, Union Co., Ohio,^[1158] married **CORA D. —**, born 1891 (gravestone), died 1969, buried with her husband.
- 617 v **CLARA ETHEL**⁷ **LYNCH**, born 22 Mar. 1889, Harrisonville, Meigs Co., Ohio, married 20 Dec. 1917, Summit Co., Ohio,^[1159] **CLYDE C. MEADOWS**, born 18 Sept. 1893, Arnoldsburg, Calhoun Co., W.Va., son of Jake H. and Vinie (Stalmon) Meadows.

1155. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Leska Lynch Cheadle, female, white, born 13 Mar. 1883, Downington, Meigs Co., Ohio, father “S. C.” Lynch, motyher Addie Riggs, SSN 279-07-0744.

1156. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1899–1908, no. 441, image 113 of 562 online, William Cheadle, 20 on 17 Nov. 1900, of Downington, born Meigs Co., farmer, father M. W. Cheadle, mother Mary Botsein, not previously married, to “Leskie” Lynch, 19 in 1900, of Downington, Meigs Co., born Meigs Co., father “Fran” Lynch, mother’s maiden name Riggs, not previously married, licensed 28 Nov. 1900, married 29 Nov. 1900 by Martimer McKnight JP.

1157. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Ernest Alvin Lynch, male, white, born 26 Dec. 1883, Downington, Meigs Co., Ohio, father “San F.” Lynch, mother Addie R. Riggs, SSN 292-34-6092.

1158. *Find a Grave*, no. 7495108, gravestone photograph, Claibourne Cem., Richwood, Union Co., Ohio, “Lynch | Cora D. | 1891–1969 || Wm Van | 1886–1951.”

1159. *Summit Co., Ohio, Marriage Records, 1840–1980*, image 161 of 585 online, Clyde C. Meadows, 24 on 18 Sept. 1917, born Arnoldsberg, Calhoun Co., W.Va., father Jake H. Meadows, mother Vinie Stalmon, to Clara Ethel Lynch, 28 on 22 Mar. 1917, born Harrisonville, Ohio, father “Fran” Lynch, mother Addie Riggs, neither previously married, licensed and married 20 Dec. 1917, Summit Co., Ohio, by E. P. Wise MG.

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- 618 vi **VERA EDNA⁷ LYNCH**, born 21 May 1891, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1160] married – **LILLIE**.
- 619 vii **OLIVER FRANK⁷ LYNCH**, born 18 Dec. 1892, Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1161]
- 620 viii **ELEN EDITH⁷ LYNCH**, born June 1895, Ohio, married –**BYERLY**.
- 621 ix **CARLOS [CARL] WORTH⁷ LYNCH**, born May 1898, Ohio.
- 622 x **ARDATH V.⁷ LYNCH**, born about 1903, Ohio, married –**BYERLY**.
- 623 xi **ARTHUR ROY⁷ LYNCH**, born 17 Aug. 1905, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1162] died 1915, and was buried with his parents (q.v.).

304. CHARLES WILLIAM⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₃*Alvin Perry*⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, *?James*², *James*¹)^[1163] was born Oct. 1864 (1900 census), Ohio, died 1945, and was buried in Alton Cem., Alton, Franklin Co., Ohio.^[1164] He married about 1886 **ELLA B. [BARBARA ELLEN] HART**,^[1165] who was born 1868 (gravestone) or Feb. 1867 (1900 census), Ohio, died 7 Jan. 1919, Franklin Co., Ohio,^[1166] and was buried with her husband.

In 1900 “Charlie” Riggs, 35, a farmer born Oct. 1864 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Maine, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife of 14 years, Ella B., 33, born Feb. 1867 in Ohio of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with his sons, Clyde C., 13, born Dec. 1886, and “Heart” C., 11, born Mar.

1160. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, “Very” Edna Lynch, female, born 21 May 1891, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, father “S. C.” Lynch, mother Addie R. Riggs, FHL 313460.

1161. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, Oliver F. Lynch, male, white, born 18 Dec. 1892, Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio, father “S. C.” Lynch, mother Addie Riggs, FHL 313461; *U.S. WWII Draft Registrations Cards, 1942*, Olivewr Frank Lynch, 49, born 18 Dec. 1892, Meigs Co., Ohio

1162. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, Arthur Roy Lynch, male, white, born 17 Aug. 1905, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, father Sanfrancisco Lynch, mother “Adda” Riggs, FHL 313461.

1163. His middle name from the birth record of his son, Guy.

1164. *Find a Grave*, no. 20655723, gravestone photograph, Alton Cem., Alton, Franklin Co., Ohio, “Riggs | Father | Charles W. | 1864–1945 || Mother | Ella B. | 1868–1919.”

1165. Her name is given as Barbara Ellen Hart in the marriage record of daughter Madge (q.v.).

1166. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1932, 1938–2007*, Barbara E. Riggs, died 7 Jan. 1919, Franklin Co., Ohio.

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1889, daughter, Madge H., 8, born June 1891, son, Guy V., 7, born June 1893, and daughter, Helen, 11/12, born June 1899, all born in Ohio. Next door resided Nancy R. Riggs, 75. Ella had had five children, with five surviving.^[1167]

In 1910 Charles W. Riggs, 44, a house carpenter born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Maine, resided in Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., Colo., with his wife of 24 years, Ella B., 42, born in Ohio of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania, and with his daughter, Madge H., 18, son, Guy V., 17, and daughter, Helen, 10, all born in Ohio. Ella had had five children, with five surviving.^[1168]

In 1920 Charles "Riggs," 56, widower, a carpenter contractor born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Franklin Twp., Franklin Co., Ohio, with his daughter, Helen, 20, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, in the household of his son-in-law, F. W. Christensen, 36, an electrician born in Denmark of Denmark natives, with his wife, Madge, 28, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his son, George C., 3 6/12, born in Ohio. Fred naturalized in 1885.^[1169]

Children:

- + 624 i **CLYDE CARROLL⁷ RIGGS**, born 25 Dec. 1886, Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio, married **HATTIE ANDREWS**, and had five children.
- + 625 ii **HART CLAIRMONT⁷ RIGGS**, born 17 Mar. 1889, Downingtown, Chester Co., Ohio, married (1) **LULU KENT**, and had six children, married (2) **LUCILLE MARGARET THEVENOT**, and had one child.
- 626 iii **MADGE HILMA.⁷ RIGGS**, born June 1891, Ohio, married 26 Aug. 1915, Monroe, Monroe Co., Mich.,^[1170] **FRED W. CHRISTENSEN**,

1167. U.S. census, 1900, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 53, p. 252, sh. 6B, dw. 133, fam. 134, FHL 1241303.

1168. U.S. census, 1910, Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., Colo., ED 45, r. 119, p. 83, sh. 4A, dw. 79, fam. 101, FHL 1374132.

1169. U.S. census, 1920, Franklin Twp., Franklin Co., Ohio, ED 7, r. 1379, p. 58, sh. 3B, dw. 59, fam. 66.

1170. *Mich. Marriage Records, 1867-1952*, image 461 of 639 online, no. 646, licensed 26 Aug. 1915, Fred W. Christensen, 31, white, to Madge Hilma Riggs, 24, white, both of Columbus, Ohio, groom born in Denmark, an electrician father George C. Christenc[cropped], mother Anna Marie

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born about 1884, Denmark, son of George C. and Anna Marie (Jensen) Christensen, and had at least one child: (1) **George C.⁸ Christensen**, born about 1916, Ohio.

- 627 iv **GUY VERLAND⁷ RIGGS**, born 17 Jan. 1893, Downington or Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1171] married 7 May 1913, Franklin Co., Ohio,^[1172] **CARRIE K. BEAL**, born 7 May 1890, Meigs Co., Ohio, daughter of Daniel and Marriett (Carmin) Beal.
- 628 v **HELEN⁷ RIGGS**, born June 1899, Ohio, married (brother Hart's obit.) – **BELL**.

307. PETER⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₄*James⁵, ?James⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born **13 Aug.** about 1840, Pennsylvania. He married^[1173] **12 Apr. 1863 REBECCA JANE PLANTS**, who was born about 1845, Pennsylvania.

The following was posted on *Find a Grave*, but **unsourced**:

He was born August 13, 1840, being in his 79th year. He was united in marriage to Rebecca J. Plants on April 12, 1863 and to this union was born eleven children . . . He enlisted in the Civil War in 1861 and belonged to Company F. 85th Pa. Inf. He fought in many hard battles among the more important ones were the battles at Fair Oaks and the Seven Days battle at Richmond.

Jencen, once previously married, bride born in Ohio, a shoemaker, father Charles [H?]. Rigg[cropped], mother Barbara Ellen Hart, not previously married, married 26 Aug. 1915, Monroe, Mich., by W. C. Burns MG. I'm going to take my consistent reading of "cen" to actually be "sen" in these Danish names.

1171. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, Guy Riggs, male, white, born 17 Jan. 1893, Pageville, Meigs Co., Ohio, father "Charley Wm" Riggs, mother Ella Hart, FHL 313461; *U.S. WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Guy Verland Riggs, 24, of Columbus, Ohio, born 17 Jan. 1893, Downington, Ohio, streetcar conductgor, wife, registered 5 June 1917, Columbus.

1172. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Franklin Co., 1912–1914, 518, no. 31640, Guy V. Riggs, 20 on 17 Jan. 1913, of Columbus, Ohio, born Meigs Co., Ohio, machinist, fatgher "Chas" W. Riggs, mother Ella B. Hart, not previously married, to Carrie K. Beal, 23 on 7 May 1913, of Columbus, Ohio, born Meigs Co., Ohio, father Daniel Beal, mother Marriett Carmin, not previously married, consent for groom given by Charles W. Riggs, licensed 7 May 1913, married 7 May 1913, by George W. Burns MG.

1173. From the death record of their son, James M. Riggs (q.v.).

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In 1880 Peter Riggs, 40, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with his wife, Jane, 35, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughters, Nancy A., 16, and Jane, 14, son, James, 11, daughters, Mary, 9, and Martha, 7, and sons, Almira, 5, and Sylvester, 3, all seven born in Pennsylvania. James Riggs, 66, is listed on the next page.^[1174]

Children:

- 629 i **NANCY A.**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1864, Pennsylvania.
- 630 ii **JANE**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1866, Pennsylvania.
- 631 iii **JAMES M.**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 21 Apr. 1869 (calculated), Pennsylvania, died 13 July 1928, Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va., aged 59 years 2 months 22 days,^[1175] married **NANCY A. BUNGARD**.
- 632 iv **MARY**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1871, Pennsylvania.
- 633 v **MARTHA**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1873, Pennsylvania.
- 634 vi **ALMIRA**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1875, Pennsylvania.
- 635 vii **SYLVESTER**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1877, Pennsylvania.

308. MAXWELL⁶ **RIGGS** (₁₄₄*James*⁵, ?*James*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born about 1842, Pennsylvania. He married **SARAH** —, who was born about 1848, Pennsylvania.

In 1880 Maxwell Riggs, 38, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with his wife, Sarah, 32, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, Francis, 11, daughter, Mary, 8, and son, Charles, 2, all three born in Pennsylvania. James Riggs, 66, resided nearby.^[1176]

Children:

1174. U.S. census, 1880, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 83, r. 1133, p. 370B, dw. 220, fam. 224. James resided in dw. 232.

1175. *W.Va. Deaths, 1853–1970*, James M. Riggs, died 31 July 1928, Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va., aged 59 yrs. 2 mos. 22 dys., occupation carpenter, cites county records; same source, different record, James M. Riggs, died 31 July 1928, Moundsville, father Peter Riggs, mother Rebecca Jane Plants, spouse Nancy A. Bungard.

1176. U.S. census, 1880, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 83, r. 1133, p. 370A, dw. 230, fam. 234. James resided in dw. 232.

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- 636 i **FRANCIS⁷ RIGGS**, male, born about 1869, Pennsylvania.
- 637 ii **MARY⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1872, Pennsylvania.
- 638 iii **CHARLES⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1878, Pennsylvania.

310. JACOB B.⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₄*James⁵, ?James⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*)^[1177] (twin) was born about 1845, Pennsylvania, and died 8 Jan. 1895, Kaushoosht, Marshall Co., W.Va.^[1178] He married **MARY JANE GILBERT**,^[1179] who was born Aug. 1851 (1900 census), Pennsylvania or West Virginia.

In 1870 Jacob Riggs, 25, a laborer born in Pennsylvania with \$100 personal estates, resided in Rogersville, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with Mary “Jame,” 18, born in Pennsylvania, and with Rachel S., 2, and Mathias, 4/12, both born in Pennsylvania. James Riggs, 56, resided next door.^[1180]

In 1880 Jacob Riggs, 35, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with his wife, Mary, 29, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughter, Rachel, 12, son, Mathias, 10, daughter, Emma, 7, and son, Harry, 1, all four born in Pennsylvania. James Riggs, 66, resided nearby.^[1181]

In 1900 Mary J. Riggs, 48, a widow born Aug. 1851 in West Virginia of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Liberty Dist., Marshall Co., W.Va., with her sons Mathias G., 30, a carpenterborn Mar. 1870, Harry H., 21, born Oct. 1878, and Benjamin F., 18, born Oct. 1881, daughter, Ella

1177. His name is James in the death record of his son Mathias (whose mother is Gilbert), and it is Jacob in the that of his daughter Emma (whose mother is Mary Jane Gilbert). His name is Jacob B. in his own death record, so I assume that the “James” in Mathias’s death record is an error.

1178. W.Va. *Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Jacob B. Riggs, born about 1847, died 8 Jan. 1895, Kaushoosht, W.Va., aged 48, farmer, white, married, male, father James Riggs, mother Susanna, spouse Mary J., FHL 853800.

1179. Her surname is from son Mathias’s death record, and her full name from that of daughter Emma.

1180. U.S. census, 1870, Rogersville PO, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., r. 1348, pp. 418A–B, dw. 156, fam. 156. James resided in dw. 155.

1181. U.S. census, 1880, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 83, r. 1133, p. 370A, dw. 239, fam. 243. James resided in dw. 232.

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D., 16, born Jan. 1884, and sons, Samuel B., 13, born Sept. 1886, Bruin C., 10, born Nov. 1889, and William B., 7, born Mar. 1893, all seven single and born in Pennsylvania, except William born in West Virginia, of a father born in Pennsylvania. Mary had had 10 children, with eight surviving.^[1182]

In 1910 Harry H. Riggs, 31, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in West Virginia [sic], resided in Liberty Dist., Marshall Co., W.Va., with his mother, Mary J., 59, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his brother, Benjamin F., 28, sister, Ella D., 26, and brothers, Samuel B., 23, Brace C., 21, all four born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania, and William B., 18, born in West Virginia of a father born in Pennsylvania. Mary had had 10 children, with eight surviving.^[1183]

Known children of 10:

- 639 i **RACHEL S.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1868, Pennsylvania.
- 640 ii **MATHIAS G.⁷ RIGGS**, born 16 Mar. 1870, Pennsylvania, died 4 May 1937, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 7 May 1937, Graysville, Pa.,^[1184] married **ELLA WHITLATCH**.
- 641 iii **EMMA⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1873, Pennsylvania, died 6 Dec. 1957, New Martinsville, Wetzel Co., W.Va.,^[1185] married — **CONNELLY**.
- 642 iv **HARRY H.⁷ RIGGS**, born Oct. 1878, Pennsylvania.
- 643 v **BENJAMIN F.⁷ RIGGS**, born Oct. 1881, Pennsylvania.
- 644 vi **ELLA D.⁷ RIGGS**, born Jan. 1884, Pennsylvania.

1182. U.S. census, 1900, Liberty Dist., Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 71, r. 1765, p. 287, sh. 8A, dw. 140, fam. 140.

1183. U.S. census, 1910, Liberty Dist., Marshall Co., W.Va., ED 83, r. 1688, p. 23, sh. 5A, dw. 82, fam. 83

1184. W.Va. *Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, “Methias” Riggs, born 16 Mar. 1870, Pa., died 4 May 1937, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 7 May 1937, Graysville, Pa., aged 67 yrs. 1 mo. 18 dys., retired farmer, white, widowed, male, residence Wheeling, father James [sic] Riggs, born Pa., mother Gilbert, born Pa., spouse Ella Whitlatch, FHL 857615, also FHL 1983277 where he is “Methias” Riggs with spouse Ella “Witlatch.”

1185. W.Va. *Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Emma Riggs Connelly, about 1873, died 6 Dec. 1957, New Martinsville, Wetzel Co., W.Va., aged 84, white, widowed, female, father Jacob Riggs, mother Mary Jane Gilbert, FHL 8539974, also FHL 2074138.

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- 645 vii **SAMUEL B.⁷ RIGGS**, born Sept. 1886, Pennsylvania.
- 646 viii **BRUIN/BRUCE C.⁷ RIGGS**, born Nov. 1889, Pennsylvania.
- 647 ix **WILLIAM B.⁷ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1893, Pennsylvania.

314. HENRY H.⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₄*James*⁵, ?*James*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 9 June 1847 (or June 1848 by 1900 census), Pennsylvania, died 24 Jan. 1930, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., and was buried 28 Jan. 1930 in Greenwood Cem.^[1186] He married about 1871 **ANNA JANE YOUNG**,^[1187] who was born 16 Oct. 1852, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Jane (Cunningham) Young, and died 5 Feb. 1933, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., and was buried 8 Feb. 1933 in Greenwood Cem.^[1188]

In 1880 Henry H. Riggs, 33, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with his wife, Annie, 27, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, William, 9, and daughters, Florence, 4, and Berthe, 1, all three born in Pennsylvania. James Riggs, 66, resided nearby, and Zedkiah Riggs, 21, next door.^[1189]

In 1900 Henry H. Riggs, 51, “Enlarge Picture Dealer” born June 1848 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Center District, Ohio Co., W.Va., with his wife of 29 years, Anna, 47, born Oct. 1852 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughter, Bertha J., 19, a dressmaker born Nov. 1880 in Pennsylvania, and sons, Arthur R., 15, a tin mill roller born Oct. 1884 in Pennsylvania, and “Russel” Goff,

1186. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Henry H. Riggs, born 9 June 1847, Pa., died 24 Jan. 1930, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 28 Jan. 1930, Greenwood Cem., aged 82 yrs. 7 mo. 15 dys., retired medicine salesman, white, married, male, residence 2600 Moyston St., father James Riggs, born Pa., mother Susanna Ernest, born Pa., spouse Annie Jane Young, FHL 857607.

1187. Her middle name is from her husband's death record.

1188. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Annie Young Riggs, born 16 Oct. 1852, Pa., died 5 Feb. 1933, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 8 Feb. 1933, Greenwood Cem., aged 80 yrs. 3 mos. 19 dys., white, widowed, female, residence 2600 Moyston St., Wheeling, father “Wm.” Young, born N.Y., mother Jane Cunningham, born N.Y., spouse Henry H. Riggs, FHL 857610, also FHL 1953772.

1189. U.S. census, 1880, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 83, r. 1133, p. 370B, dw. 236, fam. 240. James resided in dw. 232 and Zedkiah in dw. 235.

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13, a tin mill catcher born Oct. 1886 in West Virginia, and daughter, Florence Sauvageot, 23, born June 1876 in Pennsylvania, and granddaughter, Ethel Sauvageot, 6, born Feb. 1894 in West Virginia of a father born in West Virginia, and a boarder, Charles W. Drayer, 28, born May 1871, a teamster born in Ohio of German natives. Anna had had six children, with five surviving. Florence had been married six years and had had one child, and it survived.^[1190]

In 1910 Henry H. Riggs, 62, “Enlarge Picture Dealer” born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Center District, Ohio Co., W.Va., with his wife of 29 years, Annie, 57, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. Next door resided Roy Arthur Riggs, 26, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, with his wife of two years, Della, 21, born in Ohio of Ohio natives. Next to him was Russell G. Riggs, 24, born in West Virginia of Pennsylvania natives, with his wife of two years, Augusta, born in West Virginia of Pennsylvania natives. August is listed as having had two children, but the “surviving” column is empty.^[1191]

Known children of six:

- 648 i **WILLIAM**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1871, Pennsylvania.
- 649 ii **FLORENCE ROSELLA**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 4 June 1876, Pennsylvania, died 26 July 1969, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 29 July 1969, Wheeling,^[1192] married (1) about 1894 — **SAUVAGEOT**, and had one child: (1) Ethel⁸ Sauvageot, born Feb. 1894, West Virginia. Florence married (2) after the 1900 census — **WEST**.
- 650 iii **BERTHA J.**⁷ **RIGGS**, born Nov. 1880, Pennsylvania.

1190. U.S. census, 1900, Center District, Ohio Co., W.Va., ED 110, r. 1768, p. 104, sh. 7B, dw. 147, fam. 161.

1191. U.S. census, 1910, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., ED 131, r. 1692, p. 203, sh. 8B, dw. 196, fam. 196. Roy resided in dw. 197 and Russell in dw. 198.

1192. W.Va. *Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Florence Rosella Riggs West, born 4 June 1876, Pa., died 26 July 1969, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 29 July 1969, Wheeling, aged 93, housewife, white, widowed, female, residence Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., father Henry Riggs, born Pa., mother Anna Young, born W.Va., spouse Evelyn Grim, FHL 857811, also FHL 1992290.

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- 651 iv **ARTHUR ROY⁷ RIGGS**, born 23 Oct. 1884,^[1193] Greene Co., Pa., died 23 Apr. 1950, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 26 Apr. 1950, Greenwood Cem.,^[1194] married about 1908 **DELLA** —, born about 1889, Ohio.
- 652 v **RUSSELL GOFF⁷ RIGGS**, born 22 Oct. 1886, Board Tree, W.Va.,^[1195] or Greene Co., Pa., died 25 Jan. 1958, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va.,^[1196] married about 1908 **AUGUSTA** —, born about 1889, West Virginia, and had at least three children.

314. JAMES L.⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₄*James*⁵, ?*James*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born about 1852, Pennsylvania. He married **NANCY** —, who was born about 1857, Pennsylvania.

In 1880 James L. Riggs, 28, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with his wife, Nancy, 23, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, Albert, 4, and daughters, Lucy, 2, and Clara, 8/12, all three born in Pennsylvania. James Riggs, 66, resided nearby, and Zedkiah Riggs, 21, next door.^[1197]

Children:

- 653 i **ALBERT⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1876, Pennsylvania.
- 654 ii **LUCY⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1878, Pennsylvania.

1193. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Arthur Roy Riggs, 33, of Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., born 23 Oct. 1884, motorman, nearest relative Mrs. Della Riggs, of the same address, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Wheeling.

1194. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, A. Roy Riggs, born 23 Oct. 1884, Greene Co., Pa., died 23 Apr. 1950, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 26 Apr. 1950, Greenwood Cem., aged 65 yrs. 6 mos., policeman in Wheeling, white, married, male, residence Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., father Henry Riggs, mother Anna Young, FHL 857635, also FHL 1984144.

1195. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Russell G. Riggs, 30, of Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., born 22 Oct. 1886, tin worker, wife and three children, registered 5 June 1917, Ohio Co.

1196. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Henry H. Riggs, born 22 Oct. 1886, Greene Co., Pa., died 25 Jan. 1958, Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 28 Jan. 1958, Wheeling, aged 71 yrs., white, married, male, father Henry H. Riggs, mother Annie **White**, FHL 857650, also FHL 2074139.

1197. U.S. census, 1880, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 83, r. 1133, p. 370B, dw. 234, fam. 238. James resided in dw. 232. Zedkiah resided in dw. 235.

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655 iii CLARA⁷ RIGGS, born about 1879, Pennsylvania.

316. GEORGE WASHINGTON⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₄James⁵, ?James⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 29 Oct. 1856 (death certificate), Pennsylvania, died 17 Apr. 1926, Barnett, Forest Co., Pa.,^[1198] and was buried in Greenwood, Pa. He married 3 Feb. 1883, Mt. Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa.,^[1199] **LUCINDA WARRICK [WORICK]**, who was born 15 Mar. 1860 (1900 census), **Greene Co.**, Pennsylvania, **daughter probably** of William and Mary Jane (–) Warrick,^[1200] and died after the 1930 census **20 Oct. 1931, Barnett, Forest Co., Pa., and was buried 22 Oct. 1931, Greenwood Cem., Forest Co., Pa.**

In 1900 “Geo” W. Riggs, 43, a farmer born Oct. 1856 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with his wife of 17 years, Lucinda, 40, born Mar. 1860 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughter, Mary M., 16, born Nov. 1883, son, Spencer A., 15, born Apr. 1885, daughters, Austie R., 13, born Dec. 1886, and Susannah, 11, born Aug. 1888, son, “Geo” D., 10, born Mar. 1890, daughters, Sina E., 8, born Oct. 1891, Hazel O., 7, born Mar. 1893, and Myrtle, 5, born Nov. 1894, and sons, Lewis H., 4,

1198. Death certificate, Pa. Division of Vital Records, no. [0?]/7123, certified copy no. 019187 made 29 May 1996, George Washington Riggs, died 17 Apr. 1926, Hottleville, Barnett Co., Pa., male, white, married, born 29 Oct. 1856, Pa., aged 69 yrs. 5 mos. 29 dys., a farmer, father James Riggs, born U.S., mother “Susana” Earnest, born U.S., informant George D. Riggs of Hottleville, Pa., place of burial or removal Greenwood, Pa., digital image courtesy of descendant Lynn⁹ Riggs.

1199. Marriage certificate, George W. Riggs of “Green Co Penna” to Lucinda “Worrick of Green Co Penna,” 3 Feb. 1883, at “Mt Carmel,” witnesses “George masters and annie Earnest,” by “A. J. Flowers | of the W. Pa Elder Ship,” digital image courtesy of descendant Lynn⁹ Riggs.

1200. U.S. census, 1870, Rogersville PO, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., r. 1348, p. 422B, dw. 209, fam. 209, lists William Warrick, 34, born Pa., Mary Jane, 30, born Pa., with five children including Lucinda, 10, born Pa., nearby was Edward Riggs, 25, dw. 212; U.S. census, 1880, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 83, r. 1133, p. 396D, dw. 212, fam. 216, lists William “Worick,” 46, born Pa., wife, Mary J., 40, born Pa., with 10 children including Lucinda, 20, born Pa.; U.S. census, 1850, New Freeport PO, Springfield Twp., Greene Co., Pa., r. 1114, p. 773, dw. 176, fam. 171, lists “Wm. Works,” 24, born Pa., Mary J., 20, born Pa., with “Pheba J.,” 5/12, born Pa., which if correctly identified implies Lucinda was called Phebe at first (enumerated 3 Sept. 1860, which fits Lucinda’s birthdate of Mar. 1860).

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born May 1896, and “Cha” R., 1, born June 1898, all 10 born in Pennsylvania. Lucinda had had 10 children, with 10 surviving. There are several Riggs families nearby.^[1201]

In 1910 George Riggs, 55, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Huttonsville, Randolph Co., W.Va., with his wife of 30 years, Lucinda, 50, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughters, Sina, 17, and Myrtle, 14, sons, Lewis, 12, Russell, 11, “Acey,” 8, all five born in Pennsylvania and “Murl,” 7, born in West Virginia, and also his daughter, Hazel Kimble, 19, married one year and having had no children. Lucinda had had 12 children, with 12 surviving. David Riggs, 21, resided next door (q.v.).^[1202]

In 1920 “Geo” W. Riggs, 63, a [farmer?] born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Huttonsville, Randolph Co., W.Va., with his wife, Lucinda, 58, born in Pennsylvania of U.S. natives, and with his daughters, Sina E., 28, and Myrtle A., 25, sons, Lewis A., 23, and Asa “T.,” 19, all four born in Pennsylvania and Leslie M., 16, born in [Virginia?]. Next door was David “L.” Riggs, 29 (q.v.).^[1203]

In 1930 Lucinda Riggs, 71, a widow born in Pennsylvania of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Barnett, Forest Co., Pa., in the household of her son, Lewis H. Riggs, 34, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his wife, Olivia R., 17, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his son, Merle L., 1 4/12, and daughter, Mary O., 1/12, both born in Pennsylvania, and with his (Lewis’s) sister, Myrtle, 35, and brother, Asa S., both born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania, and nieces, Ruth M., 6, and “Susana” M., 3 1/12, both born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania

1201. U.S. census, 1900, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 101, r. 1414, p. 227, sh. 1A-B, dw. 9, fam. 9.

1202. U.S. census, 1910, Huttonsville, Randolph Co., W.Va., ED 119, r. 1696, pp. 96-97, sh. 18B-19A, dw. 338, fam. 345. David resided in dw. 339.

1203. U.S. census, 1920, Huttonsville, Randolph Co., W.Va., ED 153, r. 1971, p. 84, sh. 3B, dw. 48, fam. 48. David resided in dw. 47. This item difficult to read in areas.

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natives. Lucinda was first married at 22, Lewis at 31, and Olivia at 14. Next door was David G. Riggs, 40 (q.v.).^[1204]

Children:

- 656 i MARY M.⁷ RIGGS, born 26 Nov. 1883, Pennsylvania.
- 657 ii SPENCER A.⁷ RIGGS, born 18 Apr. 1885, Pennsylvania, died 17 Dec. 1962, buried 19 Dec. 1962, Cook Cem.
- 658 iii AUSTIE R.⁷ RIGGS, born 25 Dec. 1886, Pennsylvania, died Dec. 1976, Ohio.
- 659 iv SUSANNAH⁷ RIGGS, born 6 Aug. 1888, Pennsylvania.
- + 660 v GEORGE DAVID [or DAVID GEORGE]⁷ RIGGS, born 8 Mar. 1890, Ned, Greene Co., Pa., married ALICE MADORA —, and had five children.
- 661 vi SINA E.⁷ RIGGS, born 13 Oct. 1891, Pennsylvania.
- 662 vii HAZEL O.⁷ RIGGS, born 14 Mar. 1893, Pennsylvania, married about 1909 — KIMBLE, died Oct. 1986, buried Greenwood Cem., Forest Co., Pa.
- 663 viii MYRTLE A.⁷ RIGGS, born 3 Nov. 1894, Pennsylvania, died 21 Nov. 1962, Barnett, Forest Co., Pa., buried Greenwood Cem., Forest Co., Pa.
- 664 ix LEWIS HENRY⁷ RIGGS, born 14 May 1896, Ned, Greene Co., Pa.,^[1205] died 28 May 1981, last residence Franklin, Venango Co., Pa.,^[1206] married OLIVIA R. —, born about 1913, Pennsylvania, and had at least two children: (1) Merle L.⁸ Riggs, born about 1929, Pennsylvania; and (2) Mary O.⁸ Riggs, born about 1930, Pennsylvania.

1204. U.S. census, 1930, Barnett, Forest Co., Pa., ED 1, r. 2042, p. 97, sh. 4A, dw. 65, fam. 66. David resided in dw. 66.

1205. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Lewis Henry Riggs, 21, of Elkwater, Randolph Co., W.Va., born 14 May 1896, Ned, Pa., employer G. W. Riggs, registered 5 June 1917, Randolph Co., W.Va.; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Lewis Henry Riggs, 45, of Marionville, Forest Co., Pa., born 14 May 1896, “Green” Co., Pa., relative who will always know his address Mrs. Olivia Riggs of same address, registered 27 Apr. 1942, Charleroi, Washington Co., Pa.

1206. SSDI, Lewis Riggs, SSN 169-14-6647, born 14 May 1896, died May 1981, last residence 16323 Franklin, Venango Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

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- 665 x CHARLES RUSSELL⁷ RIGGS, born 25 June 1898,^[1207] Pennsylvania, died 4 July 1974. He is possibly the Charles Riggs who died July 1974, last residence Coalport, Clearfield Co., Pa. (but born 14 June 1898).^[1208]
- 666 xi ASA SMITH/SMYTH⁷ RIGGS, born 17 July 1900,^[1209] Pennsylvania, died 14 Aug. 1961, Barnett, Forest Co., Pa., buried Greenwood Cem., Forest Co., Pa.
- + 667 xii MERLE LESLIE⁷ RIGGS, born 11 May 1903, Elkins, Randolph Co., West Virginia, married (1) IVA —, and had two children, married (2) JOSEPHINE VASBINDER, and had three children.

321. JEREMIAH⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₅Henry⁵, ?James⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born May 1841 (1900 census), Pennsylvania, died after the 1915 Iowa census, and was buried in the Forest Cem., Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Iowa.^[1210] He married about 1867 CATHARINE CLARISSA GRIM,^[1211] who was born June 1847 (1900 census), Pennsylvania.

On 23 Dec. 1867 Jeremiah Riggs applied for a Civil War pension, and it was granted. His widow Catharine filed for her pension on 10 Feb. 1915 from Iowa.^[1212]

1207. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Charles Russell Riggs, 20, of Elkwater, Randolph Co., W.Va., born 25 June 1898, employer Wilson Lumber Co., nearest relative Elva Rachel Riggs of Elkwater, W.Va., registered 12 Sept. 1918, Elkins, Randolph Co., W.Va.

1208. SSDI, Charles Riggs, SSN 206-05-0053, born 14 June 1898, died July 1974, last residence 16627 Coalport, Clearfield Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1209. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Asa Smith Riggs, 18, of Elkwater, Randolph Co., W.Va., born 17 July 1900, employer “Geo” W. Riggs, nearest relative “Geo” W. Riggs of Elkwater, W.Va., registered 12 Sept. 1918, Elkins, Randolph Co., W.Va., signed Asa “Smyth” Riggs.

1210. *Find a Grave*, no. 15592469, no photograph, Forest Cem., Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Iowa, **unsourced** data: “Birth: Apr. 10, 1840 | Death: Feb. 2, 1915,” and **apparently** this inscription: “Civil War Vet | Co B W.V. Cav.”

1211. Her full name from her daughter Emma’s birth record (q.v.).

1212. Civil War pension application card, Jeremiah Riggs, service “B 1 W Va Cav,” applied 23 Dec. 1867 for invalid’s pension, application 130496, certificate 91712, Catharine, his widow, applied 10 Feb. 1915, application 1041567, certificate 794[4?]33, filed from Iowa [found on *Find a Grave*].

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In 1870 Jeremiah Riggs, 28, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$300 real and \$100 personal estates, resided in Claysville, West Finley Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Catharine C., 23, born in Pennsylvania, and with his son, William G., 8/12, born Oct. in Pennsylvania.^[1213]

In 1880 Jeremiah Riggs, 38, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Black Oak Twp., Mehaska Co., Iowa, with his wife, Catharine, 33, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, William, 10, and daughters, Mary, 8, Alice, 7, Elizabeth, 4, and Margaret, 2, all five born in Pennsylvania.^[1214]

In 1900 Jeremiah Riggs, 59, a coal miner born May 1841 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Black Oak Twp., Mehaska Co., Iowa, with his wife of 33 years, Catharine, 52, born June 1847 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughters, Elizabeth M., 24 [crossed out with 23 written above], born Aug. 1876 in Pennsylvania, Emma E., 19, born Jan. 1881 in Iowa, and Alice Bell Brill, 26, born Mar. 1874 in Pennsylvania, his grandson, "Harald" F. Brill, 1/12, born Apr. 1900 in Iowa of a father born in Iowa, and his sons, R. "Fanklin" Riggs, 17, born Apr. 1883, and Earl A., 14, born Feb. 1886, daughter, "Leta" P., 9, born Oct. 1890, and son Ray R., 5, born June 1894, all four born in Iowa. Catharine had had 11 [sic] children, with three [sic] surviving. Elizabeth had been married three years, and had had one child, not surviving. Alice had been married 2/12 years, and had had the one child, surviving.^[1215]

In 1910 Jeremiah Riggs, 69, a coal miner born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Oskaloosa Twp., Mehaska Co., Iowa, with his wife of 42 years, "Cathrine," 61, born in Pennsylvania of Penn-

1213. U.S. census, 1870, Claysville PO, West Finley Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1463, p. 425A, dw. 205, fam. 205.

1214. U.S. census, 1880, Black Oak Twp., Mehaska Co., Iowa, ED 171, r. 353, p. 280A, dw. 5, fam. 5.

1215. U.S. census, 1900, Black Oak Twp., Mehaska Co., Iowa, ED 57, r. 448, p. 17, sh. 10A-B, dw. 168, fam. 171.

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sylvania natives, and with his sons, “Frank,” 28, and Earl, 24, daughter, Letta, 20, a telephone operator, and son Ray, 15, all four born in Iowa. Catharine had had 10 children, with eight surviving.^[1216]

In 1915 Jeremiah Riggs, 74, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Oskaloosa, Mahaska Twp., Iowa, having resided in Iowa 60 years.^[1217]

Children:

- 668 i **WILLIAM G.⁷ RIGGS**, born Oct. 1869, Pennsylvania.
- 669 ii **MARY⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1872, Pennsylvania.
- 670 iii **ALICE BELL⁷ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1874, Pennsylvania, married 21 Apr. 1900, Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Iowa,^[1218] **BERT E. BRILL**, born about 1875, son of J. R. and Lucy (Ellis) Brill, and had one child: (1) Harold F.⁸ Brill, born Apr. 1900, Iowa.
- 671 iv **ELIZABETH M.⁷ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1876, Pennsylvania, married about 1897 an unknown person, and had one child who died young.
- 672 v **MARGARETT⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1878, Pennsylvania.
- 673 vi **EMMA ELIZA⁷ RIGGS**, born Jan. 1881, Iowa.^[1219]
- 674 vii **R. FRANKLIN⁷ RIGGS**, born Apr. 1883, Iowa.
- 675 viii **EARL ARMSTRONG⁷ RIGGS**, born Feb. 1886, Iowa.^[1220]
- 676 ix **LETTA P.⁷ RIGGS**, born Oct. 1890, Iowa.
- 677 x **RAY R.⁷ RIGGS**, born June 1894, Iowa, died 1984, buried in Forest Cem., Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Iowa,^[1221] married **MARY A. —**, born 1896, died 1969, and buried by her husband.

1216. U.S. census, 1910, Oskaloosa Twp., Mahaska Co., Iowa, ED 72, r. 412, p. 33, sh. 14A, dw. 77, fam. 79.

1217. Iowa census, 1915, Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Iowa, r. 325, card a500.

1218. *Iowa Marriages, 1809–1992*, Alice B. Riggs, 26, born 1874, father Jeremiah Riggs, mother Catharine Grim, to Bert E. Brill, 25, born 1875, father J. R. Brill, mother Lucy Ellis, on 21 Apr. 1900, Oskaloosa, Iowa [FHL 985384].

1219. *Iowa Births and Christenings, 1830–1950*, Emma Eliza Riggs, father Jeremiah Riggs, mother Catharine Clarissa Grim [FHL 977576].

1220. *Iowa Births and Christenings, 1830–1950*, Earl Armstrong Riggs, father Jeremiah Riggs, mother Catharine “Clarisey Grimm” Riggs [FHL 977576].

1221. *Find a Grave*, no. 22651863, gravestone photograph, by Bob and Nancy Cannon, Forest

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326. ELI⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₅*Henry*⁵, ?*James*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 12 Sept. 1856, Greene Co., Pa., died 17 Oct. 1936, Liberty District, Ohio Co., W.Va., and was buried 20 Oct. 1936, Greene Co., Pa.^[1222] He married about 1880 **EVELYN/EVELINE GRIM**, who was born Oct. 1859 (1900 census), Pennsylvania.

In 1900 Eli Riggs, 42, a farmer born Sept. 1857 in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in West Virginia, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with his wife of 20 years, Eveline, 40, born Oct. 1859 in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, and with his son, Warren, 19, born May 1881, daughter, Verona, 16, born Apr. 1884, son, Roscoe, 14, born May 1886, and daughter, Olive, 11, born June 1888, all four born in Pennsylvania. Eveline had had eight children, with five surviving. Next door were “Cyntha” Riggs, 56, and Zedekiah Riggs, 42, and nearby was William Plants.^[1223]

Known children, of eight:

- 678 i **WARREN⁷ RIGGS**, born May 1881, Pennsylvania.
- 679 ii **VERONA⁷ RIGGS**, born Apr. 1884, Pennsylvania.
- 680 iii **ROSCOE⁷ RIGGS**, born May 1886, Pennsylvania.
- 681 iv **OLIVE⁷ RIGGS**, born June 1888, Pennsylvania.

327. ZEDEKIAH K.⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₅*Henry*⁵, ?*James*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹)^[1224] was born Jan. 1858 (1900 census), Pennsylvania or West Virginia. He married (1) about 1876 **CAROLINE PLANTS**, who was born

Cem., Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Iowa, “Riggs | Ray R. | 1894–1984 || Mary A. | 1896–1969.”

1222. W.Va. *Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Eli Riggs, born 12 Sept. 1856, Greene Co., Pa., died 17 Oct. 1936, Liberty District, Ohio Co., W.Va., buried 20 Oct. 1936, Greene Co., Pa., aged 80 yrs. 1 mo. 5 dys., retired farmer, white, widowed, male, residence Wheeling, Ohio Co., W.Va., father Henry Riggs, born Greene Co., Pa., mother “Snythi” Little, born W.Va., spouse Evelyn Grim, FHL 857614.

1223. U.S. census, 1900, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 101, r. 1414, p. 230, sh. 4A, dw. 64 fam. 64. Cyntha resided in dw. 63, Zedekiah in dw. 65, William Plants in dw. 62.

1224. Middle initial from his son William’s marriage license.

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Feb. 1853 (1900 census), Pennsylvania or West Virginia, and died 2 Aug. 1933. He married (2) 23 Aug. 1937, Washington, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1225] **SYDNEY (MACKKEY) LYLE**, who was born about 1884, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles and Mary (White) Mackey. Her first husband died 27 Apr. 1934.

In 1880 “Zedkiah” Riggs, 21, a laborer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with his wife, Caroline, 26, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, Lewis, 2, and daughter, Elizabeth, 11/12, both born in Pennsylvania. Next door resided James L. Riggs, and the other way, Henry H. Riggs, 33 (both sons of James⁵).^[1226]

But in 1880 “Zedkiah” Riggs, 21, single, a farm laborer born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided with his father, Henry Riggs, 61, in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa. (q.v.). This implies, I think, that the Zedekiah in the preceding paragraph was a son of James⁵, different from this Zedekiah, son of Henry⁵.

In 1900 Zedekiah Riggs, 42, a farm laborer born Jan. 1858 in Pennsylvania of a father born in an unknown place and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., with his wife of 24 years, Caroline, 47, born Feb. 1853 in West Virginia of parents of unknown nativities, and with his daughter, Cynthia, 16, born Nov. 1883, and son, “W^m” McKinley, 3, born Apr. 1887, both born in Pennsylvania. Caroline had had eight children, with seven surviving. Next door was Eli Riggs, 42.^[1227]

1225. Marriage certificate, image online at *Pa. Co. Marriages, 1885–1950*, Z. K. Riggs, 81, minister, born Pa., of Fayette St., Washington, Pa., (previous wife died 2 Aug. 1933) to Sydney Lyle, 53, born Pa., of Washington, Pa., (previous husband died 27 Apr. 1934), 23 Aug. 1937 (license 19 Aug. 1937), 1035 Fayette St., Washington, Pa., no. 6509 (Series B), by Rev. Henry Riggs, his father Henry Riggs, deceased, born Pa., mother Caroline Little, dead, born Pa., her father Charles Mackey, dead, born Ill., mother Mary White, dead, born Pa.

1226. U.S. census, 1880, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 83, r. 1133, pp. 370B–371C, dw. 235, fam. 239. James L. resided in dw. 234, and Henry in dw. 236.

1227. U.S. census, 1900, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 101, r. 1414, p. 230, sh. 4A, dw. 65 fam. 65. Eli resided in dw. 64.

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Known children of eight:

- 682 i **LEWIS⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1878, Pennsylvania.
- 683 ii **ELIZABETH⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1879, Pennsylvania.
- 684 iii **CYNTHA⁷ RIGGS**, born Nov. 1883, Pennsylvania.
- 685 iv **WILLIAM MCKINLEY⁷ RIGGS**, born Apr. 1887, Pennsylvania, married (1) 20 Feb. 1915, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1228] **ETHEL ADAMS**, born about 1890 in West Virginia, daughter of Samuel Wilson and Phoebe (Sayre) Adams. They divorced 24 Apr. 1922, Washington Co., Pa. He married (2) 25 Apr. 1922, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1229] **OLIVE (SHAW) RHOADES**, born about 1899, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles and Eliza (Morris) Shaw.

329. LYDIA ANN⁶ RIGGS (₁₄₅Henry⁵, ?James⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 10 Oct. 1863, Greene Co., Pa., died 15 Oct. 1939, Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va., and was buried 18 Oct. 1939, Greenwood Cem.^[1230] She married about 1880 **WILLIAM PLANTS [PLANTZ]**, who was born 1861 (1900 census [month is empty]), Pennsylvania.

In 1900 “W^m” Plants, 38, a day laborer born 1861 [sic] in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa.,

1228. Marriage certificate, image online at *Pa. Co. Marriages, 1885–1950*, William Riggs, 18, mill worker, born W. Va., of 403 W Wylie Ave., Washington Co., Pa., to Ethel Adams, 15, born W. Va., of Canton Twp., Washington Co., Pa., 20 Feb. 1915, Washington, Pa., no. 24651, his father Zedekia K. Riggs, minister, born W. Va., of 403 W. Wylie Ave., mother Caroline Plants, born W. Va., her father Samuel Wilson Adams, born Greene Co., Pa., of Canton Twp., mother Phoebe Sayre, born W. Va., with consents for both.

1229. Marriage certificate and divorce decrees (William from Ethel and Olive Rhoades from Spencer Rhoades, 2 Jan. 1917, Greene Co., Pa.), images online at *Pa. Co. Marriages, 1885–1950*, William Riggs, 26, repairman, born Pa., of Oak Grove, Pa., to Ethel Adams, 15, born W. Va., of Canton Twp., Washington Co., Pa., 20 Feb. 1915, Washington, Pa., no. 32375, by Rev. Z. K. Riggs MG, his father Z. K. Riggs, minister, born Pa., of Oak Grove, mother Caroline Plants, born Pa., her father Charles Shaw, deceased, born Pa., mother Eliza Morris, born Pa., of Washington, Pa.

1230. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, Lydia Ann Riggs Plantz, born 10 Oct. 1863, Greene Co., Pa., died 15 Oct. 1939, Marshall Co., W.Va., buried 18 Oct. 1939, Greenwood Cem., aged 76 yrs. 5 dys., housewife, white, widowed, female, residence 1806 Virginia St., father Henry Riggs, born Greene Co., Pa., mother “Synthia” Little, born Greene Co., Pa., FHL 1983474, also FHL 853801, which gives her death place as Moundsville, Marshall Co., W.Va.

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with his wife of 20 years, Lydia, 37, born Aug. 1862 [*sic*] in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son Wesley, 18, born June 1881, daughters, Maggie, 16, born Aug. 1883, and Lizzie, 13, born May 1887, son, Brady, 10, born Nov. 1890, and daughter, Goldie, 2, born Mar. 1898, all five born in Pennsylvania. Lydia had had six children, with five surviving. Next door was “Cyntha” Riggs, 56.^[1231]

Known children of six:

- 686 i **WESLEY**⁷ **PLANTS**, born June 1881, Pennsylvania.
- 687 ii **MAGGIE**⁷ **PLANTS**, born Aug. 1883, Pennsylvania.
- 688 iii **LIZZIE**⁷ **PLANTS**, born May 1887, Pennsylvania.
- 689 iv **BRADY**⁷ **PLANTS**, born Nov. 1890, Pennsylvania.
- 690 v **GOLDIE**⁷ **PLANTS**, born Mar. 1898, Pennsylvania.

381. WILLIAM J.⁶ **RIGGS** (₁₆₇*Samuel*⁵, *Noah*⁴, *William*³, *?James*², *James*¹) was born 11 Nov. 1858, Hocking Co., Ohio,^[1232] died 22 Feb. 1924, Hocking Co., Ohio,^[1233] buried in Oak Grove Cem., Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio.^[1234] He married 1880 **LAURA J. WRIGHT**, who was born 2 Apr. 1859, Morrow Co., Ohio,^[1235] died 3 June 1921, and was buried next to her husband, and had at least six children. [See Find a Grave.](#)

In 1900 William J. Riggs, 41, a farmer born Nov. 1858 in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife of 20 years, Laura J., 41, born Apr. 1859 in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Ohio, and with his daughter, Imo L., 19, born Jan. 1881, sons, Samuel A., 14, born Oct. 1885, “Wily” M., 11, born June 1888, and Lester, 9,

1231. U.S. census, 1900, Springhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 101, r. 1414, p. 230, sh. 4A, dw. 62 fam. 62. Cyntha resided in dw. 63.

1232. His birthplace from his son Samuel Arthur’s death record (q.v.).

1233. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1932, 1938–1944, and 1958–2007*, “[code] 37 County Hocking Riggs William J [vol.] 4383 [certificate] 09650 [death date] 02 22 24.”

1234. *Find a Grave*, no. 34085582, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Oak Grove Cem., Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, “Riggs | William J. | Nov. 11, 1858 | Feb. 22, 1924 | Laura J. | Apr. 2, 1859 | June 3, 1921.”

1235. Her birthplace from her son Samuel Arthur’s death record (q.v.).

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born Mar. 1891, and daughters, Bessie, 7, born Jan. 1893, and Ura A., 1, born July 1898, all six born in Ohio. Laura had had seven children, with six surviving. Nearby resided Charles W. Riggs, 38.^[1236]

In 1910 William J. Riggs, 51, a teamster born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife of 30 years, Laura J., 51, born in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Ohio, and with his sons, "Willey" M., 21, a chaffeur, and Lester F., 19, a clay worker, and daughter, Bessie M., 17, a seamstress, all three born in Ohio. Laura had had seven children, with five surviving. Nearby was Arthur Riggs, 24, an odd jobs laborer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, with his wife of two years, Minnie A., 22, born in Ohio of Ohio natives. She had had no children.^[1237]

In 1920 William J. Riggs, 61, a pottery kiln setter born in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife, Laura J., 60, born in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Ohio.^[1238]

Known children of seven:

- 691 i **IMO L.⁷ RIGGS**, born Jan. 1881, Ohio.
- + 692 ii **SAMUEL ARTHUR⁷ RIGGS**, born 8 Oct. 1885, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, married **MARY/MINNIE A[MANDA?] APPLEMAN**, and had four children.
- + 693 iii **WILEY MORTON⁷ RIGGS**, born 24 June 1888, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, married **MARY ELSIE SHERMAN**, and had five children.
- 694 iv **LESTER F.⁷ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1891, Ohio.
- 695 v **BESSIE M.⁷ RIGGS**, born Jan. 1893, Ohio.
- 696 vi **URA A.⁷ RIGGS**, born July 1898, Ohio. She is not listed in the 1910 census so probably had died young.

1236. U.S. census, 1900, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 38, r. 1287, p. 251, sh. 2B, dw. 46, fam. 47. Charles resided in dw. 48.

1237. U.S. census, 1910, Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 84, r. 1199, p. 64, sh. 3B, dw. 75, fam. 78. Arthur resided in dw. 79.

1238. U.S. census, 1920, Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 40, r. 1399, p. 54, sh. 6B, dw. 161, fam. 200.

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382. CHARLES WESLEY⁶ RIGGS (₁₆₇*Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 16 July 1860 (death certificate), Hocking Co., Ohio, died 29 May 1935,^[1239] Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, and was buried 31 May 1935 in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Vinton Co., Ohio.^[1240] He married about 1889 **HATTIE L. MITCHELL**, who was born Sept. 1865, Ohio, daughter of Borzillar Mitchell, and died 1940, and was buried next to her husband.

In 1900 Charles W. Riggs, 38, a farmer born July 1861 in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife of 11 years, Hattie, 34, born Sept. 1865 in Ohio of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Ohio, and with his son, Paul, 9, born Jan. 1891 [perhaps 1890], his twin daughters, Martha and Sarah, 7, born Nov. 1893, all three born in Ohio, and his father-in-law, Borzillar Mitchell, 71, born July 1828 in Indiana of Maryland natives. Hattie had had three children, with three surviving. Nearby resided William J. Riggs, 41.^[1241]

Children:

- 697 i **PAUL⁷ RIGGS**, born Jan. 189[1], Ohio.
- 698 ii **MARTHA⁷ RIGGS** (twin), born Nov. 1893, Ohio.
- 699 iii **SARAH⁷ RIGGS** (twin), born Nov. 1893, Ohio.

383. MARGARET E.⁶ RIGGS (₁₆₇*Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born about 1862 (Dec. 1860 by the 1900 census but this conflicts

1239. Death certificate, Charles Wesley Riggs, State of Ohio, Dept. of Health, file no. 31531, reg. dist. no. 600, primary reg. dist. no. 4892, reg. no. 74, died 29 May 1935, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., aged 76 yrs. 10 mos. 13 dys., male, white, married to Hattie Riggs, he was born 16 July 1860, Hocking Co., Ohio, father Samuel Riggs, born W.Va., mother Sarah Johnston, born Hocking Co., Ohio, informant V. Floyd Riggs, of Logan, Ohio., buried 31 May 1935, Mt. Pleasant.

1240. *Find a Grave*, no. 34086676, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Vinton Co., Ohio, "Riggs | Hattie L. | 1865-1940 || Charles W. | 1860-1935."

1241. U.S. census, 1900, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 38, r. 1287, p. 251, sh. 2B, dw. 48, fam. 49. William resided in dw. 46.

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with Charles above), Ohio. He married — ALLEN, who died before the 1900 census.

Children:

700 i CLARANCE E. A.⁷ ALLEN, born Apr. 1885, Ohio.

701 ii CARRIE A.⁷ ALLEN, born Aug. 1888, Ohio.

384. ELIZA JANE⁶ RIGGS (₁₆₇*Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born about 1864, Ohio. She married (1) about 1884 [1892] an unknown person. She married (2) after the 1900 census **CLINTON JOHNSON**, who was born Feb. 1869 (1900 census), Ohio. Eliza was his second wife.

In 1900 Clinton Johnson, 31, a barber born Feb. 1869 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Greenfield, Madison Twp., Highland Co., Ohio, with his wife of 10 years, Fronia, 26, born Dec. 1873 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his daughter, Mary Eva, 8, born May 1892 in Ohio. Fronia had had three children with one surviving.^[1242]

In 1930 Clinton Johnson, 61, a barber born in Ohio of a father born in New York and a mother in Ohio, resided in Sabina, Richland Co., Ohio, with his wife, "Jennie," 66, and his sister-in-law, Ethel M. Hoskins, 50, a widow, both born in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio. Clinton was first married at age 21, and Jennie at 20 [perhaps 28].^[1243] By either marriage age for Jennie, Clinton was first married at a different time, about 1890. If she were 20 [28] at first marriage then that marriage occurred in about 1884 [1892].

385. ASBURY ORLANDO⁶ RIGGS (₁₆₇*Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 9 June 1866 (death certificate) or Jan. 1868 (1900 census), Hocking Co., Ohio, died 16 Apr. 1943, Logan, Hocking Co.,

1242. U.S. census, 1900, Greenfield, Madison Twp., Highland Co., Ohio, ED 122, r. 1286, pp. 214-15, sh. 7B-8A, dw. 188, fam. 189.

1243. U.S. census, 1930, Sabina, Richland Twp., Clinton Co., Ohio, ED 13, r. 1761, p. 169, sh. 11A, dw. 279, fam. 288.

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Ohio,^[1244] and was buried 18 Apr. 1943 in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Vinton Co., Ohio.^[1245] He married^[1246] about 1894 **VIOLA F. PRICE**, who was born June 1874, Ohio, died 5 Mar. 1943, and was buried next to her husband.

From an obituary:

Auto injuries prove fatal to Asbury Riggs Police Intensify Search For Driver of Hit-Skip Car Head and body injuries recieved Saturday night when he was struck by a hit-skip motorist at the corner of Market and Main Streets proved fatal for Asbury Riggs, 77, who died early friday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. M. W. (Tate) Schrader, West Hunter Street, where he was taken after the accident. . . . The victim[']s wife, Viola Price Riggs, who suffered similar injuries a year ago when struck by a car on Hunter Street, died on March 5. Three daughters and one son survive: Mrs. Schrader, of Logan; Mrs. Iva Wolfinger, of Lancaster; Miss Mary Riggs, of Columbus, and Private Orlando P. Riggs, who was called from his post at Camp Shank N. Y. and arrived here Thursday evening while his father was still conscious. Three sisters, and two brothers also survive: Mrs. Ethel Hoskins, living now at 94 East Hunter Street; Mrs. W. T. Hainsworth, of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Clinton Johnson, of Sabina; Frank Riggs, of Logan, and Samuel, of Mt. Pleasant. Rev. A. N. Grueser, of the United Brethren Church, will conduct the last services in the chapel of the Heinlein Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and internment will be made in Mt. Pleasant cemetery.^[1247]

1244. Death certificate, Asbury [sic] Orlando Riggs, State of Ohio, Dept. of Health, file no. 24785, reg. dist. no. 600, primary reg. dist. no. 8250, reg. no. 47, died 16 Apr. 1943, Logan, Hocking Co., aged 77 yrs. 3 mos. 7 dys., male, white, widower by Viola Riggs, he was born 9 June 1866, Hocking Co., Ohio, father Samuel Riggs, born W.Va., mother Sarah Johnston, born Hocking Co., Ohio, informant Mrs. Agnes S[schrader?], of Logan, Ohio., buried 18 Apr. 1943, Mt. Pleasant.

1245. *Find a Grave*, no. 6138398, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Vinton Co., Ohio, "Riggs | Asbury [sic] O. | 1866-1943 || Viola F. | 1874-1943."

1246. Asbury Riggs and Viola F. Price are listed as the parents of daughter Agnes Maybelle in her marriage certificate (q.v.)

1247. Obit., *The Logan Daily News*, **unknown date**, posted online at *Find a Grave*.

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In 1900 Asbury Riggs, 32, a farmer born Jan. 1868 in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife of six years, Viola F., 25, born June 1874 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughters, Agnes M., 5, born Dec. 1894, and Mary A., 2, born June 1897, and son, "Alonzo" P., 10/12, born July 1899, all three born in Ohio. Viola had had three children, with three surviving.^[1248]

In 1910 Orlando As. Riggs, 42, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife of 16 years, Viola F., 35, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughters, Agnes M., 14, and Mary A., 12, and son, Orlando P. "Jr.," 10, and daughters, Iva E., 8, and Esther D., 4, all five born in Ohio. Viola had had five children, with five surviving.^[1249]

In 1920 Asbury Riggs, 54, a saw mill operator born in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife, Viola F., 45, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his son, "Palmer O.," 20, and daughter, Esther D., 14, both born in Ohio. There was also a hired man in the household.^[1250]

In 1930 Asbury Riggs, 62, a farm laborer born in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife, Viola, 56, born in Ohio of Ohio natives.^[1251]

Children:

1248. U.S. census, 1900, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 38, r. 1287, p. 255, sh. 7A, dw. 135, fam. 137.

1249. U.S. census, 1910, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 99, r. 1199, p. 258, sh. 5B, dw. 112, fam. 113.

1250. U.S. census, 1920, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 57, r. 1399, p. 247, sh. 2B, dw. 41, fam. 41.

1251. U.S. census, 1930, Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 5, r. 1822, p. 226, sh. 4B, dw. 94, fam. 98.

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- + 702 i AGNES MABLE [MAYBELLE]⁷ RIGGS, born 22 Dec. 1894, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, married MYNROD [MYROD] WILFORD SCHRADER, and had at least six children.
- 703 ii MARY ANN⁷ RIGGS, born 15 June 1897, Hocking Co., Ohio, died 31 July 1997, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio,^[1252] married — BROCKMAN.
- 704 iii ORLANDO PALMER⁷ RIGGS, born 2 July 1899, Hocking Co., Ohio, died 18 Mar. 1983, Mt. Pleasant, buried 21 Mar. 1983, Riverside Cem.

An obituary:

Orlando Palmer Riggs, 83, of Mt Pleasant, died Friday March 18, 1983, at his home. Services are scheduled for 3:30 p.m., today at the Stinson-Helms Funeral Home in Mt Pleasant, with the Rev. Gordon Spalenka officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home until the time of service. Mr. Riggs was born July 2, 1899 in Hocking County, Ohio to Orlando Asberry [sic] and Viola Florence (Price) Riggs. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he worked for many years as a driller and mechanic in the oil fields. Surviving are three sisters, Iva Wolfinger of Miami Beach, Florida, Agnes Schrader and Mary Brockman, both of Columbus, Ohio and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Doris Steel.^[1253]

- 705 iv IVA ELLEN⁷ RIGGS, born about 1902, Ohio, married — WOLFINGER.
- 706 v ESTHER DORIS⁷ RIGGS, born about 1906, Ohio, married — STEEL.

388. SAMUEL GRANT⁶ RIGGS (₁₆₇Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 30 Mar. 1873 (but compare 2 Apr. 1873^[1254] and 2 Apr.

1252. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1932, 1938–1944, and 1958–2007*, Mary Ann Brockman, father's surname Riggs, mother's maiden name Price, born 15 June 1897, Hocking Co., Ohio, died 31 July 1997, Park Medical Hospital, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, widow, female, aged 100 years, SSN 275-01-8319.

1253. Obit., "Copied from a Michigan paper March 21, 1983," unnamed newspaper, posted online at <Ancestry.com>.

1254. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Samuel Grant Riggs, 45, of Orland, Vinton Co.,

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1874 (death certificate and marriage certificate)), Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio,^[1255] died 12 Aug. 1944,^[1256] Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio,^[1257] and was buried 14 Aug. 1944 in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Vinton Co., Ohio.^[1258] He married 12 Feb. 1899, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio,^[1259] **BERTHA H. HORN**, who was born Feb. 1882 (1900 census), daughter of William A. and Hattie (Huggins) Horn, and died 1908, and was buried next to her husband.

In 1900 Samuel G. Riggs, 27, a farm laborer born Apr. 1873 in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with wife of two years, Bertha "L.," 18, born Feb. 1882 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his son, "Chancy H.," 8/12, born Sept. 1899 in Ohio. Bertha had had one child, and it survived.^[1260]

Ohio, born 2 Apr. 1873, laborer, employer A[rt?] Riggs of Orland, nearest relative "Chancey" Riggs, of Orland, registered 12 Sept. 1918, McArthur, Vinton Co., Ohio.

1255. *Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, Samuel Grant Riggs, male, born 30 Mar. 1873, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, white, father Samuel Riggs, mother Sarah Johnston [FHL 912314].

1256. Death certificate, Samuel Grant Riggs, State of Ohio, Dept. of Health, file no. 49737, reg. dist. no. 392, primary reg. dist. no. 8187, reg. no. 3366, resident of Mt. Pleasant, Vinton Co., died 12 Aug. 1944, Columbus, Franklin Co., aged 70 yrs. 4 mos. 10 dys., male, white, widower of Bertha Riggs, he was born 2 Apr. 1874, Hocking Co., Ohio, father Samuel Riggs, born W.Va., mother Sarah Johnston, born Ohio, informant "Chaunsey" Riggs, of Columbus, Ohio., buried 14 Aug. 1944, Mt. Pleasant.

1257. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1932, 1938–1944, and 1958–2007*, Samuel Riggs, died 12 Aug. 1944, Columbus, Franklin Co.

1258. *Find a Grave*, no. 34086308, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cem., Vinton Co., Ohio, "Riggs | Bertha G. | 1882–1908 || Samuel G. | 1873–1944 | parents of Chauncey, Ray, Opal & Pearl."

1259. *Ohio, County Marriages, 1790–1950*, no. 13011, image of marriage license and certificate, Probate Court, Hocking Co., Ohio, Samuel G. Riggs to Bertha H. Horn, no. 454, Samuel G. Riggs, 24, on 2 Apr. 1898, residence Swan, Hocking Co., birthplace Swan, farmer, father Samuel Riggs, mother Sarah Johnston, not previously married, Bertha H. Horn, 18, on 7 Feb. 1899, residence Swan, birthplace Swan, housekeeper, father William Horn, mother Hattie Huggins, not previously married, not a widow nor divorced, licensed 10 Feb. 1899, married 12 Feb. 1899, by E. G. Martin, JP, recorded 14 Feb. 1899.

1260. U.S. census, 1900, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 38, r. 1287, p. 257, sh. 9A,

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In 1920 Samuel G. Riggs, 46, widower, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio. Nearby was Opal I. Riggs, 15, residing in the household of her grandfather, William A. Horn, 72, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his wife, Harriet, 72, born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Virginia. Next door was “Chancey G.” Riggs, 20, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, with his wife, Callie E., 20, born in Ohio of Ohio natives.^[1261]

In 1930 Samuel G. Riggs, 57, widower, a sawmill timber cutter born in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in Swan Twp., Vinton Co., Ohio, with his son, Raymond H., 25, a highway laborer born in Ohio of a mother born in Ohio. Next door was George W. Riggs, 60, divorced, a sawmill laborer born in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio.^[1262]

Children (in gravestone order):

- 707 i **CHAUNCEY A.⁷ RIGGS**, born 30 Sept. 1899, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio.^[1263] married **CALLIE E. —**, who was born about 1900, Ohio.
- 708 ii **RAYMOND H.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1905, Ohio
- 709 iii **OPAL I.⁷ RIGGS**, born 27 Oct. 1904, Ohio,^[1264] died 16 Mar. 1995, Polk Co., Fla.,^[1265] married — **GROVE**, who died before her.
- 710 iv **PEARL⁷ RIGGS**.

dw. 193, fam. 195.

1261. U.S. census, 1920, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 57, r. 1399, p. 246, sh. 1A, dw. 7, fam. 7. Opal resided in dw. 3. Chancey resided in dw. 8.

1262. U.S. census, 1930, Swan Twp., Vinton Co., Ohio, ED 13, r. 1886, p. 190, sh. 4B, dw. 114, fam. 114. George resided in dw. 113.

1263. *Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, Chancey [sic] A. Riggs, male, born 30 Sept. 1899, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, white, father Samuel G. Riggs, mother Bertha G. Hern [FHL 912315].

1264. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1932, 1938–1944, and 1958–2007*, Opal Grove, born 27 Oct. 1904, Ohio, female, white, died 16 Mar. 1995, out of state hospital, SSN 277-62-8517, father’s surname Riggs, widowed.

1265. *Fla. Death Index, 1877–1998*, Opal Grove, born 27 Oct. 1904, died 16 Mar. 1995, Polk Co., Fla., age 90, white.

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389. NOAH FRANKLIN⁶ RIGGS (¹⁶⁷*Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 17 Jan. 1877, Washington Twp., Ohio,^[1266] died 16 Mar. 1949, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio,^[1267] and was buried 18 Mar. 1949, Oak Grove Cem., Logan.^[1268] He married 25 Feb. 1903, Hocking Co., Ohio,^[1269] **CLARA HANSEL**, who was born 7 Mar. 1877, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, daughter of Philip and Mary (Bowers) Hansel, and who died in 1968, and was buried next to her husband.

In 1910 Noah F. Riggs, 33, a teamster born in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife of seven years, Clara, 34, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his daughter, Florence M., 6, and son, Charles R., 4, both born in Ohio. Clara had had two children, both surviving.^[1270]

In 1920 Noah Franklin Riggs, 42, a plumber with the city water works born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife, Clara, 43, born in Ohio of Ohio natives,

1266. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Noah Frank Riggs, 41, born 17 Jan. 1899, resident of Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, nearest relative Clara H[?] Riggs, of same residence, registered 12 Sept. 1918.

1267. Death certificate, Ohio, Division of Vital Statistics, no. 16838, Noah Franklin Riggs, of 202 E. Second St., Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, died 16 Mar. 1949, at residence, aged 72 yrs. 1 mo. 29 dys., born 17 Jan. 1877, “Whashington” Twp., Ohio, male, white, married, retired foreman city water dept., father Samuel Riggs, mother Sarah “Johnson,” informant Charles R. Riggs, buried 18 Mar. 1949, Oak Grove Cem., Logan, cause coronary thrombosis, SSN 273–14–2074 [FHL 2246587].

1268. *Find a Grave*, no. 34086094, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Oak Grove Cem., Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, “Riggs | Frank | 1877–1949 || Clara | 1876–1968.”

1269. Marriage license, Probate Court, Hocking Co., Ohio, 497, no. 14484, 25 Feb. 1903, Noah F. Riggs, farmer, 26 on 17 Jan. 1903, of Washington Twp., Hocking Co., born same place of Samuel Riggs and Sarah Johnston, to Clara Hansel, teacher, 26 on 7 Mar. 1903, of Logan, Hocking Co., born same place of Philip Hansel and Mary Bowers, both previously unmarried, certificate 25 Feb. 1903, by W. H. Wright, MG, recorded 2 Mar. 1903 [FHL 912323].

1270. U.S. census, 1910, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 84, r. 1199, p. 74, sh. 13B, dw. 314, fam. 316.

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and his daughter, Florence M., 16, son, Charles R., 14, and daughter, Ruth E., 1 9/12, all three born in Ohio.^[1271]

In 1930 Noah F. Riggs, 53, a tapper with the city water works born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife, Clara, 54, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and his son, Charles R., 24, a traveling salesman, and daughter, Ruth E., 12, both born in Ohio. Both Noah and Clara were first married at 26.^[1272]

Children:

- 711 i FLORENCE M.⁷ RIGGS, born about 1904, Ohio.
- 712 ii CHARLES RUDOLPH⁷ RIGGS, born 30 May 1905, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio.^[1273]
- 713 iii RUTH E.⁷ RIGGS, born about 1918, Ohio.

390. ETHEL MAY⁶ RIGGS (₁₆₇*Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born Oct. 1879 (1880 and 1900 census) or Sept. 1879 (another 1900 census in which Ethel is also listed), Ohio. She married about 1900 **JOSEPH H. HOSKINS**, who was born Nov. 1875 (1900 census), and died before the 1930 census. She resided, as a widow, with her sister "Jennie" Johnson in the 1930 census (q.v.).

In 1900 Joseph Hoskins, 24, a weighman born Nov. 1875 in Alabama of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Shelby Co., Ala., with his wife of 0 [7/12 crossed out] years, Ethel M., 20, born Oct. 1879 in Ohio of Ohio natives.^[1274]

In 1920 Joseph H. Hoskins, 43, a railway post office mail clerk born in Alabama of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Birmingham, Jefferson

1271. U.S. census, 1920, Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 40, r. 1, p. 51, sh. 3A, dw. 54, fam. 73.

1272. U.S. census, 1930, Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 4, r. 1199, p. 212, sh. 2A, dw. 31, fam. 32.

1273. Birth record, Probate Court, Hocking Co., Ohio, 4:165, "[no.] 20901 [name] Riggs, Charles Rudolph [birth] 1905 May 30 Ohio Hocking Falls [sex] male [color] white [father] Noah Frank Riggs [mother] Clara Hansel [parents' residence] Falls Twp." [FHL 912315].

1274. U.S. census, 1900, Shelby Co., Ala., ED 123, r. 39, p. 68, sh. 4A, dw. 66, fam. 67.

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Co., Ala., with his wife “Mary Ethel,” 40, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughters, Eloise P., 18, and Lucile, 17, both born in Ohio, Mary Anne, 14, and Mary Ethel, 7, and sons, Joseph H., 5, and Standish, 1 10/12, all four born in Alabama.^[1275]

Children:

- 714 i ELOISE P.⁷ HOSKINS, born about 1902, Ohio.
- 715 ii LUCILE⁷ HOSKINS, born about 1903, Ohio.
- 716 iii MARY ANNE⁷ HOSKINS, born about 1906, Alabama.
- 717 iv MARY ETHEL⁷ HOSKINS, born about 1913, Alabama.
- 718 v JOSEPH H.⁷ HOSKINS, born about 1915, Alabama.
- 719 vi STANDISH⁷ HOSKINS, born about 1918, Alabama.

392. JAMES AMERICUS⁶ RIGGS (₁₆₉John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 21 or 22 Jan. 1854,^[1276] Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., died 16 July 1928, Speers, Washington Co., and was buried in the Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[1277] He married about 1898 ELIZA MAE/MAY GRANT,^[1278] who was born 7 July 1864, Carroll Twp., Washington Co., Pa., daughter of Noah and Eliza Jane (Wickham) Grant,^[1279] and died 4 Feb. 1936, Washington Co., Pa., and was buried in Monongahela Cem., according to the obituary below. There is a gravestone for her in Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., but

1275. U.S. census, 1920, Birmingham, Jefferson Co., Ala., ED 195, r. 1286, p. 133, sh. 9A, dw. 107, fam. 182.

1276. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 1893, 618, “J. A., born January 21, 1854, unmarried and residing with his parents (he is a contracting carpenter).”

1277. *Find a Grave*, no. 76165589, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., “James A. Riggs | 1854 - 1928.”

1278. Her name appears as Mabel in several records, so May or Mae might be short for that.

1279. U.S. census, 1870, Monongahela, Carroll Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1462, p. 414B, dw. 498, fam. 555, lists Noah Grant, 37, Eliza, 32, Ettie, 13, Grace, 11, Robert, 10, Mary, 8, Florence, 6, and Eliza, 4, all born in Pa.; U.S. census, 1880, Carroll Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 237, r. 1201, p. 109A, dw. 300, fam. 333, lists Noah Grant, 45, Margaret, 42, Grace, 25, Robert, 19, Mary, 17, Florence, 16, and “Lida,” 12, all born in Pa.

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there are no dates on it.^[1280] James was May's second husband (1910 census), and her first husband might have been named Speer.^[1281]

In 1900 James A. Riggs, 44, a carpenter born July 1855 [sic] in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Stockdale, Roscoe Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife of two years, "Mabel" G., 35, born Jan. 1865 [sic] in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. She had had zero children. There was also a servant in the household.^[1282]

In 1910 James Riggs, 50, a carpentry contractor born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Speers Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife of 12 years, "Mabel," 43, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. It was Mabel's second marriage.^[1283]

From a 1910 history of Washington Co., Pa.:

James A. Riggs, a well-known carpenter and building contractor of Speers, Pa., was born January 22, 1854, at Lucyville, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of John L. and Dorothy (Biles) Riggs. John L. Riggs, father of our subject, who followed farming throughout his active career, was born on the old Riggs homestead at Lucyville, as was his father, Nahlon [sic] Riggs, who was a son of William Riggs, a native of Maryland, who over 125 years ago came to Pennsylvania and entered land from the government. John L. Riggs, who died in 1902 is survived by his widow, who is now seventy-six years of age.

James A. Riggs was reared on the farm at Lucyville, where he learned the carpenter's trade at which he worked for many years, and in 1906 came to Speers, where he has continuously and successfully followed carpentering and general contracting since. He was united in marriage with

1280. *Find a Grave*, no. 75579756, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., "Mae Grant Riggs | [empty]"; letter 22 Nov. 2011 from CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, "May Grant Riggs was buried in the Monongahela Cemetery, not with her husband James Americus Riggs at Howe Cemetery," based on notes by Bernice⁷ (Riggs) Cunningham.

1281. Letter 22 Nov. 2011 from CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, "James was May Grant's second husband, the first husband was 'Speer.' No proof."

1282. U.S. census, 1900, Stockdale, Roscoe Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 110, r. 1493, p. 36, sh. 2A, dw. 25, fam. 25.

1283. U.S. census, 1900, Stockdale, Roscoe Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 159, r. 1425, p. 174, sh. 14A, dw. 29, fam. 32.

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May Grant, who was reared in Carroll Township, and is a daughter of Noah Grant. Mr. Riggs and his brother own a tract of 175 acres, and he also owns the adjoining tract of 175 acres, in partnership with Mrs. O. S. Riggs, his brother's widow, the entire 350 acres having been the property of this father, John L. Riggs. Mrs. Riggs graduated as a nurse from Hahnemann Hospital of Chicato, Ill., and it was through her vocation that she became acquainted with Mr. Riggs. Her father, Noah Grant, was a son of Robert Grant, and was born and reared in the Horseshoe Bottoms of Carroll Township, where he later followed agricultural pursuits. He also studied law, but never embarked in the practice of the profession, although he was considered an authority in his community and his advice was often sought by his neighbors and friends. Mr. Grant was united in marriage with Eliza J. Wickerham, who was born and reared on the old Wickerham farm in Carroll Township, and is a daughter of William Wickerham, whose farm adjoined the Grant homestead.^[1284]

In 1920 James A. Riggs, 60, a carpenter born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Speers, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Mae Grant, 50, a drugstore clerk born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives.^[1285]

On 22 May 19[2]8,^[1286] Speers Borough, Washington Co., Pa., J. A. Riggs signed his will in which he mentions "my beloved wife, May Grant Riggs," "formerly . . . my grandfather, Mahlon Riggs," "my sister-in-law, Kate Riggs," John L. Riggs, "my nephews, Sheldon Riggs, Lesley Riggs and Vernon Riggs," "Iona Carson, Myrle Binkney, Dorothy Sutherland, Ollie Mason, Bernice Cunningham, and Velma Riggs, daughters of my deceased brother, Oliver Riggs," "Bertha Riggs and Gladys Riggs, daughters of my brother Cyrus Riggs," and "Henrette [sic] Riggs Smith and

1284. McFarland, *20th Century History of the City of Washington and Washington Co. Pa.*, 1003-4.

1285. U.S. census, 1920, Speers, Washington Co., Pa., ED 171, r. 1660, p. 2, sh. 2B, dw. 38, fam. 41.

1286. The transcription of the will I use gives this date as 22 May 1908, but this cannot be correct because it mentions that Marcellus Riggs was deceased. We know that Marcellus died in 1928 (from his gravestone).

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Thelma Mae Riggs, daughters [sic]^[1287] of William Riggs,” William H. Riggs, and “my deceased brother, Marcellus Riggs.” He appointed Mae Grant Riggs and Howard F. Taylor his executors, and requested a burial in Howes Cem.^[1288] See appendix E for a complete transcription.

An obituary for James:

James A. Riggs, familiarly known as “Burr”, age 74 years died at his home in Speers, after an illness of several weeks, Monday of this week. Mr. Riggs was born in Allen Township January 21, 1854, a son of the late John L. and Dorothy J. Biles Riggs. He was a direct descendant of the pioneer William and Mary Dobson Riggs, who came to America more than a century and a half ago [sic], settling in Allen Township. The Riggs farm between Roscoe and Stockdale is part of the original Riggs tract.

For many years Mr. Riggs was engaged in the contracting and carpentering business and many of the fine buildings in this vicinity are the result of his hard work. In politics Mr. Riggs was a staunch Republican and a highly respected citizen of the Valley. He was united in marriage to Mae Grant, who with two brothers Cyrus, of California and William of Peoria, Illinois, survive.^[1289]

And an obituary for Mae:

Mrs. Mae Grant Riggs, aged 70 years, widow of J. A. Riggs, died in her home here today at 6:30 a.m. She had spent practically all her life in this community.

Born July 7, 1864, in Carroll Township, a daughter of Noah and Eliza Jane Wickerham Grant, she taught school for several years in Roscoe and later went to Chicago where she was graduated from the Hhananman [sic] Hospital, where she practiced nursing for some time.

1287. Thelma Mae as a daughter appears to be an error. CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, in a letter of 5 Dec. 2011, states, “Under Henrietta Riggs is listed [in family files] Thelma Mae no birthdate, no surname, but is listed as Henrietta Riggs’ daughter.”

1288. Will, J. A. Riggs, Speers Borough, Washington Co., Pa., signed 22 May 19[2]8, photocopy of transcription courtesy of CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter.

1289. *Find a Grave*, no. 76165589, obit., “Prominent Builder and Contractor Dies At Speers,” unnamed and undated newspaper, image of item online at <Ancestry.com>.

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Widely acquainted here, she was noted in the community as a historian and in her later years wrote a history of the pioneer Wickerham family.

She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Ethel A. Furlong, of Roscoe, and Dr. Florence Grant Dressler, of Cuba; a brother, Robert Q. Grant, of Arizona, and three nephews, Captain W. R. Furlong, of the U.S. Navy; Dr. Robert Grant Furlong, of Donora; and John L. Grant Furlong, of Charleroi.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Friday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the Monongahela Cemetery.^[1290]

393. CYRENUS [CYRUS]⁶ RIGGS (₁₆₉*John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 29 Nov. 1855,^[1291] Pennsylvania, died **17 Oct.** 1934, and was buried in Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[1292] He married 17 June 1886^[1293] **NANCY J. ROGERS**, who was born Dec. 1857 (1900 census), Illinois, died 1934, and was buried in Howe Cem.^[1294]

In 1880 “Cyrenius” Riggs, 24, a farm laborer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in West Jersey Twp., Stark Co., Ill., in the household of Salathiel F. Williams, 57, a farmer born in Pennsylvania, and his family.^[1295]

In 1900 Cyrus Riggs, 44, a carpenter born Nov. 1855 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Galva, Ida Co., Iowa, with his wife of 14 years, Nancy, 42, born Dec. 1857 in Illinois of English natives, and his daughters, Bertha M., 10, born Sept. 1889, Gladys M., 5, born June

1290. Obit., “Mrs. J. A. Riggs,” **unnamed but surely a Pa.** newspaper, 4 Feb. 1936, transcription courtesy of CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter.

1291. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 1893, 618, “Cyrenus, born November 29, 1855, married June 15, 1886, to Nancy Rogers, of Iowa (they are now living in Galva, Ida Co., Iowa, where he is a contracting carpenter).”

1292. *Find a Grave*, no. 75579537, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., “1855 | Cyrenus Riggs | 1934.”

1293. *Ibid.*

1294. *Find a Grave*, no. 75579826, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., “1857 | Nancy Rogers Riggs | 1934.”

1295. U.S. census, 1880, West Jersey Twp., Stark Co., Ill., ED 283, r. 252, p. 471A, dw. 116, fam. 116.

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1894, and “Innis” C., 2, born Oct. 1897, all three born in Iowa. Nancy had had four children, with three surviving.^[1296]

In 1910 Cyrus Riggs, 54, a carpenter born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Maryville, Nodaway, Mo., with his wife of 24 years, Nancy J., 52, born in Illinois of English natives, and his daughters, Bertha M., 20, Gladys M., 15, and Inez C., 12, all three born in Iowa. Nancy had had four children, with three surviving.^[1297]

In 1920 Cyrenus Riggs, 64, a house carpenter born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Nancy J., 62, born in Illinois of English natives, and his daughters, Bertha, 30, a public school teacher, Gladys, 25, a coal company payroll clerk, and Inez, 22, a public school teacher, all three born in Iowa.^[1298]

In 1930 “Siras” Riggs, 74, a carpenter contractor born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Nancy J., 72, born in Illinois of English natives, and his daughters, Bertha, 40, a public school teacher, “Glaydis,” 34, a bank bookkeeper, and “Ineze” Smail, 32, a public school teacher, all three born in “Ioway,” and his granddaughter, “Buvraly” Smail, 4 3/12, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in “Ioway” and a mother in Pennsylvania [sic]. Siras was first married at 30, and Nancy at 28.^[1299]

Known children of four:

- 720 i **BERTHA MARIAN⁷ RIGGS**, born 13 Sept. 1889, Galva, Ida Co., Iowa, died 22 July 1989, Richmond, Va., buried in Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[1300]

1296. U.S. census, 1900, Galva, Galva Twp., Ida Co., Iowa, ED 45, r. 437, p. 193, sh. 4B, dw. 75, fam. 76.

1297. U.S. census, 1910, Maryville, Nodaway, Mo., ED 142, r. 803, p. 232, sh. 2A, dw. 26, fam. 31.

1298. U.S. census, 1920, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 134, r. 1658, p. 201, sh. 13B, dw. 286, fam. 327.

1299. U.S. census, 1930, California Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 10, r. 2160, p. 124, sh. 9B, dw. 195, fam. 216.

1300. *Find a Grave*, no. 75579463, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Cen-

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An obit. for Bertha Riggs:

Bertha Marian Riggs, 99, of Richmond, Va., formerly of California, Pa., died Saturday, July 22, 1989, in Chippham Manor Nursing Home, Richmond.

She was born Sept. 13, 1989, in Galva, Iowa, a daughter of the late Cyrus and Nancy Rogers Riggs. . . .

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Inez Smail, who died Dec. 1, 1984, and Gladys Riggs, who passed away on June 15, 1984 [sic].

Survivors include one niece, Beverly Bagan of Richmond; and one grandnephew, Dr. Wesley Riggs Bagan of Lewisburg, W.Va.^[1301]

- 721 ii **GLADYS M.⁷ RIGGS**, born 23 June 1894, Iowa, died 15 June 1988,^[1302] buried in Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[1303]
- 722 iii **INEZ C.⁷ RIGGS**, born 18 Oct. 1897, Iowa, died 1 Dec. 1984, last residence California, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1304] married 1925, Upshur Co., W.Va.,^[1305] **MILAND JOHN SMAIL**, born 22 Sept. 1895, Scottsdale, Westmoreland Co., Pa.,^[1306] son of John C./J. and Helen (–) Smail,^[1307] divorced before the 1930 census, and had one child: (1) Beverly⁸ Smail, a daughter born about 1926, Pennsylvania,

ter, Washington Co., Pa., “1889 | Bertha M. Riggs | 1989.”

1301. Obit., Bertha Riggs, *The Valley Independent*, Monessen, Pa., 24 July 1989, 24, online at <Ancestry.com>.

1302. SSDI, Gladys M. Riggs, SSN 201-20-8735, born 23 June 1894, died 16 June 1988, last residence 15419 California, Washington Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1303. *Find a Grave*, no. 75579578, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., “1894 | Gladys M. Riggs | 1988.”

1304. SSDI, Inez Smail, SSN 189-32-4274, born 18 Oct. 1897, died Dec. 1984, last residence 15419 California, Washington Co., Pa., issued Pa. (1957-1959).

1305. *W.Va., Marriages Index, 1785-1971*, Miland J. Smail, to Inez Riggs, 1925, Upshur, W.Va.

1306. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Miland John Smail, 22, of Edgewood Park, Pa., born 22 Sept. 1895, railroad conductor, single, registered 1917, Allegheny Co., Pa.

1307. U.S. census, 1910, Edgewood Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 65, r. 1294, p. 23, sh. 23A, dw. 439, fam. 475, lists John C. Smail, 45, with his (second) wife, of 20 years, Helen, who had had five children, all surviving, including John M., 15, all born in Pa. of Pa. natives.

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married – Bagan, and had at least one child: (i) Wesley Riggs⁹ Bagan.

In 1930 “Midland” J. Smail, 35, divorced, a salesman, resided in Edgewood Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., in the household of his father, John J. Smail, 65, a widower, and his brother Charles S., 28, single, a salesman, all three born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. John was first married at 30.^[1308]

394. JOHN WILLIAM H.⁶ RIGGS (₁₆₉*John Lester*⁵, *Mahlon*⁴, *William*³, *James*², *James*¹)^[1309] was born 10 May 1856 or 1857,^[1310] Pennsylvania, and died 25 Oct. 1928, Peoria, Peoria Co., Ill.,^[1311] and was buried 27 Oct. 1928 there. He married 10 Mar. 1880, **ANNA M. ALDEN**, who was born 8 Feb. 1862, Toulon, Stark Co., Ill., daughter of Orastus and Salome (–) Alden.^[1312] and died 10 Nov. 1930, Peoria, Peoria Co., Ill., and was buried 12 Nov. 1930, Parkview Cem., Peoria.^[1313]

In 1880 “W^m” Riggs, 23, a farm laborer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Goshen Twp., Stark Co., Ill., with his

1308. U.S. census, 1930, Edgewood Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 584, r. 1962, p. 207, sh. 1A, dw. 11, fam. 13.

1309. Descendent of John Lester⁵ Riggs, James Wallace⁸ Riggs, states (2 Sept. 2011), “Our records show his full name to be John William Henry Riggs. No other proof.”

1310. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 1893, 618, “John W., born May 10, 1857, married March 10, 1880, to Anna M. Alden, who was born February 11, 1862, Toulon, Stark Co., Ill. (they now live in Allen township, Washington county, Penn).”

1311. *Ill. Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916–1947*, William H. Riggs, born 10 May 1856, Pa., died 25 Oct., Peoria, Peoria Co., Ill., buried 27 Oct. 1928, Peoria, age 72, contractor, white, married, male, father John Riggs, born Pa., mother “Dorthy” J. “Boyle,” born Pa., spouse Anna Riggs, FHL 1642728.

1312. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 1893, 618, gives her birth as 11 Feb. 1862, Toulon.

1313. *Ill. Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916–1947*, Anna M. Riggs, born 8 Feb. 1862, Toulon, Ill., died 10 Nov. 1930, Peoria, Peoria Co., Ill., buried 12 Nov. 1930, Parkview Cem., Peoria, age 68, housewife, white, widow, female, resided Peoria, father Orastus Alden, mother Salome, spouse William N. [sic] Riggs, FHL 1653487.

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wife, Anna, 18, born in Illinois of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Illinois, in the household of S. P. Williams, 63.^[1314]

In 1900 William Riggs, 43, a farmer born May 1857 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with his wife of 20 years, Annie, 38, born Feb. 1862 in Illinois of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Illinois, and with his son, "Shuldon," 15, born Dec. 1884, and daughter, "Herietta," 6, born July 1893, both born in Illinois. Annie had had two children, with two surviving. There was also a servant in the household. Next door resided John Riggs, 76.^[1315]

In 1910 William H. Riggs, 51, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Doylesport, Barton Co., Mo., with his wife, Anna M., 48, born in Illinois of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Illinois, and with his son, "Shuldon" A., 25, born in Illinois, daughter, Henrietta A., 16, born in Pennsylvania, and son, Adrian L., 6, born in Illinois. Anna had had three children, with three surviving.^[1316]

In 1920 William H. Riggs, 62, a house carpenter born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Toulon, Goshen Twp., Stark Co., Ill., with his wife, Anna M., 56, born in Illinois of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Illinois, and with his son, Adrian L., 16, born in Illinois, and his mother-in-law, Salome Alden, 75, born in Illinois of New York natives.^[1317]

An obituary for William:

William H. Riggs, 71 years of age, died at his home in Peoria, Illinois, on Wednesday, October 24th, as a result of about ten days illness with pneumonia. He is the third member of the Riggs family to pass away within the

1314. U.S. census, 1880, Goshen Twp., Stark Co., Ill., ED 277, r. 252, p. 374B, dw. 50, fam. 52.

1315. U.S. census, 1900, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 108, r. 1493, p. 20, sh. 20B, dw. 358, fam. 379. John resided in dw. 357.

1316. U.S. census, 1910, Doylesport, Barton Co., Mo., ED 21, r. 767, p. 223, sh. 7A, dw. 151, fam. 151.

1317. U.S. census, 1920, Toulon, Goshen Twp., Stark Co., Ill., ED 149, r. 409, p. 31, sh. 11B, dw. 33, fam. 33.

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last seven months. His two brothers, Marcellus and J. A. Riggs died within a short time of each other.

Mr. Riggs was formerly a resident of this place. While living here he was engaged in the carpenter business and many of the structures around here were put up by him. He moved to Illinois several years ago.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son, all of whom reside in Peoria, Ill,. One brother, Cyrus Riggs, of California, Pa., also survives.

Funeral services were held last Saturday at his late home and interment was in the Peoria cemetery.^[1318]

Children:

- 723 i **SHELDON A.⁷ RIGGS**, born Dec. 1884, Illinois.
- 724 ii **HENRIETTA A.⁷ RIGGS**, born July 1893, Pennsylvania or Illinois, married before the bill of partition of the John Lester Riggs estate of 3 June 1929 — **SMITH**.
- 725 iii **ADRIAN L.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1904, Illinois.

395. OLIVER SANSOM⁶ RIGGS (₁₆₉*John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*)^[1319] was born 21 Sept. or 20 Sept. 1860 (calculated) or 21 Sept. 1860,^[1320] Stockdale, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1321] died 2 Mar. 1904, aged 43 years 5 months 11 days, and was buried at Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa.^[1322] He married 23 June

1318. Obit., "William H. Riggs | Former Resident Of This Place Dies In Illinois," **unnamed** newspaper item, **undated**, image of the item is online at <Ancestry.com>.

1319. I am taking as my authority, that Oliver's middle initial "S." represents "Sansom," his granddaughter, CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, who stated in a letter to me of 30 Oct. 2011, "Oliver S. Riggs is Oliver Sansom Riggs. He was named at birth after the Rev. J. G. Sansom who officiated at the wedding of his parents John Lester Riggs and Dorothy Jane Biles, January 29, 1852. . . . My source is Bernice Riggs Cunningham [her mother]." They were indeed married by Rev. Sansom.

1320. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 1893, 618, "Oliver S., born September 21, 1860, married to Katie Bell McKenna, and they are now living on the home farm."; descendant James Wallace⁸ Riggs states (2 Sept. 2011), "Mine, and other family members, records show he was born Sept 21."

1321. His birthplace from his daughter Dorothy's marriage license.

1322. *Find a Grave*, no. 59234658, gravestone photograph, by Suzanne Watkins, Mt. Tabor Meth-

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1886, Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa.,^[1323] **CATHARINE/KATE BELLE MCKENNA**,^[1324] who was born 10 Aug. 1867 (gravestone), Long Branch, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa. (obit., q.v.), daughter of Cornelius and Harriet Ann (Phillips) McKenna,^[1325] and died 2 Mar. 1944, Elco Borough, Washington Co., Pa., aged 76 (obit., q.v.), and was buried at Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa.^[1326]

In 1900 Oliver S. Riggs, 39, a farmer born Sept. 1860 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife of 14 years, Catharine B., 32, born Aug. 1867 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughters, Iona B., 12, born Aug. 1887, Myrtle M., 11, born Oct. 1888, Dorothy J., 9, born

odist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa., "Oliver S. Riggs | died Mar. 2, 1904 | aged 43 yrs. | 5 mo's. & 11 ds."

1323. Marriage certificate, "I, J H Henry, | hereby certify, that on the 23^d day of June one thousand | Eight hundred & Eighty-Six at Brownsville | Oliver S Riggs and Kate.B. M'Kenna |were by me | united in marriage | in accordance with license issued by the Clerk of the Orphans Court of Fayette | County, Pennsylvania, Numbered 276 | [signed] J. H. Henry," photocopy courtesy of James Wallace⁸ Riggs, with this note at top: "I have the original | James W. Riggs | grandson."

1324. Although descendant James Wallace⁸ Riggs states, "He [Oliver] married Kate Belle McKenna (Catherine was never her name)," she is Catharine B. in the 1900 census, Katie is most other records, Kate B. in her marriage certificate, Kate Belle in the 1870 census, Katie Bell in the 1880 census, and Kate Bell in one history (1893 history, see sketch of John Lester⁵ Riggs).

1325. U.S. census, 1870, Monogahela PO, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1462, p. 321A, dw. 33, fam. 34, lists Cornelius McKenna, 47, photographer born Pa., Harriet, 38, born Va., and seven children including "Gerrtrude," 6, and Kate Belle, 4, both born Pa.; U.S. census, 1880, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 232, r. 1201, p. 12C, dw. 151, fam. 159, lists C. McKenna, 58, farmer, born Pa., wife, Harriett A., 58, born Va., and daughter, Katie Bell, 13, born Pa.; *Find a Grave*, no. 59227207, gravestone photograph, by Suzanne Watkins, Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa., "Harriet Ann | McKenna, | died | June 15, 1902, | aged | 80 years, 8 mos. | 20 days," stone matches that of Cornelius McKenna in the same cemetery; *West Virginia Deaths, 1853-1970*, Dora Gertrude Federer, aged 83 yrs. 2 mos. 2 dys., died 9 Oct. 1947, Monongalia Co., W.Va., father Cornelius McKenna, mother "Harriett" Phillips, spouse George A. Federer, cites "county records"; U.S. census, 1880, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 232, r. 1201, p. 13A, dw. 166, fam. 175, lists George Federer, 22, wife, Dora G. Federer, 16, born Pa., on same page as Mahlon Riggs, dw. 171.

1326. *Find a Grave*, no. 59234530, gravestone photograph, by Suzanne Watkins, Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church Cem., Washington Co., Pa., "Katie B. Riggs | Aug. 10, 1867 | Mar. 2, 1944 | age 76 yrs."

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Aug. 1890, and “Ollie” L., 7, born July 1892, sons John A., 5, born June 1894, and Leslie H., 3, born Dec. 1896, and daughter, Bernice L., [empty], born Oct. 1899. Catharine had had seven children, with seven surviving. Nearby resided Caroline A. Hazelbaker, 71.^[1327]

An obituary for Oliver:

After a week’s illness through a contracted cold which developed into pneumonia, Oliver Sansom Riggs, of Long Branch Borough, died Wednesday evening, Mar 2, 1904. Mr. Riggs was 44 years of age and had lived all his life in this part of Washington Co. He was the son of the late John Lester Riggs who at his death was one of the oldest residents of Washington Co. He is survived by his mother, Mrs John Lester (Dorothy Jane Biles) Riggs and 4 brother: Marcellus Parcy “Parce”, who resided at the homestead in Allen Township, James Americus “Burr”, who is a contracting carpenter in Roscoe, Cyrenus “Cy” and John “William” Henry both residing in the Western States. His wife and 8 children, 2 boys and 6 girls, also survive. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 pm at Mt. Tabor. He was named after the minister who married his parents, John Lester and Dorothy Jane Biles Riggs.^[1328]

In 1910 “Katie” Riggs, 42, widow, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Virginia, resided in Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with her son, Leslie H., 13, daughter, Bernice L., 10, son, “Vernon J.,” 8, and daughter, Velma M., 6, all four born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania. Katie had had nine children, with eight surviving.^[1329]

In 1920 “Katie” B. Riggs, 52, widow, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Virginia, resided in Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with her son, Leslie H., 23,

1327. U.S. census, 1900, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 109, r. 1493, pp. 32–33, sh. 11B–12A, dw. 218, fam. 221. The Hazelbakers resided in dw. 213.

1328. Carson Obits., **unnamed** newspaper, undated but from content probably 3 Mar. 1904, Oliver Sansom Riggs, born 21 Sept. 1860, died 2 Mar. 1904.

1329. U.S. census, 1910, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 200, r. 1426, p. 29, sh. 15B, dw. 281, fam. 289.

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daughter, Bernice L., 20, son, "Vernon J.," 18, and daughter, Velma M., 16, all four born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania.^[1330]

In 1930 Kate Riggs, 62, widow, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Virginia, resided in Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with her daughter, Velma, 26, a clerk born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania. Kate was first married at 19.^[1331]

From a newspaper item of 5 Jan. 1940:

Mrs. Kate Riggs entertained members of her family at a dinner recently at her home in Allenport.

The following were guests of the occasion: Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Carson, California; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Binkney and daughter Nola., Roscoe; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sutherland and Ralph, Jr., Twilight borough; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mason, West Brownsville; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Riggs, Roscoe; Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham and children, Warren and Corabelle of Vandergrift.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Cozard and daughters, Norma [from his previous marriage] and Arelen [sic], Masontown; Mr. and Mrs. Leland Moore, Charleroi; Vernon Riggs, Allenport; Doris Riggs and Mrs. Sadie McKenna, Roscoe, and Mrs. Leslie Riggs, Allenport. The latter, a recent bride, received a number of lovely household gifts during a surprise shower, which also marked the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson and daughter Barbara Lee, of California, called at the home during the afternoon. Only members of the family who were unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fulmer and son John, of Brownsville.^[1332]

An obituary for Mrs. Kate Riggs:

1330. U.S. census, 1920, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 243, r. 1660, p. 34, sh. 3B, dw. 54, fam. 55.

1331. U.S. census, 1930, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 75, r. 2162, p. 185, sh. 4A, dw. [empty], fam. 65.

1332. News item, "Family Dinner in Allenport Home," *The Charleroi Mail*, Charleroi, Pa., 5 Jan. 1940, 3, image online at <Ancestry.com>.

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Members of a pioneer Long Branch family, Mrs. Kate Riggs, aged seventy-six years, passed away this morning at 8:35 o'clock, March 2, 1944, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Binkney of Elco, Pa.

Mrs. Riggs had been ill for only a short time.

She was born in Long Branch, Allen Township, and her childhood home is a familiar landmark.

The following daughters survive: Mrs. Carl B. Carson of California; Mrs. Elmer Binkney, with whom she was residing when death occurred; Mrs. Lewis Mason of West Brownsville; Mrs. James Cunningham of Vandergraft and Mrs. Alonzo Cozard of Masontown; two sons also survive are Leslie Riggs of Coal Center, Vernon Riggs of California. One sister, Mrs. G. A. Federer of Morgan town, W.Va., is also left. There are, in addition to the above, 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Friends are being received at the homestead.^[1333]

From a newspaper item of 13 Aug. 1945:

A reunion of the Riggs family was a recent event at the Riggs old homestead in Long Branch borough. . . .

In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mason, West Brownsville; Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Cozard and children Ruth, Arlene and Duane of Masontown; Mrs. Elmer Binkney of Roscoe; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Riggs and son Ralph, of Coal Center; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sutherland of Belle Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fulmer and children John and Kay, Mrs. Carl B. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Dale B. Carson and children Dolores, Dale B. and David, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Riggs and children Doris, James and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson and children Barbara and Richard, all of California, and Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham and children Warren and Cora Belle of Vandergrift.^[1334]

1333. Obit., "Mrs. Kate Riggs," *The Charleroi Mail*, Charleroi, Pa., 4 Mar. 1944, image online at <Ancestry.com>; Carson Obits., Katie Belle McKenna Riggs, born 10 Aug. 1967, died 2 Mar. 1944, has similar contents but Mrs. Elmer Binkney is Mrs. Elmer Ellsworth Binkney, Mrs. Carl B. Carson is Mrs. Carl Bernard Carson, Mrs. Lewis Mason is Mrs. Lewis Clyde Mason, Mrs. James Cunningham is Mrs. James Patrick Cunningham, Mrs. Alonzo Cozard is Mrs. Alonzo Young Cozard, Leslie Riggs is Leslie Hobart Riggs, Vernon Riggs is "James 'Vernon' Riggs."

1334. News item, "Family Picnic Held at Riggs Home," *The Charleroi Mail*, Charleroi, Pa., 13 Aug.

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The following letter from CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter (*Bernice Letitia*⁷ Riggs) is evidence for the middle names of the children in the list below—her aunts and uncles—all of which are supported by the numerous obituaries that have been collected for this family:^[1335]

I, Cora Belle Cunningham Walter, will attest in Court that the following information, the inclusion of the given middle name in the family of Oliver Sansom and Kate Belle McKenna Riggs is correct. I am a niece to the Riggses named below. . . .

I must admit I didn't become curious about the middle name of my uncles and aunts until later in my life when Mother began recording the history of her family in the 1960's. I remember asking her the root of the middle names. After learning them it became obvious:

Iona Belle (named for her mother Kate Belle)

Dorothy Jane (named for her paternal grandmother Dorothy Jane Biles Riggs)

Olive Lucinda (both William Riggs and Mahlon Riggs had daughters named Lucinda b. July 16, 1791 and Lucinda b. September 25, 1830)

John Alexander (John's paternal grandmother Dorothy Jane Biles Riggs' father was named Alexander P. Biles)

Velma Marian [*sic*] (Velma is a puzzle except to say that my mother knew and recorded the birth dates and full names of her nine brothers and sisters and this is correct)

Bernice Letitia (I'm mailing you a copy of her birth certificate and marriage certificate. I can't account for the reversal of her two given names on the birth certificate but state that Bernice Letitia is the correct form in family records. I am also sending her obituary as proof of birth/death. The obituary does not include her middle name)

Children (see Figure 23):

+ 726 i **IONA BELLE⁷ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1887, Pennsylvania, married **CARL BERNARD CARSON**, and had three children.

1945, 13, image online at <Ancestry.com>.

1335. Email of 19 Nov. 2011 from CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, signed CoraBelle; Carson Obits.

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- + 727 ii **MYRTLE MAY⁷ RIGGS**, born Oct. 1888, Pennsylvania, married **ELMER ELLSWORTH BINKNEY**, and had two children.
- + 728 iii **DOROTHY JANE⁷ RIGGS**, born 17 Aug. 1890, Allenport, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., married **RALPH RABURN SUTHERLAND**, and had one child.
- + 729 iv **OLIVE LUCINDA⁷ RIGGS**, born 19 July 1892, Pennsylvania, married **LEWIS CLYDE MASON**, and had no children.
- 730 v **JOHN ALEXANDER⁷ RIGGS**,^[1336] born June 1894 (1900 census) or 27 May 1894 (gravestone, calculated), Pennsylvania, died 17 Sept. 1902, aged 8 years 3 months 21 days, Long Branch, Washington Co., Pa., and buried in Mt. Tabor Church Cem., Long Branch.^[1337]
- + 731 vi **LESLIE HOBART⁷ RIGGS**, born 8 Dec. 1896, Long Branch, Washington Co., Pa., married **NANNIE BELLE RHODES**, and had two children.
- + 732 vii **BERNICE LETITIA⁷ RIGGS**, born 7 Oct. 1899, Long Branch Borough, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., married **JAMES PATRICK CUNNINGHAM**, and had two children.
- + 733 viii **JAMES VERNON⁷ RIGGS**, born 25 Oct. 1901, Pennsylvania, married (1) **JEANNETTE KERR**, and had one child, married (2) **GLADYS RUTH MCCLEARY**, and had two children.
- + 734 ix **VELMA MARION⁷ RIGGS**, born 30 Dec. 1903, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., married **ALONZO YOUNG COZARD**, and had four children.

410. EMMA⁶ HAZELBAKER (₁₇₁*Caroline A.⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born Feb. 1863 (1900 census), Allen Twp., Washington Co.,

1336. His middle name is Alexander, according to a letter 30 Oct. 2011 from CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, his niece; Carson Obits., John Alexander Riggs, born 25 July 1894, died 17 Sept. 1902, "John Alexander Riggs, the eight year old son of Oliver Sansom Riggs, died Wednesday, Sep 17, 1902, at 6 AM at the Riggs' home in Long Branch. The little fellow had been suffering from an attack of scarlet fever." Note that the birth date of this obit. does not come from the body of the obit. but was probably supplied by compiler Carson.

1337. Gravestone photograph, Mt. Tabor Church Cem., Long Branch, Washington Co., Pa., "John A. son of | O. S. & K. B. Riggs | died | Sept. 17, 1902 | aged | 8 yrs. 3 mos. 21 ds," online at <Ancestry.com>.

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Pa. She married 2 Mar. 1881 **E. IRWIN WORRELL**, who was born 12 Nov. 1848, Allen Twp.

The following is from an 1893 history of Washington Co.:

E. I. Worrell was born November 12, 1848, on the home farm in Allen township, Washington county, received a district-school education and also attended the Normal at California, Penn. He was married March 2, 1881, to Emma, daughter of George W. and Caroline (Riggs) Hazelbaker, and a native of Allen township, this county. Her parents were born in Washington county. Both parents are now living in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Worrell have had three children, namely: J. H., Cora and Irwin. The father is an active member of the Republican party, and has held the position of county auditor since the fall of 1890, receiving 6,686 votes. The farm contains 106 acres of good land. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Worrell are members of the Methodist Church at Ebenezer. He studied pharmacy when a young man, with the intention of becoming a druggist; but at the solicitation of his father, took charge of the farm and has ever since been an agriculturist. Mr. Worrell has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since boyhood, serving as superintendent of Sabbath-school, secretary of the board of trustees and leader of the choir. He has been administrator, trustee and assignee of many estates, and has always been faithful in every position.^[1338]

In 1900 Irwin E. Worrell, 51, a farmer born Nov. 1848 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife of 19 years, Emma, 37, born Feb. 1863 in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his son, Henry, 18, a farm laborer born Feb. 1882, daughter, Cora, 15, born Nov. 1884, son, Irwin Jr., 9, born Aug. 1890, and daughter, Ina V., 2, born Mar. 1898, all four born in Pennsylvania. Emma had had four children, with four surviving. Next door was George W. Hazelbaker, 80, and nearby resided Oliver S. Riggs, 39.^[1339]

1338. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington Co., Pa.*, 1219.

1339. U.S. census, 1900, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 109, r. 1493, p. 32, sh. 11B, dw. 21r, fam. 217. George resided in dw. 213, and Oliver in dw. 218.

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In 1920 Elias I. Worrell, 71, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Emma, 58, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his daughter, Cora, 34, single, and son, Irwin, 29, single, both born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. Nearby resided Katie B. Riggs, 52, and Caroline A. Hazelbaker, 91.^[1340]

Children:

- 735 i J. HENRY⁷ WORRELL, born Feb. 1882, Pennsylvania.
- 736 ii CORA⁷ WORRELL, born Nov. 1884, Pennsylvania.
- 737 iii IRWIN⁷ WORRELL, born Aug. 1890, Pennsylvania.
- 738 iv INA V.⁷ WORRELL, born Mar. 1898, Pennsylvania.

436. PORTER⁶ RIGGS (₂₀₄Isaac⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 27 Aug. 1832, Tyler Co., W.Va. (see biography below), and died **25 May** 1911, and was buried in Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill.^[1341] (Figure 21). He married about **28 Feb.** 1858,^[1342] Illinois, **MARY ALICE SWAN**,^[1343] who was born May 1842 (1900 census), Indiana, daughter of Matthew and Susan (—) Swan (see biography below), and died 1909, and was buried in Aroma Park Cem.^[1344]

From an 1893 history of Kankakee Co., Ill.:

Porter Riggs is engaged in carrying on his farm situated on section 26, Aroma Township. He was born in Tyler, W. Va., on the 27th of August, 1832. His father, Isaac Riggs, was a native of the same place and was of German descent. He was twice married, our subject being the only child

1340. U.S. census, 1920, Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 243 r. 1493, p. 34, sh. 3B, dw. 55, fam. 56. Katie resided in dw. 54, and Caroline in dw. 52.

1341. *Find a Grave*, co. 7521240, gravestone photograph, by Andrew Smith, Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., "Father | Porter Riggs | 1832–1911."

1342. Marriage place from the 1925 Iowa state census for their daughter Portia (q.v.).

1343. Her name Alice and birthplace, Illinois, come from son Edwin Harvey Riggs's death certificate, informant, E. H. Riggs, probably her grandson. However, I have not seen even one other mention of the name Alice.

1344. *Find a Grave*, co. 7521241, gravestone photograph, by Andrew Smith, Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., "Mother | Mary Riggs | 1842–1909."

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by the first union. By his second marriage Mr. Riggs became the father of four children.

When Porter Riggs was a young child his mother died, and he went to live with his grandmother. Her death occurred when he was about ten years of age, and after this he lived on the same old homestead in Virginia with an aunt, remaining with her until he was about eighteen years of age. As he was without means, he commenced working on a farm by the month, receiving \$10. For five years he was employed at farm labor, never receiving over \$12 per month. His school privileges were very limited and he is largely a self-educated man. In the spring of 1854, he came West to Perryville, Vermillion County, Ind. He rented land and engaged in farming at that place for a period of about four years. The year 1858 witnessed his arrival in Illinois. He settled in Kankakee County, where he purchased two hundred and eighty acres of land. This was entirely unimproved and there was not a stick of timber upon it. By his years of labor and improvement he has developed this property until it is now one of the most valuable pieces of land in the township. His well-tilled fields yield him a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he expends upon them, and success has largely attended his efforts. He is now engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Riggs enlisted in defense of his country in February, 1865. He entered the service as a private in Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Illinois Infantry. He was mustered out of service September 13, 1865, at Memphis, Tenn., and received his discharge about September 23, 1865, at Springfield, Ill.

In 1859 Mr. Riggs was united in marriage with Miss Mary Swan. Her parents, Matthew and Susan Swan, are numbered among the old settlers of this county, where they are held in the highest regard. Four children have blessed the union of our subject and his wife: Edwin H., Leonard W., Grant and May, who have all received good educations and take an active part in the social circles of this community.

Mr. Riggs has always taken a great interest in political affairs and is affiliated with the Republican party, with which he has been connected for many years. He has never been an office-seeker, but has always taken a leading part in the advancement of all measures tending to the welfare of

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his fellow-citizens. Socially, he is a member of Whipple Post No. 414, G. A. R., of Kankakee, and the boys in blue have ever held a warm place in his affections. For thirty-five years Mr. Riggs has been associated with the progress and welfare of this section, and has done much in making this county what it is to-day, a prosperous and thriving community.^[1345]

In 1860 Porter Riggs, 27, a farmer born in Virginia with real and personal estates of \$7,875 and \$489, respectively, resided in Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., with his wife, Mary, 18, born in Indiana, and “Edward,” 1, born in Illinois. Next door was William Riggs, 32, born in Ohio.^[1346]

Placeholder: In 1860 William Riggs, 32, a farmer born in Ohio with estates of \$8,000 and [\$100?], resided in Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., with his wife, Etmanda, 28, born in Ohio, Lydia J., 8, born in Ohio, William, 4, born in Illinois, and Margaret, 2, born in Illinois. Next door was Porter Riggs, 27.¹³⁴⁷

In 1870 Porter Riggs, 37, a farmer born in Virginia with \$4,000 and \$1,600 in real and personal estates, resided in Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., with Mary, 28, born in Indiana, and with Edwin, 10, Leonard, 7, and U. S. Grant, 6, all three born in Illinois.^[1348]

In 1880 Porter Riggs, 47, a farmer born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., with his wife, Mary, 38, born in Indiana of New York natives, and with his sons, “Edward,” 20, Leonard, 19, and Grant, 16, and daughter, “Portie” May, 2, all four born in Illinois.^[1349]

In 1900 Porter Riggs, 67, a farmer born Aug. 1832 in Virginia of Virginia natives, resided in Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., with his wife of 42 years, Mary, 58, born May 1842 in Indiana of New York natives, and

1345. *Portrait and Biographical Record of Kankakee Co., Ill.*, 404, 409, sketch of Porter Riggs.

,1346 U.S. census, 1860, Aroma PO, Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., r. 192, p. 116, dw. 928, fam. 876. William resided in dw. 929.

1347. U.S. census, 1860, Aroma PO, Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., r. 192, pp. 116-17, dw. 929, fam. 877. Porter resided in dw. 928.

1348. U.S. census, 1870, Aroma PO, Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., r. 238, p. 9, dw. 116, fam. 116.

1349. U.S. census, 1880, Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., ED 26, r. 219, p. 168A, dw. 146, fam. 157.

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with his son, Grant, 36, born Aug. 1863, and daughter, May, 22, born Sept. 1877, both born in Illinois. Mary had had four children, with four surviving.^[1350]

In 1910 Porter Riggs, 77, a widower born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives resided in Aroma Twp., Kankakee Co., Ill., in the home of his son, Grant Riggs (q.v.).

Children:

- + 739 i **EDWIN HARVEY⁷ RIGGS**, born 7 Nov. 1859, Cass Co., Nebr., or Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., married (1) probably **MARY L. DILL**, divorced, married (2) **SARAH GERTRUDE (FITCH) YOST**, and had one child.
- 740 ii **LEONARD W.⁷ RIGGS**, born Apr. 1861, Illinois. In 1900 he resided in Brewster Pct., Blaine Co., Nebr., next door to his brother, Edwin H. (q.v.).
- + 741 iii **U. S. GRANT⁷ RIGGS**, born 20 Aug. 1863, Aroma Twp., Kankakee, Ill., married (1) **SARAH NETTA FARR**, married (2) **LAURA E. RICE**, and had six children, married (3) **LILLIAN (SMITH) POTTENGER**.
- + 742 iv **PORTIA MAY [MAE]⁷ RIGGS**, born Sept. 1877, Illinois, married **HARRY S. RICE**, and had two children.

437. ELTON ROBY⁶ RIGGS (₂₀₄*Isaac⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 1834 (gravestone) or June 1835 (1900 census), Tyler Co. (part later to be McKim District, Pleasants Co.), [W.]Va., died 1902, and was buried in IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[1351] He married (1) married 10 Apr. 1862, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[1352] **MARY E. HAM-**

1350. U.S. census, 1900, Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., ED 31, r. 312, p. 12, sh. 12A, dw. 246, fam. 251.

1351. *Find a Grave*, no. 8429956, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., "Riggs | Florence | 1872-1902 | Dau. of Elton R. & | Mary Hammond Riggs || Erected by Lora | Riggs Ambler | 1966 || Elton Roby | 1834-1902 | son of Isaac & | Nancy LaRue Riggs." **Un sourced** info for Elton: born 11 June 1834, St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., died 2 June 1902, St. Marys.

1352. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Grooms List*, "Riggs Elton R. 26 Isaac & Nancy Hammond Mary E. 18 J. T. & Hulda 04-10-1862 W. M. Betts."

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MOND, who was born about 1843, [West] Virginia, daughter of J. T. and Hulda (–) Hammond. He married (2) about 1893 **ALICE** –, who was born July 1868 (1900 census), West Virginia.

In 1870 Elton Riggs, 35, born in Virginia, resided in Washington [Twp.?], Pleasants Co., W.Va., with Mary E., 27, born in Virginia, and with Annie V., 7, born in Virginia, Nancy, 5, [Veronca? Virginia?], 3, and [Patrick?], 1/12, all three born in West Virginia.^[1353]

In 1880 Elton R. Riggs, 45, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio, with his wife, Mary E., 35, born in West Virginia of a father born in Virginia and a mother in West Virginia, and with his daughters, Victora, 17, Venonna, 15, Veronica, 13, and son, George P., 11, daughter, Florence, 8, and son, Issac, 5, all six born in West Virginia.^[1354]

In 1900 Elton R. Riggs, 64, a constable born June 1835 in West Virginia of Maryland natives, resided in St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., with his wife of 7 years, Alice, 31, born July 1868 in West Virginia of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia, and with his daughter, Stephina, 11, born May 1889, and sons, Arthur, 4, born Mar. 1896, and Gale, 11/12, born June 1899, all three born in West Virginia. Alice had had five children, with three surviving. There was also a lodger in the household.^[1355]

Children of the first marriage, to Mary:

- 743 i **ANNIE VICTORA**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1863, [West] Virginia.
- 744 ii **NANCY VENONNA**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1865, West Virginia.
- 745 iii **VERONICA**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1867, West Virginia.
- 746 iv **GEORGE P[ATRICK?]**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 22 May 1870 (gravestone), West Virginia, died 18 Aug. 1940, buried in IOOF Cem., St. Marys,

1353. U.S. census, 1870, Washington [Twp.?], Pleasants Co., W.Va., r. 1697, p. 450A, dw. [8?], fam. [8?]. Difficult to read.

1354. U.S. census, 1880, Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio, ED 231, r. 1076, p. 273B, dw. 279, fam. 316.

1355. U.S. census, 1900, St. Marys, Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., ED 31, r. 312, p. 195, sh. 8B, dw. 128, fam. 137.

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Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[1356] married 15 Feb. 1892, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[1357] SAMANTHA HOBBS, born Apr. 23, 1875 (gravestone), died 22 Oct., 1950, buried with George.

747 v FLORENCE⁷ RIGGS, born 1872 (gravestone), West Virginia, died 1902, and buried with her father (q.v.).

748 vi ISAAC⁷ RIGGS, born about 1875, West Virginia.

Known children of possibly five of the second marriage, to Alice:

749 vii STEPHINA⁷ RIGGS, born May 1889, West Virginia.

750 viii ARTHUR BRYAN⁷ RIGGS, born 29 Mar. 1896, St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[1358]

751 ix GALE⁷ RIGGS, male, born June 1899, West Virginia.

439. ARTHUR P.⁶ RIGGS (₂₀₄Isaac⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 1839 (gravestone), Tyler Co., [W.]Va. (see county history below for most of the details in this paragraph), died 1896, and was buried in the IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[1359] He married 15 Aug. 1865, Tyler Co., W.Va.,^[1360] **INDIA/INDIANA J. BARKER**, who was born 8 Dec. 1848, Ritchie Co., [W.]Va., daughter of James and Mandane (Davis) Barker,^[1361] and died 8 Feb. 1925, and was buried in Highland

1356. *Find a Grave*, no. 8431689, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., "Riggs | Samantha Hobbs | Apr. 23, 1875 | Oct. 22, 1950 || George P. | May 22, 1870 | Aug. 18, 1940."

1357. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Grooms List*, "Riggs Geo. P. 21 Hobb Samantha 17 02-15-1892 Aug. M. Campbell."

1358. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Arthur Riggs, 21, of Parkersburg, W.Va., born 29 Mar. 1896, "St. Marys," W.Va., laborer, single, registered 5 June 1917, Wood Co., W.Va.; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Arthur Bryan Riggs, of Bergholz, Jefferson Co., Ohio, 46, born 29 Mar. 1896, St. Marys, W.Va., person who will always now his address Mrs. Mary Riggs, of Bergholz.

1359. *Find a Grave*, no. 8431645, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., "Arthur P. Riggs | 1839-1896." **Un sourced** info: Arthur Perry Riggs, born 7 Nov. 1839, Pleasants Co., W.Va., died 26 July 1896, St. Marys.

1360. *W.Va. Marriage Records, 1863-1900*, Arthur P. Riggs to India Barker, 15 Aug. 1865, Tyler Co.

1361. U.S. census, 1860, St. Marys PO, Pleasants Co., [W.]Va., r. 1371, p. 669, dw. 443, fam. 443,

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Cem., Lawton, Comanche Co., Okla.^[1362] Indiana's brother John W. Barker, married Nellie⁷ Riggs (*Martin Engle*⁶, ²⁰⁵*Edmund*⁵, *Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹), Arthur's cousin.

From an 1882 county history:

Arthur P. Riggs – son of Isaac and Nancy Riggs, was born in Tyler county, West Virginia, and is engaged in the hotel business in St. Marys, Washington district. He married in Tyler county, August 15, 1865, India Barker, a native of Ritchie county, born December 8, 1848. They have seven children, born and named as follows: Irvin B., December 30, 1867; Nancy Mary Ann, April 18, 1870, died October 3, 1870; Edward Lavin, November 26, 1872; Grace, April 25, 1875; Arthur Clifton, September 14, 1877; Selby Vane, December 9, 1879; Edith Mandane, July 13, 1882. The living children are all at home. The parents of Mrs. Riggs, James and Mandane (Davis) Barker, settled in Pleasants county in 1852. He was born in West Virginia, July 22, 1822, married October 27, 1846, and died May 22, 1863; his wife's birth occurred October 12, 1832. A. P. Riggs is keeping the Riggs house, which has just been refitted for the accommodation of the traveling public, and all who patronize him will have the benefit of a first-class house at moderate bills. His postoffice address is St. Marys, Pleasants county, West Virginia.^[1363]

In 1870 Arthur Riggs, 30, a farmer with \$250 personal estate, born in Virginia, resided in Equality, Miller Co., Mo., with Indiana, 20, born in Virginia, Irvin B., 2, born in West Virginia, Nancy M., 3/12, born Mar. 1870 in Missouri, and Nancy, 65, born in Virginia.^[1364]

In 1880 Arthur P. Riggs, 40, an hotel keeper born in West Virginia of “East” Virginia natives, resided in St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., with his wife, India, 30, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and

lists James Barker, 37, with “Mandana,” 28, and six children including Indiana, 11, all born in Va. 1362. *Find a Grave*, no. 19904952, gravestone photograph, by Lila Cole, Highland Cem., Lawton, Comanche Co., Okla., “Riggs | Walter J. Sr. | Feb. 10, 1892 | June 9, 1957 || India J. | Dec. 8, 1848 | Feb. 8, 1925.”

1363. *Hardesty's Biographical Atlas*, Vol. 5, 1882, partially published online at *Hardesty's Pleasants County History*.

1364. U.S. census, 1870, Equality, Miller Co., Mo., r. 792, p. 228A, dw. 21, fam. 21.

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with his sons Irvin B., 12, born in West Virginia, and Edward L., 7, born in Missouri, daughter, Grace, 5, and sons, Arthur C., 2, and Selvy V., 6/12, born in Dec., all four born in West Virginia, and with his sister-in-law, Edith M. Barker, 16, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives.^[1365]

In 1889 A. P. Riggs, 50 of unknown occupation, born in Virginia, resided in Asotin Co., Wash., with his wife, I., 41, born Virginia, and with sons, "J." B., 21, E. L., 16, daughter, G., 14, sons, C., 11, S., 9, and daughter E., 7, all born in Virginia, and daughters, C., 4, born in Idaho, and "J., 1, born in Washington.^[1366]

In 1900 India Riggs, 51, born Dec. 1848, West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., with sons, Irvin, 32, oil well tool dresser born Dec. 1867 in West Virginia, Edward, 27, oil well tool dresser born Nov. 1872 in Missouri, Clifford, 21, oil well tool dresser born Sept. 1878, in West Virginia, and Sylva, 19, born July 1880 in West Virginia, daughters, Edith, 17, born July 1882 in West Virginia, Cecil, 15, born July 1884 in Idaho, Ida, 12, born Nov. 1887 in Washington, and Walter, 9, born Feb. 1891 in West Virginia. India had had 10 children, with nine surviving. There were two lodgers in the household. James Riggs, 44, resided nearby.^[1367]

Children:

- 752 i **IRVIN B.⁷ RIGGS**, born 30 Dec. 1867, Washington Twp., Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[1368] died 21 Aug. 1949, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio,^[1369] buried 23 Aug. 1949, VAC Cem., Dayton.

1365. U.S. census, 1880, St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., ED 175, r. 1411, p. 110D, dw. 40, fam. 40.

1366. Wash. Terr. census, 1889, Asotin Co., Wash. Terr. (Ancestry.com).

1367. U.S. census, 1900, Washington, Pleasants Co., W.Va., ED 71, r. 1769, p. 175, sh. 6A, dw. 93, fam. 94. James resided in dw. 84.

1368. W.Va. *Vital Research Records*, Pleasants Co., W.Va., Births, 1867, p. 28, no. 37, born 30 Dec., Irwin B. Riggs, white, male, alive, Washington Twp., father Arthur P. Riggs, farmer, of Washington Twp., mother India Riggs, single birth, informant A. P. Riggs, father.

1369. Death certificate, image online at Ohio Death, 1908–1953, Ohio Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, no. 51763, Irvin B. Riggs, of MacArthur, Ohio, died 21 Aug. 1949, age 82 yrs. 7

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- 753 ii **NANCY MARY ANN⁷ RIGGS**, born 18 Apr. 1870, Missouri, died 3 Oct. 1870.
- 754 iii **EDWARD LAVIN⁷ RIGGS**, born 26 Nov. 1872, Missouri, died 1955, and buried in St. Mary's Cem. (Old), Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[1370]
- 755 iv **GRACE⁷ RIGGS**, born 25 Apr. 1875, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[1371] died 1 June 1953, Huntington, Cabell Co., W.Va.,^[1372] married 24 Nov. 1898, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[1373] **JOSEPH L. DYE**, born about 1874.
- 756 v **ARTHUR CLIFTON/CLIFFORD⁷ RIGGS**, born 14 Sept. 1877, West Virginia.
- 757 vi **SELBY VANE⁷ RIGGS**, born 9 Dec. 1879, West Virginia, died 1962, and buried in St. Mary's Cem. (Old), Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[1374] Probably the "Sylva" of the 1900 census.
- 758 vii **EDITH MANDANE⁷ RIGGS**, born 13 July 1882, West Virginia.
- 759 viii **CECIL⁷ RIGGS**, born July 1884, Idaho.
- 760 ix **IDA⁷ RIGGS**, born Nov. 1887, Washington.
- 761 x **WALTER J.⁷ RIGGS**, born 10 Feb. 1892, West Virginia, died 9 June 1957, and buried in Highland Cem., Lawton, Comanche Co., Okla., with his mother (q.v.).

451. ZACHARY T. [surely TAYLOR]⁶ RIGGS (₂₀₄*Edmond⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born Apr. 1848 (1900 census), Pleasants Co.,

mos. 18 dys., male, white, widowed, unemployed, born 3 Jan. 1867, MacArthur, Ohio [sic], father Arthur Riggs, mother India "Baker," informant K. O'Connor [the registrar], buried 23 Aug. 1949, VAC Cem., Dayton, Ohio.

1370. *Find a Grave*, no. 8431659, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, St. Mary's Cem. (Old), Pleasants Co., W.Va., "Edward L. Riggs | 1872-1955 | Son of Arthur P. & | India Barker Riggs."

1371. *W.Va. Births Index, 1853-1969*, Grace Riggs, born 1875, Pleasants Co., W.Va., female [FHL 868170].

1372. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853-1973*, Grace Dye [Grace Riggs], died 1 June 1953, Huntington, Cabell Co., W.Va., age 78, housewife, white, widowed, female, father Arthur P. Riggs, mother Indiz Barker [FHL 559884].

1373. *Pleasants Co., W.Va., Brides List*, "Riggs Grace 22 Dye Joseph L. 24 11-24-1898 Daniel H. Davis."

1374. *Find a Grave*, no. 8431610, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, St. Mary's Cem. (Old), Pleasants Co., W.Va., "Selby V. Riggs | 1879-1962 | Son of Arthur P. & | India Barker Riggs."

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[W.]Va. He married 4 Nov. 1879, St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[1375] C. ANN[A] **CHRISTINA** BARKER, who was born 4 July 1858, Sylvan Mills, Pleasants Co.,^[1376] daughter of James and Mada J. (–) Barker.

In 1880 “Zach” T. Riggs, 32, a farmer born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., with his wife, Anna, 21, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives.^[1377]

In 1900 “Zackariah” Riggs, 52, a farmer born Apr. 1848 in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., with his wife of 21 years, Anna C., 41, born July 1858 in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and with his daughters, Loy E., 18, born Sept. 1881, Mandane O., 16, born Oct. 1883, and Eunice A., 14, born Feb. 1886, son, Herbert L., 12, born Mar. 1888, and daughters, May C., 9, born June 1890, India J., 7, born Nov. 1892, and Janet M., 3, born May 1897, and son, Martin B., 5/12, born Dec. 1899, all eight born in West Virginia. Anna had had 10 children, with eight surviving.^[1378]

In 1910 Zachary T. Riggs, 61, a farmer born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., with his wife of 30 years, Anna C., 51, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and with his daughters, Dana, 26, and Eunice A., 24, a schoolteacher, son, H. Lynn, 22, an oil field tool dresser, and daughters,

1375. Pleasants Co., W.Va., Marriages, []:36, Mr. Z. T. Riggs, 31, of Pleasants Co., W.Va., born in Pleasants Co., to Miss “Annie” Barker, 21, of Pleasants Co., born in Pleasants Co., license 4 Nov. 1879, married [very dim] 4 Nov. 1879, by [F. M. Yates?], image online at *West Virginia Archives & History*. N.B. There is a second record in the same archive that repeats much of the same information but adds the marriage place of St. Marys, and makes F. M. Yates definite.

1376. Pleasants Co., W.Va., Births, []:10–11, “[line no.] 22 [birthdate] [1858] July 4th [name] Barker C Ann [white, female, alive columns marked] [birthplace] Sylvan Mills [father] Barker James [his occupation] Merchant [his residence] Sylvan Mills [mother] Barker Mada J. [how many at the birth] 1 [informant] Father,” image online at *West Virginia Archives & History*.

1377. U.S. census, 1880, Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., ED 175, r. 1411, p. 116D, dw. 138, fam. 140.

1378. U.S. census, 1900, Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., ED 71, r. 1769, p. 176, sh. 7A, dw. 103, fam. 104.

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India, 17, and Janet M., 12, and son, Martin “V.,” 10, all six born in West Virginia. Anna had had 10 children, with eight surviving. Nearby resided James E. Riggs, 54.^[1379]

N.B. There was a child, Edmund^{7?} Riggs, born 10 July 1874 (calculated), died 27 Nov. 1880, Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., aged 6 years 4 months 17 days, to Z. T. and Annie Riggs.^[1380] But this doesn’t fit with the 1879 marriage date for this Zachary T. and Annie Riggs. Perhaps Zachary had married another Annie first? He was old enough to have.

Known children, of 10:

- 762 i LOY E.⁷ RIGGS, born Sept. 1881, West Virginia.
- 763 ii MANDANE/DANA O.⁷ RIGGS, born Oct. 1883, West Virginia.
- 764 iii EUNICE A.⁷ RIGGS, born Feb. 1886, West Virginia.
- 765 iv HERBERT LYNN⁷ RIGGS, born June 1890, West Virginia.
- 766 v MAY C.⁷ RIGGS, born Dec. 1899, West Virginia.
- 767 vi INDIA J.⁷ RIGGS, born Nov. 1892, West Virginia.
- 768 vii JANET M.⁷ RIGGS, born May 1897, West Virginia.
- 769 viii MARTIN BAZIL⁷ RIGGS, born Dec. 1899, *St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.*^[1381]

453. JAMES E.⁶ RIGGS (₂₀₄*Edmond*⁵, *Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born Aug. 1855 (1900 census), [West] Virginia, died 1911, and was buried

1379. U.S. census, 1910, Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., ED 64, r. 1693, pp. 69–70, sh. 4B–5A, dw. 84, fam. 85. James resided in dw. 89.

1380. User provided digital scan of W.Va. death register, Ancestry.com, “48 Riggs Edmund [white] [male] [1880] Nov 27 Washinton Dist. Inflammation [age] 6 4 17 [parents] Z. T. & Annie Riggs [residence] Pleasants Co. [marital status] single [informant] Annie Riggs Mother.” N.B. listed just after is this record: “47 Riggs Fannie V. [white] [female] [1880] Jan 18 Washinton Dist. Scarlet Fever [age] 6 5 [21?] [parents] Martin & Eliza Riggs [residence] Pleasants Co. [marital status] single [informant] Martin Riggs Father.”

1381. Email from Megan⁹ Peterson to me, 12 July 2011, “Zachary Taylor (b. 1848 St Marys WV) > Mart Bazil (b. 1899 St Marys) > Joan Mary (b. 1930) > Megan (b. 1952). . . . Zachary Taylor Riggs, born 1848. Married Anna Christina Barker, born July 4 1858, on November 4 1879 in St Marys. Marriage record and Anna’s birth record available now online through the West Virginia Archives <www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx>.”

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IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[1382] He married 16 Sept. 1878, St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va.,^[1383] **MARY E. SMITH**, who was born Oct. 1859 (1900 census), [West] Virginia.

In 1900 James E. Riggs, 44, an oil well pumper born Aug. 1855 in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., with his wife of 22 years, Mary E., 40, born Oct. 1859 in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and with his daughters, Georgiana, 20, born May 1880, Margarrite, 18, born July 1881, Sue, 17, born Mar. 1883, and Lilian, 16, born Feb. 1884, son, Bernard, 13, born Aug. 1886, and daughters, Belle, 11, born June 1888, and Alfretta, 2, born Mar. 1898, all seven born in West Virginia except for Belle, born in California. Mary had had seven children, with seven surviving. Nearby resided India Riggs.^[1384]

In 1910 James E. Riggs, 54, an oil field pumper born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, resided in Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., with his wife of 32 years, Mary E., 48, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and with his daughters, Georgia, 31, a printing office type setter, Sue, 28, and Lilian, 25, son, Bernard, 22, an oil field tool dresser, and daughters, Belle, 20, Willa, 12, and Evaline, 7, all seven born in West Virginia. Mary had had eight children, with eight surviving. Nearby resided Zachary T. Riggs, 61.^[1385]

Known children, of eight:

1382. *Find a Grave*, no. 8428998, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, IOOF Cem., St. Marys, Pleasants Co., W.Va., "James E. Riggs | 1856–1911."

1383. Pleasants Co., W.Va., Marriages, []:375, Mr. James E. Riggs, 23, of Pleasants Co., W.Va., born in Pleasants Co., to Miss Mary E. Smith, 18, of Pleasants Co., born in Pleasants Co., license 16 Sept. 1878, married 17 Sept. 1878, St. Marys, by F. M. Yates, MG, image online at *West Virginia Archives & History*. N.B. There is a second record in the same archive that repeats much of the same information but adds the marriage place of St. Marys, and makes F. M. Yates definite.

1384. U.S. census, 1900, Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., ED 71, r. 1769, p. 175, sh. 6A, dw. 84, fam. 85. India resided in dw. 93.

1385. U.S. census, 1910, Washington District, Pleasants Co., W.Va., ED 64, r. 1693, p. 70, sh. 5A, dw. 89, fam. 90. Zachary resided in dw. 84.

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- 770 i **GEORGIA/GEORGE/GEORGIANA ANNA⁷ RIGGS**, born May 1880, West Virginia.
- 771 ii **MARGARRITE⁷ RIGGS**, born July 1881, West Virginia.
- 772 iii **SUE⁷ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1883, West Virginia.
- 773 iv **LILLIAN⁷ RIGGS**, born Feb. 1884, West Virginia.
- 774 v **BERNARD⁷ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1886, West Virginia.
- 775 vi **BELLE⁷ RIGGS**, born June 1888, California.
- 776 vii **WILLA/ALFRETTE⁷ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1898, West Virginia.
- 777 viii **EVALINE⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1903, West Virginia.

454. JAMES W.⁶ RIGGS (₂₀₇*Hezekiah R.⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born about 1837, Ohio, apparently buried in Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio.^[1386] He married (see children's birth records) **MARY MATILDA REA**.

Known children:

- 778 i **ROBERT⁷ RIGGS**, born 12 Aug. 1867, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1387]
- 779 ii **LESSIE⁷ RIGGS**, born 31 Aug. 1873, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1388]

463. DAVID M.⁶ RIGGS (₂₁₀*Squire Dilly⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born Nov. 1840 (1900 census), [West] Virginia, died 25 Dec. 1922, Washington Co., Ohio,^[1389] and was buried in New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1390] He married 8 Dec. 1863, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio,^[1391] **LORETTA FLINT**, who was

1386. *Find a Grave*, no. 32842542, no gravestone photograph, Murdock Cem., Washington Co., Ohio. Claims (unsourced) that he was James William Riggs, born 20 Nov. 1836, died 30 Dec. 1889.

1387. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Robert Riggs, born 12 Aug. 1867, Washington Co., Ohio, father James W. Riggs, mother Matilda Rea, FHL 941955.

1388. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Lessie Riggs, born 31 Aug. 1873, Washington Co., Ohio, father James Riggs, mother Mary M. Rea, FHL 941955.

1389. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1932, . . .*, David M. Riggs, died 25 Dec. 1922, Washington Co., Ohio.

1390. *Find a Grave*, no. 32816158, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio, “David M Riggs | 1840–1922 | Co G 148 Reg 0 V1.”

1391. *Ohio, County Marriages, 1790–1950*, David M. Riggs to Loretta Flint 8 Dec. 1863, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, her father Jacob Flint, image online, FHL 940297.

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born 20 July 1841, Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Aplin) Flint, and died 12 Oct. 1925, New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio, and was buried 14 Oct. 1925, Matamoras Cem.^[1392]

In June 1863 a Civil War enumeration of Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, lists Asbury A. Riggs, 20, born in Ohio, and David M. Riggs, 22, born in Virginia, both single white farmers.^[1393] David M. Riggs, 23, enlisted 5 Feb. 1864 as a corporal. He was promoted to full private on 3 June 1864. He enlisted 2 May 1864 in Company G, Ohio 148th Infantry Regiment, and was mustered out 14 Spet. 1864, Camp Marietta, Ohio.^[1394]

In 1870 David Riggs, 29, a farmer born in Virginia with \$1,200 real and \$150 personal estates, resided in Graysville PO, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, with Loretta, 28, born in Virginia, and with Eliza, 6, Hulda, 4, and Carrie B., 1, all three born in Virginia [sic].^[1395]

In 1880 David M. Riggs, 39, a farmer born in West Virginia of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, with his wife, Loretta, 38, born in Ohio of a father born in Vermont and a mother in Virginia, and his daughters,

1392. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, Loretta Riggs, died 12 Oct. 1924, New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio, white, widowed, female, aged 84 yrs. 2 mos. 22 dys., born 20 July 1841, Ohio, father Jacob Flint, born N.Y., mother Eliza Aplin, born Mass., buried 14 Oct. 1925, Matamoras Cem., spouse David Riggs; *Find a Grave*, no. 32816203, gravestone photograph, by DeLoss McKnight III, New Matamoras Cem., New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio, “Loretta | Flint Riggs | 1841–1925.”

1393. *U.S. Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863–1865*, image online, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, June 1863, lines 17 and 18: “Riggs Asbury A 20 White Farmer Single [born] Ohio | Riggs David M 22 White Farmer Single Va.

1394. *U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles*, David M. Riggs, 23 at enlistment, enlisted as corporal, served Ohio, service record: “Promoted to Full Private on 03 Jun 1864. | Enlisted in Company G, Ohio 148th Infantry Regiment on 02 May 1864. | Mustered out on 14 Sep 1864 at Camp Marietta, OH,” born about 1841, cites Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio.

1395. U.S. census, 1870, Graysville PO, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, r. 1245, p. 305A, dw. 136, fam. 136.

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Eliza, 15, “Huldah,” 13, “Carie” B., 11, Nancy “E.,” 8, Mary E., 6, and Cora A., 1, all six born in Ohio.^[1396]

In 1900 David Riggs, 59, a farmer born Nov, 1840 in West Virginia of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, with his wife of 37 years, Loretta, 58, born July 1841 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughters “Cara” B., 31, born Oct. 1868, Cora A., 21, born Mar. 1879, and Lucy G., 18, born Sept. 1881, all three born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio [sic].^[1397]

In 1910 David Riggs, 69, a farmer born in West Virginia of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in New Matamoras, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with his wife of 46 years, Loretta, 68, born in Ohio of a father born in Vermont and a mother in Massachusetts, and with his daughter, Cora, 31, single, born in Ohio. Loretta had had seven children (all daughters), with seven surviving.^[1398]

In 1920 David M. Riggs, 79, born in West Virginia of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in New Matamoras, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with his wife of 46 years, Loretta, 78, born in Ohio of a father born in Vermont and a mother in Massachusetts, and with his daughter, Cora, 40, single, born in Ohio. Loretta had had seven children (all daughters), with seven surviving.^[1399]

Children:

780 i **ELIZA**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 19 Oct. 1864, Washington Co., Ohio, died 27 Jan. 1952, married — **RIDGWAY**.

781 ii **HULDA**⁷ **RIGGS**, born about 1866, Ohio.

1396. U.S. census, 1880, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, ED 135, r. 1050, p. 656B, dw. 251, fam. 258.

1397. U.S. census, 1900, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, ED 105, r. 1305, p. 656, sh. 15B, dw. 275, fam. 275.

1398. U.S. census, 1910, New Matamoras, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, ED 137, r. 1237, p. 120, sh. 6A, dw. [empty], fam. 142.

1399. U.S. census, 1920, New Matamoras, Grandview Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, ED 185, r. 1446, p. 251, sh. 8A, dw. 180], fam. 196.

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- 782 iii **CARRIE B.⁷ RIGGS**, born 24 Oct. 1868, Monroe or Washington Co., Ohio,^[1400] married 11 Oct. 1906, Washington Co., Ohio,^[1401] **FREDERIC M. LYLE**, born 9 June 1865, Jefferson Co., Ohio, son of John and Sarah J. (Simpson) Lyle.
- 783 iv **NANCY C.⁷ RIGGS**, born 1 July 1871, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio.^[1402]
- 784 v **MARY EVELINE⁷ RIGGS**, born 21 Apr. 1874, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio.^[1403]
- 785 vi **CORA ADALINE⁷ RIGGS**, born 13 Mar. 1879, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio.^[1404]
- 786 vii **LUCY GARFIELD⁷ RIGGS**, born 25 Sept. 1881, Rinards Mills, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio,^[1405] married 6 June 1906, Washington Co., Ohio,^[1406] **FRANK E. MCCASLIN**, born 7 Sept. 1880, Jolly, Monroe Co., Ohio, son of James and Mary E. (Miller) McCaslin.

1400. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Riggs, female, born 24 Oct. 1868, Washington Co., Ohio, father David M. Riggs, mother Loretta Flint, FHL 941955.

1401. *Ohio, County Marriages, 1790–1950*, image online, Frederic M. Lyle, 41, born 9 June 1865, Jefferson Co., Ohio, farmer, father John Lyle, mother Sarah J. Simpson, to Miss Carrie B. Riggs, 37, born 24 Oct. 1868, Monroe Co., Ohio, merchant, father David M. Riggs, mother Loretta Flint, license 10 Oct. 1906, Probate Court, Washington Co., Ohio, married 11 Oct. 1906, by John S. Hollingshead, MG, FHL 946202.

1402. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, Nancy C. Riggs, female, born 1 July 1871, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, father D. M. Riggs, mother Loretta Flint, FHL 940295.

1403. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, Eveline Riggs, female, born 21 Apr. 1874, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, father David Riggs, mother Loretta Flint, FHL 940295.

1404. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, Cora Adaline Riggs, female, born 13 Mar. 1879, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, father David Riggs, mother Loretta Flint, FHL 940295.

1405. *Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, Lucy Garfield Riggs, female, born 25 Sept. 1881, Washington Twp., Monroe Co., Ohio, father D. M. Riggs, mother Loretta Flint, FHL 940295.

1406. *Ohio, County Marriages, 1790–1950*, image online, Frank McCaslin, 25, of Jolly, Monroe Co., Ohio, born 7 Sept. 1880, Jolly, Monroe Co., Ohio, farmer, father James McCaslin, mother Mary E. Miller, to Miss Lucy G. Riggs, 24, of New Matamoras, Washington Co., born 21 [sic] Sept. 1868, Rinards Mills, Ohio, father David Riggs, mother Loretta Flint, license 4 June 1906, Probate Court, Washington Co., Ohio, married 6 June 1906, by John S. Hollingshead, MG, FHL 946202.

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464. ASBURY A.⁶ RIGGS (₂₁₀*Squire Dilly*⁵, *Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 15 Feb. 1843 (gravestone), Washington Co., Ohio,^[1407] died 30 July 1905, and was buried in Deucher Cem., Deucher, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1408] He married (see children's birth records) about 1877 **MARY JANE MORRELL**, who was born Nov. 1851 (1900 census), Monroe Co., Ohio,^[1409] died 1922, and was buried in Deucher Cem.^[1410]

In June 1863 a Civil War enumeration of Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, lists Asbury A. Riggs, 20, born in Ohio, and David M. Riggs, 22, born in Virginia, both single white farmers.^[1411]

In 1880 "Asberry" Riggs, 37, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with his wife, Mary J., 29, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughter, Georgia, 4, sons, "Berchard" Okey, 3, and Ed. Evert, 1, and daughters, Cora Iola, 3/12, born Apr., all four born in Ohio. There were also a servant and her daughter in the household.^[1412]

In 1900 "Asberry" Riggs, 57, doing odd jobs, born Apr. 1843 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia, resided in Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, with his wife of 23 years, Mary Jane, 49, born Nov. 1851 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughter, "Geogie" G., 24, born "Jay" 1876, son, "Bichus" O., 23, born May 1877, daughters, Cora "Iala," 20, born Mar. 1880, "Roxania," 18, born May 1882, and Mattie E., 15, born July 1884, sons, Harry L, 13,

1407. His birthplace from daughter Roxana's death record.

1408. *Find a Grave*, no. 33353716, gravestone photograph, by Chris Painter, Deucher Cem., Deucher, Washington Co., Ohio, "Asbury A | Riggs | Feb 15 1843 | July 30 1905 | A Member of Co. K | [1sToL?] Artillery | discharged | Ju | 1 |], 18[63?]."

1409. Her birthplace from daughter Roxana's death record.

1410. *Find a Grave*, no. 33353717, gravestone photograph, by Anthony and Shannon Wilson, Deucher Cem., Deucher, Washington Co., Ohio, "Mary J. Riggs | 1851-1922."

1411. *U.S. Civil War Craft Registrations Records, 1863-1865*, image online, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, June 1863, lines 17 and 18: "Riggs Asbury A 20 White Farmer Single [born] Ohio | Riggs David M 22 White Farmer Single Va.

1412. U.S. census, 1880, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, ED 225, r. 1075, p. 158B, dw. 203, fam. 203.

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born Oct. 1886, and “Janes” R., 11, born June 1889, and daughter, “Hazel E.,” 5, born Sept. 1894, all eight born in Ohio. Mary Jane had had 10 children, with eight surviving.^[1413]

Known children of 10:

- 787 i **GEORGIA GALE⁷ RIGGS**, born 22 Jan. 1876, Deucher, Washington Co., Ohio, died unmarried 19 Mar. 1935, Gallipolis, Gallia Co., Ohio, buried 20 Mar. 1935, Deucher, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1414]
- 788 ii **BUSHARD OKEY⁷ RIGGS**, born 7 Mar. 1877, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio.^[1415]
- 789 iii **EDWARD EVERT⁷ RIGGS**, born 3 Sept. 1878, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1416]
- 790 iv **CARRIE/CORA B./IOLA⁷ RIGGS**, born 1 Mar. 1880, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio.^[1417]
- 791 v **ROXANNA ALPHA⁷ RIGGS**, born 14 May 1882, Deucher, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio,^[1418] died unmarried 23 Dec. 1943, Newport, Washington Co., Ohio, buried 26 Dec. 1943, Deucher, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1419]
- 792 vi **MATTIE E.⁷ RIGGS**, born July 1884, Ohio.

1413. U.S. census, 1900, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, ED 112, r. 1330, p. 166, sh. 13A-B, dw. 240, fam. 240.

1414. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, Georgia Gale Riggs, died 19 Mar. 1935, Gallipolis, Gallia Co., Ohio, aged 59 yr. 1 mo. 27 dys., single, white, female, born 22 Jan. 1876, Deucher, Washington Co., Ohio, buried 20 Mar. 1935, Deucher, father Asbury Riggs, born Ohio, mother Mary Jane Morrell, born Ohio, FHL 2022484.

1415. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Bushard O. Riggs, born 7 Mar. 1877, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father “Asberry” Riggs, mother Mary J. “Morrill,” FHL 941955.

1416. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Edward E. Riggs, born 3 Sept. 1878, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father “A...” Riggs, mother “Nancy J. MO...,” FHL 941955.

1417. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Carrie B. Riggs, born 1 Mar. 1880, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father “Asberra” Riggs, mother Mary “Merrill,” FHL 941955.

1418. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Roxanna Alpha Riggs, born 14 May 1882, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father “Asberry” A. Riggs, mother Mary Jane “Morrill,” FHL 941955.

1419. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, Roxana Alpha Riggs, died 23 Dec. 1943, Newport, Washington Co., Ohio, aged 61 yr. 7 mos. 8 dys., single, white, female, born 15 [sic] May 1882, Deucher, Washington Co., Ohio, buried 26 Dec. 1943, Deucher, father Asbury Riggs, born Washington Co., Ohio, mother Mary Jane “Morril,” born Monroe Co., Ohio.

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- 793 vii **HARRY LOREN⁷ RIGGS**, born 26 Oct. 1886, Wade, Washington Co., Ohio, died 3 Aug. 1942, Gallipolis, Gallia Co., Ohio, buried 4 Aug. 1942, Deuchner, Washington Co.^[1420]
- 794 viii **JAMES R.⁷ RIGGS**, born 7 June 1890, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1421]
- 795 ix **ALBA HAZEL⁷ RIGGS**, born 8 Sept. 1894, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1422]

466. WILLIAM N.⁶ RIGGS (₂₁₀*Squire Dilly⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born about 1847, Ohio. He married (see children's birth records) **MARY HOWELL**.

Known children:

- 796 i **ARTHUR⁷ RIGGS**, born 3 Aug. 1872, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1423]
- 797 ii **FANNIE W.⁷ RIGGS**, born 8 Nov. 1877, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio.^[1424]
- 798 iii **MINNIE MAY⁷ RIGGS**, born 22 Feb. 1881, Independence Twp., Washington Co., Ohio.^[1425]

467. JAMES SCOTT⁶ RIGGS (₂₁₀*Squire Dilly⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born about 1849, Ohio. He married (see children's birth records) **REBECCA DAVIS**.

1420. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, Harry Loren Riggs, died 3 Aug. 1942, Gallipolis, Gallia Co., Ohio, aged 55 yrs. 9 mos. 7 dys., single, white, male, born 26 Oct. 1886, Wade, Washington Co., Ohio, buried 4 Aug. 1942, Deucher, Washington Co., father “Ashbury” Riggs, born Ohio, mother Mary Jane Morrell, born Ohio, FHL 2022484.

1421. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, James R. Riggs, born 18 June 1889, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father “Asburry” Riggs, mother Mary J. Morrell, FHL 941956.

1422. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Alba H. Riggs, born 8 Sept. 1894, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father A. A. Riggs, mother Mary J. “Murrell,” FHL 941956.

1423. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Arthur Riggs, born 3 Aug. 1872, Washington Co., Ohio, father William Riggs, mother Mary Howell, FHL 941955.

1424. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Fannie W. Riggs, born 8 Nov. 1877, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father Wm. Riggs, mother Mary “Howl,” FHL 941955.

1425. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Minnie May Riggs, born 22 Feb. 1881, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father Wm. N. Riggs, mother Mary Howell, FHL 941955.

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Known children:

- 799 i **HENRY W.⁷ RIGGS**, born 28 Nov. 1872, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1426]
- 800 ii **[DAUGHTER]⁷ RIGGS**, born 20 Mar. 1875, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1427]
- 801 iii **ALICE MONROE⁷ RIGGS**, born 16 Dec. 1878, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1428]
- 802 iv **DILLIE KEITH⁷ RIGGS**, born 25 Feb . 1883, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1429]
- 803 v **ADDIE E.⁷ RIGGS**, born 7 June 1890, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1430]

470. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁶ RIGGS (₂₁₀*Squire Dilly*⁵, *Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 15 Nov. 1855, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1431] He married 2 Mar. 1882^[1432] **MARY LUSETTO SMITH**,^[1433] daughter of James K. and Rosanna (—) Smith.

The following biography of B. F. Riggs is from a biographical history of West Virginia:

B. F. Riggs, sheriff of Pleasants County, West Virginia, is one of the most popular officials the county has ever had. He was born November 15, 1855, in Washington County, Ohio, near the village of Wade. His parents

1426. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Henry W. Riggs, born 28 Nov. 1872, Washington Co., Ohio, father Scott Riggs, mother Rebecca Davis, FHL 941955.

1427. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Riggs, female, born 20 Mar. 1875, Washington Co., Ohio, father Scott Riggs, mother Rebecca Davis, FHL 941955.

1428. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Alice Monroe Riggs, born 16 Dec. 1878, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father Scott Riggs, mother Rebecca Davis, FHL 941955.

1429. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Dillie Keith Riggs, born 25 Feb . 1883, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father Scott Riggs, mother Rebecca Davis, FHL 941955.

1430. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Addie E. Riggs, born 7 June 1890, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father Scott Riggs, mother Rebecca Davis, FHL 941956.

1431. *Men of W.Va.*, 1:188. See this biography of B. F. Riggs transcribed into this sketch below.

1432. *Men of W.Va.*, 1:188.

1433. Her middle name from the birth record for her son Frank (q.v.).

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are S. D. and Nancy R. (Moreland) Riggs, the latter being a daughter of Risha [sic] Moreland.

The father of Sheriff Riggs, a son of Basil Riggs, was born in 1816 on a farm about five miles above St. Marys in what was then a part of Tyler County. He was a prominent farmer and trader on the river. In political sentiment he was an Abolitionist and was one of the three members of the township in which he lived who first voted the Republican ticket and supported John C. Fremont for President. He admired the character of John Brown and all through the Civil War was a strong supporter of the Union. With his uncle, John Riggs, he was engaged in the flatboating of produce down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Southern ports. The latter walked home the entire distance from New Orleans, as it was then before the day of steamboats. James Riggs, the father of John and Basil Riggs, first settled on the site of the present town of New Matamoras, Ohio, and is recalled as a great hunter and trapper.

B. F. Riggs attended school at Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, where he acquired a fair education which a life of study and close observation has served to make of more than usual excellence. At the age of 21 in 1876, he was appointed a township committeeman, this being his entrance into politics, and he has been more or less interested ever since. In 1887 he moved to West Virginia and settled at Raven Rock on the old homestead farm which his grandfather, Basil Riggs, had entered in 1800. In the erection of his handsome residence in 1889, he found he could utilize much of the whipsawed lumber of the old dwelling, which was still sound. He engaged in farming and for 20 years also traded with flatboats on the river, far south. As an ardent Republican, he has faithfully served his party's interests, and in 1900 he was elected sheriff of the county, for a term of four years, over an opponent who was the most popular Democrat of the county. He is well qualified for his duties, possesses a fund of good judgment, a wide experience, and the level head which is requisite for a public official.

On March 2, 1882, Sheriff Riggs was married to Mary L. Smith, of Watertown, Ohio, who is a daughter of James K. and Rosanna Smith. Two children were born to this union, namely: **Dilly Keith, born February 28, 1883**, who met death by drowning in the Ohio River, on August 27,

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1889, aged six years and six months; and Nettie R., born June 27, 1886, who is a very promising student in the graded schools of St. Marys.

Mr. Riggs and family belong to the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is an associate member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen; the Tirbe of Ben Hur; the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United merican Mechanics. Mr. Riggs has strict views on temperance and is himself a total abstainer. His influence is always exerted in the direction of reformatory and educational movements, and he enjoys public esteem to a very high degree.^[1434]

Children:^[1435]

- 804 i **FRANK S.**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 25 Sept. 1882, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio.^[1436]
- 805 ii **?DILLY KEITH**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 28 Feb. 1883, Washington Co., Ohio, died by drowning in the Ohio River on 27 Aug. 1889, Union Dist., Pleasants Co., W.Va.^[1437] **This is suspiciously similar to Dillie Keith Riggs, son of James Scott Riggs, born 25 Feb. 1883 (q.v.), and Feb. 1883 is too soon after Sept. 1882, birthdate of Frank S. Riggs.**
- 806 iii **NETTIE R.**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 27 June 1886.

471. MATILDA “TILLIE” A.⁶ **RIGGS** (₂₁₀*Squire Dilly*⁵, *Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 14 Jan. 1858, Washington Co., Ohio (death certificate), and died 4 Aug. 1929, Eaton, Walker District, Wood Co., W.Va., and was buried 6 Aug. 1929, Mt. Olive Cem., Eaton.^[1438] She married 6

1434. *Men of W.Va.*, 1:187–89.

1435. *Men of W.Va.*, 1:188.

1436. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Frank S. Riggs, born 25 Sept. 1882, Independence, Washington Co., Ohio, father Benjamin F. Riggs, mother Mary Lusetto Smith, FHL 941955.

1437. *W.Va. Deaths Index, 1853–1973*, K. D. Riggs, died 27 Aug. 1889, Union Dist., Pleasants Co., W.Va., born about 1883, Washington Co., Ohio, father B. F. Riggs, mother Mary L. Riggs, FHL 867993.

1438. *W.Va., Deaths, 1853–1970*, image online, death certificate, W.Va. State Dept. of Health, no. 11753, Eaton, Walker District, Wood Co., Mrs. Tillie Farnsworth, resident of Eaton, died 4 Aug. 1929, aged 71 yrs. 6 mos. 20 dys., female, white, housekeeper, widow of A. C. Farnsworth, born 14 Jan. 1858, Washington Co., Ohio, father “Dillie” Riggs, born W.Va., mother Nancy Little [sic],

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Oct. 1877, Washington Co., Ohio,^[1439] **ARAM CLARANCE FARNSWORTH**, who was born 1 May 1852, Ohio (death certificate), son of Robert and **Priscilla** (Watkins) Farnsworth, and died 5 June 1927, Parkersburg, Wood Co., W.Va., and was buried 7 June 1927, Mt. Olive Cem.^[1440]

An email from descendant Charles Trembley (unvetted by me unless otherwise indicated):

Squire Dilly Riggs and Nancy Moreland Riggs had 12 children according to Census Records. Adaline Matilda was born 04 January 1858 and died 04 August 1929 (from grave marker). I have not found a birth certificate. Her death certificate is filed in Register of Deaths, No. 3–1919–1931, Page 75, Wood County, West Virginia.

She married Aram Clarence Farnsworth on 06, October 1877, I have the original marriage license and marriage certificate framed and hanging on the wall in my family room. It is recorded in Washington County, Ohio marriages, 1789–1918.

Aram Clarence was born 01 May, 1852 in Woodsfield, Ohio. He was the son of Robert Farnsworth and Priscilla Watkins.

Aram and Matilda had 8 children (from Census Records). They also are all buried in the Mount Olive Cemetery, Eatons, Wood County, W.Va. along with their parents.

Charles Ray Farnsworth, the 4th child of Aram and Matilda (my grandfather) was born 04, July 1885. He married Elcie Jenkins. They had 12 children. Helen Farnsworth (my mother) was the third child.

born Va., informant C. M. Farnsworth, of Parkersburg, W.Va., buried 6 Aug. 1929, Mt. Olive Cem., Eaton, FHL 1953473.

1439. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–1994*, image online, Washington Co. Marriages, 1864–1880, vol. 6, no. 5181, A. C. Farnsworth to Miss Tillie Riggs, 6 Oct. 1877, by William Addie, Pastor Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Ohio, recorded 26 Oct. 1877, FHL 941959.

1440. *W.Va., Deaths, 1853–1970*, image online, death certificate, W.Va. State Dept. of Health, no. 9593, Parkersburg, Wood Co., Aram Clarence Farnsworth, resident of Eaton, Wood Co., died 5 June 1927, aged 75 yrs. 1 mo. 4 dys., male, white, farmer, married to Tillie Riggs, born 1 May 1852, Ohio, father Robert Farnsworth, born Ohio, mother – Watkins, born Ohio, informant C. M. Farnsworth, of Parkersburg, W.Va., buried 7 June 1927, Mt. Olive Cem., Eaton, FHL 1953433, indexed as “Aran Clarence” Farnsworth.

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Helen married Clyde Dale Trembly. I was their only child, Charles
Clyde Trembly, 02, October 1934.^[1441]

In 1880 “Aron” Farnsworth, 27, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Maryland, resided in Walker District, Wood Co., W.Va., with his wife, Tillie, 22, born in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, and with his daughter, “Clarra,” 3/12, born March in West Virginia, and his brother, Jacob Farnsworth, 21, with the same nativities as Aron.^[1442]

In 1900 A. C. Farnsworth, 48, a farmer born May 1852 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Walker District, Wood Co., W.Va., with his wife of 22 years, Tillie, 42, born Jan. 1858 in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio, and with his son, Ray, 14, born July 1885, daughter, Rosemary, 13, born Apr. 1887, and sons, Leland R., 8, born Feb. 1892, and “Harvy” M., 5, born July 1894, all four born in West Virginia. Tillie had had eight children, with six surviving.^[1443]

In 1910 A. C. Farnsworth, 57, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Walker District, Wood Co., W.Va., with his wife of 32 years, Tillie, 52, born in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Ohio, and with his son, Leland “O.,” 18, born in West Virginia. Tillie had had eight children, with six surviving.^[1444]

In 1920 Aram C. Farnsworth, 66, a farm laborer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Walker District, Wood Co., W.Va., with his wife, Matilda A., 61, born in Ohio of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Ohio.^[1445]

1441. Email from descendant, Charles Trembley, 27 May 2012.

1442. U.S. census, 1880, Walker District, Wood Co., W.Va., ED 166, r. 1416, p. 349D, dw. 62, fam. 62.

1443. U.S. census, 1900, Walker District, Wood Co., W.Va., ED 146, r. 1776, p. 315, sh. 1B, dw. 13, fam. 13 (A. C. Farnsworth was the enumerator).

1444. U.S. census, 1910, Walker District, Wood Co., W.Va., ED 143, r. 1697, p. 261, sh. 7A, dw. 118, fam. 118.

1445. U.S. census, 1920, Walker District, Wood Co., W.Va., ED 187, r. 1973, p. 246, sh. 3B, dw. 42, fam. 42.

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In 1928 Matilda A. Farnsworth, widow of Aram C. Farnsworth, resided in Parkersburg, W.Va.^[1446]

Known children, of eight:

- 807 i CLARA⁷ FARNSWORTH, born Mar. 1880, West Virginia.
- 808 ii CLYDE⁷ FARNSWORTH, born 6 Mar. 1882, Walker District, W.Va.^[1447]
- 809 iii CHARLES RAY⁷ FARNSWORTH, (actually the fourth child), born 4 July 1885, West Virginia, married 21 May 1918, Boyd Co., Ky.,^[1448]
ELSIE JENKINS, daughter of Samuel and Elsie (Johnson) Jenkins, and had 12 children, including: (3) Helen⁸ Farnsworth, married Clyde Dale Trembly, and had one child: (1) Charles Clyde⁹ Trembly, born 2 Oct. 1934, my correspondent on this family.
- 810 iv ROSEMARY [MARY ROSE]⁷ FARNSWORTH, born 28 Apr. 1887, Walker District, Wood Co., W.Va.^[1449]
- 811 v [SON]⁷ FARNSWORTH, born 2 Jan. 1891, Walker District, W.Va.^[1450]
- 812 vi LELAND R.⁷ FARNSWORTH, born Feb. 1892, West Virginia.
- 813 vii HARVEY M.⁷ FARNSWORTH, born July 1894, West Virginia, died 1 Nov. 1927 (gravestone), buried Mt. Olive Cem., Eaton, Walker District, W.Va.^[1451] This must be the son, Lester Farnsworth, born

1446. *U.S. City Directories, 1821–1989*, Parkersburg, W.Va., 1928, 283, “Farnsworth, Matilda A (wid Aram C) r640 Bird.”

1447. *W.Va. Births, 1853–1930*, image online, birth register, 1882, “99 Mar 6 Farnsworth Clyde [white] [male] [alive] Walker D A. C. Farnsworth 99 Farmer Walker D Matilda Farnsworth [single birth] [informant] A. C. Farnsworth Father,” FHL 580538.

1448. *Ky., Marriages, 1785–1979*, Charles Farnsworth, 32, born 1886, of A. C. Farnsworth and Matilda Riggs, to Elsie Jenkins, 29, born 1889, to Samuel Jenkins and Elsie Johnson, 21 May 1918, Boyd, Ky., FHL 2116501.

1449. *W.Va. Births, 1853–1930*, image online, birth register, 1887, “83 Apil [sic] 28 Farnsworth Mary Rose [white] [female] [alive] Walker D A. C. Farnsworth 83 Farmer Walker D Matilda Farnsworth [single birth] [informant] A. C. Farnsworth Father,” FHL 580538.

1450. *W.Va. Births, 1853–1930*, image online, birth register, 1891, “67 Jan 2 Farnsworth Not Named [white] [male] [alive] Walker D Aaron [sic] C. Farnsworth 67 Farmer Walker D Tillie Farnsworth [single birth] [informant] Tillie Farnsworth Mother,” FHL 580538.

1451. *Find a Grave*, no. 51758607, gravestone photograph, by Tiffany Nash, Mt. Olive Cem., Walker, W.Va., “Harvey M. | Farnsworth | West Virginia | Sergt. Med. Dept. | November 1,

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28 July 1894, "Eatons," Wood Co., W.Va., of A. C. and Tillie Farnsworth.^[1452]

484. MARTHA FRANCIS⁶ RIGGS (₂₁₃Owen⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born **22 Oct. 1853** about 1854, Missouri, died **9 Apr. 1882**, and was buried in **St. Lawrence Catholic Cem., St. Elizabeth, Miller Co., Mo.**^[1453] Owen's obituary mentions a daughter Tennessee, apparently an error. She married 21 May 1872, St. Elizabeth, Miller Co., Mo.,^[1454] **JOSEPH LUECKENHOFF**, who was born about 1852, Missouri. He remarried 21 Apr. 1884, Charlestown, Miller Co., Mo.,^[1455] Eliza S. Blize.

In 1880 Joseph "Lookenhoff," 28, a farmer born in Missouri of Baden natives, resided in Richwoods Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with his wife, Martha "T.," 26, born in Missouri of Virginia natives, and with his daughter, "Jocyfine," 4, and son, William B., 1, both born in Missouri, and one widow woman who worked in the house.^[1456]

Known children [**an online genealogy, unsourced, gives two more children**]:

- 814 i **JOSEPHINE⁷ LUECKENHOFF**, born about 1876, Missouri.
- 815 ii **WILLIAM B.⁷ LUECKENHOFF**, born about 1879, Missouri.

1927."

1452. W.Va. *Births, 1853–1930*, image online, birth register, 1894, "301 July 28 Lester Farnsworth [white] [male] [alive] Eatons A. C. Farnsworth 301 Assessor Eatons Tillie Farnsworth [single birth] [perfect condition] [informant] A. C. Farnsworth Father," FHL 580538.

1453. *Find a Grave*, no. 64030751, no photograph, St. Lawrence Catholic Cem., St. Elizabeth, Miller Co., Mo., **unsourced** data: Martha F. Riggs Lueckenhoff, born 22 Oct. 1853, died 9 Apr. 1882.

1454. Marriage record, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Miller Co., p. 48, Joseph "Luckinhoff" to Francis Riggs, 21 May 1872, St. Elizabeth, Miller Co. [Joseh Borckman?] and Josephine Luckinhoff were witnesses.

1455. Marriage record, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Miller Co., p. 170, Joseph "Luckenhoff," over 21 of Osage Twp., to Eliza S. Blize, under 18 of Richwoods Twp., on 21 Apr. 1884, Charlestown, Miller Co. Her guardian [Tain?] L.Blize gave his consent.

1456. U.S. census, 1880, Richwoods Twp., Miller Co., Mo., ED 106, r. 703, p. 223A, dw. 137, fam. 138.

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485. CLEONA ELIZABETH⁶ RIGGS (₂₁₃Owen⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 10 Nov. 1863, Missouri, died 2[9?] Nov. 1899, and was buried in Barnhart Cem., Miller Co., Mo.^[1457] Owen's obituary mentions a daughter Elizabeth. She married 30 Aug. 1883, at the Riggs residence, Miller Co., Mo.,^[1458] **ANDREW SINGER**, who was born July 1864 (1900 census), Missouri, son of John Singer. Andrew remarried 9 Feb. 1902, Charlestown, Miller Co., Mo.,^[1459] Clara Shelton.

In 1900 Andrew Singer, 35, widower, a farmer born July 1864 in Missouri of German natives, resided in Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with his son, Allen, 14, born Dec. 1885, daughter, Maggie, 11, born Jan. 1889, and adopted son, Ben Lueckenhoff, 21, born May 1879, all three born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and a servant.^[1460]

Children:

- 816 i **BEN^{7*} LUECKENHOFF**, born May 1879, Missouri. Adopted, according to the 1900 census. He is possibly William B. Lueckenhoof, son of sister Martha Francis Riggs, who died 1882.
- 817 ii **ALLEN⁷ SINGER**, born Dec. 1885, Missouri.
- 818 iii **MAGGIE⁷ SINGER**, born Jan. 1889, Missouri.

486. MISSOURI [ROSA] M.⁶ RIGGS (₂₁₃Owen⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 10 Nov. 1865 (1900 census), Missouri. The obituary mentions a daughter Missouri. She died 11 Oct. 1957, Miller

1457. *Find a Grave*, no. 43775189, gravestone photograph by Linda Baker, Barnhart Cem., Miller Co., Mo., "Elizabeth C. | Wife of | Andrew Singer | born | Nov. 10, 1863 | died | Nov. 2[9?], 1899."

1458. Marriage record, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Miller Co., p. 126, "Enda" Singer, with consent of his father John Singer, of Miller Co., Mo., to Elizabeth Riggs, over 18, of Miller Co., Mo., licensed in Tuscumbia on 9 Aug. 1883, married at the Riggs residence on 30 Aug. 1883.

1459. Marriage record, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Miller Co., p. 128, Andrew Singer, over 21, of Charlestown, Miller Co., Mo., to Miss Clara Shelton, over 18, of Charlestown, Miller Co., Mo., licensed in Tuscumbia on 4 Jan. 1902, married in Charlestown on 9 Feb. 1902.

1460. U.S. census, 1900, Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., ED 85, r. 875, p. 88, sh. 12A, dw. 202, fam. 203.

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Co., Mo.,^[1461] and was buried in Our Lady of the Snows Cem., Marys Home, Miller Co. She married [4? 9?] Feb. 1888, Marys Home, Miller Co., Mo.,^[1462] **HERMAN S. TELLMAN JR.**, born 5 Jan. about 1863, Missouri, son of Herman S. and Mary A. (–) Tillman,^[1463] and died 8 Aug. 1918,^[1464] buried at Our Lady of the Snows Cem., Marys Home, Miller Co., Mo. They had five children.

In 1900 Herman Tellman, 39, a farmer born Jan. 1863 in Missouri of a German father and a mother born in Ohio, resided in Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with his wife of 12 years, Missouri R., 34, born Nov. 1865 in Missouri of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Tennessee, and with his daughter, “Lena” Katy, 6, born Mar. 1894, and son, L. C., 7/12, born Oct. 1899, both born in Missouri. Missouri had had four children, with two surviving.^[1465]

In 1910 Herman [K.] “Tellmann,” 47, a farmer born in Missouri of a German father and a mother born in Ohio, resided in Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with his wife of 22 years, Rosa M., 44, born in Missouri of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Alabama, and with his daughter, “Lizzie” K., 16, son, Leo C., 10, and daughter, Ella C., 5, all three born in Missouri. Rosa had had five children, with three surviving.^[1466]

1461. *Find a Grave*, no. 86783610, no photograph, Rosa M. Riggs Tellman, Our Lady of the Snows Cem., Marys Home, Miller Co., Mo., **unsourced** data: born 10 Nov. 1865, St. Elizabeth, Miller Co., died 11 Oct. 1957, Miller Co.

1462. Marriage record, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Miller Co., p. 394, Herman S. Tellman Jr., over 21, of Equality Twp., Miller Co., Mo., to Rosie M. Riggs, over 18, of Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., licensed in Tuscumbia on 1 Feb. 1888, married at Marys Home on [4? 9?] Feb. 1888.

1463. U.S. census, 1880, Equality Twp., Miller Co., Mo., ED 103, r. 703, p. 179A, dw. 39, fam. 39, lists Herman S. “Tillman,” 43, born Prussia, wife Mary A., 44, born Ohio of French natives, with nine children, including son, Herman, 16, born Mo.

1464. *Find a Grave*, no. 82455332, no photograph, Herman S. Tellman Jr., Our Lady of the Snows Cem., Marys Home, Miller Co., Mo., **unsourced** data: born 5 Jan. 1863, died 8 Aug. 1918.

1465. U.S. census, 1900, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., ED 84, r. 875, p. 69, sh. 5A, dw. 70, fam. 73.

1466. U.S. census, 1910, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., ED 85, r. 875, p. 72, sh. 6A, dw. 66, fam. 67.

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In 1920 Rosa “Tillman,” 54, a widow born in Missouri of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Alabama, resided in Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with her daughter, Elizabeth, 25, son, Leo, 20, and daughter, Ella, 15, all three born in Missouri.^[1467]

In 1930 Rosa M. Tellman, 64, a widow born in Missouri of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Alabama, resided in Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., in the household of her son, Leo C., 30, a farmer born in Missouri of Missouri natives, her (Rosa’s) daughters, Elizabeth, 36 and Elinore M., 25, both single and both born in Missouri.^[1468]

Known children of five:

819 i ELIZABETH KATY⁷ TELLMAN, born Mar. 1894, Missouri.

820 ii LEO C.⁷ TELLMAN, born Oct. 1899, Missouri.

821 iii ELLA/ELINORE C./M.⁷ TELLMAN, born Jan. 1889, Missouri.

487. ELIZABETH⁶ RIGGS (₂₁₆*Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born about 1845, Missouri, and died before her father’s 3 Mar. 1877 probate. She married 2 Mar. 1863, Miller Co., Mo.,^[1469] **MARK JONES**, who was born about 1844, Virginia. He remarried 8 July 1875, Miller Co., Mo.,^[1470] Elizabeth Abbet.

In 1870 Mark Jones, 26, a farmer born in Virginia with \$1,000 real and \$600 personal estates, resided in Tuscumbia, Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., with Edmund, 2, and “Fereby,” 7, both born in Missouri. Next door was Edmund Riggs, 50.^[1471]

Children:

822 i PHERBY⁷ JONES, born about 1863, Missouri. Probably Phebe.

1467. U.S. census, 1920, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., ED 96, r. 935, p. 183, sh. 8A, dw. 130, fam. 133.

1468. U.S. census, 1930, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., ED 8, r. 1212, p. 160, sh. 13A, dw. 234, fam. 236.

1469. *Mo. Marriages, 1750–1920*, Elizabeth Riggs to Mark Jones, 2 Mar. 1863, Miller Co., Mo.

1470. *Mo. Marriages, 1750–1920*, Elizabeth Abbet to Mark Jones, 8 July 1875, Miller Co., Mo.

1471. U.S. census, 1870, Tuscumbia PO, Osage Twp., Miller Co., Mo., r. 792, p. 258B, dw. 27, fam. 27. Edmund resided in dw. 26.

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- 823 ii EDMOND/EDMUND LEWIS⁷ JONES, born 17 Aug. 1868 (gravestone), Missouri, died 13 Jan. 1946,^[1472] buried Odd Fellows Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Tumwater, Thurston Co., Wash., married (license) 3 Nov. 1888, Howell Co., Mo.,^[1473] **PERNIECA ELLEN GRIMMETT**, born 27 July 1872, died 21 Mar. 1916, and buried next to her husband.

488. OWEN R.⁶ RIGGS (₂₁₆Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born Jan. 1848 (1900 census), Missouri. He married about 1875 **MARY ANN TEAGUE**, who was born Oct. 1856, Texas.

In 1880 "Owens" R. Riggs, 32, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Missouri, resided in Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., with his wife, Mary Ann, 22, born in Texas of a father born in Texas and a mother in Missouri, and with his daughters, Rosa "Bell," 5, and Hattie, 2, both born in Missouri. Next door was Mary Ann Riggs, 50.^[1474]

In 1900 Owen Riggs, 52, a farmer born Jan. 1848 in Missouri of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Illinois, resided in Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., with his wife of 25 years, Mary A., 43, born Oct. 1856 in Texas of Tennessee natives, and one boarder, Baxter Mahan, 23, born Feb. 1877 in Missouri of Kentucky natives. Mary had had two children, and both survived. Next door were John and Florence Mahan.^[1475]

In 1910 Owen "Rigs," 62, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Illinois, resided in Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., with his wife of 36 years, Mary A. T., 53, born in Texas of a

1472. *Find a Grave*, no. 68939207, gravestone photograph, by Bill and Elaine Schrock, Odd Fellows Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Tumwater, Thurston Co., Wash., "Jones | Pernieca Ellen | July 27, 1872 | Mar. 21, 1916 || Edmond Lewis | Aug. 17, 1868 | Jan. 13, 1946."

1473. Marriage license, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, no. 110, Edmond Riggs to Miss Pernieca E. Grimmett, 3 Nov. 1888, Howell Co., Mo.

1474. U.S. census, 1880, Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., ED 51, r. 792, p. 258B, dw. 206, fam. 212. Mary Ann resided in dw. 207.

1475. U.S. census, 1900, Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., ED 54, r. 860, p. 68, sh. 10B, dw. 196, fam. 196. The Mahans resided in dw. 197.

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father born in Missouri and a mother in Indiana. Mary had had two children, and both survived.^[1476]

In 1920 Mary Ann Riggs, 63, a widow born in Texas of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Missouri, resided in Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., with her grandson, Fred W. Faurot, 22, born in Missouri of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Missouri. Next door resided Everett L. Mahan and his family, and nearby was Clem V. Faurot and his family.^[1477]

Children:

- + 824 i **ROSA BELLE⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1875, Missouri, married **CLEMENT V. FAUROT**, and had at least three children.
- + 825 ii **HATTIE FLORENCE⁷ RIGGS**, born Aug. 1879 or 1877, Missouri, married **JOHN H. MAHAN**, and had at least one child.

509. ELBRIDGE M.⁶ RIGGS (₂₂₇*Stephen⁵, Samuel⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born Aug. 1844 (1900 census), Indiana, and died after the 1925 Kansas census. He married 22 Sept. 1865, Shelby Co., Ill.,^[1478] **SARAH ANN HUBBARTT**, who was born Feb. 1844 (1900 census), Indiana, and died before the 1925 Kansas census.

In 1870 “R.” M. Riggs, 25, a farmer born in Indiana with \$1,500 personal estate, resided in Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ill., with “Mrs. Riggs,” 26, born in Indiana, and with John Andrew, 3, and Elizabeth J., 1, both born in Illinois, and son, Albert A., 1, born in Kansas. There was also John Sawyer, 18, born in Illinois, in the household.^[1479]

1476. U.S. census, 1910, Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., ED 80, r. 784, p. 114, sh. 3B, dw. 64, fam. 64.

1477. U.S. census, 1920, Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., ED 91, r. 920, p. 9, sh. 9A, dw. 183, fam. 183. The Mahans resided in dw. 184, and the Faurots in dw. 181.

1478. *Ill. Marriages, 1851–1900*, Elbridge M. Riggs to Sarah Ann Hubbartt, 22 Sept. 1865, Shelby Co., “This record can be found at the County Court Records, Film #1008065–1008066 & 1009139.”

1479. U.S. census, 1870, Shelbyville, Holland Twp., Shelby Co., Ill., r. 277, p. 114B, dw. 170, fam. 169.

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In 1880 “Elbidge” M. Riggs, 36, a farmer born in Indiana of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., with his wife, Sarah, 35, born in Indiana of Indiana [in parentheses] natives, and with his son, John A., 14, daughter, Martha, 12, son, Samuel S., 9, daughter, “Francis E.,” 4, all four born in Illinois, and son, Albert A., 1, born in Kansas. There were also two boarders in the household.^[1480]

In 1885 E. M. Riggs, 40, a farmer born in Indiana, resided in South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., with his wife, Sarah, 40, born in Indiana, and with John A., 18, “Elisebeth” J., 16, Samuel S., 13, Elbridge F., 9, all four born in Illinois, and Albert A., 6, Ida F., 4, and Janie P. [“Rigs”], 1, all three born in Kansas. There was also R. S. Walters, 18, in the household.^[1481]

In 1900 Elbridge M. Riggs, 55, a farmer born Aug. 1844 in Indiana of a father born in Ohio and a mother in New Jersey, resided in Buffalo, Garfield Co., Okla., with his wife of 34 [a 41 overwrites the 34 on Elbridge’s line only] years, Sarah A., 56, born Feb. 1844 in Indiana of Ohio natives, and with his son, Albert A., 21, born Sept. 1878, and his daughter, Janie P., 16, born June 1883, both born in Kansas. Sarah had had seven children, with seven surviving.^[1482]

In 1910 Elbridge M. Riggs, 65, a salesman for “Lopez Remedy Co.” born in Indiana of a father born in Ohio and a mother in New Jersey, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his wife of 44 years, Sarah A., 66, born in Indiana of Ohio natives, and his daughter, Janie P., 25, born in Kansas. Sarah had had seven children, with seven surviving. There was also a boarder in the household.^[1483]

1480. U.S. census, 1880, South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., ED 51, r. 398, p. 227C, dw. 86, fam. 94.

1481. Kans. census, 1885, South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., r. 136, p. 106, dw. 5, fam. 6.

1482. U.S. census, 1900, Buffalo, Garfield Co., Okla., ED 51, r. 1336, pp. 69-70, sh. 8B-9A, dw. 180, fam. 183.

1483. U.S. census, 1910, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 132, r. 456, p. 112, sh. 5B, dw. 111, fam. 123.

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In 1915 E. M. Riggs, 71, born in Oklahoma [sic], resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with Sarah A., 71, born in Arkansas [sic].^[1484]

In 1920 Elbridge M. Riggs, 75, a packer for a "Remedy Co." born in Indiana of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Ohio, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his wife, Sarah A., 75, born in Indiana of Ohio natives.^[1485]

In 1925 Elbridge M. Riggs, 80, a widower born in Indiana, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans.^[1486]

Children:

- + 826 i **JOHN ANDREW⁷ RIGGS**, born Nov. 1866, Illinois, married **IDA L. CALAHAN**, and had four children.
- 827 ii **MARTHA/ELIZABETH J.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1868, Illinois.
- 828 iii **SAMUEL S.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1871, Illinois.
- + 829 iv **ELBRIDGE FRANCIS⁷ RIGGS**, born 2 June 1875, Illinois, married **MINTA O. HUBBARD**, and had at least three children.
- 830 v **ALBERT A.⁷ RIGGS**, born Sept. 1878, Kansas.
- 831 vi **IDA F.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1881, Kansas.
- 832 vii **JANIE P.⁷ RIGGS**, born June 1883, Kansas.

510. ALBERT RUFUS⁶ RIGGS (²²⁷*Stephen⁵, Samuel⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born May 1847 (1900 census), Indiana He married (1) 4 Oct. 1869, Shelby Co., Ill.,^[1487] **EMALINE MERCER**, who was born about 1851, Ohio. He married (2) about 1881 **MARY E. DURBIN**,^[1488] who was born about Jan. 1857, Illinois.

1484. Kans. census, 1915, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., r. 220, p. 24, dw. 200, fam. 200.

1485. U.S. census, 1920, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 149, r. 550, p. 157, sh. 5B, dw. 121, fam. 131.

1486. Kans. census, 1925, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., r. 139, p. 23, dw. 198, fam. 199.

1487. *Ill. Marriages, 1851-1900*, Albert Rufus Riggs to Emaline Mercer, 4 Oct. 1869, Shelby Co., "This record can be found at the County Court Records, Film #1008065-1008066 & 1009139."

1488. Her maiden name is from her son Beryl's death record (q.v.).

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In 1870 Albert Riggs, 22, a farmer born in Indiana with \$2,550 real and \$1,180 personal estates, resided in Dry Point Twp., Shelby Co., Ill., with “Mrs. Riggs,” 19, born in Ohio, and with a boarder.^[1489]

In 1895 A. R. Riggs, 46, born in Indiana, resided in South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., with M. E., 38, born in Illinois, and with “Beryle,” 7, born in Kansas.^[1490]

In 1900 Albert R. Riggs, 52, born May 1848 in Indiana of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Ohio, resided in Watonga Twp., Blaine Co., Okla., with his wife of 19 years, Mary E., 43, born Jan. 1857 in Illinois of a father born in Maryland and a mother in Ohio, and his son, Beryl, 12, born Nov. 1887, Kansas. Mary had had one child, and it survived.^[1491]

Child of the first marriage, to Emaline:

- + 833 i **OSCAR ADOLPH**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 6 Jan. 1871, Illinois, married **BELLE M. MORTON**, and had four children.

Child of the second marriage, to Mary:

- + 834 i **BERYL ERNEST**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 7 Nov. 1887, Kansas, married **DAISY** —, and had at least one child.

512. JOHN S.⁶ **RIGGS** (₂₂₇*Stephen*⁵, *Samuel*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born about 1854, Indiana, and died before the 1910 census. He married 1 Dec. 1876, Fayette Co., Ill.,^[1492] **BELL M. UMBLE**, who was born about 1857, Illinois.

In 1880 John S. Riggs, 26, resided with his father, Stephen Riggs, 60, in South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans. (q.v.).^[1493]

1489. U.S. census, 1870, Dry Point Twp., Shelby Co., Ill., r. 277, p. 79B, dw. 213, fam. 198.

1490. Kans. census, 1895, South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., r. 154, p. 23, dw. 1, fam. 1.

1491. U.S. census, 1900, Watonga Twp., Blaine Co., Okla., ED 15, r. 398, p. 161, sh. 7A, dw. 148, fam. 152.

1492. *Ill. Marriages, 1851–1900*, John S. Riggs to Bell Umble, 1 Dec. 1876, Fayette Co., “This record can be found at the County Court Record locatged at Vandalia, IL.”

1493. U.S. census, 1880, South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., ED 207, r. 398, p. 223D, dw. 26, fam. 26.

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In 1885 J. S. Riggs, 32, a farmer born in Illinois, resided in South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., with his wife, Bell M., 28, born in Illinois, and with Martha P., 9, born in Illinois, Tura G., 4, and Jane S., 1, both born in Kansas, and a boarder.^[1494]

In 1910 “Belle” Riggs, 32, widow born in Illinois of Indiana natives, resided in Livingston, Madison Co., Ill., in the household of her daughter, “Mattie” Abbott, 32, a laundress born in Illinois of Illinois natives, with her (Mattie’s) son, Louis Casey, 10, daughter, Marie Casey, 12, and daughter, Ruth Abbott, 8, all three born in Illinois of fathers both born in Illinois. Belle had been married seven years and had had six children with [empty] surviving, but more likely there is a one-column error here, the intention being that she had had seven children, with six surviving. Mattie had had three children, with three surviving, and she had been married the second time nine years.^[1495]

Known children of six (or seven):

- 835 i **MARTHA P.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1878, Illinois, married (1) — **CASEY**, and had two children: (1) Marie⁸ Casey, born about 1898, Illinois; (2) Louis⁸ Casey, born about 1900, Illinois. She married (2) about 1901 — **ABBOTT**, and had one child: (3) Ruth⁸ Abbott, born about 1902, Illinois.
- 836 ii **MAUDA M.⁷ RIGGS**, born Oct. 1879, Kansas, and not listed in the 1885 Kansas census.
- 837 iii **TURA G.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1881, Kansas.
- 838 iv **JANE S.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1884, Kansas.

542. PARLEY HILL⁶ RIGGS (₂₃₆Martin⁵, John⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹)^[1496] was born Dec. 1847 (1900 census), Indiana, died 29 Oct. 1926, Field Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill.,^[1497] and was buried 30 Oct. 1926 in Panther

1494. Kans. census, 1885, South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., r. 136, p. 82, dw. 2, fam. 2.

1495. U.S. census, 1910, Livingston, Olive Twp., Madison Co., Ill., ED 53, r. 310, p. 12, sh. 3B, dw. 40, fam. 48.

1496. His middle name from son Martin’s death record (q.v.).

1497. Ill., *Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947*, P. H. Riggs, died 29 Oct. 1926, Field Twp., Jefferson

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Fork Cem., Jefferson Co., Ill.^[1498] He married about 1875 **SARAH C. WARREN**,^[1499] who was born Feb. 1856 (1900 census), Illinois, daughter of Mary A. (–) Warren.

In 1880 P. H. Riggs, 32, a farmer born in Indiana of Virginia natives, resided in Burrton Twp., Harvey Co., Kans., with his wife, S. C., 24, born in Illinois of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Illinois, and with his daughter, Viola E., 4, born in Illinois, and son, J. W., 3/12, born in Kansas.^[1500]

In 1885 P. H. Riggs, 37, a farmer, resided in Leon, Hickory Twp., Butler Co., Kans., with S. C., 29, female, V. E., 9, female, J. W., 5, male, J. A., 2, male, and G. M., 1, male.^[1501]

In 1895 P. H. Riggs, 47, a farmer born in Indiana, resided in Burrton Twp., Harvey Co., Kans., with S. C., 39, female born in Illinois, Viola E., 19, born in Illinois, John W., 14, Joseph, 12, “Geo” M., 11, Salida C., 7, Martin O., 5, all five born in Kansas. P. H. had moved from Illinois to Kansas.^[1502]

In 1900 Parley H. Riggs, 52, a farmer born Dec. 1847 in Indiana of Virginia natives, resided in Farrington, Jefferson Co., Ill., with his wife of 25 years, Sarah C., 44, born Feb. 1856 in Illinois of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Illinois, and with his daughter, Viola E., 24, born Jan. 1876 in Illinois, sons, “Joe” A., 16, born June 1883, and “Geo” M., 15, born Feb. 1885, daughter, “Satilie” C., 12, born July 1887, son, Martin O., 10, born Sept. 1889, and daughter, Ida May, 3, born July 1896, all five born in Kansas. Sarah had had seven children,

Co., Ill., male, 69, born 30 Oct. 1856 [sic], Ind., father Martin Riggs, born Ind., mother Catherine Elizabeth [?]seter, born Ind., farmer, burial 30 Oct. 1929.

1498. Gravestone photograph, by Patricia Brown, Panther Fork Cem., Jefferson Co., Ill., posted on <Ancestry.com>, “Father | Parley H. | 1847–1926,” with **unsourced** note, “Grave of Parley H. Riggs, husband of Sarah C. Warren.”

1499. Her maiden name from son Martin’s death record (q.v.).

1500. U.S. census, 1880, Burrton Twp., Harvey Co., Kans., ED 238, r. 382, p. 502A, dw. 121, fam. 121.

1501. Kans. census, 1885, Leon PO, Hickory Twp., Butler Co., Kans., r. 15, p. 13, P. H. is line 16.

1502. Kans. census, 1895, Burrton Twp., Harvey Co., Kans., r. 59, pp. 2–3, P. H. is line 29.

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with seven surviving. Next door was Mary A. Warren, 68, a widow born Aug. 1831 in Illinois of Illinois natives. She had been married 39 years, had had five children, with three surviving.^[1503]

In 1910 Parley H. Riggs, 62, a farmer born in Indiana of Virginia natives, resided in Field Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., with his wife of 35 years, Sarah C., 54, born in Illinois of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Illinois, and with his daughter, Viola E., 34, born in Illinois, sons, "Joe" A., 28, George M., 26, and Martin O., 20, and daughter, Ida M., 13, all four born in Kansas. Sarah had had seven children, with seven surviving.^[1504]

In 1920 Parley H. Riggs, 73, a farmer born in Indiana of Virginia natives, resided in Field Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., with his wife, Sarah C., 63, born in Illinois of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Illinois, and with his daughter, Viola, 43, born in Illinois, son, George M., 35, and daughter, Ida M., 23, both born in Kansas.^[1505]

Children:

- 839 i **VIOLA E.⁷ RIGGS**, born Jan. 1876, Illinois.
- 840 ii **JOHN W.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1880, Kansas.
- 841 iii **JOSEPH A.⁷ RIGGS**, born June 1883, Kansas, married 11 June 1914, Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y.,^[1506] **EDITH M. DARLING**, born about 1888, Canada, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (McCann) Darling.
- 842 iv **GEORGE M.⁷ RIGGS**, born Feb. 1885, Kansas.

1503. U.S. census, 1900, Farrington, Jefferson Co., Ill., ED 70, r. 308, p. 71, sh. 9B, dw. 160, fam. 160. Mary resided in dw. 161.

1504. U.S. census, 1910, Field Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., ED 98, r. 294, p. 90, sh. 8B, dw. 131, fam. 131.

1505. U.S. census, 1920, Field Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., ED 123, r. 376, p. [?], sh. 9A, dw. 185, fam. 185.

1506. N.Y., *County Marriages, 1908–1935*, image of record, no. 2700, "Joe" A. Riggs, 32, minister, born Kans., to Edith M. Darling, 26, saleslady, born Canada, on 11 June 1914, Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y., groom's father Parley H. Riggs, born Ind., groom's mother Sarah "Warner," born Ill., bride's father Thomas Darling, born Canada, bride's mother Mary Ann McCann, born Canada, licensed 10 June 1914, performed by C. H. Rust, MG, witnesses J. E. Eddy and H. W. Funk; N.Y. *Marriages, 1686–1980*, same information [FHL 831342].

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- 843 v **SALIDA C.⁷ RIGGS**, born July 1887, Kansas.
844 vi **MARTIN OSCAR⁷ RIGGS**, born 4 Sept. 1889, Kansas, died 19 June 1918, Field, Jefferson Co., Ill., and buried 21 June 1918, Union Chapel.^[1507]
845 vii **IDA MAY⁷ RIGGS**, born July 1896, Kansas.

544. JOHN T.⁶ RIGGS (₂₃₆*Martin*⁵, *John*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 11 Oct. 1856 (death record) or Nov. 1856 (1900 census), Indiana, and died 6 Apr. 1927, Spring Garden, Jefferson Co., Ill.^[1508] He married about 1878 **MISSOURI E. (—) SMITH**, who was born Mar. 1859 (1900 census), Illinois.

In 1880 J. T. Riggs, 23, a farmer born in Indiana of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Virginia, resided in Dodds Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., with his wife, M. E., 21, divorced, born in Illinois of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Illinois, and with his “Spep Daug” [*sic*, step-daughter], Dora M. Smith, 3, and daughter, Z. Y. Riggs, 1, both born in Illinois, both [*sic*] born of a father born in Tennessee.^[1509]

In 1900 John T. Riggs, 43, a farmer born Nov. 1856 in Indiana of Indiana natives, resided in Spring Garden Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., with his wife of 22 years, Missouri E., 41, born Mar. 1859 in Illinois of Illinois natives, and with his sons, Ottis O., 13, born July 1886, Kirby A., 11, born Mar. 1889, Parley F., 4, born Jan. 1896, and Henry H., 2, born July 1897, and daughter, Alma R., 4/12, born Jan. 1900, all five born in Illinois. Missouri had had nine children, with six surviving.^[1510]

1507. Ill., *Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947*, Martin Oscar Riggs, died 19 June 1918, Field, Jefferson Co., Ill., male, 29, born 4 Sept. 1889, Kans., father Parley Hill Riggs, born Ind., mother “Sarrah” Warren, born Ill., a farmer, burial 21 June 1918, Union Chapel.

1508. Ill., *Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947*, John T. Riggs, died 6 Apr. 1927, Spring Garden, Jefferson Co., Ill., male, 70, born 26 Oct. 1856, Ill. [*sic*], father Martin Riggs, born Ind., mother Elizabeth Umensetter, born Va., spouse An [*sic*] E. Riggs, a farmer, burial 7 Apr. 1927.

1509. U.S. census, 1880, Dodds Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., ED 50, r. 216, p. 550B, dw. 78, fam. 78.

1510. U.S. census, 1900, Spring Garden Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., ED 82, r. 309, p. 71, sh. 23B, dw. 466, fam. 468.

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In 1910 John T. “Rigg,” 53, a farmer born in Indiana of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Virginia, resided in Spring Garden Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., with his wife of 32 years, Missouri E., 51, born in Illinois of Illinois natives, and with his sons, “Curby,” 21, Parley, 14, and Henry, 12, all three born in Illinois. Missouri had had seven children, with five surviving.^[1511]

In 1920 John T. Riggs, 64, a farmer born in Indiana of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Virginia, resided in Spring Garden Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., with his wife, Missouri E., 61, born in Illinois of Illinois natives, and with his son, Kirby A., 32, and daughter-in-law, Nova, 20, both born in Illinois, she of Illinois native.^[1512]

Known children, of at least eight (with John):

- 846 i **Z. Y.⁷ RIGGS**, female, born about 1879, Illinois.
- 847 ii **OTTIS O.⁷ RIGGS**, born July 1886, Illinois.
- 848 iii **KIRBY A.⁷ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1889, Illinois.
- + 849 iv **PARLEY FELIX⁷ RIGGS**, born 5 Jan. 1896, Bonnie, Jefferson Co., Ill., married **VERN[E] F. —**, and had at least two children.
- 850 v **HENRY H.⁷ RIGGS**, born July 1897, Illinois, married about 1917 **LEORA —**, born about 1900, Illinois. See the 1930 census item for brother Parley.
- 851 vi **ALMA R.⁷ RIGGS**, born Jan. 1900, Illinois.

558. LEE PRICE⁶ RIGGS (₂₄₅*Erasmus Columbus⁵, John William⁴, Erasmus³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 17 May 1864, Lake Co., Calif., died 8 May 1924, Ukiah, Mendocino Co., Calif., buried 11 May 1924 in Hartley Cem., Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif.^[1513] He married 17 May 1888, Lake Co.,

1511. U.S. census, 1910, Spring Garden Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., ED 114, r. 294, p. 4, sh. 4B, dw. 73, fam. 73.

1512. U.S. census, 1920, Spring Garden Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., ED 140, r. 376, p. 253, sh. 2B, dw. 38, fam. 38.

1513. *Find a Grave*, no. 76914303, Hartley Cem., Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif., plot: Sec 1, Str B, N/W, “Lee P. Riggs | May 17, 1864 | May 8, 1924,” also a digitized photograph of a funeral notice: “Lee Price Riggs | Born in Lake County, May 17, 1864 | Died in Ukiah, May 8, 1924 | Funeral services will be held at the family residence | on West Standley Street, Sunday, May 11, at 10 a. m.

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Calif.,^[1514] **CYNTHIA ANN WELTY**, who was born 20 Feb. 1868 in Illinois, died 5 Sept. 1948, and was buried near her husband.^[1515]

In 1930 Cynthia Riggs, 62, a widow born in Illinois of Illinois natives, resided in Ukiah, Mendocino Co., Calif., with her granddaughters, Alice L. Riggs, 12, and “Celia” M. Riggs, 11, and her grandsons, “Leeman,” S. Riggs, 9, and Dennis W. Riggs, 8, all born in California of a father born in California and a mother in Iowa.^[1516]

Known child:

+ 852 i **LUMAN CECIL**⁷ **RIGGS**, born 22 June 1889, Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif., married **GLADYS M. GANTZ**, and had six children.

| Interment at Lakeport 2 p. m. of same day.”

1514. Email from my correspondent Terry⁹ Closser, 5 Mar. 2022: “I have my great grandparents, Lee P. Riggs and Cynthia A. Welty, original marriage certificate. Their marriage date was 17 May 1888 in Lake County, CA.”

1515. *Find a Grave*, no. 13875389, Hartley Cem., Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif., plot: Sec 1, Str B, N/W, “Cynthia Ann Riggs | Feb. 20, 1868 | Sept. 5, 1948.”

1516. U.S. census, 1930, Ukiah, Mendocino Co., Calif., ED 21, p. 224, sh. 12B, dw. 319, fam. 334, FHL 2339912.

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574. **JOHN⁷ RIGGS** (₂₄₉*John⁶, Daniel⁵, John⁴, ?John³, ?James², James¹*) was born May 1873 (1900 census), Kentucky, died 1962, and was buried in Locust Grove Cem., Peebles, Adams Co., Ohio.^[1517] He married about 1890 **ELLA [ELDORA] BALDWIN**, who was born May 1872 (1900 census), Ohio, died 16 Apr. 1942, Adams Co., Ohio,^[1518] and was buried with her husband.

In 1900 John Riggs, 27, a railroad section hand and farmer born May 1873 in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in Lewis Co., Ky., with his wife of 10 years, Ella, 28, born May 1872 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his sons, Thomas H., 9, born Feb. 1891, and David L., 6, born June 1893, daughters, Lulu P., 5, born Mar. 1895, and Bertha A., 3, born Jan. 1897, and sons, “Miner” E., 1, born Jan. 1899, and “Infant” boy, 3/12, born Jan. 1900, all born in Kentucky [but mother’s nativities given as Kentucky, but should be Ohio]. Ella had had six children, with six surviving.^[1519] Thomas and David are apparently reversed.

In 1910 John Riggs, 37, a farmer born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in Jefferson Twp., Churn Creek Pct., Adams Co., Ohio, with his wife of 19 years, Ella, 38, born in Kentucky of Ohio natives, and with his sons, David, 19, and Thomas, 16, daughters, Lulu, 15, and Bertha, 13, and sons, Minor, 11, and Roy, 10, daughter, Lottie, 8, all born in Kentucky, and daughter, “Lizzie,” 4, and son, Chester, 2, both born in Ohio, and one boarder. Ella had had 10 children, with nine surviving.^[1520]

1517. *Find a Grave*, no. 82808509, gravestone photograph, Locust Grove Cem., Peebles, Adams Co., Ohio, “R || Ella | 1872-1942 || John | 1873-1962 || Riggs.”

1518. *Ohio Death Records, 1908-1932, 1938-2007*, image online, Ella Riggs, died 16 Apr. 1942, Adams Co., Ohio.

1519. U.S. census, 1900, Mag. Dist. 1, Lewis Co., Ky., ED 81, r. ?, p. 182, sh. 5B, dw. 102, fam. 102, FHL 1240538.

1520. U.S. census, 1910, Jefferson Twp., Churn Creek Pct., Adams Co., Ohio, ED 5, r. 1150, p. 52, sh. 6B, dw. 122, fam. 122, FHL 1375163.

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In 1920 John Riggs, 43, a farmer born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in Nile, Scioto Co., Ohio, with his wife, Ella, 47, born in Kentucky of Ohio natives, and with his son, Roy, 18, born in Kentucky, daughter, Elizabeth L., 14, and sons, Chester, 12, Stanley, 5, and “Forest” 2 5/12, all four born in Ohio.^[1521]

In 1940 John Riggs, 67, a farmer born in Kentucky, resided in Meigs, Adams Co., Ohio, with his wife, Ella, 68, born in Kentucky, and with his son, Forrest, 22, and his daughter-in-law, Gladys, 15, both born in Ohio. They all resided in the same place in 1935.^[1522]

Known children, of 12:

- 853 i **DAVID L.⁸ RIGGS**, born Feb. 1891, Kentucky.
- 854 ii **THOMAS H.⁸ RIGGS**, born June 1893, Kentucky, died 1959, buried in Locust Grove Cem., Peebles, Adams Co., Ohio.^[1523]
- 855 iii **LULU P.⁸ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1895, Kentucky.
- 856 iv **BERTHA A.⁸ RIGGS**, born 28 Jan. 1897, Lewis Co., Ky., married 14 May 1913, Adams Co., Ohio,^[1524] **HARRY FITE**, born 7 May 1892, Lewis Co., Ky, son of James and Ella (Wills) Fite.
- 857 v **MINOR E.⁸ RIGGS**, born Jan. 1899, Kentucky.
- + 858 vi **ROY⁸ RIGGS**, born 30 Mar. 1900, Kentucky, married **RHOEA BELL [ROSABEL] SEARLES**, and had one child. ***This is the Duane Riggs line.***
- 859 vii **LOTTIE⁸ RIGGS**, born 29 Jan. 1902, Lewis Co., Ky., died 13 Oct. 1991,^[1525] married — **HAZELBAKER**.

1521. U.S. census, 1920, Lower Nile Twp., Scioto Co., Ohio, ED 135, r. 1432, p. 179, sh. 2A, dw. 41, fam. 43.

1522. U.S. census, 1940, Meigs, Adams Co., Ohio, ED 1-12, r. 3019, p. 149, sh. 5B, dw. 100.

1523. *Find a Grave*, no. 82808205, gravestone photograph, Locust Grove Cem., Peebles, Adams Co., Ohio, “Father | Thomas Riggs | 1893–1959.”

1524. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Adams Co., 1865–1919, image online, Harry Fite, 21 on 7 May 1913, resident of Stout, Ohio, born Lewis Co., Ky., farmer, father James Fite, mother Ella Wills, no previous marriages, licensed 14 May 1913, to Miss Bertha Riggs, 16 on 28 Jan. 1913, resident of Stout, Adams Co., Ohio, born Lewis Co., Ky., housekeeper, father John Riggs, mother Ella Baldwin, no previous marriages, consent “of Father and Mother in writing,” married 14 May 1913 by R. C. Vance JP, certificate no. 635, FHL 545187.

1525. U.S. *Social Security Applications and Claims Index*, 1936–2007, Lottie Hazelbaker aka Lottie

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- 860 viii **ELIZABETH L. RIGGS**, born about 1906, Ohio.
- 861 ix **CHESTER⁸ RIGGS**, born 1907 (gravestone), Ohio, died 1960, buried in Locust Grove Cem., Peebles, Adams Co., Ohio,^[1526] married **MILDRED —**, born 1919 (gravestone), died 2015, and buried with her husband.
- 862 x **STANLEY⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1915, Ohio.
- 863 xi **FORREST C.⁸ RIGGS**, born 4 Sept. 1917 (gravestone), Ohio, died 6 Oct. 1963, buried in Locust Grove Cem., Peebles, Adams Co., Ohio,^[1527] married **GLADYS —**, born about 1925, Ohio.

582. JOHN ROBERT⁷ RIGGS (²⁷³*Augustus*⁶, ?*James*⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born July 1866 (1900 census), Meigs Co., Ohio, died 1954, and was buried in Brown Cem., Hartford, Mason Co., W.Va.^[1528] He married (1) 21 Oct. 1887, at the residence of the bride's father, Jackson Co., W.Va.,^[1529] **MARY ISABEL PRAITHER**, who was born about 1865, Meigs Co., Ohio. He married (2) 16 Dec. 1895, Mason Co., W.Va.,^[1530] **MALINDA C. KEARNS**, who was born Oct. 1876 (1900 census), West Virginia, died 1961, and was buried in Gravel Hill Cem., Cheshire Twp., Gallia Co., Ohio.^[1531]

Riggs, female, white, born 29 Jan. 1902, Lewis Co., Ky., died 13 Oct. 1991, father John Riggs, mother Eldora Baldwin, SSN 271-62-2608.

1526. *Find a Grave*, no. 82808165, gravestone photograph, Locust Grove Cem., Peebles, Adams Co., Ohio, "Riggs | Mildred | 1915-2015 || Chester | 1907-1960."

1527. *Find a Grave*, no. 179929255, gravestone photograph, Locust Grove Cem., Peebles, Adams Co., Ohio, "Forrest C Riggs | Ohio | PFC Co B 15 Infantry | World War II | Sept 4 1917 Oct 6 1963."

1528. *Find a Grave*, no. 79260550, gravestone photograph, by Dawn Wood, Brown Cem., Hartford City, Mason Co., W.Va., "Robert Riggs | 1866-1954."

1529. Marriage record, Jackson Co., W.Va., digital photocopy posted online at <Ancestry.com>, by annie8232 on 12 Jan. 2011, linked to John Robert Riggs, John Robert, 21, born Meigs Co., Ohio, to Mary Isabel Praither, 22, born Meigs Co., Ohio, both of Jackson Co., licensed 21 Oct. 1887, married 21 Oct., 1887, "at The residence of the Brides father," by W. A. Cadle MG.

1530. *W.Va. Compiled Marriage Records, 1863-1900*, John R. Riggs, male, spouse Malinda C. Kearns, female, married 16 Dec. 1895, Mason Co., W.Va.

1531. *Find a Grave*, no. 7232899, gravestone photograph, by Robin (Cottingham) Townsend-Fife, Gravel Hill Cem., Cheshire Twp., Gallia Co., Ohio, "Malinda C. Riggs | 1876-1961."

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In 1900 John R. Riggs, 33, a farmer born July 1866 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Waggener Dist., Mason Co., W.Va., with his wife of 12 years, Malinda, 23, born Oct. 1876 in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and his sons, John A., 3, born Dec. 1896, and Berton, 11, born Nov. 1888, both born in West Virginia of a mother born in West Virginia. Malinda had had two children, with two surviving.^[1532] There are errors in this record. Malinda and John had been married for only four years, and she had had one child. The other child, Berton, was a son of the first marriage, which *had* occurred 12 years earlier.

In 1910 John R. Riggs, 43, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio, resided in Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife of 14 years, "Melinda," 33, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, his sons, John A., 13, and Charles M., 9, daughter, Laura M., 4, and son, Ira E., 8/12, all born in West Virginia, and his mother, Alzina Riggs, 74, a widow born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives (q.v.). Melinda had had four children, with four surviving. Next door was the family of Harvey B. Riggs, 21, born in West Virginia.^[1533]

An obituary for daughter, Lula:

Mrs. Lula B. Russell, 78, of 403 China street, Crooksville, died at 5 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 17) at Bethesda Hospital where she had been admitted that morning.

She was born April 18, 1892, in Hartford, W. Va., a daughter of Robert and Isabelle Praither Riggs. She moved to the Crooksville area in 1935. . . .

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Annabelle Hallo of Route 5; four sons, Robert Russell of Roseville, Marvin, James and Clair Russell, all of Crooksville; 20 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren; three half-sisters, Mrs. Lucille Jacobs and Mrs. Vershie Evans, both of Middleport,

1532. U.S. census, 1900, Waggener Dist., Mason Co., W.Va., ED 64, p. 226, sh. 2A, dw. 26, fam. 26, FHL 1241765.

1533. U.S. census, 1910, Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 108, r. 1214, p. 107, sh. 14A, dw. 347, fam. 353, FHL 1375227. Harvey resided in dw. 348, fam. 354.

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Mrs. Lura Huffman of Columbus; three halfbrothers, Manley Riggs of Hartford, Guss Riggs of Roseville and Ira Riggs of Columbus. Her husband, Dana, two sons, a sister and a brother are deceased. . . .

Burial will be in Middleport Hill Cemetery.^[1534]

Known children of three of the first marriage, to Mary:

- 864 i **HARVEY BERTON**⁸ **RIGGS**, born Nov. 1888, West Virginia, married about 1907, **BELVA** —, born about 1888, West Virginia, and had at least two children.

In 1910 Harvey B. Riggs, 21, born in West Virginia of Ohio natives, resided in Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife of three years, Belva, 22, born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives, and his sons, Raymond, 3, born in West Virginia, and Robert, 2, born in Ohio., and one boarder.^[1535]

- 865 ii **LULA B.**⁸ **RIGGS**, born 18 Apr. 1892, Hartford, Mason Co., W.Va. (her obit.), died 17 Oct. 1970, Crooksville, Perry Co., Ohio, and was buried in Middleport Hill Cem., Middleport, Meigs Co., Ohio, married 1909, Mason Co., W.Va., **DANA M. RUSSELL**, and had seven children (see her obit.).

In 1900 Lula B. Riggs, 8, born Apr. 1892, Ohio, resided with her uncle, Austin Stiles.^[1536]

Children of the second marriage, to Malinda:

- 866 iii **JOHN AUGUSTUS “GUSS”**⁸ **RIGGS**, born about 1897, West Virginia.
867 iv **CHARLES MANLEY**⁸ **RIGGS**, born 5 Aug. 1900, Hartford, Mason Co., W.Va.^[1537]

1534. Obit., Mrs. Lula B. Russell, *The Times Recorder*, Zanesville, Ohio, 19 Oct. 1970, Mon., p. 2, col. 1, image online at <www.newspapers.com/clip/61547264/obituary-for-lula-b-russell-aged-78/>, accessed 21 Oct. 2020.

1535. U.S. census, 1910, Rutland Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 108, r. 1214, p. 107, sh. 14A, dw. 348, fam. 354, FHL 1375227.

1536. U.S. census, 1900, Salisbury Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 49, p. 148, sh. 3B, dw. 66, fam. 67, FHL 1241303.

1537. U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947, Charles Manley Riggs, 41, born 5 Aug. 1900, Hartford, W.Va.

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- 868 v **LAURA M.⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1906, West Virginia, married – **HUFFMAN**.
- 869 vi **IRA E.⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1909, West Virginia.
- 870 vii **EMMA LUCILLE⁸ RIGGS**, born 5 Aug. 1919, Middleport, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1538] died 28 May 1999, married – **JACOBS**.
- 871 viii **VERSHIE⁸ RIGGS**, married – **EVANS**.

610. EMMA⁷ RIGGS (₃₀₂Wesley P.⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 22 Mar. 1878, Downington, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1539] died 1952, and was buried in Burson Cem., Athens Co., Ohio.^[1540] She married 26 May 1897, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1541] **LINLEY D. SMITH**, who was born 18 Oct. 1875, Harrisonville, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1542] son of George A. and Emma (Gilmore) Smith,^[1543] and died 1906, and was buried in Oakland Cem., Clinton, Clinton Co., Iowa.^[1544]

In 1900 “Lindley” Smith, 24, a farmer born Oct. 1875 in Iowa of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Ohio, resided in Deep Creek Twp., Clinton Co., Iowa, with his wife of three years, Emma, 22, born

1538. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Emma Lucille Jacobs aka Emma Lucille Riggs, female, white, born 5 Aug. 1919, Middleport, Meigs Co., Ohio, father John R. Riggs, mother Malinda “K.” Kearns, SSN 301–40–3715.

1539. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Emma Riggs Smith, female, white, born 22 Mar. 1878, Downington, Meigs Co., Ohio, father Wesley P. Riggs, mother Lorena Hart, SSN 299–14–7714.

1540. *Find a Grave*, no. 124862729, gravestone photograph, Burson Cem., Athens Co., Ohio, “Emma Riggs | Smith | 1878–1952.”

1541. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1891–1899, image 244 of 319 online, no. 1457, Linley Smith to Emma Riggs, married 26 May 1897, by F. B. Cheadle MG.

1542. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, “Linly” Smith, male, born 18 Oct. 1875, Harrisonville, Meigs Co., Ohio, father G. A. Smith, mother E. Gilmore, GHL 313460.

1543. U.S. census, 1880, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 118, r. 1048, p. 265B, dw. 209, fam. 219, lists George Smith, 43, wife Emma, 46, and seven children, including son, “Lindley,” 4, born Ohio.

1544. *Find a Grave*, no. 116159156, gravestone photograph, by Jenny Hesse, Oakland Cem., Clinton, Clinton Co., Iowa, “Smith | Father | Linley D. | 1876–1906 || Son | Orville C. | 1901–1901.”

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May 1878 in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughter [sic], Earthel, 1, born Jan. 1899, Iowa.^[1545]

In 1910, Emma Smith, 32, a widow, resided in Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with her sons, “Erthel,” 11, Dale V., 7, and Clyde V., 5, daughter, Zita L., 3, all born in Iowa, and with her grandmother, Nancy R. Riggs, 85, a widow born in Maine of Maine natives. Emma had had five children, with four surviving. Nancy had had five children, with two surviving.^[1546]

In 1920 Emma R. Smith, 41, a widow sewing at home, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with her son, Dale V., 17, and daughter, Zita L., 13, both born in Iowa.^[1547]

In 1940 Emma Smith, 62, widow, a college cook born in Ohio, resided in Athens, Athens Co., Ohio, as a lodger with other college cooks.^[1548] Ohio University is located in Athens.

On 27 July 1943, Babylon, Suffolk Co., N.Y., Emma Riggs Smith signed an affidavit for the delayed birth certificate for her daughter, Zita (q.v.).

Children:

- 872 i **EARTHEL GLENN⁸ SMITH**, born 28 Jan. 1899, Guysville or Columbia, Meigs Co., Ohio, died 20 Nov. 1978.^[1549]
- 873 ii **ORVILLE C.⁸ SMITH**, born and died 1901, buried with his father.

1545. U.S. census, 1900, Deep Creek Twp., Clinton Co., Iowa, ED 19, p. 295, sh. 6B, dw. 109, fam. 109, FHL 1240426.

1546. U.S. census, 1910, Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 53, r. 1214, p. 3, sh. 3A, dw. 54, fam. 54, FHL 1375227.

1547. U.S. census, 1920, Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 123, r. 1417, p. 6, sh. 6B, dw. 146, fam. 146.

1548. U.S. census, 1940, Athens, Athens Co., Ohio, ED 5-7, r. 3025, p. 86, sh. 9B, dw. 242.

1549. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Earthel Glenn Smith, male, white, born 28 Jan. 1899, Guysville, Meigs Co., Ohio, father Linley Smith, mother Emma R. Riggs, died 20 Nov. 1976, SSN 716-18-7373; *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, Smith, male, white, born 28 Jan. 1899, Columbia, Meigs Co., Ohio, father, L. D. Smith, mother Emma Riggs, FHL 313461, baptized Meigs Co., Ohio.

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- 874 iii **DALE VIRGIL⁸ SMITH**, born 8 Oct. 1902, Deep Creek, Clinton Co., Iowa,^[1550] married^[1551] **BEULAH** —.
- 875 iv **CLYDE VIRL⁸ SMITH**, born 17 Sept. 1904, Loomar, Clinton Co., Iowa,^[1552] died 3 Jan. 1992, Athens Co., Ohio,^[1553] buried in Burson Cem., Athens Co., Ohio,^[1554] married **MABEL O.** —, born 14 Aug. 1906 (gravestone), died 22 Feb. 1993, buried with her husband.
- 876 v **ZITA L.⁸ SMITH**, born 8 Jan. 1907, Clinton, Clinton Co., Iowa.^[1555]

611. NORA E.⁷ RIGGS (₃₀₂Wesley P.⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born May 1879 (1900 census), Athens Co., Ohio, died 1960, and was buried in Burson Cem., Athens Co., Ohio.^[1556] She married 6 Feb. 1902, Athens Co., Ohio,^[1557] **JOSEPH C. BURSON**, who was born 1876 (gravestone), Shade, Athens Co., Ohio, son of James B., and

1550. *Iowa Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1999*, Dale Smith, born 8 Oct. 1902, Deep Creek, Clinton Co., Iowa, father “Lindly” D. Smith, mother Emma Riggs, FHL 1005217.

1551. *U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947*, Dale Virgil Smith, 39, born 8 Oct. 1902, Clinton Co., Iowa, residence Matteson, Cook Co., Ill., person who will always know your address Mrs. Beulah Smith, of the same address.

1552. *Iowa Delayed Birth Records, 1856–1940*, image 3439 of 5011 online, no. 398433, Clyde Virl Smith, born 17 Sept. 1904, male, Loomar, Clinton Co., Iowa, white, father Linley Smith, born Meigs Co., Ohio, mother Emma Riggs, born Meigs Co., Ohio.

1553. *Ohio Death Records, 1908–1932, 1938–2018*, Clyde Virl Smith, male, white, 878, born 17 Sept. 1904, Iowa, resident of Athens Co., Ohio, died 3 Jan. 1992, Athens Co., Ohio, at home, father Smith, mother Riggs.

1554. *Find a Grave*, no. 124862787, gravestone photograph, Burson Cem., Athens Co., Ohio, “Smith | Clyde V. | Sept. 17, 1904 | Jan. 3, 1992 ||.Mabel O. | Aug. 14, 1906 | Feb. 22, 1993.”

1555. *Iowa Delayed Birth Records, 1856–1940*, image 4371 of 5011 online, no. 419365, Zita Smith, born 8 Jan. 1907, female, no. in order of birth 5, Clinton, Clinton Co., Iowa, father Linley D. Smith (29 at the birth, now deceased), born Harrisonville, Meigs Co., Ohio, mother Emma Riggs Smith (29 at the birth), born Downingtown, Meigs Co., Ohio, affidavit signed by Emma Riggs Smith mother, 65, resident of Babylon, Suffolk Co., N.Y., on 27 July 1943.

1556. *Find a Grave*, no. 41461915, gravestone photograph, Burson Cem., Athens Co., Ohio, “Burson | Joseph C. | 1876–1962 | Nora E. | 1879–1960 || Carl R. | 1913–1994 | Charlotte E. | 1914–1979.”

1557. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Athens Co., 1899–1904, image 279 of 533 online, Miss Nora E. Riggs, 23, born Athens Co., Ohio, parents Wesley Riggs and Lorena “Heart,” to Joseph C. Burson, 26, born Shade, [Athens Co.] Ohio, farmer, parents James B. Burson and Mary M. Creanier, licensed 6 Feb. 1902, both of Shade, Ohio, married 6 Feb. 1902, by L. G. Matheny MG.

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Mary M. (Creanier) Burson, and who died 1962, and was buried with his wife.

On 9 July 1829 “Charlie” Riggs swore to a statement in the probate file of Alvin P.⁵ Riggs that he had left a notice re the probate case “with Oliver Miller with whom said Nora Riggs reside.” Another document in the same probate file gave her P.O. address as Jerseyville, Ohio [*sic*, Jerseyville is in Illinois].^[1558]

Repeated for convenience: In 1900 Nora E. Riggs, 21, born May 1879 in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, as a servant in the household of Oliver B. Miller, 50, a farmer born Aug. 1849 in Ohio of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Ohio, and his wife of 24 years, Samaria, 48, born Mar. 1852 in Ohio of Ohio natives.^[1559] Samaria was her father’s cousin.

In 1910 Joseph C. Burson, 34, a farm laborer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, with his wife of eight years, Nora E., 30, born in Ohio of Ohio natives. She had had no children.^[1560]

In 1920 Joseph C. Burson, 44, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, with his wife of eight years, Nora E., 45, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his son, Carl, 6, born in Ohio, and his nephew, Clyde V. Smith, 15, born in Iowa of Ohio natives.^[1561]

In 1930 Joseph C. Burson, 54, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, with his wife, Nora E.,

1558. Meigs Co., Ohio, Wills, 6:422-426, images 845-846 of 928 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 2319057 item 3, DGS 4733097, will of Alvin P. Riggs Decd.

1559. U.S. census, 1900, Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, ED 11, p. 172, sh. 2A, dw. 24, fam. 24, FHL 1241239.

1560. U.S. census, 1910, Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, ED 22, r. 1153, p. 172, sh. 4B, dw. 67, fam. 70, FHL 1375166.

1561. U.S. census, 1920, Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, ED 18, r. 1343, p. 3, sh. 3B, dw. 66, fam. 67.

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50, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his son, Carl R., 17, born in Ohio. Joseph was 26 at first marriage, and Nora was 22.^[1562]

In 1940 J. C. Burson, 634, a farmer born in Ohio, resided in Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, with his wife, Nora, 60, born in Ohio, and with his son, Carl, 27, single, born in Ohio. They all had resided in the same house in 1935.^[1563]

Child:

- 877 i **CARL RIGGS⁸ BURSON**, born 21 Mar. 1913, Shade, Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, died 23 Mar. 1994, Athens, Athens Co., Ohio,^[1564] buried with his parents, married (1) 15 Aug. 1942, Gallia Co., Ohio,^[1565] **ROBERTA ERNESTINE SWINDELL**, born 2 Sept. 1914, Jacksonville, Athens Co., Ohio, daughter of Ernest and Ada (Davidson) Swindell, and died 9 Apr. 2001, buried Maplewood Cem., Glouster, Athens Co., Ohio.^[1566] Carl married (2) **CHARLOTTE E. BROWN**, born 6 Feb. 1914,^[1567] Ohio, daughter of Charles L. and Emma L. (–) Brown,^[1568] and died 28 July 1979, Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio,^[1569] buried with her husband.

1562. U.S. census, 1930, Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, ED 20, p. 40, sh. 9A, dw. 208, fam. 213, FHL 2341483.

1563. U.S. census, 1940, Lodi Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, ED 5-23, r. 3025, p. 329, sh. 6A, dw. 110.

1564. *Ohio Death Records, 1908–1932, 1938–2018*, Carl Riggs Burson, male, white, 81, born 21 Mar. 1913, Athens Co., Ohio, died 23 Mar. 1994, Athens, Athens Co., Ohio, father Burson, mother Riggs.

1565. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Gallia Co., 1941–1942, image 1128 of 1386 online, no. 14239, Carl Riggs Burson, 29 on 21 Mar. 1942, resident of Shade, Ohio, born, Shade, Ohio, line operator, father J. C. Burson, mother Nora E. Riggs, not previously married, to Roberta Ernestine Swindell, 27 on 2 Sept. 1941, resident of Gallipolis, Gallia Co., Ohio, born Jacksonville, Ohio, reporter, father Ernest Swindell, mother Ada “Davidson,” not previously married, licensed 14 Aug. 1942, married 15 Aug. 1942, by W. Scott Westerman MG.

1566. *Find a Grave*, no. 111138457, gravestone photograph, Maplewood Cem., Glouster, Athens Co., Ohio, “Roberta Swindell | Burson | Sept. 2, 1914 | April 9, 2001. Unsourced note: “Roberta was divorced at the time of her death.”

1567. *U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014*, Charlotte Burson, SSN 288-42-8969, born 6 Feb. 1914, died July 1979, last residence 45750, Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio, issued 1963, Ohio.

1568. U.S. census, 1940, Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio, ED 84-27, r. 3166, p. 337, sh. 3B, dw.

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612. WILLIAM HERBERT⁷ RIGGS (₃₀₂Wesley P.⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 13 Jan. 1881, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1570] He married 31 Aug. 1901, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1571] **JOANNA “ANNA” BOLIN**, who was born 3 Aug. 1880, Ohio, daughter of Marshall and Marinda (Reeves) Bolin.

Repeated for convenience: In 1900 Nancy R. Riggs, 75, a widow born Feb. 1825 in Maine of Maine natives, resided in Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with her grandson, Herbert, 19, born Jan. 1881 in Ohio of Ohio natives.^[1572]

In 1910 Herbert Riggs, 29, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife of eight years, “Anna,” 30, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughters, Emma E., 8, Edith, 6, and Edna, 4, and son, Alvin P., 1 6/12, all born in Ohio.^[1573]

In 1920 Herbert Riggs, 39, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife, “Annie,” 40, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughters, Ethel E., 17, Edith, 15, and Edna, 14, son, “Alvan” Perry, 11, daughter, Evelyn, 8,

79, lists Charles L. Brown, 69, born Ohio, wife Emma L., 67, born Ohio, daughter, Charlotte E., 24, single, born Ohio.

1569. *Ohio Death Records, 1908–1932, 1938–2018*, “Charlot” B. Burson, female, white, 65, born about 1914, Ohio, resident of Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio, died 28 July 1979, Marietta, cert. 60769.

1570. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, “Wm” Herbert Riggs, male, born 13 Jan. 1881, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, father W. P. Riggs, mother “Luvena” Hart, FHL 313460.

1571. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1899–1908, image 161 of 562 online, no. 653, Herbert Riggs, 20 (on 13 Jan. 1901), of Downingtown, Ohio, born Meigs Co., Ohio, farmer, son of Wesley Riggs and “Lorania” Hart, not previously married, to Joanna Bolin, 21 (on 3 Aug. 1901), of Snowville, Meigs Co., born in Ohio, daughter of Marshall Bolin and Marinda Reeves, not previously married, licensed 29 Aug. 1901, married 31 Aug. 1901, Meigs Co., by W. H. Dutton MG.

1572. U.S. census, 1900, Scipio Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 53, p. 252, sh. 6B, dw. 132, fam. 133, FHL 1241303.

1573. U.S. census, 1910, Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 100, r. 1214, p. 9, sh. 9B, dw. 215, fam. 217, FHL 1375227.

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son, "Fred" O., 5, daughter, Esther, 3 7/12, and son, Harley, 1 8/12, all born in Ohio.^[1574]

In 1930 Herbert "H." Riggs, 49, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife, "Anna," 50, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughter, Edna, 24, son, Perry, 21, marked "Ab." [for Absent, I believe], daughter, "Evlyn," 18, son, Fredrick, 16, daughter, "Ester", 13, son, Harley, 11, daughter, Eleanor, 9, son, Wallace, 6, all born in Ohio, and his father-in-law ("Step-father"), Marshall Bolin, 79, born in Ohio of Ohio natives. Herbert was first married at 21, Anna at 22, and Marshall at 23.^[1575]

In 1940 "Herb. W." Riggs, 59, county commissioner born in Ohio, resided in Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife, "Annie," 60, born in Ohio, and his son, Harley, 22, daughter, "Elnor." R., 19, and son, "Wallice" M., 16, all born in Ohio. Next door was Fred O. Riggs, 2325. Herb's family was in the same house in 1935.^[1576]

Following is an obituary for daughter Edith:

Pomeroy—Mrs. Edith Riffle, 57, of near Pomeroy, a Meigs County school teacher for 25 years, died Tuesday at Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis following an illness of several months.

Mrs. Riffle was a member of the Rock Springs Methodist Church and the Order of Eastern Star. She had last taught at the Salisbury Elementary School before her illness.

Surviving are her husband, Roy; two sons, Guy Morris, Pomeroy Route 3, and Melvin Riffle, Pomeroy Route 3; three grandchildren, her mother, Mrs. Anna Riggs, brothers Perry Riggs, Fred Riggs and Harley Riggs, all of the Pomeroy area, and Comdr. Wallace Riggs, Washington, D.C.; and four sisters, Mrs. Ethel Sargent, Athens, Mrs. Edna Lee and Mrs. Evelyn Stanley, both of Pomeroy, and Mrs. Esther Gill, Lakewood,

1574. U.S. census, 1920, Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 123, r. 1417, p. 6, sh. 6A, dw. 136, fam. 136.

1575. U.S. census, 1930, Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 1, p. 9, sh. 9B, dw. 218, fam. 224, FHL 2341584.

1576. U.S. census, 1940, Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 53-1, r. 3113, p. 5, sh. 5B, dw. 52.

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Calif. Her father, Herbert Riggs, and a sister, Mrs. Eleanor Heilman preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Rock Springs Church with the Rev. Robert R. Card, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Burlingham Cemetery. . . .

Children:^[1577]

- 878 i **EMMA ETHYL⁸ RIGGS**, born 1902 (gravestone), Ohio, died 1989, buried Burson Cem., Athens Co., Ohio,^[1578] married **CARL L. SARGENT**, born 1900 (gravestone), died 1948, buried near his wife.^[1579]
- + 879 ii **EDITH⁸ RIGGS**, born 24 Mar. 1904, Bedford, Meigs Co., Ohio, married (1) **GUY MORRIS**, and had one child, married (2) **ROY RIFFLE**, and had one child. See Edith's obituary in the sketch above.
- 880 iii **EDNA⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1906, Ohio, married — **LEE**.
- + 881 iv **ALVIN PERRY⁸ RIGGS**, born 13 Oct. 1908, Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, married **GLADYS PAULINE MORGAN**, and had two children.
- 882 v **EVELYN⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1912, Ohio, married — **STANLEY**.
- + 883 vi **FREDRICK ORR⁸ RIGGS**, born 5 Mar. 1914, Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio, married **LUTCHIE STACEY**, and had three children. ***David Ray Riggs's line.***
- 884 vii **ESTHER⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1916, Ohio, married (1) — **PIERCE**, married (2) — **GILL**.
- + 885 viii **HARLEY EVERETT⁸ RIGGS**, born 2 May 1918, Darwin, Meigs Co., Ohio, married **MILDRED ROSE ZOELLER**, and had at least two children.

1577. *Find a Grave*, no. 124867027, features a family photograph of 12 persons, by S. Burrough, captioned (in the photograph) as follows: "Front, L-r: Wallace Riggs, Fred Riggs, Anna Riggs, Herb Riggs, Perry Riggs, Harley Riggs. Back row: Edna Riggs Lee, Edith Riggs Morris Riffle, Evelyn Riggs, Stanley [sic], Ethel Riggs Sargent, Esther Riggs Pierce Gill, Eleanor Riggs Heilman."

1578. *Find a Grave*, no. 124867027, gravestone photograph, Burson Cem., Athens Co., Ohio, "Ethel R. Sargent, | 1902–1989."

1579. *Find a Grave*, no. 124863546, gravestone photograph, Burson Cem., Athens Co., Ohio, "Carl L. Sargent, | 1900–1948."

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- 886 ix **ELEANOR R.⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1921, Ohio, married — **HEILMAN**.
 + 887 x **WALLACE MARSHALL⁸ RIGGS**, born 25 Aug. 1923, Meigs Co.,
 Ohio, married **ROSE MARIE NEASE**, and had at least one child.

624. CLYDE CARROLL⁷ RIGGS (₃₀₄*Charles William⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 25 Dec. 1886, Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1580] died 18 Feb. 1994 (at 107!),^[1581] buried Union Cem., Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio,^[1582] married (1) 1 June 1912, Delaware Co., Ohio,^[1583] **HATTIE ANDREWS**, who was born 17 Mar. 1889, Powell or Liberty, Delaware Co., Ohio,^[1584] daughter of A. L. and Emily [Emma] J. (Case) Andrews, and who died 1951, and was buried next to her husband. Clyde married (2) 27 Aug. 1952, Indiana,^[1585] **ERNESTINE E. SHAW**, who was born 9 Mar. 1888,^[1586] died 11 Jan. 1976, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio.^[1587]

1580. *U.S. WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Clyde Carroll Riggs, 30, of Columbus, Ohio, born 25 Dec. 1886, Pomeroy, Ohio, street car conductor, wife and three children, registered 5 June 1917, Columbus.

1581. *Ohio Death Records, 1908–1932, 1938–2018*, Clyde C. Riggs, male, white, age 107, born 25 Dec. 1886, Meigs Co., Ohio, died 18 Feb. 1994, father Riggs, mother Hart

1582. *Find a Grave*, no. 102865015 and 102865888, gravestone photograph, by Misty Sharpe (Riggs), Union Cem., Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, plot: Section 70 lot 142 (5) Eastside of lot, 2 stones, side-by-side: “Father | Clyde Riggs | 1886–1994,” and “Mother | Hattie Riggs | 1889–1951.”

1583. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Delaware Co., 1910–1920, 198, no. 394, Clyde C. Riggs, 25 on 23 Dec. 1912, resident of Columbus, Ohio, born Meigs Co., Ohio, teacher, father “Chas” Riggs, mother Ella B. Hart, not previously married, to Hattie Andrews, 23 on 17 Mar. 1912, resident of Powell, Delaware Co., Ohio, born Powell, teacher, father A. L. Andrews, mother Emily J. Case, not previously married, licensed 1 June 1912, married 1 June 1912, by Hilar H. Miller MG.

1584. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, Hattie Andrews, female, white, born 17 Mar. 1889, Liberty, Delaware Co., Ohio, father A. L. Andrews, mother Emma Case, FHL 391375.

1585. *Ind. Marriages, 1810–2001*, Clyde C. Riggs, male, white, 65, born 25 Dec. 1886, Pomeroy, Ohio, married 27 Aug. 1952, Ind., Ernestine E. Shaw, father Charles W. Riggs, mother Ella B. Hart, officiator Edna Russell, p. 242, FHL 2418884.

1586. *U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014*, Ernestine Riggs, SSN 234–36–3643, born 9 Mar. 1888, died Jan. 1976, last residence 43204, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, issued (before 1951) W.Va.

1587. *Ohio Death Records, 1908–1932, 1938–2018*, “Ernesti” E. Riggs, female, white, age 87, born

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An article celebrating Clyde's 106th birthday (appears to have a false genealogical story in it):

Chesterville, Ohio—Clyde Riggs' birthday party today will be his seventh since starting the second century of his life.

Riggs spent a good part of last year planning his 106th birthday. "He invited everyone he knew," daughter-in-law Louise Riggs said.

And it's likely just about everyone will show up, said her husband and Clyde's son, Walter Riggs. Numbered among Clyde's guests will be many of his five children, 16 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. "The family is devoted to him," Walter Riggs said.

Clyde Riggs was born Christmas Day, 1886. His party was delayed to get holiday festivities out of the way, Mrs. Riggs said.

Among his considerable qualities are his humor and one-liners, Walter Riggs said. "They were a source of big enjoyment in the old days before TV and radio."

Clyde's prescription for longevity: Sleep by yourself and drink a lot of cold water.

His outlook for the new year: Plan the party for birthday number 107.

Clyde lives at Morrow Manor Nursing Center in Chesterville near Walter and Louise, of the Marengo area. Son Harry Riggs, a retired veterinarian, lives in Mount Gilead.

Son Roy Riggs lives in Ashville N.C. and son Don Riggs and daughter Doris Fahrenbach live in Columbus.

"He was pretty independent until he was 95," Walter said. "He was still out dating girlfriends."

Clyde Riggs was born near the Meigs County village of Pageville in a 10-room house built by his grandfather, Jeremiah Riggs Jr. [But his grandfather was Alvin Perry Riggs. His great-grandfather was Jeremiah Riggs but that Jeremiah died in 1830. He had a great uncle Jeremiah D. Riggs (hence a Jeremiah Jr.), but I have no evidence that he ever left Ohio. He was there in the 1840 and 1850 censuses.]

about 1889, died 11 Jan. 1976, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio.

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His was an enterprising family, Clyde said yesterday. Grandfather Jeremiah and great-uncle Jack Riggs traveled across the wild plains in 1849 with two teams of oxen to stake their claim in the California Gold Rush.

Jeremiah left California, “after he dug enough gold (dust) that he carried it in a little sack,” Clyde said.

Returning to Meigs County, Jeremiah bought 320 acres of forest land at \$20 per acre and built his home and a sawmill, Clyde said.

Clyde’s parents stayed in Meigs County until the depression years of the 1890s. Grover Cleveland had started his second term as U.S. president in 1893 when the family moved to Columbus, Clyde said.

Clyde’s “father got a job digging post holes for \$1.50 a day,” to extend power lines to Westerville, Walter said.

The family eventually returned to Meigs County, but in 1908, it moved to Delaware County where Clyde’s father, a carpenter by trade, went to work for the Girls Industrial School.

Clyde got a teaching job in a one-room country school and married Hattie Andrews, who also taught school in the county.

By 1913, Clyde and Hattie had moved to Highland Avenue on the Hilltop in Columbus, Louise Riggs said. Their first child, Roy, was born March 24, 1913, one day before the devastating flood that took 93 lives and destroyed or damaged 4,000 homes in Franklinton, just down the hill.

Walter and his four brothers and sisters were raised on Hague Avenue.

“We felt a lot of security. Our parents were devoted to their kids,” Walter said. “We had great respect for our parents; they taught by example.”

During the Great Depression, Clyde supplemented his salary from the Columbus Boat Works and later from the Municipal Light Company by hawking homemade bottled rug cleaner door-to-door, selling butcher knives honed out of spent hacksaw blades retrieved from work; and selling Christmas trees from the family’s Hague Avenue yard cut from his brother’s property near Logan in Hocking County.

“I guess we didn’t have much, but we didn’t know it,” Walter said.

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Hattie, who died in the early 1950s, was “just about the perfect mother. . . . She was the biggest motivator as far as (Clyde) was concerned because they just never quit trying,” Walter said.^[1588]

An obituary for son, Walter:

Marengo—Walter L. Riggs, 87, of Marengo, died Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002, at his residence.

He was born in Columbus on Feb. 18, 1915, to the late Clyde and Hattie (Andrews) Riggs. . . .

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Louise (Bratt) Riggs and they were married April 16, 1949, in Columbus; daughters, Sandra Lee Penwell of Columbus, Garnet (Steve) Honaker of Marion, Lynn Marie (William) Johnston of Columbus and Cherrie Lee (Warren) Smith of Marengo; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Harry Riggs of Mount Gilead and Don (Wilma) Riggs of Columbus; sister, Doris (Fred) Fahrenbach of Columbus. He was preceded in death by a brother, Roy. . . .^[1589]

Children:

- 888 i **ROY ALBERT^s RIGGS**, born 24 Mar. 1913, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, died 17 Aug. 2001,^[1590] married 18 Feb. 1943, Hopewell, Va.,^[1591] **EDITH MYRTLE RIGGINS**, born about 1917,

1588. *Find a Grave*, no. 102865015, digital photocopy of article posted at this site, by Misty Sharpe (Riggs). The item is not sourced, but it is written by Donna Glenn, “Dispatch Staff Reporter,” so it comes from an Ohio newspaper called the *Dispatch* for some city. The date would be Clyde’s 106th birthday of 25 Dec. 1992.

1589. Obit., Walter L. Riggs, *The Marion Star*, Marion, Ohio, 8 Nov. 2002, Fri., p. 2, col. 1, online at <www.newspapers.com/clip/60319564/obituary-for-walter-l-riggs-1915-2002/>, accessed 1 Oct. 2020.

1590. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Roy Albert Riggs, male, white, born 24 Mar. 1913, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, died 17 Aug. 2001, father Clyde C. Riggs, mother Hattie Andrews, SSN 501–38–6499.

1591. *Va. Marriage Records, 1936–2014*, image 232 of 368 online, no. 2804, Hopewell, Va., Roy Albert Riggs, 29, white, single, no previous marriages, Army officer, born Columbus, Ohio, father Clyde C. Riggs, mother Hattie Andrews, resident of Camp Lee, Va., to Edith Myrtle Riggins, 26, white, single, no previous marriages, officer, born Gibsonville, N.C., father Edward Cleveland Riggins, mother Myrtle Michael, resident of Washington, D.C., married 18 Feb. 1943, Hopewell, Va.,

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Gibsonville, N.C., daughter of Edward Cleveland and Myrtle (Michael) Riggins.

- 889 ii **WALTER LYNN⁸ RIGGS**, born 18 Feb. 1915, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio,^[1592] died 19 Oct. 2002, married 16 Apr. 1949, Columbus, **LOUISE BRATT**.
- 890 iii **HARRY⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1920.
- 891 iv **DON⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1928, married **WILMA** —.
- 892 v **DORIS⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1930, married **FRED FAHRENBACH**.

625. HART CLAIRMONT⁷ RIGGS (₃₀₄*Charles William⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 17 Mar. 1889, Downington, Chester Co., Ohio,^[1593] died 30 Sept. 1970, Sacramento, Sacramento Co., Calif. (obit.), and was buried 3 Oct. 1970 in St. Joseph Cem., Woodland, Yolo Co., Calif.^[1594] He married (1) 7 Aug. 1908, Windsor, Essex Co., Ontario, Canada,^[1595] **LULU KENT**, who was born about 1888, Ohio, daughter of Dennis and Amelia (Bass) Kent, and died 1964, and was buried in Oller Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio.^[1596] Hart married (2) after 1948^[1597] **LUCILLE MARGARET THEVENOT**, who was born 3

by William E. Hill Jr. MG.

1592. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Walter Lynn Riggs, male, white, born 18 Feb. 1915, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, died 19 Oct. 2002, father Clyde Riggs, mother Hattie Andrews, SSN 291-098-8066.

1593. *U.S. WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Hart C. Riggs, 28, of Columbus, Ohio, born 17 Mar. 1889, Downington, Ohio, motorman, wife and three children, registered 5 June 1917, Columbus; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Hart Clairmont Riggs, 53, of Pittsburg, Contra Costa Co., Calif., born 17 Mar. 1889, Downington, Ohio, person who will always know your address Mrs. “Lula” Riggs, of Pittsburg.

1594. *Find a Grave*, no. 107474326, gravestone photograph, by Michael Smuda, Saint Joseph Cem., Woodland, Yolo Co., Calif., plot: Row 19N Gr 1, “Hart C. Riggs | 1889 1970 | beloved husband & father.”

1595. *Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1826–1938*, Essex Co., Windsor Division, 1908, image 528 of 924 online, 572, no. 250, Hart Riggs, 22, of Ohio, born Ohio, bachelor, farmer, 008361, parents Charles Riggs and Ella Hart, Methodist, married 7 Aug. 1908, Windsor, to Lulu Kent, 20, of Ohio, born Ohio, spinster, parents “Denis” Kent and Amelia Bass, Methodist.

1596. *Find a Grave*, no. 60195906, gravestone photograph, Oller Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, “Lulu Kent Riggs | 1888–1964.”

1597. *U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995*, 1948, Woodland, Calif., 126, “Thevenot Lucille clk Weaver

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Mar. 1925, Clinton, Sac Co., Iowa,^[1598] daughter of Lawrence and Anna (Deverse) Thevenot, and died 30 Sept. 2011, and was buried in St. Joseph Cem., Woodland, Yolo Co., Calif., near her husband.^[1599]

In 1910 Hart C. Riggs, 21, a railroad laborer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Liberty Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio, with his wife of one year, Lulu, 22, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Arkansas, and with his daughter, Lucille, 5/12, born in Ohio. Lulu had had the one child.^[1600]

In 1920 Hart Riggs, 30, a steel plant foreman born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Concord Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio, with his wifer, Lulu, 30, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Arkansas, and with his daughters, "Lucile," 10, "Francis," 6, "Margery," 3 2/12, and Mary, 1 3/12, all born in Ohio.^[1601]

In 1930 Lulu Riggs, 42, a day laborer born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Arkansas, resided in Concord Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio, with her daughters, Frances, 16, "Margery," 13, Mary, 11, and Kathryn, 6, and son, "Jimmie," 3, all born in Ohio.^[1602]

In 1940 Lulu Riggs, 52, born in Ohio, resided in Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, with her daughter, Catherine, 16, and son, James, 13, both born in Ohio. All three resided in the same place in 1835.^[1603]

An obituary for Hart C. Riggs:

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1598. *Iowa Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1999*, "Lucile Margarete" Thevenot, female, born 3 Mar. 1925, Clinton, Sac Co., Iowa, father Lawrence Thevenot, mother Anna Deverse, FHL 1433336

1599. *Find a Grave*, no. 152953861, gravestone photograph, by C. Ellison, St. Joseph Cem., Woodland, Yolo Co., Calif., "Lucille M. Riggs | In God's Care | Mar. 3, 1925 | Sept. 30, 2011 | Beloved Wife & Mother."

1600. U.S. census, 1910, Liberty Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio, ED 45, r. 1177, p. 198, sh. 1B, dw. 20, fam. 21, FHL 1375190.

1601. U.S. census, 1920, Concord Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio, ED 56, r. 1377, p. 40, sh. 1B, dw. 22, fam. 23.

1602. U.S. census, 1930, Concord Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio, ED 6, p. 46, sh. 5B, dw. 113, fam. 114, FHL 2341524.

1603. U.S. census, 1940, Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, ED 21-11, r. 3062, p. 127, sh. 1A, dw. 7.

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Woodland—The Rosary for Hart C. Riggs, 81, a condiment maker and a local resident 27 years, will be recited at 8 p.m. today in the Kraft Brothers Chapel

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Riggs died Wednesday in Sacramento. He was a native of Ohio.

Survivors include his widow, Lucille; sons, James of Delaware, Ohio, and Bobby of Woodland; daughters, Lucille Nash of Columbus, Ohio, Margie [sic] Burns of Pataskala, Ohio, and Frances Woolam [sic], Catherine Wheeler and Mary Helen Schollman [sic] all of Delaware, Ohio; brothers, Clyde of Columbus and Guy of Lancaster, Ohio; and sisters, Madge Christenson [sic] of Columbus, and Helen Bell of Lexington, Ky.^[1604]

An obituary for son James Dennis Riggs:

James Dennis Riggs, 90, of Delaware, Ohio, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017 at Willow Brook Christian Communities in Delaware, Ohio following an extended illness.

On Nov. 15, 1926, he was born in Delaware, Ohio the son of the late Hart C. Riggs and Lulu (Kent) Riggs.

On April 19, 1974, he married Carolyn Hudson. Survivors include Dan Riggs (wife Karen) of Tucson, Ariz., Teri Riggs (wife Jodi) of Stoughton, Mass.; and stepchildren, Keith “Butch” Hudson (wife Susan) of Delaware, Ohio, Peggy Woods (husband Brad) of Delaware, Ohio, Patsy Wells (husband David) of Ashley, Ohio and the late Craig Hudson (wife Tina) Hallettsville, Texas.

He was preceded in death by wife, Carolyn Riggs of 32 years; and his 5 older sisters, Lucille (Thomas/Nash), Francis (Wollum [sic]), Marjorie (Burns), Mary (Crumb/Schulman [sic]), and Catherine “Teeny” (Wheeler). He is also survived by many children and great-grandchildren. . . .

He married the love of his life Carolyn on April 19, 1974, and eventually they relocated to the Cape Coral area of Florida’s west coast where he continued to work as an independent contractor for Elbon Industries. . . .

1604. Obit., Hart C. Riggs, *The Sacramento Bee*, Sacramento, Calif., 2 Oct. 1970, Fri., p.12, col. 5, online at <www.newspapers.com/clip/60230133/obituary-for-hart-c-riggs-aged-81/>, accessed 29 Sept. 2020.

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A graveside burial service will be at a later date to be determined. The services will be conducted by the Ohio Cremation & Memorial Society and per Jim's request will [be] held on a beautiful day in the Spring at Oak Grove Cemetery, Delaware, Ohio. An official notification of a published date is forthcoming and will be announced in The Delaware Gazette.^[1605]

Children of his first marriage, to Lulu:

- 893 i **LUCILLE⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1910, Ohio, married **THOMAS NASH**.
- 894 ii **FRANCES E.⁸ RIGGS**, born 26 May 1913 (gravestone), died 29 Oct. 1991, buried Oller Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio,^[1606] married **RAY E. WOLLAM**, born 29 Nov. 1908 (gravestone), died 7 Feb. 1996, buried with his wife.
- 895 iii **MARJORIE A.⁸ RIGGS**, born 2 Nov. 1916 (gravestone), died [?]4 May 1996, buried in Pataskala Cem., Pataskala, Licking Co., Ohio,^[1607] married **CHESTER M. BURNS**, born 18 Feb. 1913 (gravestone), died 25 Feb. 2007, and buried with his wife.
- 896 iv **MARY HELEN⁸ RIGGS**, born 16 Sept. 1918 (gravestone), Delaware Co., Ohio,^[1608] died 15 May, 1999, buried Oller Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio,^[1609] married (1) before Jan. 1943 **PAUL M. CRUMB**, born 1915 (gravestone), died 1985, buried Oak Grove Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio,^[1610] had at least one child: (1)

1605. *Find a Grave*, no. 175391578, obit., Oak Grove Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, unsourced but probably *The Delaware Gazette* (cf. last line of obit.)

1606. *Find a Grave*, no. 60316805, gravestone photograph, by S. K. Jerome, Oller Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, "Wollam | Frances E. | May 26, 1913 | Oct. 29, 1991 || Ray E. | Nov. 29, 1908 | Feb. 7, 1996."

1607. *Find a Grave*, no. 30482840, gravestone photograph, by Tony Larson, Pataskala Cem., Pataskala, Licking Co., Ohio, "Burns | Chester M. | Feb. 18, 1913 | Feb. 25, 2007 || Marjorie A. | Nov. 2, 1916 | May [? hidden by flower]4, 1996."

1608. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Mary Helen Crumb aka Mary Helen Schollmann aka Mary Helen Riggs, female, white, born 16 Sept. 1918, Delaware Co., Ohio, died 15 May 1999, father Hart C. Riggs, mother Lulu Kent, SSN 273-22-5954, notes: "Jan 1943: Name listed as Mary Helen Crumb; Apr 1971: Name listed as Mary Helen Schollmann."

1609. *Find a Grave*, no. 60316844, gravestone photograph, by Larry Cunningham, Oller Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, "Mary Crumb | Schollmann | Sept. 16, 1918–May 15, 1999."

1610. *Find a Grave*, no. 31560531, gravestone photograph, by Randi Bowersox Peterson, Oak Grove Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, "Paul M. Crumb | 1915 – 1985."

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- Mark⁹ Crumb**,^[1611] divorced 3 Nov. 1969, Delaware Co., Ohio,^[1612] married (2) 10 Apr. 1970, Delaware Co., Ohio,^[1613] **JOHN FRITZ SCHOLLMANN**, born 26 Mar. 1923 (gravestone), died 7 Jan. 1997, buried Ashley Union Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio.^[1614]
- 897 v **CATHERINE [KATHRYN] “TEENA”⁸ RIGGS**, born 12 Aug. 1923 (gravestone), died 5 Oct. 2001, buried Green Mound Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio,^[1615] married **RALPH H. WHEELER**, born 26 Feb. 1923 (gravestone), died 24 July 1999, buried with his wife.
- 898 vi **JAMES DENNIS⁸ RIGGS**, born 15 Nov. 1926, Delaware Co., Ohio, died 11 Jan. 2017, Delaware Co., Ohio, buried Oak Grove Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio,^[1616] married 19 Apr. 1974 **CAROLYN HUDSON**, and had two children and three stepchildren (see obit.) The children were: (1) **Dan⁹ Riggs**, married **Karen —**; and (2) **Teri⁹ Riggs**, married **Jodi —**.

Child of his second marriage, to Lucille:

- 899 vii **ROBERT “BOBBY” HART⁸ RIGGS**, born 8 Oct. 1951, Sacramento Co., Calif.,^[1617] died 4 May 2014, buried in St. Joseph Cem., Woodland, Yolo Co., Calif.^[1618]

1611. Obit., John Fritz Schollmann, *The Marion Star*, Marion, Ohio, 8 Jan. 1997, Wed., p. 5, col. 6, online at <www.newspapers.com/clip/60258036/obituary-for-john-fritz-schollmann/>, accessed 30 Sept. 2020, “survived by . . . a stepson, Mark Crumb.”

1612. *Ohio Divorce Abstracts, 1962 etc.*, Mary Crumb, resident of Delaware, Delaware Co., spouse Paul Crumb, of same place, married 33 years, 1 minor child, decree 3 Nov. 1969, Delaware Co., no. 29185, vol. 2087.

1613. *Ohio Marriage Abstracts, 1970, 1972–2007*, Mary Crumb, 51, born about 1919, resident of Delaware Co., married once, to John F. Schollmann, 47, born about 1923, resident of Delaware Co., married once, married 10 Apr. 1970, licensed in Delaware Co., no. 16254, vol. 6020.

1614. *Find a Grave*, no. 81128750, gravestone photograph, by Vicki Tilton, Ashley Union Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, “John Fritz | Schollmann | Mar. 26, 1923 | Jan. 7, 1997.”

1615. *Find a Grave*, no. 61535185, gravestone photograph, Green Mound Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, “Wheeler | Ralph H. | Feb. 26, 1923 | July 24, 1999 || Teena (Riggs) | Aug. 12, 1923 | Oct. 5, 2001.”

1616. *Find a Grave*, no. 175391578, obit., Oak Grove Cem., Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, unsourced but probably *The Delaware Gazette*.

1617. *Calif. Birth Index, 1905–1995*, Bobby Hart Riggs, born 89 Oct. 1951, Sacramento Co., male,

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660. GEORGE DAVID [or DAVID GEORGE]⁷ RIGGS (₃₁₆*George Washington⁶, James⁵, ?James⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 8 Mar. 1890, Ned, Greene Co., Pa.,^[1619] died 18 June 1965, last residence Pennsylvania,^[1620] and was buried 21 June 1965, Greenwood Cem., Forest Co., Pa. He married **ALICE MADORA** —, who was born about 1891, West Virginia.

In 1910 David Riggs, 21, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Huttonsville, Randolph Co., W.Va., with his wife of two years, Alice, 19, born in Virginia of a father born in Virginia and a mother in West Virginia, and who had had no children. George Riggs, 55, resided next door.^[1621]

In 1920 David “L.” Riggs, 29, a [farmer?] born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Huttonsville, Randolph Co., W.Va., with his wife, “Madora A.,” 27, born in Virginia of Virginia natives, and with his daughters, “Martha P.,” 9, and Joy L., 7, and son, Lewis D., 4, and daughter Dora [?], 2 10/12, all four born in West Virginia of West Virginia natives [sic]. Next door was “Geo” W. Riggs, 63 (q.v.).^[1622]

In 1930 David G. Riggs, 40, a farmer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Barnett, Forest Co., Pa., with his wife, Alice M., 37, born in Virginia of Virginia natives, and his daughter, Pearl M.,

mother’s maiden name Thevenot.

1618. *Find a Grave*, no. 152953836, gravestone photograph, by C. Ellison, St. Joseph Cem., Woodland, Yolo Co., Calif., “Bobby Riggs | Oct 8, | 1951 || May 4, | 2014 || Rest in Peace.”

1619. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, George David Riggs, 27, of Elkwater, Randolph Co., W.Va., born 9 Mar. 1890, Ned, Pa., farmer, wife and four children, registered 5 June 1917, Randolph Co., W.Va.; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, David G. Riggs, 52, of Marienville, Forest Co., Pa., born 8 Mar. 1890, “Green” Co., Pa., relative who will always know his address Mrs. Alice Riggs of same address, registered 27 Apr. 1942, Washington Co., Pa.

1620. SSDI, David Riggs, SSN 185–20–9535, born 8 Mar. 1890, died June 1965, last residence Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1621. U.S. census, 1910, Huttonsville, Randolph Co., W.Va., ED 119, r. 1696, pp. 96–97, sh. 18B–19A, dw. 339, fam. 346. George resided in dw. 338.

1622. U.S. census, 1920, Huttonsville, Randolph Co., W.Va., ED 153, r. 1971, p. 84, sh. 3B, dw. 47, fam. 47. George resided in dw. 48. This item difficult to read in areas.

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19, son, Lewis D., 15, daughter, Dora J., 13, all three born in West Virginia, and son Kent M., 7, born in Pennsylvania, and grandson, Donald R. Boyd, 2/12, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in West Virginia. Next door was Lewis H. Riggs, 34 (q.v.).^[1623]

Children:

- 900 i PEARL MARTHA⁸ RIGGS, born about 1911, West Virginia.
- 901 ii JOY L.⁸ RIGGS, born about 1913, West Virginia, married — BOYD, born in Pennsylvania, and had at least one child: (1) Donald R.⁹ Boyd, born about 1930, Pennsylvania.
- 902 iii LEWIS D.⁸ RIGGS, born about 1915, West Virginia.
- 903 iv DORA J.⁸ RIGGS, born about 1917, West Virginia.
- 904 v KENT M.⁸ RIGGS, born about 1923, Pennsylvania.

667. MERLE LESLIE⁷ RIGGS (₃₁₆*George Washington*⁶, *James*⁵, ?*James*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 11 May 1903, **Elkins, Randolph Co.,** West Virginia, died **23** May 1978, last residence Harrisburg, Dauphin Co, Pa.,^[1624] and was buried in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Harrisburg.^[1625] **He married (1) about 1922 IVA** —, and had two children, said by Merle's grandson, Lynn⁹ Riggs, to be the two "nieces" with brother Lewis Riggs in the 1930 census. He married **(2) 20 Sept. 1930, Sigel, Jefferson Co., Pa., JOSEPHINE VASBINDER**, who was born 23 May 1912, **Heverly, Clearfield Co.,** Pa., daughter of Frank and Rella **Mae (Reffner)** Vasbinder,^[1626] and died **29** Apr. 1986, last residence Harrisburg,^[1627] and was buried in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Harrisburg.^[1628]

1623. U.S. census, 1930, Barnett, Forest Co., Pa., ED 1, r. 2042, p. 97, sh. 4A, dw. 66, fam. 67. Lewis resided in dw. 65.

1624. SSDI, Merle Riggs, SSN 162-18-0264, born 11 May 1903, died May 1978, last residence 17112 Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1625. *Find a Grave*, no. 60919255, no photograph, unsourced.

1626. U.S. census, 1920, Pike Twp., Clearfield Co., Pa., ED 102, r. 1553, p. 173, sh. 12B, dw. 229, fam. 240, lists Frank Vasbinder, 45, born Pa., wife Rella, 34, born Pa., and five children including daughter, Josephine, 7, born Pa.

1627. SSDI, Josephine Riggs, SSN 172-18-1715, born 23 May 1912, died Apr. 1986, last resi-

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Children of the first marriage, to Iva:

- 905 i **RUTH M.⁸ RIGGS**, born 23 Feb. 1924, Pennsylvania, died 1 Sept. 2000,^[1629] last residence St. Michael, Cambria Co., Pa.,^[1630] married **GEORGE J. SMIACH**, born 10 Mar. 1927, died 4 June 1990,^[1631] buried in St. Michael Cem., St. Michael, Adams Twp., Cambria Co. Pa.,^[1632] and had **two** children.
- 906 ii **SUSANNAH M.⁸ RIGGS**, born **7 Oct. 1926** about 1927, Pennsylvania, died **23 June 1993, Windber, Somerset Co., Pa.,**^[1633] **married – DIXON.**

Children of the second marriage, to Josephine (in order reported by Lynn⁹ Riggs, son of Charlie William⁸ Riggs, see Ruth M.⁸ Riggs item):

- + 907 iii **CHARLIE WILLIAM⁸ RIGGS**, born 12 Nov. 1931, Marienville, Forest Co., Pa., married **DELORIS ELLEN YOWLER**, and had **four** children.
- 908 iv **GEORGE⁸ RIGGS**, of Dauphin Co., Pa.
- 909 v **LESLIE FRANK⁸ RIGGS**.

692. SAMUEL ARTHUR⁷ RIGGS (₃₈₁William J.⁶, Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 8 Oct. 1885, Washington Twp., Hocking

dence 17112 Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1628. *Find a Grave*, no. 60918790, no photograph, unsourced.

1629. A posting to RIGGS-L Archives, by Lynn⁹ Riggs, on 1 Sept. 2000, "Hello list | Ruth M Riggs Smiach, wife of George Smiach and daughter of Merle Leslie and Iva passed away this morning in St Michael, Cambria, Pa | She was born 23 Feb 1924 | She is survived by two brothers George of Dauphin, Pa and Leslie Frank, 1 daughter and loads of grandchildren and great grandchildren | She will be missed | Lynn R." Lynn is my correspondent on this part of the family.

1630. SSDI, Ruth M. Smiach, SSN 159-20-5056, born 23 Feb. 1924, died 1 Sept. 2000, last residence and benefit 15951 St. Michael, Cambria Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1631. SSDI, George J. Smiach, SSN 201-20-6270, born 10 Mar. 1927, died 4 June 1990, issued Pa. (before 1951).

1632. *Pa. Veterans Burial Cards, 1777-1990*, George J. Smiach, born 10 Mar. 1927, died 4 June 1990, veteran of WWII, army, service 16 May 1945 to 12 Oct. 1946, , buried at St. Michael Cem., St. Michael, Adams Twp., Cambria Co., Pa.

1633. SSDI, Sussanah M. Smiach, SSN 207-24-3929, born 7 Oct. 1926, died 23 June 1993, last residence 15962 Wilmore, Cambria Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

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Co., Ohio,^[1634] and died 16 Jan. 1928, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio.^[1635] He married 1 Jan. 1908, Hocking Co., Ohio,^[1636] **MARY/MINNIE A[MANDA?] APPLEMAN**, who was born 1888, Vinton Co., Ohio, daughter of George and Bell (Thomas) Appleman.

In 1910 Arthur Riggs, 24, an odd job laborer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife of two years, Minnie A., 22, born in Ohio of Ohio natives. She had had no children. Nearby resided William J. Riggs, 51.^[1637]

In 1920 Arthur Riggs, 34, a pottery glazer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife, Minnie, 32, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his son, Claude, 7, and daughters, Rosemary, 5, and Dorothy, 3 0/12, all three born in Ohio.^[1638]

In 1930 Mary Riggs, 42, a widow born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, with her son, Claud, 17, and daughters, Rosemary, 15, Dorothy, 13, and Betty J., 8, all four born in Ohio.^[1639]

Children:

1634. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, [difficult to read] Samuel Arthur Riggs, 32, of Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, born [?] Oct. 1885, pottery worker, nearest relative Mary A[manda?] Riggs of the same address, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Logan.

1635. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, Samuel Arthur Riggs, born 8 Oct. 1885, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, died 16 Jan. 1928, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, aged 42 yrs. 3 mos. 8 dys., male, married, caucasian, clay worker, resided in Logan, buried, 19 Jan. 1928, Logan, Oak Grove Cem., spouse Minnie Riggs, father William J. Riggs, born Hocking Co., Ohio, mother Laura J. Wright, born Morrow Co., Ohio, certificate 3487.

1636. *Ohio Marriages, 1800–1958*, Samuel Riggs, single, born Washington Twp., Ohio, to Minnie Appleman, single, born 1888, Vinton Co., Ohio, married 1 Jan. 1908, Hocking Co., Ohio, groom: father W. J. Riggs, mother Laura Wright, bride: father George Appleman, mother Bell Thomas [FHL 912324].

1637. U.S. census, 1910, Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 84 r. 1199, p. 65, sh. 4A, dw. 79, fam. 82. William resided in dw. 75.

1638. U.S. census, 1920, Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 40, r. 1399, p. 62, sh. 14B, dw. 74, fam. 81.

1639. U.S. census, 1930, Logan, Falls Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 3, r. 1822, p. 205, sh. 12A, dw. 289, fam. 301.

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- 910 i [BOY]⁸ RIGGS, born and died 26 Jan. 1911, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio.^[1640]
- 911 ii CLAUDE⁸ RIGGS, born 1 July 1912, Ohio,^[1641] died 16 Oct. 1973, Harris Co., Tex., single.^[1642]
- 912 iii ROSEMARY⁸ RIGGS, born about 1915, Ohio.
- 913 iv DOROTHY⁸ RIGGS, born about 1917, Ohio.
- 914 v BETTY J.⁸ RIGGS, born about 1922, Ohio.

693. WILEY MORTON⁷ RIGGS (₃₈₁William J.⁶, Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 24 June 1888, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio.^[1643] He married 28 Feb. 1911, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.,^[1644] **MARY ELSIE SHERMAN**, who was born 28 June 1890, New York, N.Y., or Ardutha, Hungary, daughter of Joseph and Mary (–) Sherman, and died 5 Sept. 1933, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill.,^[1645] and was buried 8 Sept. 1933, probably in Oakridge Cem., Proviso, Cook Co., Ill.

1640. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, male Riggs, born and died 26 Jan. 1911, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, buried 27 Jan. 1911, Oak Grove Cem., father Arthur Riggs, born Ohio, mother Minnie Appleman, born Ohio [FHL 3395].

1641. SSDI, Claude Riggs, SSN 277-05-6018, born 1 July 1912, died Oct. 1973, issued Ohio (before 1951).

1642. *Tex. Death Index, 1903–2000*, Claude Riggs, died 16 Oct. 1973, Harris Co., Tex., single.

1643. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, “Wyley” [but signed “Wiley”] Morton Riggs, 2[obscured], of Oak Park, Ill., born 24 June 1888, Logan, Ohio, chauffeur, wife and two children, registered 5 June 1917, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill.; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Wiley Morton Riggs, 53, of Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill, born 24 June 1888, Logan, Ohio, name and address of person who will always know your address: Mrs. Aurelia M. Riggs of the same address, place of employment, United Air Lines, Chicago.

1644. *Ill., Cook Co., Marriages, 1871–1920*, image of marriage certificate, Mr. Wiley Morton Riggs, 22, to Miss “Elsie Mary” Sherman, 19, license 25 Feb. 1911, marriage 28 Feb. 1911, by John Nenton Freeman, MG [FHL 1,030,496].

1645. *Ill., Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947*, Mary Elsie Riggs, 43, of Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill., died 5 Sept. 1933, Oak Park, female, born 28 June 1890, Ardutha, Hungary, father Joseph Sherman, born Hungary, mother Mary, born Hungary, housewife, spouse Wiley Morton Riggs, burial 8 Sept. 1933, Proviso, Cook Co., Ill, certificate 32718; *Historical Newspapers, Birth, Marriage, & Death Announcements, 1851–2003*, obit., *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 6 Sept. 1933, “Riggs—Mary E. Riggs of 805 S. Scoville av., Oak Park, beloved wife of Wiley M, mother of Harold, Walter, Frederick [sic], and Earl Riggs.”

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In 1920 “William” Riggs, 28, a taxi company clerk born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill., with his wife, Mary, 28, born in New York of Austrian natives, and with his sons, Harold, 8, Walter, 5, and Frederick, 1 2/12, all three born in Illinois.^[1646]

In 1930 Wiley Riggs, 42, a manager of a taxi company born in Ohio of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill., with his wife, Mary E., 41, born in New York of German natives, and with his sons, Harold, 18, Walter, 15, Frederick, 11, and Earl, 6, all four born in Illinois. Wiley was first married at 22, and Mary at 21.^[1647]

Children:

- 915 i **HAROLD**⁸ **RIGGS**, born about 1912, Illinois.
- + 916 ii **WALTER SHERMAN**⁸ **RIGGS**, born 9 Dec. 1914, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill., married **DELORES OFFERMAN**, and had **five** children.
- 917 iii **FREDERICK**⁸ **RIGGS**, born 29 Oct. 1918, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill.,^[1648] died Aug. 1975.^[1649]
- 918 iv **EARL**⁸ **RIGGS**, born about 1924, Illinois. Alive on 22 Sept. 2011.^[1650]
- 919 v **[BOY]**⁸ **RIGGS**, born and died 5 Sept. 1933, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill.,^[1651] buried 8 Sept. 1933, Oakridge Cem., apparently the cause of his mother’s death.

1646. U.S. census, 1920, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill., ED 170, r. 362, p. 252, sh. 16B, dw. 255, fam. 303.

1647. U.S. census, 1930, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill., ED 2276, r. 505, p. 252, sh. 6A, dw. 111, fam. 132.

1648. Ill., *Cook Co. Birth Certificates, 1878–192*, image of birth certificate, Frederick Riggs, born 29 Oct. 1918, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill., male, father “William” Riggs, 30, chauffeur, born Ohio, mother Mary Sherman, 27, born N.Y. [FHL 1,308,567].

1649. SSDI, Frederick Riggs, SSN 330-10-4644, born 29 Oct. 1918, died Aug. 1975, issued Ill. (before 1951).

1650. Email from his grandnephew Chip Riggs, 22 Sept. 2011, “I took your letter by my Grandmother’s (Delores Offerman, Wife of Walter S. Riggs) tonight and she read through it and recommended that I speak with my Great Uncle Earl Riggs, my Grandfather’s youngest brother.”

1651. Ill., *Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947*, Baby Riggs, 0, died 5 Sept. 1933, Oak Park, male, born and died 5 Sept. 1933, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill., father Wiley Morton Riggs, born Logan, Ohio, mother Mary Elsie Riggs, born Ardutha, Hungary, burial 8 Sept. 1933, Oakridge Cem.

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702. AGNES MABLE [MAYBELLE]⁷ RIGGS (₃₈₅*Asbury Orlando⁶, Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*)^[1652] was born 22 Dec. 1894, Washington Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio,^[1653] and died 22 Dec. 1987, age 93, Minerva Park Place, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio.^[1654] She married 10 Apr. 1913, Hocking Co., Ohio,^[1655] **MYNROD [MYROD] WILFORD SCHRADER**, who was born 5 Sept. 1893, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio,^[1656] son of

1652. Email from her grandson, Rob Schrader, 8 Jan. 2012, "Agnes Maybelle 'Riggs' Schrader (grandmother)."

1653. *Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821–1962*, Agnes Mable Riggs, female, born 22 Dec. 1894, Washington, Hocking Co., Ohio, father "Asberry" Riggs, mother Viola Price [FHL 912315]; *Ohio, County Births, 1856–1909*, image online, "[no.] 483 [name] Riggs Agnes Mabel [sic] [date] 1894 Dec 22 [place] Ohio Hocking Washington [female] [white] [father] Asberry [sic] Riggs [mother] Viola Price [residence] Washington township [reported by] Assessor" [FHL 912315].

1654. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1932, 1938–1944, and 1958–2007*, Agnes M. Schrader, born 1894, Ohio, female, white, resident of Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, died 22 Dec. 1987, Long-Term Care Facilities, Franklin Co., Ohio, age 93, certificate 91400, SSN 295–20–8227, widowed; SSDI, Agnes M. Schrader, SSN 295–20–8227, born 22 Dec. 1894, died 22 Dec. 1987, last residence 43229 Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, issued Ohio (before 1951).

1655. Marriage certificate, Probate Court, Hocking Co., Ohio, no. 16703, "Mynrod" Schrader, 19 on 5 Sept. 1912, of Logan, Ohio, born Logan, Ohio, molder, father Henry Schrader, mother "Cecelia" Miller, not previously married, to Agnes Riggs, 18 on 2 [sic] Dec. 1912, of New Plymouth, Hocking Co., Ohio, born New Plymouth, housekeeper, father "Asberry" Riggs, mother Viola Price, not previously married, Henry Schrader giving permission for his underage son, licensed 10 Apr. 1913, married 10 Apr. 1913, by W. C. L. Correll, MG, recorded 10 May 1913, image online at <www.FamilySearch.org> [FHL 912326]; grandson Rob Schrader sent me on 9 Apr. 2015 a "Certified Abstract of Marriage," Myrod Wilford Schrader, 58, of Hocking Co., Ohio, born Ohio, chauffeur, to Agnes Maybelle Schrader, 57, of Hocking Co., born Ohio, housekeeper, licensed 3 July 1952, married 3 July 1952, Hocking Co., Ohio, his parents Henry J. Schrader and Cecelia M. Miller, both deceased, her parents Asbury Riggs and Viola F. Price, both deceased, he previously married twice, she once. Apparently Myrod married a second time, then remarried his first wife.

1656. Birth certificate, digital photocopy of certified copy posted on <Ancestry.com>, Myrod W. Schrader, born 5 Sept. 1893, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, male, white, father Henry Schrader, mother Cecelia Miller, both of Logan, Ohio, recorded 24 May 1894; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Mynrod Wilford Schrader, 23, of Logan, Ohio, born 5 Sept. 1893, Logan, farm laborer, with a wife and two children, registered 5 June 1917, Hocking Co., Ohio; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Myrod Wilford Schrader, 48, of Logan, Ohio, born 5 Sept. 1893, Logan, Ohio, person who will always know your address Mrs. Agnes Schrader, of Logan; *Ohio, County Births, 1856–1909*, image online, "[no.] 166 [name] Schrader Myrod W. [date] 1893 Sept 5 [place] Ohio

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Henry J. and Cecelia A. (Miller) Schrader.^[1657] Agnes Schrader was informant on her father's death certificate. Mynrod died 26 Aug. 1959, Pataskala, Licking Co., Ohio,^[1658] and was buried in Oak Grove Cem., Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio.^[1659]

In 1920 Myrod Schrader, 26, a coal truck driver born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, with his wife, Agnes, 25, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughter, Hazel, 6, and son, Lawrence, 4 10/12, both born in Ohio.^[1660]

In 1930 Myrod W. Schrader, 36, a oil company salesman born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in New Lexington, Pike Twp., Perry Co., Ohio, with his wife, Agnes, 35, born in Ohio of Ohio natives, and with his daughter, Hazel, 16, and son, Lawrence, 15, daughter, Florence, 10, son, Joseph, 8, daughter, Doris, 6, and son, Robert, 5/12, all six born in Ohio. Myrod was first married at 19, Agnes at 18.^[1661]

From an obituary for Mynrod:

M. W. (Tate) Schrader, 65, former well known Logan resident was found dead Wednesday, August 26th at his home Rt. 3 Pataskala. He resided at the Gordon Farm and was found by his daughter Mrs. Lee R. Brooks, who lives nearby. Mrs. Brooks summoned Dr. Haubrich, who said death

Hocking Logan [male] [white] [father] Henry Schrader [mother] Sela [sic] Price [residence] Logan [reported by] Ferd Magle Assessor" [FHL 912314].

1657. Their names are given as Cecelia Ann Miller and Joseph Henry Schrader on Mynrod's *Find a Grave* page, which was created by grandson (my correspondent) Rob Schrader; *Find a Grave*, no. 6138341, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Oak Grove Cem., Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, "Schrader | Cecelia A. | 1871-1947 || Henry J. | 1866-1950."

1658. *Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-2007*, Mynrod W. Schrader, 65, physician, died 26 Aug. 1959, at home, Licking Co., Ohio, married and autopsied.

1659. *Find a Grave*, no. 6137493, gravestone photographs, by Rob Schrader, Oak Grove Cem., Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, "Schrader | Agnes M. | 1894-1987 || Mynrod W. | 1893-1959 [reverse side] Schrader | Parents of Hazel, Lawrence, Florence, Joseph, Doris, Robert, Mary Lee & Verbr[?obsured by plants]."

1660. U.S. census, 1920, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, ED 40, r. 1399, p.65, sh. 17B, dw. 155, fam. 163.

1661. U.S. census, 1930, New Lexington, Pike Twp., Perry Co., Ohio, ED 21, r. 1861, p. 107, sh. 1B, dw. 18, fam. 18.

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was due to a cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Schrader was born in Hocking County and lived most of his life in Logan. For many years he was associated with the Standard Oil Products Co. serving first as salesman and later as station manager in Logan. He was active in local politics and served on the Logan City Police force in later years. Most recently he had been employed on the sales staff of Ogg and Beasley, Logan auto dealer, retiring last May and moving to Pataskala. He was a member of the Elks Lodge of Logan. The Elks held services on Friday August 28 at 8:00p.m. Funeral arrangements were completed by Morrow-Thurston Funeral Home of Pataskala and the Heinlein Funeral Home of Logan with services held 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Logan funeral home. The Rev. Father Charles P. Foy officiated and burial was made in Oak Grove Cemetery of Logan. Survivors are his wife, Agnes, three sons, Lt. Col. Lawrence Schrader, Loring Air Force Base, Limestone, Maine, Joe Schrader of Logan and Robert Schrader of Reynoldsburg; five daughters, Mrs. Roy Cain, Mrs. Arthur Collins and Mrs. Donald Michel all of Columbus; Mrs. Brooks of Pataskala and Mrs. Billie Snyder of Warren. Also 20 grandchildren, 2 brothers, Harry of Columbus and Roy of Logan and three sisters. Mrs. Louise Foltz, Mrs. Colletta Hansel and Mrs. Maggie Cochran all of Columbus.^[1662]

From an obituary for Agnes:

Agnes M. Schrader, 93, Columbus, formerly of 321 W. Second St., died Tuesday evening at Minerva Park Place, Columbus, Ohio. Born Dec. 2, 1894, in Washington, Twp., Hocking County, Ohio daughter of the late, Asbury O. and Viola Price Riggs. She was the widow of M. W. "Tate" Schrader, who died in August, 1959. A practical nurse, she was a 67 year member of Immanuel United Methodist Church and last attended Shalom United Methodist Church, Carroll. Surviving are two sons, Joseph O. of Logan and Robert W. of Reynoldsburg; four daughters, Mrs. Billie (Florence) J Snyder. of Westerville, Doris C Brooks and Mrs. Donald (Veronica) Michel of Columbus, and Mrs. Dewey (Mary Lee) Dawson of Carroll; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 7 step grandchildren; 15 step great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Ann Brockman of Co-

1662. Obit., *Logan Daily News*, undated, transcribed to Mynrod's *Find a Grave* page.

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lumbus and Iva Wolfinger of Lancaster, Ohio. Also preceding her in death were a son, Lawrence; a daughter, Hazel Cain; a brother, Palmer Riggs; and a sister, Doris Steele. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Heinlein-Brown Funeral Home, with the Rev. Richard O. Maurer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. today and 2 to 6 Thursday.^[1663]

Children:^[1664]

- 920 i **HAZEL MARY⁸ SCHRADER**, born 1913, Ohio, died 1974, buried in Union Cem., Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio,^[1665] married **ROY E. CAIN**, born 1909, and had no children.

From an obituary for Hazel:

Hazel M. Cain, age 60, 2042 W. Mound St. Employed City National Bank and Trust Co. Survived by husband, Roy E; mother, Agnes Schraeder; brothers, Lawrence, Joseph and Robert Schraeder; sisters, Florence Snyder, Dori Brooks, Bonnie Michaels, Mary Dawson. . . . Internment Union Cemetery.^[1666]

- 921 ii **LAWRENCE WILFORD⁸ SCHRADER**, born 6 Feb. 1915, near Logan, Ohio, died 21 May 1986, Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, buried Franklin Hills Memory Gardens, Canal Winchester, Franklin Co., Ohio,^[1667] married (1) **JUANITA IRENE JOHNSON**, and had one child: Lawrence W.⁹ Schrader, married (2) **THELMA** —.

1663. Obit., *Logan Daily News*, undated, transcribed to Agnes's *Find a Grave* page, no. 6136361, by grandson Rob Schrader.

1664. The middle names and Veronica's full first name from Mynrod's *Find a Grave* page, which was created by grandson (my correspondent) Rob Schrader. Rob has an extensive set of pages for his family members on *Find a Grave*, for many more details on this family.

1665. *Find a Grave* page, no. 19327726, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Union Cem., Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, "Cain | Husband | Roy E. | 1909-[empty] | | Wife | Hazel M. | 1913-1974."

1666. Obit., *Columbus Dispatch*, undated, transcribed to Hazel's *Find a Grave* page, no. 19327726, by Rob Schrader.

1667. *Find a Grave* page, no. 21722730, gravestone photograph, by Rob Schrader, Franklin Hills Memory Gardens, Canal Winchester, Franklin Co., Ohio, "Lawrence W Schrader | Lt Col US Air Force | World War II | Feb 6 1915 May 21 1986."

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From an obituary for Lawrence:

Lawrence W. Schrader, 71, Columbus, died Wednesday in Mount Carmel East Hospital, Columbus. Born Feb. 6, 1915, near Logan, son of Agnes M. Riggs Schrader of Columbus, and the late Mynrod Schrader, he was married to Thelma Schrader, who survives. The World War II Air Force veteran retired as a Lt. Colonel from the U.S. Air Force in 1959. . . . Also surviving are a son, Lawrence W. Schrader of Florida; a stepdaughter, Terrina Corder of Columbus; a grandson; two brothers, Joseph Schrader of Logan and Robert Schrader of Reynoldsburg; four sisters, Florence Snyder of Westerville, Mary Lee Dawson of Carroll, and Doris Brooks and Bonnie Michel, both of Columbus; and several nieces and nephews. Also preceding him in death was a sister, Hazel Cain. . . . Military burial will be in Franklin Hills Memory Garden, Lithopolis. . . .^[1668]

- 922 iii **FLORENCE MARIE⁸ SCHRADER**, born about 1920, Ohio, married **BILLIE J. SNYDER**.
- 923 iv **JOSEPH ORLANDO⁸ SCHRADER**, born about 1922, Ohio.
- 924 v **DORIS CECELIA⁸ SCHRADER**, born about 1924, Ohio, married — **BROOKS**.
- 925 vi **ROBERT WILLIAM⁸ SCHRADER**, born about 1930, Ohio, and had at least one child: (1) Robert Allen⁹ Schrader, who is my correspondent on this family.^[1669] See *Find a Grave*, no. 6132850, for many more details.
- 926 vii **MARY LEE⁸ SCHRADER**, whose name is listed on her parent's gravestone, married **DEWEY DAWSON**.
- 927 viii **VERONICA EUGENIA⁸ SCHRADER**, whose name is listed on her parent's gravestone, married **DONALD MICHEL [MICHAELS]**.

1668. Obit., *Logan Daily News*, undated, transcribed to Lawrence's *Find a Grave* page, by Rob Schrader.

1669. Email from Rob Schrader, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 8 Jan. 2012, "Robert Allen Schrader (me) | Robert William Schrader (dad) | Agnes Maybelle 'Riggs' Schrader (grandmother) | Asberry Orlando Riggs (g-grandfather) | Samuel Riggs (gg-grandfather) | Noah Riggs (ggg-Grandfather) | William Riggs (gggg-Grandfather)."

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726. IONA BELLE⁷ RIGGS (₃₉₅*Oliver Sansom*⁶, *John Lester*⁵, *Mahlon*⁴, *William*³, *James*², *James*¹)^[1670] was born Aug. 1887 (1900 census and obituary), Long Branch, Washington Co., Pa., died 26 Oct. 1952, and was buried in Maple Creek Cem., Charleroi, Washington Co., Pa.^[1671] She married 16 Dec. 1908, Long Branch, Washington Co., Pa. (see Carl's obituary below), **CARL BERNARD CARSON**, who was born 13 Mar. 1880,^[1672] Allen Twp. (now Allenport),^[1673] Washington Co., Pa. (see obituary below), son of Isaac and Lorinda (Frye) Carson, and died 3 Apr. 1943, Long Branch, Washington Co., Pa., in the home of his mother-in-law Kate Belle Riggs, and was buried next to Iona in Maple Creek Cem.

In 1910 Carl Carson, 30, a gas company bookkeeper born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with his wife of one year, Iona, 22, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives.^[1674]

In 1920 Carl B. Carson, 39, a gas company manager born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Iona, 32, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his sons, Dale, 9, and Paul, 7, and daughter, Hazel, 5, all three born in Pennsylvania, and his sister-in-law, Oliva Riggs, 27, single, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives.^[1675]

1670. Her middle name is Belle, according to a letter 30 Oct. 2011 from CoraBelle (Cunningham) Walter, her niece.

1671. *Find a Grave*, no. 64229839, gravestone photograph, Maple Creek Cem., Charleroi., Washington Co., Pa., "Carl B. Carson | Carl Bernard | 1880-1943 || Iona Riggs | 18[87]-1952."

1672. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Carl Bernard Carson, 38, of California, Washington Co., Pa., born 13 Mar. 1880, Allenport, Pa., district manager of gas co., nearest relative Iona R. Carson, of California, Pa., registered 12 Sept. 1918, Nilsworth, Washington Co., Pa.

1673. *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Carl Bernard Carson, 62, of California, Washington Co., Pa., born 13 Mar. 1880, person who will always know your address Iona Carson, of the same address in California, Pa.

1674. U.S. census, 1910, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 198, r. 1426, p. 255, sh. 4A, dw. 56, fam. 62.

1675. U.S. census, 1920, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 162, r. 1658, p. 162, sh. 16B, dw. 308, fam. 318.

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In 1930 Carl B. Carson, 50, a natural gas agent born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Iona, 42, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his sons, H. Dale, 19, and Paul R., 17, and daughter, Hazel M., 15, all three born in Pennsylvania. Carl was 28 at first marriage, and Iona was 21.^[1676]

From obituary for Carl of 3 Apr. 1943:

Carl Bernard Carson, 63, of 810 Green St., California, died suddenly of a heart attack on Saturday, Apr 3, 1943, at 4:30 pm, at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Katie Belle Riggs, of Long Branch Boro, where he and Mrs. Carson were spending the day. Mr. Carson, associated with the Greensboro Natural Gas Co. for a period of 41 years and prominent in California business circles, was born in Allen Twp., now Allenport Boro, Mar 13, 1880, a son of Isaac and Lorinda Frye Carson. He graduated from the Allenport School and attended business college in Charleroi. On Dec 16, 1908, Mr. Carson married Iona Belle Riggs in Long Branch and moved to California in 1909. . . . Surviving are his wife, Iona Belle Riggs Carson; two sons, Harry "Dale" and Paul Riggs Carson, both of California; a daughter, Mrs. Jacob (Hazel Mae) Fulmer of Brownsville; two brothers, John S. Carson of Charleroi and Edgar "Bud" Carson of Roscoe; two sisters, O Della and Anna Elizabeth Carson both of Charleroi RD 1; and seven grandchildren, Doloris Rae, Dale Bernard, and David Emerson, children of Mr and Mrs Harry "Dale" Carson, Barbara Lee and Paul Richard, children of Mr and Mrs Paul Riggs Carson, and John Charles and Kathleen Lee Fulmer, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Charles Fulmer of Brownsville. . . . Burial will be in Maple Creek Cemetery.^[1677]

From obituary for Iona of 27 Oct. 1952:

1676. U.S. census, 1930, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 62, r. 2162, p. 261, sh. 28A, dw. 480, fam. 488.

1677. Carson Obits., Carl Bernard Carson, born 13 Mar. 1880, died 3 Apr. 1943.

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Mrs. Iona Riggs Carson, 65, widow of Carl B. Carson, died at 10:30 p. m. Sunday, Oct. 26, 1952, in her home, 810 Greene street, East Pike Run Township, California. Her husband died April 3, 1943.

Mrs. Carson was born in August of 1887 in Long Branch Borough, a daughter of Oliver S. and Katie H. McKenna Riggs. She was a resident of California, for many years. . . .

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Fulmer, and one son, Paul, both of California, and seven grandchildren.

She also leaves the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Myrtle Binkney, Roscoe; Mrs. Olive Mason, West Brownsville; Mrs. Dor[illegible line]; Mrs. Velma Cozard, Brownsville; Leslie Riggs, Allenport; Vernon Riggs, California, and Mrs. Bernice Cunningham, Vandergrift.

One son, Dale Carson, died Dec. 26, 1949.^[1678]

Children:

- 928 i **HARRY DALE [B.]⁸ CARSON**, born about 1911, Pennsylvania, died 26 Dec. 1949 (see his mother's obituary in sketch above), married — **MOORE**, and had three children:^[1679] (1) Dolores Rae⁹ Carson; (2) Dale Bernard⁹ Carson; and (3) David Emerson⁹ Carson.
- 929 ii **PAUL RIGGS⁸ CARSON**, born about 1913, Pennsylvania, had two children:^[1680] (1) Barbara Lee⁹ Carson; and (2) Paul Richard⁹ Carson. Rich is the source of most of the many obituaries for his family.^[1681]
- 930 iii **HAZEL MAE⁸ CARSON**, born about 1915, Pennsylvania, married **JACOB CHARLES FULMER**, and had two children: (1) John Charles⁹ Fulmer; and (2) Kathleen/Kay Lee⁹ Fulmer.

1678. Obit., "Mrs. Iona Riggs Carson," *The Charleroi Mail*, Charleroi, Pa., 27 Oct. 1952, 8, image online at <Ancestry.com>; Carson Obits., Iona Belle Riggs Carson, born 2 Aug 1887, died 26 Oct. 1952, with death date unsupported by obit. text, and with full names of all relatives, including Oliver Sansom Riggs.

1679. From 1940 and 1945 newspaper items in sketch of Paul's Riggs grandparents.

1680. From 1940 and 1945 newspaper items in sketch of Paul's Riggs grandparents.

1681. Carson Obits.

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727. MYRTLE MAY⁷ RIGGS (₃₉₅*Oliver Sansom⁶, John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born **23 Oct. 1888** (1900 census), Pennsylvania, and died **5 Feb. 1985**.^[1682] She married 31 Oct. 1906, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1683] **ELMER ELLSWORTH BINKNEY**, who was born 30 July 1884, Coal Valley, Allegheny Co., Pa.,^[1684] son of Samuel Allen and Mary Francis (Scott) Binkney,^[1685] and died 10 Mar. 1976, Elco, Washington Co., Pa., last residence Roscoe, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1686] and was probably buried 12 Mar. 1976, Howe Cem., Coal Center (see obit. below).

In 1910 Elmer E. Binkney, 25, a chemical works electrician born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Elco Borough, Washington Co., Pa., in the household of his father, Allen, 64, a carpenter born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and with his (Elmer's) wife of three years, Myrtle M., 21, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his daughters, Bernardine I., 2, born in Pennsylvania. Myrtle had had one child, and it survived.^[1687]

1682. Carson Obits., Myrtle May Riggs Binkney, born 23 Oct. 1888, died 56 Feb. 1985, but there is no supporting obit. included.

1683. Marriage certificate, image online at *Pa. Co. Marriages, 1885–1950*, Elmer E. Binkney to Myrtle M. Riggs, license no. 15782 issued 23 Oct. 1906, married 31 Oct. 1906, Washington Co., by J. W. Jennings MG, Elmer, 22, of Elco, Washington Co., Pa, Myrtle, 18, of Long Branch, Washington Co., Pa., consent of her mother, Katie Riggs, given before William T. McKenna JP.

1684. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Elmer Ellsworth Binkney, 34, of Elco, Washington Co., Pa., born 30 July 1884, nearest relative wife Myrtle May Pinkney, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Ellsworth, Washington Co., Pa.; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Elmer E. Binkney, 57, of Elco, Washington Co., Pa., born 30 July 1884, Coal Valley, Allegheny Co., Pa., name of person who will always know your address Bernadine [sic] Moore, Charleroi, Pa.

1685. U.S. census, 1900, Elco Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 109, r. 1493, p. 27, sh. 6B, dw. 111, fam. 114, lists “Allan” Binkney, 54, born June 1845, Pa., wife, Mary F., 56, born Aug. 1843, Ky., married 27 yrs., son, Elmer E., 16, born July 1883, Pa., Mary had had 10 children, with seven surviving; *Find a Grave*, no. 59586280, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe, Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., “Mary Francis | | Samuel Allen | Binkney | 1843–1929 | | 1845–1914.”

1686. SSDI, Elmer Binkney, SSN 192–04–0417, born 30 July 1884, died Mar. 1976, last residence 15477 Roscoe, Washington Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1687. U.S. census, 1910, Elco Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 200, r. 1426, p. 21, sh. 10A, dw. 179, fam. 184.

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In 1920 Elmer Binkney, 35, an electrician born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Elco Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Myrtle, 31, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his daughters, Bernardine, 12, born in Pennsylvania.^[1688]

In 1930 Elmer Binkney, 45, a mill electrician born in Pennsylvania of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Elco Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Myrtle, 41, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his daughters, Bernardine, 22, and [Nolane?], 2, both born in Pennsylvania, and his brother-in-law, "Laslie" Riggs, 32, single, with the same nativities as Myrtle. Elmer was first married at 22, and Myrtle at 18.^[1689]

From an obituary for Elmer Ellsworth Binkney:

Elmer Ellsworth Binkney, 91, Elco died at his home at 10 AM Wednesday, Mar 10, 1976. He was born July 30, 1888 [sic], in Coal Valley, PA, a son of Allen and Francis Scott Binkney. . . . Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Myrtle May Riggs Binkney, whom he married 69 years ago; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas "Leland" (Bernadine Iona) Moore of Charleroi, and Mrs. Vaughn Morris (Nola Mae) Campbell of Glenshaw, PA; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. . . . Services are scheduled Saturday, March 12. . . Interment will be in Howe Cemetery, Coal Center.^[1690]

Children:

- 931 i **BERNARDINE IONA⁸ BINKNEY**, born about 1908, Pennsylvania, married **THOMAS LELAND MOORE**.
- 932 ii **NORA MAE⁸ BINKNEY**, born about 1928, Pennsylvania, married **VAUGHN MORRIS CAMPBELL**.

1688. U.S. census, 1920, Elco Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 177, r. 1660, p. 29, sh. 7B, dw. 140, fam. 144.

1689. U.S. census, 1930, Elco Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 64, r. 2162, p. 26, sh. 7A, dw. 140, fam. 140.

1690. Carson Obits., Elmer Ellsworth Binkney, born 30 July 1884, died 10 Mar. 1976.

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728. DOROTHY JANE⁷ RIGGS (₃₉₅*Oliver Sansom⁶, John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*)^[1691] was born 17 Aug. 1890 (obituary), Allenport, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa., and died 1 May 1954, Charleroi-Monessen Hospital, Washington Co., Pa. She married 29 May 1917, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1692] **RALPH RABURN SUTHERLAND**, who was born 9 May 1892, Coal Center, East Pike Run Twp., Washington Co., Pa.,^[1693] son of Johnston/Johnathan and Mary J. (Luctes) Sutherland,^[1694] and died 15 Apr. 1964, Twilight Borough, Charleroi, last residence Pennsylvania.^[1695]

In 1920 Ralph R. Sutherland, 27, a coal mine laborer born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Twilight Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Dorothy J., 28, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his son, Ralph R., 1 4/12, born in Pennsylvania.^[1696]

1691. Her middle name is Jane, according to a letter 30 Oct. 2011 from CoraBelle (Cunningham) Walter, her niece.

1692. Marriage certificate, image online at *Pa. Co. Marriages, 1885–1950*, Ralph Sutherland, 25, miner, born Washington Co., Pa., of Fallowfield Twp., Washington Co., to Dorothy Riggs, 25, cashier, born Allenport, Pa., of Allenport, Pa., 29 May 1917, Washington Co., Pa., by Grafton T. Reynolds MG., his father Johnathan Sutherland, deceased, born Pa., mother Mary J. Luctes, deceased, born Pa., her father Oliver S. Riggs, deceased, born Stockdale, Pa., mother Kate McKenna, of Allenport, Pa., born Long Branch, Pa.

1693. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Ralph Sutherland, 25, of Speers, Pa., born 8 May 1892, Coal Center, Pa., married, farmer, registered 5 June 1917, Fallowfield Pct., Washington Co., Pa.; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Ralph R. Sutherland, 46, of Twilight Borough, Charleroi, Washington Co., Pa., born 8 May 1892, Allen Twp., Pa., employed by Vesta Coal Co., California, Pa., name of person who will always know your address John F. Krepps.

1694. U.S. census, 1900, Fallowfield Twp., Washington Co., Pa., ED 132, r. 1493, p. 7, sh. 7A, dw. 120, fam. 128, lists Johnston Sutherland, 49, born Oct. 1850, Pa., with wife of 24 yrs., Mary J., 41, born Aug. 1858, Pa., had had 10 children, 10 surviving, including Ralph, 8, born May 1892, Pa. Her maiden name from daughter Dorothy's marriage license.

1695. SSDI, Ralph Sutherland, SSN 193–10–7703, born 9 May 1892, died Apr. 1964, last residence Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1696. U.S. census, 1920, Twilight Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 243, r. 1660, p. 35, sh. 4B, dw. 64, fam. 67.

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In 1930 Ralph Sutherland, 39, a truck driver born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Twilight Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Dorothy, 39, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, and his son, Ralph Jr., 11, born in Pennsylvania. Ralph was first married at 25. Dorothy's age at first marriage is not recorded.^[1697]

An obituary for Dorothy:

Mrs. Dorothy Sutherland, 63, of Twilight Borough, Charleroi RD 1, died in the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital Saturday, May 1, at 3:40 p.m. after an illness of two weeks.

She was born in Allen Township Aug. 17, 1890, and had lived in Washington County all her life. She was a member of the Ebenezer Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Ralph Sutherland; one son, Ralph Jr., at home; two brothers, Leslie, of Long Branch and Jay Vernon Riggs, of California; four sisters, Mrs. Elmer Binkney, of Roscoe, Mrs. Louis C. Mason, of West Brownsville, Mrs. James Cunningham, of Vandergrift, and Mrs. Alonzo Cozard, of Brownsville.^[1698]

An obituary for Ralph:

Ralph Rayburn Sutherland, Sr., 71, died at his home, Twilight Boro, Charleroi RD2, Apr 15, 1964, at 11 AM. Mr. Sutherland was born in E. Pike Run Twp., May 9, 1892, and had been a resident of Twilight Boro for 48 years. . . . Surviving are a son, Ralph Rayburn, Jr., with whom he made his home; a brother, James of Speers Hill; one granddaughter, Beverly Jane Sutherland. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Jane Riggs Sutherland, May 1, 1954.^[1699]

Child:

1697. U.S. census, 1930, Twilight Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 23, r. 2163, p. 1[1?], sh. 2A, dw. [empty], fam. 30.

1698. Obit., "Dorothy Sutherland," *The Charleroi Mail*, 3 May 1954, 2, image online at <Ancestry.com>; Carson Obits., Dorothy Jane Riggs Sutherland, born 17 Aug. 1890, died 1 May 1954, gives the same information but uses full names for the survivors.

1699. Carson Obits., Ralph Rayburn Sutherland, Sr., born 9 May 1892, died 15 Apr. 1964.

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933 i **RALPH RABURN**⁸ **SUTHERLAND JR.**, born 2 Aug. 1918, Pennsylvania, died Oct. 1984, last residence Charleroi, Washington Co., Pa.^[1700] Ralph Raburn Sutherland graduated from Charleroi Senior High School, Charleori, Pa., in May 1936.^[1701] He had one child: (1) Beverly Jane⁹ Sutherland.

729. OLIVE LUCINDA⁷ **RIGGS** (₃₉₅*Oliver Sansom*⁶, *John Lester*⁵, *Mahlon*⁴, *William*³, *James*², *James*¹)^[1702] was born 19 July 1892, Allenport, Washington Co., Pa. (obituary), died 5 Mar. 1969, Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa.,^[1703] and was buried in Lafayette Memorial Park Cem., Redstone Twp., Fayette Co., Pa.^[1704] She married **8 Sept. 1921** about 1922 **LEWIS CLYDE MASON**, born 8 Jan. 1895 (WWII draft and SSDI) or 8 Jan. 1896 (1900 census and burial card), Ohiopyle, Fayette Co., Pa.,^[1705] son of Sherman W. and Ada (–) Mason,^[1706] and died 27 Oct. 1972, last resi-

1700. SSDI, Ralph Sutherland, SSN 210-05-5465, born 2 Aug. 1918, died Oct. 1984, last residence 15022 Charleroi, Washington Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1701. "Charleroi Senior High School, Charleroi, Pennsylvania, Graduating Class--Total 198," *The Charleroi Mail*, Friday, 29 May 1936, 6, Ralph Raburn Sutherland.

1702. Her middle name is Lucinda, according to a letter 30 Oct. 2011 from CoraBelle (Cunningham) Walter, her niece.

1703. SSDI, Olive Mason, SSN 169-07-1722, born 19 July 1892, died Mar. 1969, last residence 15417 Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1704. *Fayette Co. Genealogy Project, Lafayette Memorial Park – Brier Hill*, "Mason Lewis C. [died] 10/27/1972 | Mason Olive L. [died] 3/5/1969."

1705. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Lewis C. Mason, 23, of West Brownsville, Pa., born 8 Jan 1893 [sic], "Ohio Pile," Pa., registered 5 June 1917, West Brownsville, Washington Co., Pa.; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Lewis Clyde Mason, 47, of West Brownsville, Washington Co., Pa., born 8 Jan. 1895, Ohiopyle, Pa., employed by Monongahela Railroad, name of person who will always know your address "Mrs. Olive Mason (Wife)"; Carson Obits., Lewis Clyde Mason, born 8 Jan. 1896, died 27 Oct. 1972, but no supporting obit. is provided.

1706. U.S. census, 1900, Armagh, East Wheatfield Twp., Indiana Co., Pa., ED 17, r. 1415, p. 10, sh. 1A-B, dw. 171, fam. 184, lists Sherman W. Mason, 29, born Mar. 1871, Maine, his wife of seven yrs., Ada, 29, born June 1810, Pa., and three children including Clyde, 3, born Jan. 1896, Pa.

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dence Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa.,^[1707] and was buried in Lafayette Memorial Park Cem.^[1708]

In 1930 Lewis Mason, 35, a railroad carpenter born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in West Brownsville, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Mary [sic], 37, a bookkeeper born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. He was 27 at first marriage, and she was 29.^[1709] Mary's dates match Olive's exactly, and there is no evidence of a second marriage for him.^[1710]

An obituary for Olive:

Mrs. Olive L. Mason, 76, of 415 Main St., West Brownsville died Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Brownsville Hospital.

Mrs. Mason was born in Allenport, July 19, 1892, a daughter of the late Oliver S. and Katie (McKenna) Riggs. . . .

Survivors include: her husband, Lewis C.; three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle R. Binkney of Elco, Mrs. Bernice R. Cunningham of Vandergrift and Mrs. Velma R. Cozard of Brownsville; two brothers, Leslie H. Riggs of Coal Center and J. Vernon Riggs of California; several nieces and nephews. . . .^[1711]

1707. SSDI, Lewis Mason, SSN 716-16-5677, born 8 Jan. 1895, died Oct. 1972, last residence 15417 Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., issued Railroad Board (before 1951).

1708. *Pa. Veterans Burial Cards, 1777-1999*, image, Lewis Clyde Mason, born 8 Jan. 1896, died 27 Oct. 1972, age 76, Army veteran of WWI, buried Lafayette Memorial Park Cem., Redstone Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., date of service 26 Apr. 1918 to 27 Aug. 1919, Co. C, 7th Infantry, informant Oliver Mason.

1709. U.S. census, 1930, West Brownsville, Washington Co., Pa., ED 126, r. 2163, p. 214, sh. 18A, dw. 408, fam. 413.

1710. Letter 22 Nov. 2011 from CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, "Olive Lucinda Riggs Mason. Husband Lewis Clyde Mason was not married twice. BRC m. Olive Lucinda Riggs Sept. 8, 1921 No children BRC." The "BRC" means that the research is that of Bernice⁷ (Riggs) Cunningham.

1711. Obit., "Mrs. Olive L. Mason," *The Valley Independent*, Monessen, Pa., 7 Mar. 1969, 9, online at <Ancestry.com>; Carson Obits., Olive Lucinda "Ollie" Riggs Mason, born 19 July 1892, died 5 Mar. 1969, "Olive Lucinda 'Ollie' Riggs Mason was born Jul 19, 1892 and died Mar 5, 1969. . . . Interment at LaFayette Memorial Park."

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731. LESLIE HOBART⁷ RIGGS (₃₉₅*Oliver Sansom⁶, John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 8 Dec. 1896, Long Branch, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1712] died 1 Feb. 1981, last residence Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1713] and was buried in Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.^[1714] He married **28 Oct. 1939, Winchester, Frederick Co., Va.**, just before the 5 Jan. 1940 newspaper item in his parent's sketch **NANNIE BELLE RHODES**,^[1715] who was born 27 Nov. 1913, Nicolson Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., daughter of Philip and Ella (Braddee) Rhodes,^[1716] and died 22 Sept. 1994, Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1717] and was buried in Howe Cem.^[1718]

Leslie resided with his sister Myrtle in the 1930 census (q.v.) and was single then, as was Nannie Rhodes.

An obituary for Nannie:

1712. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Leslie Hobart Riggs, 21, of Speers, Pa., born 8 Dec. 1896, Long Branch, Pa., father's birthplace Allen Twp., Pa., nearest relative Katie B. Riggs of the same address, registered 5 June 1918, Ellsworth, Washington Co., Pa.; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Leslie Hobart Riggs, 45, of Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., born 8 Dec. 1896, Allen Twp., Pa., employed by Monongahela Railroad, name of person who will always know your address Kate Riggs, Allenport, Pa.

1713. SSDI, Leslie Riggs, SSN 208-09-0070, born 8 Dec. 1896, died Feb. 1981, last residence 15423 Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1714. *Find a Grave*, no. 75579624, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., "Riggs | Leslie H. | Dec. 8, 1896 | Feb. 1, 1981 || [spouse's area cropped from photo]."

1715. Her maiden name is Rhodes, according to a letter 30 Oct. 2011 from CoraBelle (Cunningham) Walter, Leslie's niece.

1716. U.S. census, 1920, Nicholson Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., ED 59, r. 1569, p. 186, sh. 2A, dw. 18, fam. 24, lists Phillip Rhodes, 58, born Pa., wife Ella B., 35, born Pa., and seven children including daughter, Nannie, 6 2/12, born Pa., enumerated 3 Jan. 1920; U.S. census, 1930, Nicholson Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., ED 59, r. 2040, p. 223, sh. 7B, dw. 139, fam. 170, lists Philip Rhodes, 68, born Pa., wife Ella, 45, born Pa., and seven children including daughter, Nannie, 16, born Pa.

1717. SSDI, Nannie B. Riggs, SSN 194-44-0420, born 27 Nov. 1913, died 22 Sept. 1994, last residence 15423 Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., issued Pa. (1969).

1718. *Find a Grave*, no. 75579675, gravestone photograph, by Kathi Swan, Howe Cem., Coal Center, Washington Co., Pa., "Riggs | [spouse's area cropped from photo, cf. gravestone for Leslie] || Nannie B. | Nov. 27, 1913 | Sept. 22, 1994."

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Nannie B. (Nancy) Riggs, 80, of 250 Briggs St., Coal Center R.D. 1, died Thursday, Sept. 22, 1994, at 3:15 a.m. at home.

She was born in Nichelson Township, Fayette County, Nov. 27, 1913, a daughter of the late Philip and Ella Braddee Rhodes.

Mrs. Riggs was a member of the Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church. She had lived in the Coal Center area since 1952.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph O. and Shirley Riggs of Jacobs Creek and J. [sic] Gene and Joette Riggs of Sarasota, Fla. . . .

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie H. Riggs, who died Feb. 1, 1981. . . .^[1719]

An obituary for Leslie:

Leslie Hobart "Les" Riggs of Coal Center RD1, Allenport died February 1, 1981, at 7 AM at his residence. He was 84. Born Dec 8, 1896, in Long Branch he was the son of the late Oliver Sansom Riggs and Katie Belle McKenna Riggs. He was a life-long resident of Long Branch. . . . Survivors include, his widow, Nannie Belle "Nancy" Rhodes Riggs; two sons: Ralph Oliver Riggs of Jacobs Creek and Gene Elliott Riggs of Pittsburgh; a brother, James "Vernon" Riggs of Blain, PA; two sisters: Mrs. Elmer Ellsworth (Myrtle May) Binkney of Charleroi and Mrs. James Patrick (Bernice Letitia) Cunningham of Vanderfrift; and a granddaughter, Jaimee Elizabeth Riggs. . . . interment will be in Howe Cemetery.

Children:

- 934 i **RALPH OLIVER⁸ RIGGS**, born 28 or 15 Feb. 1942,^[1720] married^[1721]
SHIRLEY ANN CHESLER, daughter of George and Verna (Toth)

1719. Obit., "Nannie B. Riggs," *The Valley Independent*, Monessen, Pa., 23 Sept. 1994, 4, online at <Ancestry.com>; Carson Obits., Nannie Belle "Nancy" Rhodes Riggs, born 27 Nov. 1913, died 22 Sept. 1994, contains a similar obit. but has Ralph Oliver Riggs in place of Ralph O. Riggs, Shirley Ann Riggs for Shirley Riggs, Gene Elliott and Joette Louise Riggs for J. Gene and Joette Riggs, and lists several brothers and sisters of Nannie.

1720. *U.S. Public Records Index*, Vol. 1, Ralph O. Riggs, born 28 Feb. 1942 [15 Feb. 1942], address Jacobs Creek, Pa.; *U.S. Public Records Index*, Vol. 2, Ralph Riggs, born 28 Feb. 1942, address Jacobs Creek, Pa.; newspaper item, "Accidents," *The Valley Independent*, Monessen, Pa., 11 Oct. 1972, 14, "was struck in the rear as he slowed down for traffic by a vehicle driven by Ralph O. Riggs, 30, of

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Chesler. Either Ralph or his brother Gene had a child: (1) Jaimee Elizabeth⁹ Riggs.

- 935 ii **GENE ELLIOTT⁸ RIGGS**, born 6 Dec. 1949,^[1722] married (see Nannie's obit. of 1994 in sketch above) **JOETTE LOUISE —**, born 13 Dec. 1950. Either Gene or his brother Ralph had a child: (1) Jaimee Elizabeth⁹ Riggs.

732. BERNICE LETITIA⁷ RIGGS (₃₉₅Oliver Sansom⁶, John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹)^[1723] was born 7 Oct. 1899, Long Branch Borough, Allen Twp., Washington Co., Pa.,^[1724] died 5 Dec. 1988, West

Jacobs Creek," also, 15 Feb. 1979, 16, "No one was injured and damage was minimal when cars driven by Ralph Riggs, 36, of Jacobs Creek and . . .," also 1 Feb. 1966, 1, "At 4:30 p.m. yesterday, Ralph O. Riggs, 23, Coal Center R. D. 1, was admitted to Charleroi-Monessen Hospital with a fractured jawbone he suffered in an auto accident in Newell," all online at <Ancestry.com>.

1721. Obit., "George Chesler," *The Valley Independent*, Monessen, Pa., 27 July 1985, 8, "Surviving are his wife, Verna Toth Chesler; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Shirley) Riggs of Jacobs Creek," also, 12 Feb. 1991, 18, "Estate Notice," "Letters of administration on the estate of Verna Cheslar late of Jacobs Creek, Westmoreland County, deceased, having been granted . . . those having claims against the same to present them without delay to Shirley Ann Riggs, administrator," both online at <Ancestry.com>.

1722. *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol. 1*, Joette "S." Riggs, born 13 Dec. 1950, phone 371-3184, address Sarasota, Fla., also Gene E. Riggs, born 6 Dec. 1949, phone 371-3184, address Sarasota, Fla.; newspaper item, *The Valley Independent*, Monessen, Pa., 20 Sept. 1965, 1 and 3, "Also treated was Gene E. Riggs, 15, Coal Center," see also 2 Dec. 1965, 16, photograph showing Leslie Riggs and Gene Riggs rebuilding a neighbor's barn after a fire, see also 5 May 1971, 16, "A car owned by Gene Elliott Riggs of Coal Center R. D. 1, which was parked near the corner . . . was struck by a car operated by . . ."; *U.S. School Yearbooks*, Gene Elliott Riggs, 1967 class of California Area High School, California, Pa. (with photograph of him).

1723. Most information in this sketch, unless otherwise indicated, is from a letter 30 Oct. 2011 from CoraBelle (Cunningham) Walter, Bernice's daughter. I accept information from next of kin as "sourced."

1724. Birth certificate, State of Pa., Co. of Washington, "I, James H Douglas Register of Wills and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Orphans' Court in and for the state and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that one Letitia Bernice [sic] Riggs Daughter of Oliver Riggs and Kate Riggs, was born on October 7, 1899 at Long Branch Boro, Wash Co.Pa. A record of which well be found in this office in Record of Birth Docket Vol. 2, Page 212, Item 27. Recorded May 10, 1900," copy issued 9 Oct. 1961, signed by James H. Douglas, photocopy of document courtesy of CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, 22 Nov. 2011.

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Haven Nursing Home, Washington Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pa., and was buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, Lower Burrell, Westmoreland Co., Pa.^[1725] She married 21 Sept. 1927, Sugar Grove, Warren Co., Pa.,^[1726] **JAMES PATRICK CUNNINGHAM**, who was born 14 Mar. 1900, Marienville, Forest Co., Pa., son of Michael J. and Cora E. (Lucas) Cunningham,^[1727] and died 7 May 1983, and was buried in Greenwood Memorial Park.

From an obituary for Bernice Letitia Cunningham:

Bernice L. Riggs Cunningham, 89, Oklahoma, died Dec 5, 1988, in West Haven Nursing Home, Washington Twp, where she had been a patient the past week. Born Oct 7, 1899, in Long Branch, Washington Co, she lived in the Kiski Valley the past 52 years. . . . Survivors include a son, James "Warren" Cunningham, Oklahoma; a daughter, Mrs. Elmo Jay (Cora Belle) Walter Jr, Oklahoma; 2 grandchildren: one great granddaughter; and a brother, James Vernon Riggs, Blain. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Patrick Cunningham in 1983; and her parents, Oliver and Katie Belle McKenna Riggs. . . . Burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park, Lower Burrell.^[1728]

1725. Obit., *Valley News Dispatch*, Tarentum, Allegheny Co., Pa., 4 Dec. 1988, photocopy courtesy of CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, 22 Nov. 2011.

1726. Marriage certificate, "I, Lee D. Smith, hereby certify that on the twenty first day of September A.D. 1927, at Sugar Grove, Pa. James Patrick Cunningham, Charleroi Pa and Bernice Letitia Riggs Long Branch Pa. were by me united in marriage in accordance with license issued by the Clerk of Orphans' Court of Warren County, Pennsylvania, No. 14189 [signed] Lee D. Smith [Minister of the Gospel]," photocopy of document courtesy of CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, 22 Nov. 2011; marriage announcement, "Cunningham-Riggs," *The Charleroi Mail*, 29 Sept. 1927, image online at <Ancestry.com>, attached to Bernice L. Riggs, "Mrs. Kate Riggs of Long Branch, announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Bernice L. Riggs and James P. Cunningham, of Vandergrift, which took place at Warren, Pa., Wednesday Setpember 1. The marriage was performed by Rev. [illegible line] Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham left immediately for New York City and other points."

1727. U.S. census, 1900, Jenks Twp., Forest Co., Pa., ED 50, r. 1412, p. 68, sh. 7A, dw. 126, fam. 131, lists Michael J. Cunningham, 26, born Aug. 1873, Pa., wife Cora E., 22, born Feb. 1878, Pa., and son, James P., 2/12, born Mar. 1900, Pa.

1728. Carson Obits., Bernice Letitia Riggs Cunningham, born 7 Oct. 1899, died 5 Dec. 1988, supported by a similar obit. sent to me by CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, 30 Oct. 2011.

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From an obituary for James Patrick Cunningham:

James Patrick Cunningham, 83, of 109 West Penn Drive, Oklahoma, died Saturday, May 7, 1983, in his home. Born Mar 14, 1900, in Marionville [sic], PA, he was the son of the late Michael J and Cora Lucas Cunningham. . . . Mr. Cunningham is survived by his wife, Bernice Letitia Riggs Cunningham; a son, James "Warren" of Oklahoma; a daughter, Mrs Elmo Jay (Cora Belle) Walter, Jr of Oklahoma; a brother, Donald J of Oklahoma Borough, and 2 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters. . . . Burial will be in Greenwood Memorial Park, Lower Burrell, PA.^[1729]

Children:^[1730]

- 936 i **JAMES WARREN⁸ CUNNINGHAM**, born 1 July 1928, Charleroi, Washington Co., Pa.
- + 937 ii **CORA BELLE [or CORABELLE]⁸ CUNNINGHAM**, born 3 Oct. 1930, Vandergrift, Westmoreland Co., Pa., married **ELMO J. WALTER JR.**, and had two children.

733. JAMES VERNON⁷ RIGGS (₃₉₅*Oliver Sansom⁶, John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 25 Oct. 1901, Pennsylvania, and died 16 Mar. 1998, New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Pa.,^[1731] last residence Newport, Perry Co., Pa.,^[1732] and was buried in Blain Cem., Blain, Perry Co.,

1729. Carson Obits., James Patrick Cunningham, born 14 Mar. 1900, died 7 May 1983.

1730. Letter from CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, 30 Oct. 2011, "My name is CoraBelle Cunningham Walter. I am a first cousin to James W. Riggs (Jim); his father J. Vernon Riggs and my mother Bernice L. Riggs were siblings. . . . My mother, Bernice Riggs Cunningham . . .," also "Bernice 2 children." All information in this item is from CoraBelle.

1731. Death certificate, J. Vernon Riggs, Commonwealth of Pa., Dept. of Health Vital Records, no. 3777562, issued 19 Mar. 1998, died 16 Mar. 1998, Perry Village Nursing Home, New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Pa., male, white, service technician, widower, mailing address 213 E. Main St., New Bloomfield, PA 1706[8?], SSN 169-01-1710, born 25 Oct. 1901, Allenport, PA, informant James W. Riggs, photocopy courtesy of son James Wallace⁸ Riggs.

1732. SSDI, James V. Riggs, SSN 169-07-1710, born 25 Oct. 1901, died 16 Mar. 1998, last residence 17074 Newport, Perry Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951). Despite this record, his death certificate and his son Jim's word (2. Sept. 2011) are that his last residence was New Bloomfield, not Newport.

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Pa.^[1733] He married (1) 5 June 1929,^[1734] Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., **JEANNETTE KERR**, who was born about 1908, Pennsylvania, daughter of William Kerr. They divorced 2 July 1934.^[1735] He married (2) 25 May 1940^[1736] **GLADYS RUTH MCCLEARY**,^[1737] who was born 23 Aug. 1909, Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., daughter of Zachary and Anne (Elder) McCleary,^[1738] and died 13 Dec. 1995, New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Pa.,^[1739] last residence Newport, Perry Co.,^[1740] and was buried in Blain Cem.^[1741]

In 1930 Vernon Riggs, 28, an “Appliance Man” at a “Tea Company”^[1742] born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Roscoe Borough, Washington Co., Pa., with his wife, Jeannette, 22, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. He was 27 at first marriage, and she was 21.^[1743]

1733. Personal data sheet of James Wallace⁸ Riggs, sent to me 2 Sept. 2011; Carson Obits., James “Vernon” Riggs.

1734. News item, “Roscoe Girl Weds,” newspaper not named, item dated 18 June 1929, image online at <Ancestry.com>, difficult to read in places, “Miss [?] Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kerr, of Roscoe, and Vernon Riggs, son of Mrs. Kate Riggs, of Long Branch, were united in marriage Wednesday, June 5, at Greensburg.”

1735. Personal data sheet of James Wallace⁸ Riggs, sent to me 2 Sept. 2011.

1736. Email from James Wallace⁸ Riggs, 21 Nov. 2005.

1737. Her middle name from personal data sheet of James Wallace⁸ Riggs, sent to me 2 Sept. 2011.

1738. U.S. census, 1910, West Brownsville Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 253, r. 1427, p. 275, sh. 17B, dw. 298, fam. 332, lists Zack McCleary, 30, born Pa., wife of 3 yrs., Anna, 28, born Pa., with two children including son Wallace, 8/12, and daughter, Gladys, 8/12, born Pa.

1739. Death certificate, Gladys R. Riggs, Commonwealth of Pa., Dept. of Health Vital Records, no. 2918987, issued 15 Dec. 1995, died 13 Dec. 1995, Perry Village Nursing Home, New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Pa., female, white, secretary, married, mailing address R. R. #2, Box 68, New Bloomfield, PA 17068, SSN 169-07-1721, born 23 Aug. 1909, Brownsville, PA, informant James W. Riggs, photocopy courtesy of son James Wallace⁸ Riggs.

1740. SSDI, Gladys R. Riggs, SSN 169-07-1721, born 23 Aug. 1909, died 13 Dec 1995, last residence 17074 Newport, Perry Co., Pa., issued Pa. (before 1951).

1741. Personal data sheet of James Wallace⁸ Riggs, sent to me 2 Sept. 2011.

1742. Despite this record, son Jim stated (2 Sept. 2011) that “he never worked at a tea company, but was an electrician at the local steel mill and then a service technician for a natural gas company.”

1743. U.S. census, 1930, Roscoe Borough, Washington Co., Pa., ED 97, r. 2163, p. 258, sh. 5A,

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From an obituary for Vernon:

James “Vernon” Riggs was born Oct 25, 1901, in Allenport, PA and died Monday, Mar 16, 1998, in the Perry Village Nursing Home, New Bloomfield, PA. . . . He was the widower of Gladys Ruth McCleary Riggs. Surviving are a son, James Wallace of Blain RR1; 2 daughters: Mrs Robert (Doris Elaine Riggs) Gardner of Taylor, MI and Mrs James Richard (Judith Ann Riggs) Lamb of New port RR3; 6 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. . . . Final resting place at Blain Cemetery, Blain RR1, PA.^[1744]

From an obituary for Gladys:

Gladys Ruth McCleary Riggs, formerly of Blain, died Wednesday, Dec 13, 1995, in Perry Village Nursing Home, New Bloomfield. She was born Aug 23, 1909, in West Brownsville, a daughter of Zachary and Anne Elder McCleary. . . . She was married to James “Vernon” Riggs, a resident of Perry Village Nursing Home. Surviving are a son, James Wallace Riggs of Blain RD1; a daughter, Mrs James Richard (Judith Ann) Lamb of Newport RD3; a stepdaughter, Mrs Robert (Doris Elaine) Gardner of Taylor, MI; a twin brother, Wallace R. McCleary of West Brownsville; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild [sic]. . . . Interment in Blain Cemetery.^[1745]

Child of the first marriage, to Jeannette:

938 i **DORIS ELAINE⁸ RIGGS**, born 31 Aug. 1931, Roscoe, Washington Co., Pa.,^[1746] married **ROBERT GARDNER**.

Children of the second marriage, to Gladys:

dw. 85, fam. 93.

1744. Carson Obits., James “Vernon” Riggs, born 25 Oct. 1901, died 16 Mar. 1998.

1745. Carson Obits., Gladys Ruth McCleary Riggs, born 23 Aug. 1909, died 13 Dec. 1995.

1746. Personal data sheet of James Wallace⁸ Riggs, sent to me 2 Sept. 2011.

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- + 939 ii **JAMES WALLACE⁸ RIGGS**, born 13 Nov. 1941, Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., married 14 May 1965, Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., **LINDA SUE THOMAS**, and had two children.
- 940 iii **JUDITH ANN⁸ RIGGS**, born 20 Jan. 1943, married 7 June 1963, California, Washington Co., Pa., **JAMES RICHARD LAMB**, and had two daughters.^[1747]

734. VELMA MARION⁷ RIGGS (₃₉₅*Oliver Sansom⁶, John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 30 Dec. 1903,^[1748] Long Branch Borough, Washington Co., Pa., died 31 Jan. 1978, Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., last residence National Pike East, Brownsville, and was buried in Lafayette Memorial Park, Brier Hill, Pa. She married 2 June 1934, Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa.,^[1749] **ALONZO YOUNG COZARD**, who was born 21 Mar. 1893, Greensboro, Monongahela Twp., Greene Co., Pa.,^[1750] son of Charles Alex and Rachel Jane (Hart) Cozard,^[1751] and died 11 Jan.

1747. Personal data sheet of James Wallace⁸ Riggs, sent to me 2 Sept. 2011.

1748. SSDI, Velma Cozard, SSN 167-50-8307, born 30 Dec. 1903, died Jan. 1978, last residence 15417 Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., issued Pa. (1973).

1749. Marriage announcement, "Masontown Has Three Weddings During Weekend," *Daily News Standard*, Uniontown, Pa., 4 June 1934, 3 (and also 6), "And still another wedding which came as a complete surprise to their many friends was the marriage of Miss Velma Riggs, daughter of Katherine Riggs, of Allenport, to Alonzo Cozard, of Masontown. A quiet ceremony took place in the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church at Uniontown on Saturday, June second, with the Rev. Charles J. Whitlatch officiating."

1750. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Alonzo Young Cozard, 24, of Masontown, Pa., born 21 Mar. 1893, Greensboro, Pa., glass worker, wife and two children, registered 5 June 1918, Fayette Co., Pa.; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Alonzo Young Cozard, 49, of Masontown, Fayette Co., Pa., born 21 Mar. 1893, Monongahela Twp., Greene Co., Pa., employed by Greensboro Gas Co., name of person who will always know your address Mrs. Velma R. Cozard.

1751. U.S. census, 1900, Monongahela Twp., Greene Co., Pa., ED 87, r. 1413, p. 113, sh. 4A, dw. 68, fam. 68, lists Charles A. Cozard, 60, born Feb. 1840, Pa., wife of 30 yrs., Rachel J., 56, born Mary 1844, Pa., and four children including son, "Lony," 7, born May [sic] 1893, Pa.; obit., *Morning Herald*, Uniontown, Pa., 7 Oct. 1925, 6, "Mrs. Rachel Jane Cozard, aged 75 years, widow of the late Alex Cozard, died at the Uniontown hospital, Tuesday afternoon, October [5?], 1925, at 4:3[9?] o'clock following a short illness of a complication of diseases. Mrs. Cozard was born October 9, 1850, being a daughter of the late Williamson Hart and Matilda Maple Hart, pioneers of Greene county. She is survived by the following children: . . . Alonzo Cozard, all of Masontown. . . . Burial

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1982, Fazio Nursing Home, Markleysburg, Fayette Co., Pa., last residence Berkley, Oakland Co., Mich.^[1752] Alonzo had first married^[1753] Lillian S. Taylor, and had at least seven children (see his obituary below for them); he began divorce proceedings against her in June 1932.^[1754]

From an obituary for Velma:

Mrs. Velma Marion Riggs Cozard, 74, National Pike East, Brownsville, died Tuesday, Jan 31, 1978, at 2:40 PM in the Brownsville Golden Age Nursing Home. Mrs. Cozard was born Dec 30, 1903, in Long Branch Boro, a daughter of the late Oliver Sansom and Katie Belle McKenna Riggs. . . . Survivors include her husband, Alonzo Young Cozard; a son, Duane Riggs Cozard, Hiller; a daughter, Mrs. Velma Arlene Adamson, New Alexandria . . . two brothers, James "Vernon" Riggs, Blain and Leslie Hobart Riggs, Long Branch Boro; two sisters, Mrs. James Patrick (Bernice Letitia) Cunningham, Vandergrift, and Mrs. Elmer Ellsworth (Myrtle May) Binkney, Elco. . . . Burial in LaFayette Memorial Park.^[1755]

From an obituary for Alonzo:

Alonzo Young "Lonnie" Cozard, 88, of Fazio Nursing Home, Markleysburg, formerly of Masontown and Brownsville, died on Monday, Jan 11, 1982. He was born on Mar 21, 1893, in Greene Co, the son of the late Charles A and Rachel Jane Hart Cozard. . . . He was preceded in death by his wife, Velma Marion Riggs Cozard, in 1978; by a son,

will be in Monongahela Hill cemetery near Greensboro."

1752. SSDI, Alonzo Cozard, SSN 193-10-3624, born 21 Mar. 1893, died Jan. 1982, last residence 48072 Berkley, Oakland Co., Mich., issued Pa. (before 1951). **The last residence appears to disagree with that of Alonzo's obit.**

1753. Obit., *Morning Herald*, Uniontown, Pa., 5 Feb. 1930, 5, "Alonzo Cozard, Jr., aged five, died at the home of his father in Masontown Monday evening, February 3, 1930 . . . survived by his parents, Alonzo and Lillian Taylor Cozard, four sisters and two brothers"; U.S. census, 1930, Masontown, Fayette Co., Pa., ED 53, r. 2040, p. 102, sh. 15A, dw. 262, fam. 281, lists Alonzo Coard, 37, born Pa., wife, Lillian, 34, and six children, including Norma A., 1 11/12, born Pa.

1754. Legal notice, *Morning Herald*, Uniontown, Pa., 28 Jun 1933, 12, "Notice. To Lillian S. Cozard, late of River Ave., Masontown, Pa. You are hereby notified that I have been appointed master in the divorce action of Alonzo Y. Cozard, your husband, against you, in the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County at No. 668 June Term, 1932 . . ."

1755. Carson Obits., Velma Marion Riggs Cozard, born 30 Dec. 1903, died 31 Jan. 1978.

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Alonzo Jr; and by 2 brothers, Otho and Charles, and by a sister, Hattie Smith. Surviving are 3 sons: Daniel A, Masontown; George E, San Francisco, CA; and Duane Riggs, Hiller; 5 daughters: Mrs. Carl (Jane) Jones, Phoenix, AZ; Mrs. James (Anna Marie) Benford, Masontown; Mrs. Vincent (Ruth) Kelley, Detroit, MI; Mrs Norma Walton, Birmingham, MI; and Mrs Eugene (Velma "Arlene") Stofko, Latrobe; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.^[1756]

Children:

- 941 i **VELMA ARLENE⁸ COZARD**, surely the girl born 17 Sept. 1935, Masontown, Pa.,^[1757] definitely born before 25 Feb. 1938,^[1758] married (1)^[1759] **JOHN D. ADAMSON JR.**, born 8 Feb. 1935, Brownsville, son of John D. and Violet (Mayers) Adamson, and died 2 Aug. 1977, and buried in Lafayette Memorial Park, and had two children: (1) John D.⁹ Adamson III; and (2) Priscilla Kay⁹ Adamson. Arlene married (2) before her father's death 11 Jan. 1982 (see his obit.) **EUGENE STOFKO**.
- 942 ii **DUANE RIGGS⁸ COZARD**, born 19 Jan. 1942. Duane appears to be class of '59 in his high school, implying born about 1942.^[1760]

1756. Carson Obits., Alonzo Young "Lonnie" Cozard, born 21 Mar. 1893, died 11 Jan. 1982.

1757. Birth announcement, "Masontown," *Morning Herald*, Uniontown, Pa., 27 Sept. 1935, 20, "Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Cozard are announcing the birth of an eight-pound girl, born Tuesday, September 17. The mother will be remembered as Miss Velma Riggs of Allenport. The proud father is in charge of the Greensboro Gas company"; letter of 22 Nov. 2011 from CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, "Children of Velma Marian [sic] Cozard and Alonzo Young Cozard are Velma Arlene Cozard b. Sept. 17, 1935 and Duane Riggs Cozard b. Jan. 19, 1942," based on research by Bernice⁷ (Riggs) Cunningham.

1758. "Missioners Meet In Social Rooms Of First Church," *Morning Herald*, Uniontown, Pa., 25 Feb. 1938, 25.

1759. "Death Notices," *Morning Herald*, Uniontown, Pa., 4 Aug. 1977, 37, "Adamson, John (Jack) Jr.—Age 42 years, a resident of 512 Monroe Ave., West Brownsville, Pa., died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1977 at 1:20 a.m. in the Latrobe Area Hospital. He was born in Brownsville February 9, 1935, a son of Jack and Violet Mayers Adamson of Brownsville. . . . In addition to his parents he is survived by his wife, Arlene Cozard Adamson; a son, John D. Adamson III; a daughter, Priscilla Kay at home; . . . Interment will follow in LaFayette Memorial Park."

1760. "Entertains Classmates At Outing," *Morning Herald*, Uniontown, Pa., 27 Sept. 1958, 6, "At a recent lawn fete, Ronnie Boord, 84 ½ W. Main St., entertained members of his graduating class

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739. EDWIN HARVEY⁷ RIGGS (₅₀₉*Porter⁶, Isaac⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) (Figure 22) was born 7 Nov. 1859, Cass Co., Nebr. (death certificate), or Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill. (son Edwin's birth certificate and 1900 census), died 5 May 1935, Rochester, Olmsted Co., Minn., aged 76 years 5 months 28 days,^[1761] and was buried in Brewster Cem., Brewster, Blaine Co., Nebr.^[1762] He married (1) probably **MARY L. DILL**, born Nov. 1869, Indiana, daughter of Benjamin F. and Sarah E. (–) Dill.^[1763] They divorced before the 1900 census. He married (2) about **18 Sept. 1906, Brewster, Blaine Co., Nebr. SARAH GERTRUDE (FITCH) YOST**,^[1764] who was born **17 Jan. 1871**, Rock Bluff[s] (now a ghost town near Murray), Cass Co., Nebr., daughter of Robert H. and Mary L. (–) Yost,^[1765] and died **16 Sept. 1960, Brewster, Blaine Co., Nebr.** Gertrude married, first, about 1894 Robert S. Yost,^[1766] and had one child: Virgie A. Yost, born about 1897, Nebraska.

From Edwin's obituary:

who are leaving for college. . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Cozard and son, Duane, Brownsville; . . . ; "233 Seniors To Graduate At Brashear (Brownsville)," *Evening Standard*, Uniontown, Pa., 14 May 1959, 10, lists Duane Cozard; see also note above regarding his sister Arlene.

1761. Death certificate, Edwin Harvey Riggs, State of Minn., Division of Vital Statistics, no. 19334, no. in reg. book 311, resident of Brewster, Nebr., died 5 May 1935, Colonial Hospital, Olmsted Co., Rochester, aged 76 yrs. 5 mos. 28 dys., attorney, male, white, married to Gertrude Fitch, (Edwin) born 7 Nov. 1858, Cass Co., Nebr., father Porter Riggs, born Va., mother (maiden name) Alice Swan, born Ill., burial place Brewster, Nebr., informant E. H. Riggs of Brewster, Nebr., digital copy courtesy of Michael Don¹⁰ Riggs.

1762. *Find a Grave*, no. 58526072, gravestone photograph, Brewster Cem., Brewster, Blaine Co., Nebr., "Peace be yours | Edwin H. Riggs | 1859-1935."

1763. U.S. census, 1870, Jackson, Hamilton Co., Ind., r. 219, p. 168A, dw. 330, fam. 333, lists Benjamin F. Dill, 24, born Ind., Sarah E., 21, born Ind., and Mary L., 8/12, born Nov., Ind.

1764. Her first name, birthplace, and husband's alternative birthplace from son Edwin Harold's delayed birth certificate (q.v.).

1765. U.S. census, 1880, Rock Bluffs, Cass Co., Nebr., ED 264, r. 744, p. 203A, dw. 72, fam. 77, lists Robert H. Fitch, 48, born Va., wife Mary L., 40, born Mo., with eight children including daughter, Sarah G., 9, born Nebr.

1766. U.S. census, 1900, Brewster Pct., Blaine Co., Nebr., ED 4, r. 916, p. 17, sh. 2A, dw. 26, fam. 26, lists Robert S. Yost, 32, born Mar. 1868 in Va., married for six years.

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He leaves to mourn his going, his wife, Gertrude Riggs, son Harold and family, and Virginia Cox and family, all of Brewster, Nebraska, and daughter, Joy Williams and family of Appleton, Wisconsin; one sister, May Rice of Debuque, Iowa, one brother Grant Riggs and family of Aroma Park, Illinois, and Nephews [sic], Charles Riggs and family, and Porter C. Riggs and family, both of Dunning, Nebraska, and a host of friends.^[1767]

Placeholder: In 1910 Porter C. Riggs, 23, a farmer born in Nebraska of a father born in Illinois and a mother born in the U.S., resided in Dunn Pct., Blaine Co., Neb., with his wife of two years, Margaret A., 21, born in Nebraska of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in New York. She had had one child, and it resided in the household: son, Leonard J., 1 9/12, born in Nebraska.^[1768]

In 1900 Edwin H. Riggs, 40, a lawyer born Nov. 1849 in Illinois of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Indiana, divorced, resided in Brewster Pct., Blaine Co., Nebr., with his mother-in-law, Sarah E. Dill, 51. She was born May 1849 in Indiana of Ohio natives, married 37 years, and had had six children, with four surviving. There were also two boarders in the household. Next door resided Leonard W. Riggs, 39, a blacksmith born Apr. 1861 with the same nativities as Edwin, a widower, with his partner, Thurman A. Smith, 23, a printer born Jan. 1877 in New York of New York natives. Two dwellings removed was the family of Charles B. W. Cox and his wife, Virginia K.^[1769]

In 1910 Edwin H. Riggs, 50, a retail grocery merchant born in Illinois of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Indiana, resided in Brewster Pct., Blaine Co., Nebr., with his wife of four years, Gertrude,

1767. Obit., "Last Rites Held for Atty. E. H. Riggs, *Brewster News*^[?], Blaine Co., Nebr., 10 May 1935, photocopy of newspaper clipping courtesy of Michael Don Riggs. Also mentions his brother, "Len" Riggs.

¹⁷⁶⁸ U.S. census, 1910, Dunn Pct., Blaine Co., Neb., ED 4, r. 838, p. 183, sh. 4B, dw. 70, fam. 74.

¹⁷⁶⁹ U.S. census, 1900, Brewster Pct., Blaine Co., Nebr., ED 4, r. 916, p. 16, sh. 1A, dw. 9, fam. 9. Leonard resided in dw. 8.

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38, born in Nebraska of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Missouri, and his son, Edwin H. J. Riggs, 2, born in Nebraska of a mother born in Illinois [sic], and with his stepdaughter, Virgie A. Yost, 13, born in Nebraska of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Nebraska. There was also a housekeeper in the household. Gertrude had had two children, with both surviving.^[1770]

In 1920 Edwin H. Riggs, 60, a dry goods merchant born in Illinois of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Indiana, resided in Brewster Pct., Blaine Co., Nebr., with his wife, Gertrude, 46, born in Nebraska of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Missouri, and his son, Edwin H. Riggs, 10, born in Nebraska of a mother born in Nebraska. There was also a boarder in the household.^[1771]

In 1930 Edwin H. Riggs, 70, a retail grocery merchant born in Illinois of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Indiana, resided in Brewster, Blaine Co., Nebr., with his wife, Gertrude, 59, born in Nebraska of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Missouri, and his son, Edwin H. J. Riggs, 22, born in Nebraska of a mother born in Nebraska. Edwin (Sr.) was first married at 42 [sic], and Gertrude at 23.^[1772]

Children (from obituary):

- + 943 i EDWIN HAROLD J.⁸ RIGGS, born 28 Mar. 1908, Brewster, Blaine Co., Nebr., married ADAH VEE HOWARD, and had at least one child.
- 944 ii VIRGINIA K.⁸ RIGGS, married CHARLES B. W. COX.
- 945 iii JOY⁸ RIGGS, married – WILLIAMS.

741. U. S. GRANT⁷ RIGGS (₅₀₉*Porter*⁶, *Isaac*⁵, *Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 20 Aug. 1863, Aroma Twp., Kankakee, Ill., died 4 Feb. 1945, Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., and was buried in Aroma Park Cem.,

1770. U.S. census, 1910, Brewster Pct., Blaine Co., Nebr., ED 4, r. 838, p. 180, sh. 1A, dw. 8, fam. 8.

1771. U.S. census, 1920, Brewster Pct., Blaine Co., Nebr., ED 8, r. 980, p. 4, sh. 4B, dw. 75, fam. 75.

1772. U.S. census, 1930, Brewster, Blaine Co., Nebr., ED 1, r. 1266, p. 4, sh. 4A, dw. 4, fam. 4.

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Aroma Park.^[1773] He married (1) 10 May 1894 **SARAH NETTA FARR**, who was born 1862 (gravestone), died 16 Feb. 1895 (obit.) or 1896, and was buried in Beebe Family Cem., Aroma Park.^[1774] He married (2) 29 Dec. 1900 (his obit., her obit.) **LAURA E. RICE**, who was born 19 Apr. 1879, Indiana, daughter of Thomas Rice, and died 16 Feb. 1919, and was buried in Aroma Park Cem.^[1775] He married (3) 19 Jan. 1920 **LILLIAN (SMITH) POTTENGER**.

An obituary for Grant:

Grant Riggs of Aroma Park died at his home yesterday morning at the age of 81 after a prolonged illness. The deceased was born August 20, 1863 in Aroma Township, the son of Porter and Mary Swan Riggs, and had spent most of his life in that community. On May 10, 1894 he married Sarah N. Farr who preceded him in death on Feb. 16, 1895.

On Dec. 29, 1900, he married Laura Rice, who died on Feb. 16, 1919. They had six children. Mrs. Alice Kohl preceded her father in death. Surviving are Trevelyn and Leonard of Aroma Park, Wesley of Joliet, Mrs. Florence Lamb of Greentown, Ind., Mrs. Wilma Love of Momence and 20 grandchildren.

Mr. Riggs' third wife, Lillian Smith Pottenger, whom he married Jan. 19, 1920, and two step daughters, Velma Pottenger of Aroma Park and Mrs. Beatrice Bracken of Kankakee survive. His sister, Mrs. Harry Rice of Dubuque, IA and several nieces and nephews also survive. The body is at Hertz Memorial Temple where friends may call and where services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday. Burial will be in Aroma Park Cemetery.^[1776]

An obituary for Laura:

1773. *Find a Grave*, no. 7521237, gravestone photograph, by Andrew Smith, Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., "Grant Riggs | 1863–1945."

1774. *Find a Grave*, no. 7535813, gravestone photograph, Beebe Family Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., "S. Netta Farr | wife of | G. Riggs | 1862–189[6, perhaps 5]."

1775. *Find a Grave*, no. 7521238, gravestone photograph, by Andrew Smith, Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., "Laura, Wife of | Grant Riggs | 1879–1919."

1776. Obit., "Grant Riggs of Aroma Park Dies At Age of 81," *Kankakee Republican-News*, 5 Feb. 1945, contributed to *Find a Grave*, no. 7521237, by Andrew Smith.

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Laura E. Riggs, wife of Grant Riggs, of Aroma Park, died Sunday following an illness of five weeks. She was born April 19, 1879, in Indiana and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rice. She was married December 29, 1900, and leaves her husband and children, her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

She was a member of the Women's Independent Club of Aroma Park. Funeral services will be held Tuesday after noon at 1 o'clock from the house and 2 o'clock from the Aroma Park M.E. Church. Rev. Wamsley will officiate and burial will be in the Aroma Park cemetery.^[1777]

In 1910 Grant Riggs, 46, a farmer born in Illinois of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in Indiana, resided in Aroma, Kankakee Co., Ill., with his (second) wife of nine years, Laura, 32, born in Illinois of Illinois natives. She had had three children, with all three surviving and residing in the household: son, "Franklin," 8, son, "Westley" B., 6, and daughter, Mary A., 3, all three born in Illinois. Also in the household was Grant's father, Porter, 77, and a hired man, Louis Myers, 32, born in Colorado.¹⁷⁷⁸

Children of the second marriage, to Laura:

- 946 i **TREVLYN GUY⁸ RIGGS**, born 30 Nov. 1901 (gravestone), Illinois, died 10 Jan. 1980, **Phoenix, Ariz.**, buried in Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill.,^[1779] married **EDITH R. ALBERTS**, born 13 Sept. 1909 (gravestone), died 28 June 2001, buried in Aroma Park Cem. with her husband.
- 947 ii **WESLEY B.⁸ RIGGS**, born 16 Mar. 1904 (obit.), Aroma Twp. Kankakee Co., Ill., died 1968, Kankakee Co., Ill., and was buried in

1777. Obit., *Kankakee Daily Republican*, Mon., 17 Feb. 1919, contributed to *Find a Grave*, no. 7521238, by Andrew Smith.

1778. U.S. census, 1910, Aroma Twp., Kankakee Co., Ill., ED 93, r. 298, p. 5, sh. 5B, dw. 52, fam. 59.

1779. *Find a Grave*, no. 7521248, gravestone photograph, by Joe Harrington, Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., "Riggs | Trevlyn | Nov. 30, 1901 | Jan. 10, 1980 || Edith | Sept. 13, 1909 | June 28m, 2001."

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Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill.^[1780] [\[see Find a Grave for more . . . \]](#)

- 948 iii ALICE MARIE [or MARY ALICE]⁸ RIGGS, born 1906, Illinois, died 1939, [Harvey, Ill.](#), and was buried in Mound Grove Cem., Kankakee, Kankakee Co., Ill.,^[1781] married ENOS J. KOHL, born 1903, died 1992, and was buried next to his wife.
- 949 iv LEONARD E.⁸ RIGGS, born Oct. 18 1911 (gravestone), Illinois, died 13 Jan. 1972, and was buried in Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill.^[1782]
- 950 v FLORENCE⁸ RIGGS, born 3 Sept. 1913 (gravestone), Illinois, died 4 Mar. 1986, and was buried in Greenlawn Cem., Greentown, Howard Co., Ind.,^[1783] married [Greentown, Ind.](#), ROLAND LAMB, born 16 Feb. 1906 (gravestone), died 5 Jan. 1946, and buried next to his wife. [\[see Find a Grave for more . . . \]](#)
- 951 vi WILMA L.⁸ RIGGS, born 1 Mar. 1915 (gravestone), Illinois, died 10 Jan. 1978, and was buried in Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill.,^[1784] married JOSEPH SCHUCK, born 7 May 1913 (gravestone), died 3 June 1992, and was buried in Kankakee Memorial Gardens and Chapel Mausoleum, Kankakee, Kankakee Co., Ill.^[1785] [\[see Find a Grave for more . . . \]](#)

1780. *Find a Grave*, no. 7521246, gravestone photograph, by Joe Harrington, Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., “Wesley B. Riggs | 1904 1968.”

1781. *Find a Grave*, no. 46405559, gravestone photograph, by Andrew Smith, Mound Grove Cem., Kankakee, Kankakee Co., Ill., side-by-side gravestones: “Alice Riggs | Kohl | 1906–1939” and “Enos J. Kohl | 1903–1992.”

1782. *Find a Grave*, no. 7521243, gravestone photograph, by Joe Harrington, Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., “Leonard E. Riggs | Illinois | Pvt Co C 210 Inf Tng Bn | World War II | Oct 18 1911 Jan 13 1972.”

1783. *Find a Grave*, no. 46192224, gravestone photograph, by John C. Anderson, Greenlawn Cem., Greentown, Howard Co., Ind., “Lamb | Gran | Florence | Sept. 3, 1913 | Mar. 4, 1986 || Roland Feb. 15, 1906 | Jan. 5, 1946.”

1784. *Find a Grave*, no. 7521277, gravestone photograph, by Joe Harrington, Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., “Wilma L. Schuck | Mar. 1. | 1915 || Jan. 10 | 1978.”

1785. *Find a Grave*, no. 66450840, gravestone photograph, by Richard Raines, Kankakee Memorial Gardens and Chapel Mausoleum, Kankakee, Kankakee Co., Ill., “Jacob Schuck | May 6, 1913 June 3, 1992.”

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742. PORTIA MAY [MAE]⁷ RIGGS (₅₀₉*Porter*⁶, *Isaac*⁵, *Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹)^[1786] was born 14 Sept. 1878 (obit.) or Sept. 1877 (1900 census), Waldron,^[1787] or Aroma Park (obit.), Ill. (Figure 21), died 26 July 1953, Dubuque, Dubuque Co., Iowa, and was buried in Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill.^[1788] She married 28 Aug. 1901, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.,^[1789] **HARRY S. RICE**, who was born about 1876, Illinois, son of Thomas J. and Alice (Haynes) Rice,^[1790] and died 9 Aug. 1928, Dubuque, and was buried in Aroma Park Cem. next to his wife.^[1791]

In 1910 Harry S. Rice, 34, a manager of a meat packing company born in Illinois of Illinois natives, resided in Houghton, Houghton Co., Mich., with his wife of eight years, "Porta" M., 33, born in Illinois of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Virginia. She had had no children. There were also two boarders in the household. There is a Mr. Riggs, of unstated age and nativities listed in the same dwelling, a railway man, but without sufficient information to identify him.^[1792]

In 1920 Harry S. Rice, 43, a packing house salesman born in Illinois of Illinois natives, resided in Kankakee, Kankakee Co., Ill., with his wife, Portia M., 42, born in Illinois of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Indiana, and his daughter, Virginia, 1 4/12, born in Illinois.^[1793]

On 1 Jan. 1925 Harry S. Rice, 48, born in Illinois, resided in Dubuque Co., Iowa, with his wife, Portia M., 47, born in Illinois, and daughter, Virginia, 6, born in Illinois. Harry's father was Thomas J. Rice, 75,

1786. The variation May is from two censuses. The variation Mae is from her husband's obit.

1787. Birthplace from the birth certificate of her first child (q.v.).

1788. *Find a Grave*, no. 7521232, gravestone photograph, by Andrew Smith, Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., "Portia M. Rice | 1878-1953."

1789. Ill., *Cook Co. Marriages, 1871-1920*, Harry S. Rice, 24, to "Porta" M. Riggs, 23, 28 Aug. 1901, Chicago.

1790. See the 1925 Iowa state census.

1791. *Find a Grave*, no. 55715284, gravestone photograph, by Andrew Smith, Aroma Park Cem., Aroma Park, Kankakee Co., Ill., "Harry S. Rice | 1876-1928."

1792. U.S. census, 1910, Houghton, Portage Twp., Houghton Co., Mich., ED 123, r. 647, p. 30, sh. 11B, dw. 180, fam. 217. "Mr. Riggs" is a lodger in dw. 180, fam. 214.

1793. U.S. census, 1920, Kankakee, Kankakee Co., Ill., ED 120, r. 377, p. 256, sh. 9A, dw. 203, fam. 209.

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and his mother Alice Haynes, 72, born in Indiana, married in Illinois. Portia's father was Porter Riggs, born in Virginia, and her mother Mary Swan, born in Indiana, married in Illinois. Harry and Portia were married in Illinois.^[1794]

In 1930 Portia M. Rice, 51, a widow born in Illinois of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Indiana, resided in Dubuque, Dubuque Co., Iowa, with her daughter, Virginia, 11, born in Illinois of a father born in Illinois.^[1795]

Obituaries for Portia:

Mrs. Portia M. Rice, 74, widow of Harry S. Rice, died at 11:30 p.m. Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carlton Christman . . . Burial will be Wednesday in Aroma Park Cemetery, Kankakee, Ill. Mrs. Rice was born Sept. 14, 1878 at Aroma Park, Ill, a daughter of the late Porter and Mary Swan Riggs. She came to Dubuque in 1919 [sic] and has lived here since . . . Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Carlton (Virginia) Christman and a granddaughter, Judy Ann Christman. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1928 and by three brothers.^[1796]

Mrs. Harry S. Rice, 75, a resident of Kankakee County for 52 years before moving to Iowa, died Sunday in Dubuque following a lingering illness. Mrs. Rice was the former Mae Riggs, of Aroma Park. She was married in 1908 [sic] in Kankakee and moved to Dubuque in 1930 [sic]. Her husband preceded her in death . . . Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Christman; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Sells; and several nephews and nieces.^[1797]

An obituary for Harry:

1794. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836–1925*, 1925, lines 132–34, address 1675 Dodge St.

1795. U.S. census, 1930, Dubuque, Dubuque Co., Iowa, ED 19, r. 653, p. 145, sh. 8A, dw. 109, fam. 113.

1796. Obit., *The Telegraph Herald*, Dubuque, Dubuque Co., Iowa, 27 July 1953, courtesy of Andrew Smith, online at *Find a Grave*.

1797. Obit., *Kankakee Daily Journal*, Kankakee Co., Ill., 28 July 1953, courtesy of Andrew Smith, online at *Find a Grave*.

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Harry S. Rice, former resident of Kankakee, died shortly after midnight last evening at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, according to word received by relatives in this city today. The body will be brought to Kankakee for burial. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. Details of Mr. Rice's demise are lacking.^[1798]

Children:

- 952 i [SON]⁸ RICE, born 28 Oct. 1901, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.,^[1799] and presumably died young as there is no mention of him in the 1910 census, where Portia is listed as having had no children.
- 953 ii VIRGINIA M.⁸ RICE, born 1918, Kankakee, Kankakee Co., Ill., died 1981, Dubuque, Dubuque Co., Iowa, buried Linwood Cem., Dubuque,^[1800] married (see mother's obit.) J. CARLTON CHRISTMAN, born 20 Feb. 1917, Dubuque Co., Iowa, son of Glenn and Caroline (Fritz) Christman, died 15 Jan. 1990, buried Linwood Cem.,^[1801] and had two children: (1) Judy Ann⁹ Christman, married Ken Bonnet; and (2) Betty⁹ Christman, married Loras Baum.

1798. Obit., *Kankakee Daily Republican*, Kankakee Co., Ill., 9 Aug. 1928, courtesy of Andrew Smith, online at *Find a Grave*.

1799. Ill., *Cook Co. Birth Certificates, 1878–1922*, image online, Vital Statistics Dept., County Clerk's Office, State of Ill., Cook Co., return of a birth, 15762, unnamed, male, white, first child of the mother, born 28 Oct. 1901 at 901 S. Kechzie Ave., Kankakee, Ill., mother's maiden name "Portia" M. Riggs, 24, born Waldron, Ill., recorded 4 Nov. 1901, returned by W. F. Briney, M.D..

1800. *Find a Grave*, no. 75063710, gravestone photograph, by Greg Kimberly, Linwood Cem., Dubuque, Dubuque Co., Iowa, "Christman | J. Carlton | 1917–1990 || Virginia M. | 1918–1981"; obit., *Telegraph Herald*, Dubuque, 26 July 1981, courtesy of Andrew Smith, online at *Find a Grave*, "Services for Mrs. J. Carl Christman (Virginia) . . . Mrs. Christman, who was born in Kankakee, Ill., died at 3:30 a.m. Friday at Finley Hospital. . . . Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Judy Ann at home and Mrs. Loras (Betty) Baum of Dyersville, Iowa."

1801. *Find a Grave*, no. 75063794, gravestone photograph, by Greg Kimberly, Linwood Cem., Dubuque, Dubuque Co., Iowa; obit., *Telegraph Herald*, Dubuque, 16 Jan. 1990, courtesy of Andrew Smith, online at *Find a Grave*, "J. Carlton Christman, 72 . . . died at 10:55 a.m. Monday Jan. 15, 1990 . . . He was born on Feb. 20, 1917 in Dubuque county, son of Glenn and Caroline (Fritz) Christman. He married Virginia Rice; she died in 1981. . . . Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ken (Judy) Bonnet of East Dubuque and Mrs. Loras (Betty) Baum of Dyersville, Iowa."

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824. ROSA BELLE⁷ RIGGS (₄₈₈Owen R.⁶, Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born about 1875, Missouri, and died 26 Oct. 1941, Imperial Co., Calif.^[1802] She married 13 Mar. 1895 (license), Howell Co., Mo.,^[1803] **CLEMENT V. FAUROT**, who was born about 1870.

In 1920 “Clem” V. Faurot, 50, a farmer born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., with his wife, Rosa B., 45, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his sons, Owen R., 11, and Joseph L., 8, both born in Missouri. Mary had had two children, and both survived. Another son, Fred W. Faurot, 22, resided nearby with his grandmother, Mary Ann Riggs.^[1804]

Children:

- 954 i **FRED W.⁸ FAUROT**, born about 1898, Missouri.
- 955 ii **OWEN R.⁸ FAUROT**, born about 1909, Missouri.
- 956 iii **JOSEPH L.⁸ FAUROT**, born about 1912, Missouri.

825. HATTIE FLORENCE⁷ RIGGS (₄₈₈Owen R.⁶, Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born Aug. 1879 (1900 census) or 1877 (gravestone), Missouri, died 1957, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cem., Pottersville, Howell Co., Mo.^[1805] She married 13 Mar. 1895 (license), Howell Co., Mo.,^[1806] **JOHN H. MAHAN**, who was born Mar. 1875 (1900 census) or 1873 (gravestone), died 1958, and was buried next to Florence.

In 1900 John Mahan, 25, a farm laborer born Mar. 1875 in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., with his

1802. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Rosa B. Faurot, born 1 Dec. 1868 [sic], Mo., died 26 Oct. 1941, Imperial Co., Calif., mother’s maiden name Teague, father’s surname Riggs.

1803. Marriage license, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, no. 2395, Clement V. Faurot to Rosa Belle Riggs, 13 Mar. 1895, Howell Co., Mo. Additional information given: father O. R. Riggs, age of spouse 25.

1804. U.S. census, 1920, Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., ED 91, r. 920, p. 9, sh. 9A, dw. 181, fam. 181. Mary Ann Riggs resided in dw. 183.

1805. *Find a Grave*, no. 39629546, gravestone photograph, by C. Menz, Pleasant Hill Cem., Pottersville, Howell Co., Mo., “Mahan | Florence | 1877–1957 || John H. | 1873–1958.”

1806. Marriage license, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, no. 2396, Clement V. Faurot to Rosa Belle Riggs, 13 Mar. 1895, Howell Co., Mo.

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wife of five years, Florence, 20, born Aug. 1879 in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Texas, and his son, Everett L., 4, born Jan. 1896 in Missouri. Florence had had more than one [overwritten] children, and one survived. Next door was Owen Riggs.^[1807]

Known child:

- 957 i **EVERETT L.**⁸ **MAHAN**, born Jan. 1896, Missouri, married **EDITH M.** —, born about 1898, Missouri, and had at least two children: (1) Burl J.⁹ Mahan, born about 1916, Missouri; and (2) Orval L.⁹ Mahan, born about 1919, Missouri.

In 1920 Everett L. Mahan, 23, a farmer born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., with his wife, Edith M., 22, born in Missouri of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Missouri, and his sons, Burl J., 3 7/12, and Orval L., 1 3/12, both born in Missouri. Next door was Mary Ann Riggs, 63.^[1808]

826. JOHN ANDREW⁷ **RIGGS** (₅₀₉*Elbridge M.*⁶, *Stephen*⁵, *Samuel*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 5 Nov. 1866 (gravestone) or 1867 (encyclopedia article), Shelby Co., Ill., died 5 Mar. 1936, Garland Co., Ark.,^[1809] and was buried in Greenwood Cem., Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark.^[1810] He married about 1891 **IDA L. CALAHAN**, who was born 25 July 1870 (gravestone), Missouri, daughter of John and Louisa (—) Calahan,^[1811] and died 11 Dec. 1941, and was buried in Greenwood Cem.^[1812]

1807. U.S. census, 1900, Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., ED 54, r. 860, p. 68, sh. 10B, dw. 197, fam. 197. Owen resided in dw. 196.

1808. U.S. census, 1920, Howell Twp., Howell Co., Mo., ED 91, r. 920, p. 9, sh. 9A, dw. 184, fam. 184. Mary Ann Riggs resided in dw. 183.

1809. *Ark. Death Index, 1914–1950*, John A. Riggs, died 5 Mar. 1935, Garland Co., r. 19341940, p. 2923, “Riggs, John A 03/05/1935 Garl.”

1810. *Find a Grave*, no. 63990494, gravestone photograph, Greenwood Cem., Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., “John A. Riggs | Nov. 5, 1866 | Mar. 5, 1936.”

1811. U.S. census, 1880, Belle Plaine, Sumner Co., Kans., ED 190, r. 398, p. 84A, dw. 282, fam. 294, lists John Calahan, 50, born Ireland, wife, Louisa, 35, born Mo., with six children including daughter, Ida, 9, born Mo., and son, Joseph, 6, born Mo.

1812. *Find a Grave*, no. 63990498, gravestone photograph, Greenwood Cem., Hot Springs, Gar-

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The following is from the online *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture* and was contributed by John's granddaughter Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon:

John Andrew Riggs was a pioneer, politician, early aviator, patent medicine business proprietor, and father of women's suffrage in Arkansas. Riggs's Act 186 of 1917 allowed women to vote in the Democratic primary in Arkansas. This enfranchisement of women paved the way for Arkansas's ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

John Riggs was born on November 5, 1867, in Shelby County, Illinois, the eldest of six children of Elbridge Marion Riggs and Sarah Ann Hubbartt. His parents were farmers and merchants. In 1877, the extended Riggs family moved to Sumner County, Kansas, the Southern border of which was Indian Territory.

In 1889, Riggs was one of over 50,000 pioneers in a line stretching for 100 miles along the southern Kansas border, waiting for the pistol shot that allowed them to vie for two million acres of claimable land. Riggs homesteaded 160 acres for fourteen dollars. He settled his land and, on June 29, 1890, he returned to Sumner County to marry Ida Louisa Callahan. They settled in Sheridan, Oklahoma.

For eleven years, Riggs raised cattle, farmed, traded, and served as a constable and coroner. His trading post was named Fence Post Johnnies' for the lightning-proof fence post he invented to protect cattle from death due to lightning strikes. Riggs is recognized at the Oklahoma State Museum among 300 early Oklahoma pioneers whose names are embossed on a stretched buffalo skin.

In 1901, his wife and four children returned to Kansas. He sold everything and joined them in Wichita. Here, he developed the "Lopez Medicine Remedy" patent medicine. In 1905, he moved his family to Arkansas, launching Lopez Medical Remedy on Broad Street in downtown Hot Springs (Garland County). The medicine sold well nationwide until Riggs's death in 1936.

In 1908, Riggs financed the Hot Springs Airship Company with local aviator Joel Rice as his partner. They incorporated and sold shares. In

land Co., Ark., "Ida L. Riggs | July 25, 1870 | Dec. 11, 1941."

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1909, they took their American Eagle dirigible to New York City to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration week, participating in America's first aeronautical show. One feature was their "Seeing-New-York-From-Above" vehicle that departed Madison Square Garden with fourteen passengers at a time and traveled over the city. "Hot Springs, Arkansas" was emblazoned on both sides. Meanwhile, the company built the largest steel-framed dirigible in America at Morris Park, New York, at a cost of over \$5,000. After one trial run, a gale destroyed the facility, the ship, and the partnership with Rice. Riggs refused to finance a third dirigible unless he was given exclusive rights. A long, bitter lawsuit ensued between the parties in 1910 over the ownership of the company, which effectively ended the venture.

In July 1911, Riggs purchased the newspaper that would become the *Hot Springs New Era*, forming the Southern Newspapers company. He served as owner and publisher until he sold it to the Palmer chain in 1928.

Riggs was elected as a Democrat to the Arkansas House of Representatives, serving 1917–1919 and 1923–1925. Among his successful bills were those that mandated paving the Hot Springs to Little Rock (Pulaski County) highway, established the city-manager form of government for Hot Springs, and passed a gross income state sales tax. He was also the author of the Primary Suffrage Bill, HB 340, which enfranchised women to vote in primary elections. HB 340 was a significant victory, making Arkansas the first non-suffrage state that allowed women to vote in Democratic primary elections. Introduced on February 7, 1917, the bill passed the House by a vote of 54–27, and on February 27, the Senate's 17–15 "yea" vote gave full passage. Riggs was a Democratic candidate for governor in 1920 but was defeated in the primary by Thomas Chipman McRae.

Riggs died of cancer on March 4, 1936, and is buried in Hot Springs.^[1813]

1813. Brandon, "John Andrew Riggs (1867–1936)," *Encyclopedia of Ark. History & Culture*, has this note: "For additional information: | "Air Age Comes to Spa Early; Airship Built Here in '08." *The Sentinel Record*. April 27, 1958. p. 20. | Allsopp, Frederick W. *History of the Arkansas Press for a Hundred Years and More*. Little Rock: Parke-Harper Publishing Co., 1922. | Obituary of John Andrew Riggs. "John A. Riggs Succumbs to Illness." *Hot Springs Sentinel-Record*. March 6, 1936, p. 1."

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In 1900 John A. Riggs, 33, a farmer born Nov. 1866 in Illinois of a father born in Indiana and a mother in India [sic], resided in Skeleton Twp., Kingfisher Co., Okla., with his wife of nine years, Ida L., 29, born July 1870 in Missouri of a father born in Scotland and a mother in Missouri, and with his son, Elbridge M., 9, born May 1891, and his daughters, "Agnis" L., 5, born Dec. 1894, and Iona P., 1, born Mar. 1899, all three born in Oklahoma. Ida had had three children, with three surviving.^[1814]

In 1910 J. A. Riggs, 43, a farmer born in Illinois of Indiana natives, resided in Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., with his wife of 19 years, Ida L., 38, born in Missouri of a father born in Ireland and a mother in Missouri, and with his son, Marion, 18, and his daughters, Agnes, 15, and Iona P., 15 [sic], all three born in Oklahoma, and son, B. L., 5, born in Kansas. Ida had had four children, with four surviving.^[1815]

In 1920 J. A. Riggs, 54, a newspaper publisher born in Illinois of Indiana natives, resided in Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., with his wife of 19 years, Ida, 49, born in Missouri of a father born in Ireland and a mother in Missouri, and with his daughters, Agnes, 24, a bookkeeper, and Iona, 20, a saleslady, both born in Oklahoma, and son, Byron, 14 [15 overwritten], born in Kansas.^[1816]

In 1930 John A. Riggs, 63, a Lopez Medical medicine manufacturer born in Illinois of Indiana natives, resided in Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., with his wife, Ida L., 59, born in Missouri of a father born in Canada [sic] and a mother in Missouri, his brother-in-law, Joseph R. "Callahan," 50 [sic], a music teacher with the same nativities as Ida.^[1817] They

1814. U.S. census, 1900, Skeleton Twp., Kingfisher Co., Okla., ED 106, r. 1338, p. 58, sh. 3B, dw. 173, fam. 174.

1815. U.S. census, 1910, Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., ED 61, r. 50, p. 51, sh. 1B, dw. 18, fam. 18.

1816. U.S. census, 1920, Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., ED 75, r. 63, p. 102, sh. 5A, dw. 102, fam. 123.

1817. U.S. census, 1910, South Haven Twp., Sumner Co., Kans., ED 168, r. 458, p. 224, sh. 8A, line 8, lists Joseph R. "Callahan," 35, a music teacher born in Mo. of a father born in Ireland and a mother in Mo.

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shared a dwelling with John's son, Byron L., 25, in newspaper circulation born in Kansas, and his daughter-in-law, Bessie, 25, born in Arkansas of Arkansas natives. John was first married at 23, Ida at 19, Byron at 25, and Bessie at 25.^[1818]

Children:

- 958 i **ELBRIDGE MARION**⁸ **RIGGS**, born 18 May 1891 (gravestone), Oklahoma, died 7 Nov. 1939, Garland Co., Ark.,^[1819] and buried in Greenwood Cem., Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark.^[1820]
- 959 ii **AGNES L.**⁸ **RIGGS**, born Dec. 1894, Oklahoma.
- 960 iii **IONA P.**⁸ **RIGGS**, born Mar. 1899, Oklahoma.
- + 961 iv **BYRON L.**⁸ **RIGGS**, born 7 June 1904, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., married **ELIZABETH ANN PATCHING**, and had two children.

829. ELBRIDGE FRANCIS⁷ **RIGGS** (₅₀₉*Elbridge M.*⁶, *Stephen*⁵, *Samuel*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 2 June 1875,^[1821] Illinois, and died 24 Sept. 1963, Los Angeles, Calif.^[1822] He married about 1900 **MINTA O. HUBBARD**, who was born 21 Oct. 1879, Kansas, daughter of John and Luella/Louella (Goodwin) Hubbard,^[1823] and died 1 July 1960, Los Angeles, Calif.^[1824]

1818. U.S. census, 1930, Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., ED 22, r. 75, p. 205, sh. 12B, dw. 295, fam. 312. Byron was fam. 313.

1819. *Ark. Death Index, 1914–1950*, E. Mar. Riggs, died 7 Nov. 1939, Garland Co., r. 19341940, p. 2923, "Riggs, E Mar 11/07/1939 Garl."

1820. *Find a Grave*, no. 24276046, gravestone photograph, Greenwood Cem., Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., "E. Marion Riggs | May 18, 1891 | November 7, 1939."

1821. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Elbridge Francis Riggs, 43, of 1542 S. Laurence, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., born 2 June 1875, nearest relative Minta O. Riggs, of same address, occupation manager of Lopez Remedy Co., registered 12 Sept. 1918, Wichita, Kans.

1822. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Elbridge F. Riggs, SSN 556-70-4913, born 2 June 1875, Ill., died 24 Sept. 1963, Los Angeles, mother's maiden name Hubbartt.

1823. U.S. census, 1880, Concordia, Cloud Co., Kans., ED 40, r. 376, p. 210A, dw. 129, fam. 129, lists John Hubbard, 24, laborer born Ill., wife, Luella, 20, born Nebr., and daughter, Minta, 6/12, born Kans.; see also the 1900 census record.

1824. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Minta O. Riggs, born 21 Oct. 1879, Kans., died 1 July 1960, Los Angeles, mother's maiden name Goodwin.

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In 1900 Elbridge F. Riggs, 24, a farmer born June 1875 in Illinois of a father born in Indiana and a mother of unknown nativity, resided in Skeleton Twp., Kingfisher Co, Okla., with his wife of zero years, Minta O., 20, born Oct. 1879 in Kansas of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Nebraska. Minta had had no children. Next door was John Hubbard, 45, born in Illinois, and his wife, Louella, 40, born in Nebraska, and family, including son, "Floid," [?!], born in Oklahoma.^[1825]

In 1910 Elbridge "T." Riggs, 34, manager of a patent medicine company born in Illinois of U.S. natives, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his (first) wife of 10 years, Minta O., 30, born in Kansas of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Nebraska, and his sons, "Frue" B., 6, and Bryan A., 2, both born in Kansas. Minta had had three children, with two surviving. There was also a boarder in the household, Floyd Hubbard, 17, born in Oklahoma of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Nebraska.^[1826] Floyd was surely Minta's brother.

In 1915 E. F. Riggs, 39, assistant [manager?] born in Illinois, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his wife, Minta, 35, born in Kansas, and daughter, Fern, 11, and son, Bryan, 7, born in Kansas.^[1827]

In 1920 "Elridge" F. Riggs, 44, office manager of a medicine office born in Illinois of Indiana natives, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his wife, Minta, 40, born in Kansas of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Nebraska, and his daughter, Fern, 16, and son, Bryan A., 12, both born in Kansas. There was also a boarder in the household, Katherine Hubbard, 28, born in Kansas of a father born in California and a mother in Arkansas.^[1828] Katherine was probably related to Minta.

1825. U.S. census, 1900, Skeleton Twp., Kingfisher Co, Okla., ED 106, r. 1338, p. 61, sh. 12B, dw. 230, fam. 231. The Hubbards resided in dw. 229

1826. U.S. census, 1910, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 101, r. 456, p. 13, sh. 4A, dw. 57, fam. 57.

1827. Kans. census, 1915, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., r. 217, p. 14, dw. 111, fam. 128.

1828. U.S. census, 1920, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 123, r. 549, p. 96, sh. 4B, dw. 96, fam. 100.

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In 1925 E. [overwritten] F. Riggs, 50, manager of Lopez Remedy born in Illinois, resided in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., with his wife, Minta, 45, born in Kansas, and son, Bryan, 17, born in Kansas, and also Catherine Phoebus, 33, a stenographer at Lopez born in Kansas.^[1829] Catherine was perhaps the Katherine Hubbard of the 1920 census.

In 1930 “Elberidge” F. Riggs, 54, manager of a medicine company born in Illinois of Indiana natives, resided in Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., Calif., with his wife, Minta O., 50, born in Kansas of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Nebraska, and his son, Bryan A., 22, a bank bookkeeper born in Kansas. Elbridge first married at 24, and Minta at 20.^[1830]

Known children of three:

962 i **FERN B.⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1904, Kansas.

963 ii **BRYAN A.⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1908, Kansas.

833. OSCAR ADOLPH⁷ RIGGS (₅₁₀*Albert Rufus⁶, Stephen⁵, Samuel⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 6 Jan. 1871, Illinois, died 1 Sept. 1945, Fresno Co., Calif.^[1831] He married about 1890 **BELLE M. MORTON**,^[1832] who was born 11 Nov. 1873, Missouri, and died 3 Apr. 1964, Fresno Co., Calif.^[1833]

In 1900 Oscar A. Riggs, 29, a farmer born Jan. 1871 in Illinois of a father born in Indiana and a mother of unknown nativity, resided in Dry Creek Twp., Custer Co., Okla. Terr., with his wife of 10 years, Belle M., 26, a millinery manager born Nov. 1873 in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Kentucky, and his son, Albert B., 8, born Apr.

1829. Kans. census, 1925, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., r. 136, p. 1, dw. 7, fam. 7.

1830. U.S. census, 1930, Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., Calif., ED 1106, r. 129, p. 178, sh. 7A, dw. 105A, fam. 168.

1831. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Oscar Adolph Riggs, born 6 Jan. 1871, Ill., died 1 Sept. 1945, Fresno, mother's maiden name “Musser,” father's surname Riggs.

1832. Her maiden name is from her son Ralph's death record (q.v.).

1833. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Belle M. Riggs, born 11 Nov. 1873, Mo., died 3 Apr. 1964, Fresno, mother's maiden name Callison.

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1892, daughter, Rosa M., 6, born Nov. 1893, and son, Ralph B., 4, born Oct. 1895, all three born in Oklahoma. Belle had had three children, with three surviving.^[1834]

In 1910 "Oker Riggs," 39, a restaurant keeper born in Illinois of Illinois natives, resided in Anadarko, Caddo Co., Okla., with his wife of 20 years, Belle M., 36, assistant restaurant keeper born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his daughter, "Rossie," 16, son, Ralph, 14, and daughter, Alice, 8, all three born in Oklahoma. Belle had had four children, with three surviving.^[1835]

In 1920 Oscar A. Riggs, 48, manager of a lumberyard born in Illinois of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Tranquility Pct., Fresno Co., Calif., with his wife, Belle M., 46, a millinery manager born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Kentucky, and his son, Ralph B., 24, a machinist, and daughter, Alice E., 17, both born in Oklahoma.^[1836]

In 1930 Oscar A. Riggs, 59, public school janitor of a lumberyard born in Illinois of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Ohio, resided in Mendota, Fresno Co., Calif., with his wife, Belle M., 56, born in Missouri of Missouri natives. Oscar was 19 at first marriage, and Belle was 16.^[1837]

Children:

- 964 i **ALBERT B.⁸ RIGGS**, born Apr. 1892, Oklahoma Terr., and died before the 1910 census.
- 965 ii **ROSA M.⁸ RIGGS**, born Nov. 1893, Oklahoma Terr.

1834. U.S. census, 1900, Dry Creek Twp., Custer Co., Okla., ED 38, r. 1336, p. 251, sh. 4B, dw. 82, fam. 85.

1835. U.S. census, 1910, Anadarko, Caddo Co., Okla., ED 47, r. 1244, p. 350, sh. 13A, dw. 240, fam. 246.

1836. U.S. census, 1920, Tranquility Pct., Fresno Co., Calif., ED 1, r. 96, p. 8, sh. 8B, dw. 16, fam. 20.

1837. U.S. census, 1930, Mendota, Fresno Co., Calif., ED 3, r. 115, p. 19, sh. 11A, dw. 267, fam. 269.

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- 966 iii **RALPH B.⁸ RIGGS**, born 23 Oct. 1895, Garfield Co., Oklahoma Terr.,^[1838] died 15 Apr. 1986, Fresno Co., Calif.^[1839]
- 967 iv **ALICE E.⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1903, Oklahoma.

834. BERYL ERNEST⁷ RIGGS (₅₁₀*Albert Rufus⁶, Stephen⁵, Samuel⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 7 Nov. 1887, Kansas, and died 6 Dec. 1948, Los Angeles Co., Calif.^[1840] He married about 1907 **DAISY** —, who was born about 1887, Nebraska.

In 1910 “Beyrl” Riggs, 22, a confectionary store keeper born in Kansas of Illinois natives, resided in Canton, Blaine Co., Okla., with his wife of three years, Daisy, 23, born in Nebraska of a father born in Maryland and a mother in Illinois, and his son, Robert, 2, born in Oklahoma. Belle had had one child, with one surviving. There was a boarder in the household.^[1841]

In 1920 Beryl Riggs, 32, an electrical salesman born in Kansas of Kansas natives, resided in Muskogee, Muskogee Co., Okla., with his wife of three years, “Daisey,” 32, born in Nebraska of a father born in Maryland and a mother in the U.S., and his son, Robert, 11, born in Oklahoma.^[1842]

Child:

- 968 i **ROBERT⁸ RIGGS**, born about 1908, Oklahoma.

1838. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Ralph B. Riggs, 21, of Baker, Mont., born 23 Oct. 1895, Garfield Co., Okla., single, registered 5 June 1917, Fallon Co., Mont.

1839. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Ralph B. Riggs, born 23 Oct. 1895, Okla., died 15 Apr. 1986, Fresno, mother’s maiden name Morton; SSDI, SSN 476–20–5963, born 23 Oct. 1895, died Apr. 1986, last residence 93727 Fresno, Fresno Co., Calif., issue Minn. (before 1951).

1840. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Beryl Ernest Riggs, born 7 Nov. 1887, Kans., died 6 Dec. 1948, Los Angeles, mother’s maiden name Durbin, father’s surname Riggs; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Beryl Ernest Riggs, 29, of Watsuga, Okla., born 7 Nov. 1887, [I cannot read where], wife and child, registered 5 June 1917, Watsuga, Okla.

1841. U.S. census, 1910, Canton, Cantonment Twp., Blaine Co., Okla., ED 33, r. 1243, p. 302, sh. 3A, dw. 44, fam. 44.

1842. U.S. census, 1920, Muskogee, Muskogee Co., Okla., ED 84, r. 1477, p. 198, sh. 9B, dw. 128, fam. 212.

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849. PARLEY FELIX⁷ RIGGS (₅₄₄*John T.*⁶, *Martin*⁵, *John*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 5 Jan. 1896, Bonnie, Jefferson Co., Ill.,^[1843] and died Aug. 1969, last residence Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., Ill.^[1844] He married about 1918 **VERN[E] F.** —, who was born about 1897, Illinois.

In 1920 P. F. Riggs, 23, a car plant laborer born in Illinois of Illinois natives, resided in Mt. Vernon Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., with his wife, “Verone,” 23, born in Illinois of Illinois natives, and his daughter, “Freida,” 9/12, born in Illinois.^[1845]

In 1930 Parley F. Riggs, 34, a farmer born in Illinois of a father born in Indiana and a mother in Illinois, resided in Spring Garden Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., with his wife, Vern F., 33, born in Illinois of Illinois natives, and his daughters, Freda V., 11, and Doris M., 1 11/12, both born in Illinois. Parley was first married at 21, and so was Vern. Next door resided Henry H. Riggs, 32, a farmer with the same nativities as Parley, and his wife, Leora, 30, also with the same nativities. Henry was 19 at first marriage, and Leora was 17. Beyond them resided Bert L. Riggs, 40, a farmer born in Illinois of Illinois natives, with his wife, Elizabeth, 43, born in Illinois of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Illinois. Bert was first married at 26, and Elizabeth at 29.^[1846] **I have not yet placed Bert.**

Children:

969 i **FREDA V.**⁸ **RIGGS**, born about 1919, Illinois.

970 ii **DORIS M.**⁸ **RIGGS**, born about 1928, Illinois.

1843. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Parley Felix Riggs, 21, of Bonnie, Ill., born 5 Jan. 1896, Bonnie, Ill., farmer, employed by J. T. Riggs, single, registered 5 June 1917, Spring Garden Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill.; *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*. Parley Felix Riggs, 46, of Bonnie, Jefferson Co., Ill., born 5 Jan. 1896, Jefferson Co., Ill., name of person who will always know your address Verne Riggs, employer Division of Highways, State of Ill. registrant R. F. Riggs.

1844. SSDI, Parley Riggs, SSN 334–01–8693, born 5 Jan. 1896, died Aug. 1969, last residence 62864 Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., Ill., issued Ill. (before 1951).

1845. U.S. census, 1920, Mt. Vernon Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., ED 31, r. 521, p. 259, sh. 5B, dw. 79, fam. 91.

1846. U.S. census, 1930, Spring Garden Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., ED 133, r. 376, p. 96, sh. 4B, dw. 131, fam. 131. Henry resided in dw. 132, and Bert in dw. 133.

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852. LUMAN CECIL⁷ RIGGS (⁵⁵⁸*Lee Price⁶, Erasmus Columbus⁵, John William⁴, Erasmus³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 22 June 1889, Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif.,^[1847] died 27 July 1950, and was buried in Hartley Cem., Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif.^[1848] He married 28 July 1915, Ukiah, Mendocino Co., Calif.,^[1849] **GLADYS M. GANTZ**, who was born about 1896 in Iowa, daughter of U. S. Gantz, died 27 Feb. 1961, Auburn, Placer Co, Calif., and was cremated on 4 Mar. 1961 at Sierra View Memorial Park, Marysville, Yuba Co., Calif. (see her obit.). She married, second, after the 1940 census, **George W. Tyrrell**, who was born about 1886, Nebraska.

In 1920 Luman C. Riggs, 30, a stockman and farmer born in California of California natives, resided in Ukiah Twp., Mendocino Co., Calif., with his wife, Gladys M., 24, born in Iowa of a father born in "Dakota" and a mother in Iowa, and with his daughters, Alice L., 1 1/12, and "Celia" M., 7/12, both born in California.^[1850]

See the 1930 census in the sketch for Lee Price Riggs, Luman's father.

In 1940 George W. "Tyrrell," 54, a plaster contractor born in Nebraska, resided in Oakland, Brooklyn Twp., Alameda Co., Calif., with his housekeeper, Gladys Riggs, 45, born in Iowa, and with lodgers, Luman S. Riggs, 19, a restaurant supply clerk, and Dennis W., 18, a "new worker," both born in California. In 1935 Gladys had resided in the same house currently occupied by George, and the two Riggs young men had resided in rural Mendocino Co., Calif.^[1851]

1847. U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, Luman Cecil Riggs, male, white, born 22 June 1889, Lakeport, Calif., father Lee P. Riggs, mother Cynthia A. Welty, SSN 559-09-8676.

1848. *Find a Grave*, no.117234828, gravestone photograph, Hartley Cem., Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif., "Luman C. Riggs | June 22, 1889 | July 27, 1950."

1849. "Three Weddings in Ukiah This Week: Redwood Couple Plight Vows," *Ukiah Dispatch Democrat*, Ukiah, Calif., 30 July 1915, Fri., p. 1, image at <newspapers.com/image/2069167>, L. C. Riggs to Gladys Gantz, 28 July 1915.

1850. U.S. census, 1920, Ukiah, Mendocino Co., Calif., ED 123, r. 121, p. 229, sh. 26B, dw. 616, fam. 618.

1851. U.S. census, 1940, Oakland, Brooklyn Twp., Alameda Co., Calif., ED 61-225, r. 437, p.

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An obituary for Gladys M. Tyrrell:

Mrs. Gladys M. Tyrrell of Auburn passed away in a local hospital last Monday at the age of 65 years. She was a native of Iowa.

Mrs. Tyrrell had made her home in this area for six years.

She leaves her daughters, Geradline Lienau of Meadow Vista, Cecilia Mack of Willits; Alice Smith of Pennsylvania; Yolanda Bain of Alaska; sons, Lou Riggs of Willits; Dennis W. Riggs of New Jersey; a sister, Clara Schwhend of Ukiah; sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at the Chapel of the Hills Thursday at 11 a.m. with Rev. Earl Lawrence officiating. Cremation will follow at Sierra View in Marysville.^[1852]

Children:

- 971 i **ALICE LEE⁸ RIGGS**, born 9 Jan. 1918, Ukiah, Mendocino Co., Calif.,^[1853] died 6 Nov. 1999, last residence Philadelphia, Pa.,^[1854] married (1) — **SMITH**, married (2) — **BAILEY**.
- 972 ii **CECILIA MAE [MAY]⁸ RIGGS**, born 19 May 1919, Mendocino Co., Calif.,^[1855] died 2 July 2012,^[1856] married^[1857] (licensed about 18

1792, sh. 7A, dw. 162.

1852. Obit., "Gladys M. Tyrrell," *Auburn Journal*, Auburn, Calif., 2 Mar. 1961, Thurs., p. 24, online at <www.newspapers.com/clip/97190000/obituary-for-gladys-m-tyrrell-aged-65/>, accessed 8 Mar. 2020.

1853. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Alice Lee Baily aka Alice Lee Smith aka Alice Bailey aka Alice Lee Riggs, female, white, born 9 Jan. 1918, Ukiah, Mendocino Co., Calif., died 6 Nov. 1999, father Luman C. Riggs, mother Gladys "A." Gantz, notes: "Jun 1946: Name listed as Alice Lee Baily; Jan 1956: Name listed as Alicew Lee Smith; 29 July 1981: Name listed as Alice Lee Bailey; 24 Nov 1999: Name listed as Alice L. Bailey.

1854. *U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014*, Alice L. Bailey, SSN 556–38–7511, born 9 Jan. 1918, died 6 Nov. 1999, issued Calif. (before 1951), last residence 19111, Philadelphia, Pa., last benefit 16652, Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., Pa.

1855. *Calif. Birth Index, 1905–1995*, Cecilia M. Riggs, born 19 May 1919, Mendocino Co., female, mother's maiden name Gantz.

1856. *U.S. Obit. Collection, 1930–Current*, Cecilia Mae Mack, female, 93, born 19 May 1919, married 1938, resident of Willits, died 2 July 2012, obit. date 12 Aug. 2012, spouse Wilbur Mack, child Teddy Mack, sibling Luman Riggs.

1857. Email from my correspondent Terry⁹ Closser, 5 Mar. 2022: "Item 963 [in v6.1], should be Cecilia Mae Riggs, who married Wilbur Mack."

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Aug. 1938, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., Calif.^[1858]), **WILBUR LAWRENCE MACK**, born 8 Sept. 1912, Comptche, Mendocino Co., Calif.,^[1859] son of Walter W. and Elizabeth (Carmichael) Mack, and died 8 Jan. 1996,^[1860] and had at least one child: (1) Teddy⁹ Mack.

In 1940 Walter Mack, 73, born in California, resided in Willits, Mendocino Co., Calif., with his wife, Elizabeth, 66, born in Massachusetts, and with his son, Wilbur, 27, an auto mechanic in road construction born in California, and his daughter-in-law, Cecilia, 20, born in California. All but Cecilia had resided in 1935 in the same place; Cecilia had resided then in Ukiah, Mendocino Co., Calif.^[1861]

- + 973 iii **LUMAN SHIRLEY⁸ RIGGS**, born 12 June 1920, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co., Calif., married **ANNIE L. PAGE**, and had at least one child, *my correspondent Terry (Riggs) Closser*.
- 974 iv **DENNIS WARREN⁸ RIGGS**, born 25 Dec. 1921, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co., Calif.,^[1862] died 30 Oct. 1979, and buried in Mt. Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks, Sacramento Co., Calif.^[1863]
- 975 v **YOLANDA BERNICE⁸ RIGGS**, born 23 Mar. 1923, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co., Calif.,^[1864] died 18 May 2001, Coos Bay, Coos Co., Ore.,^[1865] married^[1866] **CHARLES BAIM**.

1858. Marriage licenses announcement, *The Press Democrat*, Santa Rosa, Calif., 188 Aug. 1938, Thur., p. 5, online at <>, accessed 8 Mar. 2022: “[Issued] Wilbur L. Mack, 25, Willits, and Cecilia M. Riggs, 19, Ukiah.”

1859. U.S., *WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947*, Wilbur “Lawrance” Mack, 28, born 8 Sept. 1912, Comptche, Mendocino Co., Calif., person who will always know your address: wife, Mrs. Cecilia May Mack, of Willits, Mendocino Co., Calif., employer WPA Project.

1860. U.S., *Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Wilbur Lawrence Mack, male, white, born 8 Sept. 1912, Comptche, Mendocino Co., Calif., died 8 Jan. 1996, father Walter W. Mack, mother Elizabeth Carmichael, SSN 550–22–8517.

1861. U.S. census, 1940, Willits, Mendocino Co., Calif., ED 23-11, r. 263, p. 74, sh. 5A, dw. 106.

1862. U.S. *Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Dennis Warren Riggs, male, white, born 25 Dec. 1921, Redwood Valley, Calif., died Oct. 1979, father Luman C. Riggs, mother Gladys M. Gantz, SSN 558–12–0255.

1863. *Find a Grave*, no. 115364389, gravestone photograph, Mt. Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks, Sacramento Co., Calif., plot: Court of Honor East Row 21, “Dennis Warren Riggs | MSGT US Army | World War II Korea | Dec 25 1921 Oct 30 1979.”

1864. *Calif. Birth Index, 1905–1995*, Yolanda B. Riggs, born 23 Mar. 1923, Mendocino Co., female,

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- 976 vi **GERALDINE M.⁸ RIGGS**, born 16 June 1924, Mendocino Co., Calif.,^[1867] married (1) **JOHN ROBERT LIENAU**, born 13 Aug. 1922, Missoula, Missoula Co., Mont.,^[1868] son of Robert and Hazel (—) Lienau, and died 8 June 1970, Auburn, Placer Co., Calif.,^[1869] and had two children. Geraldine married (2) 16 Mar. 1971, Reno, Washoe Co., Nev.,^[1870] **ROBERT A. D. BELL**, divorced Nov. 1971, Placer Co., Calif.^[1871]

The two children were (see John's obit.): (1) Robert⁹ Lienau; and (2) Mary⁹ Lienau, married — Schoonover.

mother's maiden name Gantz.

1865. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Yolanda Bernice Riggs aka Yolanda Payne aka Yolanda Baim, female, white, born 23 Mar. 1923, Redwood Valley, Calif., died 18 May 2001, father Luman C. Riggs, mother Gladys M. Gantz, SSN 567-24-9043; obit., *The World*, Coos Bay, Ore., 21 May 2001, Mon., p. 5, online at <www.newspapers.com/clip/97221158/obituary-for-yolanda-coolde-baim-aged/>, accessed 8 Mar. 2022: “Yolanda ‘Cookie’ Baim—78, of Bandon, died May 18, 2001, in Coos Bay . . .”

1866. *Ore., U.S., Death Index, 1898–2008*, “Baim Yolanda Bernice [spouse, first six letters] Charle 06 05-18-01 [cert.] 01-11825 [birth year] 23

1867. *Calif. Birth Index, 1905–1995*, “Geraldin” M. Riggs, born 16 June 1924, Mendocino Co., female, mother's maiden name Gantz.

1868. *Mont., U.S., Birth Records, 1897–1988*, John Robert Lienau, male, born 13 Aug. 1922, Missoula, Missoula Co., Mont., father “Robt” Lienau, mother Hazel Lienau.

1869. Obit., “Lienau,” *The Sacramento Bee*, Sacramento, Calif., 10 June 1970, Wed., p. 25, online at <www.newspapers.com/clip/97215794/obituary-for-john-robert-lienau-aged/>, accessed 8 Mar. 2022: “In Auburn, June 8, 1970, John Robert Lienau, husband of Geraldine, father of Robert of Reno, and Mary Schoonover of San Jose, brother of Jerry of Maine and grandfather of two; a native of Missoula, Mont., aged 47 years.”

1870. *Nev., U.S., Marriage Index, 1956–2005*, Geraldine M. Lienau, female, spouse Robert A. D. Bell, married 16 Mar. 1971, Reno, Washoe Co., Nev., recorded 24 Mar. 1971.

1871. *Calif., U.S., Divorce Index, 1966–1984*, “Geraldin” M. Riggs, from Robert A. Bell, divorced Nov. 1971, Placer Co.

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858. ROY⁸ RIGGS (₅₇₄John⁷, John⁶, Daniel⁵, John⁴, ?John³, ?James², James¹) was born 30 Mar. 1900 (gravestone), Kentucky,^[1872] died 2 Apr. 1960, Athens Co., Ohio,^[1873] and was buried in Old Wheelersburg Cem., Wheelersburg, Scioto Co., Ohio.^[1874] He married about 1926 **RHOEA BELL [ROSABEL] SEARLES**, who was born 18 Aug. 1900 (gravestone), Ohio, daughter of John F. and Sarah (Hill) Searles, and died 8 July 1983, Scottsburg, Scott Co., Ind.,^[1875] and was buried 11 July 1983 with her husband Roy. She married apparently, second, — Eveland.

In 1930 Roy Riggs, 30, a pipe fitter in a steel mill born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, resided in Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, with his wife, “Rohea,” 29, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in West Virginia, and with his son, Roy E., 11/12, born in Ohio. Roy Sr. was first married at 26, and Rohea at 25.^[1876]

In 1940 Roy Riggs, 40, born in Kentucky, resided in Athens State Hospital for the Insane, Athens Twp., Athens Co., Ohio. In 1935 he resided in S. Webster, Scioto Co., Ohio.^[1877]

1872. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Roy Riggs, 19, of Buena Vista, Scioto Co., Ohio, born 30 Mar. 1900, nearest relative John Riggs, father, of Buena Vista, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio.

1873. *Ohio Death Records, 1908–1932, 1938–2007*, Roy Riggs, born 1900, male, white, of Scioto Co., Ohio, died 2 Apr. 1960, Athens Mental Health, Athens Co., Ohio, certificate 25960, age 60, married.

1874. *Find a Grave*, no. 100457040, gravestone photograph, by Luanne Valentine, Old Wheelersburg Cem., Wheelersburg, Scioto Co., Ohio, “Roy | Mar. 30, 1900 | Apr. 2, 1960 || Riggs || Ronabel Eveland | Aug. 18, 1900 | [July?] 8, 1983.”

1875. *Ind. Death Certificates, 1899–2011*, no. 83–026849, Rosabel S. Eveland, died 8 July 1983, Scott Villa Nursing Home, Scottsburg, Scott Co., Ind., age 82, female, white, widowed, retired U.S. Shoe Co., resident of Chillicothe, Ross Co., Ohio, born 18 Aug. 1900, father John F. Searles, mother Sarah Hill, informant Roy Riggs, son, of Crothersville, Ind., buried 11 July 1983, Wheelersburg Cem., Wheelersburg, Ohio; *Ohio Rugherford B. Hayes Presidential Center Obituary Index, 1810s–2016*, Rosabel S. Eveland aka Rosabel S. Riggs aka Rosabel S. Searles, 82, born 18 Aug. 1900, married 1926, died 8 July 1983, Scottsburg, Ind., parents John and Sarah, spouse Roy Riggs.

1876. U.S. census, 1930, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, ED 39, r. ?, p. 225, sh. 26B, dw. 487, fam. 610, FHL 2341602.

1877. U.S. census, 1940, Athens State Hospital for the Insane, Athens Twp., Athens Co., Ohio,

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Child:

- + 977 i **ROY EUGENE⁹ RIGGS**, born 2 Apr. 1929, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, married **DORIS R. BRADLEY**, and had at least two children.
This is the Duane Riggs line.

879. EDITH⁸ RIGGS (₆₁₂*William Herbert⁷, Wesley P.⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 24 Mar. 1904, Bedford, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1878] and died 23 Jan. 1962, Gallipolis, Gallia Co., Ohio.^[1879] She married (1) **GUY MORRIS**. She married (2) before the 1940 census **ROY RIFFLE**. See Edith's obituary in her parent's sketch.

In 1940 "Rey" Riffle, 36, a farm bureau laborer born in West Virginia, resided in Salisbury Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife, Edith M., 36, born in Ohio, and with his stepson, Guy Riggs "Morriss," 9, born in Ohio, and his son, Roy Melvin Riffle, 4, born in Ohio.^[1880]

Child of the first marriage, to Guy Morris:

- 978 i **GUY RIGGS⁹ MORRIS**, born about 1931, Ohio, married 10 June 1952, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1881] **DONNA MAE WELL**, born about 1934, daughter of Vern C. and Audra L. (Willard) Well.

Child of the second marriage, to Roy Riffle:

- 979 ii **ROY MELVIN⁹ RIFFLE**, born about 1936, Ohio.

881. ALVIN PERRY⁸ RIGGS (₆₁₂*William Herbert⁷, Wesley P.⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 13 Oct. 1908, Bedford Twp.,

ED 5-13, r. 3025, p. 185, sh. 21A, line 13.

1878. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, Edith Riggs, female, white, born 24 Mar. 1904, Bedford, Meigs Co., Ohio, father Herbert Riggs, mother Joanna "Bolen," FHL 313461.

1879. *Ohio Death Records, 1908–1932, 1938–2018*, Edith R. Riffle, female, white, 57, born about 1905, resident of Meigs Co., Ohio, died 23 Jan. 1962, Gallipolis, Gallia Co., Ohio, cert. 3195.

1880. U.S. census, 1940, Salisbury Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 53-22, r. 3113, p. 262, sh. 7A, dw. 131.

1881. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Guy Riggs Morris, male, 18, born about 1934, sone of Guy Morris and Edith Riggs, married 10 June 1952, Meigs Co., Ohio, Donna Mae Well, female, 18, born about 1934, daughter of Vern C. Well and Audra L. Willard, FHL 2251849.

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Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1882] died 30 Nov. 1986, and was buried in Meigs Memorial Gardens, Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1883] He married 1931, Mason Co., W.Va.,^[1884] **GLADYS PAULINE MORGAN**, who was born 4 Mar. 1911 (gravestone), Ohio, died 2 June 2009, and was buried with her husband.

In 1940 “Perry A.” Riggs, 30, a deputy county clerk born in Ohio, resided in Chester Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife, Gladys P., 29, born in Ohio, and with his daughters, “Jo-ann,” 8, of Ohio natives, and Nora M., 7, both born in Ohio. All four resided in the same house in 1935.^[1885]

Children:

- 980 i **JO-ANN**⁹ **RIGGS**, born about 1932, Ohio.
- 981 ii **NORA MAE**⁹ **RIGGS**, born 15 Oct. 1932, Ohio, died 20 Jan. 2018,^[1886] married 26 Aug. 1953, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1887] **ROBERT HAYES EASON**, born about 1933, son of Hubert and Lucille (Blanchard) Eason. They had at least one child: (1) **Hubert Alvin**¹⁰ **Eason**, born 13 Nov. 1968, Ohio.^[1888]

1882. *Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1774–1973*, Alvin Perry Riggs, male, white, born 13 Oct. 1908, Bedford, Meigs Co., Ohio, father Herbert Riggs, mother Joanna Bolin, FHL 313461.

1883. *Find a Grave*, no. 151123844, gravestone photograph, Meigs Memorial Gardens, Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio, “Perry A Riggs | Tec 5 US Army | World War II | Oct 13 1908 Nov 30 1986 || Gladys M Riggs | Beloved wife and mother | Mar 4 1911 | Jun 2 2009.”

1884. *W.Va. Marriages Index, 1785–1971*, “Perry Alvian” Riggs, male, to Gladys Pauline Morgan, female, 1931, Mason Co., W.Va.

1885. U.S. census, 1940, Chester Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 53-2, r. 3113, p. 16, sh. 2A, dw. 26.

1886. *Ohio Birth Index, 1908–1998*, Hubert Alvin Eason, born 13 Nov. 1968, Ohio, registered 21 Nov. 1968, certificate 1968155877, father Robert Hayes Eason, mother Nora Mae Eason.

1887. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Robert H. Eason, male, 20, born about 1933, son of Hubert Eason and Lucille Blanchard, to Nora Mae Riggs, female, 20, born about 1933, daughter of Perry Riggs and Gladys Morgan, married 26 Aug. 1953, Meigs Co., Ohio, FHL 2251960.

1888. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Robert H. Eason, male, 20, born about 1933, son of Hubert Eason and Lucille Blanchard, to Nora Mae Riggs, female, 20, born about 1933, daughter of Perry Riggs and Gladys Morgan, married 26 Aug. 1953, Meigs Co., Ohio, FHL 2251960.

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883. FREDRICK “FRED” ORR⁸ RIGGS (₆₁₂William Herbert⁷, Wesley P.⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 5 Mar. 1914, Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1889] died 5 Jan. 1994, and was buried in Burlingham Cem., Burlingham, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1890] He married 25 Oct. 1937, Champaign Co., Ohio,^[1891] **LUTCHIE STACEY**, who was born 25 July 1916 (according to marriage record), Pike Co., Ky., or 26 Nov. 1919, Kentucky (according to death record), or 26 Nov. 1918, Pikeville, Pike Co., Ky. (according to the following obituary), daughter of Anderson and Victoria (Farley) Stacey, and who died 15 Mar. 2009, Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1892] and was buried with her husband.

In 1940 Fred O. Riggs, 23 [crossed out, 25 penciled over], a truck driver born in Ohio, resided in Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, with his wife, “Outchie,” 21, born in Kentucky, and his son, David R., 1, born in Ohio, and daughter, Edith M., 1/12, born presumably in Ohio. Next door was “Herb. W.” Riggs, 59. Fred and his wife were in the same place in 1935.^[1893]

An obituary for Lutchie:

Lutchie Riggs, 90, of Pomeroy, Ohio passed away on March 15, 2009 at Rocksprings Nursing Center.

1889. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Fred Orr Riggs aka Fred O. Riggs, male, white, born 5 Mar. 1914, Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio, died 5 Jan. 1994, father Herb Riggs, mother Anna Bolin, SSN 299-14-8852.

1890. *Find a Grave*, no. 153188871, gravestone photograph, Burlingham Cem., Burlingham, Meigs Co., Ohio, “Riggs | Fred O. | 1914–1994 || Lutchie | 1918–2009 || Parents of David, Edith Mae & Herbert.”

1891. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Champaign Co., Ohio, 1932–1945, image 196 of 703 online, no. 616, Fred O. Riggs, 23 (on 5 Mar. 1937), of Urbana Twp., born Pomeroy, Ohio, farmer, parents Herb Riggs and Annie “Boland,” not previously married, to Lutchie Stacey, 21 (on 25 July 1937), of Urbana, Champaign Co., born Pike Co., Ky., parents Anderson Stacey and Victoria Farley, not previously married, licensed 25 Oct. 1937, married 25 Oct. 1937, Champaign Co., by E. H. Runyan MG.

1892. *Ohio Death Records, 1908–1932, 1938–2018*, Lutchie Riggs aka Lutchie “Stacy,” female, white, 89, born 26 Nov. 1919, Ky., resident of Ohio, died 15 Mar. 2009, Ohio, father Stacy.

1893. U.S. census, 1940, Bedford Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio, ED 53-1, r. 3113, p. 5, sh. 5B, dw. 53.

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She was born on Nov. 26, 1918 in Pikeville, Ky., daughter of the late Anderson Stacy and Victoria Farley Stacy.

She is survived by her children, David (Carol) Riggs of Pomeroy, Edith Heckert of Pomeroy and Herbert (Gloria) Riggs of Windham, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 24 great grand children; four step grandchildren; sisters, Mae Heines of Springfield, Annabelle Bebout of McConnelsville, Virginia Kauffman of Ravenna, Ohio; sisters-in-law, Mildred Riggs of Pomeroy, Rose Marie Riggs of Texas, Gladys Riggs of Pomeroy, Mary Stacy of Washington, Marcella Stacy of Hiram, Ohio and Charlene Stacy of Ewing, Va.; several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Helen Swartz of Pomeroy.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Orr Riggs in 1994, and 10 siblings: Ernest, John, Charlie, William, Thomas, Ralph, Roy, Anderson, Fern Stacy, and Myrtle Wyatt; and son-in-law, Jimmy Heckert.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Anderson McDaniel Funeral Home in Pomeroy. Burial will follow at Burlingham Cemetery.

Known children:

- + 982 i **DAVID RONALD⁹ RIGGS**, born about 1939, Ohio, married (his mother's obit.) **CAROL MARIE** —, and had at least one child. ***This is the David Ray Riggs line.***
- + 983 ii **EDITH MAE⁹ RIGGS**, born about 1940, Ohio, married **JIMMY ARLAN HECKERT**, and had at least one child.
- 984 iii **HERBERT ORR⁹ RIGGS**, born about 1944, Ohio,^[1894] married (his mother's obit.) **GLORIA K.** —, probably she born 2 Dec. 1941.^[1895]

885. HARLEY EVERETT⁸ RIGGS (₆₁₂*William Herbert⁷, Wesley P.⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 2 May 1918, Darwin,

1894. *U.S. School Yearbooks, 1900–1999*, Herbert Orr Riggs, age about 16, born about 1944, yearbook of 1960, Pomeroy High School, Pomeroy, Ohio, also shown in 1959 yearbook, p. 33, as a Junior.

1895. *U.S. Public Records, 1970–2009*, Gloria K. Riggs, residence, 1 Jan. 1996–1 Jan. 2004, Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio, born 2 Dec. 1941.

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Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1896] and died 19 Oct. 1989, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1897] He married (from William's and Margaret's birth records) **MILDRED ROSE ZOELLER**.

Known children:

- 985 i **WILLIAM JOHN**⁹ **RIGGS**, born 14 Feb. 1952, Athens Co., Ohio.^[1898]
- 986 ii **MARGARET JEAN**⁹ **RIGGS**, born 2 Jan. 1954, Athens Co., Ohio.^[1899]

887. WALLACE MARSHALL⁸ **RIGGS** (₆₁₂*William Herbert*⁷, *Wesley P.*⁶, *Alvin Perry*⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 25 Aug. 1923, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1900] died 20 Dec. 2006, last residence San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex., and was buried in Mission Burial Park North, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex.^[1901] He married 5 May 1946, Meigs Co., Ohio,^[1902] **ROSE**

1896. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Harley Everett Riggs, SSN 279-05-9646,.

1897. *Ohio Death Index, 1908–1932, 1938–1944, and 1958–2007*, Harley E. Riggs, 71, male, married, white, dairy product inspector, SSN 279-05-9646, born 2 May 1918, Ohio, died 19 Oct. 1989, Meigs Co., Ohio, father Riggs.

1898. *Ohio County Births, 1841–2003*, Athens Co., Delayed birth index 1937–1955, vol. 7, image 119 of 164 online, “[date filed] 5-15 1952 [child] Riggs, William John [born] 2-14 1952 Sheltering Arms Hosp. Athens, Ohio [sex] MF [color] W [parents] Harley Everett Riggs Mildred Rose Zoeller [vol.] 86 [page] 95.”

1899. *Ohio County Births, 1841–2003*, Athens Co., Delayed birth index 1954–1955, vol. 8, image 39 of 56 online, “[date filed] 12-7 1954 [child] Riggs, Margaret Jean [born] 1-2 1954 Sheltering Arms Hosp. Athens, Ohio [sex] F [color] W [parents] Harley Everett Riggs Mildred Rose Zoeller [vol.] 10 [page] 669.”

1900. *U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014*, Wallace Marshall Riggs, SSN 302-16-2931, born 25 Aug. 1923, died 20 Dec. 2006, last residence 78239, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex., issued before 1951, Ohio.

1901. *Find a Grave*, no. 22474704, gravestone photograph, by Mark Alberthal, Mission Burial Park North, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex., “Wallace M Riggs | Capt US Navy | Aug 25 1923 Dec 20 2006.” Posted on this site: “Graduate of the United States Naval Academy (1946). Retired with 30 years of service. Commanded three ships: USS Chelan County (LST542), USS Charles H Roan (DD853) and USS Butte (AE27). Also served aboard the USS Warrington, USS Hawkins and USS Newport News. His last assignment was in the Panama Canal Zone as Chief of staff at U. S. Naval Forces Southern Command and 15th Naval District. Extracted from obituary in the San Antonio Express News and the Nationwide Gravesite Locator.”

1902. *Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Meigs Co., 1942–1947, image 729 of 903 online,

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MARIE NEASE, who was born 19 July 1926, Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio, daughter of Claude D. and Helen (Hobstetter) Nease.

Known child:

987 i **GORDON KENT⁹ RIGGS**, born 1957 (gravestone), died 1981, and buried near his parents.^[1903]

907. CHARLIE WILLIAM⁸ RIGGS (⁶⁶⁷*Merle Leslie⁷, George Washington⁶, James⁵, ?James⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 12 Nov. 1931, Marienville, Forest Co., Pa.,^[1904] died 18 Apr. 1977,^[1905] **Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was buried in Resurrection Cem., Harrisburg.** He married **14 July 1952, Winchester, Frederick Co., Va., DELORIS ELLEN YOWLER**, who was born 21 Feb. 1933, Cresson, Cambria Co., Pa., daughter of Amos Sarver and Matilda Mary (Hollis) Yowler.^[1906]

Known children of **four**:

no. 427, Wallace Riggs, 22 (on 25 Aug. 1945), of Pomeroy, Ohio, born Meigs Co., Ohio, U.S. Navy, parents W. H. Riggs and Anna Bolin, not previously, to Rose Marie Nease, 19 (on 19 July 1945), of Pomeroy, born Pomeroy, student, parents Claude D. Nease and Helen Hobstetter, not previously married, licensed 3 May 1946, married 5 May 1946.

1903. *Find a Grave*, no. 124926919, gravestone photograph, by Mark Alberthal, Mission Burial Park North, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex., “Gordon Kent Riggs | 1957–1981.”

1904. Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the U.S., Charlie William Riggs, corporal, Army, honorable discharge, service no. US 52 249 569, 26 Nov. 1954, Ft. Meade, Md., born 12 Nov. 31, “Marionville,” Pa., draft board Ebensburg, Cambria Co., Pa., inducted 8 Dec. 1952, Pittsburgh, Pa., home at induction Cresson, Cambria Co., Pa., Korea duty, four medals, civilian occupation food stuff salesman, digital image courtesy of his son, Lynn⁹ Riggs.

1905. SSDI, Charlie Riggs, SSN 185-26-3523, born 12 Nov. 1931, died Apr. 1977, issued Pa. (1951).

1906. Email from Lynn⁹ Riggs, 22 Aug. 2011, “Deloris Ellen Yowler . . . | Daughter of: | Amos Sarver Yowler B: 7/17/1883 Westmoreland Co, Pa | D: 6/20/1958 Cambria Co, Pa | B: St Frances Xavier Cem, sect c-2, row 8 | Matilda Mary Hollis B: 5/31/1892 Rosebud, Cambria, Pa (now Asheville) | D: 5/01/1962, Luzerne Co, Pa | B: same/above”; U.S. census, 1930, Cresson Twp., Cambria Co., Pa., ED 22, r. 2011, p. 54, sh. 3A, dw. 27, fam. 28, lists Amos S. Yowler 46, born Pa., wife Matild M., 38, born Pa., with three daughters.

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- 988 i CHARLES LYNN⁹ RIGGS, born 12 Jan. 1954, Altoona, Blair Co., Pa.^[1907] He is my correspondent on this family and a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group.
- 989 ii ?ALAN LEE⁹ RIGGS.

916. WALTER SHERMAN⁸ RIGGS (₆₉₃Wiley Morton⁷, William J.⁶, Samuel⁵, Noah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 9 Dec. 1914, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill.,^[1908] and died 15 May 1965, Dade Co., Fla.^[1909] He married **DELORES OFFERMAN**,^[1910] daughter of Alfred J. and Marie (Clinton) Offerman.^[1911]

Known child of **five**:

- + 990 i WALTER SHERMAN⁹ RIGGS II, born 14 July 1954, married ROBERTA —, and had at least one child.

937. CORA BELLE [or CORABELLE]⁸ CUNNINGHAM (₇₃₂Bernice Letitia⁷, Oliver Sansom⁶, John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹)^[1912]

1907. Email from Lynn⁹ Riggs, 22 Aug. 2011, “Charles Lynn B: 01/12/1954, Altoona, Blair, Pa | Charlie William B: 11/12/1931, Marionville, Pa | Deloris Ellen Yowler B: 02/21/1933, Cresson, Cambria, Pa.”

1908. Ill., Cook Co. Birth Certificates, 1878–192, image of birth certificate, Walter Sherman Riggs, born 9 Dec. 1914, Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill., male, father Wiley Morton Riggs, 29, born Logan, Ohio, supt. Yellow Cab Co., mother Mary “Elizabeth” Sherman, 23, born New York, N.Y.

1909. Fla. Death Index, 1877–1998, Walter Sherman Riggs, died May 1965, Dade Co., white, male; SSDI, W. S. Riggs, SSN 339–05–2089, born 9 Dec. 1914, died 15 May 1965, issued Ill. (before 1951).

1910. Her first name is from an email from her grandson Chip Riggs, 22 Sept. 2011, “I took your letter by my Grandmother’s (Delores Offerman, Wife of Walter S. Riggs) tonight and she read through it and recommended that I speak with my Great Uncle Earl Riggs, my Grandfather’s youngest brother.”

1911. *Historical Newspapers, Birth, Marriage, & Death Announcements, 1851–2003*, obit., *Chicago Tribune*, 1963, “Alfred J. Offerman, age 63, Sunday, May 26, 1963, at Miami, Fla., formerly of Maywood and Joliet, Ill., husband of the late Marie; father of Mrs. Walter Riggs, North Miami, Fla. . . .”; Ill., *Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947*, boy born 1944, died 21 Oct. 1944, Melrose Park, Cook Co., Ill., father Alfred Offerman, born Joliet, Ill., mother Marie Clinton, born Joliet.

1912. Letter from CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter, 5 Dec. 2011, states that officially she is Cora Belle, but so as not to be called Cora she has unofficially changed her name to CoraBelle. I so hon-

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was born 3 Oct. 1930, Vandergrift, Westmoreland Co., Pa. She married 1954 **ELMO J. WALTER JR.** CoraBelle is my correspondent for this family.

Children:

- 991 i **MICHAEL JAMES⁹ WALTER**, born 10 July 1955, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 992 ii **KATEY ELISABETH⁹ WALTER**, born 20 June 1958, Pittsburgh, Pa., married 1983 **DAVID B. RAYBURN**, and had two children: (1) Nicole Elisabeth¹⁰ Rayburn, born 11 Nov. 1986, New Kensington, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; and (2) Rebecca Amanda¹⁰ Rayburn, born 13 July 1989, Natrona Heights, Allegheny Co., Pa.

939. JAMES WALLACE⁸ RIGGS (₇₃₃*James Vernon⁷, Oliver Sansom⁶, John Lester⁵, Mahlon⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 13 Nov. 1941, Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa.^[1913] He married 14 May 1965, Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., **LINDA SUE THOMAS**, who was born 24 Mar. 1943, Greensburg. Jim is my correspondent on this branch of the family and a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group.

Children:

- 993 i **JAMES PAUL⁹ RIGGS**, born 17 May 1968, Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa. Never married.
- 994 ii **BRAD ALLAN⁹ RIGGS**, born 21 Jan. 1970, Camp Hill, Cumberland Co., Pa., married 11 Mar. 1994, Marshall's Creek, Monroe Co., Pa., **CORINNA LEIGH ZENDT**, born 30 Mar. 1969.

943. EDWIN HAROLD J.⁸ RIGGS (₈₂₆*Edwin Harvey⁷, Porter⁶, Isaac⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 28 Mar. 1908, Brewster, Blaine Co., Nebr.,^[1914] died 12 May 1984, Lubbock Co., Tex.,^[1915] and was buried 31

or that choice everywhere except in the "for the record" items.

1913. Information in this sketch from email from Jim Riggs, 21 Nov. 2005, "William died in 1833 and is buried on his farm. My wife and I still own a portion of the original farm."; also from a package of genealogical materials sent to me 2 Sept. 2011.

1914. Delayed birth certificate, Edwin Harold Riggs, Nebr. State Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, certified via affidavits 2 Mar. 1942, born 28 Mar. 1908, male, Brewster, Blaine Co., father

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May 1984 in Ft. McPherson National Cem., Maxwell, Lincoln Co., Nebr.^[1916] He married 4 Dec. 1930, **Lincoln Co., Nebr., ADAH VEE HOWARD**,^[1917] who was born 11 Sept. 1907,^[1918] Bassett, Rock Co., Nebr., daughter of Mark G. and Vera (Gorball) Howard,^[1919] and died 16 Aug. 2005, last residence Shenandoah, Page Co., Iowa, and was buried in Ft. McPherson National Cem., Maxwell, Lincoln Co., Nebr.^[1920]

From an obituary for Adah Vee Riggs:

Shenandoah, Iowa — Adah Vee Riggs, 97, formerly of McCook, died Tuesday (Aug. 16, 2005) at Garden View Care Center in Shenandoah, Iowa.

She was born Sept. 11, 1907, in Bassett to Mark and Vera (Gorball) Howard. She grew up in Gordon, where her family moved soon after her birth.

After graduation from Gordon High School, Adah entered the University of Nebraska in Lincoln where she majored in education and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega social sorority. She received her degree in the spring of 1930 and married Edwin Harold Riggs in December. They

Edwin Harvey Riggs, white, born 1859, Aroma, Ill., mother Sarah Gertrude Fitch, white, born 1871, Rock Bluffs, Nebr., digital copy courtesy of Michael Don¹⁰ Riggs.

1915. SSDI, Edwin Riggs, SSN 506-20-4476, born 28 Mar. 1908, died May 1984, last residence and benefit 69001 McCook, Red Willow Co., Nebr., issued Nebr. (before 1951); *Tex. Death Index*, 1903-2000, Edwin Riggs, died 12 May 1984, Lubbock Co., male.

1916. *U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775-2006*, Edwin H. Riggs, Tec4 U.S. Army, World War II, born 28 Mar. 1908, died 12 May 1984, service start date 16 Mar. 1944, interment 31 May 1984, Ft. McPherson National Cem., 12004 S Spur 56a, Maxwell, Nebr. 69151-1031, section F, site 20.

1917. Her middle name, birthplace, and her husband's birthplace from son Edwin Howard's birth certificate (q.v.).

1918. SSDI, Adah V. Riggs, SSN 508-01-7513, born 11 Sept. 1907, died 16 Aug. 2005, last residence 51601 Shenandoah, Page Co., Iowa, issued Nebr. (before 1951).

1919. U.S. census, 1920, Gordon, Sheridan Co., Nebr., ED 233, r. 1001, p. 203, sh. 5B, dw. 96, fam. 100, lists Mark G. Howard, 39, born Wisc., wife, Vera, 35, son, Don D., 14, daughter, Adah V., 12, , and Audrey B., 9, all four born in Nebr., and mother-in-law, Barbara A. Gorball, 72, widow, born in Mich.

1920. *U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775-2006*, Adah Vee Riggs, Tec4 U.S. Army, born 11 Sept. 1907, died 16 Aug. 2006, wife of Edwin H. Riggs, Ft. McPherson National Cem., 12004 S Spur 56a, Maxwell, Nebr. 69151-1031, section F, site 20.

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moved to his hometown, Brewster, in the sand hills, where Adah taught a number of subjects in the high school. She always had a very special fondness for her friends and students from Brewster.

When her husband was drafted during World War II, Adah and her children went to live with her parents in Sidney, and, after the War, the family settled in McCook. Adah worked part-time as a bookkeeper for Jewell Wholesale Company before returning to her teaching career in 1955. . . .

Adah enjoyed living at Willow Ridge for the last ten years she was in McCook, but in January, 2003, she moved to Garden View Care Center in Shenandoah, Iowa, to be near her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her sister, Audrey Thomas.

Survivors include her children and spouses: Ed Riggs and Pat Mackie of Boise, Idaho; Jim and E. Vee Myrberg of Shenandoah, Iowa; and Don and Laurie Riggs of Houston, Texas. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and her older brother Don Howard of Ft. Collins, Colo.

Memorial services will be held at a future date with interment at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell.^[1921]

In 1985, 1994, and 1995 Adah V. Riggs, born 11 Sept. 1907, resided in McCook, Red Willow Co., Nebr.^[1922]

Known children:

- + 995 i **EDWIN HOWARD⁹ RIGGS**, born 23 Sept. 1932, Broken Bow, Custer Co., Nebr., married (1) **JUDITH ANN[E] SALISBURY**, and had at least one child, married (2) **PAT MACKIE**.
- 996 ii **JIM⁹ RIGGS**, married **E. VEE MYRBERG**.
- 997 iii **DON⁹ RIGGS**, married **perhaps LAURIE** —.
- 998 iv **[DAUGHTER]⁹ RIGGS**, mentioned in the obit. **Perhaps Laurie Riggs there is the daughter, not Don's wife.**

1921. Obit., "Adah Vee Riggs | Tuesday, August 23, 2005 | Sept. 11, 1907—Aug. 16, 2005," *The McCook Daily Gazette*, 24 Aug. 2005, online at *U.S. Obit. Collection*.

1922. *U.S. Public Records Index*, Vol. 1, Adah V. Riggs.

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961. BYRON L.⁸ RIGGS (₈₂₆*John Andrew*⁷, *Elbridge M.*⁶, *Stephen*⁵, *Samuel*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 7 June 1904 (gravestone), Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans.,^[1923] died 10 Feb. 1948, Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark.,^[1924] and was buried in Greenwood Cem., Hot Springs, Garland Co.^[1925] He married 4 Aug. 1929, Helena, Phillips Co., Ark., **ELIZABETH ANN PATCHING**, who was born 27 Sept. 1902, Texarkana, Miller Co., Ark.,^[1926] daughter of John Alwin/Alwen^[1927] and Dugan (Lasley) Patching,^[1928] and died 23 Feb. 1988, Hot Springs, and was buried in

1923. Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, Byron's daughter, document emailed me 24 June 2011, "Byron L. Riggs | b. 7 June 1904, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KZ [cites Kans. Birth certificate 287-444] | d. 10 Feb. 1948 in Hot Springs, Garland Co. AR—buried in Riggs plot, Greenwood Cemetery | m. Elizabeth Ann Patching on August 4, 1929 in Helena, Phillips Co, AR."

1924. Ark. *Death Index, 1914–1950*, Byron L. Riggs, born about 1905 (aged 43), died 10 Feb. 1948, Garland Co.

1925. *Find a Grave*, no. 63990659, gravestone photograph, Greenwood Cem., Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., "Byron L. Riggs | June 7, 1904 | Feb. 10, 1948."

1926. Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, Elizabeth's daughter, document emailed me 24 June 2011, "Elizabeth Ann Patching (43052535 A) | b. 27 September 1902 in Texarkana, AR [cites obit., *Hot Springs Sentinel Record*, 24 Feb. 1988] | d. 23 Feb 1988 in Hot Springs, AR [cites death certificate, Ark. Dept. Health, no. 88078]—buried in Riggs plot, Greenwood Cemetery | m. 4 August 1929 Helena, AR by Rev. P Rone of 1st Methodist Church."

1927. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, John Alwin Patching Jr., of Texarkana, Ark., 31, born 20 Apr. 1896, Texarkana, Ark.; Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, Elizabeth's daughter, email 10 July 2011, "Byron L Riggs married Elizabeth Ann Patching, daughter of John Alwen Patching . . . John Alwen was born in Croyden, England, UK"; English census, 1871, Cudhan, Kent Co., lists John Alwen Patching, 9, born Titsey, Surrey; *England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index, 1837–1915*, John Alwen Patching, born Apr.–June 1862, reg. district Godstone, Surrey.

1928. U.S. census, 1900, Garland Twp., Miller Co., Ark., ED 120, r. 68, p. 187, sh. 1B, dw. 15, fam. 15, lists John A. Patching, 38, born Mar. 1862, England, wife of seven yrs., Dugan, 30, born Oct. 1869, Ala., who had had three children with two surviving, including son, John "R.," 4, born Apr. 1896, Ark.; U.S. census, 1910, Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., ED 62, r. 50, p. 75, sh. 1A, dw. 13, fam. 15, lists J. A. Patching, 46, born England, wife of 17 yrs., Dugan, 40, born Ala., who had had five children with five surviving, including son, John, 14, born Ark., and Elizabeth, 7, born Ark.; U.S. census, 1920, Texarkana, Miller Co., Ark., ED 71, r. 72, p. 162, sh. 20A, dw. 558, fam. 572, lists "Jack" A. Patching, 54, born England, wife, Dugan, 42, born Ala., with six children, including son, John A., 23, born Ark., and daughter, "Elisabeth," 17, born Ark.; U.S. census, 1930, Helena, Phillips Co., Ark., ED 23, r. 88, p. 82, sh. 11B, dw. 336, fam. 355, lists John A. Patching,

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Greenwood Cem.^[1929] Byron was the father of Byron Lawrence⁹ Riggs Jr., who is a contributor to the Riggs/Riggs DNA Study Group, and Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, my principal correspondent on this family.

Children:

- + 999 i **BYRON LAWRENCE⁹ RIGGS JR.**, born 24 Mar. 1932, Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., married **JANET T. BREWER**, and had two children.
- +1000 ii **ELIZABETH LOUISA⁹ RIGGS**, born 16 Jan. 1934, Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., married **BENTON DOUGLAS BRANDON JR**, and had four children.

973. LUMAN SHIRLEY⁸ RIGGS (₈₅₂*Luman Cecil⁷, Lee Price⁶, Erasmus Columbus⁵, John William⁴, Erasmus³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 12 June 1920, Redwood Valley, Mendocino Co., Calif.,^[1930] and died Nov. 2021, age 101.^[1931] He married 23 Feb. 1946^[1932] **ANNIE L. PAGE**, who died 28 Mar. 2013.^[1933]

Known child:

68, born England, wife, Dugan, 60, born Ala., and mother-in-law, Elizabeth Lasley, 80, widow, born Ga.; Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, Elizabeth's daughter, email 10 July 2011, "Byron L Riggs married Elizabeth Ann Patching, daughter of John Alwen Patching and **Nancy Elizabeth** (Dugan) Lasley Patching. John Alwen was born in Croyden, England, UK and Dugan was born in Huntsville, Alabama. | I have a Certificate of Record stating John A and Dugan were married in 1st. Methodist Church on 16 December 1892. It is notarized by the Miller Co. Clerk, J. V. Scott on 23 Jan. 1892. I also have Dugan's delayed birth certificate."

1929. *Find a Grave*, no. 63990669, gravestone photograph, Greenwood Cem., Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark., "Elizabeth P. Riggs | Sept. 27, 1902 | Feb. 23, 1988."

1930. *U.S., WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947*, Luman Shirley Riggs, 21 born 12 June 1920, Redwood Valley, Calif., resided Willits, Mendocino Co., Calif., reg. 9 July 1941 in Willits.

1931. Email from Terry⁹ (Riggs) Closser, 27 Feb. 2022, "we lost him at the end of November at the age of 101."

1932. 1981 *City Directory*, Sacramento, Sacramento Co., Calif., p. 684, image 682 of 1870, lists "Riggs Luman S & Annie L; civ serv Mc Clellan A F B h4879 Willowbrook Dr (S);" email from Terry⁹ (Riggs) Closser, 5 Mar. 2022, "My mother's maiden name was Page and they were married on 23 Feb 1946;" email from Terry⁹ (Riggs) Closser, 7 Mar.. 2022, "Annie died 28 Mar. 2013."

1933. Email from Terry⁹ (Riggs) Closser, 7 Mar.. 2022, "Annie died 28 Mar. 2013."

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- 1001 i TERESA ANN⁹ RIGGS,^[1934] married 18 Oct. 1985, Carson City, Nev.,^[1935] LEE KENNETH CLOSSER. *Teresa (Terry) Closser is my correspondent on this family.*

1934. Email from Terry⁹ (Riggs) Closser, 27 Feb. 2022, “my dad is Luman S. Riggs.”

1935. *Nev., U.S., Marriage Index, 1956–2005*, Lee Kenneth Closser married 18 Oct. 1985, Carson City, Nev., Teresa Ann Riggs, both residents of Calif., ref. 121:345, instrument 41344.

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977. ROY EUGENE⁹ RIGGS (₈₅₈Roy⁸, John⁷, John⁶, Daniel⁵, John⁴, ?John³, ?James², James¹) was born 2 Apr. 1929, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, died 15 Nov. 1993 or 28 Nov. 1993, Seymour, Jackson Co., Ind.,^[1936] and was buried 29 Nov. 1993, Cana Cem., Paris Crossing, Jennings Co., Ind.^[1937] He married **DORIS R. BRADLEY**, born 30 Apr. 1929, Greenup Co., Ky., and died before her son Troy's third marriage.

Known children:

- 1002 i **DUANE EDWARD¹⁰ RIGGS**, born 17 Mar. 1951, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio.^[1938] Duane is my correspondent on this family and a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group.
- 1003 ii **TROY EVAN¹⁰ RIGGS**, born about 1964, Jackson Co., Ind., divorced from second marriage 12 Feb. 2004, married (3) 27 July 2004, Columbus, Bartholomew Co., Ind.,^[1939] **ALMA ARACELY**

1936. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Roy Eugene Riggs aka Roy E. Riggs, male, white, born 2 Apr. 1929, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, died 15 Nov. 1993, father Roy Riggs, mother Rhoea B. Searles, SSN 275-24-8787; *Ind. Death Certificates, 1899–2011*, no. 93-048167, Roy E. Riggs, died 28 Nov. 1993, Seymour, Jackson Co., Ind., age 64, male, white, married (surviving spouse Doris Bradley Riggs), plant manager, U.S. Shoe Corp., resident of Crothersville, Jackson Co., Ind., born 2 Apr. 1929, Portsmouth, Ohio, father Roy Riggs, mother Rhoea Bell Searles, informant Mrs. Doris Riggs, of Crothersville, wife, buried 29 Nov. 1993, Cana Cem., Paris Crossing, Ind.

1937. *Find a Grave*, no. 94621077, gravestone photograph, by C. M. Reed, Cana Cem., Paris Crossing, Jennings Co., Ind., “Riggs | Roy E. | Apr. 2, 1929 | Nov. 28, 1993 || Doris R. | Apr. 30, 1929 | [empty].”

1938. Email from Duane Riggs, 16 Apr. 2019, “Duane Edward Riggs [born] 3/17/1951 Portsmouth, Scioto, OH [death] Living |.Father Roy Eugene Riggs [born] 4/2/1929 Portsmouth, Scioto, OH [death] 11/15/1993 Seymour, Indiana | Grandfather Roy Riggs 3/30/1900 Lewis County, KY? 4/2/1960 Athens, OH | G Grandfather John Riggs ~1873 Lewis County, KY? 1961 Adams County, OH | GG Grandfather John Riggs ~1881 Lewis County, KY? before 1900 Lewis County, KY? | GGG Grandfather Daniel Riggs ~1800 Kentucky after 1880 census Lewis County, KY?.”

1939. *Ind. Marriage Certificates, 1917–2005*, certificate 22704, book 107, p. 324, Bartholomew Co., Ind., image online, Troy Evan Riggs, 40, of Columbus, Bartholomew Co., Ind., white, press supervisor, born Jackson Co., Ind., father Roy E. Riggs, born Ohio, deceased, mother Doris R. Bradley, born Greenup, Ky., deceased, two previous marriages, divorced (last marriage) 12 Feb. 2004, to Alma Aracely Enriquez, 29, of Columbus, Hispanic, child care, born Guatemala, father Mario Enriquez, born Guatemala, mother Alma Jaramillo, born Guatemala, never married, married

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ENRIQUEZ, born about 1975, Guatemala, daughter of Mario and Alma (Jaramillo) Enriquez.

982. DAVID RONALD⁹ RIGGS (⁸⁸³*Fredrick Orr⁸, William Herbert⁷, Wesley P.⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 4 June 1938, Ohio.^[1940] He married (his mother's obit.) **CAROL MARIE** —, who was born 27 Sept. 1938.^[1941]

In 1984, 1993–1996, and 2004, David Ronald and Carol Marie Riggs resided in Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio.^[1942]

Known child:

1004 i **DAVID RAY¹⁰ RIGGS** *is my correspondent on this family and a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group.*

983. EDITH MAE⁹ RIGGS (⁸⁸³*Fredrick Orr⁸, William Herbert⁷, Wesley P.⁶, Alvin Perry⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born about 1940, Ohio. She married (her mother's obit.) **JIMMY ARLAN HECKERT**.

Known child:

1005 i **JAMES ARLAN¹⁰ HECKERT**, born 21 June 1962, Portage Co., Ohio.^[1943]

27 July 2004, Columbus, by Deborah A. Clark, county clerk.

1940. *U.S. Public Records, 1970–2009*, David Ronald Riggs, resident 3 Nov. 2004 in Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio, born 4 June 1938, also resident in Pomeroy in 1 Mar. 1984 and 1 Dec. 1993–31 Dec. 1996.

1941. *U.S. Public Records, 1970–2009*, Carol Marie Riggs, resident 3 Nov. 2004 in Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio, born 27 Sept. 1938, also resident in Pomeroy in 1 Mar. 1984 and 1 Dec. 1993–31 Dec. 1996.

1942. *U.S. Public Records, 1970–2009*, David Ronald Riggs, resident 3 Nov. 2004 in Pomeroy, Meigs Co., Ohio, also resident in Pomeroy in 1 Mar. 1984 and 1 Dec. 1993–31 Dec. 1996. Exactly the same information is listed for Carol Marie Riggs in the same records, including same phone number and zip code.

1943. *Ohio County Births, 1841–2003*, Potage Co., p. 251, image 240 of 385 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, DGS 4017009, “[no.] 618 [name] Heckert, James Arlan [born] 1962 June 21 M W [father] Jimmy Arlan Heckert [mother] Edith Mae Riggs.”

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990. WALTER SHERMAN⁹ RIGGS II (₉₁₆*Walter Sherman*⁸, *Wiley Morton*⁷, *William J.*⁶, *Samuel*⁵, *Noah*⁴, *William*³, ?*James*², *James*¹) was born 14 July 1954,^[1944] and was a resident of Apopka, Orange Co., Fla., and now resides in South Carolina.^[1945] He married **ROBERTA** —.^[1946]

Known child:

- 1006 i **WALTER SHERMAN¹⁰ RIGGS III**, known as “Chip,” was born 29 Sept. 1970, and is a resident of Orlando, Orange Co., Florida.^[1947] He is perhaps married to **KRISTIN J.** —.^[1948] Chip is my correspondent on this family and a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group.

999. EDWIN HOWARD⁹ RIGGS (₉₄₃*Edwin Harold*⁸, *Edwin Harvey*⁷, *Porter*⁶, *Isaac*⁵, *Basil*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹)^[1949] was born 23 Sept. 1932, Broken Bow, Custer Co., Nebr.^[1950] He married (1) 1956, McCook, Red Willow Co., Nebr., **JUDITH ANN[E] SALISBURY**, who was born 25 July 1937, Norton, Norton Co., Kans., died 10 June 2000, Boise, Ada Co., Idaho. He married (2)^[1951] **PAT MACKIE**.

1944. *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol. 1*, Walter S. Riggs II, born 14 July 1954.

1945. Email from his son Chip Riggs, 20 Sept. 2011, “My father, Walter S. Riggs II, no longer lives in Apopka and has relocated to South Carolina.”

1946. *U.S. Phone and Address Directories, 1993–2002*, Walter S. Riggs II, spouse Roberta, Apopka, Orange Co., Fla., 1995–2002.

1947. *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol. 1*, Walter S. Riggs “Rd,” born 29 Sept. 1970; *U.S. Phone and Address Directories, 1993–2002*, Walter S. Riggs III, Hialeah, Fla., 2001.

1948. *CorporationWiki*, Walter S. Riggs, Generation 3 Studios, Inc., Orlando, Fla., with Kristin J. Riggs.

1949. Michael Don¹⁰ Riggs emailed me his Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) application, including documentation, on 23 June 2011, including all the facts in this paragraph.

1950. Birth certificate, Edwin Howard Riggs, State of Nebr., Dept. of Public Welfare, Bureau of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, no. C16495, born 23 Sept. 1932, male, Broken Bow, Custer Co., father Edwin Harold Riggs, 25, of Brewster, Nebr., white, born Brewster, Nebr., a general merchant, mother Adah Vee Howard, 25, white, of Brewster, born Bassett, Nebr., housewife, she had had no other children, digital copy courtesy of Michael Don¹⁰ Riggs.

1951. Obit., “Adah Vee Riggs | Tuesday, August 23, 2005 | Sept. 11, 1907–Aug. 16, 2005,” *The McCook Daily Gazette*, 24 Aug. 2005, online at *U.S. Obit. Collection*; email from Tamara Riggs, 26 July 2011, “might want to include . . . your (Michael’s) dad’s marriage to Pat.”

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Known child:^[1952]

- +1007 i **MICHAEL DON**¹⁰ **RIGGS**, born 17 Nov. 1958, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Nebr., married (1) **CONSTANCE MARIE BURROWS**, married (2) **TAMARA ELIZABETH BIGHAM**. He is a contributor to my Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group.

999. BYRON LAWRENCE⁹ **RIGGS JR.** (₉₆₁*Byron L.*⁸, *John Andrew*⁷, *Elbridge M.*⁶, *Stephen*⁵, *Samuel*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 24 Mar. 1932, Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark.^[1953] He married **JANET T. BREWER**. Lawrence is an M.D., retired from the Mayo Clinic, and a contributor to my Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group.

Children:^[1954]

- 1008 i **BYRON KENT**¹⁰ **RIGGS**, born Feb. 1957, New Orleans, La.
1009 ii **ANN TEMPLETON**¹⁰ **RIGGS**, born 7 Sept. 1959, Rochester, Olmsted Co., Minn.,^[1955] married — **BODENNER**.

1000. ELIZABETH LOUISA⁹ **RIGGS** (₉₆₁*Byron L.*⁸, *John Andrew*⁷, *Elbridge M.*⁶, *Stephen*⁵, *Samuel*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹)^[1956] was born 16 Jan. 1934, Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark.^[1957] She married 2 July 1957, St. John's Church, Hot Springs, **BENTON DOUGLAS BRANDON JR.**, who was

1952. Email from Tamara Riggs, 26 July 2011, lists the children as "1. Michael Don Riggs . . . | 2. Male, Living, (No issue) | Female Living, (2 issue) | 4. Male Living, (2 issue)."

1953. Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, Lawrence's sister, document emailed me 24 June 2011, "Byron Lawrence Riggs | b 24 March 1932 in Hot Springs, Garland, AR."

1954. Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, Lawrence's sister, email of 7 July 2011, "Byron Lawrence, Jr had two children: Byron Kent Riggs and Dr. Ann Templeton Riggs Bodenner. | Bryon, Jr. is retired from the Mayo Clinic. | Ann Templeton Riggs Bodenner was born 7 Sept. 1959 in Rochester, Olmstead Co., Minn. | Kent was born Feb. — 1957 in New Orleans, La."

1955. Minn. *Birth Index, 1935–2002*, Ann Templeton Riggs, born 7 Sept. 1959, Olmsted Co., father Byron L. Riggs, mother Janet T. Brewer.

1956. This is my correspondent on this family, "Sissi" Brandon.

1957. Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, document emailed me 24 June 2011, "Elizabeth Louisa Riggs Brandon | b. 16 Jan 1934, Hot Springs, Garland, AR | m. Benton Douglas Brandon, jr 2 July 1957 St. John's Ch, Hot Springs, Garland, AR | d. 23 August, 1992 Little Rock, Pulaski, AR | July 12 [sic], Little Rock, Pulaski, AR. Buried Military Cemetery, Little Rock, AR."

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born 23 Aug. 1932,^[1958] son of Benton Douglas (Sr.) and Anne (Maloney) Brandon, and died 13 July 1992,^[1959] Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Ark., and was buried in the Little Rock National Cem. there, where Benton Sr. was also buried.^[1960]

Children:^[1961]

- 1010 i **ELIZABETH ANN**¹⁰ **BRANDON**, born 17 Sept. 1958, Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Ark.,^[1962] married 27 Feb. 1982, Holy Souls Church, Little Rock, **GREGORY ALLEN SHEARD**, born 1 Nov. 1957, Little Rock, and had two children: (1) Gregory Brandon¹¹ Sheard, born 20 Aug. 1986; and (2) Benjamin Douglas¹¹ Sheard, born 31 Dec. 1989.
- 1011 ii **KATHLEEN RIGGS**¹⁰ **BRANDON**, born 25 Jan. 1960, Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Ark.,^[1963] married 15 Sept. 1990, St. Andrew Cathedral, Little Rock, **ROBERT SAER BROWN**, born 1 Nov. 1955, and had four children: (1) Anne Brandon¹¹ Brown, born 11 Aug. 1991; (2) Robert Saer¹¹ Brown Jr., born 8 Jan. 1993; (3) William

1958. Email from Elizabeth⁹ ("Sissi") Brandon, 23 June 2012, "My husband, BD Brandon, Jr., was born 23 August 1932 (Arkansas Birth Certificate) to Anne Maloney and BD Brandon, Sr."

1959. SSDI, Benton D. Brandon, SSN 425-52-1614, born 23 Oct. [sic] 1932, died 13 July 1992, issued Miss. (before 1951).

1960. *Little Rock, Ark., Little Rock National Cem., 1868-2010*, gravestone photographs, "Benton | Douglas | Brandon Jr. | Maj | US Army | Korea | Aug. 23, 1932 | Jul 13 1992," and "Benton | Douglas | Brandon Sr | Maj | US Army | World War II | Feb. 24 1902 | [death date buried under grass]."

1961. Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, email of 7 July 2011, "All 4 of my children were married in Little Rock, Pulaski Co., AR."

1962. Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, mother, document emailed me 24 June 2011, "Elizabeth Ann Brandon Sheard | b. 17 Sept 1958, Little Rock, Pul, AR [cites Ark. birth record] | m Holy Souls Church, 27 February 1982 | Gregory Allen Sheard b. 1 Nov. 1957 in Little Rock, AR | issue | Gregory Brandon Sheard b. 20 Aug 1986 | Benjamin Douglas Sheard b. 31 December 1989."

1963. Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, mother, document emailed me 24 June 2011, "Kathleen Riggs Brandon Brown | b. 25 Jan 1960-, Little Rock, Pul, AR | m. Robert Saer Brown 1 Nov. 1955 at St. Andrew Cathedral, 15 Sept 1990 | issue: | Anne Brandon Brown, b. 11 August 1991 | Robert Saer Brown, mr. b. 8 Jan 1993 | William Isaac Brown b 20 Aug 1994 | Elizabeth Riggs Brown b. 7 Feb. 1999."

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Isaac¹¹ Brown, born 20 Aug. 1994; and (4) Elizabeth Riggs¹¹ Brown, born 7 Feb. 1999.

- 1012 iii **BRIDGET REBECCA**¹⁰ **BRANDON**, born 1 Dec. 1961, Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Ark.,^[1964] married **ELLIS EUGENE MOSELEY**, 24 Aug. 19—, Sylacauga, Ala., and had two children: (1) Maddison Elizabeth¹¹ Moseley, born 24 Mar. 1996, Grapevine, Denton Co., Tex.; and (2) Ellis Reeves¹¹ Moseley, born 15 Nov. 1999, Grapevine, Denton Co., Tex. Bridget and Ellis divorced.
- 1013 iv **BENTON DOUGLAS**¹⁰ **BRANDON III**, born 22 May 1966, Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Ark.,^[1965] married in Little Rock **WENDOLYN WARMOUTH**, born 30 Dec. 1967, Little Rock, and had one child: (1) Benton Douglas¹¹ Brandon IV, born 15 May 2000, Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.^[1966] Benton and Wendolyn divorced.

1964. Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, mother, document emailed me 24 June 2011, “Bridget Rebecca Brandon | b. 1 Dec 1961—Little Rock, Pul, AR | m. Ellis Eugene Moseley b. 24 August 19_ Sylacauga, Alabama | issue: | Maddison Elizabeth Moseley b. 24 March 1996, Grapevine, Denton Co, TX | Ellis Reeves Moseley b. 15 Nov 1999, Grapevine, Denton, TX.”

1965. Elizabeth⁹ (Riggs) Brandon, mother, document emailed me 24 June 2011, “Benton Douglas III | b. 22 May 1966—Little Rock, Pul, AR | m. Wendolyn Warmouth b. 30 Dec. 1967 Little Rock, Pul, AR | issue: | Benton Douglas Brandon IV b. May 15, Baptist Hospital, Little Rock Pul., AR.”

1966. Email from Elizabeth⁹ (“Sissi”) Brandon, 23 June 2012, “My grandson, BDE Brandon IV was born May 2000 in Little Rock. Both Benton III and Bridget are divorced.”

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1007. MICHAEL DON¹⁰ RIGGS (₉₄₃*Edwin Howard⁹, Edwin Harold⁸, Edwin Harvey⁷, Porter⁶, Isaac⁵, Basil⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*)^[1967] was born 17 Nov. 1958, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Nebr.^[1968] He married (1) 29 July 1998, Seattle, King Co., Wash., **CONSTANCE MARIE BURROWS**, who was born 16 Oct. 1964, Euclid, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. They divorced, with no issue,^[1969] and he married (2) 1 Jan. 2006, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado Co., Calif., **TAMARA ELIZABETH BIGHAM**, who was born 1 Dec. 1959, Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., Calif. Mike is a contributor to my Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group. Michael and Tamara are both correspondents.

1967. Michael Don¹⁰ Riggs emailed me his Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) application, including documentation, on 23 June 2011, including all the facts in this paragraph.

1968. Birth certificate, Michael Don Riggs, State of Nebr., Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, birth no. 126, born 17 Nov. 1958, Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., father Edwin Howard Riggs, white, 26, born Brewster [crossed out and overwritten in ink with "Broken Bow"], Nebr., a student at University of Nebr., mother Judith Anne Salisbury, white, 21, born Norton, Kans., mother's usual residence Lincoln, Lancaster Co., she had had no other children, and she was the informant, digital copy courtesy of Michael Don¹⁰ Riggs.

1969. Email from Tamara Riggs, 26 July 2011, "first marriage ended in divorce," and also that there was no issue (from either of Michael's marriages).

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APPENDIX A: LETTER FROM MAHLON RIGGS, 28 JAN. 1878

The following letter was sent to me by descendant Charles Lynn Riggs on 22 Aug. 2011 as a pair of digital images. The letter has “Copy” at the top and is typewritten. This is my transcription, preserving orthography:

Allenport, Washington Co., Pa., 28 January 1878.

My dear relative friends;

I received your kind letter and was glad to hear of you and your fathers family. First, I would say that I am not very well. I have a bad cough but have great cause to be thankful to the Lord that he has spared my life so long. I am in my eighty-first year. I hope dear **Emma** that these lines may find all of your family well. I remember your father well when a baby. I often nursed him. He was born on the farm I live on. He had another brother younger that died in infancy and was buried at our church in sight of my place and your grand-father William Riggs did move to Cincinnati when James Washington was about two or three years old.

I suppose you would like to know something about our ancestors and our fathers. Well, my grandfather Riggs was of English descent and my father was American born. He was born in Old Virginia near the Potomic river near Harpers Ferry. My mother was born in Maryland right across the Potomic River where place of Civil War was in this last struggle. My father was born March 12th. 1750. Mary Dowdon was my mother's name before marriage was born December 17th. 1755 and was married to my father at the age of 18 years and in the second year after their marriage came to Washington County and bought the place that I own all in woods and lived on this place until he died. They had 13 children. All lived to be married and settled in this world. Your grandfather was the first one of my brothers and sisters that died and now I will give you their names:

Jeremiah, b. 3 Oct. 1774; Eliner, b. 17 Oct. 1776; James, b. 14 Dec. 1778; Abrilar b, 11 Feb. 1781; Thomas, b. 19 Feb. 1783; William (your grandfather) was b. 29 Apr. 1785; Zacharia b. 25 May 1787; Mary b. 12 June 1789; Lucinda b. 16 July 1791; Noah b. 6 Aug. 1793; Mahlon b. 25 Dec. 1797; Elizabeth b. 1795; Ann b. 1799.

Thirteen in number – **7 brothers and 6 sisters all dead but myself and youngest sister Ann.** I often think shall I meet them all in heaven if I should be so fortunate as to get in that world above. My father was a regular ordained Methodist preacher and all of my brothers and sisters belonged to Church. I do not know about William whether or not.

I have not told you about my own family. Well, I was married on the 10th day of August 1820 to Miss Williams of Washington County. We have nine children – 5 girls and 4 boys. Three daughters and one son dead. The first daughter died when between 14 and 15 years old and the other two daughters were both married. Had two sons they are both with me and smart boys. My youngest daughter has one child but it also died. Her name was Elizabeth Ann. My son that died was married and had two children. John Lester Riggs, Caroline E. married a Hazelbaker and Leonard Nobel is Lucinda's husbands name. Hazelbaker is Caroline's husbands name. They all live not far off. I have one son in Virginia 12 miles below Wheeling, W.Va. I have one son at home yet – William Nuton [sic]. He is about 40 years old and never married. Never seemed to incline that way. I find I must close and not half through. My sister Nellys husbands name was John Franklin. When living he lived in Meigs County, Ohio, and a brother Jeremiah I think lived in the same county and brother Zachariah on Miama bottoms. Come and see us.

Now I wish to know of you James Washington if your mother Sara is living or dead and I would like to know if your uncles or aunts are living in that country that is the Justus families. Your grandfathers name was John Justus and I don't remember your grandmothers name. They had six children when they left this country. They lived on a farm joining mine. The childrens names was as follows: Boys Morton Justus was a boot and shoe maker by trade and there was John and Peter. The girls names Sara, Susan and Debby. I would like to know if they are still living and to know where there address would be state, county and post-office in a plain hand writing to me if you please.

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Mahlon Riggs

The foregoing is an exact copy of a letter written by Mahlon Riggs to Miss Emma C. Riggs now Mrs. Emma Wheeler of Oxford, Ohio under the above date Jan. 28. 1878.

The original letter was in Mahlon Riggs hand writing, it is in Mrs. Wheeler's possession, and she is temporarily residing with her brother, John W. Riggs on his farm in Ohio. Post office, Route 39, Union City, Indiana.

F. F. Riggs,
Richmond, Indiana
January 17, 1917.

APPENDIX B: LYDIA RIGGS'S FAMILY BIBLE, 1797–1907

James Wallace⁸ Riggs, descendant of Mahlon and Lydia Riggs, mailed me photocopies of Lydia's family Bible on 2 Sept. 2011. He also sent me color digital photographs of the Bible cover and its hair collection pages. Digitized images of the family data sheets appear here in the Illustrations section (Figure 7–Figure 9). Jim also sent transcriptions of the pages. The following transcriptions are my own, directly from the digital scans, but my task was greatly eased by having Jim's to guide me and which matched mine in most places. I thank him for his work and generosity:

Title page of the Bible:

The | New Testament | of our | Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, | translated out of | The Original Greek; | and with | former translations diligently compared and revised. | Philadelphia: | Jesper Harding, | 1856.

Inscription on a blank page of the Bible:

The property of | Lydia Riggs | Bought August 1858. | Costing \$6.00.

Inscription on another blank page of the Bible, apparently the verso of the preceding one:

Mount Tabor was dedicated | May 10th 1851 By the | Rev T. Hudson | His Text was S. T. [St.] John the | Six Chapter and 24 verse

Births (Figure 7):

Mahlon Riggs was born Dece^m 25th 1797.

Lydia Williams was born Feb. 20th 1800.

Mary E. Riggs was born June 14th 1821.

John L. Riggs was born Mar. 30th 1824.

Thomas T. Riggs was born Apr. 29th 1826.

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Caroline A. Riggs was born Oct. 4th 1828.

Lucinda A. Riggs was born Sept. 25th 1830.

William N. Riggs was born Mar. 5th 1832.

Margaret E. Riggs was born Feb. 8th 1834.

James L. Riggs was born Mar. 15th 1836.

Lizzie A. Riggs was born Aug. 15th 1840.

[The items above are all written in a single hand, probably at the same time.^[1970] They all predate the publication of the Bible. The next three items appear to be written in a single hand, resembling that above closely but slightly different in look and style of presentation.^[1971]]

Josiah R. Furnier was born Feb. [possibly Oct.]: 15th 1856.

Charles E. Furnier was [interlined "born"] Dec. 5th: 1858.

Robert A. Riggs was born April 12th 1862

[The next three items appear in different handwritings, the first and third being more loose than the above, and the third being perhaps by the same person who wrote the above items. The last item is a duplicate entry.]

Thomas Riggs died May the | Second in 1872 [I have not yet identified who this was]

Samuel Calvin Furnier was born July 24 [?]

Lydia Riggs consort of Mahlon | Riggs was Born Feb 20th | 1800.

Marriages (Figure 8):

Mahlon Riggs and Lydia Williams were married | August 10th 1820, in Washington Co. Pa. By Rev. Jno Watson.

1970. The marking I have transcribed as th in these first 11 items appears in the original as a double quotation mark ("), often with a dot or tiny underline beneath.

1971. The th is literal in these items, but with an underline and a mark beneath it.

George Hazelbaker and Caroline Riggs were married | June 15th 1851.
By Rev. Abner Jackson.

John L. Riggs and Jane Biles were married | Jany 29th 1852. By Rev. J. G.
Sansom.

Thomas T. Riggs and Susan Redd were married | May 31st 1853. By Rev.
R. Hamilton.

J. D. Latta and Lucinda Riggs were married | June 12th 1853. By Rev.
Loman.

Henry J. Furnier and Margaret E. Riggs were | married Decr 14th 1854.
By Rev. H. Snyder.

Henry J. Furnier and Elizabeth A. Riggs | were married July 29th 1860.
By Rev. W^m. M^cCracken.

James L. Riggs and Emily C. R[iou?]]long were | married May 21st 1861.
By Rev. G. W. Richmond.

Franklin T. Harris and Ida B. Hazelbaker were | Married Aprile the 23.
1880. By the Rev. J. V. | Yarnell, in California, Pa.

Mr. Josiah R. Furnier & Miss Jane | Pearsall Were married April 2[8?]th
| 1882. By Rev. Charles Cartwright in | Brownsville, Pa.^[1972]

[The following two marriage items were recorded on a third Bible page
(not shown), presumably the verso of the page above:]

Josiah Riggs Furnier and Jane Pearsall | were married April 20th 1882.

J. A. Noble & L. A. Latta | Were married, Oct the: 5: | in the year:
1872. By Rev. J. Mansell

Deaths (Figure 9):

Mary E. Riggs died Jany. 15th 1836.

Margaret E. Furnier [interlined "died"] Sept. 27th 1859.

1972. The last two lines of this item was cropped or partially so in the photocopy I received so I have used the transcription by James Wallace Riggs verbatim for them where I could not see the actual writing.

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Elizabeth A Furnier, died Febuary [sic] 5th 1862

Emma C. Riggs, died, Oct 29th | 1885 | in [several words all crossed out and illegible] | [interlined “Wife of James L. Riggs. son of Mahlon [F?]. riggs”]^[1973]

~~Lizzie A. Furnier died Feb. 5th 1862~~^[1974]

James L. Riggs died Feb. 2[5, possibly 3]th 1866 | [interlined “in Wash. Co Pa, at [home?]”]

A. U. Riggs Son of J. L. & E. C. Riggs died March 14th 1866

John Williams Sr. died [?] March 10th 1861 | [interlined “At house of Mahlon riggs, [? crossed out] allen Township [interlined above possibly ‘Wash. Co.’] Pa”]

Margaret Williams died May 20th 1867 | [interlined “At house of, Mahlon, rigs, allen Township [interlined above possibly ‘[?] [Pa?]’”]

Alpharretta Furnier Daughter of H J & F [sic] A Furnier | died April 9th 1862 all in Washington Co. Pa.^[1975]

Susan Riggs died Jan 2nd 1877 Marshall Co W va

Thomas Thornton F. Riggs Died Jan 25th 1880 in | Moundsville Marshall Co West V^a

1973. This item is difficult to unscramble. It continues, beginning with “1885” down the right side of the next two entries, for Lizzie and James, set off from them by a wiggly line. The interlined phrase is between Emma’s item and the next one, for Lizzie A. Furnier. The “[F?]. riggs” part of the interlined phrase slants up into the space after the “29th” in Emma’s item, so appears at first glance to continue that line. The note down the right side might be continued in the interlined phrase beneath the James L. Riggs item, completing the crossed out information: “in Wash. Co Pa, at [home?]” in the same handwriting. But this phrase might pertain to James, and I have transcribed it so, using the fact that several such interlined notes appear for other items on this page all in the same handwriting.

1974. This item appears to have been crossed out by the hand that wrote the interlined phrase, “Wife of James”

1975. The curious phrase “all in Washington Co. Pa” might mean that it was intended to apply to all entries above, because the ones below refer to W.Va., and might therefore explain the interlined notes, in a different handwriting, in several items adding the Washington Co., Pa. information explicitly.

[preceded by “Typhoid fever” in the left margin] Charles E. Furnier Son of H. J. Furnier | died Jan 13rd [sic] 1882; in Washington Co. Pa.

J. A. Noble died. August. 15. 1885 | [interlined above “In. Fayett[e?] county, pa.”]

Mahlon Riggs Died June 6 1886 [He?] | [interlined faintly “Mahlon [Riggs?] was [born?] Decem[?] [2?]5th 1797”] | Was born in the year 1797 And his funer[al] | was preached by the Reverent [sic] Henery | E. C. [Ecclesiastes?] Twelth [sic] chapter and 13 [ver]se

[The following five items (not shown) appear on a separate Bible page, presumably the verso of the page above, all five in different handwritings:]

William N Riggs Died Aprile 20, 1892.

Josiah R. Furnier, died March 14th 1896.

Lydia Riggs died June 29, 1897.

John L. Riggs died Oct. 25, 1902.

George Hazelbaker, died March 26, 1907.

Hair clippings (not shown). The inside back cover of the Bible and its facing page are covered with hair clippings. The captions under each are recorded here by simply listing them, in more-or-less left to right, top to bottom order. An asterisk (*) indicates a reading I’ve taken directly from Jim’s labeling (in red on the photocopy of the pages) when I could not make out the lettering myself:

John Williams

Margaret Williams

Lydia Riggs | Dec. 1867*

Clark L. Baker Sept. 18th 1867 [I have not identified him yet]

1889 Clark E. Furnier died Jan.*

Elizabeth A. Furnier

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hair | William N Riggs | July 1889

Margaretta Furnier

George Hazelbaker

Mary eliza Riggs

Caroline A. Hazelbaker | Nov. 2[8, with a 4 written over it]..1870

S[usan?] Riggs*

Caroline Hazelbaker

Thornton T. Riggs

Jane Riggs

Anna Riggs

Amanda [Hazelbaker?]*

Ida B. Hazelbaker*

Lizzie A. Riggs*

[Dorie?]*

Josiah R. Furnier

APPENDIX C: MAHLON AND LYDIA RIGGS FAMILY REGISTER, 1852

James Wallace⁸ Riggs, descendant of Mahlon and Lydia Riggs, mailed me a photocopy of the Mahlon and Lydia's "family register" on 2 Sept. 2011 (Figure 7). Jim's notes state that the original image was 13.5 by 17 inches. According to Jim, "The register is about poster size and is mounted in a very old frame which supposedly hung on the wall in Mahlon's home. It appears to have been a single item only, but I have no other proof." Jim also sent a transcription of the register. I made the following transcription myself from the image, which matches Jim's exactly (to within minor punctuation differences):

Family Register. 1852.	
Mahlon Riggs was born December 25th, A _n D. 1797.	Lydia Riggs was born Feb 20th, A _n D. 1800.
Marriage.	
Mahlon Riggs, and Lydia Williams, were Married by the Rev. John Watson, August 10th, A _n D. 1820.	
Births.	Births.
Mary Eliza Riggs, was born June 14th, A _n D. 1821.	William Newton Riggs, was born Mch. 5th, A _n D. 1832.
John Lester Riggs, was born, Mch. 30th, A _n D. 1824.	Margaret Etta Riggs was born Feb. 8th, A _n D. 1834.
Thomas Thorton [sic] Fleming Riggs was born Apl. 29th, A _n D. 1826.	James Leander Riggs, was born Mch. 15th, A _n D. 1836.
Caroline Amanda Riggs, was born Oct. 4th, A _n D. 1828.	Elizabeth Ann Riggs, was born Augst. 15th, A _n D. 1840.
Lucinda Ann Riggs, was born Sep. 25th, A _n D. 1830.	[poem]

APPENDIX D: LEASE OF JAMES RIGGS FROM CHARLES CARROLL, 1734

Following is my transcription of a lease in Prince George's Co., Md., on 3 Dec. 1734, recorded 24 May 1735.^[1976] I have preserved the interesting orthography, which forms the plural nearly always by adding 's and attaches the article "a" to the word it precedes. See Figure 4 and Figure 5 for images of the beautiful penmanship of this document. The right edge of the pages of the document, as imaged, either disappears into the crack of the book or is cropped from the image. The words or partial words there are guessed at and surrounded in []s:

At the request of Jame's Rigg's the following Lease was Recorded May the twenty fourth day An[no] Dmi Seventeen hundred & thirty five [D mark (like a script D without the vertical straight line on its left)]

This Indenture made the third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand on[e] hundred & thirty four **Between** Charle's Carroll of the City of Annapolis Esq^r of the one part & Jame's R[igg's] of prince George's County planter of the other part **Witnesseth** that the said Charle's Carroll for & in [condi?]tion of the rents & covenant's herein after reserved hath demised granted set & to farm let & by these pres[ents] doth demise grant set & to farm let unto the said Jame's Rigg's all that part of attract of land called Concord lying [in] prince George's County which is included in the following meet's & bound's beginning at the end of Christopher [?] first line & running thence south sixteen degree's west one hundred perche's south seventy nine degree's west [one] hundred & sixty perche's, then north sixteen degrees east one hundred perche's, then with astraight line to the beg[inn]ing, containing one hundred acre's of Land more or less together with all & Singular the premise's with the app[urte]nance's to the said land belonging or in any way's appertaining **To have and to hold** the said parcel of [Land?] & premise's unto the said Jame's Rigg's his heir's & assign's for & during the term of twenty one

1976. Prince George's Co., Md., Deeds, T:268-69 [FHL 14249].

year's from [the] date hereof fully to be compleat & ended yielding & paying therefore yearly unto the said Charle's Carroll his heir's [or] assign's the quantity of Eight hundred pound's of clean merchantable Tobacco clear of trash & ground leave's to be [deliver]ed at the Eastern branch landing in convenient casque to contain the same & the said Jame's Rigg's doth for himself his heir's & assign's covenant to & with the said Charle's Carroll his heir's & assign's that neither he the said Jame's Rigg's [his] heir's or assign's shall at any time sell destroy any timber on the premises nor apply any [hut?] to the [?] **and** use of the demised premises & the said Jame's Rigg's doth also covenant for himself his heir's & assign's neither he his heir's or assign's shall suffer more hand's to work on the demised premise's than himself his [?] & children & in case his children are incapable to work then only to take in one able hand & the said Jame[s] Rigg's] by these presents doth bind himself his heir's Ex^{rs} & adm^{rs} to pay unto the said Charle's Carroll his heir's Ex^{rs} adm^{rs} or [assign's] during the term af^d the rent herein before reserved at the time appointed & the said Jame's Rigg's for himself [his heir's] Ex^{rs} adm^{rs} & assign's doth covenant & agree to & with the said Charle's Carroll his Ex^{rs} adm^{rs} & assign's to plant o[n the] premises's before Expiration of three year's from the date hereof one hundred & fifty good appletree's in areg[ular?] orchard each tree being distant at least forty foot & the said tree's to trim & keep in good order & inclosed by aga[te?] & keep them so trimed & enclosed during the term af^d & in case of nonperformance to pay unto the said Charle's C[arroll] his Ex^{rs} adm^{rs} or assign's the Sum of Six pound's Sterling & the said Charle's Carroll for himself & his heirs doth cov[enant] & agree to & with the said Jame's Rigg's Ex^{rs} adm^{rs} & assign's that he the said Jame's Rigg's his Ex^{rs} adm^{rs} or ass[ign's] paying the rent above reserved & performing the Covenant's reserved on the part of the said Jame's Rigg's shall [?] according to the true intent & meaning of these present's peaceably & quietly have hold occupy possess & [?] the said parcel of Land with all & Singular the demised premise's with the appurtenance's without any [?]ble or interruption of the said Charle's Carroll his heir's or assign's or any other person or person's whatsoever] fully claiming by from or under him their right title or intrest during the term af^d & lastly the said J[ame's] Rigg's for himself his Ex^{rs} adm^{rs} & assign's doth covenant & agree to & with the said Charle's Carroll his [Ex^{rs} adm^{rs}] & assign's that he the said Jame's Rigg's

his Ex^{rs} adm^{rs} & assign's shall & will during the term af^d keep [?]'s & plantation in good order & tenantable repair & at the expiration of the term af^d deliver the same i[n?] good order & tenantable repair **In Witness** whereof the said partie's to these presents Interchange[?] put their hand's & Seal's the day & year first Above written [D mark]

[signed] Char^{les} Carroll

Sealed & Delivered

In presence of

Geo: Attwood

John Flint [D mark] 178[4?] December the 17th **Then** came Charle's Carroll before me the Subscriber one [?] Lordship's Justice's of the Provincial Court & acknowledged the within lease according to an act of assem[bly?] such case made & provided [D mark]

[signed] Robert Gordo[n]

APPENDIX E: WILL OF JAMES AMERICUS RIGGS, 22 MAY 19[2]8

The following transcription of the will was provided to me by CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter:^[1977]

J. A. Riggs, of Speers borough, County of Washington and State of Pennsylvania, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following hereby revoking any will or wills heretofore made by me.

First, I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid and satisfied, as soon as conveniently may be, after my decease.

Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, May Grant Riggs, the household furniture in lieu of her widows exemption.

Third, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, May Grant Riggs, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, together with one half of the balance of my estate

Fourth, I give and bequeath my undivided one fifth interest in the farm situate in Allen Township, formerly belonging to my grandfather, Mahlon Riggs consisting of about one hundred and fifty acres, to my sister-in-law, Kate Riggs, for her own use, to be given to her without any deductions or abatement whatsoever for taxes or otherwise.

Fifth, I gave and bequeath my undivided interest in the proceeds, arising from the sale of a certain tract of ground lying in Allen Township, on the Monongahela River, consisting of about twenty-five acres, known as the Stockdale land Co. plot, formerly a portion of the farm belonging to John L. Riggs, together with all rights, reparation and otherwise to the said property, to my nephews, Sheldon Riggs, Lesley Riggs and Vernon Riggs share and share alike, and I hereby authorize and direct my executors, hereinafter named, to sell and dispose of the hereinbefore described land

1977. Will, J. A. Riggs, Speers Borough, Washington Co., Pa., signed 22 May 19[2]8, photocopy of transcription courtesy of CoraBelle⁸ (Cunningham) Walter. I argue in the sketch of James Americus Riggs that the date given in the will transcription of 22 May 1908 must be an error.

at public or private sale at such time as they may see fit, and upon sale thereof make good and sufficient deeds of conveyance and upon receipts of the proceeds therefrom make distribution as hereinbefore provided.

Sixth, I direct my executors, hereinafter named, to sell all that certain tract of land in Allen Township, lying along the concrete road, known as the Shop property, together with the adjoining lots, consisting of about eight acres, also the property on the Monongahela River known as the Ferry Property consisting of about one-half of an acre, at public or private sale at such time as they may see fit, and upon the sale thereof make good and sufficient deeds of conveyance, and from the proceeds thereof divide the same as follows, to Iona Carson, Myrtle Binkney, Dorothy Sutherland, Ollie Mason, Bernice Cunningham, and Velma Riggs, daughters of my deceased brother, Oliver Riggs, each one-ninth, and to Bertha Riggs and Gladys [Riggs interlined], daughters of my brother Cyrus Riggs, each one ninth, and the other ninth I desire divided equally between Henrette [sic] Riggs Smith and Thelma Mae Riggs, daughters of William Riggs.

Seventh, I give and bequeath to William H. Riggs such commission as I may receive as Administrator of the estate of my deceased brother, Marcellus Riggs.

Eighth, I give these final instructions to my executors, hereinafter named, that it is my desire to be buried in Howes Cemetery in a lot to be purchased by them, and I direct them to erect a monument on this lot at the expense of about one thousand dollars.

I do hereby make, constitute and appoint Mae Grant Riggs and Howard F. Taylor of Brownsville, Pa., to be executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof, I, J. A. Riggs, the Testator above named, have hereunto subscribed by name and affixed my seal, the Twenty Second day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight.

[signed] J. A. Riggs [Seal]

APPENDIX F: THE FAMILY OF ELIAS K. RIGGS

The following family fits into Vol. 9 somewhere, but I have not yet been able to determine where. We know it belongs because the genetic signature (YDNA) of descendant Frederick Locke¹⁰ Riggs matches 66 for 67 the genetic signature of James Riggs. That doesn't guarantee that the family descends from James Riggs but is a strong argument for it. I owe much of the following genealogy to Fred's sister, Marion. I have supplied the proofs in all cases, even when her genealogy also had proofs.^[1978]

It is possible that the Elias K. Riggs of this appendix descends from one of Jeremiah D. Riggs's siblings. That would explain the repeat of the K. initial (and make its being Keller more probable). Since Jeremiah D. Riggs would be of the 5th generation, if indeed he is son of the Jeremiah⁴ (*William*³), I'll arbitrarily make Elias K. below of the 6th generation. If this is an accurate story, then we know that our Elias K. did not descend from Jeremiah D.⁵, but rather from one of his brothers. It also appears that the unknown brother is not Perry⁵. I will refer to the brother who is *not* Jeremiah D. and *not* Perry as [brother]⁵.

1. ELIAS K.⁶ RIGGS ([brother]⁵, ?Jeremiah⁴, ¹²William³, ?James², James¹) was born 27 Sept. 1834 about 1832 or 1835, Ohio, died 1 Aug. 1898, and was buried in Ashton Methodist Cem., Ashton, Clark Co., Mo.^[1979] He married **ELIZABETH COTTINGHAM**, who was born 22 Nov. 1838 about 1833 or 1835 or 1840, Kentucky, daughter of James Cottingham,^[1980] and died 11 Oct. 1901, and and was buried in Ashton Methodist Cem.^[1981]

1978. The genealogy was provided to me by Fred Riggs (Frederick Locke Riggs) in an email exchange of late Feb. 2013, titled "Modified Register for Elias K. Riggs." It was prepared by Winifred Marion Riggs. I have put it in my form with my proofs, but I credit the inspiration entirely to Fred and Marion.

1979. *Find a Grave*, no. 39530138, gravestone photograph, by Debbie Smith, Ashton Methodist Cem., Ashton, Clark Co., Mo., "Elias K. | born | Sep. 27, 1834 | died | Aug. 1, 1898." Items in red were supplied by the site (except I changed the 1884 to 1834) but I couldn't verify them.

1980. U.S. census, 1850, Lewis Co., Ky., r. 210, p. 156, dw. 2, fam. 2, lists James "Cottingham," 41,

Elias K. Riggs served as a private in Capt. Silver's Co. (K), of the 1st Northeast Cavalry Regiment, Missouri Home Guards, from 17 June 1861 to 1 Aug. 1861, from Luray. Clark Co. Mo.^[1982]

Elias K. Riggs, of Eldorado, Clark Co., Mo., 28 on 1 July 1863 (implying born about 1835), white, farmer, married, born Ohio, registered for Civil War draft sometime between 1863 and 1865.^[1983]

Care must be exercised because there were at least two Elias K. Riggses, as we've seen in Clark Co., Mo., at the same time. The one who married Mary Ann Hanen on 23 Aug. 1850, Chambersburg, Clark Co., Mo., is too old to be Elias K. Riggs of this sketch (see Elias Keller⁵ Riggs (₃Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹)).^[1984] There was an Elias Riggs who married 23 July 1846 Elizabeth Crow, in Clark Co., Mo., so he was too old also (born, say, about 1825).^[1985] There was also an Elias Riggs, 20–30 [born 1810–1820], in Madison, Clark Co., Mo., in the 1840 census, hence also too old.^[1986]

a farmer born in Kentucky with \$1,400 real estate, resided in Lewis Co., Ky., with Mary Ann, 20, Elizabeth, 17 [implies born about 1833], Joseph, 16, Priscila, 14, Sarah, 10, John, 9, Louisa, 8, James, 7, and Nancy, 5, all born in Ky.; U.S. census, 1860, Jefferson, Clark Co., Mo., r. 614, p. 734, dw. 1354, fam. 1337, lists "Ja" "Cottonham," 50, a farmer born in Kentucky with \$1,400 real estate, resided in Jefferson, Clark Co., Mo., with Sarah, 20, "Jno," 19, James, 16, and Nancy, 14, all born in Ky. This shows that James Cottingham moved from Ky. to Clark Co., Mo., and had had Elizabeth in Ky. of the right age. That he appears in her family in the 1870 census makes the argument strong that he was indeed her father, and that her surname therefore was Cottingham.

1981. *Find a Grave*, no. 39530137, gravestone photograph, by Debbie Smith, Ashton Methodist Cem., Ashton, Clark Co., Mo., "Elizabeth | wife of | Elias K. | Riggs | born | Nov. 22, 1838 | died | Oct. 11, 1901 | aged | [?] 19 D." Items in red were supplied by the site but I could not visually verify them.

1982. Image online, NARA M405, Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Missouri, RG94, r. 717, Mo. Home Guards Pi-Ri, Riggs, 1861.

1983. U.S., *Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863–1865*, image 379 of 497 online, line 35: "[residence] Eldorado [name] Riggs Elias K [age on 1 July 1863] 28 white farmer married [born] Ohio [?] 11."ow

1984. *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Clark Co., 1836–1872, no. 314, image 37 of 403 online, "This is to certify that I celebrated the rites of matrimony between Elias Riggs and Elizabeth Crow both of lawful age this 23rd day of July 1846. John J. Martin."

1985. Image online, *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, no. 314.

1986. U.S. census, 1840, Madison, Clark Co., Mo., p. 336.

In 1870 Elias Riggs, 35, a farm laborer born in Ohio with \$3,500 personal estate, resided in Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with Elisabeth, 35, born in Kentucky, and James, 9, and John, 8, both born in Missouri, and James Cottingham, 59, a wagon maker born in Kentucky with \$400 real and \$100 personal estates.^[1987]

In 1880 Elias K. Riggs, 48, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with his wife, Elizabeth, 40, born in Kentucky of Kentucky natives, and his sons, James, 19, and John, 18, both born in Missouri, and his niece, Emma A. Cottingham, 9, born in Missouri of a father born in Kentucky and mother's nativity unknown.^[1988] The niece Emma is further evidence that Elizabeth's surname was Cottingham. I suspect that Emma was a daughter of Elizabeth's brother James Henry Cottingham's first marriage, which ended in an early death.^[1989]

In 1890 (veterans schedule) Elias Riggs, of Ashton, Mo., served as a private in Company K, 21st Regiment of Missouri Militia.^[1990]

Children:

+ 2 i **JAMES M.⁷ RIGGS**, born 18 Dec. 1860, Luray, Clark Co., Mo., married **BERTHA ELISABETH DIETERICH**, and had two children.

1987. U.S. census, 1870, Kahoka PO, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., r. 769, p. 547B, dw. 13, fam. 13.

1988. U.S. census, 1880, Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 45, r. 681, p. 249A, dw. 6, fam. 6.

1989. James Henry Cottingham married 4 Sept. 1870, Scotland Co., Mo., Mrs. Margaret E. Williams, he of Clark Co., and she of Scotland Co. [*Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*]; James H. Cottingham married 8 Sept. 1883, Kahoka, Clark Co., Mo., Mary Murphy, both of age and both of Clark Co. [*Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*]; U.S. census, 1880, Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 45, r. 681, p. 251B, dw. 48, fam. 49, lists James H. Cottingham, 35, a widower born in Ky of Ky. natives; *Find a Grave*, no. 57084801, gravestone photograph, by Peggy Dochterman, Combs Cem., Luray, Clark Co., Mo., “Margarette[e?] or E?” | Wife of | J. H. Cottingham | died | Oct. 7, 1875 | aged 36 yrs,” plot: old part, row 21.

1990. U.S. census (veterans schedule), 1890, Ashton, Clark Co., Mo., dw. 126, fam. 131. Note that James H. Cottingham of Kahoka, Mo., also served, as a private in Company F, 21st Regiment of Missouri Infantry, served 19 Jan. 1864 to 2 Apr. 1886 (2 yrs. 2 mos. 13 dys.) [dw. 84, fam. 84], a Union soldier.

- + 3 ii **JOHN T.⁷ RIGGS**, born 16 May 1862, Missouri, married **MARTHA J. CARTER**, and had two children.

2. **JAMES M.⁷ RIGGS** (₁*Elias K.*⁶, [*brother*]⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, William³, *James*², *James*¹) was born 18 Dec. 1860, Luray, Clark Co., Mo.,^[1991] died 30 Aug. 1924, and was buried in Ashton Methodist Cem.^[1992] He married about 1881 **BERTHA ELISABETH DIETERICH**,^[1993] who was born 18 Apr. 1863, Beardstown, Cass Co., Ill., died 14 Nov. 1948, and was buried in Ashton Methodist Cem.

In 1880 “Lizzy Dietrich,” 17, born in Missouri of unknown parental nativities, resided in Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., as a servant in the household of William Todd, 68. Two doors away was Elias K. Riggs and his family, including James, 19, whom she would soon marry.^[1994]

In 1900 James M. Riggs, 39, a farmer born Dec. 1860 in Missouri of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with his wife of 19 years, “Lizzie,” 37, born Apr. 1863 in Illinois of German natives, and his son, “Lawrence” H., 17, born Jan. 1883, and daughter, Anna B., 6, born Aug. 1893, both born in Missouri. Lizzie had had two children, with two surviving.^[1995]

In 1910 James M. Riggs, 49, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with his wife of 28 years, Bertha E., 46, born in Illinois of German natives, and his daughter, Anna B., 16, born in Missouri, a hand, and nephew, Albert Dieterich, 14, born in Missouri of

1991. His birthplace is established by his son Lawrence’s death record (q.v.).

1992. *Find a Grave*, no. 39530090, gravestone photograph, by Debbie Smith, Ashton Methodist Cem., Ashton, Clark Co., Mo., “James M. Riggs | Dec. 18, 1860–Aug. 30, 1924 | Lissie [sic] B. his wife | Apr. 18, 1863–Nov. 14, 1948,” plot: center section, row 14.

1993. Her surname and birthplace are established by her son Lawrence’s death record (q.v.).

1994. U.S. census, 1880, Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 45, r. 681, p. 249A, dw. 4, fam. 4. Elias Riggs resided in dw. 6.

1995. U.S. census, 1900, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 25, r. 848, p. 247, sh. 9A, dw. 185, fam. 185.

Missouri natives. Bertha had had two children, with two surviving. Nearby was Laurence Riggs, 27.^[1996]

In 1920 James M. Riggs, 59, a farmer and county court judge born in Missouri of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Kentucky, resided in Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with his wife, "Lissie," 56, born in Illinois of German natives, and his nephew, Albert E. "Dietrich," 25, born in Missouri of Missouri natives.^[1997]

In 1930 "Lissie" B. Riggs, 64, a widow born in Illinois of German natives, resided in Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., in the household of her son-in-law, Ed Paydon, 46 (q.v.).^[1998]

In 1940 "Lissie" Riggs, 76, a widow born in Illinois, resided in Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., as a lodger.^[1999]

Children:

- + 4 i LAURENCE HENRY⁸ RIGGS, born 27 Jan. 1883, Luray, Clark Co., Mo., married CASSIE M. WOODRUFF, and had four children.
- + 5 ii ANNA BELLE⁸ RIGGS, born 5 Aug. 1893, Missouri, married (1) GEORGE EDMUND PAYDON, and had two children, married (2) — MANEWAL.

3. JOHN T.⁷ RIGGS (₁Elias K.⁶, [brother]⁵, ?Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹) was born 16 May 1862, Missouri, died 8 Feb. 1895, Luray, Clark Co., Mo., and was buried 10 Feb. 1895 in Combs Cem., Luray.^[2000] He

1996. U.S. census, 1910, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 30, r. 776, p. 243, sh. 7A, dw. 159, fam. 159. James resided in dw. 161.

1997. U.S. census, 1920, Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 30, r. 910, p. 205, sh. 1A, dw. 3, fam. 3.

1998. U.S. census, 1930, Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 8, r. 1182, p. 23, sh. 11A, dw. 351, fam. 355.

1999. U.S. census, 1940, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 23-9, r. 2096, p. 74, sh. 2B, dw. 351, fam. 355.

2000. *Find a Grave*, no. 57402121, gravestone photograph, by Peggy Dochterman, Combs Cem., Luray, Clark Co., Mo., "J. T. Riggs | born | May 16, 1862 | died | Feb. 8, 1895," plot: center section, row 14. Obit., from unnamed and undated newspaper: "John T. Riggs died at his home in Luray, of measles, Friday night, February 8, 1895, aged about 32 years. Burial in Combs Cemetery, Sunday. A wife and two children survive him."

married 12 July 1888, Kahoka, Clark Co., Mo.,^[2001] **MARTHA J. CARTER**, who was born Feb. 1858, Ohio, died 1932, and was buried in Combs Cem.^[2002]

In 1900 Martha Riggs, 42, a widow married six years [crossed out], born Feb. 1858 in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Luray, Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with her son, Walter E., 10, born Sept. 1889 in Missouri of a father born in Missouri. Martha had had two children, with the one surviving.^[2003] If the marriage of six years is accurate then John presumably died about 1894.

In 1910 Martha J. Riggs, 52, a widow born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio, resided in Luray, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with her son, Walter E., 20, a baker born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri. Martha had had two children, with the one surviving.^[2004]

Children:

- + 6 i **WALTER ELIAS**⁸ **RIGGS**, born 25 Sept. 1889, Luray, Clark Co., Mo., married **MILDRED MAY WHEELER**, and had three children.
- 7 ii **STELLA**⁸ **RIGGS**, buried in Combs Cem., Luray, Clark Co., Mo. That she was the other child of John and Martha is deduced from: (1) her gravestone is in the same plot as they, (2) the second child was alive for her father's death (his obit.) 8 Feb. 1895, but deceased by the 1900 census, and (3) if accurate (they are **not sourced**) she was born 27 Jan. 1895 and died 19 Feb. 1895, so just after her father's death.^[2005]

2001. *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Mr. John Riggs, over 21, of Luray, Clark Co., Mo., to Miss Martha J. Carter, over 18, of Luray, married 12 July 1888, Kahoka, Clark Co., Mo., by J. E. Latham MG [FHL 1014946].

2002. *Find a Grave*, no. 61446569, gravestone photograph, by Peggy Dochterman, Combs Cem., Luray, Clark Co., Mo., “Martha J. Riggs | 1858 - 1932 | wife of John T. Riggs,” plot: center section, row 14.

2003. U.S. census, 1900, Luray, Wyaconda Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 32, r. 848, p. 338, sh. 14B, dw. 284, fam. 284.

2004. U.S. census, 1910, Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 31, r. 776, p. 137, sh. 8B, dw. 240, fam. 244.

2005. *Find a Grave*, no. 57402068, no gravestone photograph, Combs Cem., Luray, Clark Co., Mo., **unsourced**: Stella Riggs, born 27 Jan. 1895, died 19 Feb. 1895, plot: center section, row 14.

4. LAURENCE HENRY⁸ RIGGS (₂*James M.*⁷, *Elias K.*⁶, [*brother*]⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, *James*², *James*¹)^[2006] was born 27 Jan. 1883, Luray, Clark Co., Mo., died 10 June 1944, Carthage, Hancock Co., Ill.,^[2007] and was buried 14 June 1944, Ashton Methodist Cem.^[2008] He married **CASSIE M. WOODRUFF**,^[2009] who was born 21 Dec. 1883, Mo., daughter of Caleb and Amanda (–) Woodruff,^[2010] and died 2 Sept. 1970, Ventura Co., Calif.,^[2011] last residence San Juan Capistrano, Orange Co., Calif.,^[2012] and was buried next to her husband

In 1910 Laurence Riggs, 27, an automobile machinist born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Illinois, resided in Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with his wife of six years, Cassie M., 26, born in Missouri of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in

2006. His first name was spelled Laurence rather than Lawrence, according to family members [email 3 Mar. 2013]. His middle name is from: *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Lawrence Henry Riggs, 59, resident of 107 College Ave., Carthage, Hancock Co., Ill., born 27 Jan. 1883, “Clarke” Co., Mo., name and address of person who will always know your address Mrs. Cassie Riggs, of the same residence, employer’s name Carthage College.

2007. *Ill. Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916–1947*, Lawrence H. Riggs, born 27 Jan. 1883, Luray, Mo., died 10 June 1944, Carthage, Hancock Co., Ill., buried 14 June 1944, Ashton Cem., Ashton, Clark Co., Mo., residence Carthage, father James Riggs, born Luray, Mo., mother “Lissie Dietrich,” born Beardstown, Ill., spouse Cassie Woodruff Riggs [FHL 1983908].

2008. *Find a Grave*, no. 39530092, gravestone photographs (3), by Debbie Smith, Ashton Methodist Cem., Ashton, Clark Co., Mo., “Riggs | Cassie M. | 1883–1970 || Laurence H. | 1883–1944,” “Laurence | 1883–1944,” and “Laurence H. | Jan. 27, 1883 | June 10, 1944.”

2009. Marion Riggs, who wrote a family genealogy I use here for inspiration, give Cassie middle name as Marshall, and cites a birth certificate, but I have not seen it.

2010. U.S. census, 1900, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 25, r. 848, p. 247, sh. 9A, dw. 184, fam. 184, lists Caleb M. Woodruff, 62, born Aug. 1837 in Ky. of a father born in N.J. and a mother in Ky., with his wife of 39 years, Amanda, 56, born Nov. 1893 in Mo. of Ky. natives, had had 13 children, with 12 surviving, including daughter Cassie, 15, born Dec 1884, Mo. They resided next door to James M. Riggs, 39, in dw. 185.

2011. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Cassie M. Riggs, born 21 Dec. 1883, Mo., died 2 Sept. 1970, Ventura Co., Calif.

2012. SSDI, Cassie Riggs, SSN 570-72-9326, born 20 Dec. 1883, died Sept. 1970, last residence 92675 San Juan Capistrano, Orange Co., Calif., issued Calif. (1963).

Missouri, with his son, “Winfred” M., 5, born in Missouri. Cassie had had just the one child. Nearby was James M. Riggs, 49.^[2013]

In 1920 “Lawrence” Riggs, 36, an automobile machinist born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Akron, Summit Co., Ohio, with his wife, Cassie, 36, born in Missouri of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Missouri, with his sons, “Winfred,” 14, born in Missouri, James, 7, born in Michigan, and Lester, 4 5/12, born in Illinois.^[2014]

In 1940 Laurence Riggs, 56, in college maintenance, born in Missouri, resided in Carthage, Hancock Co., Ill. (same place in 1935), with his wife, Cassie, 56, born in Missouri, with his son, James, 27, a retail grocery clerk born in Michigan, and his daughter-in-law, Annette, 21, a bookstore clerk, born in Texas (resided in Hancock Co., Ill., in 1935).^[2015]

Children:

- + 8 i **WYNFORD MARION**⁹ **RIGGS**, born 29 Jan. 1904, Missouri, married **IDA MAE KAMPING**, and had two children.
- + 9 ii **JAMES MURRAY**⁹ **RIGGS**, born 3 Nov. 1912, Michigan, married **CORRINE ANNETTE WIPFF**, and had two children.
- 10 iii **LESTER H.**⁹ **RIGGS**,^[2016] born 27 July 1915, Illinois, died 21 Sept. 1970, Orange Co., Calif.^[2017]
- 11 iv **[SON]**⁹ **RIGGS**, born 31 July 1917, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, died 1 Aug. 1917, Cincinnati,^[2018] and was buried 2 Aug. 1917 in (German Protestant) Walnut Hills Cem., Cincinnati.

2013. U.S. census, 1910, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 30, r. 776, p. 243, sh. 7A, dw. 161, fam. 161. Laurence resided in dw. 159.

2014. U.S. census, 1920, Akron, Summit Co., Ohio, ED 142, r. 1438, p. 82, sh. 1A, dw. 12, fam. 14.

2015. U.S. census, 1940, Carthage, Hancock Co., Ill., ED 34-6, r. 810, p. 73, sh. 30A, dw. 777.

2016. The family claims (Marion Riggs’s genealogy) that his middle name was Hartell, that he married 12 July 1941, Evanston, Cook Co., Ill., Dorothy Alice Hoe, born 4 Oct. 1917, Evanston, died 21 Jan. 1966, Contra Costa Co., Calif., and had two children: (1) David Allen¹⁰ Riggs, born 24 Dec. 1944, Akron, Summit Co., Ohio; and (2) Donna Jean¹⁰ Riggs, born 9 Nov. 1955, Sagami Ono, Japan.

2017. *Calif. Death Index, 1940-1997*, Lester H. Riggs, born 27 July 1915, Illinois, died 21 Sept. 1970, Orange Co., Calif.; SSDI, Lester Riggs, SSN 361-09-4989, born 27 July 1915, died Sept. 1970, issued Ill. (before 1951).

5. ANNA BELLE⁸ RIGGS (*James M.*⁷, *Elias K.*⁶, [*brother*]⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, *James*², *James*¹)^[2019] was born 5 Aug. 1893, Missouri, and died 12 Aug. 1983, Los Angeles Co., Calif.^[2020] She married (1) about 1913 GEORGE EDMUND PAYDON,^[2021] who was born about 1884, Kansas, died before the 1960 Ft. Madison, Lee Co., Iowa, city directory was published. She married (2) after the 1960 directory – **MANEWAL**.

In 1930 Ed Paydon, 46 a shoe repairman born in Kansas of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Illinois, resided in Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with his wife, “Annabelle,” 36, born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri, his son Roy [possibly Ray] I., 14, and daughter, Dorothy L., 13, both born in Missouri, and his mother-in-law, “Lissie” B. Riggs, 64, a widow born in Illinois of German natives. Ed was first married at 29, and Annabelle at 19.^[2022]

In 1940 G. Edmund Paydon, 56, a shoe repairman born in Kansas, resided in Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., with his wife, “Annabel,” 46, born in Missouri, and his son, Ray [possibly Roy] J., 24, born in Missouri.^[2023]

2018. Death certificate, image online, Ohio Deaths 1908–1953, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 51971, Infant Riggs, died 1 Aug. 1917, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, age 20 hrs., male, white, born premature at 6 mos. 31 July 1917, “City,” father Laurence Riggs, born Mo., mother Cassie Woodruff, born Mo., informant Laurence H. Riggs, of 434 Milton St., buried 2 Aug. 1917, G. P. [Western?] Hills, Cincinnati.

2019. His middle name is from: *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Lawrence Henry Riggs, 59, resident of 107 College Ave., Carthage, Hancock Co., Ill., born 27 Jan. 1883, “Clarke” Co., Mo., name and address of person who will always know your address Mrs. Cassie Rigg, of the same residence, employer’s name Carthage College.

2020. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Anna Belle Manewal, SSN 481–36–8306, born 5 Aug. 1893, Mo., died 12 Aug. 1983, Los Angeles Co., Calif., mother’s maiden name “Dieterick,” father’s surname Riggs.

2021. According to Marion Riggs’s genealogy, she had a death certificate for Bertha Elissa Dieterich Riggs with Mrs. Ed Paydon as informant.

2022. U.S. census, 1930, Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 8, r. 1182, p. 23, sh. 11A, dw. 351, fam. 355.

2023. U.S. census, 1940, Kahoka, Lincoln Twp., Clark Co., Mo., ED 23–8, r. 2096, p. 50, sh. 2B, dw. 53.

In 1952, 1957, and 1960 Annabelle R. Paydon and George Edmund Paydon resided in Ft. Madison, Lee Co., Iowa, except in 1960 when she is listed as his widow.^[2024]

Children:

- 12 i **ROY/RAY I./J.**⁹ **PAYDON**, born about 1916, Missouri. He was perhaps the Roy I. Paydon, born 4 June 1915, died 14 Apr. 1949, of Missouri, U.S. Army veteran who served from 8 Apr. 1941 to 21 Dec. 1944, buried Forest Hill Cem., Kansas City, Mo.^[2025]
- 13 ii **DOROTHY LOUISE**⁹ **PAYDON**, born 24 Aug. 1916, Missouri, died 16 Nov. 1992, Orange Co., Calif.,^[2026] buried in Riverside National Cem., Riverside, Riverside Co., Calif.,^[2027] married — **APPLEGATE**. She possibly married first Arthur John Ahrens.^[2028]

6. WALTER ELIAS⁸ RIGGS (John T.⁷, Elias K.⁶, [brother]⁵, Jeremiah⁴, William³, James², James¹) was born 25 Sept. 1889, Luray, Clark Co., Mo.,^[2029] died 30 June 1965, San Diego Co., Calif., and was buried 6 July 1965, Ft. Rosecrans National Cem., San Diego, San Diego Co.^[2030] He married

2024. U.S. *City Directories, 1821–1989 (Beta)*, Ft. Madison, Iowa, 1952, “Paydon G Edmund (Annabelle) r1708 Avenue A,” 1957, “Paydon Annabelle R Mrs dishwasher Rainbow Gardens r1608½ Avenue L | –Geo E (Annabelle R) h1608½ Avenue L,” 1960, “Paydon Annabelle (wid Geo E) h1608½ Avenue L.”

2025. U.S. *Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925–1963*, Roy I. Paydon, serial no. 37 056 164, 6658th Sig. Dep. Co. Provisioner, U.S. Army, honorably discharged, dates as shown above.

2026. Calif. *Death Index, 1940–1997*, Dorothy Louise Applegate, SSN 483-46-5792, born 24 Aug. 1916, Mo., died 16 Nov. 1992, Orange Co., Calif., mother’s maiden name Riggs, father’s surname Paydon; SSDI, Dorothy L. Applegate, SSN 483-46-5792, born 24 Aug. 1916, died 16 Nov. 1992, last residence 91748 Rowland Heights, Los Angeles CO., Calif., issued Iowa (1956).

2027. *Find a Grave*, no. 293242, no gravestone photograph, born 24 Aug. 1916, died 16 Nov. 1992, Riverside National Cem., Riverside, Riverside Co., Calif., “SSG, US AIR FORCE.”

2028. U.S. *Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775–2006*, Dorothy L. Applegate, Pvt. US Army, born 24 Aug. 1916, died 16 Nov. 1992, relation “Wife of Ahrens, Arthur John,” interment 23 Nov. 1992, Riverside National Cem., 23495 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, Riverside Co., Calif., 92518, buried at section 38b site 193.

2029. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1981*, Walter Elias Riggs, 27, of 304 3rd St., Calexico, Imperial Co., Calif., born 25 Sept. 1889, Luray, Mo., meat cutter, single, registered 5 June 1917, Calexico.

2030. *Find a Grave*, no. 3427254, no gravestone photograph, Ft. Rosecrans National Cem., San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif., plot: A-A, 911; Calif. *Death Index, 1940–1997*, Walter E. Riggs, SSN

about 1920 **MILDRED MAY WHEELER**, who was born 16 May 1900 or 1901, Indiana, daughter of Francis M. and Sylvia B. (Gaines) Wheeler,^[2031] and died 28 Aug. 1994, San Diego Co., Calif.,^[2032] and was buried 2 Sept. 1994 next to her husband.

In 1920 Walter E. Riggs, 30, single, a meat marketer born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Ohio, resided as a roomer in San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif.^[2033]

In 1930 Walter E. Riggs, 40, a meat cutter born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in La Mesa, San Diego Co., Calif., with his wife, Mildred M., 29, born in Indiana of a father born in Kentucky and a mother in Indiana, his daughters, Betty J., 8, and Frances, 5, and son, Walter E., 10/12, all three born in California. Walter was first married at 31, and Mildred at 19.^[2034]

In 1940 Walter Riggs, 50, a meat cutter born in Missouri, resided in San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif., with his wife, Mildred, 39, born in

551-16-8159, born 25 Sept. 1889, Mo., died 30 June 1965, San Diego Co., mother's maiden name Carter; SSDI, Walter Riggs, SSN 551-16-8159, born 25 Sept. 1889, died June 1965, issued Calif. (before 1951); *U.S. Veteran's Gravesites, ca 1775-2006*, Walter Elias Riggs, cook U.S. Army WWI, born 25 Sept. 1889, died 30 June 1965, service start date 17 Dec. 1917, interment date 6 July 1965, Ft. Rosecrans National Cem., P.O. Box 6237, San Diego, CA 92166, section A-A, site 911.

2031. U.S. census, 1900, Anderson, Madison Co., Ind., ED 82, r. 385, p. 142, sh. 22B, dw. 486, fam. 524, lists Francis M. Wheeler, 31, born Dec. 1869, Ky., wife, Sylva B., 20, born Nov. 1879, Ind., and daughter, Mildred M., 11/12, born May 1900, Ind.; U.S. census, 1920, La Mesa, San Diego Co., Calif., ED 327, r. 130, p. 194, sh. 4B, dw. 134, fam. 134, lists Francis M. Wheeler, 51, born Ky., wife, Sylva B., 40, born Ind., and daughter, Mildred M., 19, born Ind.

2032. *Calif. Death Index, 1940-1997*, Mildred May Riggs, SSN 558-16-8159 [sic], born 16 May 1901, Ind., died 28 Aug. 1994, San Diego Co., mother's maiden name Gaines, father's surname Wheeler; SSDI, Mildred Riggs, SSN 558-74-5245, born 16 May 1900, died 28 Aug. 1994, last residence 92020 El Cajon, San Diego Co., Calif., issued Calif. (1964); *U.S. Veteran's Gravesites, ca 1775-2006*, Mildred M. Riggs, cook U.S. Army, born 16 May 1900, died 28 Aug. 1994, wife of Walter E. Riggs, interment date 2 Sept. 1994, Ft. Rosecrans National Cem., P.O. Box 6237, San Diego, CA 92166, section A-A, site 911.

2033. U.S. census, 1920, San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif., ED 322, r. 190, p. 268, sh. 9A, dw. 63, fam. 145.

2034. U.S. census, 1930, La Mesa, San Diego Co., Calif., ED 39, r. 190, p. 254, sh. 12B, dw. 363, fam. 387.

Indiana, his daughters, Betty, 18, and Frances, 15, and son, Walter, 10, all three born in California.^[2035]

Children:

- 14 i **BETTY J.**⁹ **RIGGS**, born 18 Oct. 1921, San Diego Co., Calif.^[2036]
- 15 ii **FRANCES S.**⁹ **RIGGS**, born 17 Oct. 1924, San Diego Co., Calif.^[2037]
- 16 iii **WALTER EDWARD**⁹ **RIGGS**, born 14 June 1929, San Diego Co., Calif.,^[2038] and died 23 July 2007, last residence Lemon Grove, San Diego Co., Calif.,^[2039] buried Ft. Rosecrans National Cem., San Diego, San Diego Co., probably he who married 30 Aug. 1968, San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif.,^[2040] **PEGGY A. AMHYM**, born 10 Apr. 1944, California, died 3 Jan. 1976, San Diego Co., Calif.^[2041]

8. WYNFORD MARION⁹ **RIGGS** (₄*Laurence Henry*⁸, *James M.*⁷, *Elias K.*⁶, [*brother*]⁵, *!Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, *!James*², *James*¹)^[2042] was born 29 Jan. 1904 or 1905, Missouri, and died 25 Aug. 1988, Boone Co., Ky. (resided in Campbell Co., Ky.),^[2043] and was buried 27 Aug. 1988 in Evergreen Cem.,

2035. U.S. census, 1940, San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif., ED 62-86, r. 452, p. 254, sh. 19A, dw. 5337.

2036. *Calif. Birth Index, 1905-1995*, Betty J. Riggs, born 18 Oct. 1921, San Diego Co., Calif., female, mother's name Wheeler.

2037. *Calif. Birth Index, 1905-1995*, Frances S. Riggs, born 17 Oct. 1924, San Diego Co., Calif., female, mother's name Wheeler.

2038. *Calif. Birth Index, 1905-1995*, Walter Edward Riggs, born 14 June 1929, San Diego Co., Calif., female, mother's name Wheeler.

2039. *Find a Grave*, no. 72473734, no gravestone photograph, Ft. Rosecrans National Cem., San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif., "Inscription: US AIR FORCE," "Note: KOREA"; SSDI, Walter Edward Riggs, SSN 562-34-1261, born 14 June 1929, died 23 July 2007, last residence 91945 Lemon Grove, San Diego Co., Calif., issued Calif. (before 1951).

2040. *Calif. Marriage Index, 1960-1985*, Walter E. Riggs, 39, born about 1929, to Peggy A. Amhym, 24, born about 1944, 30 Aug. 1968, San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif.

2041. *Calif. Death Index, 1940-1997*, Peggy A. Riggs, SSN 558-62-3148, born 10 Apr. 1944, Calif., died 3 Jan. 1976, San Diego Co.

2042. His daughter's genealogy states that his middle initial stands for Marion, and cites a birth certificate, but I have not seen it. Nevertheless, since his son Fred is my correspondent I accept the name for a fact.

2043. *Ky. Death Index, 1911-2000*, Wynford Riggs, died 25 Aug. 1988, Boone Co., Ky., age 83, residence Campbell Co., Ky., certificate 22903; daughter Marion cites a death certificate, Commonwealth of Ky., no. 25233 [sic], in her possession, death at Booth Hospital, Florence, Boone Co.,

Southgate, Campbell Co., Ky.^[2044] He married 28 Sept. 1925, Hamilton Co., Ohio,^[2045] **IDA MAE KAMPING**, who was born 11 May 1905, Missouri, and christened 27 Aug. 1905, Newport, Campbell Co., Ky.,^[2046] daughter of William F. and Bertha (Locke) Kamping, and died 1 Dec. 1993, Florence, Boone Co., Ky.,^[2047] and was buried 3 Dec. 1993 in Evergreen Cem., Southgate, Campbell Co., Ky.^[2048]

In 1930 Wynford Riggs, 25, a pharmacist born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Newport, Campbell Co., Ky., with his wife of four years, Ida M., 24, born in Missouri of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Kentucky, and daughter, "Marian," 1 9/12, born in Kentucky.^[2049]

In 1940 Wynford Riggs, 35, a drug salesman born in Missouri, resided in Bellevue, Campbell Co., Ky., (resided in Ashton, Mo., in 1935), with his wife, Ida Mae, 34, born in Missouri (resided in St. Louis, Mo.,

Ky.; SSDI, Wynford M. Riggs, SSN 304-09-4141, born 29 Jan. 1905, died 25 Aug. 1988, last residence 41075 Ft. Thomas, Campbell Co., Ky., issued Ind. (before 1951).

2044. Personal testimony by his daughter Marion in her family genealogy, cites Evergreen Cem. records, section 73, lot 85.

2045. Image online, *Ohio County Marriages 1789-1994*, Wynford M. Riggs, 21, drug clerk, born 29 Jan. 1904 [sic], Mo., married 28 Sept. 1925, Hamilton Co., Ohio, Ida Mae Kamping, 21, born 11 May 1904, Mo., groom parents Lawrence Riggs and Cassie M. Woodruff, bride parents Wm. F. Kamping and Bertha Locke, both single [FHL 384190].

2046. Reported by her daughter Marion in her family genealogy, citing a certificate of baptism in her possession.

2047. According to her daughter Marion in her family genealogy, citing a death certificate, Commonwealth of Ky., no. 32043 [sic], in her possession, death at Florence Park Care Center, Florence, Boone Co., Ky.; Ky. *Death Index, 1911-2000*, Ida M. Riggs, died 1 Dec. 1993, Boone Co., age 88, resident of Boone [sic] Co., certificate 31972; SSDI, Ida M. Riggs, SSN 271-36-2987, born 11 May 1905, died 1 Dec. 1993, last residence 41075 Ft. Thomas, Campbell Co., Ky., issued Ohio (1956-1957).

2048. According to her daughter Marion in her family genealogy, citing Evergreen Cem. records, section 73, lot 85.

2049. U.S. census, 1930, Newport, Campbell Co., Ky., ED 2, r. 737, p. 54, sh. 23B, dw. 491, fam. 659.

in 1935), and daughter, Marion, 11 (also in St. Louis in 1935), and son, Frederick, 3, both born in Kentucky.^[2050]

Children:

- 17 i **WINIFRED MARION**¹⁰ **RIGGS**, born 11 June 1928, Kenton Co., Ky.,^[2051] died 17 Jan. 2003, last residence Ft. Thomas, Campbell Co., Ky.^[2052] She compiled a careful genealogy for the family of Elias K. Riggs. I have used it for inspiration for this appendix.
- + 18 ii **FREDERICK LOCKE**¹⁰ **RIGGS**, born 13 Jan. 1937, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, married **NANCY LEE CULVER**, and had three children.

9. JAMES MURRAY⁹ **RIGGS** (*Laurence Henry*⁸, *James M.*⁷, *Elias K.*⁶, [*brother*]⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, *James*², *James*¹) was born 3 Nov. 1912, Michigan, died 25 June 1958 (obit.), and was buried in Ashton Methodist Cem.^[2053] He married 4 Sept. 1938, Elvaston, Hancock Co., Ill. (obit.), **CORRINE ANNETTE WIPFF**,^[2054] who was born 31 Mar. 1919, Natalia, Medina Co., Tex. (obit.), daughter of August Frederich and Viola (Briggs) Wipff,^[2055] and died 1 Jan. 1959 (obit.), and was buried 3 Jan. 1959 next to her husband.

2050. U.S. census, 1940, Bellevue, Campbell Co., Ky., ED 19-47, r. 1290, p. 582, sh. 8A, dw. 158.

2051. Ky. *Birth Index, 1911-1999*, Winifred M. Riggs, born 11 June 1928, Kenton Co., Ky., mother's name Ida Kamping, certificate 28284.

2052. SSDI, Winifred M. Riggs, SSN 273-24-3728, born 11 June 1928, died 17 Jan. 2003, last residence 41075 Ft. Thomas, Campbell Co., Ky., issued Ohio (before 1951).

2053. *Find a Grave*, no. 39530089 and 39530088, gravestone photographs (2), by Debbie Smith, Ashton Methodist Cem., Ashton, Clark Co., Mo., "Riggs | Annette W. | 1919-1959 | | James M. | 1912-1958," and "James Murray Riggs | Illinois | Sgt HQ Det QM Depot | World War I | Nov 3 1912 June 25 1958."

2054. Family members have corroborated her first name as Corrine (and not Cordine as in the obit.), email 3 Mar. 2013.

2055. U.S. census, 1930, Montebello, Hancock Co., Ill., ED 21, r. 518, p. 168, sh. 5B, dw. 121, fam. 121, lists August F. Wipff, 43, dairy farmer born in Tex. of Tex. natives, wife, Eva L., 34, born in Ill. of Ill. natives, sons, John A., 17, August G., 16, Luther P., 14, daughter, C. Annette, 11, all four born in Tex. of a mother born in Tex., daughter June E., 2 8/12, born in Ill. of a mother born in Ill., and his mother-in-law, Martha A. Pomroy, 64, a widow born in Ill. of German natives. August was first married at 23, and Eva at 28, so Eva was his second wife, of about 6 yrs. The first four children were from his former marriage. *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, August Frederich

From her obituary:

Hold Rites for Mrs. C. A. Riggs in Ashland, Illinois

Funeral services for Mrs. Cordine [sic] Annette Riggs, widow of James M. Riggs, were held in Ashland Methodist Church in Ashland, Illinois, Jan. 3 after she died Jan. 1 during her sleep. She had been ill of a heart condition. Born March 31, 1919, in Natalia, Texas, she was the daughter of August and Viola Briggs Wipff. She was married to James M. Riggs Sept. 4, 1938, in Elvaston, Ill.

She was a member of the Ashland Methodist Church.

Riggs was killed in a car accident June 25, 1958. Her mother died in 1921 in Del Rio.

Survivors include her sons, Robert L. Riggs, 16, and Larry Dean Riggs, 11; by her father and foster mother, Mr. and Mrs. August Wipff of Devine; brother John A. Wipff Gerold [sic] and Luther Wipff of Del Rio and a sister Mrs. Kenneth Hubbard of Dogerville Wisconsin.^[2056]

Children:

19 i **ROBERT L.**¹⁰ **RIGGS**, born about 1942.^[2057]

20 ii **LARRY DEAN**¹⁰ **RIGGS**, born about 1947.^[2058]

18.FREDERICK LOCKE¹⁰ **RIGGS** (⁸*Wynford Marion*⁹, *Laurence Henry*⁸, *James M.*⁷, *Elias K.*⁶, [*brother*]⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, *James*², *James*¹) was born 13 Jan. 1937, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio. He married 26 May 1962, Cincinnati, **NANCY LEE CULVER**, who was born 9 July 1938, Cincinnati.

Wipff, 55, born 24 Jan. 1887, Frio Co., Tex., relative Mrs. Eva Wipff, of Carthage, Hancock Co., Ill. There are two birth certificate images online at *Tex. Birth Certificates, 1903–1935*, for two male children born in Del Rio, Val Verde Co., Tex., to August Wipff and Viola Briggs in 1912 and 1915. 2056. Image online at <Ancestry.com>, unnamed newspaper, undated. Photo of her also online.

2057. The family genealogy (Marion Riggs's genealogy) gives his middle name as Luther, his birth as 1 Sept. 1942, Macom, McDonough Co., Ill., his marriage as 6 Aug. 1965, Reseda, Los Angeles Co., Calif., to Marjorie Ann Shasberger, born 25 Feb. 1943, Pensacola, Escambia Co., Fla.

2058. The family genealogy (Marion Riggs's genealogy) gives his birth as 28 Feb. 1947, Keokuk, Lee Co., Iowa.

nati, daughter of Chester F. and May (–) Culver.^[2059] They divorced. ***This is my correspondent Fred Riggs***, a contributor to the Riggs/Riggs DNA Study Group. His genetic signature matches 66 for 67 that of James Riggs of Maryland.^[2060]

Children:

- + 21 i **SUSAN ELAINE¹¹ RIGGS**, born 7 May 1965, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, married **KEVIN JOSEPH HUGHES**, and had three children.
- + 22 ii **KAREN ANN¹¹ RIGGS**, born 12 July 1967, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, married **JEFF CARROLL**, and had five children.
- + 23 iii **JAMES FREDERICK¹¹ RIGGS**, born 22 May 1970, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, married **JULIE REINHOLD**, and had three children.

21. SUSAN ELAINE¹¹ RIGGS (₁₈*Frederick Locke¹⁰, Wynford Marion⁹, Laurence Henry⁸, James M.⁷, Elias K.⁶, [brother]⁵, ?Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*) was born 7 May 1965, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio. She married 9 Nov. 1991, Cincinnati, **KEVIN JOSEPH HUGHES**, who was born 19 Dec. 1960.

Children:

- 24 i **AMANDA MARION¹² HUGHES**, born 10 Dec. 1994, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
- 25 ii **MEGAN ELAINE¹² HUGHES**, born 12 Apr. 1997, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
- 26 iii **COLIN PATRICK¹² HUGHES**, born 28 Apr. 2001, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

22. KAREN ANN¹¹ RIGGS (₁₈*Frederick Locke¹⁰, Wynford Marion⁹, Laurence Henry⁸, James M.⁷, Elias K.⁶, [brother]⁵, ?Jeremiah⁴, William³, ?James², James¹*)

2059. U.S. census, 1940, Lockland, Hamilton Co., Ohio, ED 31–45, r. 3077, p. 771, sh. 6A, dw. 112, lists Chester F. Culver, 38, born N.C., wife, May, 31, born Tenn., Betty J., 4, and Nancy Lee, 1, both born in Ohio.

2060. Information in this paragraph, and for his offspring, is supplied by Fred Riggs, emails of late Feb. 2013 and early Mar. 2013. Most of it also appears in the family genealogy (by Marion Riggs).

was born 12 July 1967, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio. She married 26 Dec. 1987, Cincinnati, **JEFF CARROLL**, who was born 1 May 1965, Cincinnati, son of Eldon and Sallie (Wachorn) Carroll.

Children:

- 27 i **EMILY ANNE**¹² **CARROLL**, born 27 Nov. 1989, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
- 28 ii **SARAH ELIZABETH**¹² **CARROLL**, born 22 Nov. 1991, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
- 29 iii **JOSEPH BLAKE**¹² **CARROLL**, born 17 Oct. 1996, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
- 30 iv **JULIA MARIE**¹² **CARROLL**, born 9 Feb. 1999, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
- 31 v **JACOB WILLIAM**¹² **CARROLL**, born 12 June 2001, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

23. JAMES FREDERICK¹¹ **RIGGS** (₁₈*Frederick Locke*¹⁰, *Wynford Marion*⁹, *Laurence Henry*⁸, *James M.*⁷, *Elias K.*⁶, [*brother*]⁵, *Jeremiah*⁴, *William*³, *James*², *James*¹) was born 22 May 1970, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio. He married 22 Jan. 2002, Cincinnati, **JULIE REINHOLD**, who was born 19 Jan. 1971.

Children:

- 32 i **ELLA JEAN**¹² **RIGGS**, born 19 Dec. 2003, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
- 33 ii **ELI**¹² **RIGGS**, born 4 Apr. 2006, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
- 34 iii **EVAN**¹² **RIGGS**, born 21 Mar. 2008, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

APPENDIX G: THE FAMILY OF NANCY ANN VARNER

The following family fits into Vol. 9 somewhere. We know it belongs because the genetic signature (YDNA) of descendant Bruce Thomas¹⁰ Varner, of Olathe, Johnson Co., Kans., matches 67 for 67 the genetic signature of James Riggs. I owe most of the following argument and genealogy to Bruce. He argues here that the most likely source of the Riggs genetic line was Edmond⁵ Riggs (*₇₁Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*)

In speaking with family members over many years, this subject was mostly taboo with the older generations. Many stories have made the rounds: camp follower, orphans, different fathers for each. No evidence for any of these possibilities have surfaced. Family states the three oldest of Nancy's children look the same. The youngest looks different. Family states in the 1920's and 1930's occasionally some unknown people would visit Camden Co. that the children at the time always thought were relatives but meetings always occurred behind closed doors.

Nancy Ann's parents were George Varner (1789-1861) & Harriet Owen (1817-1861). Family oral history has always been that George & Harriet were bushwhacked & killed on their farm in Miller Co. MO. "on the Riggs place". George was from Georgia & served in the War of 1812 under Andrew Jackson & again in the 1st Seminole War, coming to Missouri in 1819. A full history of this first Varner in Missouri can be found in the electronic document "George Varner of Missouri" by Bruce T. Varner.

Nancy Ann listed in the 1850 census with family, 1850 United States Federal Census. Missouri> Pettis> District 68> Page 80.

Nancy Ann listed in the 1860 census as a domestic in the household of a John J. Denton family, 1860 United States Federal Census. Missouri> Miller> Jim Henry TWP> Page 159.

Nancy Ann does not appear in census records for 1870.

A letter for “Miss Nancy Ann Varner” is at the Tuscumbia Post Office on Jul. 1, 1875, Miller Co. Vidette Abstract. (Published 1872–1879 in Tuscumbia).

In 1877 Nancy Ann files against probate of Edmund Riggs for funds due for 3½ months’ work for Edmund⁵. Was granted funds in 1878. (See reference later [in Edmund’s sketch]).

Nancy Ann listed in 1880 census as head of household with four children: Nancy, 40, John L., 13, William O., 8, Mary, 6, Urilda, 4. In census are listed as “don’t know who fathered the children” for children’s father question. 1880 United States Federal Census. Missouri> Osage TWP> Page 186.

Nancy Ann does not appear in census records for 1890.

Nancy Ann listed in 1900 census as head of household with only William O. 1900 United States Federal Census. Missouri> Camden> Russell TWP> Page 6.

Here is my supporting evidence for Bruce’s argument:

1.NANCY ANN VARNER was born 27 Mar. 1841, Missouri, and died 22 July 1934, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., a single woman,^[2061] and was buried 22 July 1934 in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co.^[2062]

According to Nancy’s death certificate, she was daughter of Thomas and — (Owens) Varner, but this is disputed by living descendants. Following is the verbatim argument by my correspondent Bruce Varner that her parents were actually George and Harriet (Owen) Varner:

2061. Death certificate, image online at <Ancestry.com>, Mo. State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 23542, reg. dist. 120, primary reg. dist. 5172, Nancy Ann Varner, resident of Ira, Mo., died 22 July 1934, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., aged 93 yrs. 3 mos. 25 dys., single, white, female, born 27 Mar. 1841, Mo., father Thomas Varner, unknown nativity, mother maiden — Owens, unknown nativity, buried 22 July 1934, Pleasant Grove Cem., informant Otto Varner, of Macks Creek, Mo., acting undertaker M. R. Meads, of Macks Creek. Ira is a populated place in Laclede Co., Mo.

2062. *Find a Grave*, no. 49370949, gravestone photograph, by Vivian Kessler, Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., “Nancy Varner | Mar. 27, 1841 | July 22, 1934.”

What occurred was that the informant, Otto Varner, provided the info on the death certificate for the Nancy's mother's parents. This was known even shortly after the certificate was issued, but no one ever thought to have it changed. Nancy Ann was the daughter of George Varner & Harriet Owen. This is documented.

Otto George Varner (Informant on Nancy Ann's death certificate) is the son of William Owen Varner. William Owen is the son of Nancy Ann.

Melvin Roscoe Meads (Undertaker on Nancy's Ann's death certificate) is the husband of Cora Lee Varner. Cora is a daughter of John Lawrence Varner. Roscoe (Melvin) was the one that actually provided the information for the certificate and just got it wrong. He substituted the wrong parents.

Nancy Ann is the daughter of George Varner & Harriet Owen. Thomas Owen & his wife Nancy Varner are the mother and father of Harriet Owen. . . . Roscoe just got it wrong. Here is the short version.

The Varner and the Owen families (No s to Owen) lived near each other in Oglethorpe Co. Georgia. Thomas Owen married a Nancy Varner in that county & they came to Missouri. George Varner also came to Missouri and settled close to the Owen family. George Varner later married one of the Thomas Owen / Nancy Varner children, Harriet. . . . When Roscoe Meads filled out the document he just got it confused.

I have had access to two different Varner family bibles that validate this relationship. Plus, in speaking with different branches of the family (descendants of Nancy Ann's siblings) who have not been in contact since the 1880's, this is also confirmed.^[2063]

In 1850 George Varner, 64, a farmer born in Virginia, resided in Pettis Co., Mo., with "Harriet," 33, born in Georgia, and with seven children, including Nancy, 8, born in Missouri.^[2064] But George doesn't match the Thomas given in Nancy's death certificate.

In 1860 Nancy Varner, 18, born in Missouri, resided in Tuscumbia, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., in the household of John J. Denton,

2063. Email from Bruce Varner, 14 May 2013. I have not seen the documentation claimed, nor have I verified many of the middle names used.

2064. U.S. census, 1850, Pettis Co., Mo., r. 551, p. 495, dw. 551, fam. 551.

39, a farmer born in Tennessee, and his five children. Another woman, Nancy R. Allen, 16 [or 10, or even 60], born in Virginia, with \$40 personal estate, also resided in the household.^[2065] On the next page of the census are George Varner, 78, a farm laborer born in Georgia, with Harriett N., 49, born in Georgia, with six children.^[2066] George and Harriett were probably Nancy's parents by the argument above.

In 1880 Nancy Varner, 40, unmarried, a day laborer, born in Missouri of Tennessee natives, resided in Osage, Miller Co., Mo., with sons, John L., 13, and William, 8, and daughters, Mary, 6, and "Urilda," 4, all four born Missouri. In the father's nativity column is written, "don't know who fathered the children."^[2067]

In 1900 Nancy A. Varner, 59, a widow born Mar. 1841 in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with son, William O., 31, born Feb. 1869 in Missouri of a father born in Missouri. Nancy had had four children, with four surviving.^[2068]

In 1910 Nancy A. Varner, 69, a widow born in Missouri of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Georgia, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., in the household of her son-in-law, William A. Newton, 43 (q.v.).^[2069]

In 1920 Nancy Varner, 78, a widow born in Missouri of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Georgia, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., in the household of her son-in-law, William A. Newton, 51 (q.v.).^[2070]

2065. U.S. census, 1860, Tuscumbia PO, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., r. 633, p. 495, dw. 1052, fam. 1046.

2066. U.S. census, 1860, Tuscumbia PO, Jim Henry Twp., Miller Co., Mo., r. 633, p. 496, dw. 1061, fam. 1055.

2067. U.S. census, 1880, Osage, Miller Co., Mo., ED 103, r. 703, p. 186C, dw. 200, fam. 200.

2068. U.S. census, 1900, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 11, r. 845, p. 121, sh. 6B, dw. 105, fam. 105.

2069. U.S. census, 1910, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 35, r. 772, p. 265, sh. 4A, dw. 60, fam. 61.

2070. U.S. census, 1920, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 39, r. 911, p. 92, sh. 7A-B, dw. 137, fam. 140.

Children of Nancy, all (at least son John) thought to have been sired by EDMOND⁵ RIGGS (₇₁Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹):

- + 2 i ?JOHN L.⁶ VARNER, born 17 Oct. 1866 (gravestone), Miller Co., Mo., married MILLIE JANE HORTON, and had seven children. *My correspondent Bruce Varner descends from this line and carries the James Riggs YDNA signature.*
- + 3 ii ?WILLIAM O.⁶ VARNER, born 8 Feb. 1869, Missouri, married ALTA WILLIAMS, and had eight children.
- + 4 iii ?EURELDA⁶ VARNER, born 15 Nov. 1871, Missouri, married WILLIAM A. NEWTON, and had three children.
- + 5 iv ?MARY F.⁶ VARNER, born about 1874 or 29 May. 1877, Missouri, perhaps married (1) BLUFORD COVINGTON GRAHAM, and may have had one child, married (2) GEORGE WASHINGTON CLEMONS [CLEMMONS], and had 10 children.

2. JOHN L.⁶ VARNER (₂₁₆?Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 17 Oct. 1866, Miller Co., Mo., died 11 Dec. 1951, Independence, Jackson Co., Mo.,^[2071] and was buried in Floral Hills Cem., Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo.^[2072] He married about 1894 MILLIE JANE HORTON, who was born 30 Dec. 1878 (gravestone), Missouri, daughter of Robert H. and Sarah (—) Horton,^[2073] died 22 Nov. 1977, and was buried next to her husband.^[2074]

2071. Death certificate, image online at <Ancestry.com>, The Division of Health of Mo., no. 41928, John L. Varner, of 2213 S. Home, Independence, Jackson Co., Mo., died 11 Dec. 1951, at home, aged 85 yrs. 1 mos. 24 dys., male, white, married (spouse Millie Jane Varner), born 17 Oct. 1866, Miller Co., Mo., father unknown, mother unknown, informant Millie Jane Varner, of Independence, buried 13 Dec. 11, Jackson Co., Mo.

2072. *Find a Grave*, no. 72560826, gravestone photograph, Floral Hills Funeral Home and Cem., Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo., “John L. Varner | husband and father | Oct. 17, 1866 - Dec. 11, 1951.”

2073. U.S. census, 1880, Glaize Twp., Miller Co., Mo., ED 102, r. 703, p. 168A, dw. 148, fam. 148, lists Robert H. Horton, 26, born Va., wife, Sarah, 25, born Mo., and two children, including daughter, Millie J., 1, born Mo.

2074. *Find a Grave*, no. 72560878, gravestone photograph, Floral Hills Funeral Home and Cem., Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo., “Millie J. Varner | wife and mother | Dec. 30, 1878 - Nov. 22, 1977.”

In 1900 John L. Varner, 33, a farmer born Oct. 1866 in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife of six years, "Milly" J., 20, born Dec. 1879 in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his son, Clarence S., 4, born Sept. 1895, and daughters, Cloe B, 2, born Nov. 1897, and Cora L., 7/12, born Oct. 1899, all three born in Missouri. Milly had had three children, with three surviving.^[2075]

In 1910 John L. Varner, 43, a farmer born in Missouri of Virginia natives, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife of 17 years, "Milla" J., 31, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his son, Clarence S., 14, daughters, "Cloa" B, 12, and Cora L., 10, son, Bert L., 8, and daughter, Ethel, 5, all five born in Missouri. Milla had had five children, with five surviving. They share the dwelling with John W. Taylor and his wife and mother-in-law, but aren't counted as a separate family.^[2076]

In 1920 John Varner, 53, a farmer born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife, Millie J., 41, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his son, Bert L., 17, daughters, Ethel V., 15, and "Peblel" M., 9, sons, Lonnie R., 5, and Clarence S., 24, and Mary, 20, all six born in Missouri. Milla had had five children, with five surviving.^[2077]

In 1940 John L. Varner, 73, a farmer born in Missouri, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife, "Milla" J., 61, born in Missouri.^[2078]

Children:

2075. U.S. census, 1900, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 10, r. 845, p. 105, sh. 5A, dw. 71, fam. 71.

2076. U.S. census, 1910, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 35, r. 772, p. 264, sh. 3B, dw. 53, fam. 54.

2077. U.S. census, 1920, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 39, r. 911, p. 93, sh. 8B, dw. 159, fam. 162.

2078. U.S. census, 1940, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 39, r. 911, p. 93, sh. 8B, dw. 126.

- + 6 i CLARENCE SHERIDAN⁷ VARNER, born 18 Sept. 1895, Edith, Camden Co., Mo., married MARY O. ROGERS, and had two children.
- + 7 ii CLOE/CHLOIE B.⁷ VARNER, born 1 Nov. 1897, Missouri, married ALBERT D. HUNT, and had four children.
- + 8 iii CORA LEE⁷ VARNER, born 28 Oct. 1899, Missouri, married MELVIN ROSCOE MEADS, and had 12 children.
- + 9 iv BERT L.⁷ VARNER, born 10 May 1902, Missouri, married ELLA FLORA VANCE, and had three children. *My correspondent Bruce Varner descends from this line.*
- 10 v ETHEL V.⁷ VARNER, born about 1905, Missouri.
- 11 vi PEBBLE M.⁷ VARNER, born about 1911, Missouri.
- 12 vii LONNIE R.⁷ VARNER, born about 1915, Missouri.

3. WILLIAM O.⁶ VARNER (₂₁₆?Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹) was born 8 Feb. 1869 (gravestone), Missouri, died 7 Nov. 1937, and was buried in Macks Creek Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co.^[2079] He married 2[1] June 1903, Camden Co., Mo.,^[2080] ALTA WILLIAMS, who was born 4 Aug. 1886 (gravestone), Missouri, died 8 Feb. 1967, and was buried next to her husband.

In 1910 William O. Varner, 41, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in the U.S. and a mother in Missouri, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife of seven years, Alta, 24, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his son, Walter A., 5, daughter, Elsie O., 4, son, "Leoro," 3, and daughter, "Ernie" D., 1 8/12, all four born in Missouri. Alta had had four children, with four surviving.^[2081]

2079. *Find a Grave*, no. 41938112, gravestone photograph, by Nancy Johnston, Macks Creek Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., "Varner | W^m O. | Feb. 8, 1869 | Nov. 7, 1937 || Alta | Aug. 4, 1886 | Feb. 8, 1967."

2080. Marriage record, image online at *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Camden Co., 92, William O. Varner, over 21, of Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., to Alta Williams, under 18, of Macks Creek, with the consent of her father, G. R. Williams, licensed in Tinn Creek, 20 June 1903, marriage certificate illegible, transcribed by <Ancestry.com> as 21 June 1903.

2081. U.S. census, 1910, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 36, r. 772, p. 277, sh. 5A, dw. 85, fam. 89.

In 1920 William O. Varner, 51, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in the U.S. and a mother in Missouri, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife, Alta, 33, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his son, Walter A., 15, daughter, Elsie C. [possibly O.], 14, son, Leo O., 12, daughter, Erma D., 11, sons, Otto G., 9, and Guy R., 8, daughter, Erva O., 5, and son, Cecil D., 7/12, all eight born in Missouri.^[2082]

In 1930 William O. Varner, 61, a farmer born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife, Alta, 44, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his sons, Walter A., 25, and Guy R., 17, daughter, Erna [possibly Erva] O., 15, and son, Cecil D., 11, all four born in Missouri. William was first married at 33, and Alta at 16.^[2083]

Children:

- 13 i **WALTER A.**⁷ **VARNER**, born about 1905, Missouri.
- 14 ii **ELSIE C./O.**⁷ **VARNER**, born about 1906, Missouri.
- 15 iii **LEO O.**⁷ **VARNER**, born about 1907, Missouri.
- 16 iv **ERMA D.**⁷ **VARNER**, born about 1908, Missouri.
- 17 v **OTTO G.**⁷ **VARNER**, born about 1911, Missouri.
- 18 vi **GUY R.**⁷ **VARNER**, born about 1912, Missouri.
- 19 vii **ERVA/ERNA O.**⁷ **VARNER**, born about 1915, Missouri.
- 20 viii **CECIL D.**⁷ **VARNER**, born about 1919, Missouri.

4. EURELDA⁶ **VARNER** (₂₁₆?*Edmond*⁵, *Edmond*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born 15 Nov. 1871 (gravestone), Missouri, died 11 Jan. 1959, and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo.^[2084] She married about 1893 **WILLIAM A. NEWTON**, who was born 17 Feb.

2082. U.S. census, 1920, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 40, r. 911, p. 99, sh. 4B, dw. 77, fam. 81.

2083. U.S. census, 1930, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 12, r. 1180, p. 276, sh. 5B, dw. 100, fam. 100.

2084. *Find a Grave*, no. 49371860, gravestone photograph, by Vivian Kessler, Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., "Newton | Eurelda | Nov. 15, 1871 | Jan. 11, 1959 || William A. | Feb. 17, 1867 | Feb. 22, 1944."

1867 (gravestone), Missouri, died 22 Feb. 1944, and was buried next to his wife.

In 1910 Nancy A. Varner, 69, a widow born in Missouri of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Georgia, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., in the household of her son-in-law, William A. Newton, 43, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Virginia, with his wife of 17 years, "Eurelah" [or "Eureld" or "Eurelel"], 37, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his son, "Arllie" L., 13, and daughter, Mary E., 10, both born in Missouri. Eurelah had had three children, with three surviving. Nancy had had four children, with four surviving.^[2085]

In 1920 Nancy Varner, 78, a widow born in Missouri of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Georgia, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., in the household of her son-in-law, William A. Newton, 51, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Virginia, with his wife, Eurelda, 48, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his daughter-in-law [sic], Perl Bruce, 26, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, his grandson, Robert Bruce, 3 5/12, and granddaughter, Vivian Bruce, 1, both born in Missouri of a father born in Missouri, and with his son, Arlie Newton, and his [Arlie's] wife, May, 21, and sons, Chester, 2 1/12, and Ross, 8/12, all four born in Missouri of Missouri natives.^[2086]

Children:

- 21 i **PERL**⁷ **NEWTON**, born about 1894, Missouri, married — **BRUCE**, and had at least two children: (1) Robert⁸ Bruce, born about 1917, Missouri; and (2) Vivian⁸ Bruce, born about 1919, Missouri.
- 22 ii **ARLIE L.**⁷ **NEWTON**, born 29 July 1896, Missouri, died 18 Jan. 1958,^[2087] and buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek,

2085. U.S. census, 1910, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 35, r. 772, p. 265, sh. 4A, dw. 60, fam. 61.

2086. U.S. census, 1920, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 39, r. 911, p. 92, sh. 7A-B, dw. 137, fam. 140.

2087. *Find a Grave*, no. 71771691, gravestone photograph, by Dee Bremer, Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., "Newton | May | Dec. 3, 1898 | Oct. 25, 1975 || Arlie L. | July

Camden Co., Mo., married **MAY** —, born 3 Dec. 1898, Missouri, died 25 Oct. 1975, and buried with her husband, and had at least two children: (1) Chester⁸ Newton, born about 1918, Missouri; and (2) Ross⁸ Newton, born about 1919, Missouri.

23 iii **MARY E.**⁷ **NEWTON**, born about 1900, Missouri.

5. **MARY F.**⁶ **VARNER** (₂₁₆?*Edmond*⁵, *Edmond*⁴, *James*³, *Edmond*², *James*¹) was born about 1874 or 29 May. 1877 (gravestone), Missouri, died 7 June 1956, and was buried in Hopewell Cem., Tunas, Dallas Co., Mo.^[2088] She **may have** married (1), **perhaps** by common law,^[2089] **BLUFORD COVINGTON GRAHAM**, who was born **31** Aug. 1874 (1900 census), Missouri, son of Thomas M. and Sarah A. (—) Graham.^[2090] She married **(2)** about 1901 **GEORGE WASHINGTON CLEMONS [CLEMMONS]**, who was born 17 Jan. 1877,^[2091] Missouri, died 27 May 1952, and was buried next to Mary.

In 1910 George W. Clemons, 33, a farmer born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Lincoln Twp., Dallas Co., Mo., with his wife of nine years, Mary F., 32, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his daughters, Anna D., 12, Lola F., 6, Blanche M., 4, and Leona, 2, and

29, 1896 | Jan. 18, 1958.”

2088. *Find a Grave*, no. 72189290, gravestone photograph, by Dee Bremer, Hopewell Cem., Tunas, Dallas Co., Mo., “Clemons | Mary F. | May 29, 1877 | June 7, 1956 || George W. | Jan. 17, 1877 | May 27, 1952.” Cites Mo. death certificate 22465 for her death in Mercer Co., Mo.

2089. Email from Bruce Varner, 16 May 2013, “it appears that she [Mary] may have been only common law married to Graham. Mary & Graham also apparently had at least one daughter (Lillie Graham, no details). | Further, no marriage certificate has been located for Mary & Clemons. Mary & Clemons had at least 10 children (Velva, Lola, Blanche, Fonsa, Wilber, Lee, Dell, Goldie, Norman, Wade).”

2090. U.S. census, 1900, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 10, r. 845, p. 105, sh. 5A, dw. 74, fam. 74, lists Thomas M. Graham, 53, born Dec. 1846, Ky., wife of 32 yrs., Sarah A., 61, born June 1838, Ky., with two children, including son, Bluford C., 25, born Aug. 1874, Mo.; U.S. census, 1880, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 42, r. 678, p. 72C, dw. 142, fam. 142, lists Thomas M. Graham, 33, born Ky., Sarah A., 42, born Ky., six children, including son, Covington, 6, born Mo.

2091. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, George Washington Clemmons, 41, of Celt, Dallas Co., Mo., born 17 Jan. 1877, farmer, nearest relative Mary F. Clemmons, registered [empty].

son, Fonsa R., 5/12, all five born in Missouri except for Blanche, born in South Dakota. Mary had had six children, with five surviving.^[2092]

In 1920 George Clemmons, 43, a farmer born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Miller Twp., Dallas Co., Mo., with his wife, Mary F., 42, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his daughters, Lola F., 16, "Blanch" M., 13, and "Leon," 11, sons, Fonsa R., 10, Wilbur R., 8, and Wade G., 6, daughter, "Goldie" M., 4, and son, Norman E., 10/12, all eight born in Missouri except for Blanch, born in South Dakota.^[2093]

In 1930 George W. Clemons, 53, a farmer born in Missouri of Kentucky natives, resided in Grand Pass Twp., Saline Co., Mo., with his wife, Mary F., 52, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his sons, Fonsa R., 20, Wilbur R., 18, and Wade G., 16, daughter, Golda M., 13, and son, Norman E., 11, all five born in Missouri. George was first married at 24, and Mary at 23.^[2094]

In 1940 George W. Clemons, 63, a farmer born in Missouri, resided in Grand Pass Twp., Saline Co., Mo., with his wife, Mary F., 42, born in Missouri, and his son, Wilbur R., 29, single, a farm laborer born in Missouri.^[2095]

Known children, of 10, of the marriage to George Clemons:

- 24 i ANNA D.⁸ CLEMONS, born about 1898, Missouri.
- 25 ii LOLA F.⁸ CLEMONS, born about 1904, Missouri.
- 26 iii BLANCHE M.⁸ CLEMONS, born about 1906, South Dakota.
- 27 iv LEONA.⁸ CLEMONS, born about 1908, Missouri.
- 28 v FONSA R.⁸ CLEMONS, born about 1910, Missouri.
- 29 vi WILBUR R.⁸ CLEMONS, born about 1912, Missouri.
- 30 vii WADE G.⁸ CLEMONS, born about 1914, Missouri.

2092. U.S. census, 1910, Lincoln Twp., Dallas Co., Mo., ED 15, r. 778, p. 199, sh. 4B, dw. 76, fam. 79.

2093. U.S. census, 1920, Miller Twp., Dallas Co., Mo., ED 22, r. 912, p. 238, sh. 4B, dw. 79, fam. 86.

2094. U.S. census, 1930, Grand Pass Twp., Saline Co., Mo., ED 17, r. 1246, p. 135, sh. 12A, dw. 238, fam. 241.

2095. U.S. census, 1940, Grand Pass Twp., Saline Co., Mo., ED 98-19, r. 2155, p. 158, sh. 10A, dw. 194.

31 viii **GOLDA M.⁸ CLEMONS**, born about 1916, Missouri.

32 ix **NORMAN E.⁸ CLEMONS**, born about 1919, Missouri.

6. CLARENCE SHERIDAN⁷ VARNER (²*John L.⁶, ?Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 18 Sept. 1895, Edith, Camden Co., Mo.,^[2096] died 13 Mar. 1988, and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo.^[2097] He married 25 Dec. 1919 (grave-stone) **MARY O. ROGERS**, who was born 10 Jan. 1900, Missouri, daughter of Sarah J. (—) Rogers, and died 6 Apr. 1994, buried next to her husband.

In 1930 Clarence S. “Varmer,” 34, a farmer born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife, Mary O., 30, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his daughter “Dorthy” L., 9, and son, Denzel E., 6, both born in Missouri, and his mother-in-law, Sarah J. Rogers, 71, a widow born in Missouri of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Missouri. Clarence was first married at 23, Mary at 19, and Sarah at 18.^[2098]

Children:

33 i **DOROTHY L.⁸ VARNER**, born about 1921, Missouri.

34 ii **DENZEL E.⁸ VARNER**, born about 1924, Missouri.

7. CLOE/CHLOIE B.⁷ VARNER (²*John L.⁶, ?Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 1 Nov. 1897 (gravestone), Missouri, died 8 Apr. 192[?], and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo.^[2099] She married 10 Nov. 1917, Camden Co., Mo.,^[2100] **AL-**

2096. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Clarence Sheridan Varner, 21, of Edith, Mo., born 18 Sept. 1895, Edith, Mo., single, registered 5 June 1917, Edith, Camden Co., Mo.

2097. *Find a Grave*, no. 29753534, gravestone photograph, Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., “Varner | Mary | Jan. 10, 1900 | Apr. 6, 1994 || Sheridan | Sept. 18, 1895 | Mar. 13, 1988 | married Dec. 25, 1919 | U.S. Army [?] | 52 Balloon Co.”

2098. U.S. census, 1930, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 10, r. 1180, p. 264, sh. 1B, dw. 12, fam. 12.

2099. *Find a Grave*, no. 29105446, gravestone photograph, Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., “Hunt | Chloe B. | Nov. 1, 1897 | Apr. 8, 19[27?] || Albert D. | Nov. 8, 1897

BERT D. HUNT, who was born 8 Nov. 1897 (gravestone) or 8 Nov. 1898 (draft registration),^[2101] died 8 Jan. 1978, and was buried with his wife. He remarried Argie M. (Eidson) Laughlin, who was born 31 Oct. 1891, died Oct. 1973,^[2102] last residence Macks Creek, and was buried in Laughlin Cem., Camdenton, Camden Co., Mo., next to her first husband^[2103] Roscoe T. Laughlin.^[2104]

In 1920 Albert D. Hunt, 22, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Missouri, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife, Chloe, 22, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his son, Brice, 1 2/12, born in Missouri.^[2105]

In 1930 Albert Hunt, 32, a farmer born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife, "Argia," 36, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his son, Brice, 10, daughter, Bonna, 8, and sons, Ross, 6, and Joe, 4/12, all four born in Missouri. Albert was first married at 21, and Argia at 24.^[2106]

Children:

- 35 i **WILLIAM BRICE⁸ HUNT**, born 21 Nov. 1918, Missouri, died 18 Mar. 2001,^[2107] buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo.

| Jan. 8, 1978."

2100. *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, image online but only partially legible, Albert Hunt, under 21, to Chloe Varner, over 18, both of Edith, Camden Co., Mo., date illegible but transcribed as 10 Nov. 1917, Camden Co., Mo.

2101. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Albert D. Hunt, 20, of Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., born 8 Nov. 1898, nearest relative "Chloye B. hunt," of Macks Creek, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Linn Creek, Camden Co., Mo.

2102. SSDI, Argie Hunt, SSN 491–42–8894, born 31 Oct. 1891, died Oct. 1973, issued Mo. (1955).

2103. *Mo. Marriage Records, 1805–2002*, Argie Eidson to Roscoe Laughlin, 29 June 1910, Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo.

2104. *Find a Grave*, no. 31258121, gravestone photograph, by Dee Bremer, Laughlin Cem., Camdenton, Camden Co., Mo., "Laughlin | Roscoe T. | 1889–1921 || Argie M. | 1891–1973."

2105. U.S. census, 1920, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 39, r. 911, p. 94, sh. 9A, dw. 162, fam. 165.

2106. U.S. census, 1930, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 1, r. 1180, p. 269, sh. 4B, dw. 74, fam. 74.

2107. *Find a Grave*, no. 29301746, gravestone photograph, by Dee Bremer, Pleasant Grove Cem.,

- 36 ii **BONNA⁸ HUNT**, born about 1922, Missouri.
- 37 iii **LAWRENCE ROSS⁸ HUNT**, born 20 Aug. 1923, Missouri, died 1 Sept. 1982,^[2108] buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., married 6 Sept. 1945 **BONNIE STOUFER**, born 10 Oct. 1927, died 23 Apr. 2009, buried next to her husband.
- 38 iv **MILDRED J.⁸ HUNT**, born 8 Dec. 1925, died 12 Dec. 1925,^[2109] buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo.

8. CORA LEE⁷ VARNER (₂*John L.⁶, ?Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 28 Oct. 1899 (gravestone), Missouri, died 2 Jan. 1983, and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo.^[2110] She married 4 July 1916 (gravestone) **MELVIN ROSCOE MEADS**, who was born 22 May 1895, Edith Pct., Camden Co., Mo.,^[2111] died 16 Jan. 1980, and was buried next to his wife.

In 1920 Melvin R. Meads, 24, a farmer born in Missouri of a father born in Tennessee and a mother in Missouri, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife, Cora L., 19, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his son, Arnold T., 1 4/12, born in Missouri.^[2112]

Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., "William Brice | Hunt | Nov. 21, | 1918 || Mar. 18, | 2001 | Son of Albert & Chloie Hunt."

2108. *Find a Grave*, no. 37236540, gravestone photograph, by Dee Bremer, Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., "Hunt | Lawrence Ross | Aug. 20, | 1923 || Sept. 1, | 1982 || Married | Sept. 6, | 1945 || Bonnie (Stoufer) | Oct. 10, | 1927 || Apr. 23, | 2009."

2109. *Find a Grave*, no. 29105539, gravestone photograph, Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., "Mildred J. Hunt | Dau of Albert & Chloie | Dec.8, 1925 | Dec. 12, 1925."

2110. *Find a Grave*, no. 71770905, gravestone photograph, Dee Bremer, Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., "Howdy | Meads | Cora Lee (Varner) | Oct. 28, 1899-Jan. 2, 1983 || married July 4, 1916 || Melvin Roscoe | May 22, 1895-Jan. 16, 1930." The back side of this gravestone reads, "Meads | parents of | William Earnie | Thomas Arnel | Lawrence Elden | Melvin Oral | Felix Marvin | Roy Lee | Daniel Dean || Maxine | Thelma June | Velma Jane | Rosa Evelyn | Virgie Joan."

2111. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Melvin Rosco [sic] Meads, 22, of Edith, Mo., born 22 May 1895, Edith, Mo., farmer, married with a child, registered 5 June 1917, Edith Pct., Camden Co., Mo.

2112. U.S. census, 1920, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 39, r. 911, p. 94, sh. 9A, dw. 161, fam. 164.

In 1930 Roscoe Meads, 35, a farmer born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., with his wife, Cora, 30, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his sons, Arnold, 11, Elden, 8, and Oral, 7, daughter, “Maxciene,” 6, daughter [sic], Marvin, 4, and daughters, Velma and Thelma, both 3 6/12, all seven born in Missouri. Roscoe was first married at 21, and Cora at 16.^[2113]

In 1940 Roscoe M. Meads, 44, a CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) blacksmith born in Missouri, resided in Grand Pass Twp., Saline Co., Mo., with his wife, Cora L., 40, born in Missouri, and his sons, Thomas A., 21, a CCC typist, Lawrence E., 19, and Melvin O., 17, daughter, Maxine, 16, son, Felix M., 14, daughters, Thelma J. and Velma J., both 12, son, Roy L., 9, daughter, Rosie E., 7, and son, Daniel D., 1, all 10 born in Missouri. They had resided in Camden Co., Mo., in 1935.^[2114]

Children (see parents’ gravestone):

- 39 i **WILLIAM EARNIE⁸ MEADS**, born 20 Apr. 1917 (gravestone), died 29 Apr. 1919, buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo.^[2115]
- 40 ii **THOMAS ARNEL/ARNOLD⁸ MEADS**, born about 1919, Missouri.
- 41 iii **LAWRENCE ELDEN⁸ MEADS**, born about 1921, Missouri.
- 42 iv **MELVIN ORAL⁸ MEADS**, born about 1923, Missouri.
- 43 v **MAXINE⁸ MEADS**, born about 1924, Missouri.
- 44 vi **FELIX MARVIN⁸ MEADS**, born about 1926, Missouri.
- 45 vii **THELMA JUNE⁸ MEADS** (twin), born about 1928, Missouri.
- 46 viii **VELMA JANE⁸ MEADS** (twin), born about 1928, Missouri.
- 47 ix **ROY LEE⁸ MEADS**, born about 1931, Missouri.
- 48 x **ROSA EVOLYN⁸ MEADS**, born about 1933, Missouri.
- 49 xi **DANIEL DEAN⁸ MEADS**, born about 1939, Missouri.
- 50 xii **VIRGIE JOAN⁸ MEADS**, born after the 1940 census.

2113. U.S. census, 1930, Russell Twp., Camden Co., Mo., ED 11, r. 1180, p. 269, sh. 4A, dw. 70, fam. 70.

2114. U.S. census, 1940, Grand Pass Twp., Saline Co., Mo., ED 98-19, r. 2155, p. 150, sh. 12A, dw. 249.

2115. *Find a Grave*, no. 29361612, gravestone photograph, Pleasant Grove Cem., Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., “In memory of our brother | William Earnie | Meads | Apr. 20, 1917 | Apr. 29, 1919 | son of Roscoe and Cora.”

9. **BERT L.⁷ VARNER** (₂*John L.⁶, ?Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 10 May 1902, Missouri, died 14 Mar. 1991.^[2116] He married about 1923 **ELLA FLORA VANCE**,^[2117] who was born about 1904, Missouri.

In 1930 Bert Varner, 27, a depot usher born in Missouri of Missouri natives, resided in Marlborough, Washington Twp., Jackson Co., Mo., with his wife, Ella F., 26, born in Missouri of Missouri natives, and his sons, Edwin, 4 1/12, and Harold, 2 7/12, both born in Missouri. Bert was 20 at first marriage, and Ella was 18.^[2118]

In 1940 Bert L. Varner, 37, a worker in the materials department of a Chevrolet motor plant born in Missouri, resided in Brooking Twp., Jackson Co., Mo., with his wife, Flora, 36, born in Missouri, and his sons, Edwin, 14, and Harold, 12, both born in Missouri. They all had resided in Camden Co., Mo., in 1935.^[2119]

Children:

- + 51 i **EDWIN DALE⁸ VARNER**, born 16 Feb. 1926, Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., married **RUTH HARRINGTON**, and had three children.
My correspondent Bruce Thomas⁹ Varner is Edwin's son.
- 52 ii **HAROLD⁸ VARNER**, born about 1927, Missouri.
- 53 iii **IRENE⁸ VARNER**, died as a baby (see Edwin's obit.).

51. **EDWIN DALE⁸ VARNER** (₉*Bert L.⁷, John L.⁶, ?Edmond⁵, Edmond⁴, James³, Edmond², James¹*) was born 16 Feb. 1926 (obit.), Macks Creek, Camden Co., Mo., died 1 Feb. 2008, Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo.,^[2120]

2116. SSDI, Bert L. Varner, SSN 487-09-4522, born 10 May 1902, died 14 Mar. 1991, issued Mo. (before 1951).

2117. Her surname from her son Edwin's obit. (q.v.).

2118. U.S. census, 1930, Marlborough (unincorporate), Washington Twp., Jackson Co., Mo., ED 281, r. 1204, p. 152, sh. 12A, dw. 88, fam. 88.

2119. U.S. census, 1940, Brooking Twp., Jackson Co., Mo., ED 48-67, r. 2116, p. 683, sh. 1B, dw. 19.

2120. SSDI, Edwin D. Varner, SSN ?, born 16 Feb. 1926, died 1 Feb. 2008, last residence 64138 Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo., issued Mo. (before 1951).

and was buried 9 Feb. 2008 in Floral Hills Funeral Home and Cem., Kansas City, Mo.^[2121] He married Sept. 1946 (see obit.) **RUTH HARRINGTON**. My correspondent Bruce Thomas⁹ Varner is Edwin's son.

From an obituary for Edwin:

Edwin "Ed" Dale Varner, 81, passed away on 2/1/2008 at Kansas City Hospice House. He was a resident of Raytown [suburb of Kansas City] for 75 years. Graveside service will be at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 2/9/08, . . .

Ed was born in Macks Creek, Mo., on February 16, 1926, to Bert L. and Ella Floral "Flo" (Vance) Varner. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Raytown for 75 years and recently attended Oakwood Baptist Church. He married Ruth (Harrington) in 1946 of Bonner Springs, Kan. They recently celebrated 61 years of marriage in September. Ed was preceded in death by his mother "Flo" and father Bert, as well as baby sister Irene, and brother Harold. He is survived by his wife Ruth, three children, Bruce (wife Charlene), David (wife Nancy), and Pamela (husband David) Walden, six grandchildren, Jennifer (husband Brian) Flavin, Julia, Paul, Greg, Hannah, Joshua, three step grandsons, Michael (wife April), Craig, Brad, and two step great grandchildren, Merrick and Alana. Ed served in the Air Force in WW II. He worked four years at Leeds Chevrolet before being recalled to active duty, from the reserves, for two years in the Korean War. He then worked as a route salesman for the Country Club Dairy for three years. He worked for Bendix (Allied Signal) for 33 years before retiring in 1988. Ed also served as a reserve police officer (Sgt) in Raytown for 10 years and was the department's first motorcycle patrolman.^[2122]

Children:^[2123]

- 54 i **BRUCE THOMAS⁹ VARNER**, born 18 Mar. 1951, Kansas City, Kans., married (1) **MARY JO IRWIN**, born 6 Mar. 1954, Union City, Obion Co., Tenn., married (2) **CHARLENE MARIE (WEBB) MAKOWSKI**,

2121. *Find a Grave*, no. 24454015, no gravestone photography, but a photograph of Ed, by Bruce Varner, and the obit. quoted in the sketch.

2122. Obit., *Kansas City Star*, 7 Feb. 2008.

2123. All details for these three children supplied by Bruce Thomas⁹ Varner, of Olathe, Johnson Co., Kans., in a document he sent me dated 6 Apr. 2013.

born 12 Feb . 1947. *Bruce is my correspondent on the Varner family. He carries the James Riggs YDNA signature, matching it at 67 of 67 markers.* He is responsible for much of the detailed genealogical work exhibited in this appendix and in the main text for Calvin⁵, Owen⁵, and Edmond⁵ Riggs and their families.

- 55 ii **DAVID KEITH⁹ VARNER**, born 17 Aug. 1958, Kansas City, Kans., married 16 Feb. 1980 **NANCY LOUISE KHOLMEYER**, born 19 Jan. 1959.
- 56 iii **PAMELA KAYE⁹ VARNER**, born 10 Nov. 1960, Kansas City, Mo., married 13 June 1981 **DAVID LEE WALDEN**, born 12 Jan. 1956.

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ILLUSTRATIONS

Figure 1. The Anacostia River, formerly known as the Eastern Branch of the Potomac.

The Patuxent River is the wiggling line across the northeast corner of this illustration, from just left of midtop to midright. In 1726 Prince George's Parish was defined to be the Eastern Branch, Rock Creek, and Potomac Hundreds, embracing all the country northwest of a line "beginning with the mouth of the Eastern Branch of the Potomac, and running up therewith to the fork thereof, and thence continuing the course of the East Branch to its head, and by a straight line until it strikes the Patuxent River." I take this to mean northwest of the line defined in this illustration by the Anacostia River, then its NE Branch, then Beaverdam Creek, then a straight line to the Patuxent River. At the same time St. John's Parish was defined to be the Piscataway and New Scotland Hundreds.

Figure 2. Early Washington Co., Md., plats: Piles Delight, No. 5 (center bottom)

At coordinates T-U-37, on the Potomac River, patented 4 Sept. 1734 to Richard Spriggs, 724 acres, with Antietam Creek about four miles to the right of the numeral 5 (using the map's scale), running east of north, passing about three miles right of the shaded Conococheague Manor, owned by Lord Baltimore (and roughly the location of modern Hagerstown). It would have been in the Sharpsburgh Hundred by the 1765 division, or in the Marsh Hundred before that.

Figure 3. Riggs loci in Maryland

The Anacostia River (Eastern Branch of the Potomac) enters at bottom right across from the "ia" in "Alexandria." Rock Creek enters at milepost 0 of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal (the green path). Broad Run is at about mile 32 (red numerals), and White's Ferry at about mile 35. The Monocacy River enters the Potomac at about mile 42. Harper's Ferry is located at about mile 61, and Antietam Creek enters the Potomac at about mile 69. The canal ends at Pennsylvania.

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