

**Burghardt/Burgett
Family
In America**

1625-1995

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Rush Creek T^y
March 23rd 1885 -
This is to certify
that on this day I
solemnized the rights
of matrimony between
Mr John Burgett and
Miss Lillie Wray
due and legal ^{form}
under my hand this
March 23rd 1885 -
P. B. Humphreys L.D.
Witnesses
James

G. W. Johnston
J. A. Weyer
mark

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Marriage Certificate of John Samuel Burgett and Lillie Evalee Wray
Rush Creek, Oklahoma Indian Territory March 23, 1885



Hollis, Harmon Co., OK (Early 1930's)
John Samuel Burgett holding twin granddaughter, Ruth Nell (Burgett)
Scott. Lillie Evalee (Wray) Burgett holding twin granddaughter, Ruby Dell
(Burgett) Sirmons. Grandson, Milbrey Otto Burgett (standing).

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FOREWORD

The story of the migration of my **Burghardt** ancestors from Holland to the Hudson River Valley of New York shortly after the exploration of that river by the English-born explorer, Henry Hudson, in 1609 is the story of the settlement of the "New World" by Europeans. He was seeking a "Northwest Passage" through the North American continent as a shorter trade route from Europe to the Orient for the Dutch West India Company.

The story of the western migration of Judith, William, Sr., Milbury, and Jehoiakim Jr., all children of **Jehoiakim Burget, Sr.**¹ and **Sarah White** (supposedly a descendant of the great Wampanoag Indian **Chief Massasoit**) from Schoharie and Chenango Counties of New York, shortly after 1800 to Ashtabula Co., OH and the continuing migration of their descendants westward to MI, IN, IL, WI, IA, MO, NE, OR, CA, TX and OK is also literally the story of the "western movement" in the United States!

Spelling Variations of the Burghardt/Burgett Surname

Spelling variations of the family surname included in this narrative, especially Dutch names, were taken exactly as they appeared in christening, marriage, death, and cemetery records (primarily of the Reformed Dutch Church) after confirming that a person was indeed a blood relation. A list of various spellings of the family surname-- **Bogardus, Bogart, Borgaart, Burger, Burget, Burgett, Burghardt, Burghart, Burkhart**, etc. taken from these sources would fill a full 8-1/2 x11 page!

Genealogical research revealed several relatives and/or descendants of the Burghardt and allied families with the given name of Milberry, Milbury, and other variations thereof. My first name is Milbrey, and I had never previously heard of another person with that given name. It was easy to conclude that there was probably a relationship of some kind between my family and that of Conrad Burghardt, especially when I learned that many of his descendants were listed in various documents (Federal Census records, christening records, and marriage records of the Reformed Dutch Church) under the name of Burgaart, Burget, Burgett, and many other variations. These were probably phonetic and Anglicized variations of the original Dutch surname. A review of Dutch christening records indicate that the name of Milbury and its variations probably came down through the allied **Van Hoesen** family.

Principal Allied Families

A study of many allied families was obviously an important part of the research for this narrative. These families included the: **Van Deusen, Van Hoesen (Husum), Van Valkenburg**, and **Van Wie** families from the Hudson River Valley of

¹ Listed as Jochem Burger in the christening records of the Zion Lutheran Church at Loonenburg, Greene Co., NY.

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New York and Berkshire Co., MA; the Rhine Palatinate German **Mattice** family and the **Vrooman** families from the Schoharie Valley of New York; the **John Andrews** family from CT, Chenango Co., NY, and Ashtabula Co., OH; the **Dodge** family from Essex Co., MA, Chenango Co., NY, and Ashtabula Co., OH, the **Brainard** family from MA, Middlesex Co., CT, Chenango Co., NY, and Ashtabula Co., OH; the **Archelaus R. Parker** family from Ashtabula Co., OH and Boone and McLean Cos., IL; the **Schellenger (Schellinx)** family from CT, Berkshire Co., MA, Ashtabula Co., OH, Boone and McLean Cos., IL, and Sutter Co., CA; the **Woodruff, Wing, and Hoskins** families of Ashtabula Co., OH; the **Rockholt** family from Livingston Co., MO and Sutter Co., CA; the **Nahum King** and **Rowland Chambers** families from MA, NY, MO, and Benton Co., OR; the **George Thompson** family of Yorkshire, England, Macoupin Co., IL, and Sutter Co., CA; the **Charge** family of Sutter Co., CA; the **Ezra Wallen** family of Tehama, Butte, and Lake Cos., CA; the **Moore** family from Livingston Co., MO and Montague Co., TX; the **Bryant** family of Montague Co., TX; the **Orrell** family of Montague and Wise Cos., TX; the **Doty** family from Livingston Co., MO; the **Ithamer Savera Singletary** family from SC, NC, GA, FL, AL and Montague Co., TX; the **Fanning** family from IL and Montague Co., TX; and the **Wray** family from Saline Co., IL, ID, Montague Co., TX, and Caddo Co., OK.

John Samuel Burgett and Lillie Evalee Wray

The research which is the basis for this narrative began rather modestly merely to gather information about the descendants of my paternal grandparents, **John Samuel Burgett** (John Hoskins Burget⁹) and **Lillie Evalee Wray**. There are currently over 270 documented direct descendants of John and Lillie, who had fourteen children--ten of whom lived to maturity, married, and also had children.

The Ohio Connection

That original goal expanded geometrically when **Ruth Haines**,² a researcher with the Ashtabula County, Ohio Genealogical Society in Jefferson, OH who married a descendant of **Milberry Burget** (Jehoiakim Burget, Sr.⁶) and **Sally Andrews**, helped me to make a positive connection (unknown to me at the time) between/among my ancestors from Montague Co., TX and Ashtabula Co. OH with those ancestors (probably Dutch, but could be German) in the Hudson River Valley of New York and Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., MA in 1992. I call this "the Ohio Connection" for obvious reasons.

Ashtabula County has become the milieu for the information structure necessary for researching the **Burget/Burgett** and allied families of **Andrews, Brainard, Dodge, Parker, and Schellenger**. All of these families initially migrated westward from MA, CT, and up-state NY to Ashtabula Co., OH ca. 1813 before continuing even further westward.

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Ruth has continued to supply valuable information about those families and their descendants.

The "project" currently spans sixteen generations and contains over 5,000 names! I am included among the 12th of those documented generations.

Montague Co., TX

In 1951, I was first aware that my paternal great-grandfather, **John H. Burget**, was listed in the 1860 Federal Census for Montague Co., TX. Ohio was indicated as his place of birth. I later learned that his middle initial, "H", was "Hoskins" undoubtedly after the name of the family of his mother, **Lucy M. Hoskins**, who married **John A. Burget** in Ashtabula Co., OH in 1826.

Claudia Alice (Wray) Miles

During the mid-1950's, I corresponded with my paternal great aunt, **Claudia Alice (Wray) Miles**, of Fort Cobb, OK about the Wray family. She was the youngest sister of my paternal grandmother, Lillie Evalee Wray. Aunt Alice related the wonderful story about the wagon train in which the Wray family and several sons-in-law, including my paternal grandfather, John Samuel Burgett, journeyed from Oklahoma Indian Territory to Idaho in 'Conestoga Wagons' ca. 1886. Many of them had returned to Oklahoma by 1890, probably to participate in the Oklahoma "Land Rush" in 1889.

Carlton Burgett

A cousin, **Carlton Wayne Burgett** (Cecil Woodrow Burgett¹²), contacted me in Connecticut from California in 1990 to inquire about the family genealogical information that I had gathered during my intermittent research to that time. Communication with him sparked my interest--especially since I had retired by then and had the time to do more intensive research than previously.

Berkshire Co., MA

Subsequent to my moving from Virginia to Connecticut in 1958, I became aware of the Dutch family of **Conrad Hendrickse Burghardt** (Hendrick Conradse²), who had moved eastward from Kinderhook, NY (just below Albany) about 1730, bought a considerable amount of land from the Indians in what is now Berkshire Co., MA, met the English settlers from the Massachusetts Bay Colony moving westward, and founded "Housatonic Colony", which is modern-day Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., MA.

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Most of this information about this area was gleaned from *History of Great Barrington (Berkshire) Massachusetts.*³ I had discovered this book in the Connecticut State Library in Hartford.

The source of much of the information about the Burghardt family in the Kinderhook, NY and Great Barrington, MA areas (especially the descendants of Gerrit Bogaart [Garrett Burghardt] and Mary Jacobs--his line of descendancy) was **Marshall Burghardt**.⁴ He provided information about his direct family line as well as other invaluable information about the Van Hoesens, an allied family of the Burghardts, and the Dutch settlement of the Hudson River Valley of New York after its exploration by Hendrick Hudson in the *Half Moon* in 1609.

Chenango County, New York

William Burget, Sr. [Gen. 7]

Esther Marion (Wadsworth) York,⁵ a descendant of **William Burget, Sr.** (Jehoiakim Burget, Sr.⁶) and **Abigail Andrews**, provided a copy of land records indicating that William bought land there in 1810. There is also some indication that William served as a Major in the American army fighting against the British during the War of 1812.

John Andrews

Marion also provided a copy of the will of **John Andrews**, father of Abigail and Sally Andrews, dated 1812. He had apparently moved there from CT after serving in the Revolutionary War.

Ashtabula Co., OH Genealogical Society

My next problem was that I needed to make an "Ohio Connection" between my family in TX and Conrad's family in MA and NY.

In 1992, I contacted the Ashtabula Co., OH Genealogical Society located in Jefferson, OH to determine if they might have any information useful to me. It turned out that I was extremely fortunate that my letter of inquiry was given to one of their researchers named **Ruth Haines**.⁶ Ruth wrote me a return letter, indicating that her husband was a descendant of Milberry Burget, a brother of William Burget, Sr., from whom I descend, and that she already had a great deal of information that she could

³Taylor, Charles J., *History of Great Barrington (Berkshire) Massachusetts--1676 to 1882.* Town of Great Barrington, MA, 1928.

⁴136 Monument St., Groton, CT 06340, (203) 445-4955.

⁵P. O. Box 473, South Haven, MI 49090, (616) 637-3937

⁶ibid

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did, and continues to share with me.

This information essentially centered around the identification of my paternal great-great-grandfather, **John A. Burget**, and his wife, **Lucy M. Hoskins**, who were married in Ashtabula Co., OH on 28 December 1826. He was the son of **William Burget, Sr.** and **Abigail Andrews**. As mentioned above, William was one of the four children of **Jehoiakim Burget, Sr.** and **Sarah White**, who had migrated westward from up-state New York from around, and to the west of, Albany to Ashtabula Co., OH shortly after the war of 1812.

William Burget, Sr. and his brother, Milberry, married sisters, Abigail and Sarah (Sally) Andrews, both daughters of John Andrews of CT.

Livingston Co., MO

The rest is history. I then found records of the marriage of my paternal great-grandfather, **John Hoskins Burgett**, and **Sarah Elizabeth Doty** on 1 July 1855 in Livingston Co., MO through marriage records for that county that the Mormon Family History Centers had "extracted" from the records of many of the key states and counties important in the "western movement". Then, another Burgett descendant, **Nancy Lightfoot**,⁷ of nearby Shenandoah, IA, a descendant of **William Franklin Burgett**, a younger brother of my paternal grandfather, **John Samuel Burgett**, went to Livingston Co., MO and found the probate records of John A. Burget, who died there in 1858. These records identified three of his sons (Henry, Milbury, and Ira) who had left MO for OR or CA in the early 1850's. A younger sister, **Harriet Maryetta Burget**, subsequently joined them in CA; while another son, **John Hoskins Burget**, and another sister, **Dama Abia Burget** (who married **Leander Moore** in Livingston Co., MO in 1853) had gone from MO to Montague Co., TX by 1859.

Montague Co., TX

Mrs. Frank Hankins⁸ of Bowie, TX, Query Editor of the Montague County Genealogical Society, provided material about early marriage records of Montague Co.

Note Of Appreciation

I am deeply indebted to all of those individuals and organizations who have been helpful in contributing genealogical information for this "project".

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not of their religious persuasion.

My very special gratitude to **Ruth Haines**, who is a "can do" gal!

The Next Edition

Genealogical research continues, and material is still being received, verified, and edited. Additions and corrections will be reflected in the next edition of this publication at an appropriate time in the future.

Photographs are also being collected and laser-copied for possible use in the next edition by scanning them into the computer for use at an appropriate location in the text adjacent to the narrative about various individuals or families.

Constructive comments about the organization, content and/or format of this publication are encouraged.

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PART I

THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY AND VICINITY

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Dutch Exploration

The English-born explorer, **Henry Hudson**, sailed up the Hudson River in the **Half Moon** "to the shallows" near Albany in 1609 on behalf of the Dutch West India Company while seeking the "Northwest Passage" as a shorter route from Europe to the Orient. Thus Holland explored "New Netherlands" and joined England, France, and Spain in staking her claims to land on the North American continent.

Dutch Settlement Along the Hudson River 9

"Dutch fur traders plied the Hudson River one year after Hendrick (Henry) Hudson broached it in the "Half Moon" in 1609 to the shallows and bartered with the natives. Although Dutch sailing vessels returned to Holland in 1610 with a rich cargo of furs traded from the Indians in their newly discovered possessions, colonization was not immediately attempted. About 1613 a trading post with a fort, so called, and a few huts were established on the southerly end of Manhattan Island and a similar post on Castle Island near Albany a little later. The Dutch West India Company of 1621 was purely commercial until 1629 when it inaugurated the feudalistic system of "Patroons" to establish colonies in "New Netherlands" to be of fifty persons to a tract sixteen miles long on a navigable stream. However, individuals could not gain title to the land until their contracts of service had been fulfilled.

Most of the families who came to Kinderhook (just south of Albany) were freemen and would hve none of the Patroon system. Thus for more than 20 years the area was the head of free navigation on the Hudson and the territory nearest to Fort Orange (Albany) without domination of the Patroons. About 1638, New Netherlands was thrown open to free immigration and unrestricted trade. The Kinderhook District drew settlers of independent spirit and of some means directly from Holland and New Amsterdam as well as freed colonists of the Patroons who were industrious and provident.

The Holland settlers loved the riverside and the banks of the Kinderhook and Claverack Creeks as building sites. The flowing waters were a sweet reminder of the Fatherland. By 1656, Kinderhook was one of the principal settlements on the river.

Wooden structures were soon replaced by enduring stone and brick houses of typical Dutch design. The average home was not elaborate, but being of masonry, easily lent itself to additions, not once but two and three times to give an appearance of long low houses with a steep pitched roof. Open fires served all, richer and poorer alike, and all were dependent upon springs or wells or rain barrel for their supply of water. Candles were the brightest artificial light, and misery came in winter with only open log fires to supply heat. A nearby stream was a necessity for the stock, and if navigable, lent a smooth pathway to neighbors and trade when compared to the boggy rutted wagon roads or trails.

In 1609, with the exception of small clearings crudely cultivated by the

⁹Collier, Edward A. *A History of Old Kinderhook*, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York 1914.

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aborigines, there was an unbroken wilderness from Manhattan Island to the St. Lawrence. Through it however, here and there were numerous trails, discernible by the Indians, which were their highways of travel....they followed principal streams.

For many years, the means of communication with Fort Orange (Albany), and much more with New Amsterdam (New York City), were few and primitive, with the river and mere bridle paths through the forest being the only highways. The voyage between New Amsterdam and Kinderhook took from three days by sloop, when winds were favorable, to a week or more when conditions were adverse. In 1699, an Indian interpreter journeying from New Amsterdam to Albany, taking one week....'we came to Kinderhook by boat and there took a canoe'...states in reference to the ship, *Half Moon*, as far as Kinderhook where the river shallows.

A map of tow tracts of a land grant of 3,590 acres surveyed prior to 1700 for **Coenradt Borghardt** and Elias Schaack in Land Papers vi, p. 174, shows that a considerable portion was in Claverack. **Coenradt Burghardt**, for almost every possible spelling of whose name was ample authority, was long prominently identified with the civil and religious life of the town from 1640 through the 1670's. His home was near the Land Road. *Old Kinderhook History* ¹⁰ mentions other families---Van Deursen, Scharp, Van Alen, Van buren, Van Hoesen, Huyck, Van Alstyne, and more.

Beginning in 1717, the "Trouw-Boeck" records of the Dutch Church show baptisms and marriages through the 1800's, except for a few missing years. Between 1717 and 1728, until the first pastor came, baptisms and marriages of Kinderhook were registered in the Albany church, whose pastor rendered service. Families in the southern part of the Kinderhook District are noted in the Claverack (Hudson, NY) church records. Children were usually baptized witin a few weeks of birth.

Old Kinderhook History indicates that the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Kinderhook, which had been a mission of the mother church at Albany since about 1677, became an independent organization in 1712, and for more than a century was the only church in Old Kinderhook. All baptisms and marriages were recorded in Albany until 1716, when the local records began. The records of 1716 speak of the existing church edifice as "very old" and much too small and states further that there were two volumes of Dutch records 1716-1800 which should be translated before the fading of ink...

In 1723, Captain Abraham Van Alstyn, **Coenradt Borghardt**, and Leondert Conyn were appointed commissioners to lay out a road to Greenbush by 1729, an act to clear the road of rock, brush, etc. for two rods wide.....

The Post Road was described as part of 'The Great Western and Wagon Road from Boston to Albany'. After leaving Springfield and Westfield, that road ran through Colebrooke, Sheffield, Roeloff, Jansen's Ferry, Claverack, Kinderhook, and Greenbush.

In 1785, the first stage company in this vicinity was chartered to run a line of weekly coaches over the Post Road, passing through Kinderhook, from Albany to New York---a trip of two days in summer and three in winter. The railroad from Albany to Hudson was built in 1851 and completed that year to New York.

¹⁰Ibid

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Dutch custom in naming children is worthy of study. While many had no surname, others had two or more. Frequently a father's christian name was given to a son and then to grandsons in every branch of the family. Identity of surnames is not of necessity of any evidence of kinship, especially as to the innumerable Vans (which means "from"). The middle initial of the man's name commonly stood for that of his father. The middle initial, I and J, and C and K, were commonly interchangeable. A minimal mention is made here of the difficulties which confront students of Dutch pedigree."

Jan Franse Van Hoesen 11

"**Jan Franse Van Hoesen**, the immigrant ancestor of all the Van Hoesens in this country, came from Husum, Schleswig, Denmark¹² to New Amsterdam, America. Other facts to support Jan Franse Van Hoesen being from Husum, Denmark is that a number of early settlers to the Netherlands came from there and that the Van Hoesens were Lutherans. There seems to be no good reason why the the name, Huysen, as shown in the first New York Church records should be written Hoesen, whereas on the map of Denmark in Ortelius' Atlas of 1598, Husum is spelled Huysen --so Van Hoesen would seem to be but a Dutch phonetic spelling of the name Husum. Jan Franse's wife was **Volkertje Jurriaanse**. It is not known if they were married before they came to this country or if they were married in New York, but his date of arrival must have been in 1640, or prior, as they had a son, Franse, baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church in New York on September 30, 1640.¹³ William Jurriaansen, "The Old Capeteyn" and Bakker sailed from Texel September 25, 1638 and arrived at New Amsterdam December 27, 1638 by ship of the West India Company, presumably "*de Liefder*".¹⁴

How long Jan Franse remained in New Amsterdam we do not know, but he later moved to Renselaerwyck, now Albany. Documents represent Jan Franse Van Hoesen, his wife, Volkie Jurriaanse, and his son, Jurian, as being of Fort Orange and Beverwyck (now Albany, NY) as early as 1645 when he made several purchases of land and erected buildings. His principal purchase was that of Claverack land of several hundred acres along the Hudson River from the Mohican Indians which he made on June 5, 1662 (under the Dutch regime). This tract includes the site of the [present] city of Hudson [NY].

Jan Franse Van Hoesen was the first settler near Claverack Landing (now Hudson). These lands were confirmed to him by a patent from Governor Nicoll at Albany on May 14, 1667. The purchase was originally made from an Indian named

¹¹ Whitcomb, Dorothy Van Hoesen. *The Van Hoesen Family 1640-1949*, 3818 Albemarle St., N.W. Washington, DC, October 26, 1949. (Note: A copy is filed in the State Library, Education Building, Albany, NY--H 929.2, qV2553w)

¹² New York State Library History Bulletin 9, Early Records of Albany, Vol. 2, pages 137, 232-3, 400)

¹³ New York Genealogical Magazine, Vol. 5, P. 29

¹⁴ Van Rensselaer Bowier Manuscripts, 1908, P. 820, New York State Library.

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Pamotepiet (or Pompocnick) and another Indian named Tatan Kenant, the purchase price being 500 guilders in beavers. One June 11, 1664, the sale was confirmed by another Indian owner named Sickanoek (alias Tunis), all signatures being made with signs or marks.

The original house occupied by Jan Franse Van Hoesen and his family was on a site near the entrance to the old covered bridge north of the [present] city of Hudson.

Mynheer Jan Franse Van Hoesen died at Claverack in 1667, probably a few days prior to May 30th, when Volkie, widow of Jan Franse, made a contract entered in the Orphans Court at Albany on that date wherein she is to remain in full possession of his estate for life.¹⁵ On May 11, 1667, a confirmatory patent was issued by Governor Nicolls to Jan Frans Van Hoesen for two large city lots, now in the Exchange Block on the Northeast corner of State and Broadway Streets, Albany. This fixes his death as between May 11 and May 30, 1667.

After his death, his widow, Volkie, married Gerrit Visbeeck, master of a vessel. She died after August 2, 1703, when letters of administration were issued to their eldest son, Jurian, for a settlement between the heirs and their mother, the life tenant.¹⁶ Under the laws of primo-geniture, Jurrian would inherit all lands; but an amiable settlement was made January 7, 1704 by which he conveyed the land on and near the river to his brothers, Jacob, Jan, and Johannes, and to his sister, Catherine, wife of Francis Hardick.

The Van Hoesen family in America for more than 300 years has never been prominent, but plain substantial people, mostly farmers, and always proud of their family name. Over fifty members of the family took part in the Revolutionary War, which is sufficient proof of their patriotism.

County histories have shown Jan Franse Van Hoesen as being a Director of the Dutch West India Company and the grantee of a lordly manner. All records I have found add up to give him the status of an ordinary colonist who married a baker's daughter, traded with Indians in a modest way and thereby was enabled to purchase considerable land when land had little value, and instead of being a Hollander, was a Schelwigien, who settled in a Dutch settlement.

There was a Francis Van Hoesen of that time in some of the records spelled Van Hoesen, who was one of "Thair High Mightinesses, the Dierectors General of the Dutch West India Company", and Jans Franse may have been a younger son, or more probably a nephew of this particular Francis, who was of North Brabant, and used a family coat of arms. It would be hard to prove this, however.

Jan Frans Van Hoesen and his family were Lutherans, hence but few of their children registered in the Reformed Church."

Children of Jan Frans Van Hoesen and Volkie Jurrianse:

I Fransje, baptized September 30, 1640 in the Dutch Reformed Church in New York. Probably died young.

¹⁵ New York State Library Bulletin 9, P. 400, Early Records of Albany, Vol. 2, The University of the City of New York.

¹⁶ Book of Deeds VI, p. 199, Albany County, NY County Clerk's Office.

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- II Jurrian, called eldest son. Born about 1643 (Athens, Greene Co., NY church record). Married Catherine. Died in the first summer month of 1711 at Claverack, aged about 68. Made his will May 5, 1711, proved August 1, 1713. Four children, all born in Albany, were Casper, Jan, Fitje, and Mary.
- III Jacob Janse, born in colony of Renselaerwyck. He married Judith Clauw (Cleaw, Klauw). (See page 12).
- IV Volkert, married Maritje Bensing. Had two children. He was listed as a farmer in 1689 and belonged to Capt. Gerrit Tunisen's company. Buried August 30, 1725.
- V Anna. Married Laykas Gerrites (Gerrit Lucas). She was living in 1667.
- VI Styntic. Married Jan Tyes Goes. Living in 1667.
- VII Maria. Married Hendrick Coenraetse Burqaart . Living in 1667.
- VIII Katherine. Married Frank Hardick. Died about 1735.
- IX Johannes was a freeholder in Claverack in 1720. He married first, Jannitje Jans de Ryck (daughter of Jan Cornelius), by whom he had ten children. He married second on June 19, 1709, Willempje (Winnie) Viele (Schermerhoorn) and by her had two children.

Van Valkenburg and Van Wie Families

Lewis W. Hallenbeck, Registrar of The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, provided material¹⁷ indicating that **Evatie (Eva) Van Valkenburg**, daughter of **Lambert Jochumse Van Valkenburg** and **Jannetje Franse Klauw**, married **Hendrick Burkhardt**, the eldest son of **Coenraat Hendrickse Borghghardt**, and that **Judick Van Valkenburg**, daughter of **Jochem Van Valkenburg** and **Elsje Van Husen**, married **Conrad Borghard**, the son of the above Hendrick Burkhardt, and that Conrad and Judick had a son named **Jochem** born in 1752. His christening records from the Zion Lutheran Church at Loonenburg, Greene Co., NY record his name as "Jochem Burger." This was a very important connection in my research to establish descendency and is an example of one of the difficulties of tracing of Dutch ancestry. I was to learn that names in Dutch genealogical research often varied widely.

¹⁶ Van Valkenburg, Paul I. *The Van Valkenburg Family in America*, Gateway Press, Baltimore, 1981.

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He also provided material on the Van Wie family indicating that sisters, **Geesie** and **Catherine**, were daughters of **Hendrick Gerritse Van Wie**, and that they had married brothers, **Coenraad Borgert** and **Jan Borgiaert** (respectively).

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Coenreat Hendrickse Borghghardt ¹⁸ [Gen. 3]

Jan Franse van Hoesen was a maternal grandfather of Coenreat Hendrickse Borghghardt, who is included in the third generation of known Burghardt/Burgett descendants in America in this project.

"Coenreat Hendrickse Borghghardt, or, as the name has since been written, Coonrod Burghardt, was born about 1677, probably in the vicinity of Albany, and was the son of Hendrick Coenreatse Borghghardt and Marya Janse Franse Van Hoesen, daughter of Jan Franse Van Hoesen and Volkie Juiriaanse.

Coonrod Burghardt's maternal grandfather, Jan Franse Van Hoesen, came from a place called Huisen, near the Zuyder Zee, Netherlands. He was a commissioner for the Dutch West India Company, and a resident of New Amsterdam (New York City) before 1654, and afterward of Fort Orange and Beaverwyck (Albany). He was interested in shipping, and bought considerable real estate in the village and vicinity of Fort Orange, also half the island opposite, which, after his death, about 1667, was sold to Jeremiah Van Rennselaer.

On June 5, 1662, he bought from the Indians, for five hundred guilders, in beavers, several hundred acres along the Hudson River, in the vicinity of Claverack, including the present city of Hudson. Coonrod Burghardt married, before 1698, Gesie Hendrickse Van Wie, daughter of Hendrick Gerritse Van Wie, and settled in Kinderhook, before 1700. He is mentioned as a prominent citizen of that place in 1702, and again in 1720, in the Documentary History of the State of New York. In December 1702, Mr. Burghardt, and some of his neighbors, were summoned to appear before the Governor and Council, in the City of New York, and answer the charge of having employed Paulus Van Vleck, a religious teacher, who had been forbidden to preach by the former.

As the season was unfavorable for traveling, Mr. Burghardt petitioned that the matter be postponed until spring, but it was not granted, so he, with the others, journeyed to New York, appearing before the proper authorities on March 11, 1703, "acknowledged their error, and, submitting themselves thereon, were discharged, with a caution to be more careful for the future."

Mr. Burghardt was extensively engaged in the fur trade, with the Indians, along the New England path, which extended from Albany to Boston, and passed through Kinderhook and the southern part of the Housatonic Valley, which he had undoubtedly explored at an early date, and he was on friendly terms with them and familiar with

¹⁸ Sahler, Louis Hasbrouck. *The Van Deusens of Van Deusen Manor*, Berkshire Courier Co., Great Barrington, MA.

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their language and customs.

In the spring of 1717 he and Elias Van Schaick applied to the Governor of New York for a license to purchase a tract of four thousand acres of land, south-east of Kinderhook, and west of the Westenhook patent, which latter included a large part of the Housatonic Valley.

The land was laid out in the fall of the same year, by a government surveyor, but it was immediately claimed by **Henry Van Rensselaer**, of Claverack manor, upon the strength of an alleged prior patent, and this circumstance was followed by a controversy, which continued many years, and finally resulted unfavorably for Mr. Burghardt, however, it was probably in consequence of this that he connected himself with the New England settlers, in the Housatonic valley, which alliance proved of great benefit to himself and his posterity. In 1724 he was employed by the Settling Committee, of the Housatonic colony, to purchase, from the Indians, land in the southern portion Berkshire Copunty, for the formation of the Housatonic townships, and he was so successful that he reduced the money value from 1200 pounds, the price asked to 460 pounds, the price given.

On April 25, 1724, Konkapot and twenty other Indian owners, met the committee at Westfield, Massachusetts, Mr. Burghardt, acting as interpreter, and he was also one of the witnesses to the deed, which the former gave to the latter, with certain reservations, to a tract of land extending four miles east of the Housatonic River, bounded on the south by the Connecticut line, north on "ye great mountain, known by ye name of Man-ska-fee-hunk," supposed to be Rattlesnake Mountain, in Stockbridge, and west on the New York line, which at that time had not been permanently settled.

In 1725 the committee engaged Mr. Burghardt to measure the distance from the Hudson to the Housatonic rivers, at the nearest point, in the vicinity of the Housatonic Townships, but he was caused much annoyance by the Westenhook patentees, who claimed a larger portion of Berkshire County. The history of this patent which is too long to repeat here, was granted by the Governor of New York, which state, at an early period, before the line was established, claimed the western end of Massachusetts as far east as the Connecticut River. Mr. Burghardt went to Albany, and engaged a surveyor, but, as he did not appear on the appointed time, Mr. Burghardt again visited Albany, when he learned that the man had been bribed by the Westenhook patentees; he then went to Schenectady and employed another, but this one also disappointed him, for the same reasons, but nothing daunted, he went eighty miles farther, to Kings Township, and there secured the services of a third, by paying 5 pounds New York currency, and, with the assistance of Mr. Burghardt and one of his sons, the surveyor measured the line.

In 1726 some of the settlers in the Housatonic Townships were molested, and sued as trespassers, by the Westnehook patentees, and lost their suits in Albany. The Settling Committee requested Mr. Burghardt to give bonds, for the damages and costs, which he did, and in consequence he had the trouble and expense of several trips to Albany and Westfield, and eventually paid 70 pounds to satisfy his bonds.

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Later he was employed by the committee to purchase a tract of land north of the Housatonic Townships, and for seventeen days he entertained "with great fatigue and trouble," at his home in Kinderhook, thirty-one Indian owners, who came from the Susquehannah country, in Pennsylvania.

In 1741 Mr. Burghardt petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts for reward for his services, in connection with the colonization of southern Berkshire County, relating the various details pertaining to them, and although they showed that had received some compensation, they presented him in 1742, a tract of two hundred acres of land, in Richmond, north of Great Barrington. He removed from Kinderhook to the Housatonic settlement a little later than 1730, bringing nearly all his children with him. "The mansion house of the Burghardts, a low, Dutch looking structure, with a long sloping roof to the south," was near the corner, north of the Mahaiwe or south cemetery, upon a plot of several acres. It was occupied by the Burghardts for about one hundred years, and was torn down about 1840.

Besides the house lands, he owned the meadow, now the Agricultural Grounds, two hundred acres in the town of Richmond, and several thousand acres of the finest lands in the present towns of Great Barrington and Egremont, some being on the banks of the Green River. His six rights, of four hundred acres each, in the Upper Housatonic Township, he transferred as follows: Two to his son-in-law, Isaac Van Deusen, in 1743; three to his sons, Peter and Jacob, in 1746, and one to his son Hendrick, at an earlier date.

"He was a man of great intelligence, enterprise and public spirit, as well as of sturdy integrity, and, judging from his autograph, a man of good education for those times," and "appears to have been the most wealthy of all the settlers, and to have maintained an influential position among them."

Mr. Burghardt died about 1750, and was undoubtedly buried in the vicinity of others of his family, in the south burial ground [Maihawe] at Great Barrington. It is to be regretted that no suitably inscribed monument perpetuates the memory of this sturdy patriarch, who may fairly be entitled to called the founder of the Housatonic colony."

NOTE: For many more details and interesting stories about Coenraat Borghghardt, the **History of Great Barrington (Berkshire) Massachusetts 1676-1882** is recommended reading.

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Revolutionary War

Tory Activity of the Burghardt Family

Tory activity of members of the Burghardt family in Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., MA is described in the above named publication.¹⁹ Lambert Burghardt, Peter Burghardt 2nd, Abraham Burghardt, Coonrod Burghardt, Jacob Burghardt, John Burghardt, Coonrod Burghardt, and others were served a "warning" by the Committee of Safety (Correspondence) of Great Barrington, MA that since "you have refused to subscribe to same (an act of the General Assembly), The People of this Town are very uneasy that you have not yet Resigned your arms, and we find they are determined to take your arms in their own way unless you resign them of your own accord. In order to prevent further confusion and mischief we advise you to resign your arms immediately to Sergeant Joshua Root who the committee have desired & take the charge of the same, and we have desired him to give you Notice of this advice." The warning was dated Great Barrington, July 9, 1776.

A receipt signed on 20 October 1776 shows that one gun each was taken from Gerard (Garrett?) Burghardt, Peter Burghardt, John Burghardt, and others.

On 24 November 1777, selectmen of the town (including Ensign John Burghardt), who were also members of the Committee of Safety, presented a "list of such inimical persons (i. e. persons supposed to be enemies of this and the United States)." The list included the names of John Burghardt 3rd, Jacob Burghardt, Peter Burghardt 2nd, Lambert Burghardt, Garrett Burghardt, and others and charged that they "have been endeavoring since the 19th of April Anno Domini 1775 to counteract the united struggles of this and the United States for the preservation of their liberties and privileges, and that the said several persons and every one of them are now so enimically disposed towards this and the other United States of America that their further residence in this state is dangerous to the public peace and safety."

On 24 August 1778, ten of those named on the foregoing list, together with Abraham Burghardt, Hendrick Burghardt, Coonrot Burghardt, Peter Burghardt 1st, and others went before a Justice of the Peace and "took the oath of Fidelity and Allegiance prescribed by one Law of this State."

Pensions and Land Bounties

Many Burghardt descendants served from one or more colonies during the Revolutionary War and applied for (or their spouses and descendants applied for) pensions or land bounties years afterward. Many of these "land bounties" were in the Northwest Territory, now the state of Ohio. There were enough of these veterans to assure the membership of many female family descendants in the Daughters of the American Revolution several times over!

¹⁹Ibid, Chapter XVIII, The Revolutionary Period 1768-1783, p. 210 et seq.

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THE SCHOHARIE VALLEY OF NEW YORK

Albany County, NY

Jehoiakim Burghardt, Sr. [Gen. 6]

Jehoiakim's name appears as **Jochem Burger** in the christening records (chr. 1 Jul 1752) of the Zion Lutheran church at Loonenburg, Greene Co., NY. He served in the 9th Regiment of the Albany County, NY Militia during the Revolutionary War and is shown in the 1790 Federal Census as a Head of Household in Harpersfield, Montgomery Co., NY, which at that time was comprised of the land area of a dozen or more present-day counties west of Albany in up-state New York.

He married **Sarah White** (b. 1753) in 1770. Sarah was supposedly an Indian maiden who may have been related to the great Wampanoag **Chief Massasoit** who befriended the Pilgrims during their first winter at Plymouth Colony.

The children of Jehoiakim and Sarah were: Conrad (b.1771, Schoharie Co., NY), Judith (b. 1773, Schoharie Co., NY; d. Ashtabula Co., OH), William, Sr. (b. 1778, Schoharie Co., NY; d. Ashtabula Co., OH), Milberry (b. 1783, Schoharie Co., NY), Jehoiakim, Jr. (b.1785, Painted Post, Steuben Co., NY; d. Ashtabula Co., OH), and Fanny.

Sarah White and Chief Massasoit

Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag Indian Federation, who befriended the Pilgrims during the first winter after their arrival at Plymouth Colony in the autumn of 1620, was presumably a great-grandfather of Sarah White, who married Jehoiakim Burget, Sr. No definitive written record of this link to Massasoit has been found, but the story has been passed down by word of mouth through many generations of the Burget, Dodge, and Brainard families.

Judith Burget, the second of the six children, married **Josiah Dodge**, a sixth generation descendant of Mayflower passenger **Richard More**.

Larry Brainard, Jr. of Perry, OH quotes Lorna Brewster Nighman, who did a great deal of research on Massasoit, in his publication²⁰ in describing the relationship of Chief Massasoit to the Indian maiden Sarah White, how she got her name, and how she met Jehoiakim Burget [Sr.] Her article for a 1970 issue of the Painesville, Ohio *Telegraph* reads: "At the age of 22, Jehoiakim went to Schoharie Village to help build a stone church (Dutch Reformed Church). At this time, the Wampanoag Indians had migrated to the Mohawk Valley. These Indians were descendants of Massasoit. They spoke English, and most of them had English names. One of them was Sarah White, who became the wife of Jehoiakim Burget in 1770."

²⁰ Brainard, Larry, Jr. *Our Brainard Heritage: Past and Present*, 1982.

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Milton A. Travers describes the Wampanoags in his publication:²¹

"When the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts Bay in the autumn of 1620, they were surrounded by many small tribes of Indians. The principal personage of the Indian chiefs in that area was Chief Massasoit.

The Massachusetts coast appears to have been the jurisdiction of Chief Masasoit. He was the leader of all of the Indian tribes who resided near the waters of Narragansett Bay. The Wampanoags consisted of the Massachusetts, Narragansett, Pequot, and Pawtucket tribes and collectively formed the Wampanoag Federation. The English translation of the word Wampanoag means "the coastal or eastern people."

Massasoit is among the list of the most important men in American history. He was the most true and faithful friend of the Mayflower Colony. Upon the arrival of the Pilgrims, Massasoit signed a peace and trade agreement with them which he kept for 40 years until his death in 1661. Historians agree that if it were not for Massasoit's goodwill toward the English, this first English adventure into the New World might have ended in a complete disaster.

Probably the best known account of Massasoit is his visit to the Mayflower Colony in the fall of 1621. Being invited by the Governor, he brought with him 60 to 100 of his people, misunderstanding the limitations of his invitation. Massasoit also brought with him 5 freshly killed deer. At this feast, the Pilgrims were introduced to popcorn by their Indian friends. This feast became known as the first Thanksgiving.

Massasoit was a noted warrior of good stature, full and fleshy. An eyewitness historian described him as ".....a very lusty man, in his best years, and able body, grave of countenance and spare of speech. In his attire, little or nothing different from the rest of his followers, only in the great chain of white bones around his neck. His face was painted sad red like murrey, and he oiled both hand and face so that he look greasily."

Massasoit was born in 1580 and died in 1661. He was 40 years old when the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth Rock. He had 3 sons of which we know. They were: Wamsutta (known as Alexander to the Pilgrims), Pometacom (known as King Phillip), and Suncunewhew.

Massasoit was a loyal friend of the Pilgrims, and he considered the white men his friends. Shortly after he was cured of a sickness by an English doctor, he was quoted as saying: "I see the English are my friends, and love me, and whilst I live I will never forget this kindness they have showed me." However, history proved Massasoit wrong. Within about 100 years, his descendants were living in poverty on reservations."

²¹ Travers, Milton A. "The Wampanoag Indian Federation", 1961.

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Mayflower Passenger Richard More 22

Richard More came to Plymouth in the *Mayflower* as a boy in Elder **William Brewster's** family and finally settled at Salem, where he died. He was the son of Samuel and Katherine Moore of Larden, and his baptism, along with those of his brother and two sisters, is recorded in the parish register of Shipton, Shropshire, England as follows: "Ellinora, 24 May 1612; Jasper, 8 August 1613; Richard, 13 November 1614; and Maria, 16 April 1616."

Bradford tells us that three of these children came on the *Mayflower* --Ellen with Edward Winslow and Richard and Jasper with Elder Brewster, and that Ellen and Jasper died during the first winter. Richard remained with the Brewsters and was still in that family at the Division of Cattle in 1627. On October 20, 1636, he married Christian Hunt. During the next twenty years, there is no mention of him on the Plymouth Colony record; he had moved to Salem in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. He is buried in the Charter Street Cemetery in Salem, Massachusetts, and his is the only known gravestone of a *Mayflower* passenger erected at the time of his death. The inscription reads: "Here lyeth buried ye body of Captain Richard More aged 84 years."

Milbury Borghard 23 [Gen. 6]

Milbury Borghard (ch. 8 Aug 1761 Zion Lutheran Church, Loonenburg, Greene Co., NY; d. 19 Apr 1812 Middleburgh, Schoharie Co., NY), was a younger brother of **Jehoiakim Burget, Sr.** Letters testamentary included in the pension application of his wife, Maria, after the war indicate that he served during the Revolutionary War from the colony of New York.

He married **Maria Mattice** (b. 24 Oct 1771 Schoharie Co., NY; d. 19 Feb 1847 Schoharie Co., NY) on 6 Oct 1788 at Catskill, Greene Co., NY, and they had the following children (all born in Schoharie Co., NY): Mary (b. 22 Mar 1790), Margaret (b. 16 Mar 1792), Conrad Henry (ch. 1793), Johan Joost (b. 8 Dec 1796; d. 26 Oct 1878), Joseph (b. 23 May 1799), Catharina (b. 23 May 1800), Storm A. Becker (b. 30 May 1802; d. 12 Apr 1855), Peter (ch. 11 Mar 1805; d. 12 Nov 1847), Arty (ch. 24 Jun 1808), and Anna Maria (b. 24 Oct 1810).

The Mattice family fled from the Rhine Palatinate area of Germany during the tyranny of Louis XIV of France.

Their descendants apparently stayed in or near the Schoharie Valley in up-state New York, and many of them live there today.

²² Shaw, Hubert. *Families of the Pilgrims*

²³ Information supplied by Donna B. Amberman, P. O. Box 2, Middleburgh, NY 12122, (518) 827-5807

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Chenango County, NY

Jehoiakim Burget, Sr. [Gen. 6]

An indenture dated 5 Feb. 1810 in Smithville, Chenango Co., NY indicates that property bought by William Burgot adjoined property owned by Jehoiakim Burgot. It is logical to assume (but not an absolute certainty) that this was Jehoiakim Burget, Sr., the father of Judith, William, Sr., Milberry, and Jehoiakim Jr., since Jehoiakim Jr. was married later in Ashtabula Co., OH in about 1821. It is unknown whether Jehoiakim Burget, Sr. migrated to Ashtabula Co., OH.

Conrad Burget [Gen. 7]

Conrad Burget (b. 1771, NY) was the oldest of six children (first son) of Jehoiakim Burget, Sr. and Sarah White.

Judith Burget [Gen. 7] and Josiah Dodge

Judith Burget (b. 1773 Schoharie Co., NY; d. Ashtabula Co., OH) was born the second child (first daughter) of Jehoiakim Burget, Sr. and Sarah White.

She married Josiah Dodge (b. 29 Jan 1767 Ashburnham, Worcester Co., MA; d. Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH), an eighth generation descendant of John Dodge, who was born in England. The ancestry of Josiah Dodge⁸ (Josiah⁷, Josiah⁶, Josiah⁵, Josiah⁴, John³, Richard², and John¹) has been well documented.²⁴

There was a "Nova Scotia Connection" in the Dodge family. Josiah Dodge's paternal grandfather, also named Josiah Dodge, was born in Wenham, Essex Co., MA in 1718 and died in Granville, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia in 1805. This could possibly indicate that there was Tory sentiment in the family during the Revolutionary War period.

It was through Josiah's paternal grandmother, **Susanna Knowlton**, who married his grandfather, Josiah³ (he had four ancestors in sequence also named Josiah), that he is related to Pilgrim and Mayflower passenger, Richard More. Susanna Knowlton was Richard More's great-granddaughter.

Judith married Josiah Dodge in up-state New York, and they had the following children: Hannah (1793), David, Sarah, Daniel, William, Isiah, Betty, Gilead, Lydia, Josiah, Rhoda, and Henry.

According to letters written in 1977 by Richard H. Dodge²⁵ to Emma (Mrs. Henry) Burgett of Geneva, OH, Josiah Dodge was a descendant of Pilgrim and Mayflower passenger Richard More. His exact lineage is shown in application

²⁴ Dodge, Joseph T. *Genealogy of the Dodge Family in Essex Co., MA 1629-1894* (Part I, Page 229).

²⁵ Richard H. Dodge of Denver, CO and Long Beach, NY.

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papers²⁶ of his descendant, Harry K. Brainard, to the Mayflower Association.

Richard Dodge was seeking information about a possible connection between the family of Katherine Dodge, the second wife of Jehoiakim Burget, Jr., and the family of Josiah Dodge, the uncle of Jehoiakim Burget, Jr.

Such a connection is almost certain when the following are considered:

1) Hannah Dodge, the daughter of Josiah Dodge and Judith Burget, married David Brainard, who had moved to Ashtabula Co., OH from upstate New York.

2) As noted above, Harry K. Brainard (see above) applied for descendency from Mayflower passenger, Richard More.

3) Early records of Ashtabula Co. put both David Brainard and Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. there in the early 1800's.

4) Josiah Dodge, as well as other Dodges, are shown as Heads of Households in the 1820 Federal Census for Ashtabula Co., OH.

5) David and Jehoiakim, Jr. were probably in the same age group, since David married Jehoiakim's cousin, Hannah. Katherine Dodge must have also been of the same age group, which would probably make Katherine either a daughter of Josiah and Judith (therefore a cousin of Jehoiakim) or a daughter of a brother of Josiah who had also come from New York to Ohio with, or soon after, Josiah and Judith.

6) It should also be noted that Almeron Monroe Burget, a son of Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. and his second wife, Katherine Dodge, married Amanda Brainard. The Brainard, Burget, and Dodge families obviously knew each other, probably previously in up-state New York, but definitely in Ashtabula Co. It would be interesting indeed to know the relationships between/among the families of Josiah Dodge and Katherine Dodge and the families of David Brainard and Amanda Brainard.

Hannah Dodge [Gen. 8] and David Brainard, Sr.

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Hannah Dodge (b. 27 March 1793, German, Chenango Co., NY; d. Nov 1882, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH) was the first of eleven children to Josiah Dodge and Judith Burget.

David Brainard, Sr. (b. 5 July 1788, Harpersfield, Montgomery Co., NY; d. Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH) was the third child (second son) of Reuben Brainard (b. 17 Sep 1763; d. 15 Mar 1798, Harpersfield, Montgomery Co., NY) and Hannah Mack (b. 10 Dec 1763; d. 11 Apr 1848, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH). OH). His father, Reuben, drowned when David was a young boy, leaving his mother with seven small children to raise.

David fought in the War of 1812 against the British. The United States declared war on Great Britain on June 18, 1812 as a result of the following:

1. The British were interfering with American trade on the high seas.

²⁶ Mayflower Association, Plymouth, MA. Index #43,562, General #24,378, State #OK 265.

²⁷ Brainard, Larry Jr. *Our Brainard Ancestry Past and Present*, 1982.

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2. The British were stirring up Indian hostilities on the frontier, and many American settlers in the Mississippi and Ohio River Valley areas were being massacred by the Indians and their British supporters.

David's pension records indicate that he entered the army as a substitute for his brother, Caleb (b. 24 Apr 1794), who had been drafted in Harpersfield, New York for a term of 6 months. After 4 months of service, Caleb became ill; and David finished his term. David was 24 years old at the time, and his military records described him as being 5'8" tall with brown hair. He was a farmer by occupation.

Upon entering service, he became a sergeant in Lieutenant Henry Brakeman's 4th Brigade of New York Detached Militia. He was a member of the 13th Regiment, which was commanded by Col. Putnam Farrington. In total, David served approximately 3 months, although he was paid for only two months according to the Company Pay Roll. The time period which he served was from December 24, 1812 to February 24, 1813. He was paid a total of \$18.13 for the two months. In late February of 1813, he was honorably discharged at Sackets Harbor, New York. For his service, David received a bounty land warrant for 80 acres in 1851 and a pension in 1881.

On May 29, 1813, at the age of 24, David married Hannah Dodge in German, Chenango Co., NY. They were married by Justice of the Peace Powell. The Dodge family has a rich heritage that extends back into seventeenth-century England. It is through Hannah's Dodge ancestors that the Brainards are related to the great Chief Massosoit²⁸ and to Pilgrim Richard More.²⁹

William Burget, Sr. [Gen. 7]

William Burget, Sr. (b. 1778, Schoharie Co., NY; d. 1830, Ashtabula Co., OH) was born the third child (second son) to Jehoiakim Burget, Sr. and Sarah White.

He married Abigail (Abi) Andrews (b. 1781, CT; d. 2 Sep 1861, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH), probably in or near Chenango Co., NY, where 8 of their 10 children were born. Those children were: Jehoiakim (1801), John A. (b.1801, NY), Reuben F. (b.1804, NY), Priscilla (b.1809, NY), Milbery (b.1810, NY), Rhoda (b.1810, NY), William Jr. (b.1814, NY), David White (b.1817, NY). Two children, Milbery and Rhoda, died and were buried in New York, probably Chenango County. The two youngest children, Ursula (b.1836, Ashtabula Co., OH) and Lydian (b. Ashtabula Co., OH) were born in OH after 1820.

An indenture dated 5 February 1810 (filed 13 February 1810) indicates that William Burget of Smithville, Chenango Co., NY bought a parcel of land (a part of lots 2 and 3 in the second township of the Chenango triangle) from John Hornby (sp?) of Middlesex County of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for a consideration of \$178.36. This parcel abutted property of Jehoiakim Burget (probably Jehoiakim Burget, Sr., the father of William Burget).

²⁸ Probably through Sarah White, the wife of Jehoiakim Burget (Burger) Sr., who was supposedly a Wampanoag Indian.

²⁹ Dodge, Joseph T. *Genealogy of the Dodge Family in Essex County, MA 1629-1894, Part I*

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Abigail and Sarah (Sally) Andrews

Sisters Abigail (Abi) and Sarah (Sally) **Andrews**, daughters of John Andrews, married brothers, William [Sr.] and Milberry Burget, respectively, probably in or near Chenango Co., NY.

Their father, John Andrews, named his children in his will dated 12 June 1812 in Smithville, Chenango Co., NY;³⁰ however the exact sequence of their birth is unknown because he first named all of his sons (Stephen, John, Samuel, James, and William), and then named his daughters (Abi, Content, Sarah, and Rachel). It is assumed that the daughter, Sarah, was also known as "Sally".)

John Andrews supposedly served in the Revolutionary War against the British and apparently moved from CT to Smithfield Twp., Chenango Co., NY ca. 1797. He may have later moved to Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH.

Milberry Burget [Gen. 7]

Milberry Burget (b. 1783, Schoharie Co., NY; d. Ashtabula Co., OH) was born the fourth child (third son) of Jehoiakim Burget, Sr. and Sarah White.

He married Sarah (Sally) Andrews (b. CT), probably in Chenango Co., NY. Their children were: Silas Sr. (b.1804/10;NY), Levi (b.1804/10 NY), Irving, Isiah (b. 20 Jul 1808,NY; d. 11 May 1861, Ashtabula Co. OH), Laura (b.1810/15;NY), Lucy (b.1810/15,NY), Marion (b.1815/20, NY), Lydia (b.1815/20, NY), Martha (b.1815/20, NY), Mary (b.1820/25, Ashtabula Co., OH), and Marinda (b.1820/25, Ashtabula Co., OH).

Milbra (Milbarry) and Sarah (Sally) Burgot (Burget) sold property in Smithville, Chenango Co., NY on 5 Feb 1810 and 28 Dec 1815 prior to migrating to Ashtabula Co., OH in 1818.

Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. [Gen. 7]

Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. (b. 1785, Painted Post, Steuben Co., NY; d. Ashtabula Co., OH) was born the fifth child (fourth son) of Jehoiakim Burget, Sr. and Sarah White.

He migrated to Harpersfield Twp., Ashtabula Co., OH in 1813-- about the same time that his older sister, Judith, and her husband, Josiah Dodge, and their children and David Brainard and his wife, Hannah (Dodge), also came to Ashtabula Co.

Fanny (Burger) Burget [Gen.7]

Fanny Burget (b. NY) was the youngest of six children (second daughter) of Jehoiakim Burget, Sr. and Sarah White. When four of her siblings migrated westward to Ashtabula Co., OH, she stayed in NY and married a **Cleveland**. They had a son,

³⁰ Will #56A, Book B, p. 50, Probate Records Office, Chenango Co., NY County Court House, Norwich, NY 13815.

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Chilron Cleveland, who is known to have visited with his relatives in OH.

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PART II

BURGETT MIGRATION FROM NEW YORK TO OHIO

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"There were no settlements made in Ashtabula County for many years after the close of the Revolutionary War. But after the first settlement was made in Harpersfield, several of the soldiers of that war settled in the town, and a few of them remained here until their 'last call'.

In 1797, a company was formed at Harpersfield, Delaware County, NY to buy six townships of land from Oliver Phelps and Gideon Granger and migrate to the "El Dorado of the West". Scouts visited this section in September of 1797. They decided to locate in Harpersfield, which then included what is now all of the northwestern section of Ashtabula County in The Northwest Territory.

In March 1798, Alexander Harper, William McFarland, Ezra Gregory and families, with Benjamin Hartwell, left New York's Harpersfield for Buffalo, then a town of three families. Here they were permitted to load part of their belongings on secured small boats and finally reached Cunningham Creek. The following day, they cut a trail to northwest Harpersfield, where Alexander Harper erected a cabin--the first permanent settlement in Ashtabula County.

There were 25 persons in this Harper Colony. Joseph Harper and family came in July 1799. Aaron Wheeler and family and John Harper came in October of 1799. The same year added Daniel and Abraham Bartholomew and sister, Betsey, from Wooster, Otsego County, NY. Daniel brought his family and landed at the mouth of Cowles Creek on March 3, 1800. They drove on Lake Erie from Buffalo, but at this creek, the ice had parted so that they had difficulty in getting safely ashore.

The love of freedom, the right and opportunity to live one's life according to his belief in the laws of God, if not the laws of men, brought many of our ancestors to The Western Reserve. The first to die in the county was Colonel Alexander Harper on September 10, 1798.

Reverend Joseph Badger, a circuit rider for many years, organized the first church society in The Western Reserve on the farm of Sterling Mills, a great-grandfather of Frank M. Cornwell and grandfather of Mrs. Bert Hopwood.

In 1802, the first schoolhouse in the county was built of logs. The teacher was Elizabeth Harper, later the wife of Judge Taper. The first frame schoolhouse, built in 1817 in Unionville, had two stories, with the Masons using the second story."

³¹ Williams Brothers. *History of Ashtabula County, Ohio 1798-1878*, Philadelphia, 1878, Pages 169-172.

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Harpersfield Township ³²

"**David Brainard** occupies an honorable position, he having arrived in the township from old Harpersfield, New York in 1813, and located on lot 104. This property is now occupied by the youngest son, **Newell W.**, with whom resides the father, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. **Josiah Dodge** and **Jehoiakim Burget** [Jr. ?] settled in the township about the same time, and **Archelas Parker** [father of Betsey, who married **Isiah Burget**, a son of **Milberry Burget**] and **Isaac Patchen** a few years later; **William Burget** and family located on lot 118 in 1817....."

"The first and only cheese-factory in the township was established by **William Burget [Jr.]**, in the spring of 1873, and has been operated by him until the present."

J. Burget was a charter member of Grand River Lodge, No. 297, Free and Accepted Masons, which "was organized under dispensation, in the summer of 1857, and received its charter on the 23rd day of October, A.L. 5857." **A. M. Burget** [Almeron Monroe] was an officer of the lodge in 1878. "The only living charter member now [1878] an affiliant with this lodge is **David Brainard.**"

Wm. Burget [Jr.] was Treasurer of the Grand River Grange, which "was organized March 15, 1874, with sixteen charter members."

Trumbull Township ³³

"The first marriage in Trumbull Township was solemnized by Issac H. Phelps, a Justice of the Peace, in about 1821. The happy couple was **Jehoiakim [Jr.]** and [Catherine Anne] **Sarissa Patterson** of Harpersfield."

"A saw-mill was erected south of the centre by Daniel Dodge, in 1837."

The first cheese-factory was established in the spring of 1861 with A. H. Dodge among the stockholders. "In the spring of 1870 another factory was opened at East Trumbull. This was burned in August, 1876. The present factory at this point began operations in the spring of 1877, A. H. Brainard, Manager."

Eagle Grange, No.148 was organized October 8, 1873, U. D. Members included A. H. Dodge and his wife and H. P. Dodge and his wife.

"The record of the commissioners of Ashtabula County shows, under date of March 7, 1825, that 'on the representation of Isaac H. Phelps and others, it was

³²Ibid, Pages 169-170

³³Ibid, Pages 229-230

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ordered part of the township of Harpersfield in the fifth range, between the north line of the township at Windsor and the south line of number eleven in said range, be erected into a new township by the name of Trumbull, and that the first meeting to elect township officers shall be held on the first Monday of April next, at the house of Isaac H. Phelps.' Pursuant to which the electors (there were ten of them) met at the house of Daniel Woodruff, on the 4th day of April, 1825, organized by the appointment of..... On the arrival of the first Monday of April, 1826, there was a sufficient number of voters in the township to legalize an election, and.....**Jehoiakim Burget** [was appointed] constable." **Daniel Dodge** was a later successor Justice of the Peace.

Cherry Valley Township 34

"On the record of the commissioners of Ashtabula County, under date of June 8, 1827, we find the following: 'Resolved (upon the petition of Anson J. Giddings, Benoni Andrews, and others), That so much of the present township of Andover as is included in surveyed township No. 9, in the second range, be set off and erected a separate township, to be known and designated by the name of Cherry Valley; and that an election for township officers be held at the house of Josiah Creery, on the 4th of July next.' Pursuant to this action, the qualified electors assembled, appointed William Andrews [and others] judges;.....**John Burget** and W. Benjamin, fence viewers;.....John Woodworth and William Andrews, overseers of the poor;....." Philo Andrews was a trustee in 1877.

Judith Burget [Gen. 7] and Josiah Dodge

Josiah Dodge, the husband of Judith Burget is listed as a Head of Household in both the 1820 and 1830 Federal Census records for Ashtabula Co., OH. When he died there, Ezra Gregory and **Samuel M. Parker**, the husband of his daughter, Sarah, were appointed co-executors of his estate on 12 April 1836.

Hannah Dodge [Gen. 8] and David Brainard 35

David Brainard and his wife, Hannah (Dodge), were the first Brainards, and the first of either the Burget or allied families, to move westward and settle in Ohio in 1813. Leaving his home in Chenango Co. in up-state New York, he came to the wilderness country of Ohio and made a home for his family. "He began a dynasty and is responsible for almost every Brainard in Northeastern Ohio. He and his wife, Hannah (Dodge) are very interesting and important ancestors of ours."

After being discharged from the army in 1813, David started west on horseback for the wilds of Ohio. His mother gave 50 acres to each of her seven children with the exception of her daughter, Hannah Ellis, to whom she gave 100 acres; since she

³⁴Ibid, Pages 236- 237.

³⁵Ibid

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planned to live with Hannah Ellis. However, they all sold their land except David, who bought 400 acres of land in the township of Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH with money his mother had furnished. He located his farm on it and moved his family thereon March 4, 1814. David was the first Brainard to settle in Ohio.³⁶

David and Hannah's homestead is located just off Rt. 534 in Harpersfield, and it is still standing today. Upon moving to Harpersfield in 1814, David and his family lived in a small log cabin about 1/4 of a mile east of the homestead; however, once they were settled, they built the permanent home in which they raised their 11 children: Reuben (b.1813, Harpersfield, Delaware Co., NY; d. 21 May 1896), Isiah (b.1815, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d.16 Sep 1835)), Abner (b. 19 Mar.1817, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 1862/63, Trumbull, Ashtabula Co., OH), Rhoda (b. 10 Mar 1819, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 1912)), David (b. 10 Apr 1821, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 19 Apr 1900), Emeline (b. 9 Feb1823, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH), Phanella (b. 11 Jun 1825, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 2 Jun 1910), Conant (b. 20 Oct 1827, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 30 Mar 1862), Judith (b. 29 Jun 1830, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH), John F. (b. 17 Jul1833, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 2 Mar 1919), and Newell (b. 1836, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH). The fields to the front and back of the house were used for farming.

The house was handed down to David's oldest daughter, Phanella Evans, who in turn handed it down to her daughter, Nell, and her husband, John Bishop. John built the new barn in 1909 and remodeled the house. The grainery is the original one built by David in the early 1800's. David's house did not leave the Brainard family until about 1970, when it was sold by Edith Bach, the daughter of Nell and John Bishop.

Sarah Dodge [Gen. 8] and Samuel M. Parker

Sarah Dodge (b. 10 Jul 1802, probably in Chenango Co., NY), a daughter of Josiah Dodge and Judith (Burget) Dodge, married Samuel M. Parker (b. 30 Oct 1799; d. 29 Mar 1891, Ashtabula Co. OH), the oldest of nine children of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker in Ashtabula Co., OH on 6 Jul 1821.

The children of Samuel M. Parker and Sarah (Dodge) Parker, all born in Ashtabula Co., OH were: Anson M. Parker (b. 31 Mar 1822); Gilead D. Parker (b. 24 Sep 1824; d. 3 Feb 1842); Emily S. Parker (b. 2 Sep 1826; d. 19 Jun 1849); Albertus N. Parker (b. 26 Nov 1828; d. 1 Jan 1911); William I. Parker (b. 7 Apr 1831); Lorenzo R. Parker (b. 12 Apr 1833); Lafayette W. Parker (b. 29 Apr 1836; d. 25 Sep 1859); Archelaus D. Parker (b. 26 Apr 1839); Austin S. Parker (b. 27 Jul 1842); and Joel E. Parker (b. 2 Jun 1846).

Albertus N. Parker served in the 105th Ohio Regiment Volunteer Infantry; Archelaus D. Parker and Austin S. Parker served in the 23rd Ohio Regiment Volunteer Infantry; and Joel E. Parker served in the 11th Ohio Regiment Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. Future Presidents of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes and William

³⁶ *Many Hardships of the Pioneers*

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Mc Kinley, were also members of the 23rd Ohio Regiment Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

Albertus N. Parker was also the guardian of Priscilla Burget, an invalid daughter of William Burget, Sr. and Abigail (Andrews) Burget, and executor of her estate upon her death in 1863.

Both Archelaus D. Parker and Austin S. Parker migrated to Michigan--Archelaus to Lacota, MI and Austin S. Parker to Battle Creek, MI. Joel E. Parker migrated to Antigo, WI.

Austin S. Parker served as Mayor of the city of Battle Creek, MI two terms, viz 1893 and 1894, and was City Treasurer during the years 1903-1905.

David Dodge [Gen. 8] and Hannah Patchen

David Dodge (b. ca. 1800, NY; d. Lake Co., OH aft. 1840), a son of Josiah Dodge and Judith (Burget) Dodge, married Hannah Patchen (b. ca. 1804, Auburn, Cayuga Co., NY; d. aft. 13 Feb 1883, Lake Co., OH), a daughter of Isaac and Betsey Patchen, on 9 Feb 1820 in Lake Co., OH.

The children of David Dodge and Hannah (Patchen) Dodge, all born in OH (probably Lake Co.), were: Julia A. Dodge (b. ca. 1820, OH); Collins Dodge (b. ca. 1822, OH; d. abt. 1902, Lake Co., OH); Alfred Dodge (b. 18 Aug 1825, Lake Co., OH; d. 18 Sep 1900, Yoncalla, Douglas Co., OR); Philip L. Dodge (b. Jan 1828, OH); Sarah (Sally) Dodge (b. ca. 1831, OH); Alvira Dodge (b. ca. 1836, OH); Nancy Dodge (b. ca. 1838, OH); and William H. Dodge (b. 20 Sep 1840, OH; d. 6 Dec 1910, Eaton Co., MI).

William Burget, Sr. ³⁷ [Gen. 7]

"Prominent among the early settlers of Harpersfield township, Ashtabula county, was William Burgett, Sr., who came here from New York [State] with his family in 1819, being then past forty years of age, his birth having occurred in 1776. Wild animals of all kinds then roamed at will through the dense woods, and a few Indians remained, but were for the most part friendly. Building a log cabin, he was here employed as a tiller of the soil until his death in 1830. He married, in New York, Abbie Andrews, by whom he had seven children, as follows: William, Jr., the special subject of this sketch; Jehoiakim, born in 1801, died in 1850; John, Reuben, Priscilla, David, and Ursula."

William Burget, Sr. is listed as a Head of Household in the 1820 Federal Census in Ashtabula county.

William Burget, Jr. ³⁸ [Gen. 8]

"William Burgett, Jr., was born August 22, 1813, and at the age of six years

³⁷ Upton, Harriet Taylor. *History of the Western Reserve*, Vol. III, The Lewis Publishing Company, New York, 1910.

³⁸ Ibid

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came with his parents to Ohio. As soon as old enough he began assisting his father in the pioneer labor of clearing a homestead, and was subsequently engaged in general farming on his own account, for ten or more years being an extensive manufacturer of cheese. He was a man of considerable prominence, and his death, January 16, 1886, was a loss to the community.

William Burgett, Jr., married **Mary Pool**, who was born in 1819 and died in January 1886, very nearly at the time that he passed away. They were buried in the same grave, their funeral obsequies occurring at the same time. Seven children were born to this union, namely: Henry, born July 22, 1839; Harrison, born in 1842, lives in Florida; Jane, born in 1844, resides in Girard, Ohio; John, born in 1846, is a resident of Lenox, Ashtabula county; Ward, born in 1854, died in 1890; Marietta; and Ella, born in 1862.

Henry Burgett, the oldest son, assisted his father both on the farm and in the cheese factory [built in 1873], and has succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead. He has 110 acres of land, and is engaged in fairying and general farming, keeping a small flock of sheep. he married, in 1875, **Alice Hitchcock**, who was born October 28, 1855. Their only child, Edith, born April 12, 1876, died August 26, 1899."

William Burgett (Jr.) is shown as a Head of Household in Federal Census records for Ashtabula Co., OH (Harpersfield) beginning in 1840 and continuing on through at least 1880. His younger brother, David, is listed in William Jr's. household in the 1850 Census .Many of his descendants still live in Ashtabula Co.

Milberry Burget [Gen. 7]

Milberry Burget was the fourth child (third son) born to Jehoiakim Burget, Sr. and Sarah White. He married Sarah (Sally) Andrews, probably in Chenango Co., NY and and they had the following children: Silas, Sr. (b. 1804-10, NY), Levi (b. 1804-10 NY), Irving, Isiah (b. 20 Jul 1808, NY; d. 11 May 1861, Ashtabula Co., OH), Laura (b. 1810-15, NY), Lucy (b. 1810-15, NY), Marion (b. 1815-20, NY), Lydia (b. 1815-20, NY), Martha (b. 1815-20, NY), Mary (b. 1820-25, OH), and Marinda (b. 1820-25, OH).

Milberry Burget is listed as a Head of Household in the 1820 Federal Census in Ashtabula county.

Many of Milberry's descendants still live in Ohio, while other of his descendants moved westward and up the Missouri River to Iowa and Nebraska and on to Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California. Lila Martin Wilch of Caldwell, ID, a descendant of Milberry's son, Isiah Burgett, and **Betsey Parker**, gave me a great deal of information on that branch of the family before she died in 1991. Additional information on that branch was also available in a Burgett Family booklet compiled by **Karen Burgett** of Lakeville, OH and from **Ruth Haines**. I have just recently been in touch with some of these descendants living in Oregon.

Isiah Burget [Gen. 8]

Isiah Burget (b. 20 Jul 1808, NY; d. 11 May 1861, Ashtabula Co., OH) married

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Betsey Parker³⁹ (b. 17 Jun 1813; Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 4 Aug 1887; Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH), the sixth child of **Archelaus Parker** and **Sarah (Tefft) Parker** in Ashtabula Co., OH. Isiah and Betsey had the following eight children: Alphonso (b. 1830; Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 19 Apr 1912; Ashtabula Co., OH), Lucy (b. 17 Jun 1834; Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 15 Jan 1910), Milberry (b. 29 Apr 1837; Ashtabula Co., OH), Sarah (b. 1839, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 1 Nov 1874), William Henry Harrison (b. 3 Mar 1841, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 8 Dec 1915, Bassett, Rock Co., NE), Martha E. (b. 1844, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 25 Dec 1910; Lee, MI), Daniel (b. 1848; Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 28 Sep 1907; Grand Junction, Allegan Co., MI), and Harvey Parker (b. 4 Apr 1850; Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 31 Jul 1908).

Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. [Gen. 7]

Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. and [**Catherine Anne**] **Sarissa Patterson** (b. MA or NY) of Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH were the first couple to be married in Trumbull Twp. of that county. Isaac H. Phelps, Justice of the Peace, performed the ceremony in 1821.⁴⁰

Their children were: Sophronia E. Burget (b. 1815-20, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 18 Jun 1880, Mc Lean Co., IL); Harvey Burget (b. Ashtabula Co., OH, 1821-25); and Hiram Burget (b. ca. 1822, Ashtabula Co., OH). Catherine Anne Sarissa Patterson apparently died between 1822 and 1826.

Sophronia E. Burget married Dr. James E. Parker (b. 30 Apr 1811; d. 23 Jul 1879, Danvers, Mc Lean Co., IL), the fifth child of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker. Dr. James E. Parker was one of the pioneer physicians of the Danvers area. Sophronia, who was Dr. Parker's second wife, was one of the first school teachers in the vicinity of Danvers.

Both Hiram Burget and his younger half- brother, Oliver Perry Burget, were residents of Harpersfield and both served in Company B, 23rd Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

Jehoiakim's second wife, **Katherine Dodge**, came from Harpersfield, NY. Their children were: Almena Burget (b. 1827, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. Sutter Co., CA 1910); Almeron Monroe Burget (b. 17 Aug 1828, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH); Lavina Burget (b. ca. 1832 Ashtabula Co., OH; d. Mc Lean Co., IL); and Oliver Perry Burget (b. 25 Nov 1837, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 8 Jan 1917, Meridian, Sutter Co., CA).

Both Lavinia Burget and later her older sister, Almena, married Edmond Tift Schellenger, the second son of Hector J. Schellenger, Sr. and Cynthia Parker, the fourth child of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker. Edmond and Lavinia married on 23 May 1853 in Mc Lean Co., IL and had two children: Clarence Hector Schellenger (b. 2 Apr 1854, Mc Lean Co., IL) and Clara Louise Schellenger (b. Mc Lean Co., IL).

³⁹ *Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve, Part two, Page 225, Cleveland, OH, 1896.*

⁴⁰ *Williams Brothers. History of Ashtabula County, OH 1798-1878, Philadelphia, 1878.*

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After Lavinia's death (probably in Mc Lean Co., IL), Edmond and Almena married on 2 January 1865 in Ashtabula Co., OH and also had two children: Adelbert Edmond Schellenger, Sr. (b. 1 Apr 1867, Capron, Boone Co., IL) and Franklin Oliver Schellenger (b. 28 Jun 1870, Capron, Boone Co., IL). Franklin Oliver Schellenger married Fannie Parker.

Almena and Oliver later lived contemporaneously in Sutter Co., CA, where their cousins--Henry, Milbury, Ira, and Harriet, all children of William Burget, Sr's. son, John A. Burget, also lived. Both Oliver and Edmond were blacksmiths.

Almena died in 1910, Edmond died in 1911, and they are both buried in the Sutter, CA cemetery.

There are still many Schellengers currently living in Sutter. Silas T. Schellenger of Yuba City, CA, a descendant of Edmond T. Schellenger, provided information about the Schellinx/Schellenger and Parker families.

The names of Almena and Oliver were on an 1890 mailing list announcing the first Burget family reunion to be held in Ashtabula Co., Ohio in 1891.

Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. is listed as a Head of Household in the 1820, 1830, and 1840 Federal Census records for Ashtabula Co., OH, where he lived on his farm for the remainder of his life.

Archelaus R. Parker 41

Archelaus R. Parker was born in what is now the state of Vermont on 22 August 1777. (Another source⁴² indicates his birth at Sutton, Worcester Co., MA on that date.) He was the son of **Archelaus Parker** (b. Sutton, Worcester Co., MA on 5 August 1735; d. Douglas, Worcester Co., MA on 6 October 1818) and **Bette Richardson** (b. Attleboro, Bristol Co., MA on 7 April 1748). He married **Sarah Tefft** (b. 22 Sep 1780; d. Ashtabula Co., OH on 14 February 1827) on 11 November 1798. (Another source⁴³ indicates the place of marriage as Douglas, Worcester Co., MA on 8 February 1798.) They settled at Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH "at an early date." Another source⁴⁴ indicates that Josiah Dodge and Jehoiakum Burget settled in Harpersfield Township about the same time that David Brainard, Sr. settled there and that Archelaus Parker and Isaac Patchen settled there a "few years later." David Brainard is known to have migrated to Harpersfield from Chenango Co., NY around 1813.

The children of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker who lived to maturity were: Samuel M. Parker (b. 30 Oct 1799); Dr. Wanton H. Parker (b. 13 Feb 1802); Archelaus T. Parker (b. Oneida, NY on 5 Aug 1803); Cynthia (Parker) Schellenger (b. 23 Jun 1809); Dr. James E. Parker (b. 30 Apr 1811); Betsey (Parker) Burgett (b. 17 Jun 1813, Ashtabula Co., OH); Orrin Parker, the maternal grandfather of Milo Custer, (b. Ashtabula Co., OH on 23 Jun 1817); Lavina (Parker) Mills

⁴¹ Custer, Milo. *Archelaus R. Parker and his Descendants*, Bloomington, IL 1912.

⁴² Maxine Lindburg, 311 West 25, Hutchinson, KS.

⁴³ *Ibid*

⁴⁴ Williams Brothers. *History of Ashtabula County, Ohio*, Philadelphia, 1878.

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(b. 20 Aug 1819); and Amasa Parker (b. 6 Dec 1822).

Archelaus R. Parker migrated to IL after the death of his first wife, Sarah (Tefft) Parker in Ashtabula Co., OH on 14 Feb 1827. Several of his children also migrated to IL--some to Boone Co. (near Rockford) and some to Mc Lean Co. (near Bloomington). He is buried in Blaine Cemetery, Blaine, Boone, Co., IL, where he died on 13 Sept 1869.

Cynthia Parker and Hector J. Schellenger, Sr.

Cynthia Parker, the fourth child of Archelaus Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker, married Hector J. Schellenger, Sr. in Ashtabula Co., OH on 2 September 1827. He was born the sixth of eight children of Gideon Schellenger and Sarah (Lewis) Schellenger on 11 Aug 1792 in Sheffield, Berkshire Co., MA.

Their children, all born in Ashtabula Co., OH except the youngest, were: Elmira (Schellenger) Williams (b. 17 Aug 1828); Edmond Tift Schellenger (b. 7 Jun 1830; d. Sutter, Sutter Co., CA 14 Jan 1911); Nancy (Schellenger) Cady (b. 13 Sep 1832; d. South Haven, MI, 14 Nov 1877); Almon Schellenger (b. 14 May 1834; d. Sharon, WI, 1 Nov 1903); Hector Schellenger, Jr. (b. 11 Sep 1836; d. Sacramento, Sacramento Co., CA, 18 Dec 1907); Polly Schellenger (b. 9 Mar 1838; d. unmarried at Manchester, Boone Co., IL, 2 Nov 1856); Ansel Schellenger of Beloit, WI (b. 15 Mar 1841); Phoebe Ann (Schellenger) Ellsworth of Brookfield, Linn Co., MO (b. 23 Feb 1845); Emmeline M. (Schellenger) Landon of Fort Worth, TX (b. 25 Feb 1848); Silas A. Schellenger of Gridley, Butte Co., CA (b. 10 Feb 1852); Samuel O. Schellenger (b. 15 Nov 1850); and Sarah E. (Schellenger) Blodgett of Capron, Boone Co., IL (b. Manchester, Boone Co., IL, 28 Mar 1855).

Hector J. Schellenger, Sr. died at Manchester, Boone Co., IL on 25 February 1855. Cynthia (Parker) Schellenger died at Blaine, Boone Co., IL on 8 Dec 1903.

Edmond Tift Schellenger married Lavina Burget, the youngest daughter of Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. and Catherine (Dodge) Burget in Mc Lean Co., IL on 23 May 1853. Their two children, both born in Mc Lean Co, IL, were: Clarence Hector Schellenger (b. 2 Apr 1854; d. 16 Oct 1929) and Clara Louise Schellenger. Upon Lavina's death, he married her older sister, Almena, in Ashtabula Co., OH on 2 Jan 1865. Their children, both born in Capron, Boone Co., IL, were Adelbert Edmond Schellenger, Sr. (b. 1 Apr 1867; d. 5 Jan 1936) and Franklin Oliver Schellenger (b. 28 Jun 1870). Franklin Oliver married Fannie Parker.

Dr. James E. Parker and Sophronia E. Burget [Gen. 8]

Dr. James E. Parker, the fifth child of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker, first married Lucy Ann Fay in Kane Co., IL on 19 November 1837.

He divorced Lucy and later married Sophronia E. Burget, the oldest of three children of Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. and Cynthia Ann Sarissa (Patterson) Burget, in Mc Lean Co., IL on 21 October 1845.

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Amasa Parker

Amasa Parker, the ninth child of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker, married Eliza Matthews in Ashtabula Co., OH on 11 June 1841. Their son, Horace M. Parker, was born in the 1840's.

Amasa was a farmer and a ranch owner and died at Visalia, Tulare Co., CA in October 1891, leaving a large estate.

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23rd Ohio Infantry

Company B:

Hiram Burget (Jehoiakim Burget, Jr.⁷), a resident of Harpersfield, was mustered in on June 2, 1861 at the age of 39 and was wounded on July 24, 1864 in the battle of Winchester, VA. He was discharged on May 27, 1865 on a Surgeon's Certificate of Disability for a gun shot wound to the left leg and received a pension of \$4 a month in September 1865 [Pension #49575].

Hiram's younger half-brother, **Oliver Perry Burget** (Jehoiakim Burget, Jr.⁷), was mustered in as a private on June 2, 1861 at the age of 23. He was mustered out with his Company on July 26, 1865. Oliver later migrated to Sutter Co., CA, along with his older sister, Almena, and her husband, Edmond Tift Schellenger.

Archelaus D. Parker (Samuel M. Parker) of Lacota, MI in 1878 served as a corporal from 2 June 1861 to 2 September 1865.

Austin S. Parker (Samuel M. Parker) of Battle Creek, MI in 1878 served as a wagoner from 2 June 1861 to 2 September 1865.

The Regiment was organized at Columbus, Ohio from June 1, 1861 to March 23, 1862 to serve three years. On expiration of its term of service, the original members (except veterans) were mustered out, and the organization, composed of veterans and recruits, retained in service until July 26, 1865, when it was mustered out in accordance with orders from the War Department.

Future Presidents of the United States, **Rutherford B. Hayes** and **William Mc Kinley**, were also members of the 23rd Ohio Regiment Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

The official list of battles in which the Twenty-third Regiment bore an honorable part is not yet published by the War Department, but the following list has been compiled, after careful research, during the preparation of this work:

Carnifax Ferry, West Virginia	September 10, 1861
Clark's Hollow, West Virginia	May 1, 1862
Princeton, West Virginia	May 15-18, 1862
South Mountain, Maryland	September 14, 1862
Antietam, Maryland	September 17, 1862
Buffington Island, Ohio (Morgan's Raid)	July 19, 1863
Cloyd's Mountain, Virginia	May 9, 1864

⁴⁵ Ibid

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New River Bridge, Virginia	May 10, 1864
Buffalo Gap, West Virginia	June 6, 1864
Lexington, West Virginia	June 10-11, 1864
Buchanan, Virginia	June 14, 1864
Otter Creek, Virginia	June 16, 1864
Lynchburg, Virginia	June 17-18, 1864
Buford's Gap, Virginia	June 21, 1864
Winchester, Virginia	July 24, 1864
Berryville, Virginia	September 3-4, 1864
Opequan, Virginia	September 19, 1864
Fisher's Hill, Virginia	September 22, 1864
Cedar Creek, Virginia	October 19, 1864

29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Company B:

Conant Brainard died of disease at Martinsburg, VA (now WV) on 15 April 1862.

Henry F. Brainard served as a sergeant and was discharged on 1 July 1865.

Isiah Brainard was discharged on 9 September 1864.

Company C:

David B. Parker died from wounds received in action at Cedar Mountain, VA on 9 August 1862.

105th Ohio Infantry

Company G:

Seth Parker died at Murfreesboro', TN on 21 April 1863.

William H. Parker transferred to the 38th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry on 3 June 1865.

Company I:

L. Newton Parker served as a sergeant, was wounded, and was discharged on 3 June 1865.

Company K:

Both **Harrison Burget** (William Burget, Jr.⁸) and his cousin, **Henry Harrison Burget** (Isiah Burget⁸), served from Ashtabula County during the Civil War.

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Harrison Burget was mustered in as private on August 4, 1862 at the age of 20 and was transferred to the US Veteran Reserve Corps on October 29, 1863.

Henry Harrison Burget was mustered in on August 9, 1862 at the age of 21 as a private and was transferred to US Veteran Volunteer Engineers on either July 18, 1864 or July 25, 1864.

Albertis M. Parker (Archelaus M.) also served as a corporal in Company K.

The Regiment was organized at Camp Cleveland, OH on August 20 and 21, 1862 to serve for a period of three years. It was mustered out of service on June 3, 1865 in accordance with orders from the War Department. The source of information about the regiment indicated that "the official lists of battles in which this Regiment bore an honorable part is not yet published by the War Department, but the following list has been compiled after careful research during the preparation of this work:

Perryville, KY	October 8, 1862
Hoover's Gap, TN	June 24, 1863
Chickamauga, TN	September 19-20, 1863
Chattanooga, TN	November 23-24, 1863
Mission Ridge, TN	November 25, 1863
Kenesaw Mountain, GA	June 9-30, 1864
Atlanta, GA (Siege of)	July 28-September 2, 1864

177th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Company C:

Albert H. Brainard served as a corporal and was discharged at Cleveland, OH on 7 July 1865.

1st Ohio Light Artillery

Battery E:

Albert H. Brainard was discharged for disability on 21 April 1863.

2nd Ohio Independent Battery

Lemuel L. Parker was discharged 24 September 1862.

2nd Ohio Heavy Artillery

Company M:

James F. Brainard served as a corporal and died in U. S. Asylum General

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Hospital at Knoxville, TN on 10 March 1865.

Almeron Monroe Burget (Jehoiakim Burget, Jr.7), an older brother of Oliver, served was mustered in on September 9, 1863 at the age of 34 for a period of three years, served as a corporal (reduced in rank on July 20, 1864), and was mustered out with his Company on August 23, 1865.

The regiment was organized at Camp Dennison, Ohio from June to September 1863 to serve three years. It was mustered out of service August 23, 1865 in accordance with orders from the War Department. The official list of battles in which this Regiment bore an honorable part is not yet published by the War Department, but a brief statement of the movements and operations of the Regiment will be found at the head of each Company. The Companies were separated from each other during the greater part of their service, and for this reason it was thought best to give the history of each Company separately.

[I have asked Ruth Haines to provide a copy of the history of Company M from the same source of the histories of other units shown above.]

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The Harpersfield Letters

This compilation is comprised of transcriptions of letters which were written during the Civil War, mostly by **Jane M. Burget** (William Burget, Jr.⁸) of Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH to her uncle, **David White Burget** (William Burget, Sr.⁸), and his new wife, **Lydia Priscilla Alger**, who resided in Van Buren County, Michigan. Jane and her brother, **Henry** (who wrote some of the letters), were children of **William Burget, Jr.** and **Mary Poole**. William Jr. was an older brother of **David**.

The original letters, as well as other genealogical material on the Burget family, were given to me by **Esther Marion (Wadsworth) York** of South Haven, Van Buren Co., MI, a granddaughter of David White Burget, in March 1994 when I visited her in Fort Myers, FL, where she spends the winter months. Marion was 92 years of age in October 1994 and still has a memory "as sharp as a tack"!

Some of the letters are in very fragile condition; therefore, I have transcribed them and added notes to each letter. These notes, along with the enclosed Descendants Charts and Family Group Sheets, will hopefully assist the reader in knowing those whose names are mentioned in the letters and their family relationships.

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April the 7th 1861

Respected uncle

I write to you to inform you that we are all well. We received your letter not long since and was glad to hear that you were well and keeping house.

The bee hive you spoke of will cost \$3 to get them made. We are a going to use the same kind we did last year which is 21 inches high the lower part 14 inches high and the chamber 7 inches high with a 2 inch hole in the center for bees to pass in to the draw.

Father wants you to look around and see what you can do with cheese he will let you have it boxed and delivered at Geneva for 8 cents a pound and take it monthly through the season.

We raised a hay barn on the Healey place yesterday. there has not been much sleighing here this winter. there has been some sickness here this winter. seven of Mr. W. D. Palmers Family died with the soar throat or what the doctors call dyphtheria.

Father and Mother says they wish you much joy with your new wife. he wants you to write her former name age and where she was from. if you should ever make us an other visit we would be happy to have you bring your wife with you. we have got twenty cows and expect to have some more. Isiah has got 29 cows. write as soon as you get this.

it is getting dark so icannot see to write so good evening Uncle and Aunt.

Henry Burget

Compiler's Notes :

David White Burget (b. 1817, NY; d. Sep 1903, Columbia Twp., Van Buren Co., MI) married **Lydia Priscilla Alger** (d. 1879, Gobles, Van Buren Co., MI) in Michigan in 1861.

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September 8, 1861

Respected Uncle

I write you a few lines to tell you the sad news of grand Mothers death. She died the second day of September at half past six o'clock and was burried (sic) the fourth at one o'clock. The rest of us have most all got hard colds. We have not sold our cheese yet and there is no prospect when we shall. We shall rase (sic) what money we can for you this fall but we dont know now how much it will be. Father wants you to write how you are a getting a long and how your crops are this season. We received your letter dated July 8th and wrote you an answer some time since. Write as soon as you get this and write all the news you can.

I can think of no more at present so good evening uncle.

from **Henry Burget**

Compiler's Notes :

"Grandmother" mentioned in this letter was **Abigail (Andrews) Burget** (b. 1781, CT; d. 2 Sep 1861, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH), wife of **William Burget, Sr.** (b. 1778, Schoharie Co., NY; d. 1830, Ashtabula Co., OH)

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September the 9th 1861

Respected Uncle & Aunt

As **Henry** has left room for me to write some. I thought I would write some of the particulars about Grand Mothers last sickness and death thinking you would like to hear. She kept her strength and had a good appetite for food untill (sic) the thursday before she died. then she became almost helpless not having the use of her limbs. she sufered (sic) agreat deal for breath whenever she attempted to help herself. she lived on her place untill (sic) the sunday before she died. when she was brought down here she was pleased to get here. it did not seam (sic) to tire her much moving her. she got rested and slept some the fore part of the night and had a sick spell in the after part which lasted all the morning but she got easier and slept some in the middle of the day. she went to sleep about three o'clock monday pm and never woke. she died without a struggle. was sitting up in her bed when she died. she often spoke of you both how glad she would be to see you once more. **Prissilla** staid (sic) here after Grandmother died till the night after she was burried (sic) but has not been here since. we dont know what will become of her. she cant live alone. but i persume (sic) she will live with us until we can get a family on the place to live with her. I cannot think of any more to write so good morning. write as often as you can and write a good long letter.

From Your Affectionate Niece

J. Burget

Compiler's Notes :

"Grandmother" mentioned in this letter was **Abigail (Andrews) Burget**, wife of William Burget, Sr.

Priscilla (b. ca. 1809, NY; d. 1862, Ashtabula Co., OH) was the fourth child (oldest daughter) of Abigail and William. Priscilla was probably physically and/or mentally retarded and never married.

Viola (Burgett) Douglas of Apple Creek, OH confirmed in a letter to Marion York written on 29 Sep. 1970 that Abi was buried in Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH in the South River Road Cemetery.

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January the 20 1862

Dear brother

I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well and enjoying good health and hope that this will find you enjoying the same blessing it is wet and rainy here now it has rained for a week and is raining now we are in Merland yet guarding the railroad there is a good many sick in the hospital there has nine died since I have been here well Burgett I wrote to you to trade my team for that land wasn't if you could but I don't know whether you got it or not for I haven't heard from you well if you can trade and think that it would be best to trade then trade well Burgett I want you to take this money when you get it and get it in hard money what she doesn't want to use it is good as the gold now but we don't know how long it will be good I hope that you will see to that certificate that she draws what she should

well I can think of any thing more to write so good by write soon

from Howard Abbott to David Burgett

I have sent twenty five dollars to paw paw by express and I got a receipt you can get it by giving a note to show that you got it

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Harpersfield January 11th 1863

Ever Dear Uncle and Aunt

You must excuse me for not writing before for I have had so much to do that I cannot find time to do anything for myself not even to write a letter. We are all comfortably well and enjoy our selves as best we can under circumstances which is not very well. We have not heard from **Harrison** in over a month. We dont know whether he is alive or not. **Wm. Parker** got a letter from **Birt Parker** a few days ago. He was sick. He was about thirty miles from Nashville, and Charley Bates was sick in another place six miles from where he was. He did not know where the regiment was. The last we heard from it, it was at Galatine, Tennessee, but that was some time ago. I suppose you have read all about the late battles before this time and all the rest of the news and the bad as well as the good. I wish we could hear good all the time, but somebody has to make a few blunders as well [as] myself which makes a bad sound but enough of this.

How did uncle make out hunting and how did you get along alone while he was gone. I hope **Harriet** had good luck getting a school. I dont know how our school gets along for I have not seen the insid of a school house for four weeks (which seems a long while to me) but I expect to this week if mother and sis dose (sic) not get sick.

Sis will be a month old the fifteenth of this month. I weighed her four weeks ago tomorrow and she weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. I weighed her a day or two ago and she had not gained an ounce. The little thing has been sick most of the time but I guess it will grow some when it gets ready. **Marriette** says she is coming up there to see you and Willy and to tell you she has got a little sister baby. **Ward** is learning to write this winter but cannot write quite well enough to write a letter yet but he does very well for a little boy when he gets so he can write words a little better he is a going to write you a letter and send it with mine. He thinks he would like to get into a boat and row over to your house and stay a while and come back again. **Marriette** and I talks about going to see you when we get sick. I fear we shant see you very soon if we wait untill that time comes.

(Sunday evening) I will try and finish my letter this evening as I havent any other way to busy myself. I have not seen uncles friends the Wheelers lately. They dont seem to be very neighborly for they never returned my call or our call that we made that evening. I dont know as they ever will if they dont it will not make much difference with me. I think I shall call in thare (sic) sometime in the course of the winter but that will depend on circumstances. I guess uncl you had better not depend to much on me to make visits for you for fear they be neglected to much but suit your self about that. I hope the next time your wife writes a letter to me you wont be pulling off your boots for I guess you could think better with them on dont you think you can you try it some time and see and let me know about it.

I should like to step over thare (sic) and take breakfast with you aunt before
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your venison is all gone, but I guess I shall have to visit a few years longer. I hope uncle will be able to hunt deer when I do come though for I dont expect to eat any venison here father talks of going out to Denmark to kill a deer when there comes a good snow but I guess there is no danger of his going very soon for we have not had snow but three or four days at a time and not any to brag about then.

We have been looking for a letter from you this great while but are none the wiser for it as the old woman said. Father sent you a letter with one hundred dollars in it the 24th of November and they have been expecting an answer but none has reached us. I wrote some in it and that is one reason why I have not writen before this time. **Almena** got a letter from Oliver to day. They was all well. He is in the knawha valey [VA now WV]. He said he did not know of a sick man in the valey. Well I guess I wont write any more this time for fear you will get discouraged and never answer it . Write often and I will try and get time to answer it . Sooner write all the news you can think of and write and let us know whether you have had any letters from **Harrison** lately or not. Good By for to night

Jennie

Almena sends her respects to you. She says she has just writen a long letter to night or she would write some to you to. It is eight oclock and we havent either of us got a beaux yet. Dont you think it is mean.

I think you are pretty good guessing and I suppose you remember talking about something out in the cheeseroom when you was down here dont you. Now dont forget to write often and dont wait as long as I did either and I will try and do better next time myself. Yours.....

Compiler's Notes :

The **Parker** family mentioned in these letters was the family of **Betsey (Parker) Burget**, wife of **Isiah Burget**.

Harriet was probably the daughter of **Silas Burget, Sr.**, the oldest son (and oldest child) of **Milberry Burget** and **Sarah (Sally) Andrews** and **Margaret Moore (Mane)**. Margaret remarried **Samuel Wing** (probably after the death of Silas). This family is shown in the 1850 Federal Census for Ashtabula Co., OH (Harpersfield, 486/503). Margaret's children by Silas, Harriet and Silas Jr., are shown along with the children of Margaret and Samuel Wing. Harriet was 14 (born ca. 1836), approximately 8 years younger than Jane.

"Sis" was Jane's youngest sister, **Ella Burget** (b. 15 Dec 1862, Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH).

Ward Burget (b. 1854, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 16 Sep 1890) and **Marietta Burget** (b. 1856, Ashtabula Co., OH) were Jane's younger siblings.

Almena and **Oliver** were the children of **Jehoikim Burget, Jr.** Oliver volunteered for service during the Civil War in Company B of the 23rd Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was in the Kanawha River valley near Parkersburg, WV [then

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VA], just across from Marietta, OH.

Harrison was one of Jane's older brothers, who was mustered into the 105th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry at the age of 20 on August 4, 1862.

Emerson Demming married **Martha Burget**, daughter of Isiah Burget. Martha and Emerson migrated from Ashtabula Co., OH to MI. Martha is mentioned often in these letters. She and Jane were both born in 1844.

Despite Jane's lamentations about being homely and not being able to get a beaux, she was married to **Lucian Woodruff** on 19 August 1867 at Rock Creek, Ashtabula Co., OH. Their children were: Lulu Emma Woodruff (b. 12 Feb 1869, Austinburg, Ashtabula Co., OH); Mary Martha Woodruff (b. 23 Aug 1874, Morgan Twp., Ashtabula Co., OH); De Witt Clinton Woodruff (b. 22 Jul 1878, Austinburg, Ashtabula Co., OH); Earl Lucian Woodruff (b. 1879, Austinburg, Ashtabula Co., OH); and Ernest Cleon Woodruff (b. 30 Dec 1884, Austinburg, Ashtabula Co., OH).

Both Jane and Lucian were on an invitation list for the first Ashtabula Co., OH Burgett family reunion, which was to be held there in 1891.

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January 11th 1863

Dear Uncle

Jane has been a writing to you and she has left plenty of room for me so I will write a few (sic) lines to you. We received your letter dated November 16th/62 in due time and was glad to hear from you. We sent you a letter November 24th with \$100 in money in it. It was Registered. We would be very glad to know if you got it.

We have not had much snow this winter so far and not many sleighing. We have caught two coon and one mink and thirteen skunk. Mink is worth 3 Dollars coon is worth one dollar skunk 5/-.

Jane has written you most all the news so I cant think of any thing but skunks and I dont know as I could think of them if I did not smell quite so strong.

Emmerson Deming I expect is in your Neighborhood somewhere a hunting he started some time ago write how he gets along if you know any thing about him.

I am glad your state has come in Union if ours has not ours has always been a Union state until this fall her Union voters are most all in the war. Your state I think has been a verry strong Democratic till this fall and I am very glad she has come in for the Union.

Excuse me for not writing before. I have not time to write any more so I will send you what I have. Write as soon as you get this and write if you have got the \$100 in money or not. Jane and I are attending Singing School.

Your nephew

Henry Burget

Compiler's Notes :

Emerson Demming married **Martha Burget**, daughter of **Isiah Burget**. Martha and Emerson migrated from Ashtabula Co., OH to MI. Martha is mentioned often in these letters. She and Jane were both born in 1844.

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Harpersfield
Apr 3d, 1864

Dearest Uncle and Aunt,

Your letter of the 28th was received last Thursday but it brought sad news to me. I think you are so bad to leave your family and go away off thare(sic), out of the world most. I had a great deal rather have you come down here and stay all summer, and I would go back with you and stay untill spring if you would keep me as long as that. If you go to Idaho you wont get gold enough to buy a bushel of corn if it is as high thare (sic) as it is here. I think that you are not able to endure all or even half that you will have to endure on the way thare (sic) and after you get thare (sic) if you should live to get thare (sic), it is cold enough here. I have read in the papers that thare (sic) was snow on the ground in Idaho eight months in a year, and if it is true half of the people that go thare (sic) this spring will starve to death for they cannot raise anything thare (sic) to live upon. I shouldnt think they could should you. I should like to come and stay with you aunt while uncle is gone but I should never expect to see him come home again. I dont believe I should get homesick whare (sic) **Martha** was if she was well and just as full of fun as she used to be when she was here.

We are agoing fishing to the lake as soon as the roads get good. Tell **Martha** that I shall miss her and **Christiana** and as well as **Em** to make fuss and sing to when we go fishing, and tell her that I think I can take care of what Rebels there is left here. I dont have any trouble with any of them but **Mib** and I can manage him well enough you know. I should like to see all the rebs very well. I care much about it if they were all here today.

Henry had a letter from **Harrison** last night. He wrote [that] his battallion was all smashed up and had gone into the 1st and 2nd battallion. He is in the 2nd battallion, Company F, now. He wrote that the soldiers were having the small pox. Some in his Co. were sick with it.

William Parker was taken worse again last Wednesday. He has been sick with the inflamatory rheumatism most four weeks. He was a little better this morning. I presume you have heard that his mother is dead. She died the 21st of February.

We have had several weddings this winter. Ellen Norton, my cousin, is married to George Baxter. Jennie Hyde and Captain Crowel was married in Feb. I think. Foster Warin (?) married Albert Bishop widow. They were married in Feb. too.

Mother wants to know if I have got my love letter most written. I dont write love letters only just such ones as this is. Super (sic) is ready and I shall lose my share of it if I dont hurry. Write soon and kiss **Willy** and his little sister for me. You need not feel so proud of it that you cannot tell me anything about it. I heard about it a good while ago and was agoing to write to you then but I thought I would wait untill you answered my last letter. I think you must be mistaken about your writing last. The last letter I got from [you] before this one that we got last week I got the 25th of September if my Diary

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searves (sic) me right and I wrote to you in Oct. and wrote a little to **Martha** in it and I never got an answer from it. I thought sometimes I would sit down and answer it myself but I didnt do it for some reason. It might have been in Nov. that I wrote to you perhaps you never got the letter. Give my love to **Martha** and tell her that I shall expect to hear from her soon and accept a good share for yourselves. Write soon. Good Bye.

From your affectionate neice
Jennie M. Burget

Ward and **Mariette** sends their love to their little cousins and wish that they could see them. I have been thinking that I would go up there next fall and spend the winter with you but if uncle goes to Idaho I dont care so much about going. Can you blame me.

Uncle David

I wish you would write what arrangement you have made about sending money to you if you go to Idaho. We want to send you the money as fast as we can get it. We shall probably have a hundred dollars in May for you.

Henry Burget

Compiler's Notes :

Christiana could be **Christiana (Bacon) Burget**, the first wife of **William Henry Harrison Burget**, an older brother of Martha and son of Isiah Burget. Christiana was the same age as Jane and Martha (all born in 1844). **Em** is perhaps Jane's younger sister, Emma, born in 1849.

"**Mib**" is probably **Milberry Burget**, another son of Isiah Burget and Betsey Parker and an older brother of William Henry Harrison Burget and Martha Burget. Mib apparently migrated to Nebraska.

"**Willy**" was **William Eugene Burget**, the first child of David White Burget and Lydia Priscilla Alger born in 1862.

Ward was Jane's younger brother who was born in 1855.

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Harpersfield
May the 29th 1864

Dearest Aunt

Your letter was received two weeks ago today but I have been so busy at work that I have not had time to ever ans it sooner. We are all well and hope this will find you enjoying the same blessing. I was sorry to hear that uncle had gone to Idaho. I was in hopes that he would give it up.....he is gone and I cangood success and hope that he will live to get home again to help you take care of his little helpless children.

You wanted I should tell you what I thought about your babys name being called Emma Jane. I have no particular objection to that name but I think there are other names that would suit me just as well, but you must suit yourself about what her name shall be. All I have to say is that if you call her Jane that she wont look like her awfull homely cousin that bearse that name. I dont know who I was named after some homely aunt I presume. I think the child that is called Jane ought to have a nice present for the name.

We had a letter from **Harrison** a short time ago. He was well and at Chattanooga yet. We have cheering news from our army.....spring. I do hope this war.....soon be ended honorbly so I dont want to compromise any way only with bullets and hemp. I think if hemp and bullets was used more freely the Rebs would soon get tired of fighting for their rights as they call it, dont you think so.

We had an awful battle in our town a week ago last Tuesday which resulted in the death of one of our citizenry. Chap Potter and Frank Harwell have been enemies for several years quarrelling about their mothers property and a week ago last Tuesday afternoon Frank came over to Chap's for the purpose of getting his mother in-law. Frank has lately been appointed guardian for his mother-in-law and Chap had sent him that day a written notice to come and take the old lady away. So he went and got the constable to come and go with him. The had just got to Chap's house, or to his gate, when Chap came out of the house and came towards them and told Frank not to come into the the yard and.....walked along towards Frank.....an old two inch screw.....made for a cheese press screws. Frank came up to the fence and laid his hands on the fence and Chap went towards him and told him to step back and as he told him to do so, he drawed his club to strike Frank, and Frank says I will and staped back a step and a small hand spike stood leand up against the fence whare (sic) Frank stood. It seems he struck as Chap was looking around at his wife who stood in the door telling him not to have any fuss with him. Chap fell to the ground. He lived untill two o'clock the next morning. He didn't come to enough to know anything. Frank was arested the night that Chap died about eleven o'clock. He had his (case) tried before the justice of the peace the next Thursday after and was indicted for murder in the first degree and sent to jail to await his trial in the county court which will be in June.

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We had a letter from cousin [Henry Burget in] California about a month ago. He was.....that there had not been rain enough in twelve months to wet the ground ten inches in depth and he said that in the south part of the state the cattle were starving to death and that they would soon be in where he was if they didn't have rain soon. He said they were not afraid of starving if they could raise anything this season for there was plenty of provisions to be bought at some price but a great many will suffer I presume if they have not had rains by this time. I hope have had before this time don't you.

Please write soon and write all the news about uncle David and tell him in your next letter to him to be sure and write to us and not forget it either.

My love to yourself and children.

Jennie

Martha

I was happy to hear a few words from your own dear self and I sincerely hope that it wont be the last ones I shall hear from you this summer. My health is some better than it was last summer, but I dont think I could stand a great many battles with the Secesh without feeling bad afterwards especialy if they should be as hard ones as we fought last spring.

Oh! I do wish I could be up there with you and aunt Lydia this summer. If I was there I dont think I should have any time to get lonely but I cannot so I must content myself in writing to you.

I hope your little boy will be industryous and keep plenty of wood chopped for your.....I should like to see him [and give him] a good shakeing and a kiss or.....you must do that for me.

I went to the lake fishing a week ago last Wednesday. I expected Mr. Bateses folks would all go and that Caleb(?) would bring a load of girls. The night before we started we sent word to him and they never told him untill the next day at three o'clock so he didnt go. Ophelia Humphrey went with us so I was not a lone. We fished in the marsh and caught a nice lot of fish too and had a boat ride on the marsh. You see by the way these lines run that I am going to be poor.

Oh! Martha, William Bates is drafted, and I am sure its a pity aint it. I dont know.

Alfonso was drafted too. Perhaps it will come near home to me next draft. Who knows. I dont.

I am just

Jennie M. Burget

Compiler's Notes :

The **Henry Burget** who was in California was the oldest son and child of **John A. Burget** (William Burget, Sr.7), an older brother of **William Burget, Jr.** John A. Burget married **Lucy M. Hoskins** in Ashtabula Co., OH in 1826, and the family is shown in the 1850 Federal Census for Livingston Co., MO. Henry and two other

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brothers, **William Milbury Burget** and **Ira A. Burget**, had migrated west to Sutter Co., CA by 1860. William Milbury and Ira went to OR prior to going to CA. William Milbury and Ira joined their uncle, **Reuben Burget**, who had migrated to Kings Valley, OR in 1847. Reuben was undoubtedly the COPPERHEAD uncle mentioned in Jane's letter of November 19, 1865. Two other siblings, **Dama Abia (Burget) Moore** and **John Hoskins Burget**, migrated to Montague Co., TX after the death of John A. in Livingston Co., MO in 1858. It is interesting how descendants of William, Milberry, and Jehoikim, Jr. kept in touch with each other--distances notwithstanding!

The California siblings of **Dama Abia (Burget) Moore Singletary** and her brother, **John Hoskins Burget** (my great grandfather), who lived in Montague Co., TX corresponded with each other.

Alfonso was a son of **Isiah Burget** and **Betsey Parker**.

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Harpersfield July 29th/64

Dear Aunt

It is almost four weeks since I received your very welcome letter but I have been very busy to work and have not been very well for more than a week so you will excuse me I think for my negligence and besides I have been wanted to hear from **Harrison** before I answered your letter. We got a letter from him night before last--the first one we have had from him for five weeks.....if he was killed or wounded.....the reason he didn't write but he is well and there in Chattanooga yet. He didn't go to the front as he expected to have to but has gone into another branch of service. He is in Co. A now of the Cumberland Engineers. His letter was written the 16th of July. He wrote that he reenlisted the 14 of June (the same day his last letter before this was wrote but he never wrote a word about it in that letter) into this Engineer Co., and his Capt. expected to be Col. after he had got his men all reinlisted. He went to Washington to see about it and found out that he couldn't reinlist men that hadent been in the service 2 years so Harrison's reinlisting all fell through with so he says he guesses he will stay one year longer and then if he has not got his trade learnt he will come home.

We are all well enough to eat Jonny cake and anything else when we can get it...I am afraid we shant have Jonny cake to eat long if it keeps dry much longer. Every thing is suffering for want of rain. We finished our haying yesterday and we didnt get hay enough to pay cutting it hardly. Wheat is about an average crop this season. Oats are poor and corn will be something if it dont keep dry to long. Our garden is not worth the trouble we was to plant it but it is better than anybodys elses I have seen this summer. Potatoes wont be anything if it dont rain oftener than it has. It is so long between the showers that everything is all used up.

Old Mr. Buck was burried a week ago today. He used to sell a gooddeal of whiskey. **Martha** can tell you all about him.

You didnt tell me what you had concluded to call your girl yet we all feel pretty proud of our baby. She is a great big baby now. Can run out of doors bear headed or anyway it dont make any differance to her if she only gets out doors is all she cares. She allways calls me Nany and if you should hear her cry after me once when I go away any where you would surely say she was my baby. She cries in earnest then she can sulk(?) some cries at at least.

I think it is hard for you to have to take care of your children all alone and have to do chores out of doors too. You ought to have a boy to do the chores for you but I hope you have heard from uncle before this time. I hope he will be home again before next winter. I wish I could come up there and stay with you this winter. I shouldn't want to stay with you all the time until you got tired of me. I should try to go to a school close by you so I could see you often as you would want to see me if not oftener but dont know as I could get a certifficate if I should try.

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We had a letter from **Henry Burget** in California three weeks ago. He wrote that they had not had rain enough in 18 months to wet the ground 1 inch deep. The drouth seems to extend all over the United States as far as I can learn.

Well, **Henry** [her older brother] has not been drafted yet but I don't know but he will be next time. He is mowing with the machine for Ben Wheeler today. It is awful warm-- hot enough to roast a nigger as the saying is.

Well I hope I shall be luckey enough to not get a man untill the gold is all dug and the war is all over with so he wont have excuse to go off and leave me to take care of myself. I dont think there is any danger of my ever getting one though. Nobody wants such a great homely awckward thing as I am and so I dont want anybody if they (dont) want me and so the world goes.

Father and **Henry** will express you what money thare (sic) is due on that note and will expect you to send the note in your next letter.

Mariette wants to know what has become of your little Mary that you told her about when you was down here. **Ward** says he dont know about paddling across the lake in a boat. He thinks it is rather riskey business. He thinks that he will come up there when he gets big and make you a visit.

I dont think of anything more to write. Guess you will be tired enough of this trash before you get what I have written read.

Yours truly

Jennie M. Burget

Dear Aunt

We will send you money enough to pay up that note soon. You may be looking for it when you receive it you may send the note by letter and if there is any mistake about the interest we will rectify it.

Henry Burget

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October 24, 1864

Dear Aunt:

Your letter was received over a week ago but I have been trying to be sick for two or three weeks, but they cannot make me lye (sic) abed though for I don't like the business at all at all. I wish I could come up there and carry this letter myself for it would be such a nice ride.

O: I do hope you have heard from uncle **David** and that he is well and coming home this fall if he ever gets home alive I (hope) that he can't never undertake anoth(er) journey like that.

Tell Mary Wheeler that Anson Henry has got home from the army and she had better come back here soon or some of the girls will get him away from her. I don't believe but what he is as good as any of the stay at home boys in Michigan. I hope you don't have any such a thing as a COPPERHEAD in Michigan. We have got fourteen (14) in Harpersfield and quite a number in the state but I hope they will all be gathered two weeks from next Tuesday (election day). The soldiers say they have whipped the enemy in the front and can whip them at home. I only wish I was a boy so I could help whip the enemy in the front and in the rear. I got a letter from **Harrison** the same day that I got yours. He said he was well with the exception of a hole in his leg. He wrote the whole bit of the shot into his leg on the 28th of September.

You didn't tell our folks in your letter whether you received that money or not or whether you was satisfied with it or not. The note came in your last letter but nothing about the money. Please write in your next more particulars and satisfy all parties.

Compilers Notes :

A "COPPERHEAD" was the name given during the Civil War to Northerners who sympathized with the cause of Southerners.

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October 25th, 1864

I went up to Jefferson yesterday to a mass meeting. **Gen. Garfield**, our Representative in Congress for the 19th Ohio district, spoke. He is a smart man and a smart looking man too. A (preacher?), Mr. Jones, delivered an address after Gen. Garfield had finished his speech. Mr. Jones is a Chaplain in one of the Ohio Regiments and a Disciple preacher and so is Gen. Garfield, or at least Garfield used to preach before he went into the army.

I got nearly tired out going up there (it is about ten miles) but I had rather be sick two weeks than to have staid (sic) at home and not went. Gen. Garfield is the man that wrote the order to send **Valandingham** beyond our lines and if he had or could have had the privilege of extending a line around his neck it would have rid the country of one of the worst of the worst of its enemies.

It is getting late and I am getting tired so please excuse me till I hear from you again which I hope won't be long. Oh, if I could only be up there a few months you and **Martha** wouldn't get homesick while I was around. I know, but I don't know as I ever shall be so happy as to spend a few weeks with you and uncle but I hope I shall see you both again before we leave this world of sin and sorrow to return to it nor (no?) more while it is so vile and wretched or the people that are in it--I mean, but if we never meet again on earth I hope we shall all meet whare (sic) we shall not want men to go to dig gold and to be massacred by savages whare (sic) all is peace and pain nor sickness nor sorrow never enter there, to go no more out forever, by the grace of God, and an obedience to all of his requirements and a patient continuence in well being we shall all meet there.

A kiss for that little sweet birdie of a girl of yours and I will close. Tell **Willy** he must grow fast so when I come up there I shall have some one to take good care of me when I go fishing , etc. etc. I shall have to send little **Enola Jane** some present if I don't come up there to give it to her myself before she gets to (sic) big to sit in my lap and pull my hair and dig my eyes out.

Yours truly

Jennie

Compilers Notes :

General James A. Garfield later became President of the United States.

Willie was **William Eugene Burget**, the first of nine children of David White Burgend Lydia Priscilla Alger.

Jane calls the second child of David White Burget and Lydia Priscilla Alger who was born in 1864 "Enola Jane". That person wrote the letter of January 27, 1929 [see Michigan], and she calls herself "Leonora J. (Jane)"

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Harpersfield February the 27th 1865

Dear Aunt:

Your ever welcome letter came to hand a short time ago. I was glad to hear that you and the children were well. We are all as well as usual except Henry. He has not been very well for three or four days but will get around again soon I hope. I am not getting a long as fast as I want to but hope I shall soon get along a little faster. Oh, if uncle [David Burget] was only going to be at home this summer wouldn't Ihard for our folks to let me go up there and stay this summer, if he ever dose (sic) come down here again on a visit you may expect me to go back with you and stay untill I have made you twice glad, at least, I am going to have my picture taken again when I get so I can earn money enough a pay for them, and will give one to you and uncle, and will let **Martha** have one to. I should have let you and **Martha** had one this time but the girls coaxed them all away from me before I hardly knew it, so I thought I would send one to my little cousin and get some better ones next time for you and **Martha**. Mrs. Bartholemew is getting over her fall that she had New Years night rather sloly (sic) but she thinks she will soon be able to work again. Aunt **Lydia Parker** is gaining a little every day, it will be almost a miracle if she should get-up again, she has what is called the tubercle consumption my disease is liver complaint and bronchial consumption and female weakness and I dont know what I dont have hardly. **Almena's** man has gone to Iowa to be gone a month or two and left Almena with her mother. We had a letter from **Harrison** about two weeks ago. he was well when he wrote and at Columbia Tennessee, he will be home in six months if he dont get killed or die with disease before his time is out, alas: how many are killed or are taken sick and die just as their time of service expired, but such is the fate of war, but I hope my brother will be spared the terrible (sic) fate of war , but none can tell whether I shall ever see him again or not, if he should live to come home I may be sleeping in the cold and silent graveyard ere his service is done.

You must write as soon as you get this and tell me how you get along and tell me when uncle is coming home I wish he was safe at home now. I hope he wont never think of moving out to Idaho . I never should expect to see either of you again if you should move out there. I a great deal rather he would settle in Ohio, but he will do as he thinks best, of course, give **Willie** and baby a kiss for me and tell them I hope I shall enjoy the privelege of giving them one myself some time, Good By for this time and take good care of yourself and children and not get sick as I have done.

Your Affectionate Neice, and Friend,
Jennie Burget

To: **L. P. [Lydia Priscilla] Burget**

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Compiler's Notes :

Henry (b. 22 Jul 1839, Ashtabula Co., OH) was Jane's oldest brother, the first of eight children (first son) of William Burget, Jr. and Mary Pool.

Harrison (b. 1842, Ashtabula Co., OH) was Jane's next oldest brother, the second of eight children (second son) of William Burget, Jr. and Mary Pool. Harrison apparently later migrated to MI, where he married **Elvira Campbell** in Allegan Co. on 19 Oct 1870.

Almena's "man" was **Edmond Tift Schellenger**. Edmond had first married Almena's younger sister, **Lavina**. Edmond and Lavina had two children in IL, where Lavina died. Almena took care of Lavina's children and married Edmond in Ashtabula Co., OH in 1865. Almena and Edmond migrated west, had two children of their own, and eventually settled in Sutter Co., CA--as did **Oliver Perry Burget**, her younger brother, after serving in the Civil War. Edmond and Oliver were both blacksmiths.

Henry, William Milbury, and Ira Burget--cousins of Almena and Oliver--preceded them to Sutter Co. from Livingston Co., MO. Henry may have gone directly to CA, whereas it is known that William Milbury and IRA were in OR prior to being in Sutter Co.

Almena and Oliver were both on the 1890 mailing list announcing the first annual Burget reunion to be held in Ashtabula Co., OH in 1891.

During a visit to Sutter Co., CA in 1993, I happened upon the graves of Almena and Edmond during a walk in the Sutter Cemetery while searching for the graves of **George and Sarah (Burget) Thompson**.

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November 19, 1865

Dear Uncle and Aunt:

Your letter of the 12th was received this morning and eagerly perused by all of us. We were happy to hear that uncle had got home safe and sound. OH! if I could only come up there and see you, but I expect it would be of no use asking our folks to let me come. Now if I only had my rich old bach this fall he wouldn't get much peace unless it was a piece of my mind if he wouldn't go with me to visit an only uncle, except a Copperhead uncle that lives in Oregon. [Italics and underlining by the compiler.]

We are all well. My health is better than it has been before in over a year--am getting fat as a cub--weighed a 154 pounds last night and am growing fat every day and tougher too but have not got very tough yet. They keep me on bitters yet and give me lots of whiskey and sugar with it too, but I have got so that I don't think so much of bitters as I might. I have seen too much of it for the past year or more. It was a year the first of last September since I commenced taking medicine and never have been without but a few days at a time except last July and then I gave it up and thought I would not take any more but some of my friends hated to see me give up so and finally persuaded me to try a clarvoyant (sic) doctor and I have been taking his medicine over two months and he has done me more good than all the rest of my doctors that I have tried and he says he can cure me--so much for a spiritualist. You can ask **Martha** about him for I believe she has heard more about him than I have. His name is Charles Woodruff, Edward Woodruff's brother that lives close by aunt Betsey's.

Harrison is to work for **Anson Parker** this winter. I don't know what he will say about going west in the spring or about making a visit this winter. Well, uncle, Rhoda Bates has finily (sic) got married. She married Horrace Payne, and Henry Wheeler and Matilda Stevery(?) are married. All the old maids are married most except Martha Bates and I. There always has to be one old maid in the family and so Martha and I will have give up now Rhoda has got so much the start. William Bates died on the 6th of Oct. Aunt, Rhoda was married on the 10th. Tell **Martha** to take good care of that rebel of hers and not lose sight of him again, for rebels can't be trusted out of your sight. I wouldn't believe one if I knew he was telling the truth for I know they are apt to lie, very much like their half brothers, the Copperheads, but I had rather have a rebel's old shoe than a half a dozen sneaking cowardly Copperheads. You didn't tell us uncle whether (you) got any gold or see any or not.

I wish uncle you and aunt and the children would send me your pictures if you can't come and see me. I would think so much of them too, if I only had them. I hope you won't go off again though in the spring. I want to come and see you next fall if I get well enough to earn anything next summer. I think I am getting 'most old enough to do as I like, don't you? If I can only be as well as I was when was down here that is all I will ask for. I guess I worked hard that summer taking care of **Emma** for I never have seen a well day since I saw you but such is life. It is not much at best.

Write soon. A kiss for **Jane** and a heap of love for yourselves. I wish [!] could

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come and bring it to you, but goodbye my sweeties.

Ever yours,

Jennie Burgett

Compiler's Notes :

The "Copperhead uncle living in Oregon" was undoubtedly **Reuben F. Burgett** (b. 1804, NY), the third of ten children (third son) of William Burget, Sr. and Abigail Andrews. Reuben migrated from MO to OR in 1847 with "the second wagon-train through."

Jane subsequently married **Lucian Woodruff** on August 19, 1867 at Rock Creek, Ashtabula Co., OH. They had five children: Lulu Emma (b. 12 Feb 1869, Austinburg, Ashtabula Co., OH), Mary Martha (b. 23 Aug 1874, Morgan Twp., Ashtabula Co., OH), De Witt Clinton (b. 22 Jul 1878, Austinburg, Ashtabula Co., OH), Earl Lucian (b. 1879, Austinbug, Ashtabula Co., OH), and Ernest Cleon (b. 30 Dec 1884, Austinburg, Ashtabula Co., OH).

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Harpersfield, O July 3rd 1895

Dear Cousin Nora

I promised you I would send you my picture. so now I wil fulfill my promise.

Henry was at home Decoration week and we had our pictures taken.

Yesterday, **Henry** went to Warren was one of the Delegates sent there. he had a good time, there were 196 Delegates there.

Edie and Frank went to Ashtabula yesterday to Barnum and Baileys show. they had a nice time. and went to the Harbor. to morrow is the 4th. Henry Edie and Frank are going to Geneva. Geneva celebrates the 4th with and old fashioned time. all kinds of races and Games etc.

All are well but Mamie Woodruff. I see by the paper she is on the sick list. how sick I do not know.

Henry got through to Jefferson last Saturday. was gone 13 weeks. Hoping to hear from you some time.

I am always your friend and cousin.

Alice [Hitchcock] Burgett

Well **Lenora** I expected to hear you had jumped over the Broomstick the reason youre not answering my last letter but as you say nothing about it I take it for granted youre Name is still Burget quite an honerbel name (dont you think so) i never go back on it. Well **Chloe** I have no excuse for not writing to you only I had forgotten youre address when you wer away and so I wrote to **Lenora** & wish you much hapiness in youre new home and life you will have as good a Husband as I have got is all the bad Luck I can wish you you may pasably get a handsomer Man than mine but you cant handily get a better one

I hope you will favor us with his photo and come and see us I should love to come and make you all a visit but it seemes so hard times just now we are going to sell or trade our place thiss spring if we can and go back into ourbuisness will probly go back to franklin sgs we have put up a laarge hen house and granery since you wer here hav 70 hens we hav just got a large room lathed ready up stares to plaster for a log room rents for 18 dollars per year The Burget reunion is in Penselvania next year to Eliza Wingit

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Compiler's Notes :

Leonora was **Leonora Jane Burget**, a daughter of William White Burget and Lydia Priscilla Alger. **Chloe** was Leonora's younger sister, **Chloe Esther Burget**, the mother of **Esther Marion (Wadsworth) York**. **Edie Burgett** was the daughter of **Henry Burget**, Jane's oldest brother, and his wife, **Alice Hitchcock**. Frank was probably Edie's husband.

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First Burgett Family Reunion

The following names were on an 1890 mailing list announcing the first Burgett family reunion to be held in Ashtabula Co., Ohio in 1891:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	
Baxter, Frank	Geneva	OH
Burgett, Alfonso	Dorset	OH
Burgett, Alva	Rock Creek	OH
Burgett, Daniel	Rock Creek	OH
Burgett, David	Belamont	MI
Burgett, Frank	Rock Creek	OH
Burgett, Gay	Dorset	OH
Burgett, H. P.	Shreve	OH
Burgett, Harrison H.	Thurman	NE
Burgett, Harrison	Buchanan	WV
Burgett, Hattie	Lorain	OH
Burgett, Henry	Geneva	OH
Burgett, Jane	Thompson	OH
Burgett, John	Bowerston	OH
Burgett, John	Jefferson	OH
Burgett, Lonnie	Collinwood	OH
Burgett, Milbury	Ponca	NE
Burgett, Monroe	Geneva	OH
Burgett, O. P.	Meridian	CA
Burgett, Orr	Leroy	OH
Burgett, Roy	Jefferson	OH
Burgett, S. L.	Lorain	OH
DeRodes, William	Leetonia	OH
Forbes, Mel	Conneautville	PA
Gardner, John	Jefferson	OH
Hakes, A. M.	Reading	MI
Harvey, Walter	Geneva	OH
Johnson, Lucy Mrs.	Cottonwood	CA
Malcom, Dr. P.	New Hampton	IA
Parker, Albertus	Saybrook	OH
Parker, Will	Saybrook	OH
Parker, William	Geneva	OH
Pistell, E. P.	Lorain	OH
Rhoads, Ezra Mrs.	Rock Creek	OH
Rowe	Unionville	OH
Schellinger, Almena	Yuba City	CA

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Servey, Olie	Rannsytown	PA
Smith, Amy Mrs.	Buchanan	WV
Smith, Frank	Nashville	TN
Smith, Will	Toledo	OH
Stewart, William	Letonia	OH
Taylor, H. H. Mrs.	Trentow	NE
Tuttle, Philander	Geneva	OH
Wadsworth, Chloe Mrs.	Tennville	MI
Wing, Ed	Conneautville	PA
Wing, Elyah	Conneautville	PA
Wing, Frank	Granite Falls	MN
Wing, Fred	Gisbonburg	OH
Wing, Jay	Albion	PA
Wing, Leroy	Conneautville	PA
Wing, N. B.	Belvidere	IL
Wing, W. B.	Portland	OR
Woodruff, Clinton	Jefferson	OH
Woodruff, Lucian	Rock Creek	OH

"The first reunion of the Burgett family was held at the home of **A. M. [Almeron Monroe] Burgett** at Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., OH on August 11, 1891. Sixty members of the family were present. Music, croquet, and visiting was the order of exercise until dinner was called when they did justice to a well-filled and well-set table.

Order was called by S. L. Burgett. **Albertus Parker** was chosen Chairman for the day. The following officers were elected for the year:

Mr. Silas L. Burgett	President
Mr. H. V. Burgett	Vice President
Mr. Harve P. Burgett	Secretary
Mr. Alphonso Burgett	Treasurer

The place of meeting was chosen for the following year to be at the Alphonso Burgett place at Trumbull, Ohio.

A collection of \$2.21 was turned over to the Treasurer.

Births: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Gay Burgett of Dorset, Ohio

Deaths: A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Burgett of Dorset, Ohio

Signed: Harve P. Burgett, Secretary"

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PART III

MIGRATION WESTWARD FROM OHIO

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Many relatives, including allied families, and friends continued to move westward from OH, some of them apparently stopping (and staying) variously in IN, MI, IL, WI, IA, MO, and KS. Some of the journeys were only to a state to the immediate west from whence they came. Other journeys were quantum leaps of several hundred miles, often accompanied by extreme hardships--especially for the women.

MICHIGAN

David White Burget [Gen. 8]

Esther Marion (Wadsworth) York⁴⁶ supplied a substantial amount of information about William Burget, Sr., his ancestors and his descendants--including his son, David White Burget, her maternal grandfather, and his descendants.

David White Burget was living in the household of his older brother, William Burgett, Jr., in 1850. He was a farmer, 33 years of age, and born in New York.⁴⁷

David White Burget migrated to Columbia Twp., Van Buren Co., MI ca. 1850. He married **Lydia Priscilla Alger** there in 1861, and they had the following children: William Eugene (b. 1862, MI), Leonora Jane (b. 1864), David Clayton (b. 18 May 1868, Columbia Twp., Van Buren Co., MI; d. 1870), George Valdo (b. 17 Jan 1870, Columbia Twp., Van Buren Co., MI), Markam Fayette, Abbie Althina (b. 20 Nov 1871, Columbia Twp., Van Buren Co., MI), Chloe Esther (b. 15 May 1874, Columbia Twp., Van Buren Co., MI; d. 1935, Allegan Co., MI), Sabrey Ursula (b. 24 Jan 1876, Columbia Twp., Van Buren Co., MI; d. ca. 1893), and Lydia Priscilla (b. 1879).

The following letter⁴⁸ dated May 8, 1864 at Omaha, NE from David White Burget to his wife, Lydia Priscilla Alger, describes his journey from Michigan to Idaho Territory to try his luck at mining for gold:

Nebraska May 8th 1864

Dear wife with pleasure i write you a few lines to let you know we are all well hoping you the same we got to council bluffs day before yesterday crossed the missouri river yesterday into omahaw (sic) city went out of town amile and a half and camped we shall stop here a day or 2 then we shall go out to whear (sic) we can find fead (sic) then we shall stop a while we got us a sheat (sic) iron stove last night so we can get along better wood has ben (sic) very scerce (sic) acrost the praria (sic). Some of the way we had to burn cattle manure how would you like such wood to cook with their (sic) is thousands of emigrants trains goin through we dont like cooking if we was to start again we shoud have Some of the women go with us to do our cooking then our beds is so nice we sleepe (sic) under the waggon (sic) it has ben (sic) a very good

⁴⁶Ibid

⁴⁷1850 Federal Census, Ashtabula Co., OH (Harpersfield Twp., 490/507).

⁴⁸Provided by Esther Marion (Wadsworth) York.

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country of land through iowa good soil but not hardly any rail timber flour is only worth three dollars per hundred here maple sugar thirty cents per pound we have had very wet murchy (sic) weather for a few days but we have had good roads so far but rather hilley (sic) we have ben (sic) on the road about twelve days we have lade (sic) over some sence (sic) we left the cars we have come two hundred milds (sic) we have had pretty plenty of praria (sic) chickings (sic) and rabbits it is about twelve hundred milds (sic) from here through if you get this letter within 18 days from date write back as soon as you get it. Direct to F. T. Larmie (sic), idaho teritory. So good by from David Burget to L. B. The emigrants has had no trouble going through.

The following letter from **Lenora Jane (Burget) Stockton**, daughter of David White Burget, to her niece, Esther Marion (Wadsworth) York, provides additional family lore:

Plainwell, Michigan

January 27, 1929

"Marion W. [Wadsworth] :

How do you do anyway. Your mother sent a letter over here that you had written asking about the Burgets. I don't think you found any of your ancestors. The Burgets you are decended from came from Holland to the colony's prior 1767. Three brothers--I don't think they were married--Jehoiakim, also called Yowkum and Joachim, Koonrod, and Peter. Jehoiakim and Koonrod were patriots and fought Great Briton in the Revolutionary War. Peter was a Tory married a widow who had several sons who took his name and so became Burgets. The brothers had nothing to do with him after his Toryism. They all came to New York in the first place, but Peter went to East Bridgeport, Connecticut to live and died there. The others stayed in New York.

Jehoikim married, and his oldest son, William, was born either in or near N. York city in 1768 or the latter part of 67. William married **Abi Andrews** of English extraction but Connecticut born. Her father [John Andrews] moved into N. Y. when she was 16 years. They lived in Smithfield town or township, Chenango County prior to 1815 then they moved to Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co., Ohio. Of this marriage were born sons Jehoikim, John, Rueben, Milbery, William and David [and] daughters Priscilla, Rhoda, Ursula and Lydian. Milbery and Rhoda died back in Chenango Co. New York. Ursula and Lydian were born after they reached Ohio.

Jehoikim married **Sheruissa Rice** moved to Wisconsin and died there. His oldest was George Burget, don't know the rest.

John married **Lucy Hoskins** (or Haskins) had several children started for California with his family reached Missouri taken sick and died. Widow and children went on.

Ruben married **Alvira Patterson** and had two children, **William** and a daughter. Went to Oregon in the second wagon train that drove through. Son

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went with him located in Kings Valley, Oregon. William came back after mother and sister who had stayed in Missouri found mother had died and sister had disappeared during a guerrella raid and could not be found returned to Oregon before discovery of gold in California. Ruben was alive in 1884.

William [Jr.] married **Mary Pule [Poole]** and remained in Ohio. Died in January 1886.

David came to Columbia Township, Van Buren Co. Michigan in 1848 and 1861 married **Lydia Priscilla Alger** and they had William Eugene, Leonora Jane, Markham Fayette, David Clayton, George Valdo, Abbie Althina, Chloe Esther, Sabra Ursula and Lydia Priscilla.

Priscilla died in 1862 unwed.

Lydian married Edward Harvey and had seven sons and died.

Ursula died at 17 years.

So much for the decendants of William, oldest son of Jehoikim had also **Koonrod** who settled at Painted Post, Steuben Co. New York. **Milbery** who wed **Sarah Andrews**--a sister of Abi--and came to Harpersfield Ohio as did **Jehoikim Junior** and their sister **Judith** who married **Josiah Dodge**. The other daughter of Jehoikim the elders name was **Fanny** who married a man by name **Cleveland** and stayed in the east. All I know was she had a son, Chiron, who made a visit to Ohio when my father was a boy.

Koonrod the brother of Jehoikim and Peter was said to have married and left 5 children who married and had families. That is all I know about his decendants.

Jehoikim the firsts wife who is described as a big stout dutch woman is said to have killed 5 indians with a flat iron. The story goes that her husband and other men went to see if any indians were around and finding none returned and went to bed and to sleep. The indians followed them back waited till they were asleep then attempted to enter one at a time. The Great Grand mother was ironing by the door and the first that stuck his head in got the flat iron point first through his skull as did 2-3-4, number 5 stuck his gun through ahead and shot grandma through the breast but she got him too. The shot woke the men and then the fight began. They carried off[f] the married daughter off who was sick in bed with a baby. They knocked the baby's head against a tree scalped it and threw it down. They made her walk till her feet were raw on the bottom. The whites chased them up and rescued her.

William Burget the first [Sr.] was a Major in the war of 1812. Among the things he did was to take a band of indians in a raid to destroy British stores and to draw troops away from a place the Americans wanted to attack, in which he was successful and returned without losing a man. All this happened--except the raid--in the State of New York. The Indian battle evidently after the Revolution, because Jehoikim oldest son William was born 1767 or 68.

Well I have written 6 pages and my hand is tired so I am going to rest. About the name of Burget, I never heard of but one change in the spelling only some of them adding a 't' to it. Your grandfather said his father and his uncle

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Milbery after they married the Andrews sisters went to spelling it as it was pronounced in English, dropping the Dutch way. Dad said the dutch way to spell Burget was as long as his arm and he did not believe if we saw it in print we would know it. He could not remember how it was spelled but it was a very long name. If you could find that indian story you probably would find the old spelling for it was William's mother who killed the indians.

I don't know whether William's Major's commission was from New York's governor or President Madison, but I think if can find the indian story in New York's history of the indians you will get the old way to spell Burget.

If you find anything special about our ancestors let me know.

Well your Uncle George does a lot of grunting and groaning but has not given up and gone to bed. Am sorry your Dad got his knee dislocated. I wanted to go over there today but the men wouldnt take [me] even if I liked too. The roads are awefully icy. I have a very sore jaw following a visit to the dentist but there is one consolation I'll never have to go through it again.

We are all going to Cooperative meeting weather permitting. You will have to excuse my writing any more till I get something in return for my 8 pages. So bye bye with love Aunt Leonora J. Stockton"

Compiler's Notes :

I spent a day in Fort Myers, FL with Eshter Marion (Wadsworth) York, a granddaughter of David White Burget, the son of William Burget, Sr., who was a younger brother of John A., Reuben, and William Burget Jr. Marion gave me the above original letter from her Aunt, Leonora Jane (Burget) Stockton, a daughter of David White Burget, written to her on 27 January 1929 in reply to her inquiry about Burget family genealogy.

In reviewing this letter, Leonora has apparently merged and confused several family generations when describing Tory activity of the Burget (Borghghardt/Burghardt) family prior to and during the Revolutionary War. The Jehoiakim, Koonrod and Peter (described on page 1) were probably the sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons of Coenreat Hendrickse Borghghardt (Generation III and founder of Housatonic Colony in Berkshire Co., MA). The Jehoiakim who served in the Revolutionary War (from the colonies of both MA and NY according to his pension application) was the father of William Burget, who probably served as a Major during the War of 1812 against the British.

Tory activity of members of the Burghardt family in Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., MA is described in *History of Great Barrington (Berkshire) Massachusetts 1676- 1882.* by Charles J. Taylor and published by the Town of Great Barrington in 1928 (Chapter XVIII, Page 210 et seq., The Revolutionary Period 1768-1783) and has been previously included in the section about The Revolutionary War. Page three of the letter indicates that "**John A. Burget** [the compiler's great-great grandfather] and his wife, **Lucy Hoskins**, started for California with his family, reached Missouri, taken sick and died. Widow and children went on." If this were the

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case, the sickness must have been debilitating; because the family is listed in the 1850 Federal Census for (Utica?), Livingston Co., MO, and probate records of John A. Burget are dated in that county in 1858.

Reuben Burget and son, William, "went to Oregon in the second wagon train that drove through. Son went with him, located in Kings Valley, Oregon. William came back after mother and sister who had stayed in Missouri. Found mother had died and sister had disappeared during a guerrella raid and could not be found. Returned to Oregon before discovery of gold in California. Reuben was alive in 1884."

The letter goes on to describe an incident (probably during the "French and Indian War" of 1763) where one of the Burghardt wives killed several Indians with a flat-iron.

It also describes the transformation and Anglicization of the surname from Borghardt and Burghardt to Burget and Burgett.

Marion is still trying to find a letter by Reuben from Oregon to the family back East.

Harrison Burget [Gen. 9]

Harrison Burget (b. 1842, Ashtabula Co., OH) was born the second child (second son) of William Burget, Jr. and Mary Pool. He served in the 105th Ohio Regiment Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War and later migrated to MI and married Elvira Campbell in Allegan Co. on 19 Oct 1870. He was living in Buchanan, WV in 1890.

Sarah Burget, Martha Burget, Daniel Burget [Gen. 9]

Three children of **Isiah Burgett** (Milberry Burget?) and **Betsey Parker** also migrated from OH to Allegan Co., MI. They were: Sarah Burgett, who married Emerson Beebe; Martha E. Burgett; who married Emerson Demming in 1859 in Ashtabula Co., OH; and Daniel W. Burgett, who married Martha J. Woodruff in 1874 in Ashtabula Co., OH.

Dodge Family [Gen. 9]

The following children of **Sarah Dodge** and **Samuel M. Parker** migrated from Ashtabula Co., OH to Michigan: Archelaus D. Parker and Austin S. Parker-- Archelaus to Lacota, MI and Austin S. Parker to Battle Creek, MI, where he served two terms (1893 and 1894) as Mayor and as City Treasurer in 1903, 1904, and 1905.

Schellenger Family

Nancy (Schellenger) Cady (b. 13 Sep 1832), a daughter of Hector J. Schellenger, Sr. and Cynthia (Parker) Schellenger, died on 14 November 1877 at South Haven, Van Buren Co., MI.

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ILLINOIS

Boone Co., IL

Archelaus R. Parker 49

Archelaus R. Parker migrated to IL after the death of his first wife, Sarah (Tefft) Parker in Ashtabula Co., OH on 14 Feb 1827. Several of his children appearing below also migrated to IL--some to Boone Co. (near Rockford) and some to Mc Lean Co. (near Bloomington).

He is buried in Blaine Cemetery, Blaine, Boone, Co., IL, where he died on 13 Sept 1869.

Cynthia Parker and Hector J. Schellenger, Sr.

Cynthia Parker, the fourth child of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker, married Hector J. Schellenger, Sr. in Ashtabula Co., OH on 2 September 1827. Their first eleven children were born in Ashtabula Co., OH, except their youngest, Sarah E. (Schellenger) Blodgett of Capron, Boone Co., IL (b. Manchester, Boone Co., IL, 28 Mar 1855).

Hector J. Schellenger, Sr. died at Manchester, Boone Co., IL on 25 February 1855. Cynthia (Parker) Schellenger died at Blaine, Boone Co., IL on 8 Dec 1903.

Mc Lean Co. IL

Edmond Tift Schellenger, Lavina Burget, Almena Burget [Gen. 9]

Edmond Tift Schellenger, the second child of Hector Schellenger, Sr. and Cynthia Parker, married Lavina Burget, the youngest daughter of Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. and Catherine (Dodge) Burget in Mc Lean Co., IL on 23 May 1853. Their two children, both born in Mc Lean Co, IL, were: Clarence Hector Schellenger (b. 2 Apr 1854; d. 16 Oct 1929) and Clara Louise Schellenger. Upon Lavina's death (probably in Mc Lean Co.), Edmond married Lavina's older sister, Almena, in Ashtabula Co., OH on 2 Jan 1865. Their children, both born in Capron, Boone Co., IL, were Adelbert Edmond Schellenger, Sr. (b. 1 Apr 1867; d. 5 Jan 1936) and Franklin Oliver Schellenger (b. 28 Jun 1870). Franklin Oliver married Fannie Parker. Edmond and Almena subsequently migrated to Sutter Co., CA.

Dr. Wanton H. Parker

Dr. Wanton H. Parker, the second child of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker, was one of the first pioneer physicians of Stouts Grove and vicinity in the

⁴⁹Ibid

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western part of Mc Lean Co., IL, where he settled about 1840. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

He first married Rosannah Lemmon in Ashtabula Co., OH on 22 July 1824. Their children were: Fidelia Ann (Parker) Beeler-Mahaffey (b. 4 Apr 1828); Dr. Robert L. Parker (b. 5 Jan 1830); Mary C. (Parker) Miller (11 Apr 1832; Ashtabula Co., OH); Polly (Parker) Stilwell (b. 26 Dec 1834); John H. Parker (b. Versailles or Woodson, IL; 18 May 1838); and Hannah A. (Parker) Hayes-Griffith (b. 15 Aug 1840; Woodford Co., IL). Rosannah (Lemmon) Parker died in 1840 at about the age of 33.

Dr. Wanton H. Parker died of cholera at Stouts Grove, Mc Lean Co., IL on 28 Jun 1849.

Dr. James E. Parker and Sophronia E. Burgett [Gen. 8]

Dr. Parker, the fifth child of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker, was also one of the pioneer physicians of the vicinity of Concord (now Danvers) in the western part of Mc Lean Co., IL, where he settled about 1836. Parkers Crossing on the "interurban" electric railway between Danvers and Lilly, IL was named from his old homestead, which is located near that station. Dr. Parker was a charter member of Bloomington Lodge No. 43, A. F. and A. M. organized in 1847.

Dr. James E. Parker first married Lucy Ann Fay in Kane Co., IL on 19 November 1837. Their children who lived to maturity were: Orrin Oscar Parker and James H. Parker (b. 14 Apr 1844). Dr. Parker and Lucy Ann were divorced in Mc Lean Co., IL in April 1845. She died at Elgin, Kane Co., IL about 1848. Their son, James H. Parker, enlisted in Company G, 86th Illinois Regiment Volunteer Infantry on 6 August 1862 and was honorably discharged on 6 June 1865.

Dr. Parker later married Sophronia E. Burget, the oldest of three children of Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. and Cynthia Ann Sarissa (Patterson) Burget, in Mc Lean Co., IL on 21 October 1845. Sophronia E. (Burget) Parker, was one of the first school teachers in the vicinity of Danvers, IL.

Their children were: Francis M. Parker (b. 1846); Edward A. Parker (b. 1848); and Emma J. (Parker) Smith (b. 1850).

Dr. James E. Parker died near Danvers, Mc Lean Co., IL on 23 July 1879. She died on 18 June 1880, probably in Mc Lean Co., IL.

Orrin Parker

Orrin Parker, the seventh child of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker, was a farmer and married first, Lucinda (Trask) Maxson, in Mc Lean Co., IL on 22 May 1847. She was born 24 October 1823. Their son, Freeman R. Parker, was born in Mc Lean Co., IL on 11 June 1848. Lucinda died in Mc Lean Co., IL on 25 January 1849.

Orrin Parker, married secondly, Elizabeth Jane Miller, daughter of James T. and Sarah (Loyd) Miller, in Bloomington Township, Mc Lean Co., IL on 15 September 1849. She was born in Rockingham Co., VA on 10 October 1825. Their children who

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lived to maturity were born as follows: Twins Sarah J. (Parker) Cowan and Cynthia J. (Parker) Groves (b. Mc Lean Co., IL, on 23 May 1853); and Lou M. (Parker) Custer (b. Iowa Co., IA, 24 June 1856), the mother of Milo Custer [a compiler of a genealogy of the Parker family]. Elizabeth died in Iowa Co., IA on 28 Apr 1857.

Orrin Parker, married thirdly, Sarah F. Loyd, daughter of Bellfield Loyd and first cousin of his second wife, in Iowa Co., IA on 27 Oct 1857. She was born on 30 May 1833. Their children who lived to maturity were born as follows: Orillia F. (Parker) Rolfe (b. Iowa Co., IA, 27 Sep 1858; d. 17 Jan 1897, Lexington, Cleveland Co., OK); Lottie A. (Parker) Presnall (b. Iowa Co., IA, 24 Oct 1864); and William O. Parker (b. Caldwell Co., MO, 16 June 1870).

Orrin Parker was a charter member and the first tyler of Dayton Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A. M., at Dayton, Washington Co., IA, organized in 1860. He was a Junior Warden of that lodge in 1863. He became a member of Farmers Lodge, No. 168, A. F. & A. M. at Green, Iowa Co., IA in 1864; was Senior Warden of that lodge in 1866; and Junior Steward in 1868. He helped put together the first threshing machine ever used in Mc Lean Co., IL. He died at Caney, Montgomery Co., KS on 10 January 1884. Sarah F. (Loyd) Parker died near Lexington, McClain Co., OK on 3 May 1909.

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WISCONSIN

Jehoikim Burget ⁵⁰

Jehoiakim Burget (b. 22 Aug 1801, NY), oldest child of William Burget, Sr. and Abigail (Andrews) Burget, married Sherissa Rice, and they are known to have had a son named George. Jehoiakim presumably died ca.1850 in WI.

The Dodge Family [Gen. 9]

Joel E. Parker, a son of Sarah Dodge and Samuel M. Parker, migrated from Ashtabula Co., OH to Antigo, Langlade Co., WI.

⁵⁰ Ibid

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IOWA

Franklin County

Henry Harrison Burgett [Gen. 9]

After serving in the Union Army during the Civil War from Aug 1862 to Jul 1864 in Company K, 105th Infantry Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Henry Harrison Burgett (Isiah Burget⁸) married Christiana Bacon (b. 16 Jul 1844, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 5 Oct 1874, Ponca, Dixon Co., NE) in Hampton, Franklin Co., IA on 16 Jul. 1865. Hampton is located in north-central IA, just south of Mason City. They later moved westward to Dixon, Rock Co., Nebraska.

Iowa County

Orrin Parker

Lou M. (Parker) Custer, the youngest of three children of Orrin Parker and Elizabeth Jane (Miller) Parker and mother of Milo Custer, was born on 24 June 1856 in Iowa Co., IA, where her parents had migrated from Mc Lean Co., IL. Her mother, Elizabeth, died there on 28 April 1857.

Orrin subsequently married Sarah F. Loyd, a first cousin of his second wife, Elizabeth Miller, on 27 October 1857 in Iowa Co., IA, where the first two of their three children, Orillia F. Parker (b. 27 Sep 1858) and Lottie A. Parker (b. 24 Oct 1864), were born.

Orrin and Sarah subsequently migrated to Caldwell Co., MO, where their third child, William O. Parker, was born on 16 June 1870, and on to Montgomery Co., KS.

Boone County

Lavina (Parker) Mills

Lavina Parker, the eighth child of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker, married Lansford Mills on 19 January 1836. Their children who lived to maturity were born as follows: Harrison Mills (b. 28 Nov 1836); Almira (Mills) Townsend (b. 17 Jan 1839; d. 21 Dec 1908); James Mills (b. 29 Aug 1841); Orrin Mills (b. 12 Jul 1844; d. 9 Nov 1863); Cynthia (Mills) Beers (b. 5 Apr 1848); William R. Mills (b. 30 Apr 1854); Sanford O. Mills (b. 14 Nov 1856; d. 28 Jan 1908); Peter A. Mills (b. 24 Jan 1860); and Parker Mills of Perry, IA (b. 26 Feb 1867).

Lavina (Parker) Mills died in Boone Co., IA on 22 Sep 1894. Her husband, Lansford Mills, died on 7 January 1901.

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MISSOURI

Livingston County

John A. Burget [Gen. 8]

John A. Burget (William Burget, Sr.7), my paternal great-great-grandfather, was born in the state of New York on 28 February 1801, the second child (second son) of ten children of William Burget, Sr. and Sarah (White) Burget. He married Lucy M. Hoskins, who was also born in New York on 31 August 1807, on 28 December 1826 in Ashtabula Co., OH.⁵¹ He died in Livingston Co., MO in 1858⁵² and is probably buried there in the small town of Dawn.

Their children were: Henry (b. 19 Aug 1830, OH; d. 24 Apr 1890, CA); William Milbury (b. 17 Mar 1832, OH; d. 1910, Sutter Co., CA); Dama Abia (b 15 Jan 1834, OH; d. 30 Jan 1901, Fox, Carter Co., OK); John Hoskins (b. 7 Feb 1836, OH; d 31 Oct 1872, TX); Ira A. (b. 13 Dec 1839, OH); Harriet Maryetta (b. 29 Dec 1841, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 22 Oct 1899, CA); and David D. (b. 9 May 1843, OH; d. 1863).

John A. Burget and his family are listed in the 1850 Federal Census for Livingston Co., MO⁵³ which was taken on 12 September 1850. It lists John as a farmer 49 years of age born in NY; Lucy as 44 years of age born in CT; Henry as a farmer age 20 born in OH; Milbry as age 18 born in OH; Abia as age 16 born in OH; John as age 14 born in OH; Ira as age 13 born in OH; Harriet as age 10 born in OH; and David D. born in OH.

Livingston County probate documents⁵⁴ for John A. Burget reveal the following:

State of Missouri
County of Livingston

I, Cyrus McDonald administrator of the Est. of John A. Burgett deceased do solemnly swear that Henry Burget, Milbury Burget, and Ira Burget are, or were, residents of the State of California when last heard from; and John Burget and Amy Moore and Harriet Burget and David Burget are residents of Livingston Co., MO; and that they are all the heirs at law of John A. Burgett deceased; and further that I will make a perfect inventory of the Estate of said deceased and faithfully administer said estate and pay the debts as far as the assets will extend and the law directs; and further that said John A. Burget died without making a will.

⁵¹ Ashtabula Co., OH Marriage Records.

⁵² Livingston Co., MO Probate Records, 1858.

⁵³ 1850 Federal Census Records, Livingston Co., MO.

⁵⁴Source: Nancy Lightfoot, RR2 Box 225B, Shenandoah, IA 51601, (712) 246-5081

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(Signed) Cyrus McDonald

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of April 1858.
Amos Bargdoll, Clerk

Two children of John A. Burget and Lucy M. Hoskins were married in Livingston Co.⁵⁵ Denny (Dama Abia) married Leander Moore there on 19 February 1851, and John H. Burget (my great-grandfather) married Sarah E. Doty on 1 July 1855.

Also a Katharine Burget married Joseph S. Baxter on 13 January 1853; Ursula Burget married Henry Russell there on 15 August 1855; and Charlotte Burgett married Stephen McCormick on 31 December 1865. I have been unable to make direct family connections for these latter Burget females, but their presence obviously gives credence that there were other Burgets in the area before John A. Burget died and his children moved on to California and Texas. (Note: John A. Burget had a younger sister, Ursula, who was born ca. 1836 in OH, but she presumably died at the age of 17, i.e. ca. 1853. The Ursula above may or may not have been that sister.)

Rockholt Family

National Archives records⁵⁶ reveal that **Eliza (Sisk) Rockholt**, Alfred Rockholt, her first husband, and family are also listed in the 1850 Federal Census for Livingston Co., MO. She is also listed in both the 1860 and 1870 Federal Census records for Butte Twp., Sutter Co., CA as the wife of **Henry Burget**, the older brother of William Milbury. Her daughter, **Lucinda Rockholt**, married William Milbury. Two of Eliza's younger children by her first marriage to Alfred Rockholt are also listed as living in Henry's household in the above 1860 and 1870 census data. Several Doty families are also listed in Livingston Co. in 1850. This data was correlated with other Rockholt and Doty family data from Federal Census records for Sutter Co., CA.⁵⁷ Only the Rockholt data revealed anything immediately meaningful.

Caldwell County

Reuben F. Burget [Gen. 8]

Reuben F. Burget (William Burget, Sr.⁷) was born the third child (third son) in a family of ten children. He was residing in Rockport Twp., Caldwell Co., MO in 1840.⁵⁸ By 1847, he and his son, William, had migrated to Benton Co., OR. Caldwell Co. is just east of St. Joseph, MO and is the adjacent county to the west of Livingston Co., where

⁵⁵ Livingston Co., MO Marriage Records

⁵⁶ Provided by: Carlton Burgett, 1605B Forrest Ave., Ft. Meade, MD 20755, (410) 674-2072

⁵⁷ Provided by: Barbara Vorous, 2120 Lorenzo Lane, Sacramento, CA 95864, (916) 485-6614.

⁵⁸ 1840 Federal Census, Caldwell Co., MO, Rockport Twp., p. 180.

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the family of John A. Burget, an older brother of Reuben, is listed in the 1850 Federal Census.

Orrin Parker

Orrin Parker, the seventh child of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker, married his third wife, Sarah F. Loyd, on 27 October 1857 in Iowa Co., IA, where the first two of their three children, Orillia F. Parker (b. 27 Sep 1858) and Lottie A. Parker (b. 24 Oct 1864), were born. Their third child, William O. Parker, was born on 16 June 1870 in Caldwell Co., MO.

Sarah J. Parker (b. 23 May 1851, Mc Lean Co., IL); the first of three children of Orrin Parker and his second wife, Elizabeth Jane Miller; married William H. Cowan on 11 November 1869 in Caldwell Co., MO.

Orillia F. Parker (b. 27 Sep 1858, Iowa Co., IA); the first of three children by his third marriage to Sarah F. Loyd (a first cousin of his second wife), married Charles H. Rolfe on 9 July 1876 in Caldwell Co., MO. She died on 17 Januaruy 1897 at Lexington, Cleveland Co., OK. Her mother, Sarah, also died there on 3 May 1909.

Putnam County

There were also Burgetts in Putnam Co., MO, which is just to the east and north of Livingston Co. Amanda Burget married John Buckalea there in 1867, and William Burget married Rebecca Wright in 1869.

More research in Missouri, especially Caldwell, Livingston, and Putnam Counties, will be necessary to identify these and other potential relatives.

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NEBRASKA

Dixon and Rock Counties

Henry Harrison Burgett [Gen. 9]

After serving in the Union Army during the Civil War in Company K, 105th Infantry Regiment Ohio Volunteers and marrying Christiana Bacon (b. 16 Jul 1844, Ashtabula Co., OH; d. 5 Oct 1874, Ponca, Dixon Co., NE) in Hampton, Franklin Co., IA on 16 Jul. 1865, Henry Harrison Burgett (Isiah Burgett⁸) moved westward to Ponca, Dixon Co., NE, where their three children were born.

The children were: Martha Adelia (b. 13 Jul 1867; Ponca, Dixon Co., NE; d. 28 Apr 1958; Lamar, Prowers Co., CO); Lillian (b. 7 Aug 1869; Ponca, Dixon Co., NE; d. 9 Oct 1947; Bassett, Rock Co., NE); and Arthur Isiah (b. 20 Apr 1871; Ponca, Dixon Co., NE; d. 15 Feb 1884; Spokane Falls, WA).

Upon Christiana's death, he married Susannah Woodward Miller (b. 29 Sep 1858, Livingston Co., MO) on 21 Dec 1874 in Ponca, Dixon Co., NE. They lived in both Ponca, Dixon Co., NE and Bassett, Rock Co., NE, where their ten children were born. The children were: Lydia (b. 25 Jan 1876; Ponca, Dixon Co., NE; d. 24 Dec 1929, Freewater, OR); Nancy C. (b. 16 Dec 1878; Ponca, Dixon Co., NE; d. 10 Jun 1959); William Henry Harrison II (b. 4 Aug 1881; Ponca, Dixon Co., NE; d. 28 Apr 1981; Corvallis, Benton Co., OR); William Harvey (b. 26 Feb 1884; Waitsburg, Walla Walla Co., WA; d. 27 Jul 1885; Big Butte, ID); Lucy (b. 26 Jun 1885; Ponca, Dixon Co., NE; d. 22 Mar 1953; Bassett, Rock Co., NE); Gracie Emma (b. 18 Feb 1888; Bassett, Rock Co., NE; d. 21 Nov 1973); Lewis Franklin (b. 22 Mar 1890; Bassett, Rock Co., NE; d. Nov 1964); Lottie (b. 16 Aug 1892; Bassett, Rock Co., NE; d. 26 Nov 1965; Caldwell, Canyon Co., ID); boy twin (b. 20 Aug 1894; d. 24 Aug 1894); and girl twin (b. 20 Aug 1894; d. 2 Sep 1894).

Henry and Susannah migrated with their family by wagon-train from Nebraska to Washington state in 1882 but had returned to Dixon Co., NE by 1885. Many of their children apparently moved westward again. Their son, Henry Harrison Burgett, died at Corvallis, OR in 1981 just three months short of his 100th birthday. Many descendants are currently living in OR.

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KANSAS

Caney, Montgomery Co

Two children of Archelaus R. Parker and Sarah (Tefft) Parker, Archelaus T. Parker and Orrin Parker, eventually migrated to Montgomery Co., KS, where they both died.

Archealus T. Parker

Archelaus T. Paker married Phoebe Ann Crocker in Shalersville, Portage Co., OH on 4 September 1828. Phoebe Ann died of accidental poisoning in Jasper Co., IA in the 1860's, and Archelaus T. Parker died in Caney, Montgomery Co., KS on 8 October 1883.

Orrin Parker

Orrin Parker married his third wife, Sarah F. Loyd, on 27 October 1857 in Iowa Co., IA, where the first two of their three children, Orillia F. Parker (b. 27 Sep 1858) and Lottie A. Parker (b. 24 Oct 1864), were born. Their third child, William O. Parker, was born on 16 June 1870 in Caldwell Co., MO.

Sarah J. Parker (b. 23 May 1851, Mc Lean Co., IL); the first of three children of Orrin Parker and his second wife, Elizabeth Jane Miller; married William H. Cowan on 11 November 1869 in Caldwell Co., MO.

Orillia F. Parker (b. 27 Sep 1858, Iowa Co., IA); the first of three children by his third marriage to Sarah F. Loyd (a first cousin of his second wife), married Charles H. Rolfe on 9 July 1876 in Caldwell Co., MO. She died on 17 Januaruy 1897 at Lexington, Cleveland Co., OK. Her mother, Sarah, also died there on 3 May 1909.

Orrin Parker died on 10 January 1884 at Caney, Montgomery Co., KS.

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OREGON

The Oregon Trail

St. Joseph, Missouri is located on the Missouri River just to the west of Caldwell County, MO where Reuben F. Burget is listed in the Federal Census of 1840. John A. Burget, an older brother of Reuben, and his family, as well as other Burgets, are listed in the 1850 Federal Census in Livingston County located just east of Caldwell County. St. Joseph was one of the most important "jumping- off points" from the "east" to Oregon and California--beginning in 1845 and continuing during the "gold rush" and for several years thereafter. Saint Joseph, which is just to the north of Independence, near modern-day Kansas City, was the eastern terminus of the "Oregon Trail", the "Santa Fe Trail", and the "Pony Express".

Nahum King ⁵⁹

"Kings Valley, Oregon is located about eighty miles south of the Columbia River in the southern part of the Willamette Valley. The Luckiamute River in Benton County just to the northwest of Corvallis runs nearby. The area was named for Nahum King, a native of Western Massachusetts, who married Serepta Norton, a native of up-state New York or Vermont, in Albany, New York on May 9, 1807. Nahum was 24; she was 15.

In the next 27 years the Kings produced 16 children, none of them twins. Thirteen of their offspring reached adulthood and married. Several had large families of their own.

The Kings moved their growing family westward, first to Ohio and then to Missouri. In each place their farms were flooded. By the spring of 1845, they decided to move on to Oregon. Eldest daughters Saretta, 37, and Lucretia, 36, had families of their own and did not join the cross-country trek. Lucretia (King) Halleck and her family came to Benton County later in 1853 in time to stake a donation land claim.

Nahum was 62, and Serepta was 54 when their covered wagons rolled west from St. Joseph, MO on May 2, 1845. With them were: son John, 32, his wife Susan and three children; daughter Hopestill, 30, her husband Lucius Carolus Norton, 27, and two children; Stephen, 27, and his wife Anna Maria (Allen); Sarah, 22, her husband Rowland Chambers, 32, and two children; bachelor sons Isaac, 26, Amos Nahum, 23, and Solomon, 12; and unmarried daughters Lovisa, 17, Abigail, 16, Lydia, 14, and Rhoda Ann, 10.

Under the leadership of elected captain, W. G. T'Vault, the lumbering train of 66 wagons began plodding westward. Nahum King, Amos King, and Rowland Chambers also had elected positions. A census of the train taken at the time listed a total of 293 men, women, and children; 453 oxen, 649 loose cattle, 172 horses and mules; and 184 guns.

⁵⁹ From a newspaper article by historian Kenneth Munford of Corvallis, OR.

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The King clan was fairly well prepared for the long journey. Their supply of flour and salt pork helped sustain them. They took the "Meek Cut-off" across central Oregon, a route that proved disastrous for some but resulted in only one loss of life for the Kings. In the mountains, daughter Sarah "Sally" died of "camp fever." Her sister Lovisa helped Sarah's widower care for her two children.

Coming through the rapids in the Columbia Gorge, a raft overturned and son John and his wife and two of their three children were drowned. The rest finally reached Linnton on the Willamette and went out into the Tualatin Plains to spend their first winter on Gales Creek near present-day Forest Grove.

Scouting for free land, the menfolk followed the old pack trail up the west side of the Willamette Valley. On the upper Luckiamute River they found a beautiful valley with well-drained grasslands surrounded by an abundant forest. They staked out 640-acre claims, giving Rowland Chambers a preferred location on the river (around the present Kings Valley store) because he planned to build a water-powered grist mill. Lovisa, who had cared for the Chambers children, soon married their father and later had fourteen children of her own to raise.

Hopestill and Lucius Norton and their ten children left Kings Valley to start a new home in the Upper Yaquina Valley. Amos married Melinda Fuller, who had been in the wagon train, and moved to Portland. They bought a squatter's claim to 500 acres on the untillable west hills, where they operated a tannery on the site of the Civic Stadium and opened King Heights and other residential areas. They sold land to the city for the beginning of what is now Washington Park.

Stephen King died in 1852. His widow, Anna Maria, married his brother, Solomon. They and their six children moved to Corvallis, where Sol King ran two livery stables and was county sheriff for ten years. Kings Boulevard is named for them.

Abigail married Price Fuller, who had been in the 1845 wagon train. Their donation land claim and that of his father, Arnold Fuller, were in the Lewisburg area. Lydia married another 1845-er, J. L. Williams. Rhoda Ann twice married. With Eli Summers, her second husband, she proved up on a land claim east of Wren on Blakesley Creek.

Charlotte L. Wirfs, president of the Polk County Historical Society of Dallas, is a descendant of three of the early Kings Valley settlers. She estimates that Serepta and Nahum King now have between 450 and 500 living descendants in various parts of the west."

Another interesting account of the 1845 wagon train that took the Nahum King family from St. Joseph, MO to OR is contained in *The Brazen Overlanders of 1845*, which was researched, compiled and written by Donna M. Wojcik in 1976.

The "Meek Cutoff"

The following letter⁶⁰ written by Anna Maria (Allen) King to her family in the

⁶⁰ *Covered Wagon Women*, Vol. 1

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Midwest soon after her arrival in the Luckiamute Valley in northwest Oregon describes both the lure of Oregon as well as the tragic details of their wagon train taking the "Meek Cutoff" from the Oregon Trail near present-day Vale, Oregon during their westward migration from St. Joseph, MO along the Oregon Trail in 1845.

'Luckiamute Valley, Oregon
April 1, 1846

Dear Mother, Brothers and Sisters:

After travelling six months we arrived at Lynntin (Linnton) on the Willamette, November 1st (1845). We had beautiful weather all the way, no rain of any account. The Indians did not disturb us any, except stealing our horses. We got along finely until we came to Fort Boiesien (Boise) when along came a man by the name of Meiks (Stephen Meeks), who said he could take us on a new route across the Cascade mountains in 20 days; so 150 or 200 wagons left the old road and traveled for two months over sand, rocks, hills and anything else but good roads. Many of the immigrants ran out of provisions and had to live on beef, but we had plenty of flour and bacon to last us through. Those that went the old road got through six weeks before us, with no sickness at all. Upwards of fifty died on the new route.

Whooping cough and measles had gone through our camp. After we took the new route, a lingering fever prevailed. Out of Chambers', Norton's, John's and our family (the 25 members of the King migration), none escaped except Solomon and myself. But listen to the deaths: Sally Chambers, John King and his wife, their little daughter Electra and their son of nine months, are gone. Mr. A. Fuller lost his wife and daughter Tabitha. Eight of our two families have gone to their long home. Stephen (Mariah's husband) was sick for three months; we did not expect him to live, afraid he had consumption, but he is now well and hearty, getting fatter every day. As for myself, I was never heartier in my life. I have not had even one sick day. The rest of our party are getting well and hardy now, I believe.

We have made joining claims on the Luckiamute, a branch of the Willamette, a days' ride from the ocean and 100 miles south of the Columbia River. It is a beautiful country as far as I have seen. They sow wheat here from October till June, the best wheat I ever saw and plenty of it selling at 75 cents and \$1.00 per bushel. The water is all soft as in Massachusetts [her girlhood home]. Soda springs are common and fresh water springs without number. It is now the 1st of April and not a particle of snow has fallen in the valley, neither have I seen a bit of ice a half inch thick this winter. It rains nearly all winter but this does not hinder them from plowing and sowing wheat. They make gardens late, but it comes good when it does come. There are thousands of wild fruits but no nuts except filberts and a few chestnuts. The timber is principally fir and oak.

You perhaps wish to know how I like the country. I like it well. It is an easy place to make a living. You can raise as many cattle as you please and not cost you a cent, for the grass is green the whole winter. Work will fetch from \$1 to \$1.50 a day, a dollar

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a hundred for making rails.

Although I was much opposed to coming as anyone could be, if I were back there and know what I know now, I should be perfectly willing to come. The land you get is sufficient to pay for your trouble. You think it is a long road and so it is, but the worst of it is over when you get started. Be sure and have plenty of flour and bacon. Start with clothing to last you one year after you get here. Start with four or five yoke of young cattle to the wagon.

I write as if I expected you to come. You would be suited and it will do my dear mother good to see her children well fixed to get a living. In any other new country you have a farm to pay for; here it is already paid.

We have had two weddings in our family. Rolland (Rowland) Chambers and Lovisa King and Amos King and Melinda Fuller.

Write the first opportunity. If I am never to see you let me hear from you as often as possible.

From your affectionate children,

Stephen and Mariah King'

Rowland Chambers

After the death of his first wife, Sarah (King) Chambers, along the trail during their westward migration from Missouri to Oregon in 1845, Rowland Chambers married Sarah's younger sister, Lovisa. John Chambers was among the fourteen children of Rowland and Lovisa Chambers. John married Mary E. Burget, a granddaughter of Reuben F. Burget and daughter of Reuben's son, William. Grandchildren of John and Mary still reside in the Kings Valley area.

Reuben F. Burget [Gen. 8]

Reuben migrated from OH to MO, where he is listed in the 1840 Federal Census for Caldwell Co., and then on to OR. He and his son, William, arrived in Benton Co., OR in 1847 "on the second wagon train through⁶¹". William subsequently returned for his mother (Alvira Patterson) and sister, both of whom had stayed in MO, and found that his mother had died and his sister had disappeared during a guerilla raid and could not be found. William then returned to OR.

⁶¹ Letter dated 27 January 1929 from Lenora Jane (Burgett) Stockton to her niece, Esther Marion York, of Allegan Co., MI.

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Benton County ⁶²

Filing Land Claims

Reuben F. Burget and his son, William, arrived in Oregon on 18 September 1847.

Both Reuben and William filed with the Oregon City Land Office for 320 acres and 329.02 acres of "Oregon Donation Land", respectively, in the Kings Valley area (Township 11S); however only Reuben's claim was "proved".

Territorial Enumeration of 1854

An enumeration of the inhabitants of Benton Co., Oregon Territory taken in 1854 includes the names of R. F. Burget, William Burget, and Milbury Burget.

Marriage Records

Benton County marriage records indicate the marriage of William Burget to Rebecca Jane Wood on 28 August 1856.

Those records also indicate the marriage of Ira Burget (Reuben's nephew and William Milbury's younger brother) to Cynthia Patason (Patterson) on 6 January 1859. [Note: Reuben Burget married Alvira Patterson in Ashtabula Co., OH. She presumably died in MO (Caldwell Co.?) William Burget's younger brother, Jehoikim Jr., married Catherine Anne Saarissa Patterson in Ashtabula Co., OH in 1826. Theirs was the first marriage in Trumbull Twp.]

Land Records

Reuben F. Burget purchased a house in 1862 from John Hillhouse and also sold the house to his son, William, in 1862. John Patterson bought the house in 1872, and Nancy Patterson bought it in 1880.

In view of this and the above marriages, further research of Burget-Patterson family relationships will be necessary.

Federal Census Records

The 1860 Census for Benton Co., OR lists the families of Ira Burget (460), with Reuben Burget also residing in Ira's household, and William Burget (462) All three were farmers.

The 1870 Census lists the families of William Burget (98) and R. F. Burgette (126). Both were farmers.

⁶²Data provided by Judy Juntinen, Director of the Benton County Historical Society and Museum of Philomath, OR.

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The 1880 Census lists the families of R. F. Burget (57/59) and William Burget living with his daughter, Mary E., and son-in-law, John Chambers (58/60).

Cemetery Records

Kings Valley, OR cemetery records lists William Burget's wife, Rebecca J., and their children, Benjamin F., William H., Josephene M., and Mary (Chambers). [Note: William may have died 1914/1916 in Roseburg, Douglas Co., OR.]

William Milbury Burget [Gen. 9]

Milbury Burget migrated from OR on to Sutter Co., CA after 1854, where he is listed in the Federal Census records for the years 1860, 1870, and 1880. He died there in 1910 and is buried in the Stohlman Pioneer Cemetery located between Meridian and Sutter. His daughter, Sarah, married George Thompson, who migrated from Yorkshire, England along with his family. He and his father, William, propogated the "Thompson Seedless Grape" in Sutter Co., in 1874.

Ira A. Burget [Gen. 9]

Ira A. Burget, Milbury's younger brother, is subsequently shown in the 1870 Federal Census records for Humboldt Co., CA, and in 1880 in Sutter Co., CA (along with his brothers Henry and Milbury).

Milbury and Ira were nephews of Reuben F. Burget, the brother of their father, John A. Burget, who died in Livingston Co., MO in 1858.

Hoskins, OR

Hoskins, Benton Co., OR was originally known as Fort Hoskins, a military installation named after Lt. Charles Hoskins of North Carolina, who was killed at the battle of Monterrey, Mexico during the Mexican War. General Philip H. Sheridan of Civil War fame once served there. Originally it was surmised that it might have been settled by members of the Hoskins family from Ashtabula Co., OH, where Lucy M. Hoskins married John A. Burget, Reuben's older brother, in 1826.

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CALIFORNIA

Sutter County

Henry, William Milbury, Ira, and Harriet Burget [Gen. 9]

Three sons of John A. Burget-- Henry, William Milbury, and Ira A.-- are known to have gone west from MO in the early 1850's and were "living in CA when last heard from."⁶³ It is uncertain whether they went west together.

Henry probably went directly from MO to Sutter Co., where he was one of its earliest settlers.

Milbury drove three teams of oxen for the Emery Lett party from St. Joseph, MO, the eastern terminus of the "Oregon Trail", to the "John Day Country" of Oregon probably shortly after 1850. He presumably left the Lett party to immediately join relatives (probably his brother Henry) already in California, but we now know that he tarried awhile in Benton Co., OR until after 1854 and subsequently moved on to CA by 1860.⁶⁴

We also know that Ira was also in Benton Co., OR, where he is listed in an 1854 Territorial Census. He married there in 1859, and he and his family are shown in the 1860 Federal Census there. The family is shown in Humboldt Co., CA during the 1870 Federal Census and in Sutter Co. for the 1880 census.

Their sister, Harriet, was apparently living in Missouri at the time of the probate in 1858.⁶⁵ She married Ezra Wallen at the Presidio in San Francisco in 1865.

Henry Burget [Gen. 9]

Both Henry and Milbury are listed in the Federal Census records of Sutter County, CA for the years 1860, 1870, and 1880.

The 1860 Census listing Henry is probably the most interesting. It indicates that he was age 31 and a farmer born in OH. Apparently his wife, Eliza, age 36 was born in KY. A female named ROCKHOLT aged 16 and born in MO was also listed in the household! She was undoubtedly Clemma Rockholt, a daughter of Eliza by her first marriage. Eliza's daughter, Lucinda, is shown separately in the 1860 Census as married to Milbury. This gives further credence that Henry married the MOTHER of Lucinda Rockholt, who later married Henry's brother, Milbury. Other children, Thomas age 7 and Richard age 1, were also listed (Note: In the 1870 Census, Eliza is shown as age 49 (10 years older than Henry) and born in MO. Thomas is shown as a Rockholt, age 15 and born in MO; therefore he was probably a younger brother of Lucinda and Clemma Rockholt. Eliza's maiden name was apparently Sisk. "She

⁶³ Livingston Co., MO Probate Records, 1858.

⁶⁴ Federal Census, Sutter Co., CA, 1860.

⁶⁵ *Ibid*

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originally married a Rockholt, but when she died, her name was Flowers. Descendants of Sisks and Burgetts still live in Washington state around Yakima. A Richard Burgett who lived in Sacramento was a HALF-BROTHER to Great Grandma Lucinda Rockholt Burgett Davis. (Note: If Lucinda's mother, Eliza [Sisk] Rockholt, married Henry Burget and she and Henry had a child named Richard Henry Burget, the two pieces of information are compatible.) Richard died several years ago. His wife was called Lulu, and they had a daughter, Vera. Aunt Sylvia Thompson Prather told us this information before she died." ⁶⁶

An obituary in the *Sacramento Bee* ⁶⁷ indicates that a Richard Burgett died there at the age of 90, which would place his year of birth ca. 1859--the same as the Census records of 1860 and 1870 for Sutter Co., CA for Richard, the son of Henry and Eliza Burgett. This is undoubtedly the Richard Burgett mentioned by Sylvia Prather above as being a half-brother to Lucinda.

Jeannine Niesen Thornton⁶⁸, who is a Wallen descendant of Harriet Maryetta Burgett Wallen (a younger sister to William Milbury Burgett, Henry Burgett, and Ira Burgett--all siblings who came from Missouri to California in the early 1850's), reported that she thought that the Henry Burgett, who was Harriet's older brother, was married to Lucinda Rockholt's SISTER. She reported additionally that they were divorced, and that he (Henry) then married Mary Jane McGahan. Both Henry and Mary Jane are buried in the cemetery in the town of Stonyford in Colusa County, CA. The McGahans had settled there in the early 1800's. There was a son, Richard, by MaryJane and Henry--or at least she thought he was from this marriage. Mary Jane was a widow when she married Henry.

Carlton Burgett recently researched Census records⁶⁹ for Livingston Co., MO and found the following information for the family of Alfred Rockholt:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Born</u>
Rockholt, Alfred	31	Farmer	TN
Elisa *	30		UNK
Reuben **	12		MO
Doctor	10		MO
Elisa ***	8		MO
Clemma ****	6		MO
William	4		MO

* Shown in the 1860 Federal Census for Meridian, Sutter Co., CA as married to Henry Burget, brother of William Milbury Burget, who married Lucinda Adeline Rockholt, her daughter.

⁶⁶ Source: Dorothy Ingle, P. O. Box 486, Naches, WA 09037, (509) 653-2986.

⁶⁷ *Sacramento Bee*, February 3, 1949, p. 35, Col. 5.

⁶⁸ Jeannine Thornton, 432 East Sycamore, Willows, CA 95988, (916) 934-5396.

⁶⁹ 1850 Federal Census Records, Livingston Co., MO, Roll 405.

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** Shown in the 1860 Federal Census for Sutter Co., CA as married with a family.

*** This is probably Lucinda Adeline Rockholt, whose age and place of birth are compatible with the data shown in the 1860 Federal Census for Sutter Co., CA, where she was shown as the wife of William Milbury Burgett.

**** Shown in the 1860 Federal Census for Sutter Co., CA living in the household of Henry Burgett, who had married her mother, Eliza (Sisk) Rockholt.

Since the John A. Burgett family (with siblings Henry, Milbry, Dama, John, Ira, Harriet, and David) is also listed in the 1850 Federal Census for Livingston Co., MO., the Rockholt and Burgett families undoubtedly knew each other in Livingston County before Henry Burgett and the Rockholts moved from Missouri to California between 1850 and 1856. We know from probate documents of Livingston Co., MO in 1858 for John A. Burgett that three of his sons, Henry, Milbury, and Ira, left MO for the west between 1850 and 1858. It is most likely that Henry went directly from MO to Sutter Co., CA (perhaps with the Rockholts) where he is known to have been one of the earliest settlers of Meridian in 1856. Henry's brother, Milbury, is known to have gone directly from MO to OR, driving three teams of oxen with the Emery Lett family to the "John Day" country of Oregon, and to have been with his uncle, Reuben F. Burgett, in Benton Co., OR Territory in 1854, where he is shown as a legal voter. He was in Sutter Co., CA by 1860. Ira A. Burgett, another younger brother of Henry and Milbury, is known to have married in Benton Co., OR in 1859 and appears there in the 1860 Federal Census, in Humboldt Co., CA by 1870, and in Sutter Co., CA by 1880.

When all of the above information is considered, it is almost certain that Lucinda Rockholt's MOTHER, Eliza (Sisk) Rockholt, was married for a second time to Henry Burgett, William Milbury Burgett's older brother. Her daughter, Lucinda, married William Milbury Burgett.

"The first actual settler on Butte Slough, near long bridge, was Henry Burgett in 1856.⁷⁰ He found a man there named James McCall cutting hay, and in hay season a great many hay claims were occupied, but not permanently. In 1858, Antoine Hochstrater built a house near Burgett's blacksmith shop, which he called the Tule House, and was used for a hotel for a number of years.

From the 1857 Sutter County Tax Assessment Roll: Henry Burgett - mare and "coalt", 1 watch, total value \$25.

Henry Burgett was a Marshal and Oliver Perry Burgett was a Secretary of Lodge No. 182, F. and A. M. in Meridian, CA.

Oliver Perry Burgett, Henry Burgett, and Mary J. Burgett (undoubtedly Henry's second wife, Mary Jane McGahan) were charter members of Adah Chapter, Order Eastern Star.

⁷⁰Thompson and West. *History of Sutter County California, 1879.*

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Henry Burgett erected a steam chopping mill in 1871 on his place near Butte slough for the purpose of grinding barley, corn, and broom-corn.

The brick store occupied by Burgett, Moon & Co. in 1879 was built in 1867 in Meridian, CA. Henry Burgett formed a partnership with A. S. Moon and J. M. Gladden and engaged in the general merchandise business, having quite an extensive trade in this and Colusa County, where they are well known."

William Milbury Burget [Gen. 9]

The following letter was written in 1967 by **Ezra William Burgett**⁷¹ to a granddaughter. Ezra was the grandson of William Milbury Burgett, the son of David William Burgett, and the father of Vincent Burgett. The letter describes his family tree:

4949 Manila Avenue
Oakland, California 94609
December 8, 1967

Dear Granddaughter:

I will try to write you a thumb nail sketch of the family tree, and a sketch is all it can be, as my memory is not as nimble as it once was.

I will begin with me and go both ways from there. I was born April 29, 1893 near the little town of Meridian, which is on the Sacramento River in northern California. I was my parent's first child. My first memories were the sounds of millions of wild geese calling to each other on their regular flights north and south over the Sacramento Valley.

Then memories of my paternal grandfather's house where we lived. It was quite a house in those days. He built it in 1854. The house had five rooms and was noted for having one room with a wood floor--the other rooms had hard-packed clay floors. The walls and roof were made of split slabs from the huge sugar pine trees from Lake County, California. The slabs were fastened to the cedar pole frame with hardwood dowels driven through auger holes and wedged at both ends. The doors were made of the same kind of split slabs, an some of them were as much as three feet wide and two to three inches thick and were hung in their frames with bull hide hinges and fastened with a sliding latch, which fitted into an auger hole in the frame. There were no locks as no one ever locked their homes in California in those days. The barn, sheds, and other buildings were built the same way. Everything--house, barn, and all--were destroyed by fire in 1897.

My father's name was **David William Burgett**, and he was born April 19, 1863 in the same house near the same town where I was born later. He was always called "Bill". He had six living sisters and one that died when she was very young.

⁷¹ Source: Vincent Burgett, 253 March Hen Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409, (919) 791-6064

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Sarah was the oldest, born in 1852 (same place). She had eleven children--seven boys and four girls. Her husband was **George Thompson**, an Englishman.

Agnes was the second sister. Her husband was **Martin Charge**. She died in childbirth--just the one child, a daughter, my cousin, Mamie.

Lena was the third sister. She married her brother-in-law, Martin Charge, and reared Mamie as her own. She had five boys and one girl.

Mattie was the fourth sister. She married **Bradley Perry** and had nine children--three boys and six girls.

Rhoda was the fifth sister. She married **Benjamin Page**...two boys and three girls.

Eva was the sixth sister and the baby of the family. She married **John Gulic**...two girls and one boy.

My paternal grandfather's name was **Milbury Burgett**, always called him "Mim". He was born somewhere in Kentucky on March 17, 1830. His specialty was driving ox teams. He got a job driving three yoke of oxen for a man named Emery Lett who was headed for Oregon with one of the big wagon trains out of St. Joe, Missouri. Granddad was nineteen years old in March, and they left for Oregon the middle of April 1849.

There were only a few highlights of his trip that I remember him telling me. One that I remember was of the wagon train camping at Fort Laramie and of the hundreds of Indians who were camped there too. He made friends with some of the young warriors and was invited to go on a buffalo hunt with them. He told of riding along side of a herd of thousands of buffalo and shooting them as they ran. He was using a muzzle-loading rifle, but most of the Indians were using bows and arrows, and some used a short lance and would ride in close and spear the buffalo. The Indian women and children followed the herd and skinned and butchered the buffalo and brought the meat and skins into camp on a contraption called a "travois". He also mentioned hundreds of wolves that followed the buffalo and cleaned up what the squaws left from the butchering.

Granddad also told a tale about the Mormons, and every time he told it, he would get so mad that he would get speechless and would have to stop and cool off a while before he could continue. Their trip from Laramie to the Rockies had been extremely disastrous--loss of live stock and wagons, many deaths from starvation and disease. The bones of many of them still lie in shallow graves along the Oregon Trail. The Mormons had been chased out of Missouri and Illinois a year or two before and had settled in Utah. They had cattle and grain but would not sell anything to the wagon train at any price. There were several new babies in the train who were starving because their mothers were not getting anything to eat, but the Mormons would not sell so much as a cup of milk. About this time, granddad shot a big fat badger, and they put him in a big iron kettle and made soup out of it and filled the women and kids up with badger soup--mostly water. Granddad said he was so damn mad at the Mormons that he would have shot a big fat one for stew, but was afraid it would poison everyone.

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When they got higher in the Rockies, they found elk, deer, and buffalo in the mountain meadows and had plenty of meat for everyone and good feed for the horses and cattle until the snows began. From then on it was just plain hell until they reached a small settlement on the John Day River in Oregon.

Emery Lett and his family stayed in the John Day country, but granddad bought a horse and saddle and left for California the following spring.

He had an uncle, Oliver Burgett, his father's brother, who came to California some time in the eighteen thirties and settled at Meridian. He was a wheelwright and wagon maker. [Note: Oliver Perry Burgett was the son of a brother (Jehoiakim Burget, Jr.) of William Milbury's grandfather, William Burget.]

That's how come granddad ended his journey in Meridian, and that where granddad met my grandmother, who was Lucinda Rockholt. She had come west with her family from somewhere in ol' Kentuck. They were married in 1851, and their first child, Sarah, was born in 1852. Granddad didn't get along with his brothers-in-law, and it finally split the family up sometime in the eighteen eighties. He and grandmother were divorced, and she married again, but granddad never remarried. Grandmother Lucinda was a beautiful lady. I was quite awed by her the few times I ever saw her.

She and granddad are both buried in the pioneer grave yard, halfway between Meridian and Sutter on the south side of the highway on the foot of the Sutter Buttes. My father and mother and all of father's sisters and their children who have passed on are buried there too. Last time I was there, the whole area was covered with California poppies--a beautiful and fitting sight for a pioneer graveyard. Granddad died in 1909 and grandmother in 1916, I think. Dad died in 1939, and mother died Christmas eve 1961.

My mother's name was **Marsha Ellen Wallen**. She was born on grandpa Wallen's homestead in Solano County, California, July 16, 1873. She was eighteen when she married my father, and he was twenty eight. Grandpa Wallen sold the homestead and moved to Lake County, California in 1874, and mother grew up there. Her mother's name was **Hariet Maryetta Burgett**--my father and mother were first cousins.

Grandpa Wallen came around the "horn" by sailing ship in (18)49. He went back to fight in the Union Army when the war broke out between the North and South and came back to California crippled when the war was over. I never knew just when he and grandma were married. They lived in Big Bend in Tehama County when I was small. Grandpa died in 1897 and grandma in 1898, so my memory of them is very dim.

They had seven children. **Della** was the oldest. She married when she was in her seventies, no children.

David was the second child. He had four children, I think.

George was the third child. He never married. **Mother** was the fourth child. She had four children--two boys and two girls.

My brother, **Jack**, lives at Lower Lake, California. My youngest sister,

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Lorena lives there too. My oldest sister **Mae** lives in Sutter, California. My mother's sister, **Lottie**, was the fifth child. She had three boys and two girls. **Mable** was the sixth child. She had six children, I think. **Steven** was the seventh child. He had one daughter.

Now I will go back to grandma Wallen. She came to California with some of her brothers by wagon train sometime in the early eighteen fifties. The only highlight of her trip west that I remember was once when they were camped at an Indian village, one of the young men in her party shot a young squaw in the back. She was carrying a "papoose" in a pack board on her back, and the bullet killed them both. When asked why he did it, he said "he just wanted to see if his new rifle would kill an Indian". The Indians outnumbered whites five or six to one, and they were forced to give up the foolish young man or all be killed. The Indians took him and tied him to a tree and skinned him alive while the whole party was forced to watch. This was an awful thing for a young girl to watch, but grandma said that he got no more than he deserved for the Indians had been very friendly and had given them food and showed their good will in many ways.

There isn't time in this writing, nor is it the place to tell all the adventures my grandparents had and the experiences they went through.

I will go back in time once more to say my ancestors were all from Europe and settled in Pennsylvania long before 1776. There is a town in the coal mining area called Burgetts Ville--undoubtedly named after one of our forefathers. Grandad used to tell me that I had ancestors west of the Mississippi long before Dan'l Boone ever saw Kentucky. Kentucky and Missouri, according to a Missouri friend of mine, is swarming with Burgetts and Rockholts. He describes them as being very prolific.

Dad moved the family to Bear Valley in Colusa County when I was six. He wanted to get me away from the river bottoms, because I had chills, fever, and ague during the summers, and the doctor said I would die if Dad didn't get me to the mountains. Dad got a job as foreman of a big horse and cattle ranch in Bear Valley that was the S W Company of Williams, California.

That when Dad gave me my first saddle horse. I loved her partly because she was mine and partly because she could outrun any thing on the ranch. She was a buckskin with black mane and tail and a black stripe down her back. She weighed about eight hundred pounds. I remember Dad gave an Indian a twenty dollar gold piece for her. Her name was Nellie.

I started my school career in a one-room school house. It was sixteen feet by twenty four feet and had two small out houses out against the back fence. The school consisted of myself, seventeen of the Lang children, and three of the Hildreth children. My first teacher was Miss Cathlene Dowling, and I still love her dear memory. She married one of the ranchers in the valley about nineteen hundred. Her son still ranches in the valley.

Four years on the range, and then we moved back to the river bottoms where my sister, **Marsha Mae**, was born in nineteen three. Then mother took sick, and we moved onto a ranch at Clear Lake. One year there, then back to

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the river, where my brother, **John Henry**, was born in nineteen four. **Lorena**, who was the fourth and youngest child, was born there too in nineteen six. Dad managed to get all his kids born within a six-mile radius of where he and his sisters were born.

All [of] us kids are still living as of this date. Sister **Mae** had two boys by her first husband, **Percy Thompson**. Sister **Lorena** had one son by her first and only husband, **Howard Hale**. Brother **John Henry** ("Jack") had one daughter by his first wife.

I met **Helen Laughlin** in Kelseyville, Lake County in nineteen thirteen, and we were married in Oakland, California, November 23, 1914. She was the daughter of **Joseph Burton Laughlin** and **Ida Akers** of Kelseyville, California. We will let her chronicle her side of the family history.

Helen and I had four children. **Lorna Lea** was five minutes older than her twin brother, **Vincent Carlisle**, born January 3, 1916. **Barbara Helen**, our third child, was born August 8, 1921 in Berkeley, California. **Brian William**, who lived a few minutes after birth, was born and died September 3, 1926. He was a beautiful baby, and I often wonder what he would have been like.

Most of the last part of this family history you already know, so I will let my grandchildren carry it on from where I leave off. There is much more to tell, but it must wait 'till I get the chance to write it all down in book form for future generations to read. Historians do not always tell the truth, but in my book, I shall stick to the facts as I know them--even if it hurts.

I was here to see the automobile, electric lights, aeroplanes, telephones, radios, television, and many other wonders come into being, but I am beginning to wonder if any of them has been a help or a hindrance to the good of mankind. When I was growing up, we had no plumbing, no electricity, no gas. We had candles and kerosene lamps and cooked on a wood-burning stove. Mother used a wash board to do the family wash, and I did the plowing with a span of horses. Would you believe it--we actually survived! This is grandad signing off with much love to all my kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. Carry on.

(Signed) EZRA WILLIAM BURGETT

The 1894 Great Register for Sutter County, California⁷² indicated that Milbury Burgett was 60 years of age and had a stature of 5' 5".

Ms. **Julie Stark**, Assistant Curator of the above organization in Yuba City sent a great deal of material about Henry Burget, who was one of the first settlers in Meridian in the western part of Sutter Co. Included was a copy of the **History Of The Stohlman Cemetery In Sutter County** written by Rainous T. Todd of Sutter in 1976. William Milbury Burget, many of the Charge family, and other relatives were buried there. I visited Sutter Co. in June 1993, went through both the Stohlman

⁷²Source: The Community Memorial Museum for Sutter Co., CA, Yuba City, CA.

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Pioneer Cemetery and the Sutter Cemetery, and found the graves of many of these relatives.

Ira A. Burget [Gen. 9]

Ira is shown in the 1860 Federal Census in Benton Co. OR; in 1870 in Humboldt County, CA; and in the 1880 in Sutter Co., CA. Of Ira's ten children, the first five of them were born in OR during the period 1860-1866; and the last five were born in CA during the period 1868-1878.

Harriet Maryetta Burget [Gen. 9]

Jeannine Thornton of Willows, CA, a descendant of **Harriet Maryetta Burget** and **Ezra Wallen**, provided extensive material about the descendants of that family. Harriet was a sister of Henry, Milbury, Dama Abia, John H., Ira, and David Burget.

Almena Burget Schellenger and Oliver Perry Burget [Gen. 8]

Almena and Oliver were children of Jehoiakim Burget, Jr. Almena and her husband, Edmond T. Schellenger were mentioned earlier in IL. Both finally settled in Sutter Co., where both her brother, Oliver, and her husband, Edmond, were blacksmiths.

The 1902 Great Register⁷³ contains the following information about Oliver Perry Burget--age 64, 5'6", tattooed left hand and right arm. He served in the 23rd Ohio Regiment during the Civil War along with President McKinley. Was a blacksmith. Belonged to Enterprise Lodge, Meridian, CA 1905

Oliver Perry Burget was a Secretary and Henry Burget was a Marshal of Meridian, CA Lodge No. 182, F. and A. M.⁷⁴

Oliver Perry Burget, Henry Burget, and Mary J. Burget (probably Henry's second wife, Mary Jane McGahan) were charter members of Adah Chapter, Order Eastern Star.

Both Oliver Perry Burget and his sister, Almena (Burget) Schellenger, are known to have been invited to attend a Burgett Family reunion in Ohio in 1891. Their residences were listed as Meridian and Yuba City, CA respectively.

⁷³ Ibid

⁷⁴ Ibid

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"This cemetery is situated almost in the center of Donald Meyer's holdings on a point of a ridge coming down out of the Sutter Buttes close to South Butte Road about one fourth of a mile east of the old "Long Bridge" over the Sutter By-pass, which has been abandoned for a good number of years now.

As far as is known, there has been no one of the Stohlman family buried there. The cemetery is in the Meridian Cemetery District, and taxes are credited to the Meridian District; but the Stohlman Cemetery has been taken care of by the Sutter Cemetery District since it was set up in 1925.

It has never been declared a public cemetery as far back as records have been kept. All the past and present owners have paid, and are paying taxes, on the property on which the Stohlman Cemetery is situated.

The land was claimed by a Mr. Johnson in the early 1860's, and he buried a daughter there in 1866. The earliest burial according to the gravestones was in 1860. This burial was for Elzer B. Gray, son of B. G. Gray, who drowned July 9, 1860 at the age of 7 years, 8 months, and 28 days. In his memory, the following quotation is found on the headstone: "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

On record we have the fact that Mr. Johnson sold the land to a Mr. Isaacs on September 1, 1869. Isaacs held the land for a year and sold it to Peter Charge on October 5, 1870.

The land was purchased by Henry Stohlman from **Peter Charge** on October 17, 1887. The property has come down through the Stohlman heirs to the present owner, Donald Meyers, who is the great-grandson of Henry Stohlman.

It is reasonable to assume that Mr. Johnson set the site aside for a cemetery. At the time of the setting aside of the cemetery area, or shortly thereafter, a small one room church was built. The pastor was known as Father Crepts, who was a circuit rider traveling from one small church in the area to another. Miss Johana Meier's father, Chris Meier, went to the church at the Stohlman Cemetery. It was told on Father Crepts that when he sang, his voice was so strong that no one could hear any voice but his. The church was built by the people of the community, using square holes and pegs instead of nails as we use today. Research indicates the building was built about 1870, is still in good shape and must be around 100 years old. Christian Frye, father of the original Sutter County Frye family, at that time was a carpenter and worked among his neighbors when they needed help. It was thought he helped with the church building.

The church building was probably moved during the period of 1905-1910 and incorporated with buildings that Henry Stohlman built on the ranch.

⁷⁵Todd, Rainous T. *Story of the Stohlman Cemetery in Sutter County*, January 1976, Butte House Rd., Sutter, CA 95982, (916) 755-0378. Copy provided by Julie Stark, Assistant Curator, Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County, 1333 Butte House Road, P. O. Box 1555, Yuba City, CA 95992, (916) 741-7141.

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The church was always open. The children of the area played in the cemetery and church--cousins Henry and Fred Stohlman among them. The first order of the day was the settlement of an argument, by fists between the Stohlman cousins, to see who would be the preacher for the time. When that was decided, the winner did the preaching; and the girls were the choir and had to sing. Mrs. Christine Summy(?) (Billy Summy's mother) and Mrs. Nau (Peter Nau's wife) were among the choir. The church had regular pews and hymn books. We have not been able to find any records or anyone that remembers what became of the pews.

Miss Meier tells of when she and Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Tarke stopped by to visit **Mr. and Mrs. Martin (Lena) Charge** (she was the second wife of Martin Charge) on the day they were celebrating their 60th year of marriage to wish them well. Mrs. Charge had been in an automobile accident and got around with crutches, but her home was "spick and span". They had no comforts as we today think necessary--no drapes or rugs--an old Home Comfort wood cook stove, etc. Mrs. Charge told the visitors that in the 60 years, they had had no troubles. What faith she had, as out of seven children, they had lost 4 children in death, and 2 of the others were in ill health!

The care of the cemetery was left to the families of those buried there and to the farmer who was farming the land. When Sutter County formed the Sutter Cemetery District in 1925, the Stohlman Cemetery and the Noyesburg Cemetery were included with the Sutter Cemetery in the Sutter Cemetery District, and the County took over the care. What upkeep that was done was usually just trying to keep the weeds down. There weren't enough funds available to put down a well and try to keep lawns, etc. The first Directors were Jack Lamme, Doc Howard and Proper.

The juniper trees were planted in 1927 by **Addison Schellenger, Ansel Schellenger**, and Delmar Frye. The year before, 1926, the men had cleared the site of weeds using scoop shovels and wheelbarrows. The job took 45 days, as it had been some time since it was last cleared.

The church must have been in the front part of the area as most of the graves are situated to the back or South and East part of the lot. That was the custom in all the old church and burial grounds at that time, and the location of the graves bear this out.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West installed a monument in the cemetery during 1935. It reads: "First Used 1860--Dedicated to the Memory of the Pioneers". Below on the same plaque is a raised picture of a covered wagon drawn by a team of oxen with hills in the background.

The stone of Felix Martin was mentioned and pictured in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not".

J. A. Friend, a former Sheriff of Sutter County, is buried there also. His stone is gone. He was the 6th Sheriff of Sutter County. His wife, Harriett, is buried there. Her stone is still standing.

Some of those buried in the cemetery are not known by those of us remaining. Listed herewith are some of those resting there along with what information we have about them:

Peter Charge--died 1871 at the age of 41 years. His wife was Mrs. **Mary Magdalena Weaver** from Germany. She had one daughter when she arrived in the

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area. The daughter married a **Peter Nau**. Mary Magdalena Charge died in 1912 at 88 years of age. She was born in 1824 in Germany. Peter and Mary's son, **Martin Charge**, married **Agnes Burgett**. Martin Charge is buried in the Meridian Cemetery, and Agnes is buried in the Stohlman Cemetery. She died November 10, 1885 at 19 years of age following the birth of their child, **Mamie (Charge) Meier**, who resides in Yuba City at this writing (1976). Mr. **Milbury Burgett**, father of Agnes Charge, is buried here. Agnes' mother was **Lucinda (Rockholt) Burgett**. After she separated from Mr. Burgett, she married a man by the name of Davis, and she is buried in the Sutter Cemetery.

Felix Martin died in 1884 at the age of 61. He was a native of Prussia. He was drowned while hauling grain to the river to be loaded on the River Boats. The wagon and team were sliding into the river, and Felix was trying to hold them. He was somewhat under the influence of alcohol. The men nearby called "Hold to him, Frank." This is what is on his tombstone--a silhouette of a man and horse cut into the stone.

Franz Nau died in 1895 at 63 years. He was from Germany. Engraved on his stone by his daughter is the following: "We shall meet again, dear father, in a brighter clime than this, where the anguish of this world of ours is lost in deathless bliss."

Dexter Wood--died in 1875 at 26 years. He was from New York.

Herbert Brown--died in 1864 at 32 years of age.

Edith Wilbur was born on November 4, 1864 and died in 1866--age 1 year, 8 months, and 20 days.

Barthena Gray, wife of B. G. Gray, died on March 10, 1866 at 34 years of age. Included on her stone are the words: "In thou Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you."

Marsha Burgett--born 1871, died 1960. She was the mother of **Mae (Burgett) Thompson McDougal**, who resides in Sutter at this writing.

David William Burgett--born 1864 and died in 1938. He was Mrs. McDougal's father.

M. (Milbury) Burgett--born 1832 and died in 1910. He was the grandfather of both Mrs. McDougal and Mamie Meier.

Herman Erke, Sr.--born 1874 and died at 38 years of age.

Addie Johnson, daughter of T. and S. A. Johnson--died in 1866 at 16 years, 5 months, and 18 days. On her stone is written: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

William Meier--died 1903 at 67 years was from Germany. He was the father of **William F. Meier**.

Christina Meier--died in 1875 at 23 years was from Germany and was the Mother of William F. Meier.

Mary Compton--died in 1873 at 65 years was from England. "Our Mother is gone but not forgotten" was engraved on her stone by the children--M. J. Morrow, Bettie Maze, and A. Compton.

Andrew Compton --died 1863 at 27 years was from Missouri.

Two small boys were buried in the Southeast corner of the cemetery. They were the George and Sarah Thompson babies. [**Sarah (Burgett) Thompson** was the

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daughter of **Milbury Burgett** and Aunt of **Mamie Meier**.] There is no marker, but as far as we know, had wooden markers which have long since disappeared. The graves are lost as to the location now.

This is by no means a complete list, but as far as we can verify, there never was a list of plots and who were buried in them. A lot of the markers have been destroyed and are lost.

If I seem to be dwelling too much on names of people buried in the cemetery, please remember that I am writing history; and there is no record of people buried there except in the minds of those giving me this information. Who knows, in the future, how important this may be to a relative or those interested in the history of Sutter County. **Milbury Burgett**, was known as "Tulle Dad" and visited the **George Thompson** ranch years ago when the area was overgrown with "tulles" before the Sutter by-pass was put in. George Thompson was the Thompson who developed the "**Thompson Seedless Grape**".

The author was interested in checking on the history of the Noyesburg Cemetery, and in the process, the back history of the Stohlman Cemetery came up. It was found that it was private property, and therefore did not qualify for County funds (taxpayer money) under the present laws. The present laws prohibit spending by County officials the taxpayers' money on private property.

The Supervisors had set up a public cemetery maintenance district in 1925. The Stohlman Cemetery was thought to be included legally in that Act. Unknown and illegally, the Sutter Cemetery District has maintained the so-called Stohlman Cemetery. This left the present Sutter Cemetery District Board in a dilemma, which they are trying to work out with the present owner of the site and the County."

Information gathered through the courtesy of the following:

Miss **Addie Meier** of Yuba City

Mrs. **Mamie Meier** of Yuba City

Miss Johana Meier of Meridian

Donald Meyer of Sutter

Addison Schellenger of Sutter (Cemetery custodian 37 years at Sutter)

Gerald F. Allen, Assessor of Sutter County

"Historical Record of Yuba and Sutter Counties", Historical Record

Company, 1923, with Biographical sketches by Peter J. DeLay (The document goes back to late 1840.)

"To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is information stating true facts and written by myself".....Rainous T. Todd, Sutter, CA, January 1976

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"The Erke family plot in the Stohlman Cemetery has really perplexed me, as I can dimly remember my Mother saying that several of the Erke family were buried at the Stohlman Cemetery. Yet I could find no stone marker, except that of the husband, Herman Erke.

When Mother was a child, her family, the Russells, and the Erke family were neighbors.

My daughter-in-law, Sara Todd, in the study of local Sutter history, found a news item in an old Marysville Appeal newspaper that Mrs. Gardenmeyer, former wife of Herman Erke, at her death was buried near her former husband and children.

On learning of this, I contacted the former custodian; and we went to the cemetery. He pointed out, to the best of his memory, the spot where she and the two Erke children were buried--although there are no markers there now. The date of Mrs. Erke Gardenmeyer's burial was November 21, 1893 according to the old newspaper item."

R. T. T.

The "Thompson Seedless Grape"

William Milbury and Lucinda (Rockholt) Burgett were the parents of Sarah Burgett, who married **George Thompson**, an Englishman, who along with his father, William Thompson, propagated the famous "Thompson Seedless Grape" in Sutter Co. around 1874. I have been in touch with numerous grandchildren of Sarah and George.

Barbara Vorous⁷⁷ of Sacramento provided "the lion's share" of the genealogical information about the Thompson family as a whole; however many of the other grandchildren provided material on their particular branch of the Thompson family. **Dorothy Ingle**⁷⁸ provided material not only about the Thompsons, including her mother, Louise Viola Thompson, and her mother's families; but also the Burgetts, Charges, and Rockholt families.

Barbara, a granddaughter of George Thompson, wrote the following about her grandfather on 12 September 1991 with the following comments:

"The following pages are text from an old pencil written paper (the original of which is in the possession of another grandchild, **Alvin Thompson**, of Sutter, CA) that George Thompson wrote about his background, his trip from England to the United States, and his trip from Illinois to Marysville, CA in 1863.

⁷⁶ Ibid

⁷⁷ 2120 Lorenzo Lane, Sacramento, CA 95864, (916) 485-6614

⁷⁸ P. O. Box 486, Naches, WA 98937, (509) 653-2986

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I would like to add that 1851 was not the first crossing to America by the Thompson family. I have a copy of a mortgage paper that William [Thompson] signed over to Ann Thompson dated January 25, 1841, in Macoupin County, Illinois [Book 1, Page 265] and released by Ann to William on April 14, 1845. All I can say is there must have been several trips back and forth from England to America.

I have tried to figure out his handwriting, left out words, torn paper, etc. Enjoy this historical paper as much as I did."

TEXT:

"I [George Thompson] was born 1839 September 4. Was raised in Yorkshire, England until I came to America. We had a fine house in England. We lived one mile west of Wistow in 1853. The place was small. In 1853 my grandfather lived on south side of it. He had quite a family, six boys and two daughters. The oldest son was a Briery, and the second was a Store Keeper on the corner. The road Wislow was two miles long. It went by the Church house. The graveyard it was four feet deep with dead persons. I got one brother buried in there. When grandfather Thompson 83 and Grandmother 68, they was buried in the graveyard. He had 7 uncles living in Leeds twenty miles from Wislow. Grandfather Whiteley died 1853 and his wife died when Mother (Ann) was seven years old. They had quite a piece of land. They was neighbors a place a mile from the river when Grandfather and Grandmother was married. They lived in town on the north part of town two years and moved to the south on part down when I was 6 years old. When I was 8 years old, Great Grandfather willed a big lot of money. They bought 30 acres land south. They built a brick house on the land and hot house on land and planted a lot kinds of trees on it. When I was 8 years old, I went to Selby where the first railroad was built. It is four miles from where we lived. It run to York forty miles from where we lived. Yorkshire is a big place from []. One mile from our place, up northwest from our land 12 miles from Ouse (river). York is a big place. It is fenced in trail. A big call [?]. Half way is coward Oliver Crumomes knocked the castle down and killed 1,000 prisoners. It was two miles from England's Civil King. My greatgrandfather was half Scotch. He died in 1855. He was 96 years old. He lived in England and Scotland. Hill country between the countries. In 1844 my father went to the World' Fair. London is a big city in England. Some of the streets was forty miles long. It is located on the Thames River. Manchester is a big city. They make cotton. Two thousand work and my father was never satisfied.

He immigrated in 1853 to America. When I was 12 years old, we crossed the ocean. got a quarter with the Captain. One day he let me look through spy glass at whale 20 (?) miles away. He was throwing water fifty feet high. We was six weeks on the water. Millions of flying fish. We had two storms on ocean. We landed at New York on 25 June on the Saint Lawrence River, 1,000 miles sailing high. We stoped three days on Broadway, New York.

We crossed Saint Lawrence on the railroad. Through the Buffalo Lake where we saw the first buffalo and cross the Lake Michigan to Chicago. Stopped three days and three nights. There was one railroad in city. Not much a place. That day we liked

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to have our goods stolen, but we saved them. We stayed three days and nights.

November 5 past Lake is located along side of big mountain thirty miles Port Michigan (?). It builded on corner of the mountain. The water in the lake is black. You can't drink it. We started on south side of mountain the way the Overland Stage went two days before. The Stage driver was killed. The Indians shot the Leader down and destroyed the mail. We was feared for the Indians went right by below the road. Went right along the country. Was a Platte mountain country about twenty miles that day. The next day we came to the southwest corner of the Lake. The road went due west to desert. There little feed and water across the desert. Not a spear of grass on the desert. It was one foot deep and while a snow we braved forty miles across the desert and came to Wells Spring. That was 100 miles altogether. Near to the mountains was a canyon. Through the mountains the Overland Stage ran that way. A Station a little way through where the Stage stopped. It was built on the mountain side. The Indians was on trail two days before we got there. They killed four soldiers and one got away on horseback. They shot lots of arrows at him. He ran on one mile, and the horse fell dead, and ran on further the rest of the way. He got there at the other Station. The place was lots mountain country. We went through there and Indians didn't happen along. Then we came across a lot of squaw prisoners in the brush. They wanted matches and biscuits to heat. At next Fort, they had 300 soldiers and lots more is coming from California to help the others to rest. The next day we encountered [] a tribe of Indians on the road running away from another tribe. They was awful sight. 100 ponies fowling hours. Buried the ponies. All the goods fastened. Young Indians all reddened (?). Buried them. Was all black. We came across where Indians killed some cattle and horses. We traveled on to Reserve where we worked two weeks at five dollars a day. Twenty dollars a day and our horses fed hay. Side of mountain was little town taking out much of the mountain. [] of mountain [] along and Clilton now pull. They work in railroad. Away across the north is Virginia City. Lots of civilians there. We had to [] with wagon. We went through the road in some places big sand fords. Hard for little teams to get through before we got to near of Carson. On the sink of Carson is a curious place. Lots of work. Cattle was dead on the road. The sink is level two feet deep. Lots of rock salt. They ran the railroad in there to haul the salt out of there. Lots of Mighty [] there. We found lots of work. Cattle dead on the road. There was cobblings of rock on the road to Bear River and hauled long to Virginia City. Two hundred dollars run one day. I went ahead with gun and killed a animal dead with 4 shots. Eating the animal. We stopped on Carson River to cut hay with scythes, 4 scythes a cutting hay. On Carson River below Fort Churches. Went two weeks before left the place to travel. We went up the mountain where Virginia City on thousand, is located. The Comstock Mine is under the mountains two thousand feet where they found the gold and silver. Head man wanted us to cut cordwood. It was Juniper wood all blacked, but the water was bad. We couldn't drink. They shooting wooden traps. We came by Washaw Valley. There was a place in the rock cache in the rock two feet wide. It was steaming up out of the rock down under the mountain. It was hot. The workman couldn't work very long. We came along to big truck over the bridge. We came to help them over. It was river. The water is ten feet deep. We came up Little

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Truckee river to Donner Lake. It was round Lake, with large timber around it. We camped overnight there on fill with gully. We had a bucket. Overnight it froze three quarters full of water. We came over the mountains down the American River quite away. Left the river and came west over high mountains covered with high pines timber three hundred feet high. We came towards grass valley down in big canyon where Chico is located to French Coral where they was hydrolicing. Two men was running the pipes. It was forceful. It would turn a web over one over one and wait a short time. We came down Yuba River to Marysville, big brown valley with a mountain, the 25th day of August 1863."

Dorothy Ingle⁷⁹ got the following information about her grandfather, George Thompson, from her mother, Louise Viola Thompson, from newspaper clippings, and from her grandfather himself ("he lived with us before he died") and has written about him. Thank you, Dorothy, for sharing it:

George Thompson

"George Thompson was born in Yorkshire, England on September 4, 1839. His parents were William and Ann (Whitley) Thompson.

William Thompson, Sr., his wife Anna, and their two sons, William Jr. and George, left Yorkshire, England shortly after the birth of George in 1839. They settled in Carlinville, Illinois for several years and then joined the crowd in the westward trek to California, arriving in Marysville on August 25, 1863, when nothing much was there. Across the river was where he decided to put down his roots-- thus Sutter County, California was where William Thompson purchased land ten miles west of Yuba City, where the famous Thompson Seedless grapes originated.

The Thompson's first family home was on the Mathew Noll ranch two miles west of Sutter. It sat on a rocky hill point just above South Butte Road and faced south across the flat land. After William, Sr. and Will had moved onto the flat land site, the old home was built perhaps a half mile away. It served as George's home, and after his marriage to **Sarah Burgett**, they raised a family of six boys and three girls there.

William, Sr. with his two sons acquired 320 acres of farming land in the general vicinity. About two and one half miles west of Sutter on the Colusa Highway in the middle of a field you can see a number of stately palms still standing. Originally they planted 23. This is the old Thompson home site. The original home is gone. This is where the miracle of the seedless grape was born! In September 1980, a marker was placed at this site along the Colusa Highway in honor of these men.

On an early spring day in 1872, William, Sr. and his son, George, looking through a nursery catalogue, saw an advertisement by Elwanger and Barry of Rochester, New York. The Thompsons sent for three cuttings which were grafted onto three Los Angeles grape vines. One Lived! By 1875, the vine produced 500 pounds of grapes. However the amazing part was not the production, but the fact that the grape was seedless! The Thompsons explored all proper sources for information to identify

⁷⁹ Ibid

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the grape. The grape baffled the experts.

On September 24, 1874, George married Sarah Burgett, daughter of Milberry and Lucinda Burgett, a pioneer family of Meridian. It was a May to September romance. Sarah was fifteen; George was thirty-six. Despite the age difference, it was a happy marriage, lasting their lifetime and resulting in a handsome family.

By 1875, Thompson's grapevine with its seedless grapes was the biggest curiosity in the country. Many neighbors and friends came to get cuttings and chat about this freak. That fall, William, Sr. entered a display of the clusters at the Marysville Fair and received a first award for the entry which, for want of a better name, was entitled "Thompson's Seedless". The novelty of the seedless grape attracted wide-spread attention.

More and more farmers came for cuttings. The Thompsons were generous; no one was denied.

It was discovered that, apart from their table use, these grapes made desirable raisins. The more market-wise farmers quickly recognized the potential of this product in the dried fruit market. A name was needed. On August 16, 1888, at a meeting of the Sutter Copunty Horticultural Society in Yuba City, the following action was reported: "J. P. Onstott explained that the new seedless grape is not a 'Sultana'. It was moved and adopted that the new grape be called 'The Thompson Seedless'".

William Thompson, Sr. was delighted at being so honored in having the grape that all had previously been informally calling Mr. Thompson's grape to now calling it the "Thompson Seedless". He now felt in a position to market the cuttings, but alas, he had given so many away that he no longer had control over the marketing. In his generosity he had parted with a gold mine.

By 1903, both William, Sr. and William, Jr. were dead. George moved from the home on the Noll ranch to the family home site amid the palm trees. The farm holdings in 1906 amounted to 320 acres. By 1910, George had sold 120 acres to Mr. Todd, Mr. Silva, and Mr. Looze. That reduced the holdings to about 200 acres on which he had set out a vineyard. One of the earliest Thompson Seedless vineyards in the country was that of Mr. J. P. Onstott.

From 1912 on to the middle 1920's, huge acreages were being converted from the cultivation of grain to the cultivation of the vine. In 1912 Harry Onstott had the largest vineyard in the state--240 bearing acres. By 1912, three million vines had been set in Sutter County, however the biggest stampede for cuttings and grapeland was taking place not in Sutter County, but in the San Joaquin Valley, where thousands of acres were going into production--especially in Fresno, Tulare, Madera, and Kern Counties.

In 1915, a display of Thompson Seedless grapes was set up at the Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson were sent as official delegates of Sutter County. Mr. Thompson at this time was 76 years old. By 1920, the great grape race was at full momentum. Every farmer thought the "pot of gold" lay at the base of every Thompson Seedless grape vine. Plantings in Fresno County alone soon reached 1 million acres of grapes. Tulare, Madera, and Kern Counties also had tremendous plantings. The plantings in these counties far

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exceeded the total in the entire Sacramento Valley.

During this period, George farmed his vineyard with the help of his sons, but he also continued his cross-pollinating and grafting. The grounds around the home with 23 palms became luxuriant with hybrid roses and exotic plants. The grandchildren were carefully instructed not to disturb the nettings over the plants "lest the bugs get in." On winter evenings and anytime he could get us grandchildren to listen, he delighted in telling us about his experiences "crossing the Plains". We always reacted in horror to the story of the little boy "kidnapped by the Indians and scalped before all their eyes." At this point, Grandma would say "can't you talk about anything else?"

In 1925, Yuba City held a parade in honor of the "Peach Bowl of the World". There were many floats. Grandpa was on one of the Peach Bowl floats with Alice (Woodworth) Stewart, and Barbara Barr was queen. The float was made especially outstanding in recognition of the role that the grape had played in the economy. It was covered with grape leaf branches, intertwined with grapes, and featured a tremendous grape arbor. Perched very proudly under the arbor was Grandpa Thompson, more fragile than agile, but still at 86, very much a part of the scene.

By around 1929, Grandpa sold his farm, the Sutter County property, and had moved down to Tudor on a smaller parcel of land where he raised strawberries.

It was here in 1928 that Grandma Thompson died of a heart attack. Grandpa was 89 then and no longer able to be safely left alone, so his oldest daughter, Lulu Voorhees, her husband, Clarence Voorhees, and her two daughters, Sadie and Dorothy, moved in with him to help him with the cultivating and picking the strawberries. Later he sold the home there in Tudor, and we all moved back to Sutter and lived in our old home. Grandpa fell on our back step one day and was bed-ridden for awhile. He died in our home in 1934 at the age of 95.

While living there with us, he often expressed a hope that his father's contribution to the agricultural world would be recognized by a memorial covered with grapes and placed at the site of the ranch. The memorial was late, but it finally was made and placed there along the Colusa Highway on September 12, 1980 with the stately palms he planted many years ago appearing in the background."

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Mamie Agnes (Charge) Meier

Mamie Agnes (Charge) Meier was the only child of Martin Andrew Charge, Sr. and Clemme Agnes Burgett, the daughter of William Milbury Burgett and Lucinda Adeline Rockholt. Clemme Agnes died as a consequence of birthing Mamie, who was reared by her aunt, Lena Lucinda Burgett, a younger sister of Clemme, who married Martin Charge upon the death of her sister. Lena and Martin subsequently had seven children of their own. Lena is mentioned previously in the narrative by Rainous T. Todd about the Shohlman Pioneer Cemetery.

DEAR HEARTS AND GENTLE PEOPLE

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From The Recollections of Grandma Mamie Agnes Charge Meier

Members of my family have asked me to relate the story of my life--not an easy task for one past the age of ninety. However, with the help of my daughter, **Addie**, I will try to make it a worthwhile endeavor. It is our hope to put into words, memories of the past which I trust will be of interest to my grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

In writing a history, this quotation from Macaulay seems most appropriate:

"A people that takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."

First, a little background history for those of the family who may be interested in their ancestors. My father, Martin Andrew Charge, was born in Sutter County, near General Sutter's Hock Farm, on March 13, 1864. His mother, Mary Magdalena Autzburger (sometimes written Amsberger) Charge, was a native of Bensheim, Germany. She was born in 1824, and migrated to America in 1858. In Germany she was married to a Mrs. Weaver who died in 1857. By this marriage she had one daughter, Augusta (later to become Mrs. Peter Nau), who came with her to the United States. They lived for about one year in St. Louis, Missouri before coming to California. In 1861 she married Peter Charge, and they first lived on a farm located a few miles south of Yuba City, later purchasing a 400 acre ranch about five miles west of Sutter City. Peter Charge was born in 1830 in Prussia, located in northeastern Germany. Of this marriage there were three children: my father, Martin, another son, John William, and a daughter, Emma. All three lived to reach their nineties. Grandfather Charge died in 1871, my grandmother in 1912.

My mother, Agnes (Clemme Agnes Burgett) Charge, born May 18, 1866, was

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also a native of Sutter County. Her parents were Milbury and Lucinda (Rockholt) Burgett. I don't know much about the grandparents, except that Milbury's mother was Catharine (Milbury) Burgett, and Lucinda's mother was Mrs. Flowers. There is a small town, Burgettstown, in western Pennsylvania named after this family. A family Bible that belonged to Catharine Burgett is now in the possession of a great-great-grandson, Silas A. Schellenger of Sutter. Grandpa Burgett was born in Iowa on St. Patrick's Day, 1832, and crossed the plains by ox team in 1857. His wife, born in Missouri in 1842, also came to California in 1857. Of this marriage there were nine children: Sarah, wife of George Thompson, who, with his father, developed the Thompson Seedless Grape; Eliza, wife of Enos (Doc) Morelan; Harriett, wife of Bradley Perry; my mother, Agnes; my stepmother, Lena; Rhoda, first married to George Gard, later to Ben Page; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Eva, first married to John Gulick, later to Matt Sullenger; one son, William.

Grandpa Burgett's brother, Henry, was reported to be the first settler (1856) on Butte slough, near the long bridge. Another brother, Oliver, owned the property where Mrs. W. L. (Ina) Meier lives today. He had a blacksmith shop near where the old Slough schoolhouse stands. There was one sister, Almena, who married Edmond T. Schellenger.

Those early day settlers were industrious, hard working men and women, with few comforts for easy living. We may well be proud of them.

After a separation from her first husband, Lucinda Burgett married a man by the name of Davis, and thereafter she was always known as Grandma Davis. She was quite a lady - always put her hair up on curlers and wore what I suppose would be called a boudoir cap. As she grew older, she kept busy crocheting, and much of her handiwork was given away to members of the family. She died in 1924, and is buried in the Sutter cemetery. Grandpa Burgett died in 1910, and is buried in the old pioneer Stohlman cemetery. Also buried there are my mother, Agnes Charge, and my paternal grandparents, Peter and Mary Magdalena Charge. I am grateful to my grandson, Steve Fortna, for putting ironwork fencing around the graves of my mother and Grandpa and Grandma Charge.

Just a few words here about the Stohlman Cemetery. This property and the adjoining farm land was claimed by a Mr. Johnson in the early 1860's, and was sold by him to a Mr. Isaacs in 1869. In 1870, when my grandparents purchased the ranch, the cemetery was included. At about this time, a small church was erected in the cemetery; it was built by the people of the community, square holes and pegs being used in the construction instead of nails. Regular pews and hymn books were provided, and a circuit rider, Father Crepts, conducted services. Chris Meier, an uncle of my husband, attended church there. In 1887 my grandmother Charge sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stohlman, and the church building was moved (probably around 1905-1910) and incorporated in their ranch buildings.

It is interesting to note that J. A. Friend, who was the sixth sheriff of Sutter County, and his wife, Harriett, are buried in the Stohlman Cemetery. Another interesting fact is that the headstone on the grave of Felix Martin was pictured in Ripley's "Believe It or Not". It shows the figure of a man holding a horse, with the

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inscription, "Hold to him, Frank". Mr. Martin was hauling grain to be put on the river boat at Meridian. While unloading, the wagon slipped on the bank, and he lost his life in the river. His close friend, Frank (Franz) Nau, had the inscription carved on his tombstone. Mr. Nau's grave is next to that of his friend. Although this happened before I was born, I can remember people telling about it. Ripley also pictured the Sutter Buttes, identifying them as "The Smallest Mountain Range in the World". The earliest burial in the cemetery is thought to have been that of a seven year old boy, Eliza Gray, who drowned in 1860. On his headstone is found this quotation: "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth".

And now I come to my own story. I was born October 31, 1885, on my grandmother Charge's ranch, near the foot of the Sutter Buttes. There is an illustration of this ranch in the "History of Sutter County", published by Thompson and West in 1879, and reproduced in 1974 by Howell-North Books. For many years a lone fig tree remained at the site, but it too is now gone. My mother was the second patient attended in childbirth by Dr. E. V. Jacobs of Meridian, who at that time was just beginning a long and active practice. Gertrude Stewart, later to marry my stepbrother, Ralph, was the first baby he delivered. Although my mother was a strong and healthy young woman, complications apparently developed, and she died when I was ten days old. So it was that my kindly grandmother took me as her own and cared for me until I was ten years old.

The boy, Willie Meier, who was later to become my husband, had also lost his mother at an early age. It was at this time that he came to do chores for Grandma Charge. He was eleven years older than I, and many times I remember Grandma telling me how Willie rocked my cradle, and always said that some day he would marry me.

After the death of Grandfather Charge, Grandmother kept up the ranch as long as she was able, later selling it to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stholman. Descendants of the Stholman family still own and operate the ranch today. Grandma then moved to the little town of Meridian, situated on the east bank of the Sacramento River. Willie at this time was working for Mr. Dirke, a rancher near Meridian, and it was one of his duties to deliver home-churned butter to residents of the area. Grandma was one of his regular customers, and I can remember watching at the gate for Willie.

When I was about five years old, we moved to Elk Creek in Glen County, and it was there I first went to school. Grandmother's daughter, Emma (our beloved Aunt Em), a young lady at that time and soon to be married, lived with us, and those were happy days for me. The best time was when my cousin, Cordie Nau, came to visit. We were both near the same age, and remained close companions throughout grade school. There was a watermelon patch nearby, where my Uncle Will lived, and Cousin Cordie and I would pick out the largest we could find to carry home. As might be expected, we usually dropped our melon and had to eat it on the spot, then go back for another to take home.

In those days, it was customary to voluntarily expose children to the measles to insure they would develop the disease at an early age. Our family was no exception, and when Cousin Cordie came down with the measles, I was urged to kiss her.

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Needless to say, this exposure had the desired effect. Another old fashioned custom was the use of asafoetida bags worn around the neck to ward off disease. Children disliked them very much because of their garlic-like odor. Possibly their only value was to keep others at a safe distance.

After Aunt Emma married Joe Robertson, Grandmother and I moved back to Meridian to live with them. One summer, in order to earn some money, she and I, along with Uncle Pete and Aunt Gusta Nau and a couple of their children, went to the hop fields near Nicolaus to pick hops. I am afraid I wasn't much help, but Grandma usually managed to fill her hundred pound bin by the end of the day. It was becoming difficult for Grandmother to meet expenses, and my father did not feel that he could assist financially with my support. So, with sadness and reluctance, on Grandmother's part as well as my own, I joined my father's family. (You may wonder why my Grandmother did not have funds remaining from the sale of her ranch. Sufficient it is to say that her son, Will, was responsible for losses incurred during the intervening years.)

My father had remarried about a year after my mother's death; his second wife, Lena Burgett, was a younger sister of my mother. At the time I went to live with them, my father was employed part time by Frederick Tarke of West Butte, and we lived in a little house on part of his hill property. My father also hunted ducks and geese, which were plentiful in those days, and sold them at markets in Yuba City and Marysville.

It was a difficult adjustment for me to make, leaving my dear grandmother who had cared for me since birth, and going into a home where dishwashing, bread-making and minding children were never-ending chores. My stepmother was a hard working woman, and I am sure did the best she could, but no one could take the place of my grandmother. Grandma truly understood the heart of a child; when I lived with her, there was always a doll for me at Christmas and colored eggs at Easter. How happy I was whenever she would come and stay with us for a little while. There were four other children to be fed and clothed, and most of our clothing was made by hand. Underwear was usually made from flour sacks, and my stepmother put many a stitch in beautiful handmade quilts. Shoes were purchased and brought home to us, hopefully the right size. One time my father surprised me with a new hat, a really rare event.

Attending school was perhaps my greatest enjoyment, and I never missed a day if I could help it. The Slough school was about three miles away, and my three stepbrothers and I walked this distance, rain or shine. The school house, built in 1888, is still standing, although not in use since 1962. Later my children all attended this same one-room school. (My husband attended the Slough school that was in use before this one was built.) Spelling was my best subject, arithmetic my most difficult. In those days pupils were taught word analysis, an excellent help in learning the meaning of words. Although few Indians remained in our area at that time, there were two Indian girls, Emma and May, who attended school when I did.

A few of you may remember the one-room school, heated by a large cast iron stove in the center of the building. This supplied plenty of heat for the nearby students, but left those on the outer fringes somewhat chilly. The older children took turns helping the teacher with the janitor work - cleaning blackboards and erasers,

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sweeping the floor and dusting. Outside on the porch was a pump and sink, and a tin drinking cup for use by one and all. Two anterooms, one for boys and one for girls, provided hooks for wraps and shelves for dinner pails. Two outhouses took care of toilet needs, one in one corner of the yard for the girls, and another for the boys on the opposite side. Room and board for the teacher was usually furnished by one of the neighbors. All of my teachers were men: among them were Charley Ward, Edgar Ward and R. S. Zumwalt.

When I was in the sixth grade, we moved closer to Sutter City, and I attended the Brittan school there. One of the teachers, Miss Brittan, was a daughter of the man for whom the school was named. Although not my teacher, she was very kind to me and saw that I kept warm when I had chills and fever from malaria. The Ramey family lived just over the hill from us, and the daughter, May, became one of my closest friends. As time went on, she married Mr. McLaughlin, a construction worker from Canada, and we lost track of one another. Years later we renewed our friendship when I visited her and her daughter, Marjorie, in 1974, at their home in Vancouver, British Columbia.

After several moves from one place to another (the Watson place, the Peterson and the John Pohle), my father finally settled on a small farm situated on Butte Slough in District #70. Here he and my stepmother spend the rest of their lives.

In all their long years, my parents had no modern conveniences in their home. The cookstove and heater used a lot of wood, especially in the wintertime, and my father cut and split it all in his spare time. But in spite of many difficulties, this devoted couple remained independent and cared for their two handicapped children until very late in life. They lived to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in 1956. I have my stepmother's old family Bible which was given to her by her Sunday school teacher in Kelseyville in 1884.

As a young boy, my father carried the mail from Sutter City to West Butte on horseback. He was an expert sack-sewer and worked on the George Summy harvester when twenty four horses were used to pull the harvester. Even after reaching the age of eighty, he could still outdo many a younger man sewing sacks. He drove a 1926 Model T Ford for many years until about a month before his death; a restricted driver's license permitted him to drive a short distance from his home in order to purchase groceries and other necessities. My grandson, Larry Fortna, has restored the old Ford and occasionally shows it off in parades.

My stepmother died in 1958 at the age of 89, my father in 1961 at the age of 97. They are buried in the Meridian Cemetery, as are five of their seven children: Harry, Clifford, Etta, Peter, and an infant daughter. Two other sons, Ralph and Martie, are buried in the Sutter cemetery.

When I was sixteen, I graduated from the ninth grade at Slough School. At that time, the final examinations were prepared and sent out by the Superintendent of Schools' office. We anxiously studied for these exams and were greatly relieved when they were over. We usually had picnics in the Buttes on the last day of school, and climbing to the top of one of the peaks was a big event of the day. Although rattlesnakes are numerous in that area, I don't recall any casualties.

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The summer following graduation Willie started calling on me, and although my father was very strict, Willie was the one boy he allowed to court me. The engagement ring he gave me was a gold band with delicate etching and a tiny diamond. It was purchased at Peter Engel's jewelry store, one of the leading jewelry stores in Marysville. The cost of the ring was six dollars, a seemingly insignificant sum today, but not by the standards of 1902 when wages were a dollar per day. Willie also gave me a beautifully engraved gold Waltham watch, which to this day keeps accurate time. It had a long gold chain and fleur-de-lis pin with which it could be fastened to dress or waist.

Our marriage took place at the parsonage in Yuba City, and the ceremony was performed by Reverend Johnstone. My wedding dress was made by a seamstress in Yuba City, and for my wedding trip Willie gave me a suit which had purchased for thirty dollars. Those attending the wedding were my father and stepmother, their two small children, Etta and Peter, Willie's father, and his sister and her husband, Lena and Fred Stohman. After the ceremony, we rode the mule-drawn street car to Marysville, had dinner at the Empire Restaurant, and then boarded the Southern Pacific train for Sacramento. (A picture of the mule-drawn street car can be seen at the Mary Aaron museum in Marysville.)

We spent the night in Sacramento, and the following morning went to San Francisco for a three-week honeymoon. It was a wonderful three weeks, especially for me who had never been in a big city. We rode the street cars all over San Francisco, getting transfers from one line to another. If I remember right, fares then were only a nickel. We often went to the Cliff House, a major attraction at that time. While in the city, we purchased the family album which I still treasure. I also have the blue and yellow salt and pepper shakers which I purchased at the Hampton Hardware store in Marysville when we were first married. They are included in my salt and pepper shaker collection which I have added to over the years.

On our return home we settled down on a sixty acre ranch about three and one-half miles east of Meridian, and shared a happy married life for twenty seven years. Here our six children were born, all delivered at home by Dr. Jacobs, the same Dr. Jacobs who had delivered me. He was our family doctor for many years, taking care of all our ills, which ranged from treating my husband's sciatic rheumatism to extracting a painful wisdom tooth for me, not to mention all the childhood diseases the children had. At one time, I wanted him to remove a needle which I had stepped on when I was a child, and which had worked its way up above my knee and was close to the surface. But he thought best to leave it alone, and I presume the needle is still somewhere in my body. Behind his combination office and drug store, the doctor kept some large birds - peacocks I believe they were - which always attracted the children.

Our first child, Eva, was born on the first anniversary of our marriage. A practical nurse we called Auntie Reed (later married to Mr. Stroud) stayed with me at that time. We gave the baby the middle name of Agnes, the same as my mother's middle name and my own. When she was beginning to sit up alone, I used to set her in a horse collar on a blanket on the floor. This left me free to get my work done. With the next three children, one of my aunts stayed with me and helped out. Our first boy, Arthur,

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was given the middle name, William, after his father. When our two youngest children were born, I had a trained nurse with me, Aunt Sarah (Esther) Bokman. She was an excellent nurse and a good cook. Our youngest daughter, Esther Emma, was named after her and my Aunt Emma. Billie was named William Martin after his father and grandfather.

During our early married life, we did not have the conveniences that are taken so for granted today. There was no indoor plumbing, no running water, no electricity, no telephone. At first, clothes were scrubbed on a wash board, seldom seen now, except in museums. Later, we had a washing machine with a wheel on the side; turning the wheel operated a mechanism which agitated the clothes. Water was heated in a wash boiler on the wood stove in the kitchen. Butter was made with a plunger-type churn. Later, when cream separators came into use, we sold our cream and purchased butter from the creamery.

Butchering was an event that took place every winter when the weather turned cold and frosty. Neighbors helped one another, and two days work resulted in a winter supply of meat and lard. Hams and shoulders were soaked in brine, then hung in the smoke house to be smoked daily until the meat was cured. The smoke house was a small, tightly constructed building with one small window. The wooden cover for the window could be adjusted so as to allow a small amount of smoke to escape. An old heating stove was used for a slow-burning fire to produce smoke. Chips and bark from fruit, walnut or oak trees were preferred on account of the good flavor they gave the meat. Meat for sausage was ground, mixed and seasoned in a large wash tub and stuffed into pig entrails which had been carefully scraped and cleaned and turned inside out. To this day, my family insists there is absolutely no sausage to compare with that we made smoked ourselves. Later on, I had very good results canning sausage patties. Liverwurst was another sausage we made, especially enjoyed by my husband. Lard was rendered in a large iron kettle and required constant stirring with a long wooden paddle. (These kettles were also used for scalding the hogs, after which the hair could easily be scraped off.) Some people today have these kettles in their yards with flowers planted in them.

Sometime around 1907 a flood occurred, and our horses, cows and pigs were taken to the nearby levee for safety. The chickens found refuge on the hay in the barn. Fortunately, water did not get into the house, which stood about six feet above the ground. This house was one of the first built in Sutter City, square nails being used in the construction. It had been moved to District #70 sometime prior to our ownership of the property.

High water, with the danger of floods, was common during the winter, and neighbors took turns patrolling the levee. In 1914, when we lost our baby daughter, the water was so high we could not cross the wooden bridge which spanned the slough. My husband and his brother-in-law carried the tiny casket across the railroad trestle for burial in the Stohlman cemetery. Later after my husband's death, the body was removed and buried at the foot of his grave in the Sutter cemetery.

In the early days, people were greatly influenced by the phases of the moon, especially in the planting of crops. Superstition also played a part. My husband's

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uncle, Chris Meier, would never start anything on a Friday - that would be bad luck indeed.

Our knowledge of the universe was very meager in the early 1900's, and when Halley's comet appeared in the western sky, sometime around 1910, we watched in wonderment from our back porch. It was a phenomenon long to be remembered and talked about. We did not know then that we would see this comet again some sixty years later.

Our farm land originally was used for the cultivation of grapes. Later, the vineyard was replaced by crops of barley, corn and alfalfa; still later, flax was grown. We owned a few acres of bottom land across the slough which was excellent for raising beans. One year my husband planted peanuts, perhaps because the children were always wanting peanuts; for once they had all they could eat. We also had a blackberry patch there, and I canned quantities of berries and made jelly for winter use. We had a few apple trees, and people from Sutter City came to buy apples. These were white Astrachan apples, good for both eating and cooking. I canned applesauce, tomatoes, various fruits, and mincemeat for pies. Sealing wax (rosin) was melted in a can and used for sealing the lids.

I raised turkeys for the market, and chickens, ducks and geese for our own use. Eggs helped to pay for our groceries. In those days, we were not obliged to pay cash at the stores in Meridian; we could buy on credit and pay in full when the crops were harvested. Sometimes I had baby pigs or lambs to raise on the bottle. It was no easy chore getting up at night to feed these little animals.

We operated a small dairy, usually six or seven cows. All of the cows had names, and one or two of the old ones were friendly enough that my daughter, Addie, could ride them around the corral. Our work horses were Daisy, Nellie, Prince and a white horse called Cabbage. Cabbage was used for pulling the derrick to load hay into the barn. Addie used to ride her too, and would take the younger children on with her. My first horse for driving was old Prince, a very dependable old horse. We drove him when we went to Yuba City for our wedding and knew he would take Willie's father (who had been celebrating a bit) home safely. Later, Willie purchased a mare named Edie from Fred Landerman for me. She was a trotter, gentle enough for me to harness, and speedy on the road. During the hot summer weather we used a horse net to protect her from the bothersome flies. Our first dog was an old hound-dog we called Sport, who drifted in from somewhere and stayed with us. Our little girls loved him.

When Grandma Charge came to America, she brought her feather bed with her. We too used feather beds, and saved duck and goose feathers for that purpose, and also for pillows. Schmierkase (cottage cheese) was one of Grandma's favorite foods, and she made good coffee-cake which we called 'kouga' (probably derived from the German word, kuchen).

In those days we did most of our shopping in Meridian, going to Marysville (an all day trip by horse and buggy) several times a year for clothing and other items, and perhaps a jug of whiskey. We always kept a jug on hand, and my husband occasionally like a drink after a hard days work. We called for our mail at the Meridian post office, as rural free delivery was not yet established. Newspapers came by mail,

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and the Sutter County Farmer, published once a week, was the leading newspaper. Magazines at that time included *Hearth and Home*, *Comfort Magazine*, and *The Youths Companion*.

When I was first married, a trading boat came up the Sacramento River to Colusa, making stops along the way. We could purchase clothing, yardage and groceries on board the boat. An old peddler, a Chinese with the traditional queue, came through our community, selling fresh vegetables and other produce from his covered wagon. He also brought Chinese candy, for us an unusual treat. My two youngest, Esther and Billie, thought it great fun to mimic his sing-song voice calling out his wares, "let-tuce, turn-ip, and pea".

Another peddler, a Jew called Ike, had a push-cart which carried a variety of articles such as towels, tablecloths, clothing, baby shoes, and even alarm clocks. Occasionally, old Benjamin, another peddler, came along with clothing and other goods. A meat wagon, driven by Billy Hill, delivered meat from the shop in Meridian. Later on, the butcher shop in Sutter City sent out a meat truck, and W. H. McPherrin drove this truck.

Hoboes were common in the early days. As a rule, they were honest fellows, glad for a few days work in exchange for a few dollars, good meals, and a place in the barn to spread their blankets. Occasionally gypsies came along, and these we did not trust as they were noted for stealing. One in particular became very angry with me because I would not let her tell my fortune; thinking to spite me, she told me I would have six children. Although her prediction later proved true, this didn't bother me in the least. There were also wagon tramps who often camped nearby, wherever there was shade. I remember one family who stayed about a week after the birth of their baby. Mothers in the neighborhood felt sorry for these people who had so little, and gathered up baby clothes for the new baby, and food for the family.

Hindus were beginning to arrive from India at the turn of the century, and some came to our area to work in the bean fields. They often came to us to buy chickens, eggs and milk, but spoke very little English and kept to themselves.

Although there was a lot of hard work in those early days, there was fun and pleasure too. Soon after our marriage, friends and neighbors gathered around our house late in the evening to serenade us with an old fashioned charivari. Beating on all manner of pots and pans, they created enough noise to arouse the soundest sleeper. There were barn dances with fiddlers supplying the music, and a caller for the square dances. The Red House barn was a popular place for these dances. This barn, on Louis Tarke's property, was a short distance southeast of our farm. Later, Marshall and Anna Tarke Shields remodeled the so-called Red House and established a home there. Neighbors met in homes for card games, "pedro" being a great favorite. Children were no problem; they were put to sleep on blankets while the grown-ups continued their games.

There were picnics in the summertime, one every year in Gridley, another in Grimes. For the trip to Grimes, we would go to Meridian by horse and buggy, and take an excursion boat from there. The circus, which performed in Marysville, was a big event for both parents and children. A parade through the downtown area always

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preceded the big three ring performance, and this in itself was a big attraction. Occasionally road shows came to the small towns, and tents were put up for the evening performance. Later came the silent movies (picture shows), with their popular Westerns and exciting serials. Some years we attended the State Fair in Sacramento, and one time our little girl, Eva, was determined to have a big red apple from one of the exhibits. My husband finally had to find someone who would sell him an apple in order to shut her up.

For amusement in the home, we had one of the early Edison phonographs (gramophone), and among the popular records were "Casey Jones" and "Just a Wee Dioch and Doris", and another about a preacher and a bear. Later we had radio, and two of our favorite programs were "Fibber McGee and Molly" and "Amos and Andy". We had two horns for our phonograph, one a long, black horn, the other a rose-colored, morning-glory shaped horn.

Living in the country as we did, there was little opportunity to attend church. I was baptized a Catholic (Grandma Charge was a Catholic and saw to that), but I was not brought up in the Catholic faith. First to influence my religious thinking were two gospel missionaries who traveled through our section of the country on bicycles. These ladies were welcomed into our homes, and held meetings in the local grammar school. One was Bessie Dunkin, the other Alma, whose last name I can't recall. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was one of their songs I especially liked. I still have the Bible given to me in 1913 by these dedicated women.

In 1912 the Northern Electric Railway built a line to Meridian, later extending it to Colusa. The roadbed cut through our ranch, leaving the house and barn on a small section to the north of the railway. For convenience sake, we then decided to move our house to the south. This was accomplished with no problems, except the cable broke once which stopped the clock. I stayed in the house and cooked dinner while the move was being made. The small section of land on the north side was later sold to the Tarke Warehouse Company and a large warehouse was erected on the site. The original building was destroyed by fire, but was soon rebuilt, and is still in use.

The orange trees we had in our front yard where we first lived are long since gone, but remnants of the olive trees and pomegranate bushes are still growing. When the state highway was constructed, our ranch was again divided.

The railroad was a great convenience for trips to Marysville. People from ranches in the district stabled their horses in our barn (for a small fee), and boarded the train at Tarke station, which was a short distance from our house. Students attending Sutter High School took the train to Sutter City and walked a mile from the depot to the high school. A book of tickets for students could be purchased at a reduced price. These boys and girls came from Yuba City, Live Oak, Meridian and way stations, Sutter High being the only high school in the county at that time. All of our children attended this high school. My future son-in-law, Harmon Johnson, was a brakeman on the Sacramento Northern in 1919-1920.

One fatal accident occurred at the crossing in front of our home. The iceman who delivered our ice, was killed instantly when he drove his truck directly in front of an oncoming train. Needless to say, this was a horrifying experience for all concerned.

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A "third rail" was used for power conduction for the trains, and this could be dangerous. Although there were cattle guards, we occasionally lost a cow on the tracks. The railroad company reimbursed us for such losses. Our children were aware of the danger, but even so, the two youngest, Esther and Billie, liked to try their skill at walking on the third rail. Naturally they didn't let me know about it. They were always up to something. One time when they were playing near the slough, Billie fell in, and it was just by the grace of God that Esther was able to pull him out. I didn't know about this escapade at the time either.

The coming of the railroad brought electric power, and this enabled us to have electric lights, and a motor for pumping water. Prior to tha time we used kerosene lamps (collectors' items today), and we depended on a windmill or hand pump for our water supply. Most everyone is those days had tank houses with large tanks to store water. Instead of having water heated in pipes running through the fire-box of the kitchen stove, we could now have an electric hot water tank. And a modern bathtub took the place of a galvanized washtub for bathing. The wooden icebox with ice compartment on top, preceded by the old water cooler with burlap sides and water contained on top, gave way to an electric refrigerator. And an electric range provided more comfort for cooking, especially in the summertime, although kerosene stoves had been in use for some time. Some of the best angel food cakes I have ever tasted were baked in the oven of a kerosene stove by Nellie Staas, the wife of my husband's cousin, August.

Sometime earlier, our first telephone was installed, a wooden box on the wall which was operated by turning a crank. This was a great convenience, not only for emergencies, but also for keeping in touch with the neighbors. Party lines were the rule, as many as five or six parties on one line. We could call others on our line simply by ringing their number of rings, long or short as the case might be. For other calls, it was necessary to ring "Central".

When we were first married, Willie and I vacationed one summer with my folks at Alder Springs in Glen County. This was a long trip by truck-wagon and a team of horses. We cooked over a campfire which wasn't exactly fun, but we didn't seem to mind. The men spent their time hunting deer. In later years, when automobiles came into use, I had many interesting trips with various members of my family. One of our favorite vacation spots was Donner Lake.

We purchased our first car, an Overland, in 1918 from Dunning Bros. in Marysville. Automobiles in those days were open on the sides, but side curtains with isinglass windows could be snapped on in cold or rainy weather. My husband did the driving at first, but I soon learned, and continued driving until I was eighty years old. By that time, my vision was impaired by cataracts, and my family discouraged me from renewing my driver's license. In all my years of driving, I never had an accident. I learned quite a bit about autos and could change a tire if I had to.

I had poor health when my youngest daughter was born (1915), and that summer Dr. Jacobs advised me to go to Shasta Retreat in Siskiyou County to try the mineral water supplied by the springs in that area. So, with my three month old baby, three older children, my Aunt Emma and Cosma Cicencio, the motherless boy she was

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keeping, we started off. The Southern Pacific train left Marysville in the early hours of the morning, so we checked in at the U. S. Hotel and tried to get some sleep until it was time to go. In due time, we arrived at Shasta Retreat, and although accommodations were rather primitive, we enjoyed our two week stay. The children thought it fun to walk a mile down the railroad track to Dunsmuir, and perhaps carry back a watermelon. A mile in the other direction took us to Shasta Springs and a nearby waterfall, another walk which we enjoyed.

A few years later, we went again to Shasta Retreat, this time for a month, and my husband joined us for the last half of our stay. It wasn't easy for him to get away, but his cousin, Louis Meier, agreed to milk the cows and do the chores while he was gone.

Malaria was very prevalent in the Sacramento Valley in the late 1800's and early 1900's, and often at school I would find myself coming down with chills and fever. Quinine was widely used, and Grove's Chill Tonic was a preparation I gave my own children. In 1918, Dr. Moulton of Chico treated me for gallstones, and surgery was performed at Enloe Hospital. Two large stones were put in a bottle for me to take home; sometime later my little girl, Esther, found them in a dresser drawer, and thinking they were candy-coated peanuts, ate them. In case you are interested, she says they were very bitter, and burned her mouth! Several years later I had surgery for removal of a kidney stone at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco. Dr. E. E. Gray of Marysville became our family doctor soon after that, and it was he who (with the help of my daughter, Eva) pulled me through when I was critically ill with pneumonia. He also treated our little boy, Billie, when he had to be hospitalized for Bright's disease.

I might mention here that cousins on both my husband's side and my side of the family had diabetes mellitus. In our immediate family, my grandson, Stephen Fortna, developed the disease at the age of twelve.

World War I, which started in 1917, is rather dim in my memory now. We bought Thrift Stamps and War Bonds, much the same as we did in World War II. Sugar was scarce, dark flour was used for bread-making, and children planted vegetable gardens in school yards. We felt very fortunate that my husband, because of his family and occupation of farming, was not drafted. I still have a handkerchief that his cousin, Henry Meier, sent from France.

Near the end of World War I, the influenza epidemic struck the United States. This was a severe type of influenza from which thousands of people died. All unnecessary activities were restricted, and people were asked to wear masks in public. All in our family were ill, with the exception of my husband and one daughter.

On a rainy night in December 1927, friends and relatives joined with us in celebrating our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. It was my hope that we would be together to observe our fiftieth, but this was not to be.

I made extra money cooking for the men who worked at the Tarke warehouse, and during slack times on the ranch, my husband worked in the warehouse. It was there on November 11, 1929 that he was accidentally killed when a pile of beans fell over on him. This was exactly twenty six years after the death of his own father. I would like to include here a bit of my husband's family history.

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William Frederick Meier (my husband) was born August 31, 1874 a few miles east of Meridian, on a ranch now known as the Waldo Nall Ranch. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Dorthea (Schneitger) Meier of Germany. His father, William Meier, born in Germany in 1836, was the first of the Meier brothers to leave the Fatherland, coming to California in the late 1850's. My daughter, Addie, has an old leather-covered trunk he brought with him from Germany. Willie's mother, Christina (Richman) Meier, also a native of Germany, was born in 1852. She died in 1875 when he and his sister, Lena (Carolina), were very small children. Friends and relatives helped care for the children, and Willie attended the Slough and West Butte grammar schools, and later Heald's Business College in Stockton.

My husband was a kindly, easy-going man. I don't believe a more honest man ever lived, and the same could be said of our two sons.

When Willie was about sixteen years old, he went to work as chore boy for Frederick Tarke. His father had also worked for Mr. Tarke, and helped build some of the rock wall fences which are still in use on the ranch today. Willie's father died of pneumonia in 1903, and it was a disappointment that he did not live to see his first grandchild. He and his wife are buried in the old Stohlman cemetery, the graves protected by an iron fence erected by my husband and his brother-in-law, Fred Stohlman. Still growing there is a lilac bush which was planted by their daughter, Lena. Lena died of a brain tumor at the age of forty four, and is buried in the Sutter cemetery.

The depression came along in the early 1930's, and the banks were closed for close to two weeks. We had our own farm produce, and times were not as hard for us as for those living in the big cities. Government subsidies were put in effect, but we did not approve of this policy, nor am I in favor of it now. At this time, we had the misfortune to lose our barn by fire. It was full of alfalfa hay, and the fire was thought to be caused by spontaneous combustion. Lost in the fire was an old fan-mill, used in the early days for cleaning beans, and our old wagon and buggy.

With the help of my sons, Arthur and Billie, I continued on the farm after my husband's death until 1938, when I sold part of the property and purchased a home in Yuba City. While we were in the process of moving, our house in the country caught fire and burned to the ground. Friends and relatives were very generous in replacing many of our belongings, but some things of course were irreplaceable. Among these were family pictures, including enlarged ones of my mother and my husband's mother, and an old trunk which contained several dolls belonging to my older daughters. Also lost was a canary and my son's little bulldog, Skeeter.

Although we were eventually settled comfortably in Yuba City, I missed the farm and my many friends in that area. At that time, I was a member of the Meridian Wednesday Afternoon Club, South Butte Parlor #226, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Sunflower Rebekah Lodge in Yuba City, and the Sutter Grange. (Of passing interest, I might mention here that the Meridian club house was given to the women's club by Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs in memory of their son, Voriene, who died of typhoid fever at the age of twelve.) As a member of South Butte Parlor, I was instrumental in the placement of an historical placque in the pioneer Stohlman cemetery. Near this

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cemetery, there was at one time a small hill where my children loved to pick wild flowers -- snowdrops, Johnny-jump-ups, buttercups, bluebells, and the familiar California poppy. Now the hill has been leveled and an oil well marks the spot.

I have retained my membership in the Meridian Club and Sunflower Rebekahs, but after moving to Yuba City, I transferred from South Butte Parlor to Marysville Parlor #162, NDGW. I have held office in both these organizations, and in 1954 was president of the Sutter County TB and Health Association. I am a member of the Homecraft Club and Garden Club of Meridian, the Veteran Rebekahs of Yuba City, and the Past Presidents Organization of Native Daughters. I am a charter member, and hold a life membership in the Sutter County Historical Society.

During World War II, my son, Arthur, spent four years with the Tank Destroyers in the Pacific. My son, Billie, was a radioman in the Navy, also in the Pacific theater. My daughter, Addie, an Army nurse, served with the 170th General Hospital in Europe. I had one grandson, Harold Johnson, in the Air Corps, and a grandson by marriage, Howard Marshall, in the Marines. Both served in the Pacific.

During the war, I was a member of the Navy Mother's Club, and helped with the USO. I also took part in manning the posts set up for detecting enemy planes. Margaret Graves usually accompanied me on these early morning trips and did her share in this voluntary work. Housing was needed for Army personnel stationed at Camp Beale (now Beale Air Force Base), and I rented rooms to soldiers and their wives. Some of these people still remember and write to me at Christmas time. Although gasoline was rationed, we managed to have enough to visit my son, Arthur, at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and later at Pittsburg, the port of embarkation from where he left for overseas. As did many others, we were saving with our sugar in order to make candy and cookies for those in the service.

My husband and baby daughter, who died at birth on New Years Day in 1914, are buried in the Sutter Cemetery, as are my sons, Arthur and Billie, who lost their lives in the 1955 flood which inundated Yuba City. They were working to save the levee on Christmas Eve when the break occurred, and were caught in the rush of water from the Feather River. My grandson, William Arthur Fortna, who was born the following July, was named after his two uncles.

Arthur was never married and lived at home. After the war, he worked for the Charles Merz Co. (tire doctors) in Marysville. William, known as Billie, was married to Hazel Minchin, now the wife of Gordon Sterud, who was employed by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., and they made their home in Yuba City. They had no children.

My eldest daughter, Eva Agnes, married Harmon A. Johnson of Sacramento, a principal for many years in the North Sacramento schools. Esther Emma, my youngest daughter, married Vernon R. Fortna of Colusa. He owns and operates the Valley Termite & Pest Control Co. located on North Township Road in Sutter County, where they also have their home. Addie Lena, a registered nurse, who retired after forty nine years of nursing, lives with me at 863 Cooper Avenue in Yuba City.

In conclusion, I would like to name my seven grandchildren: Harold and William Johnson, Bernice Johnson Marshall, Barbara Johnson Wherity Driffill, Larry, Stephen and William Fortna; fourteen great-grandchildren: Randall Johnson, Kristine

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Johnson, Humphrey Jones, Denis Marshall Cox, Thomas, James, Daniel and Richard Marshall, Robert, David and Jonathan Wherity Driffill, Nancy Driffill, Linda Johnson Hawkins, Bradley and Carrie Esther Fortna; one step-great-grandson, Bradley Jonas; eleven great-great-grandchildren: Kenneth Johnson Irby, Laura and Lisa Humphrey, Michael, Christopher, Justin, Nathan and Aimee Cox, Jonathan and Michelle Marshall, Donald Driffill. A step-great-granddaughter, Mary Ann Jonas, died of a ruptured cerebral aneurysm at the age of nine.

The events of my life which I have related here have covered a period extending from the horse and buggy days to the space age. It has been a wonderful experience, and my hope for each member of my family is a good and worthwhile life, such as I feel mine has been.

(signed) Mamie A. Meier

N. B. The writing of this history for my mother has held for me both pleasure and sadness - pleasure in recalling events of a happy childhood, sadness for the heartaches of my dear mother. May God bless, and keep her always in His loving care.

Addie L. Meier

July 4, 1976

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Dr. Anson Jones

During a return trip from FL to the New England area in 1992, Lila Parrish⁸¹ gave me a copy of her organization's newsletter (Summer 1985) which featured an article about Dr. Anson Jones, who was the last President of the Republic of Texas upon its annexation by the United States of America in 1845.

He was "one of the most distinguished men born in Great Barringtonon January 20, 1798...whose father, Solomon Jones, joined the Continental Army and fought in the Revolutionary War, participating in the battles of Bunker Hill and Saratoga. Anson studied medicine and practiced in Philadelphia, New York, and New Orleans before going to Texas by boat in 1833, settling in Brazoria and becoming a prominent doctor in the region. He invested his income wisely and became fairly wealthy. He obtained the first Masonic Lodge in the state (Holland Lodge No. 1 in Houston), and in 1836 helped frame the constitution for the Republic of Texas. He fought in the Battle of San Jacinto under General Sam Houston on April 21, 1836, was later elected to the Texas Senate from Brazoria, and became de facto vice president of the Republic. He was appointed to serve in Washington, DC as minister from the Republic of Texas and served as Secretary of State in Sam Houston's administration. He was elected President and took his oath of office on December 9, 1844 and remained until annexation under President James K. Polk in 1845."

Both the town of Anson, TX and Jones County (Anson is its county-seat) were named after him.

Montague County

Daniel Montague

Montague County was named for pioneer surveyor and Indian fighter, Daniel Montague, in 1857 when it was formed from Cooke County.

Daniel Montague, a son of Richard Montague, was born at South Hadley, MA on 22 August 1798. He received a good education at his home and chose the profession of surveyor and civil engineer.

He left MA about 1820 and located in LA, where he was a successful surveyor for about fifteen years. Hearing of the fall of the Alamo and the massacre at Goliad, he left his family in LA and hastened into TX, and finding upon his arrival that San Jacinto had been won and Santa Anna a prisoner, he returned to LA and settled up his business affairs.

⁸¹ Lila S. Parrish, Great Barrington, MA Historical Society, 510 Egremont Rd., Great Barrington, MA, (413) 528-1357.

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In the fall of 1836, he came to Texas with his family and settled at "Old Warren" on Red River in what is now Fannin County. He was appointed the first surveyor of the old Fannin land District.

As the surveyors were the most hated among all the newcomers by the Indians, his scalp became the special object of their ambition. It became necessary for him to organize the settlers against the Indians, and he was engaged much of his time in active Indian warfare. He promptly joined the army in 1846 and commanded a company in the Mexican War.

When not engaged in military service, he was surveying lands, locating land certificates in that vast region, which extended from Fannin County out as far as the present county of Haskell, and in this way accumulated a large landed estate. At the close of the Civil War in 1865, like many other prominent Texas citizens, he took up his abode in Mexico, locating in the valley of the Tuxpan River, where he remained eleven years, when upon learning of the death of his son, Daniel Ross Montague, he returned to Texas, aged and feeble, to spend the remainder of his days with his only daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Twitty.

While on a visit to a friend at Marysville in Cooke County, he was stricken with pneumonia and died 20 December 1876. Throughout his life he was a consistent Christian and active member of the Methodist church.

Dama Abia Burgett [Gen. 9]

Leander Moore. Information about the descendants of Dama and Leander Moore came primarily from an article from *The History of Montague County Texas* about the Solomon family provided by Norma Morby⁸² of Forestburg, TX. Dama Corbin of Borger, TX provided additional information about the descendants of Alfred Franklin Moore and Annie Rebecca Solomon.

John Marion Bryant⁸³ provided a copy of the writings of his father, Cordis Clyde Bryant,⁸⁴ which contains information about the Moore children:

"Grandma Moore had 2 boys, John and Frank Moore, whom I knew very well. Their dad [Leander Moore] is buried in the Hardy [TX] Cemetery near Forestburg. Grandpa [Ithamer] Singletary is buried in the Perryman Cemetery there at Forestburg near my dad. Grandma [Dama Abia Burget Moore Singletary] is buried in the Fox Cemetery in Oklahoma. She died 3 months before I was born. I recall hearing my mother tell about Uncle John Moore taking wheat to Sherman using oxen to get it ground into flour when he was only 10 years old. It would take several days to make the trip in a ox wagon. I guess boys grew up pretty young back in those days as he was out on his own at 14 years old. He worked for a rancher by the name of John Larn(?) out on the Gainesville prairie and got caught branding a maveric [young stray

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⁸³ John Marion Bryant, 10555 Davy Crockett Dr., Austin, TX 78737, (512) 288-0334.

⁸⁴ Bryant, Cordis Clyde. *A History of his Family 1901-1987*.

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cow] and was sent to the penitentiary for 15 years but only served 5. Governor Hogg pardoned him. He had killed 3 men in self-defense before that. When he got out of the pen, he intended to kill old John Larn(?) but he [John Larn?] left the country when he heard Uncle John was home. Later on, Uncle John went to Joplin, MO and was a bootlegger for years. He married a woman her first name was Mandy. They only had one child. His name was Roy. I saw Roy one time at the Forestburg home-coming in 1957. He died not long after that.

Now I want to tell you some more about Uncle John Moore. When the officers were after him they got so close to him he fell off his horse over behind a big log, and they were shooting at him and he was shooting at them. One of the officers was a man everyone called Uncle Jim Wylie, and the other was Charles McCracken, a deputy. One of their bullets hit Uncle John in the head, and he wore a silver plate in the top of his head as long as he lived. One of his bullets broke a bottle of whiskey old Chass had in the inside coat pocket, and he thought he was killed, so he fell off his horse and told Uncle Jim Wylie he was shot. Well Uncle Jim Wylie stuttered so he reached down and put his hand to the wet place on old Chas's coat and smelled of it and said au-au-au don't smell like blood to me. Thought you might like a little humor as you read this.

Uncle John only served 5 years of the 15 year sentence, that is 5 years and one day.

The day before he was to be released, he had a fight with a negro and had to stay one day longer. I saw Uncle John in 1919, and he said he had to run off and leave 2 or 3 Model T Fords loaded with bootleg whiskey.

I am trying not to leave out anything. You know the Bible tells you the bad things about a character as well as the good."

Ithamer Savera Singletary. Virginia Vann⁸⁵ provided extensive material on the descendants of Dama Abia (Burget) Moore and Ithamer Singletary of Montague Co. Betty Hewlett of Gonzales, TX and her daughter, Sylvia Hewlett Gulley, of Corpus Christi, TX provided material on Betty's parents, Lucinda Dulcina Singletary (a twin daughter of Dama and Ithamer) and Rafael Lopez. John M. Bryant⁸⁶ loaned a copy of an extensive genealogical study of the Singletary family⁸⁷ compiled by Yvonne Miller Brunton.

Virginia Vann wrote the following article about the Singletary family for *A History of Montague County, Texas*:

"In research of the Singletarys, it appears they came from England in the early 1600's. It seems they moved around a great deal, going to new lands and opening new settlements. Records still exist of the schools they had once they put down roots.

⁸⁵ Virginia Vann, P. O. Box 32, Montague, TX 76251, (817) 894-2301.

⁸⁶ Ibid

⁸⁷ Brunton, Yvonne Miller. *The Singletary Family History 1599-1989*, Heritage Papers, Danielsville, GA 30633, 1989.

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By the standards of the day, they were well educated. They were keenly interested in local affairs and often involved in politics. Many of them returned to their native land and married their cousins.

The Singletary family came to North Carolina and stayed until 1832, then moved to South Carolina in 1833, and then on to Georgia between 1833 and 1836.

Evan Singletary was born in 1813 in North Carolina. He married Rebecca (last name unknown), and they had four children--Ithamer S., James (Prince), and Elenar L.--all born in North Carolina. Moving on to Georgia, the fourth child, Joseph, was born. The family then moved westward into Alabama, where he later married Martha A. (last name unknown) after Rebecca's death. The following children were born to this marriage--John W., Owen D., Richard, Anna O., and Paschal M. After moving to Milam County, Texas, the following were born--Sarah E., Francis, and Mary.

The Singletary family went into Florida in the 1840's from Alabama as public land was to be had. Ithamer worked as a foreman on a plantation, working slaves. It is said that he was good to the slaves. He saw they had plenty of food and medical attention when they were sick. Ithamer and "Prince" came to Texas in 1849 and settled at Head of Elm (which is now Saint Jo). They were the first settlers to arrive in this area (nine years before Montague County was formed). It has been said they came searching for gold but found none. It was also said that they left feeling insecure because of harassment by the Indians.

They returned to Florida to their land only to find it had submerged into the ocean.

The census records show that they were in Milam County, Texas by 1850. The Singletarys returned to Montague County, Texas in the middle 1850's. There was no pre-emption law. You could take up claims and settle anywhere you pleased. They held what was termed a "Headright Certificate".

Evan pre-empted land around Saint Jo. He later owned several blocks there. When the town of Saint Jo was laid out, one of the streets was named Singletary. It has been told that Ithamer helped to survey the town and a grapevine was used for measurements.

When the first offices of Montague County were elected in 1859, Evan was elected the first commissioner of Precinct No. 4.

It is not known where Evan is buried, but we assume Saint Jo. There is a death certificate on record that gives the name of Grandmother Singletary having died March 17, 1905, and we assume she is buried at Forestburg, since E. C. Adams of Forestburg was the name of the physician. We think she could be Evan's wife. [Note: Dr. Edward Calloway Adams married a second time Permelia Ann Burgett, an older sister of John Samuel Burgett.)

There evidently were brothers and sisters of Evan's that came to this area as we find a Kansas Singletary married to Lloyd Freebourn, March 9, 1875; M. F. Singletary married W. H. Guthery, June 8, 1877; Lucinda A. Singletary married R. E. Brown, August 19, 1880. Also found in the census records is a Berryman Singletary living in the household of Ithamer. Also an E. Thomas, Malinda, and John that are not of this same family. Also found a J. W. Singletary that was an ordained Baptist minister of

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Brushy Creek Baptist Church on February 21, 1876.

Going back to Evan's children that we know something about, it is known that Ann O. married John Landers, and Paschal married Jane Strawn, who is buried in the Montague Cemetery and was married to a Mr. Drane. Mary married Charles M. Tucker. Sarah Elizabeth married James W. Ellis on September 28, 1879, by J. W. Singletary. They are both buried near Grapeland, Texas. Elenar L. married a R. Gable and later William F. Jones.

Now, we'll talk about Ithamer Singletary (Evan's oldest son), who is the grandfather of Alfa Vann Wade (still living) and great grandfather of Kay Vann Romine (daughter of the writer of this story).

Ithamer was married to Carolina (last name unknown) before settling into the Forestburg area. They had two children--Josephine and Pelina. Carolina died. He then married Dama Burgett Moore. They were the first couple to marry in Montague County. She had two sons--John HJ and Frank Moore. Ithamer and Dama had Margaret, Matilda, Irena and Dulcena (twins), and Sarah Salina. Several other children were born to this union but did not live.

There is an old cemetery on the old Singletary place near Forestburg with only rocks for markers, so we're assuming these children and possibly others of the family are buried there. A few years ago, several of Ithamer's descendants donated money and put a chain link fence around it and a large marker in it.

Ithamer pre-empted land in the Forestburg area. In 1870, the legislature created an act giving 160 acres of land to heads of families. The act forced one to live on the land three years, erect a house, and at the end of that time, survey the lines and make application for a patent right. Then he became legal owner of the land. On June 11, 1873, Ithamer received a Patent for 160 acres, which is the Singletary Survey today.

The Indian raid on the Paschel and Keenan family left several dead. The victims were found and taken to Mr. Roberts' house. The wounded were treated, and the deceased were prepared for burial. Planks were taken from the floor of an old vacant house on the John Harvell place. Joe F. Box, Rufus Roberts, and Bart and Wash Traylor carried the planks 3-1/2 miles to Ithamer Singletary's to make caskets for the dead. Ithamer worked all night getting the coffins ready.

The Indians had resentment against the white settlers who came into the land they had once adopted for their own land and loved. They had much love for horses.

This brings us to a document that we have which is filed in court here at Montague. It is styled Ithamer Singletary VS United States and Comanche Indians. It states that the claimant testified that on the 20th day of November 1867, the Comanche Indians stole from him from open range in Montague County, Texas, near the ranch of the claimant the following: "One bay mare, 5 years old, 16 hands high, branded "IS" on left shoulder, Missouri- bred, well broken, sound and kind, worth \$150. That on the following morning together with A. F. Moore and Evan Singletary found said described horse gone and Indian signs and moccasin tracks around where said horse had last been seen. They followed the tracks for a long distance with trail leading directly to the Indian Reservation. The horse was later seen at Fort Sill, Indian Territory, in possession of Comanche Indians."

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Ithamer cleared his land, built fences, planted crops with oxen, set out an orchard, mounded rails for fences, and as they were pioneering in a new land, built a new house. They dug water wells, cut grain with a cradle, and sheared their sheep, taking the wool on horseback to Sherman, the closest market, where it was exchanged for staple goods they could not raise. They hauled wheat by mule train to Saint Jo to the flour mill. The flour was put in 100 pound sacks and hauled back to the farm. They raised their food, cured their meat, made their kraut, churned their butter, and knitted their hose out of yarn. They spun thread also. Their clothing was home spun and homemade.

The Ithamer Singletarys were the first to buy a wood cook stove in the county. It had a Lone Star in each door. We're sure they were very proud of it.

Ithamer had several rent houses as he had started buying up land around Forestburg. A Mr. Dan Brumley and family lived in one that his house. Ithamer liked to keep his crops and fence rows cleaned out. Mr. Brumley let his weeds get out of hand quite often, and the seeds and weeds spread over on Ithamer's land. It was an old brushy weed that kept coming up all around which aggravated Ithamer. He called this the old Dan Brumley weed, and it became known as just that.

We have a tax receipt for the year 1894 showing where Ithamer paid taxes on 525-1/2 acres of various surveys. The total value of property assessed at \$2,991.00. The amount of taxes paid was \$19.45.

One document we have shows where I. S. Singletary and H. Golightly had owned a tract of land in Forestburg with one steam engine, one steam boiler, 2 mills (one corn and one wheat), one cotton gin, and 2 cotton presses.

Other documents of Ithamer's that I have shows where a charter was issued for the Forestburg Lodge No. 523 chartered December 10, 1880, and that I. S. Singletary was affiliated July 11, 1881, and that he was a Master Mason. A copy of the will that Ithamer wrote was dated November 11, 1892. He died September 15, 1898, and is buried in the Perryman Cemetery. Dama died in 1901 and is buried in Fox, Oklahoma, where she was living with her daughter.

Now, more about Ithamer's children. Josephine married David Poyner, He died, and she remarried two more times. Pelina died sometime after she was 3 years old. John H. Moore married Amanda []. Frank Moore married Annie Solomon. Margaret married William Brown. Matilda married J. A. King. Dulcena married R. S. Lopez. Irena married Marion Bryant. He died, and she remarried. Sarah Selina (Alfa's mother and Kay's great-great-grandmother) married John Calvin Vann.

Alfa Vann Wade, a granddaughter of Dama Singletary, has a bonnet in her possession that belonged to Dama. It appears that it was a Sunday bonnet as it is a very fancy, black bonnet and has lace on it. It would be well over 100 years old.

Irena and Dulcena were twins, and their brothers, John and Frank, could not tell them apart. As was said, Irena was always bumming around, so John decided to call her "Bum", and Dulcena was called "Tuther Bum". Irena got stuck with the name "Bum" as all the nieces and nephews called her "Aunt Bum".

We would like to say something about one of Dama's family, a niece, Sarah Burgett whose family moved to Sutter County, California during the 1849 gold rush.

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Sarah married George Thompson. George liked to work in the fruit. He became quite successful in growing grapes. He worked hard, growing, grafting, and improving the grapes. This is how the "Thompson Seedless Grape" got its name.

We would like to make mention of the name, Ithamer. This name has been carried down through the generations. We find an Ithamer as far back as 1752, and one died in 1773 (could be the same one). Then we find our Ithamer (grandfather), we then find Ithamer Moses, son of Elenar L. Singletary Jones, his son, Ithamer Moses, Jr. (this one we know here in Montague as I. M. Jones). Burley Ithamer King, son of Matilda Singletary King. Savory Ithamer Lopez, son of Lucinda Dulcena Singletary Lopez. He had a son, Savory Ithamer, Jr., and William Ithamer Vann, son of Sarah Selina Singletary Vann, who is a brother of Alfa Vann Wade and father of T. J. Vann, Kay's father. I guess by the younger generation's thinking, the name is so strange that we failed to keep the name going.

The Singletary family has more direct descendants than any other pioneer family in this area.

Many pages could be written about these early pioneer settlers, "The Singletarys". We find it quite difficult to relate this story with brevity.

We would like to pay tribute to one of the earliest pioneer settlers who went through many hardships. We, of later generations, can well be proud of our heritage! "

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John M. Bryant⁸⁹ loaned his copy of a genealogical study of the Singletary family. This extensive source documents the arrival of Richard Singletary from England to Salem and Haverhill, MA in 1637 and his descendants, some of whom later migrated to Montague Co., TX. via SC, NC, GA, and FL.

John Hoskins Burget [Gen. 9]

John Hoskins Burget (my paternal great-grandfather) was born in Ohio on 7 February 1836. He was living with his parents, John A. and Lucy (Hoskins) Burget, and siblings in Livingston Co., MO in 1850,⁹⁰ where he married Sarah Elizabeth Doty (b. 1 Jan 1836, OH) on 1 July 1855.⁹¹ He is among the siblings named in the probate documents of his father, John A. Burget, in that county in 1858. He can be located in Montague Co., TX by 1859.

The children of John and Sarah were: Henry (b. 13 Dec 1856, MO); Permelia Ann (b. 25 Feb 1859, Forestburg, Montague Co., TX; d. 29 Aug 1932, Austin, Travis

⁸⁸ *ibid*

⁸⁹ *ibid*

⁹⁰ 1850 Federal Census, Livingston Co., MO.

⁹¹ Livingston Co., MO Marriage Records.

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Co., TX); Mary Ellen (b. 22 Jan 1861, Montague Co., TX; d. 1946, Alvord, Wise Co., TX); John Samuel [my paternal grandfather] (b. 26 Dec 1862, Forestburg, Montague Co., TX; d. 1 Feb 1950, Inglewood, Los Angeles Co., CA); Marion Thomas (b. 7 Sep 1868, Pilot Point, Denton Co., TX; d. 29 Aug 1897, Tioga, Grayson Co., TX); William Franklin (b. 18 Apr 1870, Montague Co., TX); and Lucy A. (b. 20 Jan 1873, TX -after the death of her father).

Military records of the Confederate States of America indicate that John H. Burgett enlisted on 9 Aug 1862 at Fort Washita "for three years or the duration" and served in Company I of the 31st Regiment Texas Cavalry (Dismounted), where he held the rank of 2nd Sergeant on August 1863.

Company Muster Rolls for January and February 1864 show him "absent without leave since 4 December 1863".

A List of the "Brush Battalion" dated 12 December 1863 at Bonham, TX remarked that he "formerly belonged to Co. I, Hawpes Regiment, Dismounted Cavalry. The "Brush Battalion" consisted "of men who assembled at Oxford Lake, Collin County, Texas on the ____ day of November 1863, under an agreement made between them and the Confederate States authorities on or about the 26th day of October 1863, for the purpose of organizing and entering the service of the Confederate States, on the frontier of Texas."

Another footnote indicated that "The 'Brush Battalion' , C. S. A., was organized for frontier service November 6, 1863, with five companies, which were composed of deserters, conscripts and militia, who had taken to the brush in order to escape arrest by the conscript officers and who had been collected upon the promise that they would be pardoned and utilized on the frontier as a protection from Indians who were hostile."

He apparently died in Texas in Oct 1872 before the birth of his last child, daughter Lucy, in Jan 1873.

Sarah Elizabeth Doty

The most startling information found in Montague Co. marriage records indicates that Sarah married Thos. J. Cook in 1874⁹² shortly after the death of John Hoskins Burget in 1872. She also subsequently married brothers,⁹³ Dr. George Washington Fanning and Judge William H. Fanning. William Fanning was the father of Cyrena Fanning, who married Henry Burgett, the oldest child of John Hoskins Burget and Sarah Elizabeth Doty.

Sarah, age 45 and a widow, was listed as a boarder living in the household of Stephen Purcell (age 30 and a laborer) and his wife, Nancy, age 25 in Montague Co., TX in 1880.⁹⁴ She worked as a housekeeper. Sarah is listed as born in TN, as were

⁹² Montague Co., TX Marriage Records.

⁹³ Ibid

⁹⁴ 1880 Federal Census, Montague Co., TX, Enumeration District 121, p. 3.

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both of her parents. Sarah's daughter, Lucey, age 6 (b. ca. 1874 TX) is also listed. Both of Lucey's parents were listed as born in TN.

Descendants of John Hoskins Burget and Sarah Elizabeth Doty :

Henry Burgett [Gen. 10]

Leslie W. Gilbert⁹⁵ and Bette Curtis,⁹⁶ both descendants of Judge William H. Fanning of Montague Co., TX through his oldest daughter, Martha (Fanning) Gilbert, provided material about the Fanning Family, including data about the marriage of a younger daughter, Cyrena, to Henry Burgett, the oldest child of John Hoskins Burget and Sarah Elizabeth Doty. Among the material were letters written by Cyrena to her sister, Martha, ca. 1900 from Comanche, Oklahoma Indian Territory. More research needs to be done to determine more about Henry and Cyrena. This can probably be accomplished through additional contact with other Fanning descendants.

The children of Henry and Cyrena were: Florence Lucinda (b. Feb 1887) and Dama. One presumably married a Howerton.

Permelia Ann Burgett [Gen. 10]

Carol Kaiser,⁹⁷ a descendant of Permelia Ann Burgett Bryant, provided material about the descendants of Permelia from her marriages to Jeremiah Marion Bryant and Dr. Edward Calloway Adams, one of the early physicians in Montague Co., TX. John Marion Bryant,⁹⁸ a great grandson of both Permelia Ann Burgett as well as Dama Abia Burget Moore Singletary, also provided a copy of an extensive family history of the Bryant family written by his father, Cordis Clyde Bryant, the grandson of Permelia and Jeremiah Marion Bryant.

The children of Permelia Ann and Jeremiah Marion Bryant (b. Gadsden, Crockett Co., TN) were: William Marion (b. 25 Jul 1874; d. 3 Feb 1902); Joseph H. (b. 23 Apr 1876); Ira Lee (b. 23 May 1878); Buena Vista (b. 23 May 1880); John C. (b. 26 Dec 1882); Bernice Elba (b. 11 Sep 1884, Forestburg, Montague Co., TX; d. 29 Dec 1939, Sam Norwood, Collingsworth Co., TX); Burl O. (b. 7 Sep 1888, Forestburg, Montague Co., TX; d. 12 Oct 1959, Wichita falls, Wichita Co., TX); and James Thomas (b. 11 Oct 1891, Lindsay, Cooke Co., TX; d. 11 Nov 1977, Bowie, Montague Co., TX).

The children of Permelia Ann and Dr. Edward Calloway Adams (b. 28 Aug 1855, TX; bur. Perryman Cem., Forestburg, Montague Co., TX) were: Tommie (b. Feb 1886, TX); Lena (b. Jan 1888, TX); Claud (b. May 1890, TX); and Edith (b. Oct 1894, TX).

⁹⁵ Leslie W. Gilbert, 715 Hansen St., Tumwater, WA 98501, (206) 357-9747.

⁹⁶ Bette Curtis, 8633 North 30 Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85021, (602) 995-5623.

⁹⁷ Carol Kaiser, 806 Kimberly Lane, Mena, AR, (501) 394-2731.

⁹⁸ Ibid

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Mary Ellen Burgett [Gen. 10]

Norman Morby,⁹⁹ a descendant of a brother of Edgar Monroe ("Roe") Orrell, provided information about Mary Ellen Burgett and "Roe" Orrell and their descendants.

The children of Mary Ellen and "Roe" (b. 23 Jun 1852, Van Buren, Crawford Co., AR; d. 7 Mar 1929, Alvord, Wise Co., TX) were: William Thomas (b. 30 Oct 1887, Park Springs, Wise Co., TX; d. 20 Jun 1966, Temple, Bell Co., TX); Joseph Virgil (b. 11 Jul 1894, Forestburg, Montague Co., TX; d. 10 Jan 1965, Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX); and William Homer (b. 3 Dec 1899, Forestburg, Montague Co., TX; bur. Seagoville, Kaufman Co., TX).

John Samuel Burgett [Gen. 10]

Federal Census Records

The following census records provide data for my paternal grandfather, John Samuel Burgett, before his marriage to Lillie Evalee Wray on 23 March 1885 at Rush Creek, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and reflect his return with his family from Idaho back to Oklahoma and back to St. Jo, Montague Co., TX by 1910.

1880, Montague Co., TX: This census (ED 121, p. 59) lists John Burgot, age 17, cattle driver, born TX, both parents born TN.

1910, Montague Co., TX (ED 167, Pg. 3A)--John S. 47 TX; Lillie 38 OK; Willie 20 OK; Dora (Ora) 15 OK; Roy 13 OK; Alma 10 OK; Alvin 8 OK; Thelma 6 OK; Wray 1-9/12 TX.

The family was subsequently in Madill, Marshall Co., OK about the time of World War I and in Hollis, Harmon Co., OK by 1920. John and Lillie moved to Inglewood, Los Angeles Co., CA in the mid-1940's, where they died on 1 Feb 1950 and 12 Apr 1951, respectively, and are buried.

Marion Thomas Burgett [Gen. 10]

Jan Simmons Johnson¹⁰⁰ provided material about the descendants of Marion Thomas Burgett.

Children of Marion Thomas Burgett and Samantha Adeline Graves (b. 29 Oct 1866, Tioga, Grayson Co., TX; d. 7 Feb 1952, San Diego, San Diego Co., CA) were: Cassie May (b. 7 May 1890, Tioga, Grayson Co., TX; d. 7 Jan 1952, Long Beach,

⁹⁹Ibid

¹⁰⁰Jan Simmons Johnson, 5530 West Vogel, Glendale, AZ 85302, (602) 937-5830.

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Los Angeles Co., CA); Onnie Ulas [Lon] (b. 20 Apr 1892, Tioga, Grayson Co., TX; d. 31 Dec 1957, Winslow, Apache Co., AZ); Stella Leora (b. 14 Jun 1894, Tioga, Grayson Co., TX; d. 10 Nov 1928, Mentmore, NM); and Marion Frances (b. 31 Jul 1897, Tioga, Grayson Co., Tx).

William Franklin Burgett [Gen. 10]

Buena L. Russell,¹⁰¹ a daughter of William Franklin Burgett; Mary Lee Clark of Sulphur Springs, TX and Bobbie Ruth Harrison of Corsicana, TX-- both daughters of Lera Christine Burgett; and Nancy Lightfoot,¹⁰² a granddaughter of Lera, provided information about the family of William Franklin Burgett.

The children of William Franklin Burgett and Maud Florence Findley (b. 2 Aug 1886, Palestine, Anderson Co., TX; d. 21 Aug 1967, Dawson, Navarro Co., TX) were: Johnny Lois (b. 12 Feb 1905, Hester, Navarro Co., TX; d. 14 Nov 1942, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands); Lonnie Leo (b. 28 Jul 1906, Hester, Navarro Co., TX; d. Corsicana, Navarro Co., TX); Lera Christine (b. 16 Sep 1908, Montfort, Navarro Co., TX; d. 21 Mar 1983, Corsicana, Navarro Co., TX); Buena Lattice (b. 26 Dec. 1910, Montfort, Navarro Co., TX); Barney Chester (b. 4 Jul 1912, Montfort, Navarro Co., TX); Ruthie Verlee (b. 28 Nov 1915, Montfort, Navarro Co., TX); and William Lester (b. 27 Jan 1918, Montfort, Navarro Co., TX).

Lucy A. Burgett [Gen. 10]

Lucy A. Burgett was born the youngest child of John Hoskins Burget and Sarah Elizabeth Doty in January 1873 after the death of her father in October 1872. To this point, the only leads about what happened to her are the 1880 Federal Census records for Montague Co., TX (see above) and a marriage record for E. A. Burget and John Dodson on 2 January 1889 in Montague Co. There is a possibility that the "E. A." should have been "L. A."--since she would have been 16 and of marriageable age, and all other known Burgets in the area are accounted for. This needs further research in Montague Co. and in the Dodson family.

¹⁰¹ Buena L. Russell, 805 N. W. Ave. J, Seminole, TX 79360, (915) 758-5851.

¹⁰² Ibid

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John Samuel Burgett [Gen. 10] and Lillie Evalee Wray

John Samuel Burgett and Lillie Evalee Wray (my paternal grandparents) were married¹⁰³ at Rush Creek, Grady Co., OK, Indian Territory on 23 March 1885; traveled to Idaho in a "covered wagon" shortly thereafter ; and returned to Yukon, Canadian Co., OK, Indian Territory, probably to take part in the "Land Rush" of 1889.

They had fourteen children and 38 grandchildren. Most of the information about their descendants was provided by many of the 20 surviving grandchildren.

Their first child, **Ethel Irene**, was born in ID in 1888 (d. 26 Feb 1984, Cleburne, Johnson Co., TX). They returned to Indian Territory (probably to take part in the "Land Rush" of 1889) where my father, **William Otto**, was born at Yukon, Canadian Co., OK, IT in 1890 (d. 7 May 1964, Waterloo, Blackhawk Co., IA). Other children were: **Effie** (b. 10 Jan 1892, Rush Springs, Grady Co., OH; d. 7 Sep 1955, Madill, Marshall Co., OK); **Ora Lee** (b. 11 Jun 1894, Yukon, Canadian Co., OK; d. 2 Dec 1975, San Antonio, Bexar Co., TX); **Roy Bryan** (b. 22 Apr 1896, Wewoka, Seminole Co., OK; d. 21 Jul 1962, Amarillo, Potter Co., TX); **Susie** (b. 14 Feb 1898, Yukon, Canadian Co., OK; d. 1902); **Alma Maude** (b. 13 Feb 1900, Yukon, Canadian Co., OK; d. 28 Jan 1989, Amarillo, Potter Co., TX); **Alvin Lawrence, Sr.** (b. 22 Dec 1901, Comanche, Stephens Co., OK; d. 25 Aug 1974, Fontana, San Bernardino Co., CA); **Thelma Alice** (b. 11 Mar 1904, Comanche, Stephens Co., OK; d. 6 Nov 1969, Garden Grove, Orange Co., CA); **Robert** (b. 1906, St. Jo, Montague Co., TX; d. 1908, St. Jo, Montague Co., TX); **Wray** [nmn] (b. 12 Jul 1908, St. Jo, Montague Co., TX); **Mildred** (b. 2 Sep 1910, St. Jo, Montague Co., TX; d. 6 Dec 1932, Tucson, Pima Co., AZ); **Woodrow Wilson** (b. 12 Aug 1912, St. Jo, Montague Co., TX; d. 4 Jun 1937, Marlow, Stephens Co., OK); and **Jack** (b. 9 May 1916, Kinlock, Marshall Co., OK; d. 18 Oct 1918, Soper, Choctaw Co., OK).

The Story of a Wagon Train 104

This story was originally told to me in the mid-1950's by **Claudia Alice (Wray) Miles**,¹⁰⁵ the youngest child of **Azariah Martin Wray** and **Mary Catherine (Travis) Wray** and younger sister of my paternal grandmother, **Lillie Evalee (Wray) Burgett**. It chronicles the journey of some of the Wray family and their children (including some of their spouses) from Oklahoma Indian Territory to Idaho in a "wagon train" sometime after mid-1885:

¹⁰³The compiler is in possession of their marriage certificate, which was hand-written on a half sheet of lined tablet paper. One witness signed with an "x".

¹⁰⁴Copy provided by Claudia Alice (Wray) Miles, Fort Cobb, OK.

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"When we moved from Oklahoma [Indian Territory] to Idaho, we had a seven-wagon "train". Azariah, Mary Catherine, and the four youngest children [Edgar, Otto, Maud, and Alice] were in two wagons. Florence, Ed [Albert], and Robert were in one wagon. Dora and John [Connor] were in another wagon. Lillie and John [Burgett] were in one wagon. Jimmie and Malissa Wray and their two oldest children were another wagon. [Note: Jimmie Wray was the son of **Daniel Wray** and **Margarite (Travis) Wray**. Daniel was brother of Azariah Wray, and Margarite Travis was a sister of his wife, Mary Catherine Travis Wray.] The seventh wagon was occupied by a Charlie and Addie Lake and their oldest son, Ira. Brother Charley went horseback, riding in the wagon only when he became too tired.

It took us a long time to make the trip. My memory doesn't let me know how long, as I was a rather young girl.

We landed at Malta, Idaho. Very soon Florence and Ed [Albert] bought a ranch called "Bonanza Bar". They lived there for some time, then moved to Blackfoot and from there to American Falls to a ranch on the Snake River.

Mary, Azariah, and children lived about two years at Malta, Idaho and then moved to Gray's Lake. We lived there for some time. Then we started back to Oklahoma Territory with our two wagons. We settled there in Canadian County, where father bought 160 acres of land. We lived there until I was eighteen years old (i. e. ca. 1899). We moved from the farm to Yukon for a short time, then we moved to Caddo County on a farm about seven miles north of Fort Cobb. In the meantime, I had married, and when Vanda was three years old, we moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma. After we moved, father sold the farm and moved next door to us and built a house for him and mother.

Mother died while they had the house in Guthrie, but she was at Lillie's house in Madill, Oklahoma when she died. After mother died, father broke up housekeeping and lived with the children. He also passed away at Lillie's house in Madill, Oklahoma. (Note: By the time of Azariah's death in 1922, Lillie and John had already moved to Hollis, Oklahoma.)

John [Burgett] and Lillie stayed at Malta, or close by, and later moved to Gray's Lake. I don't know how long they were at Gray's Lake. They started back to Oklahoma Territory and stopped in Kansas and stayed awhile on their way home. They settled first in Comanche County [Comanche, Stephens County, OK]; later moved to Madill; and then to Hollis, Oklahoma.

John and Dora Connor stayed in Idaho for awhile then moved to Wyoming, and from there to Oklahoma then back to Wyoming.

Jimmie Wray and family moved on from Idaho to Walla Walla, Washington. Later they came to Pitcher, Oklahoma and then to Galveston, Texas. After many years, they moved back to Washington."

Compiler's Comments :

To give some time perspective to Alice's *Story of a Wagon Train*, John

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Samuel Burgett and Lillie Evalee Wray [my paternal grandparents] were married at Rush Creek, Oklahoma Indian Territory in 1885.¹⁰⁶ Lillie's father, Azariah Martin Wray, and John Samuel Connor [Dora Wray's husband] operated a sawmill there.

Robert Alvy Albert, the oldest child of Edward Haney Albert and Florence Clementine (Wray) Albert, the oldest child of Azariah Martin Wray and Mary Catherine (Travis) Wray, was born at Gainesville, Cooke County, TX on 18 August 1884. Their second child, Myrtle Dell Albert, was born at Albion, Cassia County, ID on 4 August 1886.

Ethel Irene Burgett, the oldest child of John Samuel Burgett and Lillie Evalee (Wray) Burgett, was born near Boise, ID on 10 December 1888. Their second child, William Otto Burgett [my father], was born at Yukon, Canadian County, Oklahoma Indian Territory on 31 March 1890.

The Burgett and Wray families had obviously known each other in north-central Texas prior to the marriage of John Samuel Burgett and Lillie Evalee Wray in Indian Territory in 1885. The Wray family had apparently moved from Galatia, Saline County, IL to Grayson County, TX sometime between May 1877 and April 1879, since their eighth [James Loren Otto Wray] and ninth [Maude Ella Wray] children were born on those dates in those respective locations.

John Burgett was born in 1862 in Montague County, TX, which is adjacent to Cooke County, which in turn is adjacent to Grayson County. Dora Wray and John Samuel Connor were married in Jack County, TX in September 1882. Florence Wray and Ed Albert were married in Montague County, TX on 3 September 1883.

Rush Creek, Indian Territory is undoubtedly near the present town of Rush Springs in Grady County, Oklahoma. The springs there feed Rush Creek.

Alice is probably incorrect in her narrative when she states that John and Lillie Burgett first settled in Comanche, Oklahoma after their return from Idaho, since their second child [William Otto] was born in Yukon, Canadian County, Oklahoma; their third child [Effie] was born at Rush Springs, Grady County, Oklahoma; their fourth child [Ora] was born at Yukon, Oklahoma; and their sixth child [Alma] was also born at Yukon. Their seventh [Alvin] and eighth [Thelma] children were born at Comanche, Stephens County--the latter in 1904. [Note: I have copies of letters from Cyrena Fanning Burgett, wife of John Samuel's older brother, Henry, from that location at that time which indicate that they also lived in "the Nation"--meaning Indian Nation.]

John and Lillie moved back to Montague County, TX by 1910.¹⁰⁷ From there, they moved to both Madill, Marshall Co., OK and Soper, Choctaw Co., OK, where John operated a livery station and ran a funeral parlor. He [or rather his heirs] still own several vacant cemetery lots there.

John had moved his family to Hollis, Harmon County, Oklahoma by 1920,¹⁰⁸ where he operated a "wagon yard". "Wagon yards" had facilities for feeding and caring for teams of horses as well as cabins for people to spend the night while

¹⁰⁷ 1910 Federal Census, Montague Co., TX.

¹⁰⁸ 1920 Federal Census, Harmon Co., OK.

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traveling--literally the forerunner of today's motels.

Just a minor note about "Oklahoma Indian Territory", "Oklahoma Territory", and Oklahoma "state": Prior to the "land rush" of 22 April 1889, all of what is now the State of Oklahoma was known as "Indian Territory". "Okla" and "Homa" are Choctaw Indian words meaning "Red Man's Land". When the "landrush" opened much of the "unassigned lands" in the western part of the state to settlement by homesteaders, that portion then essentially became known as "Oklahoma Territory". The "assigned lands", that portion previously set aside for the "Five Civilized Tribes" [i. e. the Chickasaws, Choctaws, Cherokees, Creeks, and Seminoles] when those tribes were moved from the east [from as far north as North Carolina and as far south as Florida] along the "Trail of Tears" to join other indigenous Indian tribes in present-day Oklahoma, remained as "Indian Territory" until Oklahoma became the 46th state of the United States in 1907.

From Arrows to Atoms in 50 Years was the theme of a U. S. Commemorative postage stamp issued in 1957 to commemorate 50 years of Oklahoma statehood. It also indicates the tremendous technological progress that the world achieved in those fifty years!

Marshall County

William Otto Burgett [Gen. 11]

William Otto Burgett (b. 31 Mar 1890, Yukon, Canadian Co., OK, IT; d. 7 May 1964, Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., IA), the second of fourteen children of John Samuel Burgett and Lillie Evalee (Wray) Burgett, first married Villa Myrtle Hartin (b. 29 Jul 1889, Bell Co., TX) on 27 October 1914 at Madill, Marshall Co., OK.

Their children were: Cleo Maude Burgett (b. 24 Nov 1915, Madill, Marshall Co., OK; d. 21 Jan 1973, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo Co., CA); Thomas Edgar Burgett (b. 4 Jul 1918, Marshall Co., OK); and William Granville Burgett (b. 7 Jul 1919, Marshall Co., OK; d. 27 Oct 1922, Hollis, Harmon Co., OK).

Harmon County

Federal Census Records

The 1920 Federal Census records (ED 88, Sheet 8A) for Hollis Twp., Harmon Co., OK taken 3 Feb 1920 indicate the following about the family of John Samuel Burgett and Lillie Evalee (Wray) Burgett: John 57, Lillie 52, Alvin 18 OK, Thelma 14 OK, Ray 11 TX, Millard (Mildred) 9 TX, and Woodrow 7.

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William Otto Burgett (b. 31 Mar 1890, Yukon, Canadian Co., OK, IT; d. 7 May 1964, Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., IA), the second of fourteen children of John Samuel

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Burgett and Lillie Evalee (Wray) Burgett, married Vivian Ona (Smith) Martin (b. 4 Feb 1906, Marysville, Cooke Co., TX; d. 22 Aug 1931, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co., OK), the fourth of five children of Thomas Jefferson Smith and Cynthia Ann Medford (Pounds) Smith, on 26 July 1926 at Wellington, Collingsworth Co., TX. It was the second marriage for both. They lived in Hollis, Harmon Co., OK, where their three children were born and raised.

Those children were: Milbrey Otto Burgett, the compiler of this genealogical narrative (b. 4 Jan 1928), and twins, Ruby Dell Burgett and Ruth Nell Burgett (b. 31 Jul 1930).

Milbrey Otto Burgett is retired and lives in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Ruby Dell (Burgett) Sirmons died on 14 November 1989 at Lubbock, Lubbock Co., TX. Ruth Nell (Burgett) Scott currently lives in Cedar Falls, IA.

Milbrey Otto Burgett [Gen. 12]

Milbrey Otto Burgett, was the first of three children (and only son) of William Otto Burgett and Vivian Ona (Smith) Martin. He was born on 4 January 1928 at Hollis, Harmon County, Oklahoma. He attended public schools there and graduated from Hollis High School in 1946.

Immediately upon graduation from high school, he entered the United States Marine Corps in 1946; and after serving for two years as a teletype maintenanceman and operator with Station Headquarters Squadron at the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, California, he entered the College of Engineering at the University of Oklahoma. After completing three years toward a degree, he was recalled to active duty in 1951 during the Korean conflict by the United States Naval Reserve to the Naval Communications Station, Washington, D. C., where he was involved with communications intelligence. He served in the same unit with Captain Laurence F. Safford, who helped "break" the Japanese code before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, making possible a dramatic American naval victory at the Battle of Midway in 1942.

Released from active duty in 1953 and returning to complete the unfinished year of school at the University of Oklahoma, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management Engineering in 1954.

He was immediately recruited and hired by E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company by its Explosives Department, Atomic Energy Division, which designed, constructed, and operated the Savannah River Plant in Aiken, South Carolina for the United States Atomic Energy Commission. "Heavy Water," plutonium, and other special nuclear materials, including isotopes for medical use, were produced for both the "Atomic Bomb" (fission bomb) and the "Hydrogen Bomb" (fusion bomb) at that location. As a Health Physicist, he was involved with safeguarding personnel, equipment, property, and the environment from radiation and contamination hazards.

After a transfer by du Pont in 1955 to its Textile Fibers Department, Nylon Division plant in Martinsville, Virginia, and serving as an Industrial Engineer in the manufacture of nylon yarn for textile fibers (primarily 15 denier hosiery nylon), he joined

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Combustion Engineering, Inc. at its newly-formed Nuclear Division in Windsor, Connecticut in 1958 with a group of fellow du Pont engineers from the Savannah River Plant to startup and operate a facility for processing uranium "fuel elements" and fabricating nuclear propulsion reactors for United States Navy "Polaris" submarines as a prelude to that company's production of commercial nuclear power reactors.

In 1960, he was recruited by Package Machinery Company of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts to initiate and operate a "total quality control" program for that manufacturer of plastic injection molding, die casting, and automatic packaging machinery.

He became an entrepreneur in 1966, starting his own company, National Safety Products Company in Avon, Connecticut, producing porcelain enamel on aluminum safety signs for business and industry.

In 1969, he joined Quantum, Inc. of Wallingford, Connecticut as Assistant to the President of that company producing non-metallic moldings and laminates for high temperature products, primarily for aerospace applications.

He became a Project Manager with North American Philips Controls Corporation of Cheshire, Connecticut in 1971 and was responsible for designing, developing, and manufacturing the small (1" x 3/4") direct-current motor for the then innovative Polaroid SX-70 camera. He subsequently converted a manual production and inventory control system to a computerized Materials Control program for that plant.

He subsequently joined Connecticut International Corporation of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, a manufacturer of constant-current airport runway lighting systems as Plant Manager. The company was subsequently owned by Crouse-Hinds of Syracuse, New York, which in turn was taken over by Cooper Industries of Houston, Texas. He supervised the construction of a building in Windsor, Connecticut and combined two physically separate manufacturing operations into it. In the late 1970's, the company supplied a substantial number of the airport runway lighting systems to the prime contractors who built airports all over the Saudi Arabian peninsula. That the airports and their construction were supervised by the United States Army Corps of Engineers left no doubt that they were intended for, and were used extremely successfully by, United States military aviation services during operation "Desert Storm".

He then joined The Montgomery Company of Windsor Locks, Connecticut as its General Manager and was involved in the manufacture of decorative (lame') and electrical tinsel and specialty wire products for the telephone and electronics industry. The company supplied wire for "heated flying suits" used by military air service personnel during World War II. These suits were forerunners of today's "electric blankets". He retired in 1986 when the company went through a "leveraged buyout" and moved operations to New Hampshire.

He is a Registered Professional Engineer (Oklahoma #5809).

Politically, he served on the Avon, Connecticut Republican Town Committee, and subsequently as its chairman as well as on the Connecticut Republican State Central Committee, representing his state senatorial district for his political party.

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He also served as Chairman of the Avon, Connecticut Water Pollution Control Authority and as a Justice of the Peace, performing several marriages.

He represented the Avon, Connecticut United Fund as a Director on the Board of the United Way of the Capital Area, which served the Hartford, Connecticut metropolitan area.

He married La Juan Dunlap, daughter of T. L. and Beulah Dunlap of Chillicothe, Midland, and Littlefield, Texas, on March 10, 1951 at Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico. She had a thirty-five year teaching career in Texas, Maryland, South Carolina, Virginia, and Connecticut.

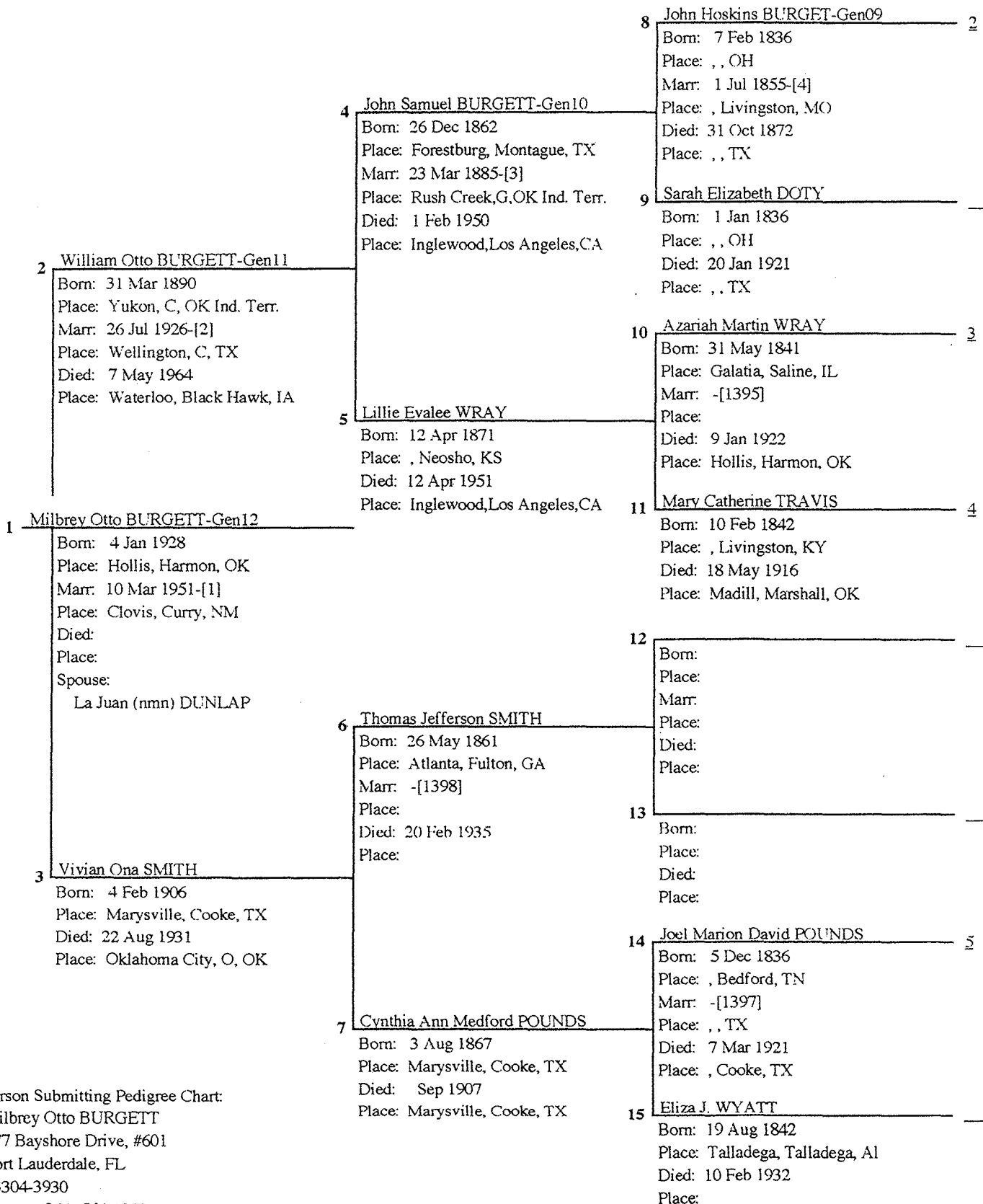
In their "pursuit of happiness" during their retirement in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, he enjoys golf, reading, and family genealogical research; she enjoys reading, cooking, and volunteer work with children at the Fort Lauderdale Art Museum; and they enjoy traveling.

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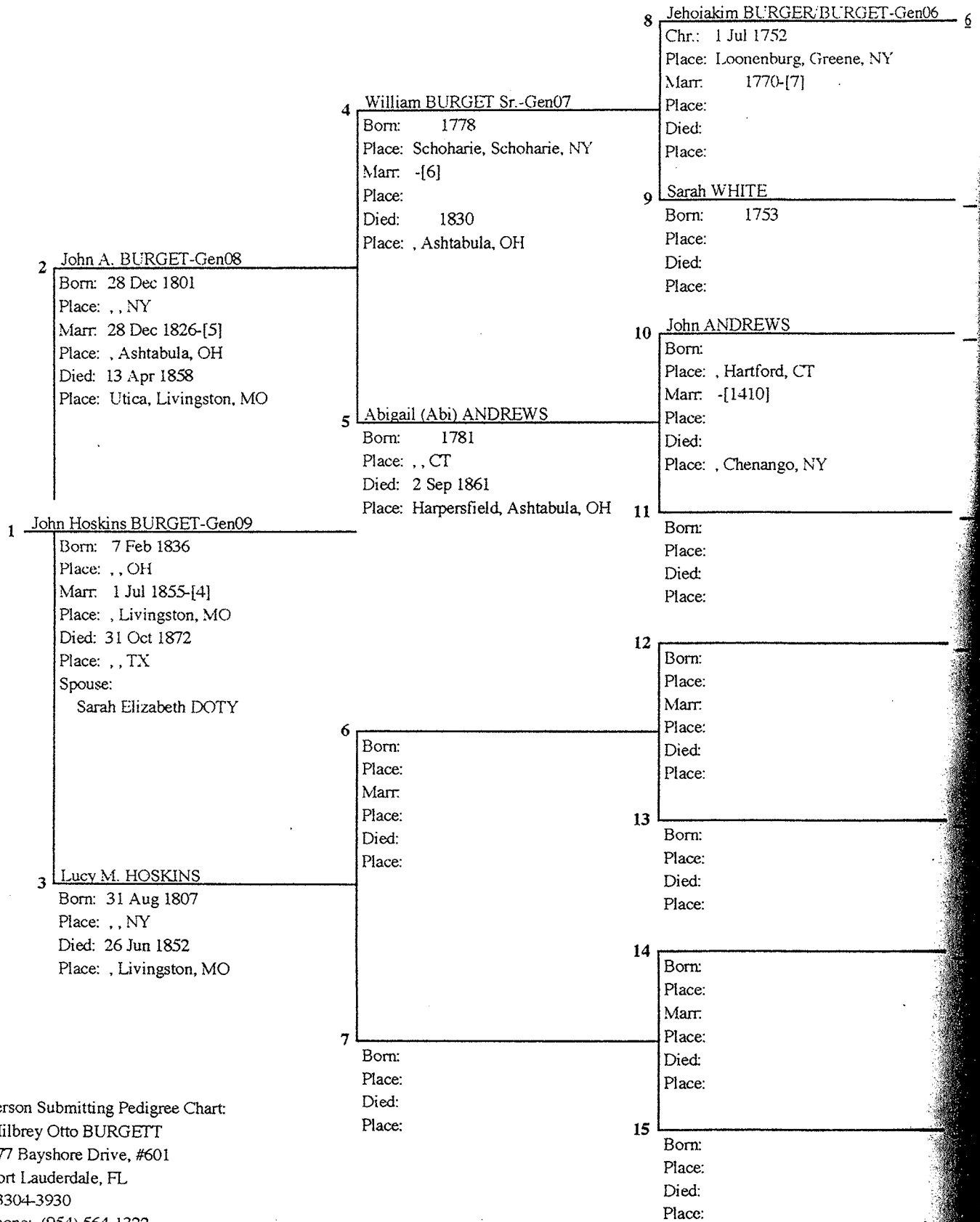
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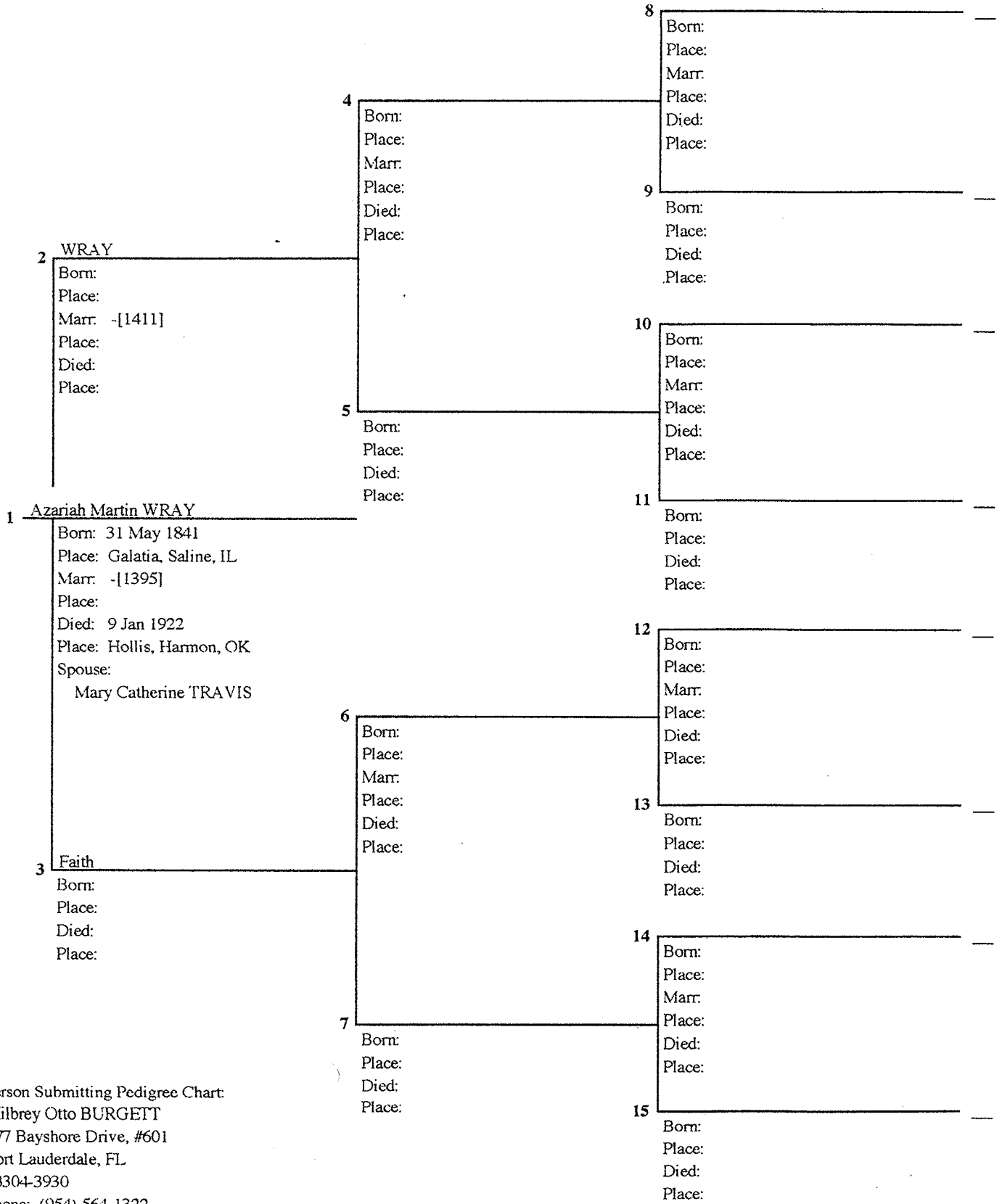
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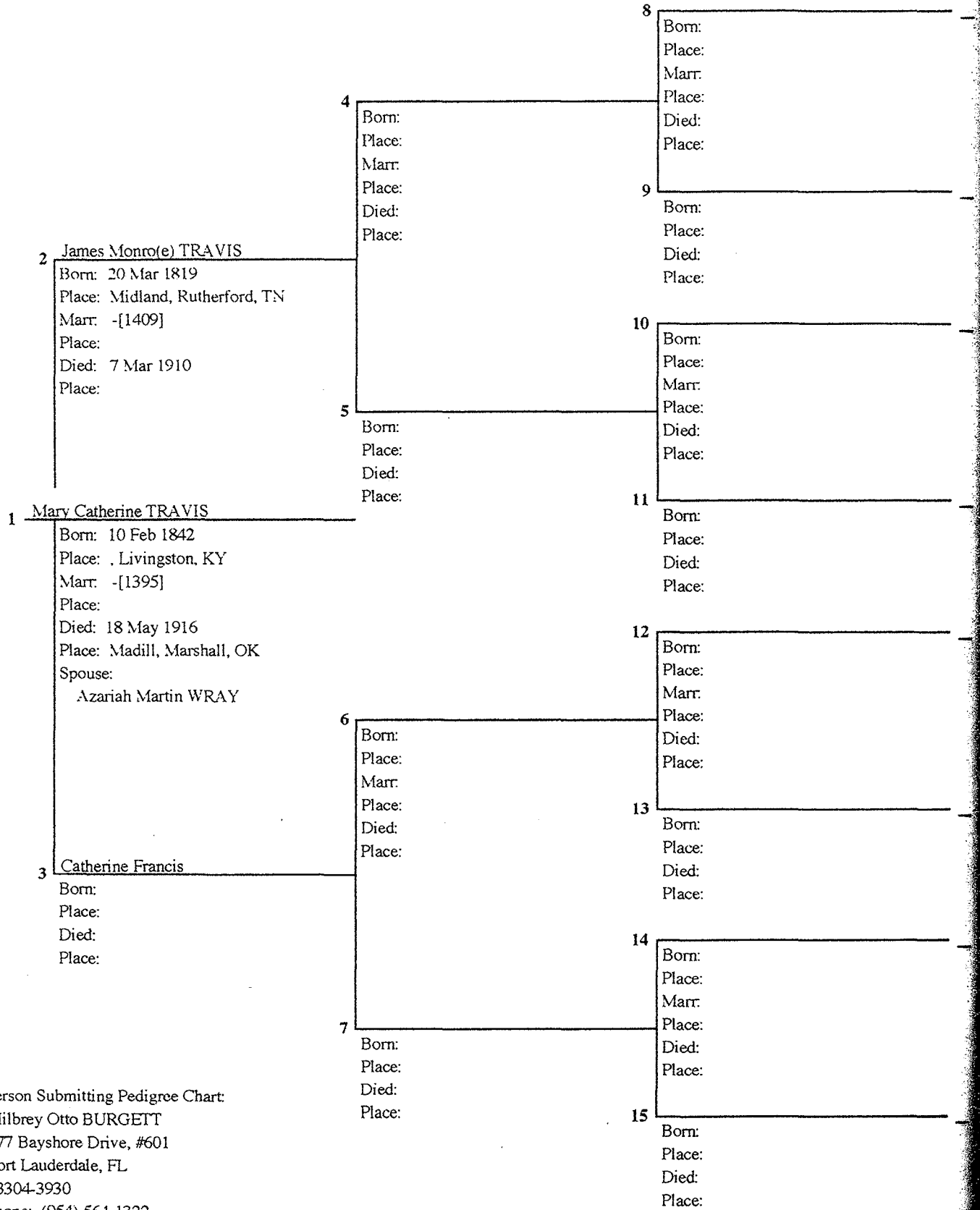
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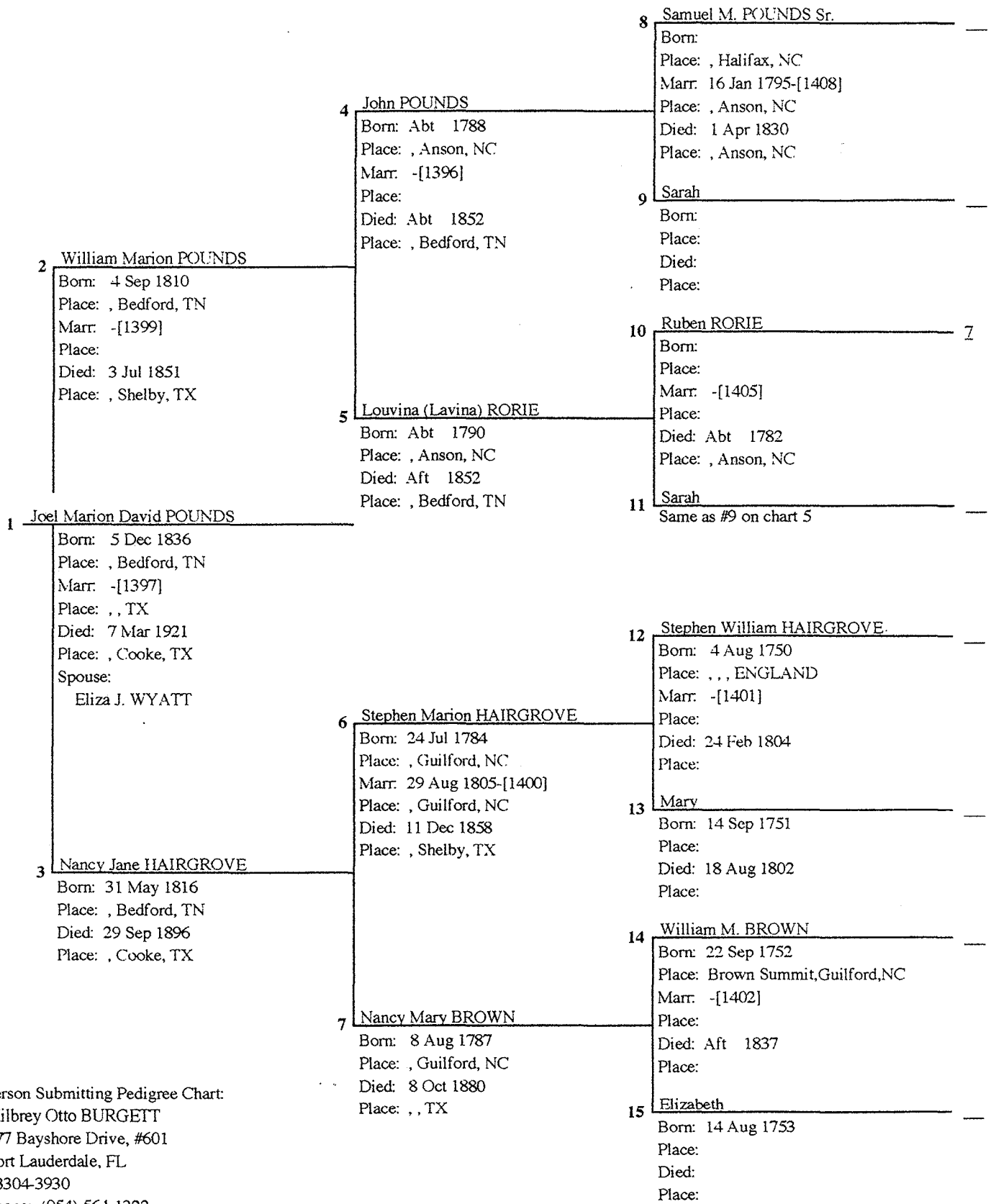
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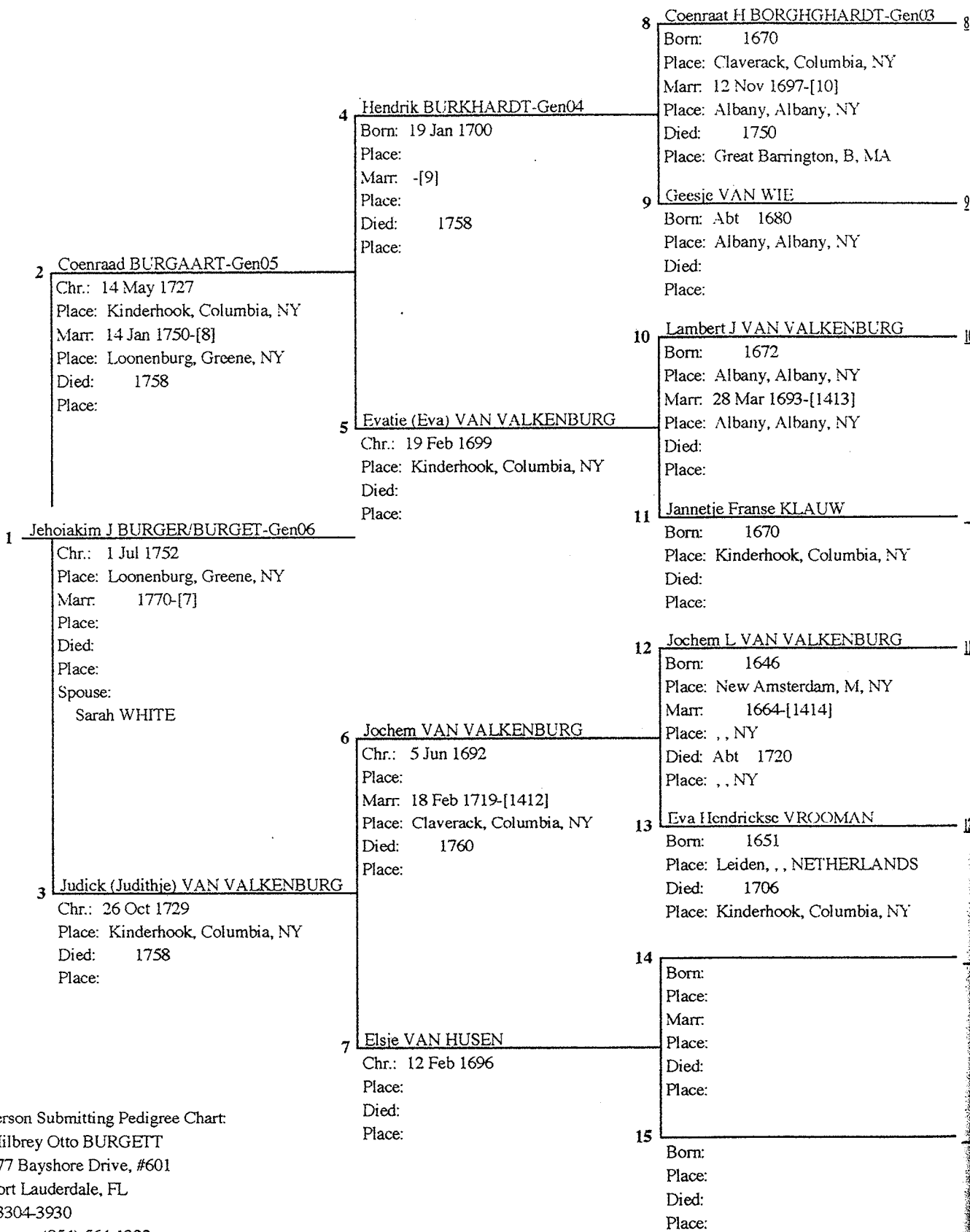
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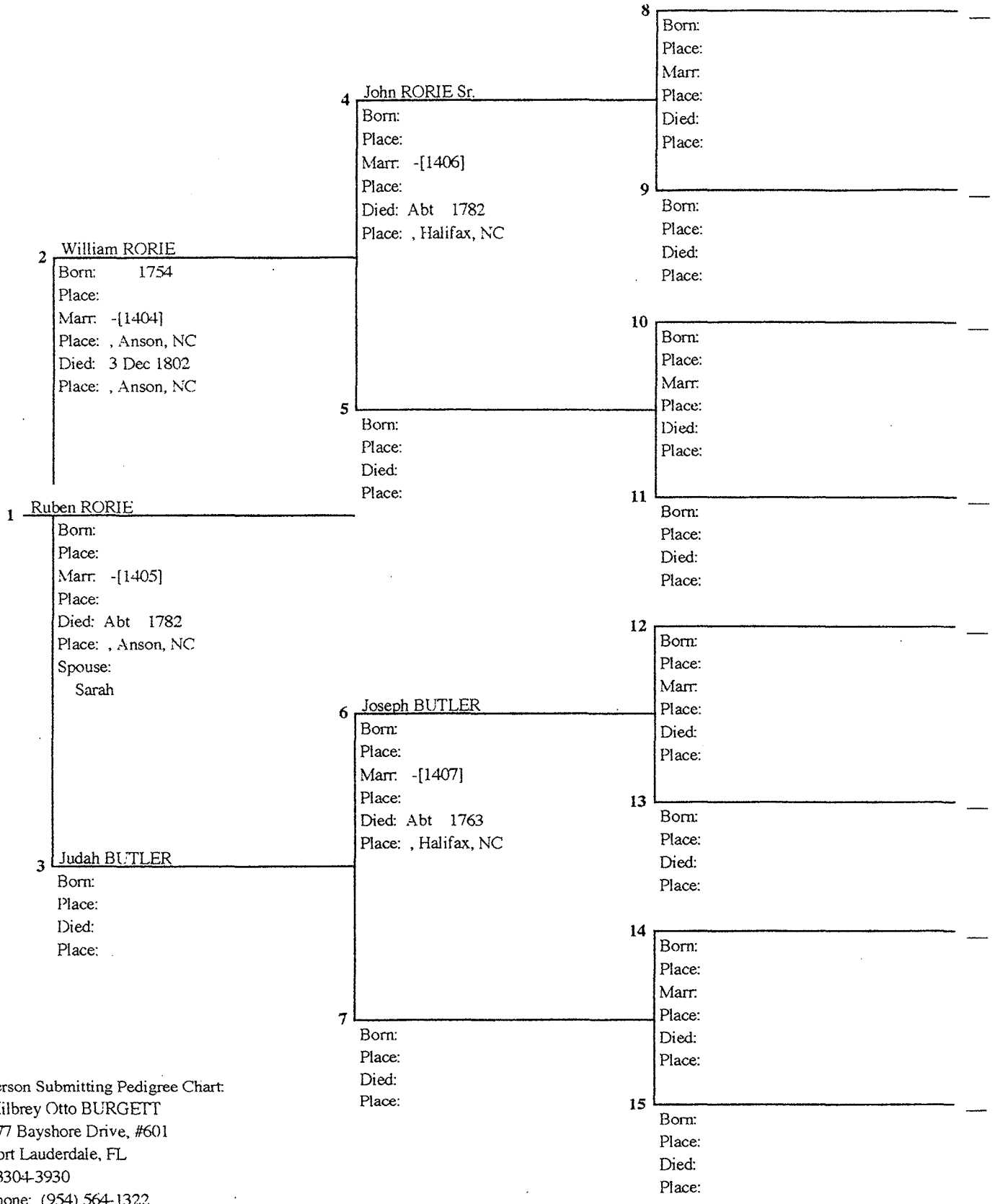
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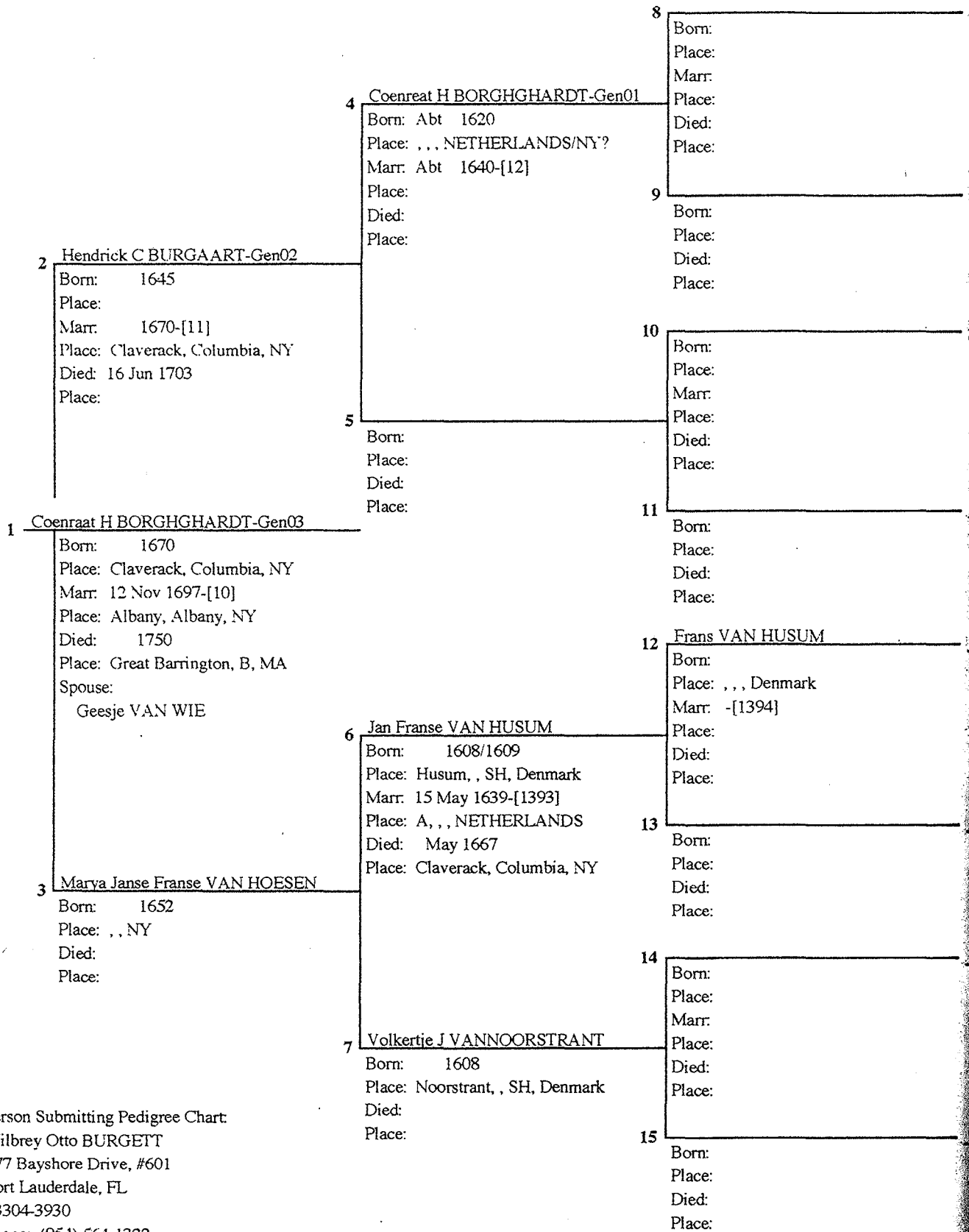
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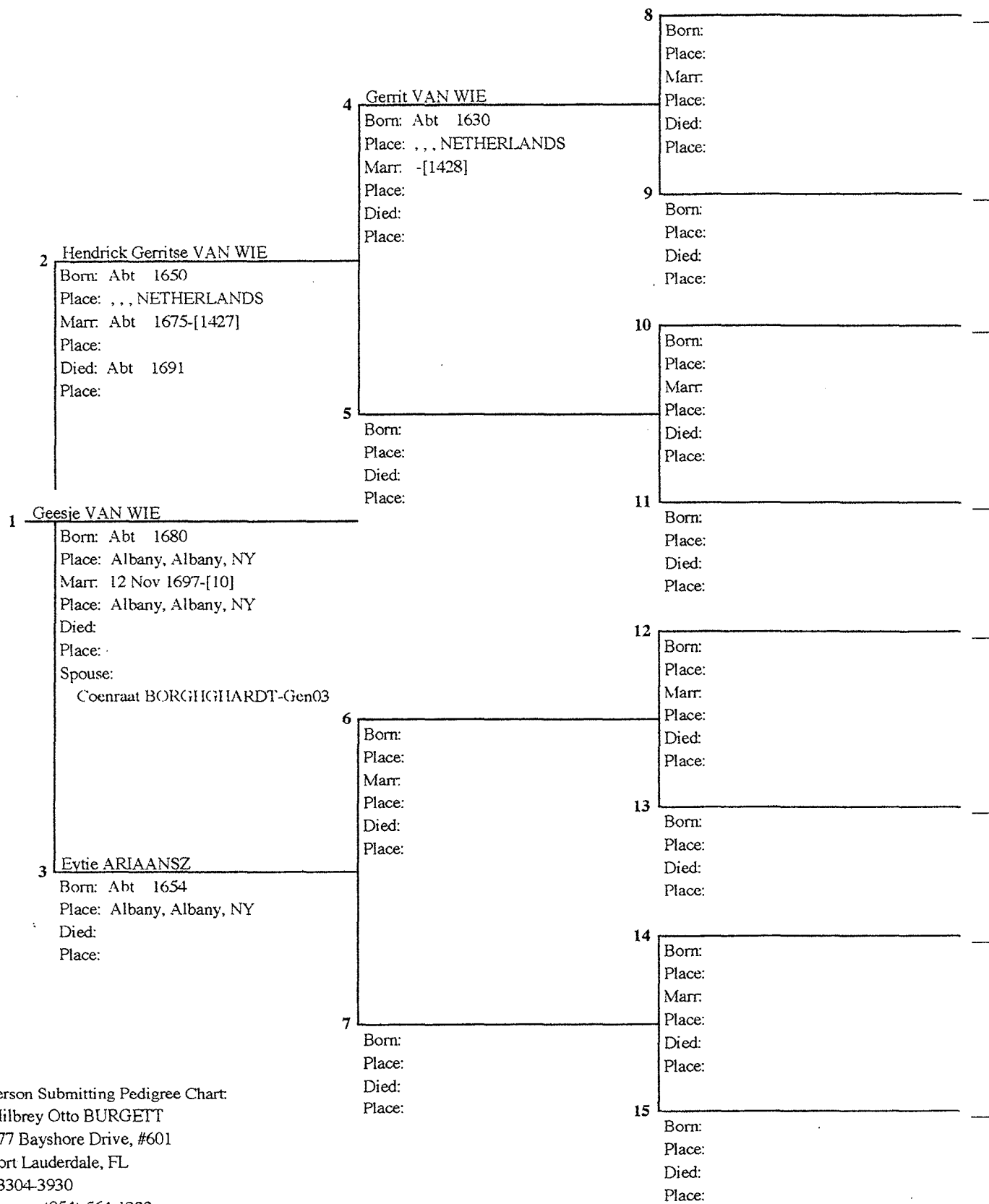
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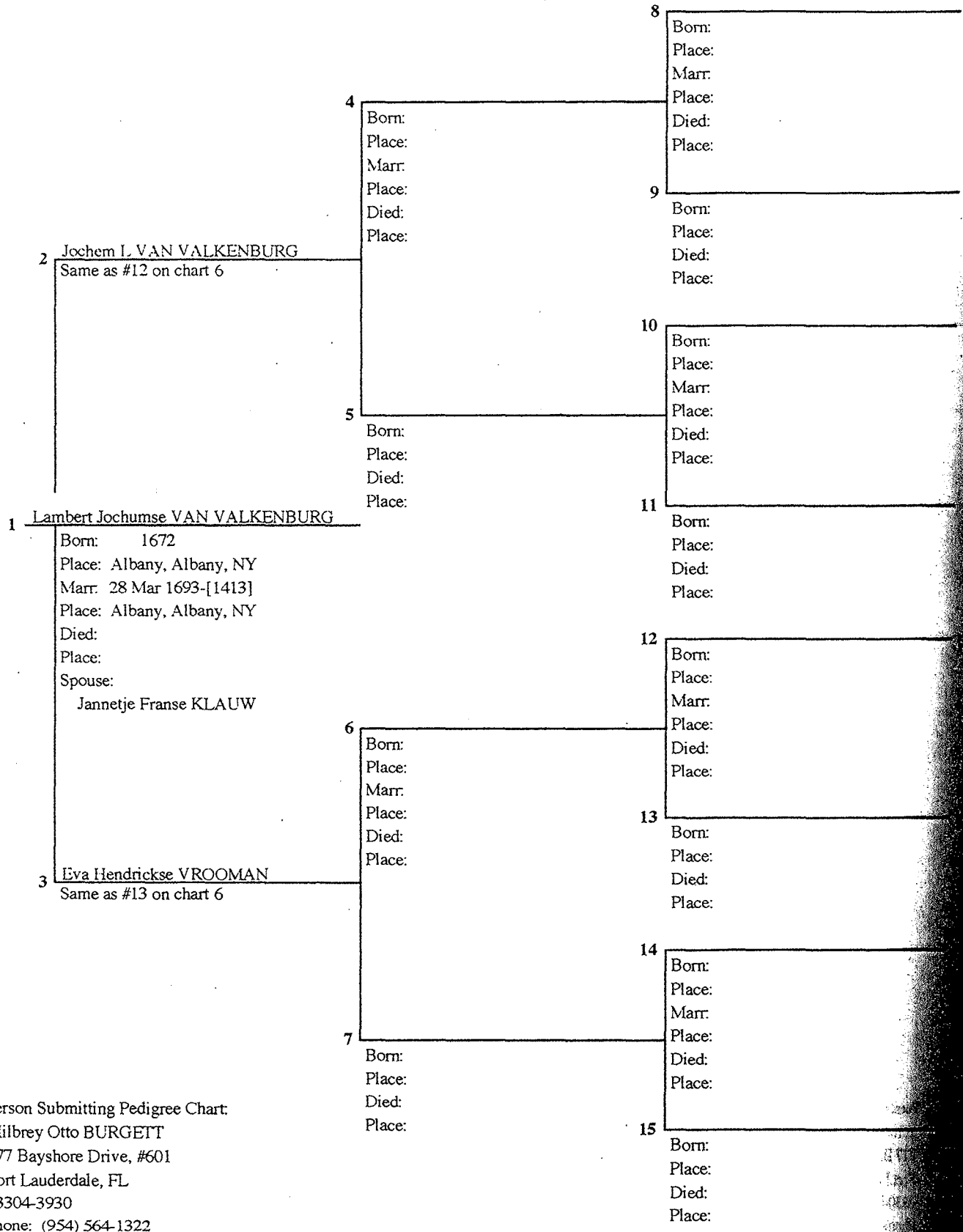
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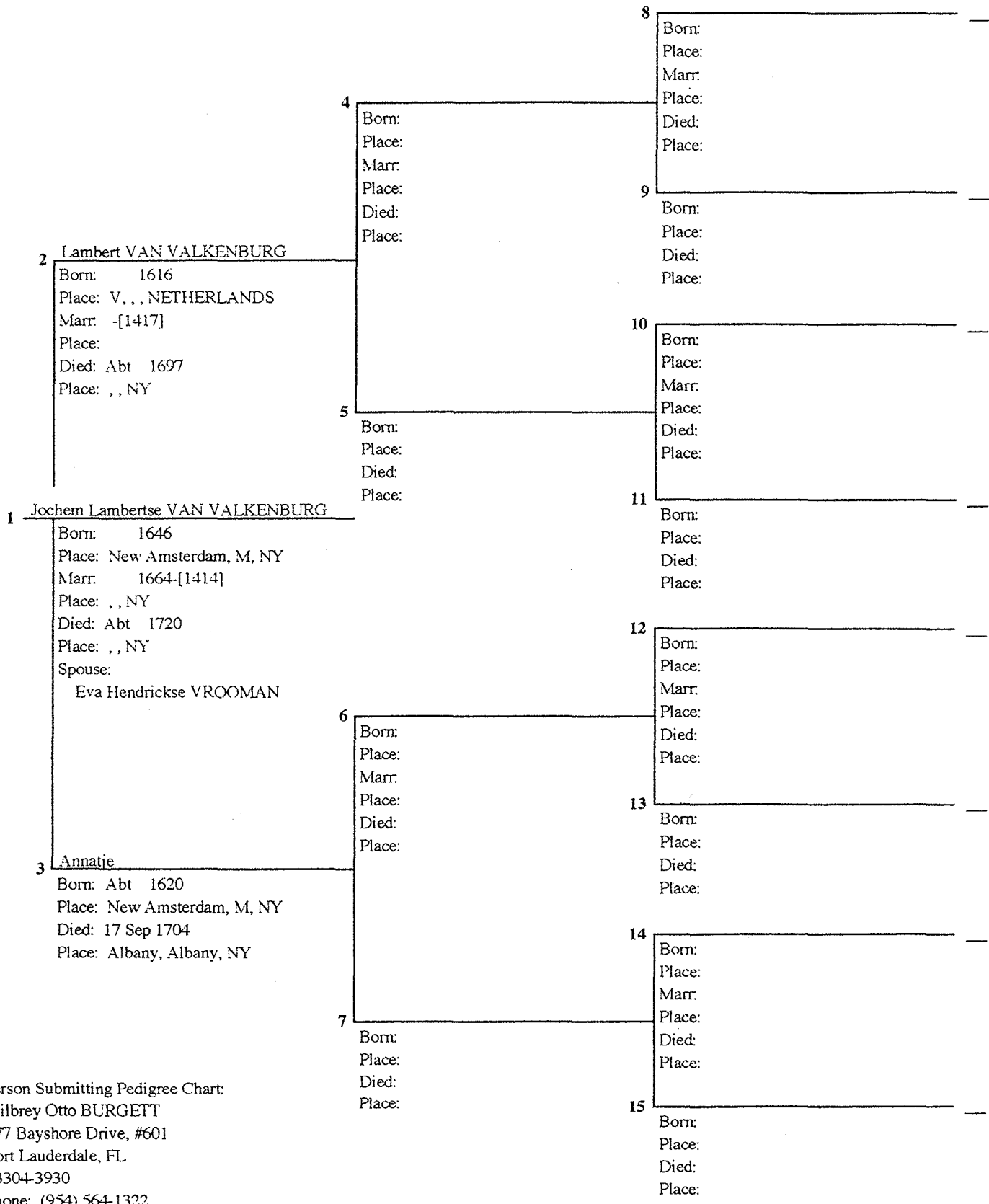


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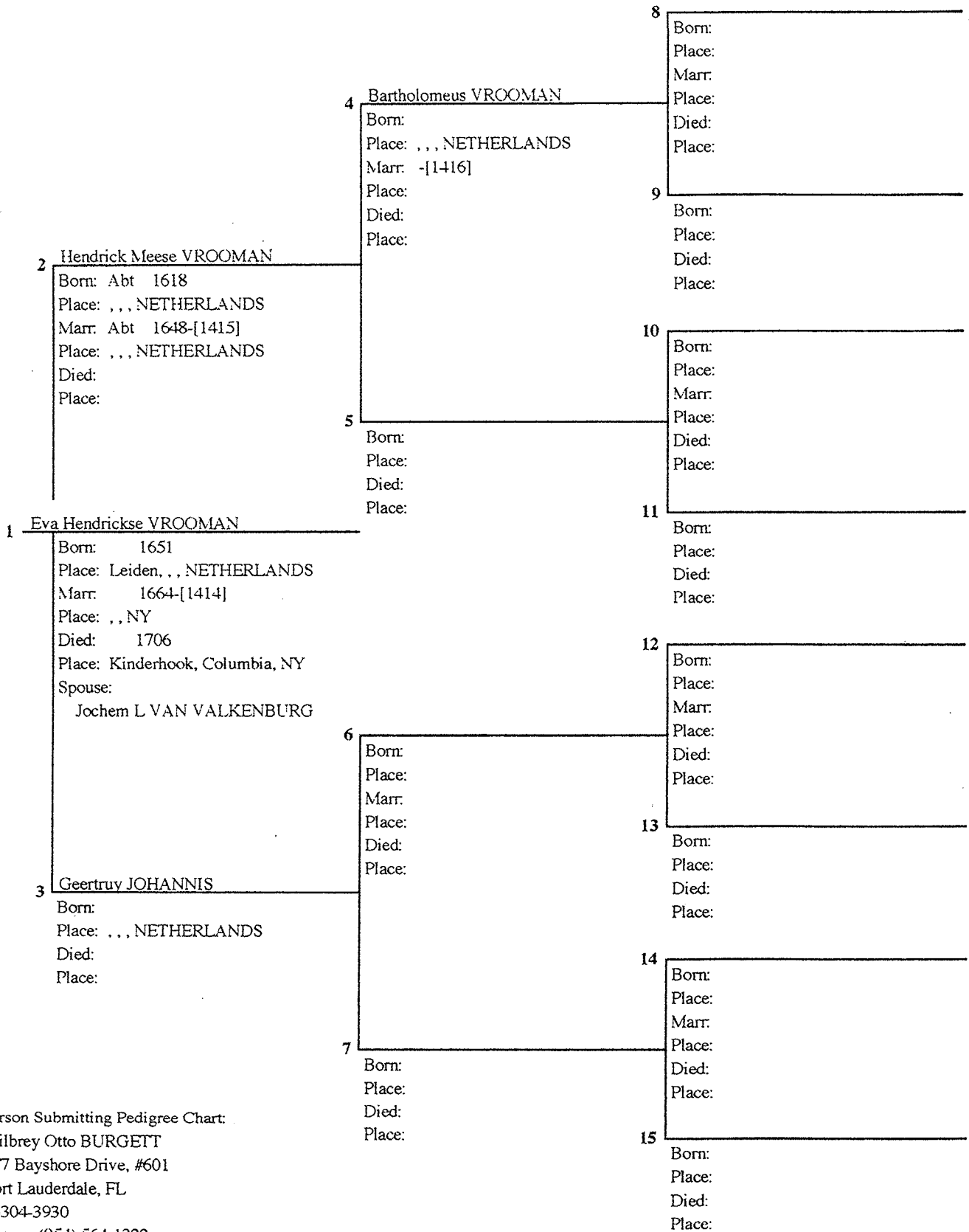
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Husband: Philip Leland BURGETT -84		
Born: 4 Sep 1900	Place: Deep River, Poweshiek, IA	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place: Montezuma, Poweshiek, IA	
Marr: 31 Aug 1929	Place:	
Father: Alcinus LeRoy BURGETT -82	Mother: Emma HAWKINS -83	MRIN 38
Wife: Mildred E. RUBLE -85		
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Father:	Mother:	MRIN
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1. Name:		Spouse:
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
2. Name:		Spouse:
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
3. Name:		Spouse:
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
4. Name:		Spouse:
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
5. Name:		Spouse:
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	

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Husband: Alcinus LeRoy BURGETT -82		
Born: 29 Jun 1860	Place: Deep River, Poweshiek, IA	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 11 Jun 1948	Place: Grinnell, Poweshiek, IA	
Bur.:	Place: Montezuma, Poweshiek, IA	
Marr: 28 Nov 1895	Place:	
Father: Philip Boston BURGETT -80	Mother: Castara Anne QUEEN -81	MRIN 37
Wife: Emma HAWKINS -83		
Born: 31 Jan 1868	Place: Montezuma, Poweshiek, IA	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 31 Mar 1954	Place: Grinnell, Poweshiek, IA	
Bur.:	Place: Montezuma, Poweshiek, IA	
Father:	Mother:	MRIN
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1. Name: Philip Leland BURGETT -84	Spouse: Mildred E. RUBLE -85	
M Born: 4 Sep 1900	Place: Deep River, Poweshiek, IA	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place: Montezuma, Poweshiek, IA	
Marr: 31 Aug 1929	Place:	
2. Name:	Spouse:	
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
3. Name:	Spouse:	
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
4. Name:	Spouse:	
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
5. Name:	Spouse:	
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	

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Husband: Philip Boston BURGETT -80		
Born: 22 May 1823	Place: Salineville, Columbiana, OH	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 17 Feb 1910	Place: Deep River, Poweshiek, IA	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr: 21 Oct 1856	Place:	
Father: George Washington BURGETT -78	Mother: Mary Jane ROBB -79	MRIN 36
Wife: Castara Anne QUEEN -81		
Born: 9 Jul 1830	Place: Fox Twp., Carroll, OH	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 17 Jan 1922	Place: Deep River, Poweshiek, IA	
Bur.:	Place:	
Father:	Mother:	MRIN
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1.	Name: Alcinus LeRoy BURGETT -82	Spouse: Emma HAWKINS -83
M	Born: 29 Jun 1860	Place: Deep River, Poweshiek, IA
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 11 Jun 1948	Place: Grinnell, Poweshiek, IA
	Bur.:	Place: Montezuma, Poweshiek, IA
	Marr: 28 Nov 1895	Place:
2.	Name:	Spouse:
	Born:	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
3.	Name:	Spouse:
	Born:	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
4.	Name:	Spouse:
	Born:	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
5.	Name:	Spouse:
	Born:	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:

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Husband: George Washington BURGETT -78		
Born: 7 Jul 1798	Place: Burgettstown, Washington, PA	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 6 May 1861	Place: Salineville, Columbiana, OH	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr: 9 Mar 1820	Place:	
Father: Philip Boston BURGETT -76		Mother: Sarah THOMPSON -77
MRIN 35		
Wife: Mary Jane ROBB -79		
Born: 15 Jan 1803	Place: , Chester, PA	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 18 Apr 1874	Place:	
Bur.:	Place: Yellow Crk. Cem.	
Father:		Mother:
MRIN		
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1.	Name: Philip Boston BURGETT -80	Spouse: Castara Anne QUEEN -81
M	Born: 22 May 1823	Place: Salineville, Columbiana, OH
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 17 Feb 1910	Place: Deep River, Poweshiek, IA
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr: 21 Oct 1856	Place:
2.	Name:	Spouse:
	Born:	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
3.	Name:	Spouse:
	Born:	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
4.	Name:	Spouse:
	Born:	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
5.	Name:	Spouse:
	Born:	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:

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Husband: Philip Boston BURGETT -76		
Born: 25 Dec 1767	Place: Burgettstown, Washington, PA	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 10 Mar 1835	Place: Springfield Twp., Jefferson, OH	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
Father: Sebastian BURGETT -86	Mother: (UNKNOWN) -87	MRIN 40
Wife: Sarah THOMPSON -77		
Born: 18 Nov 1768	Place: Burgettstown, Washington, PA	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 22 Nov 1839	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Father: William THOMSON -89	Mother: Jean -90	MRIN 42
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1. M	Name: George Washington BURGETT -78 Born: 7 Jul 1798 Chr.: Died: 6 May 1861 Bur.: Marr: 9 Mar 1820	Spouse: Mary Jane ROBB -79 Place: Burgettstown, Washington, PA Place: Place: Salineville, Columbiana, OH Place: Place:
2.	Name: Born: Chr.: Died: Bur.: Marr:	Spouse: Place: Place: Place: Place: Place:
3.	Name: Born: Chr.: Died: Bur.: Marr:	Spouse: Place: Place: Place: Place: Place:
4.	Name: Born: Chr.: Died: Bur.: Marr:	Spouse: Place: Place: Place: Place: Place:
5.	Name: Born: Chr.: Died: Bur.: Marr:	Spouse: Place: Place: Place: Place: Place:

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Husband: Sebastian BURGETT -86		
Born: 1739	Place: , , , GERMANY	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 14 Sep 1789	Place: Burgettstown, Washington, PA	
Bur.:	Place:	has other marriages
Marr:	Place:	
Father:	Mother:	MRIN
Wife: (UNKNOWN) -87		
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 1770	Place: Moselem Springs, Berks, PA	
Bur.:	Place:	
Father:	Mother:	MRIN
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1. Name: George BURGET -178		Spouse:
M Born: 1763	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 1818	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
2. Name: Philip Boston BURGETT -76		Spouse: Sarah THOMPSON -77
M Born: 25 Dec 1767	Place: Burgettstown, Washington, PA	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 10 Mar 1835	Place: Springfield Twp., Jefferson, OH	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
3. Name: Agnes BURGET -179		Spouse:
F Born: 1769	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
4. Name:		Spouse:
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	
5. Name:		Spouse:
Born:	Place:	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Bur.:	Place:	
Marr:	Place:	

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Husband: Sebastian BURGETT -86	Year of Birth: 1739
Wife: (UNKNOWN) -87	Year of Birth:

Husband: Sebastian BURGETT -86

SOURCE: "History of Washington Co., PA", Crumrine, 1882, Smith Twp., pp 916-917.

Sebastian Burget was a native of Germany and emigrated with his wife and three children--George, Philip, and Agnes.

Settled in Berks Co., PA, and his (first wife) died while living there. Then moved to near Robbstown (West Newton), Westmoreland Co. before 1773 and married Roxanna Markle. He died prior to Sep 1789.

On 28 Sep 1789, his son, George, entered into an agreement regarding land in behalf of himself, Philip, and Agnes with second wife, Roxanna, in behalf of her and her children: John, Andrew, Mary, Isaac, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Boston Burget.

Other Marriages:

Marr:

Wife: Roxannah MARKLE -88

Wife: (UNKNOWN) -87

Child 1 George BURGET -178

Child 2 Philip Boston BURGETT -76

Child 3 Agnes BURGET -179

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Husband: Sebastian BURGETT -86		
Born:	1739	Place: , , , GERMANY
Chr.:		Place:
Died:	14 Sep 1789	Place: Burgettstown, Washington, PA
Bur.:		Place: has other marriages
Marr:		Place:
Father:		Mother: MRIN
Wife: Roxannah MARKLE -88		
Born:	17 Feb 1756	Place:
Chr.:		Place:
Died:	3 Feb 1839	Place:
Bur.:		Place:
Father:		Mother: MRIN
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1.	Name: John BURGET -181	Spouse:
M	Born: 1773	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 1817	Place: , , MS
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
2.	Name: Elizabeth BURGET -184	Spouse:
F	Born: 1776	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 1777	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
3.	Name: Andrew BURGET -96	Spouse: Elisabeth MILLER -97
M	Born: 5 Jul 1778	Place: Burgettstown, Washington, PA
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 1848	Place: Burgettstown, Washington, PA
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr: 22 Mar 1826	Place: Burgettstown, Washington, PA
4.	Name: Mary BURGET -182	Spouse: John SMITH -217
F	Born: 1780	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 1826	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
5.	Name: Isaac BURGET -183	Spouse:
M	Born: 1783	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 1815	Place: Natchez, Adams, MS
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:

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Husband: Sebastian BURGETT -86		Year of Birth: 1739
Wife: Roxannah MARKLE -88		Year of Birth: 1756
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6.	Name: Elizabeth BURGET -215	Spouse: Zachariah LYNN -216
F	Born: 1785	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place: Millersburg, Holmes, OH
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
7.	Name: Sarah BURGET -185	Spouse:
F	Born: 1787	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 1792	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:
8.	Name: Boston Grim BURGET -180	Spouse:
M	Born: 1789	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 1817	Place: , , MS
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr:	Place:

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Husband: Sebastian BURGETT -86	Year of Birth: 1739
Wife: Roxannah MARKLE -88	Year of Birth: 1756

Husband: Sebastian BURGETT -86

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Other Marriages:

Marr: Wife: (UNKNOWN) -87

Wife: Roxannah MARKLE -88

Child 1 John BURGET -181

Child 2 Elizabeth BURGET -184

Child 3 Andrew BURGET -96

Child 4 Mary BURGET -182

Child 5 Isaac BURGET -183

Child 6 Elizabeth BURGET -215

Child 7 Sarah BURGET -185

Child 8 Boston Grim BURGET -180